

# Death of Manford Golding

## On Train in the I.C.R. Yard.

The Young Man, Who Was a South African Veteran, While Worrying Over Some Personal Matters, Shot Himself in the Head—His Friends Prostrated by the Occurrence.

Manford Golding, aged 28, son of Gilbert Golding, a prosperous farmer of Wickham, committed suicide in the Sussex express Friday in the I. C. R. yard, by shooting himself in the head. He has for some time been in the employ of the American Express Co. as a driver and for the past few months has been in the street railway service. Golding was a member of the second company of South Africa. His mother is now in the city.

No facts of a definite character have been learned which shed any light as to the motive which caused Golding to destroy himself. His close friends speak well of him, and his employers give him a good character. His mother and his sweetheart are broken-hearted. All know of no reason for the young man's rash act.

Mr. Golding went to Hampton on Tuesday afternoon, returning to the city by the Sussex yesterday morning, accompanied by his mother, who is now visiting her friend, Mrs. Hay, at 23 Waterloo street. The deceased appeared to be in good spirits during the trip down, and was chatting gaily with several of the train officials on the car.

The car in which the body was found was number 443, which about an hour after the train arrived was shunted down the yard to a point opposite the round house. The cleaners in going through the first time to clean up the car saw no signs of blood, and had no suspicion that anything was wrong. Passing through at a later hour, James Kavanaugh tried the door of the closet and it locked. He notified the foreman, Oscar Peterson, who on making an examination noticed blood coming down the hopper. He called the attention of Wm. McAdoo, the carpenter, to the circumstance. The latter got a ladder and looked in the window. The sight met his gaze he will not forget soon. The body was in a crouching position, and the floor was reeking with blood.

Mr. Peterson at once telephoned to Coroner Roberts, and Chief Clark.

The first to arrive. Entering through the window he saw at once that it was a case of suicide. By the dead man's side lay a large revolver of the army type, one chamber of which contained an exploded shell. A 44 bullet, which fitted the shell, was also found on the floor. The deceased had taken no chances, having apparently held the muzzle of the revolver to the temple and fired. The bullet entered the right temple and came out the top of the head, making an ugly gaping wound. On the floor the chief also found a cartridge box on Friday and gave the alarm. Witness notified Mr. Peterson, the foreman.

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Several witnesses corroborated the evidence hitherto given, and produced the papers and other articles taken of the deceased and handed him by Chief Clark.

The jury brought in a verdict to the effect that Manford Golding came to his death on Friday, Sept. 11, by shooting on car No. 443, I. C. R., by shooting through the head, the weapon being in his own hands and discharged by himself.

was made at about half-past one. Coroner Roberts empanelled the following jury to view the remains and hold an inquest: Geo. W. Mullin (foreman), Francis Christopher, G. E. P. Swaine, Solomon McConnell, Daniel Melvin, Wm. Searle and W. H. Myles. They visited the undertaking establishment last night and viewed the remains.

The inquest into the death of the late Manford Golding, who was found dead in an I. C. R. car on Friday, was held Saturday afternoon before Coroner Roberts. At 2 o'clock the coroner, accompanied by the jury, the chief of police and the witnesses, visited the car in which the body of the deceased had been found. The car had been pulled into the car shed for them by courtesy of Mr. Ross, the station master. After examining the place where the body was found, they withdrew to the north police station, where a number of witnesses were examined.

John H. Sprout, conductor on the Sussex express, was first sworn. On the day in question all the tickets were collected previous to coming to Torreyburn. The deceased got on the train at Hampton. He was not in the closet at Torreyburn.

Frank Hollis, express messenger on the Sussex train, had known the deceased a year and eight months. Had been acquainted with him in a business way. Deceased was of rather a jolly disposition. From his conversation with him he had gleaned nothing to lead him to think deceased was in any way unwell. He had said nothing of being in debt. He had first seen him on the train at Lakeside. Deceased told him he had been up to Hampton with his mother to visit friends. Witness last saw him between Brookville and the Three Mills house. Previous to that, Golding left him at Armstrong's siding, saying he was going back to see his mother in the passenger car.

Wm. McAdoo, I. C. R. carpenter, said on the day of the suicide Jaa. Cavanaugh, a car cleaner, called his attention to the fact that he couldn't get the closet door open. Witness went to the car and found the door locked. He got a step ladder and climbed up outside to look into the closet. He saw what he took to be blood opposite the window. Then he saw what he thought was a man's form. He got two other men to look in, and they were of the same opinion. Then Mr. Peterson arrived and telephoned to the chief of police.

Jas. H. Cavanaugh, an I. C. R. car cleaner, had been the first to try the closet door on Friday and gave the alarm. Witness notified Mr. Peterson, the foreman.

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### HORSE THIEVES CAUGHT AT TRURO.

TRURO, N. S., Sept. 8.—The Truro police made a sweep last night, bringing in town four men charged with horse stealing. The horses were located in Queens county, N. B., and the thieves traced back to this county. The men under arrest are James Sullivan, Londonberry; Samuel Eagles and his two sons, William Eagles and James J. Eagles. A warrant is out for the arrest of Thomas Eagles, another son, but he escaped towards Springfield. Policemen Cribb, Corbett and McBeth made the arrests. The men were all found in different places and were completely surprised. They are now held in Truro jail awaiting preliminary trial. The Eagles are from Westchester.

Mamma—Of course you said, "Oh, this is so sudden!" when Tom finally proposed.  
Daughter—No; I fully intended to, but I was so excited I forgot and exclaimed, "At last!"—Chicago "Daily News."



THEY'LL WRECK HIM ALL RIGHT  
Newcomer—Have you a wrecking station at this seaside resort?  
Coast Guard—Three of 'em, ma'am, and they are the swiftest hotels in this part of the country.

### BIRDS AND HATS.

(Boston Journal)

The killing of birds for the ultimate purpose of my lady's hat is going to be vigorously discouraged in this state, if not abolished altogether. A great start has been made in the forbidding of any unutilized foreign bird's person to hunt anywhere within the limits of the Commonwealth unless he is licensed, said license to cost him \$15.

Italians have been the chief sinners in this respect, potting any kind of songbirds they could bring within range of their guns, and selling the plumage to milliners and others. The conviction of a few of these fellows is needed to spread a knowledge of and a respect for the law. Of course none of them will pay \$15 for a license.

More yet is to be done. Chairman Field of the fish and game commission is about to move against the dealers in milliners' supplies and bring to court all having wings, breasts and plumes of wild birds in their possession. Already they have been warned, and many of them have withdrawn the plumage from sale.

A great deal now depends upon the success in encouraging the milliners to use millinery made of feathers and feathers. If the fair creature will decline to use anything but hats with the beading of which the exquisite inhabitants of forest, field and shore have been slain, complete reform will come at once. If they persist in encouraging the milliners in a wrong course, they will some day, we fear, find that they are breaking a law made for their own special curbing. That would be sad, indeed.

# MANY VILLAGES IN ITALY DESTROYED BY EARTHQUAKE

Scores of Lives Have Been Lost and the Property Damage Is Said to be Enormous—Help is Being Sent to the Sufferers.

### PROBABLY FIFTY MEN KILLED IN THE ACCIDENT—PASSING TRAIN HAD CLOSE SHAVE.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Sept. 9.—The Rand powder works near Uniontown, Pa., blew up about 5:15 o'clock this morning. Fifty men are employed at the works, and it is feared many have been killed. All the telephone and telegraph wires have been blown down and the communication is interrupted.

Relief parties from Connelnsville and Uniontown have left for the works. It is said the explosion started in a car of powder and spread to all the buildings of the plant. One of the old features of the affair is that a passenger train from the Baltimore and Ohio northbound from Morgantown to Connelnsville was passing the scene at the time the explosions occurred. The train was jarred tremendously and every window was broken. A number of the passengers were cut by the showers of glass which fell about them, but nobody was killed on the train, although it is said some were very seriously hurt. The concussion was like an earthquake to the country around about, and in the surrounding towns caused great excitement, which was not lessened by the fact that the communication on the trolley line was broken off several miles from here. There are said to be from 35 to 40 bodies still in the ruins. The rescue work is being carried on by hundreds of willing hands in hopes that some will be taken from the ruins alive.

Manager Rand was seriously hurt. The first thing he did after being rescued with the Elymouth customs officials and was tied up so he could talk to his wife in Uniontown, because he knew she would hear the roar of the explosion and believed that nothing ultimately adjusted, and the Comrade was permitted to discharge her cargo. Joseph Doucette of Malden, who disappeared recently, has been heard from at Yarmouth, N. S. It appears Doucette went to Nova Scotia to visit relatives and neglected to tell his folks in Malden.

John A. Craik, past grand representative of the Nova Scotia Old Fellows, was an honored guest at the annual affair on Thursday. The explosion was not lessened by the fact that the wreckage is slow and it will be some time before anything like an estimate of the casualties can be made. The powder may never be known. All the men who were working about are believed to have been blown to pieces. From this car, by reason it is said of flame and detonation, the explosion spread to the magazines which carried with it about everything there was in the plant. General Manager Rand was taken to Uniontown at 11:30 and removed to his home.

### EARTHQUAKES IN ITALY Still Continue and People in Affected Districts Are in a State of Terror.

ROME, Sept. 10.—Further slight earthquake shocks today caused additional terror among the afflicted inhabitants of Calabria. The damage, however, was insignificant. The activity of Mount Vesuvius increased while the violent eruption of the ancient crater on the island of Stromboli is still in progress.

Minister of Public Works Ferraris is making a personal investigation of the extent of the disaster. Despite the efforts of the authorities many distressed persons have been reached, owing to the difficulty of bringing sufficient supplies. The relief trains which are carrying food, clothing and medicine, are compelled to proceed slowly, owing to the fact that great fissures have been caused at many places along the tracks.

The greatest caution is necessary in the search for victims, as the walls are continually falling. The fact that along the Gulf of Eufemia, facing the island of Stromboli, all the picturesque villages are ruined and many of them may not be rebuilt because the surviving inhabitants have resolved to emigrate to the United States.

Most of the deaths occurred among women and children, the men escaping as they were at work in the fields when the principal shock took place. King Victor Emmanuel and the Duke of Aosta will arrive at Monteleone tomorrow, where they will be met by Minister Ferraris.

The Pope has been deeply affected by the catastrophe, and has instructed the bishops and other churchmen to afford every possible aid. The ministerial council has voted \$50,000 for the relief of the sufferers, and Premier Fortis has personally given a similar amount.

### A RESEMBLANCE

Jacob Rilla, the sociologist, in an address to a workmen's club, praised generosity.

"I see a handful of children here," he said, "May they grow up generous. May none of them grow up into such a man as an old banker whom I know. He is a millionaire, and he lives in a palace, but his heart is as hard as steel and as cold as ice."

"One of his men completed, the other day, his twenty-fifth year of service. For twenty-five years this honest man had worked for the banker faithfully. He and his chief were both poor at the beginning, but where, in the quarter century, the banker had accumulated millions, the faithful middle-aged bookkeeper had only saved a few hundred. His salary, you see, was only \$25 a week."

"He didn't think the banker would remember his twenty-fifth anniversary of his engagement, but the old man did. That morning he handed the bookkeeper a sealed envelope.

"'George,' he said, 'today ends the twenty-fifth year of your work for me, and you have worked steadily and well. In this envelope is a memento of the occasion.'

"The bookkeeper opened the envelope, trembling and eager. Within lay his employer's photograph. That was all."

### THE RULING HABIT.

Senator Mason, of Illinois, tells this one: "Out in Chicago we have a police justice who was formerly a bartender. Mary Mulcahy was up before him for drunkenness on the occasion of his first appearance on the bench. The justice looked at her for a minute, and then said sternly:

"Well, what are you here for?"

"Please, your honor," said Mary, "the cooper pulled me, saying as how I was drunk. An', yer honor, I don't drink, I don't drink."

"All right," said the justice, unconsciously dropping into his old habits. "All right, Mary; have a cigar."

### HELPLESS WITH SALT RHEUM.

For many months my wife was unable to walk with her hands behind her back. Dr. Chase's Ointment has entirely cured her and we strongly recommend it to any who suffer from similar ailments, believing that it has no equal.—Mr. Ludger Dugan, Platon Hill, Missisquoi Co., Que.

# GRAND TRUNKAFTER ANOTHER SEAPORT

Said to Be Trying to Get to Providence.

Fall Excursions to Boston Arranged

Hallfax Man a Suicide and a Nova Scotian Woman Burned to Death.

BOSTON, Sept. 10.—The steamship companies are arranging the fall passenger schedules to the provinces. Rates, good for thirty days, are to be as follows: Boston to Halifax and return, \$5; Yarmouth, \$5; St. John, \$6.50; Truro, \$10.75; Hawkebury, \$10; Charlotte-town and return, \$11.

The cotton mill wage question, which becomes a live issue about twice a year, is coming to the front once more. In Fall River the textile council will shortly request an advance in wages. Business in the textile trade is excellent just now, and the operatives think they are entitled to higher pay. The Williamstown, Mass., mills and those at North Fownal, Vt., near by, have voluntarily raised wages 12 1/2 per cent.

Today was observed as British memorial day by the British Naval and Military Veterans Association of this city. In the forenoon details in full uniform visited the graves of all British veterans in the cemeteries in and about the city, and in the afternoon a special memorial service was held in the Newham Episcopal church. Solemn evensong was conducted by Rev. A. N. Chapman, late garrison chaplain at The Curragh, Ireland.

The people of Providence, R. I. heard with a few days ago to the effect that the Grand Trunk railroad was seeking to purchase its way into that city by means of the Providence and Danielson railroad. The Vermont Central road, which is controlled by the Grand Trunk, runs within 35 miles of Providence. Should the Grand Trunk acquire the Danielson road it would have three seaports in New England, said Providence, New London, Conn., and Providence, and would have connections in all six of the New England states.

The schooner Comrade, Capt. John Kerrigan, which arrived at Sointate recently from St. John, had some difficulty with the Elymouth customs officials and was tied up so he could talk active for some days. The trouble was due to Capt. Kerrigan's failure to file a bill of health, and the trouble was ultimately adjusted, and the Comrade was permitted to discharge her cargo. Joseph Doucette of Malden, who disappeared recently, has been heard from at Yarmouth, N. S. It appears Doucette went to Nova Scotia to visit relatives and neglected to tell his folks in Malden.

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### REFORM IN DANCING.

(London World)

Society's department, society's dancing and manners generally have been taken in hand by the Imperial Society of Dances Teachers, which august body, shocked at modern ballroom rowdiness, and pained by the deplorable carriage of dances and the slouch of the present-day youth, has determined to restore to us the elegance, grace and prestige of ballroom dancing in England. Until we have set our steps in order and ceased to regard dancing as a kind of general prom, there does not seem to be much chance for us as a nation, according to Mr. Turveydrop, whose aim it seems to be to establish a college of dancing which shall be recognized like the Royal College of Music, and confer degrees for proficiency and merit. Seriously, the R. A. D. would be by no means a bad institution. Despite the gymnastics training through which we all go nowadays, it is a melancholy fact that men and women no longer walk, sit, move or dance with any dignity, and anything which can restore dignity to us should be encouraged. If Turveydrop can do anything with us, by all means let him try, but it is to be feared he has set himself a severe task.



### PAPA WAS A POET.

Tommy—Say, pop, what's the difference between a poet and a song writer?  
Pop—The song writer gets paid.



### UP-TO-DATE.

Jack—The X-Y-Z railroad is offering liberal inducements to brides and grooms.  
Harry—What are they?  
Jack—If they buy a ticket to Niagara in six months' time they'll sell 'em tickets to Dakota at half rates.



### SHE KNEW.

Young Wife—Mamma, what can I do to keep roaches out of the lard?  
Her Mother—Place the butter near it. They prefer it.

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