SAYS GOODBYE THEN TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Garfield Johnson Suicides at Empire Restaurant Early Yesterday Morning

(From Sunday's Daily)

While seated with a party of friends in a box at the Empire restaurant yesterday morning about 4.15 o'clock, Garfield Johnson, for the past two or three years a member of the lower stratum of Victoria life, deliberately committed suicide by swallowing a quantity of carbolic acid from a bottle which he produced from his pocket. As he swallowed the deadly draught Johnson arose from his chair and with the remark "good-bye people" staggered out of the box into the main part of the restaurant where he was seized by Nels Nelson, the waiter, and placed in a chair, while one of the others ran for a doctor. An emetic was given the dying man but it failed to work, and in a few minutes Johnson was dead.

Just why Johnson should take his own life is not apparent but he had been drinking heavily for the past few weeks. Practically every night when he came to the restaurant for a meal he was under the influence of liquor, and yesterday morning when he came into the restaurant he was again drunk. He sat at a table and ordered a meal, at the same time time pulling out of his pocket the bottle containing the poison and remarking to Nelson: "This is the real dope to take." The sound of voices from one of the boxes attracted his attention and rising he went into the box where several of his friends, including two sealers and a woman, an employee of the Grand Pacific restaurant, were seated. He was not communicative and had been in the box but a minute or two when he quickly raised the bottle to his lips and drank off the contents. As he did so he rose from the table, the bottle falling upon the floor, and staggered out of the box.

Dr. George Hall was called but Johnson was dead when he arrived, having swallowed nearly an ounce of the poison. It is not known where the suicide secured the poison, as the bottle bore no label.

Yesterday afternoon an inquiry was held by Coroner Hart into the circumstances of Johnson's death, but beyond the above facts little additional information was secured. The jury, after but a minute's consideration of the evidence, brought in a verdict that Johnson had taken his own life by swallowing carbolic acid.

Johnson had been in the city for the past four years, but where he came from is not known, though he is supposed to have hailed from Chicago. He was a waiter on the Sound boats for some time, had engaged on a sealing trip, and last winter had been employed as teamster. For the past few months he has been doing nothing. His career in the city has not been a very creditable one and on more than one occasion he had fallen foul of the police, having been convicted of vagrancy and drunkenness, his acquaintances being formed among the low characters of the city.

The body was taken to Smith's undertaking rooms, but the arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

The coroner's jury was composed of Thomas McManus, foreman; Robert Murray, Gus Young, Samuel Dowell, Fred Johnson and F. Johnston.

TAKES YEAR'S HOLIDAY

Pioneer Returns Home to England After Successful Career on Vancouver Island

After twenty five years' residence in this province, during which time he has amassed by his efforts a competency, F. Lloyd of Westholme left yesterday for his old home in England, where he will spend a year's holiday.

It is just about a quarter of a century since Mr. Lloyd left his home in London, England, and came direct to Victoria. Shortly after his arrival he purchased 640 acres of land at Westholme, where he has resided ever since. By constant application to business, he accumulated an estate of which any man might be proud, nearly every venture with which he was connected proving a financial success. His farm today is one of the best upon Vancouver island, while his residence is equal to many of the finest of city homes.

His present trip marks his retirement, practically, from business. Many of his friends attended him to the steamer to wish him bon voyage.

NEW INCORPORATIONS

The British Columbia Gazette Contains Announcements of New Ventures

Among the new incorporations announced in the current issue of the B. C. Gazette is that of Greer, Courtney & Skene, Limited, of Victoria. The capital given is $10,000, and the company has very wide powers, from maintaining docks and wharves, operating ships, running sawmills, to acting as brokers and including many other forms of business activity.

The Kootenay Telephones Lines, Limited, is incorporated with a capital of $200,000. As its name indicates it is formed for the purpose of constructing telephone systems, but it has wide powers including all the rights incidental to the production and selling of electric power.

The Kootenay Jam Company, Limited, is incorporated with a capital of $50,000, with the object of making jam, candy and preserves, as well as the canning of all kinds of provisions. It may also acquire and farm lands as well as do many other kinds of business.

FIRST LADY MEMBER

Canadian Mining Institute Receives Mrs. Young, Wife of Provincial Secretary

The secretary of the western branch of the Canadian Mining institute recently received official notification from the head office of the institute, Montreal, Quebec, of the election as a member of Mrs. Rosalind Watson Young, M.A., wife of Dr. Young, provincial secretary. The election took place at a meeting of the council of the institute held in Victoria when the C. M. I. excursion party was here last month, and Mrs. Young was then the recipient of congratulations from several of the officials of the institute and others on the distinction of being the first lady to be elected a member of the institute. It is noteworthy that when, several years ago, Miss Watson (now Mrs. Young) was elected an associate member of one of the British mining institutes, she was also the first lady member of that institution.

GOOD TEMPLARS OPEN LOCAL OPTION FIGHT

Meeting To Be Held Next Wednesday When Speakers Will Be Heard

Commencing on Tuesday, the annual session of the Grand Lodge of the International Order of Good Templars will convene at the Knights of Pythias Hall, Douglas street. In addition to the representatives from the local lodges there will be in attendance about fifty delegates from other provincial points. On Tuesday evening the delegates will be banquetted by the local lodges and on Wednesday evening an important public meeting in the interests of local option will be held in Institute Hall, View street. At this meeting Mayor Hall has consented to preside and addresses are to be given by Hon. Geo. F. Cotterill, of Seattle, National Chief of the Good Templars' Order in the United States; the Right Rev. Bishop of Columbia and Dr. Ernest Hall, chairman of the Victoria local option committee, and others. Musical numbers will also be rendered. The meeting may be regarded as the opening of the local option campaign, and all sympathizers with this movement are requested to be present. A collection will be taken to defray expenses.

The order, since its inception here has shown great growth until at the present time there are nearly 1,000 members, besides the juvenile lodges. Grand Chief Templar, Rev. J. P. Hicks, of Esquimalt, will preside at the sessions.

DIRECTORS CONSIDER SERIOUS SITUATION

Jubilee Hospital Too Cramped For Accommodating Paying Patients

In spite of the fact that the order paper contained few items, the directors of the Royal Jubilee hospital held a very lengthy meeting on Friday evening, when the vexatious problem of altogether insufficient accommodation combined with the inordinate tax upon the present resources of this institution due to the very large proportion of the patients which at the present time, as well as for several months past, are being and have been treated absolutely free of all charge, was again considered from several pertinent points of view. For out of the 159 patients which were treated during the month of September no less than 83 were free patients. The only satisfactory solution of this problem in the opinion of the directors lies in the preparation of a comprehensive scheme of hospital enlargement, which, in due course, will be laid before the citizens for their approval and monetary support. For not only do they think that this policy is desirable, but moreover they cannot possibly see any other way out of their present pressing difficulties, which are indeed so great that in existing circumstances applications for private rooms must of very necessity be refused, leading to inevitable loss of revenue, while it further frequently happens that the immediate treatment which is often so very necessary cannot be accorded to the indigent sick. And neither of these things should be at all possible in the capital city of the province of British Columbia.

The recommendation of the finance committee touching the payment of $1250 for salaries and $2595.73 for accounts for the month was approved, while the house committee urged the necessity for providing for the proper furnishing of the new nurses' home at an early date. The committee upon making careful investigation has discovered that with the exception of some half a dozen beds the furniture which at the present time is in use in the nurses' apartments is altogether too much worn, from lengthened service, to justify removal to the new and commodious quarters which are being arranged. It is further estimated that these new furnishings will necessitate an expenditure of at least $3500. This matter will be further considered tomorrow by the committee, their report having been referred back in order that the subject may be presented in fuller detail at the next meeting of the directorate. The unusual gravity of the hospital's financial situation may be inferred from the fact that the discussion which was often animated and always earnest occupied the close attention of the directors for the space of two hours.

In consequence of the unavoidable absence of the president, Mr. Pemberton, the vice-president, Mr. E. A. Lewis, was in the chair. The other directors present were: Mrs. C. W. Rhodes, Alex. Wilson, James Forman, H. E. Newton and D. E. Campbell. The total number of patientss' days stay during September was 2467, making a daily average of 82.23.

W. J. ROBINSON ALIVE

Death of Another Man of Same Name Causes Report of His Demise

Friends of W. J. Robinson will be glad to hear that the story of his death by drowning, which had obtained wide credence in the press from one end of the continent to the other, is not founded in fact. It is true that a man named W. J. Robinson was drowned off an Atlantic liner some time ago, and his demise was widely heralded in the press. The New York papers identified the man with the well-known founder of the Optimist club in New York, who is widely known in Victoria and the West as a promoter and mining man, operating Atlin and Alaska, who by reason of an unusually delightful personality had acquired a very large circle of acquaintance.

A letter written from the Savoy hotel in London by Mrs. Robinson, dated October 1, was yesterday received by one of the Victorian friends of the family, in which the writer says that her husband is alive and well and that the drowned man was another W. J. Robinson. She adds that she has been deluged with letters of sympathy from all parts of the world, but, fortunately, Mr. Robinson is his usual cheerful self and shows no intention of departing this life.

German and Czeck deputies in the Bohemian diet used desks and ink wells on each other.

A French inventor has a process for making artificial clouds to save vineyards from the sun.

JACOBSON'S VENTURE LANDS HIM IN JAIL

Man From Bremerton Fails to Work His Smooth Scheme In Victoria

(From Sunday's Daily)

It was a smooth scheme which John Hellsing, or Jacob Jacobson, as he afterwards admitted to the police was his right name, attempted to work upon Alfred T. Abbey, of the B. C. Information Agency, Douglas street, last week. It was only the fact that like the historic pitcher, Jacobson went once too often to the source from whence he hoped to draw his supply that now he rests behind the bars charged with a serious offence for which he will be arraigned tomorrow morning at the police station.

Last Tuesday an individual who claimed to hail from Bremerton, where he had just sold a considerable amount of property to John Jacobson, called upon Mr. Abbey and stated that he was desirous of purchasing some Victoria real estate. He had unbounded faith in the future of this city, the fine climate and the beauty of its surroundings having appealed most strongly to him. Mr. Abbey was willing to do business and showed the stranger a list of various likely properties which he thought the visitor would make no mistake in purchasing. Hellsing, as Jacobson stated to Mr. Abbey was his name, produced two cheques, each drawn upon the State Bank of Bremerton and purporting to be made by John Jacobson in favor of John Hellsing for $1,000, and which, he said, was the purchase money for his Bremerton property.

After some further conversation Mr. Abbey and the alleged Hellsing visited a house situated near the corner of Vancouver and Richardson streets. The premises were examined and Hellsing admitted that he was so pleased with it that he decided right on the spot to purchase it. As they were coming from the house an adjoining residence similar in style to the one they had just looked over, struck the fancy of the investor from the other side of the boundary and in that off-hand manner which denotes the man with means with the willingness to pay for what he wants, he informed Mr. Abbey that he would take both the residences.

A Veritable Plunger

As Mr. Abbey was agent for the whole property he was naturally glad to be able to make the larger sale. The price for the property was $7,000 and on their return to Mr. Abbey's office, Hellsing after some further conversation produced one of the cheques which he gave to Mr. Abbey. The cheque was already endorsed "John Hellsing," and was taken by Mr. Abbey who gave his customer the regular real estate receipt setting forth the fact of the cash payment and the terms on which the balance of the purchase money was to be paid. This cheque was later deposited by Mr. Abbey in his bank and in the ordinary course of business was forwarded to Bremerton but has not yet been returned.

Mr. Abbey did not see his client again until a day later, or on Thursday, when Hellsing came to him and stated that as some money which he had expected had not arrived, he would be obliged if the former would give him $200 on the other cheque. During the course of the previous negotiations Mr. Abbey asked Hellsing to write his name on a slip of paper in order that the agreement could be prepared, and Hellsing wrote something that was so illegible that Mr. Abbey could make nothing of it. Hellsing then stated that the name purporting to be his on the chèque was not written quite correctly, but was about as near to the right thing as could be done in English.

Telegram Reveals Deceit

This circumstance somewhat aroused Mr. Abbey's suspicions and he was waiting until the bank advised him relative to the first cheque when Hellsing came along with the second cheque and asked for the loan of $200. He was told to leave th echeque and return in the afternoon, but in the meantime Mr. Abbey went to the bank here and a wire to Bremerton showed that there was no such person as Jacobson, the alleged maker of the cheque, with any account in the State Bank of Bremerton, and Hellsing was unknown. When Hellsing returned in the afternooon and was told of the information which Mr. Abbey had in the meantime secured, he declared that there must have been some mistake, and that then he must have been victimized by Jacobson, who had given him the cheques.

Mr. Abbey's suspicions were communicated to the police, whose investigations showed that on Tuesday night, the day the man arrived here, he had registered at the Brunswick Hotel under the name of Jabison. He stayed there Wednesday night, but failed to put in an appearance on Thursday evening. In the meantime he had gone to the house which he had attempted to purchase and informed the inmates that he had bought the premises and would lodge and board there, this accommodation being taken by him in lieu of rent. Then he left and though the police searched for him Thursday afternoon and evening and the greater part of Friday, they failed to locate him. He was finally arrested by Detective O'Leary as he was on the boat en route for Seattle. As he was coming down the gang plank in the custody of the police officer he was seen to abstract a paper from his pocketbook and secrete it in his hand. The paper was taken possession of by the detective and proved to be the cheque on which he had attempted to raise the $200.

Found the Cheques

When taken to the police station he admitted that his name was Jacob Jacobson, that he had found the cheques at Bremerton and that he thought he could make a little money on them. He declared he could neither read nor write, but he failed to explain how it was that he could make out the meaning of the cheques and adopt the name of Hellsing, the person purporting to be the payee. He gave no explanation of why he registered at the Brunswick under still another name, and in fact his whole explanation was wholly unsatisfactory. Whether the man is a would-be crook, or is anything else than a simpleton, or possible stool-pigeon for a gang of crooks are questions which the police are unable to solve. It is believed that he came here with several others who may possibly be implicated in the attempt to swindle Mr. Abbey's principals.

Yesterday a warrant was sworn out charging Hellsing, or Jacobson, with unlawfully, and with intent to defraud, induce Mr. Abbey to execute a valuable security, to wit, an agreement for the sale of land, by false pretence.

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BOWLING GREEN FOR BEACON HILL PARK

Local Lovers of Ancient Game Ask Permission to Play in the Park

(From Friday's Daily)

Should the suggestion made by William Oliphant to those members of the parks board who turned up last night at the regular monthly meeting of the board but who had their trouble for nothing as no quorum was present and no business could be done, be adopted by that body it will not be long before Victoria is equipped with up-to-date bowling green. There has hitherto been no such form of amusement here though in the eastern cities and in the Old Country the game of bowls has reached such a stage of popularity that its devotees may be numbered in the thousands.

Mr. Oliphant, who is an enthusiast in the game, stated that there were a large number of Victorians, particularly those who have come from the east, who are desirous of introducing the ancient game here. He wishes the parks board to grant a green near the Albion Cricket grounds at Beacon Hill park, those interested to pay all the cost of preparing the green and the maintenance thereof while the superintendent of parks could exercise supervision over it. All the lovers of the game would ask for would be the privilege of playing at the park, and taking steps to erect a temporary fence or put in shrubbery so as to protect the green from straying cattle, etc., while some seats would be put in. A piece of ground about 100 feet square would be required. This would give accommodation for about eight "rinks." There were many people now residing in Victoria who would be only too glad to contribute towards supporting a bowling club and preparing and maintaining the green. The idea was to have this proposed green a private one though if the game became the favorite here that it has elsewhere it would prove a good move for the parks board to lay out public greens. In Glasgow such public greens are established and have proved most successful.

As the board was not in session last night no answer could be given to Mr. Oliphant but the matter will be taken up as soon as it is possible to get the members together. Rather than allow the evening to go by without some work being done, the three members of the board present, Alderman Henderson, John Nelson and C. E. Wilkerson, read over the proposed new bylaws fixing the duties of the board and providing regulations for its work. These will be considered at the next meeting of the board.

COTTAGE CITY DAMAGED IN COLLISION

Struck Lumber Schooner Bainbridge Off Jefferson Head And Her Forward Part Crumpled

(From Sunday's Daily)

The steamer Cottage City was lying at a wharf near the Princess Victoria yesterday morning at Seattle with her bow wrecked and crushed in like a smashed eggshell as a result of a collision the previous evening off Jefferson Head with the lumber laden schooner Bainbridge which was being towed to sea by the tug Tyee. The Cottage City, in command of Capt. Jansen, was bound to Skagway from Seattle and when off Jefferson Head her steering gear jammed, and she crashed into the Bainbridge. The shock was a heavy one, and William Jones, for many years purser of the Cottage City, was hurled into the water, an unknown Italian had his leg broken, and several other passengers were slightly injured. The steamer George E. Starr, bound for Bellingham arrived soon after the accident and took off the passengers of the Pacific Coast Company's steamer, who were taken back to Seattle, whither the crippled steamer also proceeded. Those who arrived on the steamer Princess Victoria yesterday say the Cottage City was severely wrecked forward, presenting a sorry-looking picture with her upper works wrecked. The Bainbridge was in tow of the Tyee with another schooner, and was being towed astern when the Cottage City crashed into her just under the schooner's bowsprit. The entire upper works of the Cottage City flattened out and all the occupants of staterooms in that portion of the ship were hurled from their berths. Five Italians occupying a stateroom in the forward part of the ship were the most seriously injured of the passengers. One man had his leg broken. Purser William Jones was thrown into the water when the boats collided but a line was thrown to him and he was immediately pulled aboard.

There was much excitement when the George E. Starr landed her half-dressed excited men and women taken from the Cottage City at Seattle, and five Italians among the number who had placed their money in a valise caused much commotion before they discovered the valise was safe in possession of one of the number.

BIG SILK SHIPMENT ON EMPRESS OF CHINA

Royal Mail Ship Had Silk Valued at Nearly Million Dollars on Board

(From Sunday's Daily)

Silk valued at nearly a million dollars—at $944,300, to be exact—was brought by the R. M. S. Empress of China, Capt. Archibald, which reached port yesterday morning from Hongkong via ports, leaving Yokohama on October 4. The white liner, which encountered heavy weather for two days after leaving Yokohama and had good weather for the remainder of the voyage, brought 24 saloon passengers, 46 intermediate and 338 steerage. The saloon passengers included several navy men, some missionaries and tourists. Those who debarked here were Commander C. D. S. Raikes, R.N., of H. M. S. Clio, Staff Surgeon P. G. Williams and Mrs. Williams, of H. M. S. Alacrity, A. H. Cobb, A. E. Eldridge, wife and family, Mr. and Mrs. Green and Dr. Andrew Macfarlane and wife, from Manila. Other passengers were A. H. Collinson, an engineer from Peking; G. S. Jones, a U. S. army officer from Manila; A. L. Jones, from Manila; A. L. Hancock, Commander B. L. Majendie, R. N., of H. M. S. Cadonges; R. A. McCorkle and wife, missionaries from Japan; Miss M. E. Pyle, a missionary from China, J. Weissberger, Wang Foo and Li Shan Kee. The intermediate passengers were all Chinese, and there were 338 Chinese in the steerage, a total of 384 on board. They were mostly through passengers. Thirty debarked here, all returned men. None who landed here paid the head tax. Of those bound to Canadian points only 21 will pay the head tax, mostly at Vancouver.

News was brought by the Empress of China of heavy losses in Tokio, and loss of life owing to inundations following unusually heavy rains. A barrack of the Imperial Guards regiment subsided killing eleven men, and a numbers of others were killed by falling houses in other parts of the Japanese capital.

The Japanese who attempted to assassinate the late Li Hung Chang at Shimonoseki when the Chinese minister was there in 1895 to arrange terms of peace at the conclusion of the Japanese-China war has been pardoned and released. He had been sentenced to life imprisonment. News was brought by the Empress of China that a distinguished party of Japanese noblemen leave Tokio at the end of this month to tour China to foster friendship between Japan and China. The party is headed by Marquis Nabeshima, Viscount Kiyoura and Marquis Hosokawa.

Thanksgiving Day.

The Gazette contains the announcement that the governor general in council has proclaimed Monday the 9th of November to be observed as a day of general thanksgiving. "Whereas it has pleased Almighty God, in his great goodness to vouchsafe this year unto our Dominion of Canada a bountiful harvest and other blessings."

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GRAIN STEAMERS LEAVE

Rygja and Knight of the Thistle Start On Their Way to the United Kingdom

The Norwegian steamer Rygja, which spent some months at Esquimalt is coaling at Comox and will pass out today for the United Kingdom with a cargo of wheat loaded at Seattle and Tacoma. The British steamer Knight of the Thistle which also loaded grain on the Sound, passed out yesterday, bound to the United Kingdom, after coaling. The steamers got very good despatch on the Sound, the Rygja being loaded in very short time.

NEW COMMISSION OF SHEARWATER OFFICERS

Expected That This Vessel May Make Cruise to South Sea Islands—Algerine in Dock

H. M. S. Shearwater, which will be recommissioned on November 7th at Esquimalt, will probably make the South Sea cruise upon which the Algerine was to have started. The Algerine is in the dry dock and the removal of the sheathing shows the need of considerable repairs. The new officers who are expected to arrive early next month from England to recommission the Shearwater, as far as known at present, are: First lieutenant, A. H. B. Maitland-Addison; Lieutenant, C. C. Heycock; lieutenant, T. G. Moncrieffe; staff surgeon, W. E. Gribbell; assistant paymaster, A. F. Weston, and chief artificer engineer, A. Sheriff.

NAVIGATION CLOSES ON UPPER YUKON

River Steamers Casca and White Horse Arrive Up River With Many Passengers

Navigation closed, as far as the White Pass is concerned, on Friday, when the steamers Casca and Whitehorse arrived from Dawson with 400 passengers, many of them from Fairbanks and other lower Yukon river points. Ice is running in the Yukon and the first cold snap will likely see the close of the river.

With the closing of navigation the winter season of mail stages started in and a stage left Whitehorse yesterday for Dawson, carrying passengers and mail. The stages will not have any great trail difficulty, for the ground is several inches deep with snow and it is snowing heavily tonight, making the early trail better than for several seasons past.

Not for several years has Skagway been so crowded with poke-laden miners. Every room of the hotels in this city has been taken for the last ten days, and private houses have been invaded by the men from the gold fields. Cots have been crowded into hallways, and every place where men could rest has been taken up.

Drank Carbolic Acid.

Winnipeg, Oct. 17.—Ralph Graves, aged 23, employed by Charrest and Bertram, butchers, committed suicide yesterday, butchers, committed suicide avenue by drinking carbolic acid.

Elevator Burned.

Macdonald, Man., Oct. 17.—The Winnipeg elevator at this point was totally destroyed by fire last evening. The elevator contained 5,000 bushels of wheat, which will be total loss.

Canada's Postal revenue was increased $195,000 in the first six months of the present fiscal year.