

MYSTERIOUS NEW HAVEN MURDER.

Prominent Citizen Shot Dead in Bed—Brother-in-law
Arrested for the Crime.

New Haven, Ct., Jan. 3.—Charles A. Edwards of 550 Park avenue, New York, formerly president of the Passaic Chemical Company of New Jersey, and more recently an officer of the General Chemical Company, with an office in New York City, was mysteriously shot to death while lying in bed during the night, the guest of his brother-in-law, Charles A. Hiller. So mysterious is the case from the outset that Deputy Coroner Pond opened an inquest at police headquarters immediately following a long and searching inquiry during the day.

The inquest was finished shortly before 11 o'clock. No arrests were made tonight.

Charles A. Hiller and A. Maxey Hiller were the only witnesses. Mr. Edwards was about 60 years old, and a descendant of Jonathan Edwards, one of the early presidents of Yale, and was related to many families of distinguished ancestry. He was known as one of the fathers of baseball at Yale. He married Miss Sarah Catherine Hiller, only daughter of Mrs. Abigail Hiller, and sister of Charles and Maxey Hiller. Mrs. Hiller died a few weeks ago. Her estate has not yet been settled, and it is stated that the attempted division of the property caused a bitter disagreement between the Hillers and Mr. Edwards.

Mr. Edwards last night attended a birthday party in honor of his sister Mrs. Samuel Harris, a cousin of the former President Timothy Dwight of Yale. He retired apparently in the best of spirits. His failure to appear at breakfast led Charles A. Hiller to go upstairs. He found the chamber door unlocked and going in saw Edwards apparently unconscious. A neighbor, Dr. Metcalf, a dentist, was called, and gave restoratives, under the impression that he was a stroke of apoplexy. A little later Dr. Cheney reached the house, but Edwards was then breathing his last. Dr. Cheney found the bullet hole in the left side of the head, directly behind the ear. The missile had gone directly into the brain.

Suicide is disproved by the absence of a weapon, which hours of searching failed to reveal. The police at once reached the conclusion that there had been a murder. They found that the house had not been broken into, but an unbolted kitchen door, which the house servants claimed was securely fastened during the night, gave a possible clue.

Charles A. Hiller lived in the homestead with two servants. He is unmarried. A Maxey Hiller, a brother, lives at 433 Temple street. He is a lawyer.

Charles A. Hiller says he was not awakened by any shot or any disturbance during the night.

A Maxey Hiller said: "I was on the best of terms with my brother-

in-law and there has been no family trouble. I know nothing about his business affairs except that he was a large operator on Wall street."

One of the servants when questioned, said that she went to her own home last night, having extinguished all the lights in the basement. This morning she found several lights burning there and a rear door unbolled.

Coroner Pond said after the inquest: "There seems to me to be good reason to believe that Mr. Edwards was killed."

He was asked whether or not the shooting in his mind, was the result of a quarrel between members of the Hiller family, but declined to speak definitely on that score also.

Tonight the Hiller home in College street, where the shooting occurred, is guarded by the police. There will be a continuation of the coroner's inquest tomorrow.

IMPORTANT ARREST.

New Haven, Jan. 4.—Allan Maxey Hiller, brother-in-law of Charles A. Edwards, the New York man who was shot to death in a mysterious manner Tuesday night while at the home of Charles A. Hiller, another brother-in-law, at 117 College street, tonight was ordered placed in the lock-up at police headquarters for safe keeping by Coroner Mix. Later the coroner explained that Mr. Hiller was simply held without bail as the inquest was not complete.

This action was taken at the end of a four hours' hearing at the coroner's office. Mr. Hiller was there when the order was given to Detective Sergeant Ward to take him to police headquarters. There was a short delay in order that Erliss P. Ervine, who has been retained as counsel for Mr. Hiller, could be reached by telephone and summoned to the office. Mr. Ervine accompanied Mr. Hiller to police headquarters. The latter walked calmly along the street to the station house, but on reaching that place he began to gesture wildly and talk almost irrationally. He was very pale and appeared on the point of collapse from the mental and nervous strain undergone by him during the last 36 hours.

The detention of Mr. Hiller at this stage of the inquiry into the mysterious death of Mr. Edwards is a climax, although more startling developments may be forthcoming.

A. Maxey Hiller is one of New Haven's best known men and is connected by blood and marriage ties with many of the aristocratic families of Connecticut. The violent death of Mr. Edwards, who married Mr. Hiller's only sister, also comes equally close to families which are intimately connected with the up-building of Yale University.

A PROSPEROUS YEAR.

Comment of Canada's Deputy Minister of Finance.

Ottawa, Jan. 3.—"The year 1904-1905 has been characterized throughout the whole of the Dominion by a wonderful degree of prosperity." Such is the opinion which Mr. J. M. Courtney, Deputy Minister of Finance, puts on record in the public accounts issued to-day, the last blue book, probably, with which his name will be identified. He goes on to say:

"It will be seen from the accounts now published how the public revenues have increased. In all other particulars, such as the railway traffic, receipts, immigration, the bank clearings, and in the deposits in the chartered banks, a wonderfully steady progress has taken place. The increase in the public deposits held in the chartered banks averages over one million dollars a week, and over five hundred million dollars are now held on deposit."

DOMINION LOANS MATURING.

Mr. Courtney comments with satisfaction on the high position of Dominion loans in Great Britain and two facts that since last of July, 1903, maturing Dominion loans to the amount of \$23,359,999 have been paid off. During the next seven years, however, loans to the amount of \$143,168,665 will have to be refunded, no less than one hundred and thirty-four million, eight hundred and ninety-five thousand three hundred and thirty-one dollars during the first four years of this term. Against this large amount sinking funds in Canadian securities to the amount of forty-seven million three hundred and sixty-five thousand and eight dollars were held on November the thirtieth. Provision will have to be made for the meeting of the large sums referred to, but after they have been refunded no further loans will mature until 1898. Of the loans in question all but twenty-four million three hundred and thirty-three thousand three hundred and thirty-three are four per cent, the balance is three and a half per cent.

MR. COURTNEY'S RETIREMENT.

Mr. Courtney alludes to his retirement in the following terms: "I have held on at your request (addressing the Minister), but the time has now come when the question of a successor should be seriously taken into consideration. In view of the responsibilities that are daily being laid on the department, no time should be lost in making an appoint-

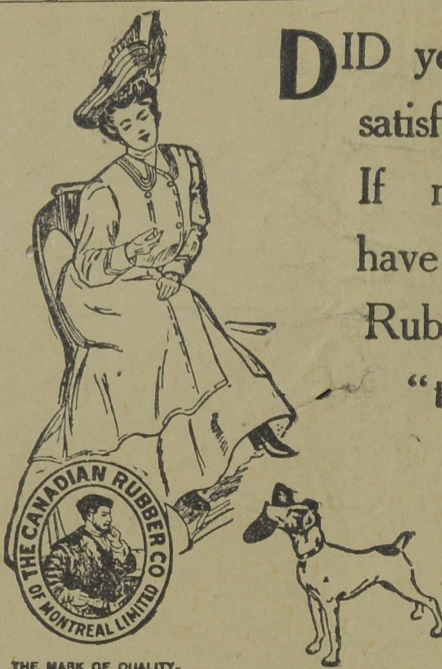
ment. As I have previously mentioned, I shall be very glad at any time to render assistance or give any information in my power."

Mr. Courtney is pleased that the termination of the fiscal year is to be changed from June 30th to March 31st, a change which he has favored ever since he entered the public service over thirty-six years ago. The system has been in vogue in Great Britain ever since 1851, but the 20th June is still maintained in the United States.

THE NATIONAL DEBT.

During the year receipts in consolidated fund amounted to seventy-one million one hundred and eighty-two thousand seven hundred and twenty-two dollars, and expenditure on the same amount to sixty-three million three hundred and ninety-two dollars, giving a surplus of receipts over expenditure amounting to seven million eight hundred and eighty-three thousand, and eighty-nine dollars. The capital expenditure totalled fifteen million four hundred and eighty-four thousand four hundred and fifty-five dollars, and deducting from this the surplus two million, two hundred and sixty-one thousand six hundred and eighteen dollars of sinking funds and some smaller amounts, it leaves five million three hundred and fifty-six thousand four hundred and forty-eight dollars to be added to the national debt, which now amounts to two hundred and sixty-six million two hundred and twenty-four thousand, one hundred and sixty-six dollars. The average rate of interest on gross debt for the year was \$2.81, as compared with \$3.08 in the previous year, and the net rate of interest fell from \$2.46 to \$2.26.

The season for this remarkably low rate of interest on the net national debt is that the sinking fund investments realized one million five hundred and forty-six thousand, seven hundred and seventy-three last year in interest, and there are one million five hundred and forty-six thousand, seven hundred and seventy-three dollars last year in interest, and there are forty-seven million, three hundred and thirty-four thousand, two hundred and twenty-one dollars worth of Dominion notes not paying interest. These notes, of course, represent just that much of the debt.



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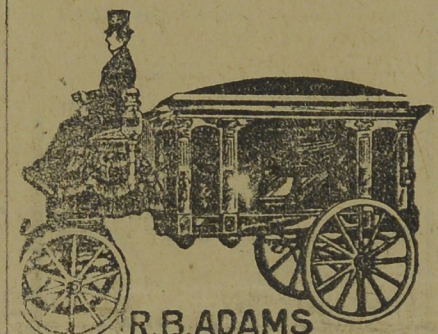
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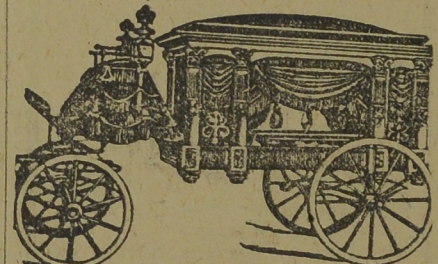
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