

AN ABLE SEAMAN'S SAD DEATH

Found Dead in Bunk: Doctor's Evidence as to Cause

At the Public Mortuary, yesterday, Mr. I. T. Morris, H. M. Registrar, sitting as Coroner, conducted an inquest to inquire into the circumstances surrounding the death of T. Dougherty, an able seaman, of the str. Meissonier, which arrived from Seattle several days ago.

Mr. A. W. White, the third officer, having identified the body, said that he last saw Dougherty on Saturday morning on board the ship. Deceased was quite normal at the time and witness did not take much notice of him. He had known deceased since October 1 when deceased joined the ship at Barry, South Wales. This was the first time that witness had known deceased to take drink probably because he had no chance to get any on the way out from Seattle. At about 10.30 p.m. on Saturday, witness was in his room when he heard a lot of talking outside and the chief steward came in and told him that a man was dead below. Witness went to deceased's cabin and looked through the door. He saw deceased in an awkward sitting position, his head being under the blankets. The second officer took charge and witness went to bed.

Dr. Thomas Kenyon, of the Blue Funnel str. Cyclops, said that, about two on three o'clock on Sunday morning, he was called to the str. Meissonier, where he found the dead body of a man stretched across the bunk, fully dressed. Witness was of the opinion that death was due to acute alcoholic poisoning. In the cabin, there were five empty bottles labelled "rum," in three of which witness was able to detect a very strong smell of wood alcohol in addition to the rum. There were also 20 beer bottles, mostly empty, and there was a strong smell of alcohol about deceased. When witness saw him, he formed the opinion that he had been dead for about four hours.

The inquest was adjourned until to-morrow morning.

NOTES ON CHINESE PERSONALITIES

Dr. Siao Yih-chun has arrived in Shanghai to establish a medical practice.

The death is announced of the mother of Gen. Har Fu-chu, commander of the 5th Army Corps.

Mr. Ho Cheng-chiu, of the stores department of the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, returned to Pukow yesterday morning.

Gen. Li Ming-chung, the well-known Kuomintang leader, arrived in Shanghai from Tsingtao on Saturday.

Mr. Chao Tai-wen, president of the Control Yuan, is due to return to Shanghai from north China in a few days.

Mr. George Kin Leung, critic of the Chinese theatre, is sailing for Hongkong and Canton by the str. President Madison.

Miss Elsie Kwok, daughter of Mr. George Kwok Bew, will give a tango exhibition at the coming reception of the Flip Flap Club.

Dr. Wu Lien-teh, the famous plague fighter, passed through Shanghai during the week-end on his way to Hongkong and is expected to return on Boxing Day.

Dr. Chung Wing-kwong, director of the Overseas Bureau and president of Lingnam University, will leave for Hongkong by the Dollar str. President Madison.

Mr. Chang Chu-sen, chairman of the Chung Po Yen Society, entertained a party of Chinese athletes to dinner on Sunday at the Wan Hua Lin Restaurant.

Mr. Chang Chien, Consul-General at San Francisco, has been ordered by the Waichiaoou to attend the U.S. National Commercial Convention as China's delegate.

Mr. Chen Fu-nan, a graduate of Harvard University, has been elected manager of the Chinese Citizens Bank of Hongkong and Shanghai. Mr. Yu Cheng-tung has been made director.

Mrs. Tsai Kung-shih, wife of the former Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Tsinaifu, has returned from the South Asian Islands to Swatow and is due to arrive in Shanghai some time this month.

Mr. Hsu Ya-pei has been appointed president of the World's Morality Savings Bank and Mr. Tseng Teh-chih, general manager. Mr. Wang Hsi-tah will serve as assistant manager and Messrs. Yuan Hsi-lien, Hsu Kung-tu and Chiang Jen, supervisors.

Dr. John C. H. Wu, former president of the Shanghai Provisional Court and chancellor of the Comparative School of Law of Soochow University, was entertained to lunch at the Majestic Hotel on Sunday by members of the University Alumni Association.

The death occurred on December 9, after a protracted illness, of Gen. Han Lin-chun, former commander of the crack Fengtien third and fourth army corps and at one time chief of general staff of the Manchurian armies. Gen. Han, who died at Mukden, was a close friend and adviser to Gen. Chang Hsueh-liang.

DISPENSARY'S NEED OF MONEY

Baby Clinic Built But No Funds to Provide Furniture

"For the fast-growing community in Hongkew of silk mill employees, wharf coolies, and rich men, where less than 10 years ago were green cultivated fields, now the old farm houses are crowded upon all sides by straw and mud huts; and where four years ago there were fast giving places to wooden and cement houses; Hongkew General Dispensary is the only charitable clinic which offers foreign medical care in all this silk mill district in Hongkew." Thus reads the recently published fourth annual report of Hongkew General Dispensary and Baby Hospital.

This work was started in a small Chinese house in November, 1925, and was moved to its present quarters, 173 Lin Ping Road a year ago. The Dispensary Clinic meets an urgent need in this rapidly growing district. In the six months ending September 1, 1929, 4,484 sick persons were treated.

There come to this clinic many poorly-developed children who are suffering from diseases of malnutrition; such as, marasmus, rickets, scurvy, beriberi, pellagra, and other children who are anemic and poorly nourished by improper and insufficient food who will later fall prey to tuberculosis which is so prevalent in this section.

Through the generous gifts of a few friends, a large Baby Ward has been built on the flat roof of the dispensary. The aim is to establish a Baby Hospital, not for acute cases, but rather for the chronic diseases of malnutrition. The building exhausted the Dispensary's funds and they now have an empty ward without cribs, and furniture. In order to collect sufficient to equip the baby hospital, friends are holding an entertainment to raise the necessary money. A programme composed of music and Japanese arts and magic will be held in the Town Hall on December 20 and 21, Friday and Saturday afternoon and evenings at 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. respectively. Tickets are for sale at the local Y.W.C.A. Yuen Ming Yuen Road and at the American Drug Store, Nanking Road.

SIBIRIAKOFF TO SING ON SUNDAY

Leff Sibirakoff, world-renowned Russian opera star will make his concert debut here on Sunday evening at the Town Hall under the management of A. Strok.

Mr. Sibirakoff, who during the past several years has been applauded in all the capitals of Europe, shared with Chaliapin the leading bass opera roles in the Imperial

HOSPITAL FOR THE MILL DISTRICT

Chinese Institution at Ferry Road Formally Opened on Sunday

The formal opening of the Shanghai Labourers Hospital took place at the intersection of Ferry and Penang Roads on Sunday morning in the presence of several hundred officials and representatives of local organizations.

The new hospital, of which Dr. Chu Min-yi, the well-known Kuomintang scientist, is president and Drs. Wang Ching-yang and Fan Shu-yuan are associate directors, was established by the Shanghai District Kuomintang for the treatment of workers in the mill district and the funds were contributed by local merchants and philanthropists. Several famous visiting actors have given benefit performances in aid of the new institution.

After speeches had been delivered by Dr. Chu and his associates, guests were conducted on an inspection of the buildings, after which refreshments were served.

Two committees have been formed to supervise the administration and the financial affairs of the hospital. Among the names of the officers are Messrs. Pan Kung-chien, Commissioner of Social Affairs and Chief Secretary of the Municipality of Greater Shanghai; Dr. King Wen-chi, a brother of the former Commissioner of Foreign Affairs. Dr. Hu-ki Hou, Commissioner of Public Health; Mr. Chen Teh-ching, Commissioner of Education; Mr. Ching Zung-ching, president of the Native Bankers Guild; Mr. Wang Ting-sung, secretary of the Shanghai District Kuomintang; Mr. Koo Shing-yi, former chairman of the Shanghai District Chamber of Commerce; Mr. Loo King-kee, chief procurator of Messrs. Reiss, Massey & Co. and director of the Nanyang Bros. Tobacco Co.; Mr. Yeh Wei-chun, chairman of the Shanghai Rice Guild; Mr. Wang Hsiao-lan, president of the National Associated Chambers of Commerce; Mr. Loh Yung-chuh, a leading local merchant; and others.

Opera in Moscow and St. Petersburg.

Mr. Sibirakoff has been known all over Europe and in America for more than twenty years. He is one of the few opera stars who received the marked favour of the late Czar. The Imperial ruler on one occasion called Sibirakoff into the state box after a performance of Faust and personally congratulated him.

The programme to be presented by Mr. Sibirakoff at the Town Hall on Sunday evening will include several operatic airs from "Prince Igor", "The Barber of Seville", "Lakme" and "Faust". Mr. Sibirakoff's second appearance in Shanghai will be on Sunday, December 29. Box plans for the two engagements are now on view at Moutrie's.

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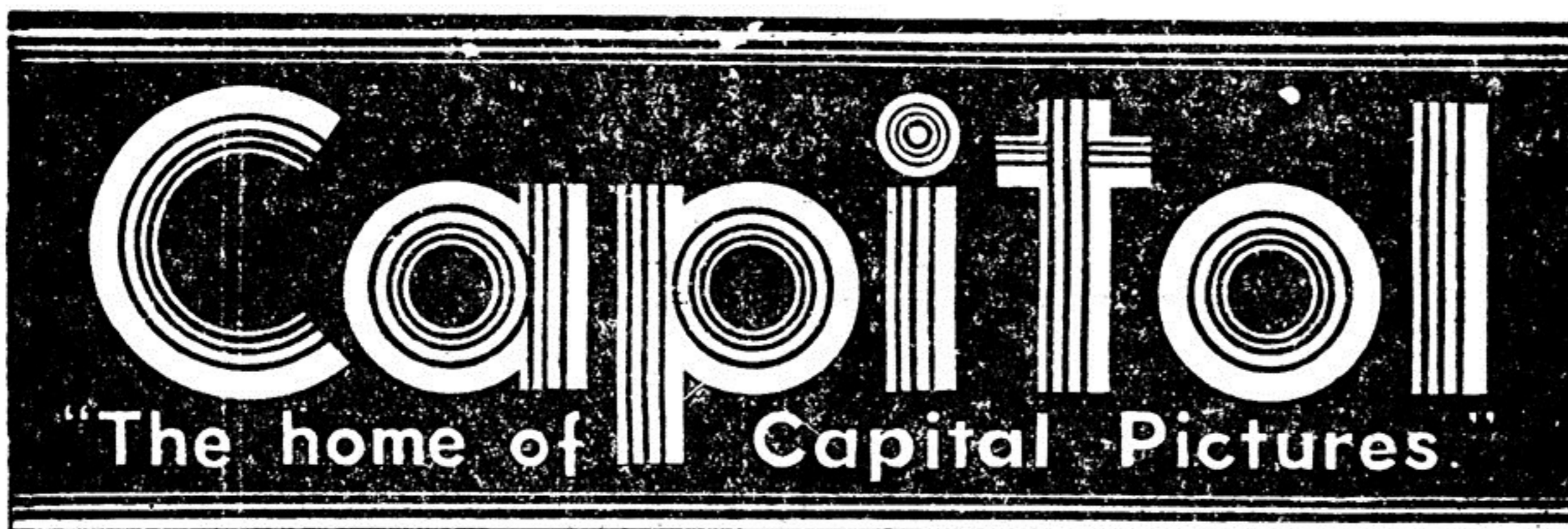
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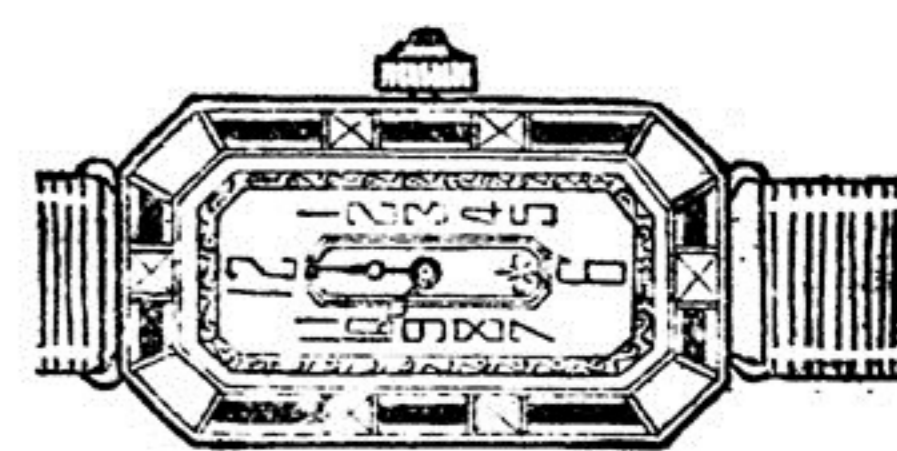
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