

JACK CUDAHY KILLS HIMSELF BY SHOT FROM HUNTING GUN

Son of Wealthy Packer Is a
Suicide at His Home in
Hollywood, Cal.

HAD FAILED TO GET LOAN

Financial Worries and Long Ill-
ness Are Believed to Have
Caused His Act.

WIFE DENIES ANY QUARREL

His Death Recalls His Sensational
Attack on Kansas City Banker
in His Home There.

Special to The New York Times.

LOS ANGELES, April 20.—John P. (Jack) Cudahy of the well-known family of packers committed suicide this morning by shooting himself in the head with a shotgun at his home at 7,269 Hollywood Boulevard. His wife was in her dressing room near by at the time. Downstairs in the home were his 17-year-old daughter, Anne, and his 14-year-old son, Michael.

According to Mrs. Cudahy, ill health coupled with financial worry was the cause of the suicide. She denied a report that there had been any altercation between her and her husband shortly before Mr. Cudahy took his life.

Following notification of the suicide to Coroner Williams by members of the family, detectives interviewed Mrs. Cudahy and investigated the shooting. Mrs. Cudahy, they said, told them that about 10:20 A. M. Mr. Cudahy went into his bathroom, taking his Winchester shotgun, which he used for trapshooting, and then took it into his bedroom. At the time he did not seem to be unusually despondent.

Mrs. Cudahy said that at exactly 11:45 o'clock she heard a shot and rushed to her husband's bedroom, where she found that he had used the gun to end his life.

Further investigation by the police disclosed the fact that early this morning Cudahy received a letter from the Northern Trust Company of Chicago saying: "We do not want to carry a permanent loan and unless your sister can vouch for the loan of \$10,000 which you ask for, we find it impossible to grant your request." The letter was signed by N. O. Edmonds, Vice President. Late the evening previous, the detectives learned, Mr. Cudahy had received a telegram from his sister Clara in Santa Barbara saying: "Sorry, but find it impossible to do what you ask."

It is believed by the police that the failure to negotiate the loan was the culmination of worries which drove the son of the famous packer to end his life. Mr. Cudahy was known, the police further learned, to have been in ill health for the past year and under the constant care of his physicians, Dr. L. J. Huff of 6,779 Hollywood Boulevard and Dr. Edwin C. Palmer of 6,422 Hollywood Boulevard.

Shortly after his return from the Cudahy ranch near Calexico, Mexico, about ten days ago Mr. Cudahy took an overdose of bichloride of mercury, according to the detectives, which caused intense sickness for some time.

At the Cudahy home, one of the most imposing mansions in the exclusive West Hollywood section, Mrs. Cudahy refused to comment upon the affair except to say that there had been no trouble lately between her and her husband, and that Mr. Cudahy's action came as a shock which she had never expected. He had been despondent for some time, she said, but had never intimated that he had lost hope.

Mr. Cudahy's chauffeur, W. M. Condon, met all callers at the front door, stating that Mrs. Cudahy was so broken up it was impossible for her to see or speak to any one. Through him she wished to deny the report that Mr. Cudahy's action came as the result of any differences between them suggested in a report of a prospective divorce some time ago.

Say His Fortune Was Spent.

Special to The New York Times.

CHICAGO, April 20.—"Jack" Cudahy has three sisters and two brothers, who have residences in Chicago. They are Mrs. Vincent Walsh, the Misses Mary and Clara Cudahy, Joseph E. Cudahy and E. I. Cudahy.

Under the will of Michael Cudahy, founder of the family fortune, "Handsome Jack" received but \$10,000. Through negotiations by an attorney, however, "Jack" obtained a one-sev-

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ent interest in the estate, which amounted to about \$12,000,000.

By agreement a part of the share given him was to be held in trust during the life of "Jack" and his children. The rest was given to him in cash, about half a million dollars. This was the fund from which his large expenditures of the last dozen years have been made.

The end of this fund, it is said, was reached several months ago. Cudahy then endeavored to prevail on the Northern Trust Company, it is said, to make a loan with the principal of the trust fund as security, for the payment of his notes. The trust company refused.

Edward Cudahy said tonight that he knew nothing of any financial troubles of his brother.

Cudahy's Attack on Banker.

A sensational episode in the career of John P. Cudahy, son of the late Michael Cudahy, millionaire packer, occurred in the Kansas City home of the young Mr. Cudahy on the night of March 6, 1910, when he returned unexpectedly and found Jere F. Lillis, a Kansas City banker, in company with Mrs. Cudahy. Mr. Cudahy attacked the banker, and in the course of the excitement a call for the police was telephoned by the frightened Mrs. Cudahy, who said a man was being murdered in her home.

When the police responded ten minutes later they found Lillis lying bound on the floor of the room, covered with blood and moaning. Cudahy was bending over the prostrate banker, the sleeves of his evening clothes rolled up and his hands covered with blood. The banker had cuts all over his hands and face. The chauffeur of Mr. Cudahy was also standing nearby.

The wounded banker was removed to a hospital, and soon afterward Mrs. Cudahy and the four children went to the home of her mother.

As a result of this episode the Cudahys were separated, and on Aug. 23, 1910, Mrs. Cudahy obtained a divorce from her husband on the ground of incompatibility in the courts of Kansas City. Just before the decree was granted an agreement was made, under the terms of which Mrs. Cudahy was to receive annually \$5,000 during her lifetime from her husband's father. The agreement also provided for a \$100,000 trust fund for the four children.

The separation of the Cudahys continued until June, 1912, when a reconciliation was effected and Mr. Cudahy took up his residence at the apartment of his wife in Kansas City. A week later they went before a Recorder of Deeds and took out a license to re-wed. They then succeeded in eluding friends and other inquirers.

Jack Cudahy married Miss Edna Corwin, member of a family socially prominent in Omaha and Kansas City, on Dec. 28, 1899, and on the same day young Cudahy's father made him manager of the Kansas City plant of the Cudahy interests. While devoting himself to business Cudahy found time to take part in the social affairs of the city. He was a member of the most exclusive clubs, and at these clubs frequently met the banker, Lillis, whom he subsequently attacked in his home.

Four children were born to the Cudahys. They were Edna, Catherine, Elizabeth and Michael. At the time of the separation of the Cudahys the children were placed in the custody of their

paternal grandmother, and by her placed in a school in New Jersey.

When the elder Cudahy died on Nov. 27, 1910, he left \$150,000 each to the children of Jack Cudahy. Young Cudahy shared equally with his brothers and sisters in the balance of a \$20,000,000 estate. Following the death of the elder Cudahy, his widow brought in her daughter, Mary, as an extra guardian of the children of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cudahy, and they were eventually placed in a convent near Pasadena, Cal.

In December, 1910, Mrs. Jack Cudahy called at the home of her former husband in Pasadena to spend Christmas with their children, who had been taken there for the holidays. It was believed then that a reconciliation would be effected, but the estrangement continued until 1912, when Mr. Cudahy made the advance, having been won by the appeal of his children. Their reunion was further the result of the belief by the Cudahys that the Church law was superior to that of the State. As Catholics they agreed that their marriage in 1899 was not broken by the divorce decree granted in 1910.

Cudahy was 43 years old and had lived in California several years.