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CHAS. A. KELLOGG DIES SUDDENLY  
Suffers Stroke While Placing Telephone Call  
HAD NEWS OF WIFE'S ILLNESS  
Was Trying to Get in Touch With Her in New York When  
He Was Stricken—Found Dying by His Mother

While attempting to telephone to his wife in New York city, having received a letter from her that she was ill, Charles Alfred Kellogg, well known candy salesman of this city, was stricken with heart failure about 10:45 Monday night at his residence, 108 South Murray street, and passed away a few minutes later. He was 38 years old.

Mr. Kellogg had been enjoying good health of late and relatives are shocked by his sudden death. It was not known that there was anything about his health to bring about a stroke. He returned home from work at 6 Monday evening in good spirits although he had spent a busy day.

In the afternoon mail a letter from his wife, Mrs. Mary V. Hunter Kellogg, formerly a well known pianist of this city, was received in which Mrs. Kellogg wrote that she was ill and asked him to come to New York city and bring her to Watertown. Mr. Kellogg and Miss Mary Valerie Hunter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Hunter, formerly of 333 Sterling street, now of Texas, were married in the Church of the Transfiguration in New York, better known as "The Little Church Around the Corner," Jan. 11, 1914.

Following their marriage they resided in the city, making their home in the Vassar apartments, State street, for several years. About three years ago Mr. and Mrs. Kellogg separated and have not lived together since. Mrs. Kellogg went overseas in April, 1919, under arrangements made by the Overseas Theater League and the Y.W.C.A. to give concerts for the army of occupation.

She has been making her home in New York city much of the time since her return to the United States in August, 1919. She and her husband had corresponded regularly and were not unfriendly to each other.

When Mr. Kellogg opened the letter from his wife Monday evening and learned of her illness, he wanted to start immediately for New York in an automobile. Mrs. Kellogg had asked him in her letter to come to New York city and get her and bring her home with him.

The excitement of the news of his wife's illness and concern over her condition are believed to have been factors in bringing about his death. His mother, Mrs. Mabel O. Kellogg, widow of I.[Israel] A. Kellogg, advised him to wait until this morning before going to New York, pointing out that perhaps his wife was so ill that she should be brought home in a sleeper.

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A telegraph dispatch was sent to Mrs. Kellogg in New York advising her that Mr. Kellogg would come immediately to New York and bring her home. Mr. Kellogg remained in the house all evening, and although extremely nervous as a result of hearing of his wife's sickness, appeared to be in his usual good health.

Mrs. Kellogg left the residence about 10 p.m. to go to the New York Central terminal to meet her daughter, Miss Angie L. Kellogg, county agent for dependent and delinquent children, who returned Monday night from Massena. After joining her daughter Mrs. Kellogg returned to the house. Mr. Kellogg was seated in a comfortable chair in the front room of the dwelling when Mrs. Kellogg left. Upon her return she heard the clicking of the telephone in the hall, such a sound as is produced by the operator when attempting to summon a caller when the receiver is removed from the hook.

Seated in a chair near the telephone with his head drooping upon his shoulder, Mr. Kellogg was found by his mother. "Are you trying to telephone to Mary, Charles?" his mother asked. She believes that he murmured "yes" but she is not certain, for he never regained consciousness. She said she knew he was dying. Dr. John D. Olin, the family physician, was summoned but Mr. Kellogg passed away shortly after his arrival. Death was due, it is believed, to heart trouble and cerebral hemorrhage.

Dr. Andrew H. Allen, acting health officer for Dr. (?) W. Brewer, who is in Elmira today for a mayors' conference made an investigation and will sign the death certificate as "heart trouble." Dr. Allen said today that undoubtedly Mr. Kellogg's heart was weak and that an autopsy in his opinion is unnecessary.

Mrs. Kellogg said that the contents of the letter to her son indicated that his wife is not seriously ill, but is feeling unwell. She said that the wife had been notified of her husband's death and will probably come to this city at once, if her condition permits.

She said that she believes her son filed the telephone call to New York city shortly after she left the house to go to the station, he probably having become impatient and decided not to wait until he arrived in New York city Tuesday to speak with his wife.

Mrs. Kellogg made it clear that while her son and his wife had become estranged, they were still friendly and corresponded regularly. She said they had "agreed to disagree, and continue to live apart."

Charles Alfred Kellogg was born in this city June 18, 1883, son of Mrs. Mabel Overton Kellogg and the late I.[Israel] A. Kellogg. His father passed away July 4, 1917.

He attended the local schools and was graduated from Watertown High school, and later spent two years in study in Tufts College. Owing to illness

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from typhoid fever he was obliged to give up his studies for a time, and after a prolonged illness decided not to resume his education at Tufts. He entered the employ of Sears and Pruyne, wholesale grocers of this city, and was employed in the company's offices for several years. Later he became a salesman, having this north country as his territory and becoming expert in salesmanship soon had a large following.

He established a wholesale candy and tobacco business in King street, this city under the name of the Kellogg Candy company and built up a thriving business. He disposed of that business in January, 1918 to George W. Adams, who later after conducting the business in King street for about two years re-established the business in Factory street, equipping a candy factory there.

Soon after relinquishing his business in this city Mr. Kellogg entered in a partnership with George Gilmore of Massena, a store being established in Massena under the name of Kellogg & Gilmore. More recently Mr. Kellogg reopened a store here in the same location where he first entered business in King street, dealing in wholesale candies and tobaccos.

He was a member of Watertown Lodge No. 496, B.P.O. Elks; Watertown Lodge No. 49, F. & A.M.; and All Souls Universalist Church.

Surviving besides his widow, Mrs. Mary V. Hunter Kellogg, he leaves his mother, Mrs. Mabel O. Kellogg, superintendent of the bureau of charities of the city; his sister, Miss Angie L. Kellogg, county agent for dependent and delinquent children; and one brother, Alfred Hubbard Kellogg of this city, who has been connected with the Kellogg candy business in Watertown.

The funeral will be held at 2:30 Thursday afternoon from the Kellogg residence, 108 South Massey street, Rev. Harry Westerbrook Reed, Pastor of All Souls Universalist Church, officiating. Interment will be in Brookside Cemetery.

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