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"I'M GOING TO DIE" W AND SO HE DOES

John Hammel, Apparently Well,
Truthfully Predicted His
Demise Within Hour.

STRANGE VISION CHIDED

Bade Friends Farewell, Went Home and Was Dead Before Doctor Came.

Although apparently in good health and physical condition and in possession of his faculties, John Hammel, who died Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock at his home 3426 Michigan avenue, predicted his death within an hour of the time he made the first prophecy.

Friends who had chided him when he told them of his strange hallucination were stunned when they learned that his gruesome prediction had really come true.

Hammel was employed at a studio at Grand and Finney avenues, and before going to work Wednesday morning stopped at the barber shop of William Agne at 3025 Cherokee street.

It was customary for Hammel each morning to stop at the barber shop and read the morning paper and Wednesday morning when he entered he seemed in good spirits and conversed with other occupants of the place.

Suddenly he arose from his chair and paced up and down the floor. "Billy," he said, addressing Agne, the proprietor, "I'm going to die, and it won't be long."

"Why, man, what's got into your head?" replied Agne.

They chided him about his strange vision and laughed about his sincerity.

"Well," said Hammel, "I'll bid you a last farewell. You will never see me alive again."

With this he grasped the hand of each one of his friends and departed. An hour later he was dead.

Mrs. Hammel states that her husband returned home about 8:30 Wednesday morning and complained of a pain in his left side. He laid down to rest several minutes and Mrs. Hammel, thinking he might be really ill, summoned a doctor. When the doctor arrived Hammel was dead. An inquest was held and the coroner's jury returned a verdict of death from pneumonia.

Hammel was 38 years of age and left a widow and five children.

James Fane of 2914 Cherokee street and Robert Waespe of 3422 Minnesota avenue were in the barber shop of Agne at the time Hammel predicted his death and were horrified to learn that it had really come true.

Hammel's funeral will be held Sunday from his home.

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