

BID BROTHERS RUN DOWN

Exciting Capture of the Two Pittsburg Murderers.

BOTH MEN SHOT, ONE IS DYING

Mrs. Soffel, the Warden's Wife, Who Aided Their Escape and Was With Them, Attempted Suicide.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 31.—Edward Hiddle is dying in the jail at Butler. John Biddle is riddled with buckshot, and in a precarious condition, and Mrs. Peter K. Soffel is lying in the hospital with a self-inflicted bullet wound in the breast. This is the sequel to the sensational escape of the Biddle brothers from the Allegheny County Jail, aided by Mrs. Soffel, wife of the jail warden, Thursday morning.

The close of the Hiddle tragedy came at 10 o'clock this afternoon. In a snow-covered road two miles east of Prospect, Butler county, near Mount Chestnut. The exact place is on McClure's barn, where two double-team sleighs, filled with explosives, three of the Hiddle brothers, John Roach, Albert Sveinchart and Charles McGovern, met the two Biddles in a one-horse sleigh, stolen at Pottsville, and at once opened fire on the trio. The Biddles returned the fire, after jumping out of the sleigh. Mrs. Soffel was shot through the breast. Edward Hiddle was shot in the left arm, in the breast, in one leg. John Biddle was riddled with buckshot in the breast and head.

The Pittsburg officers were met at Butler this afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Rainey and Hon. and Mrs. Frank Holliday and Aaron Thompson, the latter under command of Chief of Police Robert Ray. The officers were certain that they were on the right track, and it was only a question of time when they would overtake the escaping condemned murderers and their guilty companion. The Biddles and Mrs. Soffel, after a chase of some distance, turned back at J. J. Stephens' farm, near Chestnut, five miles east of Butler. They had made a detour of the town of Butler, and after going several miles east, turned back and then were met by the officers.

They reached Mount Chestnut not less than half an hour after the Biddles and Mrs. Soffel. At this point William Watson, who had been treating the horses out for them, and the chase for the fugitives began anew.

The two sleighs carrying the eight offenders, and Mrs. Soffel, were met by McClure's barn, two miles from Mount Prospect. The Biddles, having learned that they were almost overtaken, and taking what they considered the only chance, they turned back and met their doom. The officers were armed with Winchester rifles and revolvers of large caliber. They shot to kill, and their aim was true. The Biddles were shot to the last of their strength, but not one of the officers has a wound as a result of the battle.

When the detectives got within about 50 yards of the fugitives they opened fire. The Biddles promptly answered with shotgun and revolver. When Ed Hiddle fell and Mrs. Soffel saw that she was captured, she fired a bullet into her breast.

Ed Hiddle got a bullet in the breast, which penetrated his right lung, and will die in a few days. Mrs. Soffel, who is recovering, as his wounds, although numerous, failed to reach a vital spot. The escape of the officers is miraculous. The Biddles have demonstrated on several occasions that they are good marksmen, and why they should have failed today to bring down their men is a mystery.

After the Biddles fell to the snow-covered ground, the officers picked up the apparently lifeless bodies of Mrs. Soffel and the Biddles and took them back to Butler, where they also took the stolen sleighs, patched up the horses and drove the trio back to their place.

The story of the fight, as told by one of the officers, follows: The Biddles were sitting on the right side of the cutter. Mrs. Soffel was on the left side. When Detective McGovern called to them to hold up their hands and surrender, Ed Hiddle fired a shot, and raised a shotgun, fired at McGovern. He aimed badly, and the shot scattered along the side of the road. Almost simultaneously Detective McGovern and Roach discharged their revolvers, and both shots took effect. Jack Biddle rose from the seat and discharged his revolver at the three officers. Detective Sveinchart aimed himself and fired his five-caliber revolver at Jack. The Biddles were effect in Jack's arm. Then the detectives opened a rapid fire on the escapes. The shots knocked them out of the sleigh. Then Detective McGovern ran up within five feet of the Biddles, and they fell on top of him, their firearms falling from their hands.

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At the jail tonight Ed Biddle called for a priest and made the following statement: "I have been accused of a great many serious crimes, and I admit that I could have committed many, as the opportunity when they presented themselves. I want to say now that I did not kill Thomas Kahney, nor did I shoot Thomas Kahney in the latter affair. I was bound to get out of the county jail, and I did not because for her we would have made our escape today. She gave up everything for me, and I was bound to look her out. I did not shoot her. She shot herself. Oh, Father, bless me and tell me that my sins are forgiven."

"Although I have been pictured to you as a desperate man, I have a kind heart and gratitude for the woman who helped us to escape. She merely did it out of good sympathy for us. I persuaded her to do it. I told her I was guilty of the crime for which I was about to be executed, and she was impressed and yielded to my suggestion. I planned it all."

Father Walsh administered the last rites of the dying, and Biddle rolled over on his face and sighed. He was asked if he wanted any word taken to his brother and he shook his head.

The two party, officers and prisoners, are expected to arrive in this city tonight on a special train.

Mrs. Soffel made a statement after her capture, in which she said she became involved in the affair through her sympathy for Ed Biddle. She said she now realized her mistake, and wished she was dead. She said she did not shoot herself.

FROM LEGAL STANDPOINT

DISCUSSION OF PHILIPPINE QUESTION BY SENATOR MORGAN.

Judicial Salary Bill Debated, but Not Acted Upon by the Senate - Rawlins' Inquiries.

ON CHARGES OF CORRUPTION. Arrests at St. Louis in Connection With the Franchise Scandal.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—An extended speech on the pending Philippine tariff bill was delivered in the Senate today by Senator Morgan. He devoted particular attention to an amendment which he offered to the bill last week. He maintained that the enactment of the bill as it now stands would not be a constitutional remedy of the situation, it is designed to relieve, but said that with the adoption of his amendment the bill would stand the closest scrutiny of the courts. The Alabama Senator did not discuss the political phases of the Philippine question, devoting the entire speech to consideration of the legal and constitutional questions raised by the presentation of the tariff measure.

The Proceedings. When the Senate met it adopted a resolution, offered a few days ago by Rawlins, providing for the consideration of the committee on Indian affairs into the question of leasing mineral lands by Indians, into the authority of the interior department to approve such leases, and into the revision of connection of Government officials with the making of such leases.

At the conclusion of routine business the resolution offered yesterday by Rawlins, directing the Secretary of War to inform the Senate whether it was known as the "sedition laws" have been promulgated by the Philippine Commission, and if so, the date of such promulgation, was passed without comment.

The bill reported recently from the judicial committee, fixing the salaries of appointments on the Supreme bench for consideration at the instance of Hoar, chairman of the committee. The bill increases the annual salaries of the Federal Judiciary. Hoar made a brief statement in support of the measure. He believed members of the judiciary of the United States were entitled to such salaries as would enable them to maintain suitable and proper positions. The judicial salaries paid by the Government were not equal to those paid by many of the great states of the Union to the judges of the State courts.

Berry opposed the measure. He believed that \$10,000 per year was enough to enable the Justices of the Supreme Court to live respectably. He ventured the statement that the salaries of the Justices were not worth \$10,000 a year. Stewart made a strong plea for the enactment of the bill.

Blackburn, a member of the Judiciary committee, vigorously opposed the measure, not so much because he thought the salaries proposed were too high, but because he felt that there ought to be a general revision of salaries paid to officials of the Government.

Spencer supported the bill, and said there were cases where men had refused appointments on the Supreme bench because the salaries were inadequate.

Stewart gave notice of an amendment to the bill, providing that the salaries of Senators and Representatives in Congress should be \$75,000 per annum.

McComas, Hawley and Fairbanks supported the measure. Hawley advocated the amendment of Stewart to increase the salaries of Senators and Representatives in Congress.

At 2 o'clock the Philippine tariff bill was taken up, and Morgan addressed the Senate. He said he had been asked as yet any objection to the tariff that he proposed to be laid, and he took it for granted that the tariff is just and necessary. He argued that Congress had no constitutional authority to levy discriminatory tariff, either upon imports or exports, between the United States and the Philippines.

"I believe in the doctrine of free trade in all parts of the United States, whether covered by the Constitution, the flag, or both," he said, and he contended that an export duty is plainly forbidden, even though, in the case of the Philippines, the duty is levied here.

Speaking of the claims which had been made, that there is no lawful government in the Philippines, Morgan, with earnestness, said there is a government there, and he was glad to say, a very good government, suitable to the character of those people and the circumstances in which they found themselves.

Morgan pleaded for a government in the Philippines which could be prepared at all times to meet emergencies and in accordance with the laws of the United States, because, he said, there may be a time when the Philippines are cut off from cable communication with this country. He urged the establishment of an executive department for the control of the islands.

CONGRESSMAN JOHN DALZELL.

WHO INTRODUCED RESOLUTION ON MAKING OF RECIPROcity TREATIES.

THE PROCEEDINGS.

When the House met, Dalzell (Rep. Pa.) from the committee on rules, reported favorably the Tawney resolution, introduced by the committee on the question of whether the treaty-making power could negotiate reciprocity treaties affecting the customs revenues without action by Congress, and made a report upon it.

Dalzell said that the question involves one of the highest and most sacred privileges of the House. As it concerned the relations between the two houses, he thought action should be deliberately taken, as the subject has been duly considered by a committee.

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PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

IT PREPARED TO DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST THREATENED INVASION.

Will Investigate Question Whether the Senate Can Alone Negotiate Reciprocity Treaties.

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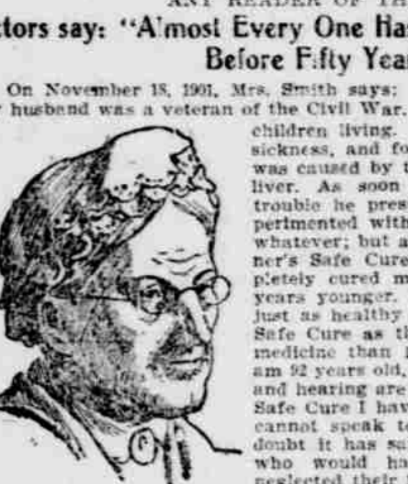
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MOBILE'S 200 YEARS. During That Period Five Flags Have Flouted Over It. St. Louis Globe-Democrat. In a country in which a century returns a vast stretch of time, such a celebration as that which begins in Mobile today, marking the 200th anniversary of the town's foundation, ought to excite widespread interest. Throughout the Mississippi Valley the affair will be of special moment. Mobile was the capital of France, and the seat of Louisiana, and that province, in Mobile's early days, comprised all the territory between the Alleghenies and the Rocky Mountains. The peninsula of Mobile was the clove of the French and Indian War, the American extension of Europe's seven years' war, in 1762, and all of that territory, in the year of the Revolution, was sold for \$500,000. Mobile's "Portrait of Philip II. of Spain," from the Duke of Marlborough's collection, also was bought by Mr. Fischhoff for \$100,000. Eugene Fischhoff, who sold it, was sold for \$500,000. "Portrait of an Ecclesiastical" for \$100,000, and "Cavaliers on a Road in Holland" \$500,000.

Statehood for Arizona. WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The House committee on territories gave a hearing today to a delegation from Arizona in favor of its admission as a state. The reading of the territory to assume all the obligations of statehood was set forth.

Need of More Restrictions. WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—J. R. Dunn, of the Chinese Inspection Service, stationed at San Francisco, was before the House committee on foreign affairs today, explaining the difficulties encountered under the present exclusion law and the need of added safeguards, such as are provided in the Mitchell-Kahn bill. Mr. Dunn also answered some of the criticisms made of alleged harsh treatment of the Chinese during the detention here of the quarter steamship companies provide detention houses at San Francisco, Port Townsend and other points, which are cleaner and better than the late President McKinley's.

Conservative Iowans. DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 31.—The Iowa Senate today refused to consider a conservative bill today, by refusing to consider a resolution memorializing Congress in favor of the Hoar bill against government of strikes by injunction until after the question had first been referred to the