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A COWARDLY MURDER

Young Drug Clerk Horribly Mutilated.

ROBBERY THE PROBABLE MOTIVE

Steamer *Montserrat* Probably Lost During the Recent Storm—Murderers of Miss Gung Indicted.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—At 10 o'clock this morning, Policeman O'Day found wide open the door of the St. Nicholas drug store, corner Hayes, Larkin and Market streets. He investigated, and within found Eugene Weir, a night drug clerk, lying dead at the foot of a steep and narrow alleyway. The cash drawer was found open with only 10 cents left. An examination of the body showed that it was a case of murder of the most atrocious kind. In the left breast and side were found 28 stab wounds evidently made by a sharp blade about an inch wide. The knife had been driven in with a great force. The murder was evidently done for the purpose of robbery. The murderer had slipped in behind the prescription counter, where he was secure from observation from the street, got behind his victim, stabbed him, and then threw his body down the steep stairs into the basement. It was the habit of Weir to count the cash every day at the close of business, and when counted it was put in a secret drawer beneath the counter. This the murderer had evidently done before he was attacked, and the robber failed to find the place. In default of the right drawer the robber or robbers had pulled out and ransacked three or four other drawers in behind the counter but not the right one. Weir was a mere boy.

Tragic Death of a Forger.

OMAHA, Dec. 14.—The St. Clair hotel, in this city, was the scene of a tragic ending to a man hunt yesterday, in which Earl Gordon, a young commission merchant, wanted for forgery, brought to bay by the police, blew his brains out rather than surrender. Several days ago Gordon forged the name of an acquaintance to a check for a small amount to tide him over the day's business, intending to make it good before the crime was discovered. He overlooked some of the details, the bank reported the forgery and the police notified Gordon that he was wanted. He disappeared from his place of business. His presence at the hotel was reported yesterday and the detectives surrounded the place. As the police were about to enter his room a revolver shot was heard, and they found Gordon dead at the feet of Dolly Edwards, a notorious woman. A letter was found in his pocket stating that when all hope of escape was cut off he proposed to take his own life rather than go to prison.

A Gang of Grave Robbers.

GRAND HAVEN, Mich., Dec. 14.—Grave robbing for the purpose of selling the dead bodies is nothing new, but the business of getting the coffins to sell again is rather a new industry. A systematic business has been made of robbing country graveyards in Michigan, northern Indiana and Illinois for some time. The fact developed today that these coffins were sent to Chicago. Detectives who were working on the case for several weeks find that many new graves have been opened, the bodies removed from the coffins and thrown back into the grave, the earth replaced and the coffins shipped to Chicago. This Chicago firm, whose identity the detectives decline to reveal, had a staff of agents going about from place to place getting these coffins. They were sold to small country firms remote from the place where they were stolen. The detectives say these agents not only took the coffins, but also robbed the corpses of anything valuable. They have already under surveillance half a dozen of the grave-robbing vandals.

Rodd Again Wins.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—The action begun by Chairman Cornwall, of the republican state central committee, to contest the election of James H. Budd as governor, was thrown out by the state supreme court this morning. The court sustained the demurrer entered by counsel for defendants, the San Francisco board of election commissioners, and refused to grant Cornwall's application for a writ of mandate to compel the election commissioners to appear and show cause why they should not throw out and refuse to count the returns from 66 precincts in this city, in which there had been irregularities.

The only alternative now left the republicans is to carry the contest into the state legislature.

In effect the decision is that the defect in the certificate of the precinct officers may be supplied at any time before the vote is canvassed. In this case the returns had been so amended in all of the precincts as to conform to the law, so the supreme court will not interfere. The court had no written decision, and the case was quickly disposed of in brief remarks by Justice Beatty.

Verdict Against Debs and the A. R. U. Leaders.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—"Guilty as charged" was the finding announced today by Federal Judge William Woods against President Eugene V. Debs, of the American Railway Union. The same finding was reached against American Railway Union leaders on trial with Debs.

Judge Woods' opinion overruling the claim of the defense that the injunction against the American Railway Union leaders was invalid on the ground that the court had no jurisdiction to determine a case in which an injunction was ordered, and that though possessed of such jurisdiction, the court lacked organic power to make the order in question, was very long and cited many authorities. The court held the same protection given commerce on rivers can be extended under the existing law to commerce on railroads. Referring to the contention that the act of July 2, 1890, was directed wholly at trusts and not against organizations of labor in any form, Judge Woods pointed out that workmen, if they conspired with capitalists to prevent the moving of Pullman cars would be guilty of conspiracy, and it would be absurd to say they should not be equally guilty if they did the same without the aid of the capitalists. Judge Woods held that the defendants did deliberately violate the order of the court, by directing the strikers to intimidate the men from taking their places. Admonitions against violence were sent out by the defendants, but it was not intended they should be heeded. The disturbances at Blue Island were the result of speeches made by Debs and Howard. In sentencing the other defendants Judge Woods said:

"The punishment shall be neither vindictive nor trivial. These men were in willful contempt under what legal advice I should like very much to know. These men were leaders in a great measure of lawbreakers, and are responsible as leaders. The ignorant men who followed them have been punished. Debs is more responsible than any of the others. He is a man of marked ability and power over men. I feel constrained to discriminate between him and the others. The punishment against all the defendants except Debs is three months in jail, and against Debs six months."

Li Hung Chang Asto.

LONDON, Dec. 14.—A New Chang dispatch says the Japanese are within thirteen miles of the south port.

A Nangin dispatch says Li Hung Chang's nephew, Chang Bon, has been arrested for peculations, and his property has been seized.

A Tien-Tsin dispatch says that an order has been issued for the arrest of Li Hung Chang's son-in-law, for fraudulent practices. Shing, taotai of Tien-Tsin, is reported to have been dismissed from office on account of his inability to raise a war loan. He will be succeeded by Wang Fah Woong.

A dispatch from Shanghai says General Wei, who was supposed to have been executed for cowardice at Ping Yang, is in prison at Peking. He admits that the man beheaded as General Wei was procured at his instigation to represent him.

Steamer *Montserrat* Probably Lost.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—The steamer *Montserrat*, the notorious blackbird, is overdue nearly four days from Nainaimo. The vessel is loaded with coal. Unless she has broken down the chances are she has gone to the bottom of the ocean. The steamer pulled out from Nainaimo a week ago Wednesday, and the *Farallon* left Tacoma several hours later. The rough experience of the latter vessel has already been published. Captain Roberts, of the *Farallon*, fears for the safety of the *Montserrat*. All the way down he saw nothing of her. Captain Merliman, of the *India*, which arrived yesterday afternoon, did not bring any encouragement for those who are anxiously awaiting the overdue vessel. He announced it as his opinion that she was lost. The steamer *Walla Walla* also saw nothing of the *Montserrat*, and there is strong reason to believe she is lost.

Heavy Damage by Fire.

WARREN, Dec. 17.—Fire at the railway station here has done enormous damage. Several storehouses filled with merchandise and a large number of freight cars were destroyed.

CAN'T SPEAK FOR HIM

Ex-President Harrison Can Speak for Himself.

ESTEE WILL STILL CONTEST

The Japs are Everywhere Victorious—The Alleged Battle in Guatemala Was Never Fought.

Harrison Not a Candidate.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 15.—"Will General Harrison be a candidate for the presidential nomination in 1897?" was asked yesterday of Colonel D. S. Alexander, ex-United States district attorney for northern New York, who, on his way back from a pleasure trip West, spent two days this week with the ex-president at Indianapolis.

"Under no circumstances," was the prompt reply.

"Did he speak of the matter?"

"Very freely, giving his reasons at length, why he would not and could not be a candidate."

Was the talk confidential?

"Not in the slightest. He said that whatever honor came from simply holding the exalted office was already in his possession. He had sought to perform his duties faithfully and without fear, and he was content to let others assume such responsibilities in future. The very thought, General Harrison said, of again having to change the officials of the country ought of itself to be sufficient to deter any man who had once been through such a trying ordeal from wanting to undertake it."

Did General Harrison speak of the candidates who were likely to come before the convention of 1897?

"Yes. He spoke of Mr. Reed, Governor McKinley and Senator Allison. I do not recall that he mentioned any others. Of course he indicated no preference, but spoke of them as gentlemen of ability and well qualified by long public experience. He discussed the outlook for 1895 very freely and somewhat at length. He believes that the republican party will be a winner, and that it will be called upon to face and to settle the currency question, which he regards as one of the greatest of the difficulties, as well as of the greatest importance. He thinks the treasury department will get very tired of maintaining a gold standard by paying interest on bonds issued for the purchase of gold."

Mr. Alexander said he found General Harrison in excellent health and spirits.

Not Authorized to Speak.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 15.—It was authoritatively announced here today that Mr. Harrison has authorized no one to speak for him and that no one is at liberty to speak for him on the subject upon which D. M. Alexander has spoken in Buffalo.

Seely's Story Told.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Samuel Seely, the defaulting bookkeeper, will be arraigned for trial Monday. His attorney, Mr. Angel, intimated today that the defaulter would throw himself on the mercy of the court. The attorney says Seely received not more than \$10,000 of the money stolen from the bank, which was given to him in sums ranging from \$25 to \$200, for which Frederick Baker took his notes. Mr. Angel added:

"I have in my possession about half a dozen of these notes, their aggregate amount being \$300. Seely told me today that he thought Baker would make good the stealings, as Merritt, Baker's clerk, had told him that Baker was worth over \$500,000, nearly all of which was in real estate. When Seely asked Baker would put him off saying that his property was in such a condition that it could not be sold except at a great sacrifice. After a time, Seely says, he saw the situation becoming more hopeless with each passing day, but this seems to have made no difference to Baker, who continued drawing money from the bank until Seely warned him to desist."

The story of Seely's flight from this city, his aimless wanderings before reaching Chicago, and his meeting with McFarland, who delivered him over to the police, was one in which terror and ingratitude are most strongly blended. Lawyer Angel relates that Seely left the bank for the last time, after so fixing his books that, by comparison with those of the paying teller, the exact amount of the defalcation could have been discovered within half an hour. Seely then took the midnight train over the Pennsylvania road for Washington, where he remained a few hours, going thence to

Harrisburg, Pa., which place he reached in the afternoon. He then bought a ticket for Chicago, where he arrived the next day (Sunday) at 10 o'clock in the morning. At no time during the remainder of his stay in Chicago, says Angel, did he ever make any attempt to disguise himself. He was all the while in a condition bordering on mental collapse. Seely said:

"I did not run away, because I was utterly crushed in health and spirits, each night being a sleepless one. I felt somewhat relieved in mind when apprehended, although at first I made a denial of my identity."

Contest in California.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The republican state central committee was in session here this afternoon. The session was executive, but reporters were admitted to hear the speech by M. M. Estee to the committee. Estee said the only thing for the republicans to do was to fight for honest elections. He said they must act now, and that though a recount in San Francisco might unearth only a small amount of the frauds committed it would at least show whether there had been an open violation of the elective franchise in counting the ballots. The speaker then referred to certain irregularities in San Francisco, in which irregularities are admitted and frauds are apparent. The burden of his speech was that these alleged frauds had been committed under the administration of the democratic board of election commissioners, all of whom were candidates for re-election, and that the presumption was that such frauds had been committed in the interests of the democratic candidates. After a severe arraignment of what he called the democratic machine in San Francisco, he demanded a recount, declaring it was a case of the honest voters of the country against the corruption of the city. He referred briefly to the case of Representative Hilborn, in whose case he said the democrats did not hesitate to go behind the returns when they had the opportunity to oust him and seat a democrat in conclusion, after again demanding a recount. Estee said he would rather be beaten by fraud than elected by fraud. After considerable discussion following Estee's speech the committee appointed a subcommittee of seven members, with instructions to make all arrangements to go before the state legislature and demand a recount of the entire vote for state officers, particularly the vote of San Francisco. This action means a bitter fight in the coming legislature.

Newfoundland Banks.

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 15.—The legislature opened today. The governor, in his speech, said that he was glad to say that the savings banks of the colony had not been affected by the suspension of the other banks, and that there would not be the slightest loss to savings-bank depositors. He attributed the disaster not to politics, or to the results thereof, but to the eagerness of the mercantile community to accumulate wealth, and trading on credit. He informed the legislature that the new government had provided for the payment of the interest on the public debt, due in London January 1st, and that the government proposed the appointment of a select joint committee to examine the conditions of the banks with a view of ascertaining the practicability of establishing a medium of circulation. He urged union and promptitude in legislation on the part of all parties.

Supplies Sent to Tillamook Rock.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 14.—P. L. Cherry, British vice-consul at this place, this morning received a dispatch from Hoquiam, Wash., stating the barkentine *North Bend*, sighted on Sunday a large British ship in ballast in latitude, north 46-43; longitude 125 degrees. She was on her beam ends. Her suit of sails and foretopmast were gone. The barkentine waited two hours but no signal of distress came.

The *Columbine* left out again this morning with supplies and mechanics for the disabled *Tillamook* light. It is not thought that she will be able to make a landing at the rock, as the sea is still very rough.

The Official Figures at Last.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—The official canvass of the vote of the state shows that the election of James A. Budd as governor by a plurality of 1206. There were 284,547 ballots cast, divided as follows: Budd, dem., 111,944; Estee, rep., 110,738; Webster, people's party, 51,304; French, prohibition, 10,561. For lieutenant-governor, Miller, rep., was elected. He received 120,309 votes to 98,630 cast for Jeter, dem.

Approved by the President.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The president Saturday approved the bill for the dedication of the Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Park September 19.

A GRAVEROBBER SHOT

Caught Robbing a Young Lady's Coffin.

KILLED BY THE GIRL'S INTENDED

Two Illinois Editors Anxious to Fight a Duel—Two Murderers Hanged—Damage by Fire.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 17.—From Mount Hope, Ky., a small village 12 miles from Walton, comes the news of a shooting Saturday night of a graverobber caught in the act. There have been robberies at the cemetery, and when Miss Morris was buried Saturday her betrothed determined to watch her grave. Near midnight two men began digging in the grave. A dozen shots were fired at the robbers, and "Smiley" Jordan, a colored farm hand, was shot dead. His white companion escaped.

Catherine Gung's Murderers.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—It is not likely that C. A. Bixt, the self-confessed murderer of Catherine Gung, will be hanged. He will be brought before Judge Hicks, of the district court, today, where he will enter a plea of guilty. Sentence will not be passed, however, until he has been used as a witness for the state in the Harry Hayward case, and then it is expected that he will be given a life sentence. The court has appointed Judge J. R. Shaw, W. A. Hawn and F. H. Carlton, three able criminal lawyers, to defend him, but when they attempted to hold a consultation with him yesterday, Bixt refused to have anything to do with them. He is still in the St. Paul jail, and continues to protest that he is innocent, and claims that when he tells his story there will be some sensational disclosure.

Claus A. Bixt, the self-confessed murderer of Catherine Gung, was arraigned in the district court this morning and in a weak voice pleaded not guilty. The case was set for trial January 7th, in spite of Attorney Odell's demand that it be not set earlier than January 27th.

Trial of Treasurer Boggs.

TACOMA, Dec. 17.—The trial of ex-Secretary and Treasurer George W. Boggs was begun today in the criminal department of the superior court. The charge is embezzling nearly \$25,000 of city funds by placing worthless securities in the bank and receiving credit as cash. The defense will allege that all the acts of the treasurer were ordered by the council. The question largely turns on whether or not the securities placed in the bank are worthless. This morning a jury was secured after five challenges by the defense, two by the state, and two excused for cause. Prosecuting Attorney Snell, in opening for the state, talked an hour.

A Three-Cornered Fight.

MEXICO, Mo., Dec. 17.—Saturday morning John Atkin, a farmer living a few miles west of this city, was en route here on business. When he got within two miles of this city he was halted by William McIntyre and his son. An old feud was renewed and a fight ensued, in which all three were seriously wounded. Atkin was stabbed in the back and terribly cut about the face and head. McIntyre and his son were seriously beaten in the face and on the hands. All are well-to-do farmers. William McIntyre is a brother of Colonel D. H. McIntyre, ex-attorney general of Missouri, and a brother of Representative-elect T. A. McIntyre, of Andrian county.

The Forestry Bill Passed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The plan of urging Secretary Carlisle's bill for a revision of the currency before the holidays has been abandoned. It was developed today that many democratic members of the house were opposed to hurried action. Mr. Crisp was against haste, and the committee on rules supported this view. The house today, by a vote of 159 to 55, passed the bill to protect public forest reservations.

Presidential Appointments.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—President Cleveland has sent to the senate the following nominations: Justice—Charles D. Clarke, to be United States dis-

trict judge of the eastern and middle districts of Tennessee, vice David M. Key, retired; Humphrey E. Hamilton, to be associate justice of the supreme court of New Mexico.

State—Thomas O'Hara, of Michigan, to be consul at San Juan del Norte, Nicaragua.

Several Japanese Attacks Reported.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—An Antong dispatch says the Japanese general, Nodzu, reports that General Tachimi's brigade is now at Tso-Hu-Kow preparing to attack the Chinese at Liea-San-Kan and Fong Huang. December 13th a detachment of Japanese had a sharp encounter with a large body of Chinese near Yih-Min-Shan. On the following day the Japanese intended to attack the Chinese in force. December 12th the Chinese were compelled by an inferior Japanese force to retire from Sai Bashu. The Chinese, numbering 4,000, advanced the following day, when fighting occurred, the result of which was not made known when the dispatch was sent.

Suicide at Tacoma.

TACOMA, Dec. 17.—T. E. Ogilvie, aged 25, a mechanic in the employ of the Edison car shops, was found dead in his room this morning with a bullet through his breast. It was evidently a case of suicide. He was in love with a woman who is to be married Thursday to another man. Ogilvie was despondent through that, and also from the fact he had just discovered he had consumption.

Two Murderers Hanged.

JASPER, Tenn., Dec. 17.—John and General Kennedy, brothers, were hanged here today for the murder of a telegraph operator named Lowery, employed by the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis road at Shellmound, in October last. Lowery was shot to death while asleep in his office, his clothes rifled and the office looted.

Two Missouri Banks Fail.

SLATER, Mo., Dec. 17.—The Citizens' Stock bank, of this place, made an assignment to Commissioner P. Storis today. A savings bank also closed. The latter as soon as collections are made will be re-opened. The fall of the stock bank will prove serious to several depositors. It had a capital of \$100,000, and was thought to be strong.

A Defaulting Deputy.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Thomas Craoke, deputy in the office of the superintendent of streets, has been missing since Wednesday last. An investigation of his books completed this morning discloses that he is an embezzler to the amount of \$3,000. Superintendent Ackerson says he will make the defaulting good.

Seely Plead GUILTY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Samuel C. Seely, formerly bookkeeper of the Shoe & Leather National bank, charged with aiding the late Frederick Baker in robbing the bank of \$354,000, was arraigned in the United States circuit court today. He pleaded guilty, and was remanded until Friday for sentence.

Defaulting Teller in Court.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Defaulting Paying Teller Tait, of the Chemical National bank, was arraigned to plead to the charge of having stolen \$15,500 of the bank's funds. He was not ready, and counsel obtained an extension until Thursday, when he will plead.

In the Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—In the senate, the university bill went over, and the Nicaragua canal bill was called up.

The senate adopted Sills' resolution calling for a copy of the income-tax regulations. The bill to establish a national university was then taken up.

To Segregate Mineral Lands.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The senate committee on public lands today authorized a favorable report on the bill providing for a commission to examine and segregate the mineral lands of Montana and Idaho within the Northern Pacific land grant.

Carlisle's Plan Presented.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The majority report of the house committee on banking and currency, favorable to Secretary Carlisle's plan of currency, was today presented to the house by Chairman Springer, with the recommendation that the bill pass.

Feed wheat for sale cheap at Wasco Warehouse.

THE CHRONICLE PRINTS THE NEWS.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Largest U. S. Gov't Report

Royal Baking Powder

ABSOLUTELY PURE