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## GEORGE MITCHELL, WHO RID THE WORLD OF HOLY ROLLER CREFFIELD, IS SHOT BY HIS SISTER AT INSTIGATION OF MRS. CREFFIELD AFTER ONE DAY OF FREEDOM

### EXPLOSION IS PRECEDED BY OMINOUS LETTER

(Scripps News Association)  
Salt Lake City, July 13—A butcher shop belonging to Sat Brown and located on North and Cener streets, was wrecked this morning by the explosion of a k g of powder. The shock blew out the front

and lifted the roof. The building was subsequently destroyed by fire. Butcher Brown yesterday received a threatening letter warning him to look out for trouble. The police is looking for the man they suspect.

#### DISCUSSING DISARMAMENT

(Scripps News Association)  
London, July 13—William J. Bryan and Mr. Haldane dined together today to discuss the plan of disarmament.  
Bryan said this morning: "I was much interested in Haldane's speech yesterday and believe that his scheme will mean the general reduction of the armies. I am much opposed to the increase both in America and in Europe. What is needed is an application of intelligent principles in organization and an efficient force of officers."

#### TO BUILD SPLENDID EMBASSY

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington, July 13—The German government today bought for \$150,000 a plot of ground on S street upon which it will erect the most palatial embassy yet constructed in the city.

#### BARBERS ON STRIKE

(Scripps News Association)  
Ogden Utah, July 13—Seventy barbers of this city refused to obey orders of the State Board to appear for examination as to ability. The board then threatened to close up all shops of the city and compel citizens to shave themselves.

#### ITALIANS KILLED BY DYNAMITE

(Scripps News Association)  
Chicago, July 13—Frank Pappale and Louis Pappale, Italian laborers, were killed and three others badly injured this morning by the explosion of dynamite under the shanty in which they lived in a stone quarry.

The dynamite shed, was 800 feet from the sleeping quarters. It is supposed that there is ill feeling between the foreigners, which led them to use the explosive in seeking revenge.

The heavy door of the dynamite shed was found pried open, apparently with a crow bar. Frank's body was discovered hanging by his clothing in a tree above the shed.

#### NOT COMING HOME

(Scripps News Association)  
Cleveland, July 13—It is announced that John D. Rockefeller will not return this summer to his home here.

#### DENIED HIS GUILT

(Scripps News Association)  
Newport, Va., July 13—Andrew Davenport, a negro, was hanged today, for the murder of William Thomas. He denied his guilt.

#### MOTOR BOAT CRUISE STARTS

(Scripps News Association)  
New York, July 13—A large fleet of motor boats of every description is gathered off the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club, Port Washington, L. I. to take part in the long ocean cruise of the American Power Boat Association which will start from Port Washington tomorrow afternoon. The skippers of the craft are today the guests of the Manhasset Bay Yacht Club. Tomorrow's run will be to the Norwalk Yacht Club. On Sunday the boats will reach Thimble Islands, on Monday New London Conn., on Tuesday Newport, R. I., on Thursday Block Island and next Friday Shelter Island. The cruise will officially end at Shelter Island at sunset on July 21, at the lowering of the committee flag.

#### ANOTHER FRENCH DUEL

(Scripps News Association)  
Paris, July 13—Paul Cassagnac, Jr., and Lieutenant Andre, son of General Andre, fought a duel with swords this morning. Andre assumed the responsibility in defense of his father's attack in his memoirs upon Cassagnac's father.

#### BURNS AND SCHRECK TO FIGHT

(Scripps News Association)  
Terre Haute Ind., July 13—Tommy Burns, who claims the heavyweight championship of the world, and Mike Schreck are matched to fight a ten-round mill before the Wabash Athletic Club of this city tonight. The meeting will be at catch weights and the men are to receive sixty per cent of the gross receipts. Both men are said to be in fine condition and an interesting battle is expected.

#### DELEGATES IN OMAHA

(Scripps News Association)  
Omaha, Neb., July 13—The meeting of the Baptist Young Peoples' Society commenced today with an attendance of 650. The first meeting was a prayer meeting in the convention hall.

I am Glad Ester Did it, is the only Just Retribution. I Believe God will Open Doors for My Sister, Says Mrs. Starr

### ESTER AND MRS. CREFFIELD ARE IN PRISON

(Observer Special)  
The whole northwest coast was horrified last evening when the news flashed out that George Mitchell, the man who shot and killed Holy Roller Creffield, had been shot by his own sister, Mitchell had been found not guilty the day before and yesterday decided to go to Portland and take up his former occupation. While at the depot waiting for the train one of his own sisters, with widow Creffield at her elbow urging her to the desperate deed, fired upon him killing him almost instantly. It was for this girl's sake that Mitchell risked his freedom and life to shoot Creffield, and suffered a long time in prison.

#### LOT FALLS TO ESTER.

It is alleged that the Holy Rollers met in a church and, like the Russian nihilists, held a council and deliberately planned the murder. The question of selecting the murderer was done by lottery, according to reports, and, due to providence or previous arrangement the lot fell to Miss Mitchell. By this means the sister, for whom George Mitchell had risked so much, was selected and executed the dastardly crime.

#### SUICIDE IS FEARED.

Careful watch is being kept today over Ester Mitchell, as it is feared she may attempt suicide. Mrs. Creffield, who is also under arrest, is being watched for the same reasons.

#### FRANK HURT IMPLICATED.

The police are unable to locate Frank Hurt, a brother of Mrs. Creffield, but they are confident that he is connected with the plot to shoot Mitchell.

#### MRS. CREFFIELD INSTIGATOR.

Mrs. Creffield was arrested as it is known she was the chief instigator of the crime. When she and Ester Mitchell arrived at the depot where George Mitchell was waiting for the train that would take him to Portland, she kept the girl's courage screwed to the highest tension and stood immediately behind the girl, telling her to keep cool and watch for the opportune moment. Whenever the girl showed any signs of losing courage Mrs. Creffield would goad her on.

Finally the moment came and Ester Mitchell pulled the trigger, sending her brother to his death.

#### A JUST RETRIBUTION

Portland, July 13—Mrs. Burgess Starr, a sister of Ester and George Mitchell, who left her babies and husband to follow Holy Roller Creffield after the latter had been released from prison where he served a term on account of intimacy with Mrs. Starr, said when she learned of the crime, "I am glad Ester did it. It is the only just retribution. I believe Creffield will rise from his grave and open the prison doors and set my sister free, also set my sister free, also set up a kingdom of Holy Rollerism on this earth."

It developed today that the police matron knew that Mrs. Creffield and Ester Mitchell carried revolvers but did not take the precaution to warn the police. Further murder in connection with the case is feared.

#### ESTER'S STATEMENT

Seattle July 13—"I am not insane and and before shooting my brother gave all possible results the fullest consideration," was the calmly expressed opinion of her act by Miss Ester Mitchell in the county jail this morning. She said "I would be arrested and that my excuses for doing what I did would not be considered by Court. Creffield was a holy man and my brother was defiled. I am ready to go before the court with

the knowledge of my guilt of murder in the first degree and I am prepared to take the consequences."

The murderess had no money, she said and knew of no one that would take an interest in her case but the utter hopelessness of making a fight for her life was indicated by a shrug of her shoulders.

#### ESTER VOLUNTEERED

Maud Creffield, widow of Geo. Mitchell's victim said, "I would have killed him myself if it had been possible but I knew it could not, and after we talked about it Ester volunteered to do it for me, and after some hesitation I let her do it. I expected to be punished and expect to now. I have no money and will not admit that I am crazy for I am not, what is more is that I am just as happy now as I have been any time since my husband was killed. I do not care what happens now."

## AWARDS CONTRACT FOR ARMOUR

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington, July 13—Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte today awarded the half armour plate contract for the battle ships South Carolina and the Michigan to the Midvale Steel Company. He gave one fourth to each of the so called trust companies, the Carnegie's and the Bethlehem

#### O. S. I. OBJECTS TO AMENDMENTS

(Scripps News Association)  
Salt Lake, July 13—The Oregon Short Line's legal force leaves here tonight to attend a conference council with the Harriman lines in Chicago on Monday to outline a campaign to resist the amendment of the Interstate Commerce Commission laws.

#### ASSASSIN IS A GIRL

(Scripps News Association)  
Sevastopol, July 13—It has been creditably stated that Commander Chuknig's assassin was a girl disguised as a sailor. There was no arrest made.

#### PRESIDENT PICKNIC

(Scripps News Association)  
Oyster Bay, July 13—The President and his family are enjoying a picnic on the Sound today and spent their time in row boats. The President rowing one and "Ted" the other.

## FALLS UNDER CAR WHEELS AT WALLULA

(Scripps News Association)  
Pendleton, July 12—While attempting to steal a ride on cars of the O. R. & N., freight train at Wallula yesterday afternoon, George McKinley, a young man of twenty-five years and having all appearance of refinement, fell under the wheels, and was almost instantly killed. McKinley and a companion attempted to swing under a car to catch a beam when McKinley's grip on a cross rod slipped and he fell beneath the wheels, both legs being cut off and one ear cut off close to the head. He was also injured internally and died a few minutes later while being taken to the hospital at Walla Walla.

#### HOTEL ARRANGED FOR GAMBLING

(Scripps News Association)  
Paola, Ind., July 13—A trial began this morning of the French Lick and the Wes Baden Hotel Companies who are charged with permitting gambling. An endeavor will be made to dissolve the charters of both firms. Tom Taggart, chairman of the National Democratic Committee, was present during the trial. Demurrers have been filed and the case, it is expected, will be a long drawn out affair.

## RIGGS WAS THE REAL MURDERER

(Scripps News Association)  
Minneapolis, Minn., July 13—A safety deposit vault belonging to Riggs, who yesterday committed suicide, was drilled into this morning. Two thousand dollars in bills, a watch which has been identified as the property of Miss Ellison, the murdered girl, several deeds of lands in Washington and other currency was found. This proves conclusively that Riggs was the murderer and robber.

## SALE NOW GET BUSY SALE

Commencing July 12 we will place on sale our enormous stock of summer goods. Not shop worn or second hand, but bright new goods, just at the time you need them.

#### WASH GOODS OFFERING

Luster cotton Taffetas, worth 20c to close at 13c  
15 bolts French Gingham, regular 15c, to close at 11c  
15 bolts Lawns and Batistes, all colors, regular 10c, now 7 1/2  
1 lot silk and cotton shirts waists HALF PRICE

#### SILK COATS FOR LADIES

These garments are made of good Taffeta, late styles in long and short coats as follows:  
Regular \$13.50 close at \$10.15  
" 12.50 " 9.25  
" 10.00 " 7.35  
" 6.50 " 5.00

#### Men's Hot Weather Goods

Balbrigan Underwear, regular \$1.00 and \$1.25 per suit 75c  
75c Dress shirts 45c  
24 inch Bandanas, red and blue 5c  
Mexican Hats 15c  
Boys' Kai Kai suits 1.75  
Long pants suit 1.50  
Short pants suit 1.50  
Odd lots of vic and calf shoes regular \$2.25 now \$2.50 to close at 1.65  
Good work socks .05  
Straw Hats, all cut prices

#### LADIES' WASH SUITS

All colors in assorted sizes. Just what you want for July and August \$2.50 to \$6.50

#### Millinery is Going

Only a few left, prices cut no figure



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