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IN GOLD AND BILLS

WEALTHY FLATHEAD INDIAN
ROBBED OF TWENTY TWO
THOUSAND

It was in Gold and Hundred Dollar Bills—Quakes of Ocean Shock and Scared Crew—Kicked son to Death.

Butte, Mont., Nov. 2.—A special to the Miner from Butte says that one of the most sensational robberies that has ever occurred in the history of Western Montana was enacted at Plains yesterday, news of which has just reached this place. A wealthy flathead Indian named Machell was robbed Saturday night of \$22,000 in cash, the money consisting of \$100 bills and \$20 gold pieces.

Machell was a visitor in Plains Saturday night, and during his absence, at about 10 o'clock at night, a man dressed as a squaw visited his home on Camas Prairie and engaged in conversation with Machell's squaw. Mrs. Machell noticed that the visitor was not an Indian squaw, but a white man, as he could not talk Flathead, but she did not suspect anything wrong till she saw two men run from an outbuilding, carrying something with them. Then it was that her suspicion was aroused, as the wealth had been stored in that building. The robbers jumped on their horses which were near by, and the one that had been talking to her joined them and the three rode hurriedly away.

As soon as she reached the plains with the news, several white citizens of that place accompanied Machell to his home to find if the story was true, which was proved on their arrival there. A score of young Indians started out to try to locate the robbers, but no clew has been found.

Machell is the wealthiest full-blood Indian on the reservation. He has large herds of horses and cattle, and was always known to have money, but few people knew that he kept it at home. It develops however, that the old Indian was afraid to trust his money in the bank, and kept it in an old trunk in an outbuilding at his home.

Cincinnati, Nov. 2.—A special from Inez, Ky., to the Enquirer says:

Pleasant Sprading, held for killing of his four year old son, is threatened with lynching. Sprading's family consists of a wife, three daughters and son. With his daughters and boy the father was herding sheep last Friday. The boy was unable to keep up with the others. The father placed him on a stone beside a spring, telling him to wait till his return. The boy becoming tired of sitting still, began to peel the bark off a tree that overhung the spring. Presently the father returned, and noticing the bark on the ground, asked the boy who had done it. The boy replied that he had. "I would rather have you dead than raise you to destroy everything on the farm," is the reply the father is said to have made and then it is charged, he picked up a stone and struck the boy on the head, knocking him down. Then, it is alleged, he kicked the prostrate baby in the head until he had killed him, and turning to his daughters, threatened them with a like fate if they ever told what had occurred. Afterward he went home and said the boy, while chasing sheep had run against a tree and killed himself.

Becoming alarmed, he took his eldest daughter and went to the mountains. His wife hired neighbors to bury the body of the child and then went to the home of Judge E. Hensley. She told him of the death of her son and said she suspected her husband, who told her he was going into the mountain woods to hunt squirrels, and she added that at different times he had threatened to kill the whole family. The judge took her with her, two younger daughters to his home and presented the case to the grand jury. One of the little girls told the jury that her father had kicked the boy to death. Shortly afterward a Sheriff's posse captured Sprading in the mountains, but his eldest daughter was not with him.

Sprading's missing daughter turned up today, barefooted and

ragged, after her escape from her father in the mountains. She was immediately taken before the grand jury, and testified how her father killed the boy, threatened her life, and that of her mother. She testified that he would have brained them heretofore but for the interference of neighbors.

Judge Hensley has the jail so strongly guarded that there is no longer any danger of lynching Sprading was given a speedy trial.

Cleveland, Oct. 31.—A sensation occurred during a political meeting in the public square today, in which Mayor Tom Johnson struck William Mylcraine, a republican tax board official—in the face with his fist. It seems, according to the statement of bystanders, that the mayor overheard Mylcraine assert that he [Johnson] was a liar. A few hot words followed, and then the mayor struck Mylcraine in the face. Mylcraine left the square, declaring he would have the mayor arrested. Mayor Johnson, in explaining his side of the question is quoted saying:

"We were talking about the assessment in the 32nd ward. Mylcraine had repeated twice that 'Mayor Johnson lies' and I walked over to him to explain that there must be some errors in the papers. I intended to give him a chance to retract, but he would not let me. I then hit him. It was only a tap I am not certain that my hand touched his face. I only intended slapping his face."

Up to a late hour tonight Mylcraine has not applied for a warrant for the mayor.

San Francisco, Nov. 1.—It is a strange tale of a strange marine disturbance that was told by Captain Montgomery, of the whaling bark Alice Knowles, which has just arrived.

"We were lying some 200 miles off the Kurile Islands, on the Siberian Coast, when the shock was felt on August 13th," he said. "Almost a dead calm prevailed, and the sea was as smooth as a mill pond. I was in my cabin when I felt the sea shaking like a leaf. It seemed that the deck was falling in on me. The whole ship rattled as from impact with some object. I knew that the disturbance was not caused by a heavy sea, and I rushed on deck. There I found the crew terror-stricken and gazing helplessly at another. While on deck the shaking continued and a rumbling noise resembling thunder seemed to come from the depths of the sea. The surface of the sea was disturbed and was breaking up in confused masses. The rumbling noise and the vibration stopped simultaneously, and the sea again became calm. Both my chronometers stopped at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon and I was set 30 miles out of my course by the incident. I didn't notice if the surface of the water was discolored, but for two days I sighted fishes floating on the surface of the sea."

Bridgeport, Conn., Nov. 1.—The lake submarine torpedo boat Protector is designed for harbor defense. She is 60 feet long and 11 feet beam, and has a displacement of 65 tons submerged, and gasoline when cruising awash. A trap door in her bow will enable a diver to leave the boat for the purpose of cutting cables or mine connections. Her builders believe she can destroy the submarine defenses of any harbor in the world.

Besides Captain Taylor, representing the United States Naval Board of Construction, the Naval attaches at Washington of the Russian, British, French, German, Japanese, Argentine, Italian and Chilean government were present at the launching.

A Boy's Wild Ride for Life.

With family around expecting him to die, and a son riding for life 18 miles, to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, W. H. Brown, of Leesville, Ind., endured death's agonies from asthma, but this wonderful medicine gave instant relief and soon cured him. He writes: "I now sleep soundly every night." Like marvelous cures of Consumption, Pneumonia, Bronchitis, Coughs, Colds and Grip proves its matchless merit for all Throat and Lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at Graham & Wortham's drug store.

HAUNTED HOUSE

CROWDS SURROUND IT AND LISTEN TO KNOCKINGS AND NOISES

Little boy Burned to Death at Lebanon—Negro Burned at the Stake in Mississippi—Big Wheat Shipment—Other News.

London November 1.—The Chronicle says: Much excitement has been aroused in Rome during the last few days over an alleged haunted house in the Viale della Regina, inhabited for years past by an old couple and their sons. Nothing abnormal occurred until the present week, when heavy thuds began to proceed from the walls of the room, as though struck by invisible hands. Then ornaments were dashed with great force from their brackets onto the floor, and smashed into fragments.

It is said in the newspapers that the youngest son aged 15, had scarcely retired to rest last night, when he was dragged by the feet around the room by these unseen influences, which afterward extended their plan of operations to the portress' lodge, hurling a flatiron that lay on the bed at the unfortunate woman's head, in the presence of several friends. Two carabinieri attracted to the house by the cries of the inmates proceeded to the boy's bedroom and set about investigating the bed, upon touching which they received so severe an electric shock that both are suffering from the effects.

The phenomena then ceased for the night; but today the house has been visited by hundreds, and such as gained admission testify to have witnessed an incessant dance of candles, while flatirons, fresh figs, oil cans, and pepper boxes played at leap frog round the apartment. Finally a cooked joint is said to have issued forth from a locked meat-safe, and after having been chased several times about the room to have sought refuge under a clothes press. A commission of investigation has been appointed, and the enchanted dwelling continues surrounded by an enormous crowd.

Lebanon, Or., Oct. 31.—Harry Vollstedt, the 8-year-old son of Henry Vollstedt, met a horrible death yesterday afternoon, in the burning of his father's residence. Mrs. Vollstedt in attempting to rescue her son, was also badly burned, but it is thought that she will recover. The fire occurred about 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Vollstedt was out in the field at work, and Mrs. Vollstedt had gone out to milk the cows. Mrs. Vollstedt is hard of hearing and did not notice the house was on fire till it was partly consumed. As soon as she saw the flames she ran to the house to try and save her son, who was an invalid and unable to get out himself, but she was unable to reach him. She was badly burned about the face and arms, but still endeavored to get her child, and would have probably been burned up herself had not some neighbors arrived, and taken her from the house.

Mr. Vollstedt soon arrived, but the child and all the contents of the house were entirely consumed. Mrs. Vollstedt was taken to a neighbor's and a physician was summoned, and at last accounts she was resting easy. It is not known how the fire originated.

Sadris, Miss., Nov. 1.—An unknown negro was burned at the stake at Darling, Miss., last night for the murder of E. O. Jackson a millowner named Roselle at Darling, Miss., Wednesday night. Two white men implicated by the negro in his dying confession are being held by a posse pending an investigation. The negro was burned by a mob of 4000 persons, both white and black. Just before the lighting of the funeral pyre, the negro confessed that he had committed the double murder with the assistance of two white men. The motive was robbery and a considerable sum was secured, which the negro stated was divided among the three.

After the burning a posse went in search of the two white men and soon had them captured. They are both held pending an investigation, and it is believed that a

double lynching will follow if guilt is proved conclusively. The names of the prisoners are not known.

Darling, Miss., is a small station on the Lake Cormorant branch of the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley road about 25 miles from this point, and there is no direct telegraphic communication. The news that reached Sadris has come through persons from the neighborhood of the crime, who have been called here on business.

Later it was learned that the two white men were released by the mob, an alibi having been proved, no further trouble is expected tonight.

Portland, Oregon Nov. 1st North Pacific ports in the month closing yesterday broke all previous records for wheat and flour shipments. Portland alone shipped [flour included] 2,256,223 bushels and Seattle and Tacoma combined ran the total for Oregon and Washington ports up to over 5,000,000 bushels, figures that have never before been equaled in this territory. Portland's wheat shipments alone were in excess of 1,550,000 bushels, but the flour shipments from this port were slightly under those of last year. All of the wheat from Portland with the exception of a cargo for South Africa and a cargo for San Francisco went to Europe.

Chicago, Oct. 31.—Two great Dane dogs saved the lives of four persons last night and were then rescued from a burning building in Ashland Avenue by their grateful masters. The dogs apparently became frightened at the smoke and crackling of the flames under them and began to bark. The noise they made awakened Henry and Arthur Hirsch, members of the Calumet Metal Company and J. C. Spokane and Benjamin Barrigan, who were asleep in the building.

As they were leaving the building, Arthur Hirsch suggested to his brother they ought to save the dogs so the two turned back, and groping their way through the smoke, found the two dogs almost overcome. Grasping the dogs by the collars the two men drew them to a rear door, and escaped. The fire caused a loss of \$35,000.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 1.—J. Pierpont Morgan and party arrived here today from Chicago, and were driven to the residence of Ralph W. Hickox. Later Senator Hanna visited the Hickox residence and held a long conference with Mr. Morgan and his associates. Mr. Hanna declined to discuss his interview with Mr. Morgan. He added, however, that the latter was simply in the West on a railroad inspecting tour. The Evening Plain Dealer today said:

"A report which could not be verified was in circulation today that Mr. Morgan's visit to both Chicago and Cleveland was in connection with the proposed combination of all the soft coal interests of the country. For the past two years there has been a gradual merging of the various soft-coal producing concerns until the business, it is said, is now practically in the hands of a comparatively few individuals.

"Negotiations were commenced several days ago to the effect that a consolidation of the Pittsburg Coal Company and the Monongahela Consolidated Coal & Coke Company, two of the largest producing concerns in Western Pennsylvania, which control a very large output of the Pittsburg district.

"The merging of these two companies would mean a capitalization of \$110,000,000, with assets of \$120,088,535. A still larger deal is said to be contemplated, in which not only Senator Hanna but J. P. Morgan is reported to have a direct interest."

Disastrous Wrecks.

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