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## IN GOLD BLOOD

### OLD MAN MURDERS HIS SON-IN-LAW IN SOUTHERN OREGON.

W. R. Shoemaker Had Given Farm to Oliver Sargeant in Return For Cars During the Rest of His Life—Quarrels Were Frequent.

Grant's Pass, Or., Nov. 6.—A cold-blooded murder was committed about two miles from Williams Postoffice this morning by W. R. Shoemaker, who shot and killed Oliver Sargeant, his son-in-law.

Shoemaker and his wife, who are about 70 years of age, live in a little house adjoining the Sargeant home, and the Sargeants were providing for the wants of the old folks in return for the farm having been given over to them. There has been more or less trouble ever since the farm was turned over, and last night there was another quarrel.

This morning Sargeant took the breakfast for the old folks into the house, and when he turned to leave Shoemaker shot him in the back with a revolver that he had secured, the ball passing entirely through his body. Sargeant lived only an hour and a half after the shooting occurred.

The coroner and the sheriff were notified and went to Williams, the Sheriff returning to Grant's Pass tonight with Shoemaker in custody. The old man has for some time past been considered by many as insane at times, but nothing was ever done about it. Sargeant was about 45 years old, and left a wife and several children.

Philadelphia, Nov. 6.—According to the crew of the Philadelphia and New York express, on the Pennsylvania railroad, which left Washington at 6:50 tonight, two unsuccessful attempts were made to hold up the train at Havre de Grace and Perryville, in Maryland, by two men, one of whom was a negro. The men escaped.

The men boarded the train at Baltimore, it is believed. As the train approached the long bridge at Havre de Grace, a white man pierced an opening in the front of the express, and thrusting a revolver through the opening ordered Messenger Carrier to let him in. The messenger replied by firing his revolver and pulling the signal cord.

When the train came to a stop, Conductor Sibley ran forward to the engine, and there found a colored man in the tender, with a revolver in his hand. He ordered the man down. At first he refused but after a short argument he left the tender. Going back to the express car, he told the messenger what had happened, but the white man had disappeared.

The train resumed its journey, and when it reached Perryville, on the further side of the bridge, the two men again appeared, one on the tender and the other on the front platform of the express car. The train was again stopped, but before the two men could be captured they disappeared in the darkness.

London, Nov. 7.—Special dispatches from Chefoo and Tien Tsin report that the defenders of Port Arthur have retired to the Liaoti Hill fort, where they are holding out desperately, entrenched, and with ten guns of large calibre, many Russians, the correspondent asserts, are deserting and surrendering. The Japanese it is added, are advancing with an irresistible energy.

More reliable reports do not confirm these statements, but the Tokio report of the capture of Wantai Hill, a dominating fort within two miles of the railway terminus, shows that the Japanese are making rapid strides.

Bennett Burleigh, the Daily Telegraph's correspondent, reports from Chefoo that there was no fighting on the night of November 5. The troops of the Mikado, he says, have frequently stolen into the native town of Port Arthur after dark, but invariably were driven out at daylight with heavy losses. The Japanese have four large forts facing the Russian works on Rihlung Mountain, and Shanshu Mountain, where they are mounting naval guns on stone foundations.

Mukden dispatches to Berlin state that the Russian commanders are preparing their men to hear of the fall of Port Arthur.

Deranch, Wyo., Nov. 4.—Sheriff Slough, of Fremont county, and Sheriff Fenton and posse, of Big Horn, arrived here shortly after sundown, having found the trail of the Gody bank robbers again and found it to the very heart of the bad lands. They are now not more than ten miles behind the outlaws. Reliable information has been received here that the bandits have taken refuge at the ranchhouse of a sympathizer near the notorious Hole-in-the-Wall rendezvous, southwest of this place, and do not know that the officers have followed them thus far.

Sheriff Fenton, who is directing the movement against the desperadoes, has asked for reinforcements from Casper, 100 miles south of here, and a telephone message was received late to night stating that Sheriff Webb and a large posse had started for the scene. Fenton and his men will do a little scouting quietly tonight and tomorrow to see that the outlaws do not leave their hiding-places before Webb and his party arrive. Should the outlaws become alarmed and attempt to leave the country, Sheriff Webb will be advised at Wolton, Loet Cabin or one of the smaller stations on the telephone line, and an effort will be made to intercept the bandits at the eastern exit of the Hole-in-the-Wall. Should the robbers attempt to doubt's back on their trail and escape by the only other exit from the Hole, the route they followed in entering the rendezvous they will be attacked by Fenton and his party near this place.

A bloody battle is certain to occur during the next 36 hours, either at the eastern or western exit of the Hole, or in the vicinity of the present hiding place of the outlaws. Should the bandits remain in ignorance of the plans to bottle them up at the rendezvous, then the fight will occur at the ranch home of their friends, for the two posses from the east and west will combine forces as soon as Webb arrives and close in on the bandits at once.

The officers here are completely worn out, but are anxious for the fight. They will get almost 24 hours' rest, however, if present plans carry, and will be in prime shape for the battle when Webb arrives.

Portland, No. 6.—Oregonian: The Henry Weinhard estate, through Paul Wessinger and Henry Wagner, sons-in-law and executors of the will of the late brewer, yesterday made a presentation of money to all of the employees in the brewery, ranging from \$75 dollars up, according to the length of time of the service of each recipient. As the majority of those thus favored have been with the concern a long time, nearly all of the gifts were large, \$1,000 and over in many cases.

There are but few men in the brewery who came there recently, within a year or less, and these are the ones who ranged in the \$75 class. Those who have worked in the brewery for many years were paid the large sums. The time of service of quite a number of men extended back as far as ten to 15 years in many instances, and one man has held a leading position in the office for 30 years. Even those whose time of service has been very brief were not forgotten.

The employees were called into the office at 5 o'clock to receive their wages, and besides the regular amount due each one was handed an extra envelope by Mr. Henry Wagner containing the present, with the remark, "This is a remembrance from papa to you."

The men, who were all joyfully surprised expressed their thanks most heartily, and afterwards held an informal reception together, in which mutual congratulations were bestowed on one another, and a vote of appreciation was tendered to Messrs. Wessinger and Wagner. The best of good feeling always existed between the men in the brewery and the late Henry Weinhard.

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## ANOTHER FORT TAKEN.

### RUSSIANS AT PORT ARTHUR ABANDONS WANTAI HILL.

Fort an Important Position—Japanese Also Report That Two of the Enemy's Ships Have Been Destroyed.

Tokio, Nov. 5.—It is reported that the Japanese have occupied Wantai Hill, sunk several transports, and have set fire to a battle ship at Port Arthur.

It is known that a vigorous bombardment with naval guns was delivered at noon, November third against the east harbor, dockyard and other points, as a result of which a fierce conflagration occurred near the east harbor. The fire raged from 12:15 p. m. to 4 o'clock. The same day the fire of large calibre guns was directed against "H" fort at a height of 200 yards, and the northwest watch tower. Heavy damage was caused by the bombardment on both the fort and the tower. A Russian field gun placed at a vital point east of Keekwan Mountain was struck by a Japanese shell and destroyed.

To night there was published a series of reports from the besieging forces at Port Arthur covering recent operations. These reports show that the Japanese vigorously continue to press the attack, and that they are using heavy artillery to batter down the Russian defenses, following the artillery fire with valorous infantry rushes.

As a result of the five days' fighting the Japanese have made a number of distinct gains, materially shortening the defensive power of the garrison. The reports are as follows, in the order in which they were received at army headquarters:

Received October 31:  
"Our army, from early in the morning of October 30, constituted a bombardment with large and small siege and naval guns. At 1 o'clock in the afternoon our forces in all directions assumed the advance in attack formation. A portion of our center and right advanced against Sanchow and Rihlung Mountains, and against the north fort of the east group on Keekwan Mountain, and by sundown took possession of their countercarps and destroyed some machine guns, which had been used to flank the defense."

"Another portion of the center charged at 1 o'clock in the afternoon against "P" fort lying between the north fort of the East Keekwan Mountain group and the east fort of Panlung Mountain, and despite the vigorous fire of the enemy succeeded in taking possession of the fort. At 2 o'clock our troops immediately commenced defending the fort.

"During the evening the enemy repeatedly counter-attacked, and by 10:30 o'clock the fort had to be abandoned. Undaunted by the failure to hold the fort, General Ichinohe, personally leading his men, advanced against the enemy, and at 11 o'clock retook the fort and made its possession certain.

"Our left at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, delivered an assault against the eastern groups of forts, on Keekwan Mountain and two of the neighboring forts, and captured a fort lying northwest of the East Keekwan Mountain group."

Received November 1:  
"October 31, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, our left delivered an assault against the north fort of the eastern group on Keekwan Mountain. A portion of the column, on reaching the eastern countercarp, engaged in the work of fortifying that place.

"P" fort and the fort northwest of the eastern group of Keekwan forts, which were taken on October 30, now proves to be firmly in our possession.

The work of the attack against the outer parapets of the forts is progressing well.  
"Also on October 31 the harbor and dockyard were bombarded with heavy and naval guns. The Russian gunboat Gilliak was hit several times, and our shells sunk two steamers of about 3500 tons each.  
"A somewhat extensive conflagration occurred in the vicinity of

the pier, sending up a great volume of smoke.

"At 8 o'clock on the evening of October 31 the enemy attempted an attack against the extreme right of our army, but he was completely repulsed by midnight." (Wanton Hill is one of the extensive semicircle of forts defending Port Arthur. It is situated in about the center of the semicircle between the Antse Mountain forts and Sunchow fort, which is situated on an adjoining hill. The capture of Wantai Hill, it has been pointed out in dispatches from Port Arthur, means the dividing of the eastern fortified ridge. The Japanese had previously and unsuccessfully attacked Wantai Hill, particularly during the latter part of August.)

Charlottesville, Nov. 5.—D. J. Samuel McCue, for two terms mayor of Charlottesville, and for many years a lawyer at the bar before which he was tried, was today found guilty of murder in the first degree on the charge of having killed his wife. This carries the death penalty.

When the verdict was read McCue showed no signs of emotion, but when his little daughter, with eyes reddened by crying, climbed onto his lap and his relatives moved near him, tears streamed down the defendant's cheeks and the anguish he felt was depicted on his face.

The verdict was received in silence by the throng, which obeyed the courts injunction that there must be no demonstration.

The crime was committed on the night of September 4 last. Mr. and Mrs. McCue had gone to church, returning home about 9 p. m. Shortly afterwards Mrs. McCue's body, clad in a night robe, was found in a bath tub filled with water. Mr. McCue said that he had been knocked senseless and his wife probably killed by some one who had entered their house while they were away.

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