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KILLED AT A DANCE

Hood River Man Shot While Eating With Friends.

JEALOUSY SUPPOSED MOTIVE

Assassin Fired Through a Window and Escaped in the Darkness—Authorities Watching a Suspect.

E. Benjamin, a logger, 35 years old, who lives near Hood River, Or., was shot to death at a dance at Underwood's Landing, Skamania County, between 12 and 1 o'clock yesterday morning. Benjamin and several of the dancers were seated at table and the assassin fired through a window from the outside. No trace of the murderer has been found. A man with whom Benjamin is believed to have had trouble is suspected and the Washington authorities are watching him. The motive is supposed to have been jealousy, growing out of a love affair.

CHARGED WITH KIDNAPING

Merchant Disappears With 13-Year-Old Girl.

MOBILE, Ala., March 24.—W. H. Stevens, aged 55, a merchant of Lucedale, Miss., is being searched for by the authorities. Stevens is charged with having kidnapped the 13-year-old daughter of B. M. Stevens, of Lucedale. It is charged that Stevens boarded with the family and on Wednesday took the girl to Mobile. With them was J. A. Freeman, who has been arrested on the charge of assisting in the affair. Freeman says Stevens and the girl intended getting married, but on Saturday night the ceremony had not been performed so far as is known here. The local officers went to the place where Stevens and the girl had been staying, but they had left. The father of the girl and a number of friends are assisting in the search for her and Stevens.

Threatened by Kidnapers.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 24.—"Kidnapers and Dynamiters" is the signature to a letter received by Joseph Schneider of this city on Friday. The letter informed Mr. Schneider that unless he placed \$300 at a certain spot in Cumberland Park by Saturday afternoon, one of his children would be kidnapped or his house blown up with dynamite. No harm has yet come to the Schneider home, although the demands were not complied with. The police are at work on the case.

Kidnapers Demand \$700.

MILWAUKEE, March 24.—The police department reports tonight that J. M. Morgan, a prominent real estate man of this city, recently received a letter from some one, threatening to kidnap one of his children unless he handed over \$700. The letter contained a reference to two miles in which Mr. Morgan is interested. Mr. Morgan turned the letter over to the police.

THE DEATH ROLL.

Lorin Biogditch, Statistician.

PHILADELPHIA, March 24.—Lorin Biogditch, eminent statistician, and one of the foremost authorities on the higher economic, died in this city today, aged 73 years. He was a graduate of the Geneva, now Hobart College. In 1881 he was an assistant in the Smithsonian Institution at Washington. His works on atmospheric physics were among the first published in this country. In 1883 he took charge of the financial and statistical division of the Treasury Department, and later became general appraiser of customs in this city. Subsequently he was made chief of the customs division of the treasury.

Frank B. Wright, Publisher.

CINCINNATI, March 24.—Frank B. Wright, publisher of the Cincinnati Enquirer, died suddenly today, aged 42 years. His wife died of pneumonia at 8 o'clock this morning. He had been worried about her while afflicted with pneumonia himself, and died in a few hours after his wife expired.

One of Organizers of Foresters.

CHICAGO, March 24.—William Dorman, one of the organizers in 1883 of the Catholic Order of Foresters, died here tonight. Mr. Dorman was superintendent of the mining department of the Chicago Record and Daily News.

Judge Joseph M. Bartholomew.

BISMARCK, N. D., March 24.—Judge Joseph M. Bartholomew, for 10 years Justice of the Supreme Court of this state, dropped dead today.

Mrs. Narcissa South Fitzpatrick.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 24.—Mrs. Narcissa South Fitzpatrick, wife of ex-Congressman Fitzpatrick, died here today of pneumonia.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT NEWS.

Domestic.

New Jersey village was destroyed by burning of the interior of the wreck of a coal and oil train. Page 1.

New York Republicans declare there will be no police legislation—a triumph for Governor Odgers for postponing the Car to consider grievances of the students. Page 1.

Mrs. Nation was escorted from grounds of Kansas Soldiers' Home to train by police. Page 1.

Insurgents will be given 30 days' extension of time to take advantage of the law regulating voting and office-holding. Page 1.

It is generally conceded that the Platt amendment will be approved. Page 1.

Foreign.

Gravity of the Russian student troubles impelled the Car to call a special meeting of the Ministers. Page 1.

Recalcitrant students are not to be drafted into the army for a time. Page 1.

Students plan to take the life of Car. Page 1.

Russia agrees with Great Britain to let Von Walderssee arbitrate the Tien Tsin dispute. Page 1.

Cases removes British Collector of Customs, which causes a protest. Page 2.

Pacific Coast.

Governor Rogers vetoes Washington bill for county instead of state uniformity of textbooks. Page 2.

SITUATION SERIOUS

Ministers Consider Russian Student Troubles.

CZAR CALLED THE MEETING

Law Drafting Recalcitrants Into the Army Will Not Be Enforced—Renewed Demonstrations Expected Today.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 24.—The political situation is so serious that Emperor Nicholas held a meeting of the Ministers to consider the state of public

Ministers' Course Is Wise.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 24.—The decision of the Council of Ministers is regarded as a step in the right direction, because it is an attempt at a partial remedy for the grievances of the students.

EXTENDED TO MAY FIRST.

Law That Filipino in Rebellion Cannot Vote or Hold Office.

MANILA, March 24.—The municipal code provides that those in rebellion after April 1 shall be ineligible henceforth to vote or hold office. Upon the request of General Trias, who is winding up the remnants of insurrection, the Philippine Commission has extended the date to May 1. The Philippine Commission has called from Ilo Ilo for Jolo to make a three days' visit and to endeavor to come to an amicable agreement with the Sultan regarding various measures. There will be no legislation. According to treaty the Sultan's government controls the Sulu group.

Approval of Platt Amendment.

HAVANA, March 24.—The action of the

A RIVER OF FIRE

Flaming Oil Destroyed New Jersey Village.

COAL AND OIL TRAIN WRECKED

Crash Caused Explosion and Petroleum at Once Ignited and Went Leaping Through Streets—No Lives Were Lost.

NEW YORK, March 24.—A river of flaming oil swept down upon the little village of Glen Gardner, N. J., while its inhabitants were asleep this morning, and reduced 11 buildings, stores and residences to ashes. The conflagration was extraordinary in character, and in its origin. The village is in a valley along the line of the New Jersey Central Railroad. An immense freight train was coming east at 6:30 A. M. It was composed of a string of coal cars, and 18 tank cars. High above the village the tracks of the railroad run along the side of a mountain. They descend as they approach the village, but even at the station are considerably above the main street, which runs up to the depot at a steep incline.

PROHIBITIONIST NATIONAL CHAIRMAN.

OLIVER W. STEWART, OF ILLINOIS.

Oliver W. Stewart, National Chairman of the Prohibition party, will visit Portland this week. Tomorrow evening he will deliver an address in A. O. U. W. Hall. Mr. Stewart is spoken of very highly, both as an orator, and as a man of worth and energy. Rev. J. P. Gormley, of this city, says of him: "I take this opportunity in saying to the people of this city, whether they agree with Mr. Stewart in his methods of suppressing the liquor traffic or not, if they fail to hear him they will miss a rare opportunity of hearing one of the most brilliant orators on the American platform, and one who stands in the very vanguard of the party which he represents. Having known Mr. Stewart for many years, I know whereof I speak."

Mr. Stewart was born in Illinois, in 1857. During his college life at Eureka, he was very active in prohibition work, attending the Illinois state convention in 1888 and 1890, and winning the National prohibition oratorical contest at Decatur, Ill., in 1889. He was the Prohibition candidate for Congress in the Ninth Illinois district in 1890. Then for five years he gave his time to religious work, at Mackinaw, Ill. For two years he was secretary of the Christian Endeavor Union of the state, was elected its president in 1895, and re-elected in 1896. During his presidency he addressed nearly every district and county convention in the state. He was the founder of the Illinois News, and is said to have attended every party convention held in his state since 1888. He was elected a member of the Illinois state committee in 1894, chairman of the state executive committee in 1896, and of the state central committee in 1898. He was permanent chairman of his own state convention in 1896, and also of the National convention at Pittsburg the same year.

STORM IN COLORADO.

Cattlemen Have Already Suffered Loss—Traffic Is Blocked.

DENVER, Colo., March 24.—A storm has prevailed all over Colorado today, in some places reaching the proportions of a blizzard. Snow has fallen to a depth from three to 10 inches. The storm still continues with severity in the mountains, blocking railroads and traffic generally. Already cattlemen have suffered loss and fears are entertained that the loss will be greatly increased before the storm is ended. All trains from the East are delayed, and the Union Pacific and Burlington main lines are blocked with snow. Three passenger trains are held at Ogallala, and debris west of there have not been raised after hard work with snow plows. The Burlington main line to the northwest is tied up west and east of Alliance, and all trains are held. The storm in Western Nebraska is the worst in years, and will cause great damage to stock interests. Snow is reported from four to 12 inches deep with a strong wind blowing. Eastern Nebraska is drenched with rain. Reports from Long Pine, Neb., show that the Elkhorn road is blocked and all trains are tied up.

Trains Blocked in Nebraska.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 23.—Reports from Alliance and Ogallala early this (Monday) morning indicated that the Union Pacific and Burlington main lines are blocked with snow. Three passenger trains are held at Ogallala, and debris west of there have not been raised after hard work with snow plows. The Burlington main line to the northwest is tied up west and east of Alliance, and all trains are held. The storm in Western Nebraska is the worst in years, and will cause great damage to stock interests. Snow is reported from four to 12 inches deep with a strong wind blowing. Eastern Nebraska is drenched with rain. Reports from Long Pine, Neb., show that the Elkhorn road is blocked and all trains are tied up.

Will of the Late Henry D. Van Wyck.

NORFOLK, Va., March 24.—The will of the late Henry Dubois Van Wyck, formerly of New York, proprietor of the Academy of Music here, leaves sums of from \$500 to \$1,000 to his friends and faithful employees. He makes the City of Norfolk a partial residuary legatee for the purpose of extending the public library. The gift will materially aid the city in complying with the terms of Mr. Carnegie's recent offer.

Found Dead in His Room.

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 24.—W. P. Evans, a rolling mill proprietor of Versailles, Ky., was found dead stretched out on the floor of a room at the Palace Hotel today. He had broken his nose and the coroner pronounced the injury due to a fall. Evans was aged 60, and came from Wales in 1885. He was wealthy, and was reputed to be connected with a titled family.

Severe Fighting in Transvaal.

CAPE TOWN, March 24.—Severe fighting occurred Friday, March 23, between the British and Boers at Hartbeestfontein, east of Klerksdorp, Transvaal.

Plot Against Life of Car.

Student Who Drew Fatal Lot Gave Out Information.

LONDON, March 24.—The Daily Mail publishes the following dated March 21, from its St. Petersburg correspondent: "Yesterday 28 workmen from the Obuchovsk National Works paraded on the Nevsky Prospekt. On their way thither they demolished the state brandy booths. Eight hundred Cossacks with drawn swords met the workmen and a sanguinary encounter ensued. The number of killed and wounded is kept secret. "The police have discovered a plot against the life of the Car. It appears that a group of students drew lots and that the fatal choice fell to the son of a famous General. The boy told his father and the latter told the Car, imploring him to leave St. Petersburg."

The Daily Express correspondent at St. Petersburg says: "In the last encounter at Narva Gate,