

MURDER, NOT DUEL, CAUSE OF DEATH

Post-Mortem on Hiett and Dale Startling.

SHERIFF'S FORGES AT WORK

Coroner Will Hold Inquest on Bodies Today.

INJURIES QUICKLY FATAL

Double Tragedy Proves One of Most Baffling Mysteries Ever Known in Multnomah County—Property Gone.

Evidence, seemingly incontrovertible, that John Dale and Oscar Hiett were the victims of a dastardly murder by an unknown assassin on the lonely hunting preserve near St. John, Sunday, was developed late last night at the conclusion of a minute post-mortem examination of the two bodies. It was found that from the nature of their wounds, neither could possibly have moved after being struck. And the relative position of the bodies when found eliminates any theory that their injuries might have been inflicted simultaneously.

As a result of this unexpected development, Deputy Coroner Dunning will hold an inquest today and Sheriff Stevens has assigned every available man of his department in the work of ferreting out the murderer or murderers of the two men. Notwithstanding the fact that much additional evidence had been secured, tending to show enmity between Hiett and Dale, and the probability of a fatal duel occurring between them, Drs. C. J. McCusker and F. H. Deamann, found, through the post mortem examination, that it was impossible for them to have killed each other.

Could Not Have Swung Ax. In the examination of Hiett's brain, it was found that one edge had completely perforated the crura cerebri, which controls the motory and sensory functions. The effect of such a wound would be the instantaneous paralyzing of the victim. But one motion would be possible to him and that would be the involuntary movement of falling to the ground. It is said there is no record in medical science where any human being ever moved after receiving such a wound. This it is shown that Hiett had no power to use an ax on Dale after being shot. Dale's wound was even more severe. The entire left side of his head was found to be completely broken in. Instead of the injury being inflicted by the blade of the ax, it was the result of a terrific blow from the flat side of the ax. The bones of the head as far down as the left jaw were found to be shattered. The blow that did this must have been struck by a man possessed of vigorous strength. It could not have been effected by a man whose brain was perforated by a bird shot. Dale's end was instantaneous.

Most Baffling Mystery. That the shot and the ax wounds could not have been delivered at the same time by the two men there can be no doubt. There were no powder burns on Hiett. The shot that ended his life was fired from a distance of not less than 25 feet. This is proved conclusively by the fact that the missiles scattered a great deal and the 16-bore shotgun used is of close pattern.

FIFTY MINERS IN RACE WITH DEATH

DIG IN SOFT EARTH TO SAVE TWO OTHERS.

Slender Pipe Gives Air Through Cave-In, While Water Rises Slowly About Prisoners.

SALT LAKE CITY, March 9.—Imprisoned in the tunnel of the St. Patrick's mines, in Hughes Canyon, above Murray, with all escape cut off by a cave-in, which has closed the tunnel, George and Jerry Peterson, brothers, are in hourly peril of death, while 50 men are working in what seems to be a fruitless attempt to save them.

ROAD TO GIRDLE NE WYORK

European Financiers Behind Proposed Belt Line.

NEW YORK, March 9.—The scramble for rapid transit railroad rights in New York City took a fresh turn today, when William J. Wilgus, formerly vice-president of the New York Central Railroad, presented to the Public Service Commission plans for an extensive "inter-terminal belt line," which he said a number of associates purpose to build for the transportation of both passengers and freight.

OLD AGE PENSION BILL

Ex-Senator Hinds Favors Aid for All Citizens Over 60.

BOSTON, March 9.—In connection with a movement to establish an old-age pension, ex-Senator C. W. Hinds, of Mississippi, is in Boston. Mr. Hinds has embodied his views in a bill, which, together with a strong petition bearing the names of citizens in all parts of the country, he proposes to present to the coming extra session of Congress.

BANKERS DISCOVER GHOSTS

Several People Assumed Names of Dead Financiers at Last Meeting.

DENVER, March 9.—Officers of the American Bankers' Association have just discovered that "real live ghosts" walked at the annual convention of the association which was held in Denver last November. It has been found that the names of at least a dozen bankers in various parts of the country who have been dead for several years, were assumed by unknown persons, who registered at the convention, answered to roll-calls, voted on resolutions and accepted the hospitality of the bankers of Denver, the majority of the receptions and excursions arranged in honor of the visiting bankers.

KEENE REFUSES TO TELL

Tells Investigators He Can't Inform Them on Wall Street.

NEW YORK, March 9.—At the meeting today of the committee investigating the New York exchanges, Horace White, the chairman, announced the receipt of a letter from James R. Keene, the Wall-street operator, declining to appear before the committee and tell what he knew about stock exchange manipulation. Mr. Keene said he did not believe he could give any information "which would aid the committee's store of knowledge."

FORGED RAILROAD TICKETS

Daughter of Maine Merchant and Four Men in Gotham Toils.

NEW YORK, March 9.—Mrs. Helen Torrens, who is said to be the daughter of Simon Leopold, a merchant of Bangor, Me., was arraigned in court today with her husband, Henry J. Torrens, and three other men, all charged with the forgery of 25,000 tickets of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company. Each was held in \$5000 bail for further hearing.

DEAD EXCEED 30; LOSS \$1,000,000

Disastrous Effect of Brinkley Tornado.

ONLY ONE BUILDING STANDS

Catholic Church Made Hospital for Injured.

EVERY HOUSE IN RUINS

Arkansians Hasten to Aid Town Which is Destroyed by Few Minutes' Furious Wind. Trains Pour in Relief.

BRINKLEY, Ark., March 9.—Thirty or more lives were lost, 60 people were injured and property worth \$1,000,000 destroyed as a result of the tornado that wrecked this town last night. Of the dead, 14 are white people, as follows: ISAAC REED, MRS. ISAAC REED, RUSSELL REED, RAYMOND REED, FORTY FORTY, J. L. STARRETT, HARRY STOVALL, JR., MRS. ETHEL PHILLIPS, MRS. BESSIE BARGIN, TWO CHILDREN OF MRS. DARDEN, CHARLES FLENZE, UNIDENTIFIED MAN. Many women were among the seriously injured.

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BUY WRIGHT'S AEROPLANE

British War Office Soon to Make Offer to Him.

LONDON, March 10.—The Daily Mail asserts that the British War Office soon will make an offer for the purchase of one of Wilbur Wright's aeroplanes.

SIX DEAD; EIGHT INJURED

Little Rock Suffers Severely in Path of Tornado.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 9.—Six dead and eight injured are reported in United States and report to Congress. (Continued on Page 4.)

ETHEL BARRYMORE TO MARRY IN HUB

WILL REMAIN ON STAGE AFTER CEREMONY.

Russell Griswold Colt, Son of Millionaire Rubber Manufacturer, Wins Fair Actress.

BOSTON, Mass., March 9.—(Special.)—Miss Ethel Barrymore is to be married here next Sunday to Russell Griswold Colt, eldest son of Colonel Samuel Pomeroy Colt, president of the

FAIR ACTRESS TO WED.



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SAY, YOU, MOVE ON!



CANNOT INVOLVE TAFT IN QUARREL

President Sidesteps House Factions.

HEARS INSURGENTS' APPEAL

Disturbed by Rumor Taft is on Cannon's Side.

PROMISE NOT TO OBSTRUCT

Will Not Filibuster or Fight Continuance of Present Committee, Though Payne Fears Delay to New Tariff.

WASHINGTON, March 9.—President Taft was given an opportunity today to declare himself on the insurgent movement to revise the house rules. Diplomatically he sidestepped announcing how he stood, but in doing so he missed lunch, and about half of the concert of Mrs. Eames, which he was scheduled to attend in company with Mrs. Taft and their guests. Representative Payne, of New York, chairman of the committee on ways and means, sought the support of Mr. Taft for the existing order of things, and the insurgent cause was advocated by Representatives Gardner, of Massachusetts, Madison of Kansas and Nelson of Wisconsin.

Rumor Stirs up Insurgents.

The visit of the insurgent delegation consumed most of the afternoon. The three insurgents had heard it charged that Mr. Taft intended to join hands with the House organization in the interest of getting the tariff bill through quickly. Greatly disturbed, they hurried to the White House to urge Mr. Taft to take a neutral position and leave the fighting to them. When they came out of the executive offices, Mr. Gardner declared with an exhibition of confidence that the insurgents were no longer in a compromising mood.

"We are firmly impressed that Mr. Taft is not opposed to a change of the rules," said Mr. Gardner, "but is a little fearful that a contest now would interfere with the passage of the tariff bill." No Danger to Revision. Mr. Madison tried to show the President that there was no such danger in the fight they were conducting. He said he had told Mr. Taft that he and his colleagues were not disposed to interfere with the continuance of the present ways and means committee, and that he thought he could promise that no objection would be made to the continuance of the old committee on any subject on which the President felt inclined to ask for legislation at the present session.

The insurgents also promised that they would not filibuster against legislation if they made their fight and lost. By these conciliatory promises Mr. Madison said he did not mean that the fight would be abandoned if lost now. He said the in-

BRYAN SUPPORTED MARRIED DAUGHTER

ARTIST HUSBAND NEVER PROVIDED FUNDS.

Ruth Bryan Leavitt Given Divorce and Custody of Two Children Without Contest.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 9.—Ruth Bryan Leavitt, the eldest daughter of William Jennings Bryan, was today given a divorce from W. H. Leavitt, the charges being non-support. The court awarded the custody of the two children to the mother. Leavitt did not contest the suit.

Mrs. Leavitt testified that her husband, though able-bodied and capable in his profession as a painter, had failed to provide sufficiently to maintain herself and her children. She testified that it became necessary soon after her marriage, in October, 1903, for her parents to contribute to her support and that on one occasion her father gave her \$5000, the enjoyment of which was shared by her husband. "My parents even helped us to furnish the home that we established in Denver four years ago," Mrs. Leavitt asserted on the stand. "Mr. Leavitt has been in Paris a year and a half and has sent me nothing toward the support of myself and my children. The burden has fallen on my parents. But for their aid I should have been in want."

BAD HORSE ON CUSTOMERS

Grocer Who Sold Equine Sausages Comes to Grief, Too.

CHICAGO, March 9.—(Special.)—J. J. Schmidt, a butcher at Chicago Heights, was found guilty today in Judge Kevsten's court of selling diseased horse flesh which had been made up in sausage. The conviction followed an investigation started by butchers in Chicago (Bright and Harvey, who were unable to understand why Schmidt could sell his product at a lower price than they could afford. Schmidt's sausages were said to have gained such a reputation for awesomeness of flavor that he was able to sell great quantities. This is believed to have caused the enmity of his competitors, with the result that they examined his product. The butcher was convicted under the state law prohibiting the sale of diseased cattle. The penalty is a year in jail, and a fine of \$1000. Schmidt's attorneys entered a motion for a new trial. Assistant State's Attorney George Gunther prosecuted the case.

PARKMAN WAS PERSECUTED

Startling Testimony in Defense of Lieutenant at Court-Martial.

MISSOULA, Mont., March 9.—That Lieutenant Wallace E. Parkman, now on trial before a court-martial at Fort Missoula, charged with having disobeyed orders and with conduct unbecoming an officer, has been suffering persecution at the hands of his superior officer, Captain L. C. Duncan, for six months or more, was the sworn testimony of Major J. H. Beacom and several other officers who were witnesses for the defense before the court today.

HUSBAND AND CASH GONE

Bride of a Week Loses \$1800 and Idol of Her Heart.

BUTTE, Mont., March 9.—(Special.)—After one week of wedded bliss Michael Smith has disappeared, according to his wife. To Justice Michael Egan she also stated this morning, with tears streaming from her eyes, that \$1800, every penny she had and which she had secreted in the kitchen of their home, has also disappeared. She filed no charges against her husband, merely asking that he be found if possible.

OPPOSE TAFT TAX SCHEME

Connecticut Objects to Federal Inheritance Tax.

HARTFORD, Conn., March 9.—Resolutions opposing President Taft's suggestion for a Federal inheritance tax as a means of raising revenues were introduced in the Connecticut General Assembly today. The resolutions declare that the taxation of inheritances should be left to the states, that it is a source of revenue for their exclusive benefit.

CONGO BUTCHER IS GUILTY

Arnold Convicted of Atrocities and Sentenced to Prison.

BRUSSELS, March 9.—Lieutenant Arnold of the Belgian army, who was at one time denounced by missionaries for burning and pillaging villages and for assassinations and other atrocities in the Congo, has been found guilty of a series of charges of this nature and sentenced to 12 years' imprisonment.

BRYAN MEASURE PASSED

Nebraska Legislative House Adopts Bank Guaranty Bill.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 9.—The lower house of the Legislature passed today the bank deposit guaranty bill, framed by a joint committee of the two houses. The measure is one of the issues which W. J. Bryan declared to be paramount in the Nebraska campaign last fall.

AMERICAN BRIDE FOR COUNT THOSS

Daughter of Ambassador White Engaged.

WON BY ARDENT COURTSHIP

Handsome Prussian Cuirassier Her Choice.

RESULT OF BERLIN VISIT

He Follows Fair Muriel White to Paris and is Accepted—Has Extensive Estates and is Man of Good Qualities.

PARIS, March 9.—The engagement was announced today of Muriel White, daughter of Henry White, the American Ambassador, to Count Hermann Scherr-Thoss, an officer of the general Prussian cuirassiers. Miss White met the Count only a few weeks ago, while visiting Mrs. Reynolds Hill, wife of the secretary of the Embassy at Berlin. Mr. and Mrs. White were at that time at Nice, entertaining the officers of the American fleet. The couple saw much of each other during Miss White's short visit to Berlin and the Count followed the young woman back to Paris, where he pressed his suit with such ardor that the engagement was announced today. The Count is the eldest of four sons of Count and Countess Scherr-Thoss, of Dobrow, Prussian Silesia, and is heir to both the title and extensive estates which the family owns in Silesia. He will succeed also to the hereditary peerage in the Prussian House of Lords, held now by his father. The Count is 28 and Miss White 25 years of age. The date of the marriage has not yet been fixed, but it probably will occur in May. The young couple will live in one of the family chateaux in Silesia. Count Scherr-Thoss is described as a handsome officer of sterling qualities. He served for a time as an attaché to the embassy at Vienna and Prince von Radolin, the German Ambassador here, and his wife consider him an exceptionally capable man with a brilliant future. In spite of the suddenness of the Count's wooing, Mr. and Mrs. White appear to be completely reconciled to the match.

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