MONTANA COWBOY KILLS 4 AND SELF

Murder of Four Other Persons Feared as Result of Insane Fury.

YOUNG WIFE FIRST VICTIM

Dweller in Remote District, Made Insane by Family Quarrels, Rides 50 Miles, Wreaking Vengeance on Hated Relatives.

BILLINGS, Mont., April 6.—Cliff Roots, a cowboy and freighter, residing about 40 miles north of here, ran amuck yesterday with a rope and a revolver and, after killing his young bride of a few weeks, her brother, Andrew Rehder, his own stepson, James Bridges, and his wife's sister, Mrs. W. S. Thompson, committed suicide. Roots is thought to have been temporarily insane as a result of domestic troubles and suffering due to an injury received in a fall from a horse early in the Winter.

After mounting his horse, Roots threw a rope around his wife's neck and dragged her at a gallop over his ranch until the back of her head had been crushed by striking against stones. He dragged the body back to the ranch house and left it in the stable, where it was found by officers today. The immediate cause for the act is not known.

Death-Dealing Ride Made.

Rehder was playing cards with a friend when Roots rode up and fired three shots through the door, killing Rehder instantly, and tearing off one of his companion's ears. Roots then went to the ranch of James Bridges, son of his first wife, and shot him to death without warning. From there he rode to the ranch of Mrs. W. S. Thompson, widowed sister of his first wife and shot her dead. Returning to his own ranch, Roots went into a field and blew out his brains.

A note found by officers, addressed to his former wife and written presumably after he had killed his second wife, stated that, as she had taken his boy from him, he would take her boy from her. When his first wife was granted a divorce, she was given custody of their 8-year-old son and he had been trying ever since to have the boy returned to him.

Another son by the first wife, living in a remote section of the Bull Mountains, has not been heard from and it is thought that Roots has murdered him. It is also feared that Ralph Bridges, his wife and baby have been killed. Cowboys have started to Bull Mountain ranch, but are not expected to return until tomorrow.

Roots covered at least 50 miles, using two horses while perpetrating his wholesale murders.

Mixed Relations Cause Feud.

Roots was born in Trenton, Mo., coming to Montana in the '80s. He was a cowboy and freighter, plying between Billings and points north of here before the advent of the railroads. His life on the open range and constant use of firearms made him an excellent shot and it was with some feeling of relief that the reports of the finding of his body were received.

He was first married when he was 22 years old to the widow of his half-brother. His second wife was a sister-in-law to one of his stepsons. This mixed relationship is believed to have been the cause of the ill-feeling between Roots and his second wife's brother.

BURGLARIES MADE CLEAR

Negro Janitor With Mania for Collecting Clothing Confesses.

Seven petty burglaries, committed within the past few weeks, were cleared up yesterday when Detectives Endicott and Sloan arrested Howard Leek, a negro janitor, who confessed when he found that a strong circumstantial case had been laid against him.

Leek broke into and robbed the North-Bank Restaurant, on Hoyt street, four times, looting the slot machines and taking articles of clothing. In fact, collection of clothing appeared to be his mania, as, in addition to the burglaries at the restaurant, all the charges against him are of robbing cleaning establishments.

His last crime was committed Wednesday night, when he broke into the Vienna cleaning works, 236 Third street, and stole 13 suits and three suitcases. Prior to that he had committed similar acts at a cleaning establishment on Yamhill street, one on the East Side and one on Madison street. Much of the stolen property was recovered by the detectives.

EYESHADE BURNS WEARER

Explosion of Celluloid Endangers Sight of Architect.

The explosion of a celluloid shade, which Otto Kleemann, an architect, wore over his eyes when at work in his office, at 144 East Fourteenth street yesterday, nearly caused him the loss of his eyes. As it was he suffered slight burns and his eyebrows were singed off. His spectacles saved his eyes, it is thought.

Mr. Kleemann was lighting a cigar when a spark from the match came in contact with the celluloid shade, followed by an instant explosion. Mr. Kleemann seized the burning shade and threw it into a corner of the room.

ABERDEEN SOCIALISTS OUT

Parks, Republican, Elected Mayor by Large Majority.

ABERDEEN, Wash., April 6.—(Special.)—James W. Parks, the regular Republican nominee was elected Mayor of Aberdeen for the ensuing two years Tuesday over Max Korn, Socialist, by an overwhelming majority. Every nominee of the primary was elected.

The contest today was over Mayor, City Clerk, City Treasurer and one Councilman from each of the six wards in the city. This was the first time the Socialists put a ticket in the field.

GUN SHOW IS REALISTIC

Illustration of How Revolver Operates Given—Negro Shot.

The intricacy and action of an automatic revolver were illustrated to Enock Fincher, negro porter in the Rainier Hotel, last night by Albert Creed and Ed Faulkner, who operate compressed air drills at the new Oregon Water Power dam. Fincher was shot through the leg.

Creed and Faulkner summoned Fincher to their room to show him an automatic revolver they had purchased. Fincher was very much interested in the gun and closely watched every move.

Bang!

Fincher's eyes bulged and he jumped toward the ceiling. There was a period of silence. Suddenly Fincher grasped his leg and yelled:

"You shot me."

Both Creed and Faulkner protested to the contrary and explained that such an unfortunate circumstance could not have happened with an automatic revolver.

"Don't I know when I'm shot?" queried Fincher, and he bolted for the door and almost tumbled down stairs.

A doctor was summoned and found that Fincher had been shot through the thigh but was not seriously injured. In the meantime Detectives Carpenter and Price arrested Creed and Faulkner on a charge of being drunk.

BOARD WILL MAKE TOUR

ALL IRRIGATION PROJECTS TO BE INSPECTED.

State Engineer Finds Auto at $50 a Day Is Cheaper Than Going by Old Stage Routes.

SALEM, Or., April 6.—(Special.)—State Engineer Lewis is planning to arrange a visit by the State Board in the course of this year to all of the irrigation projects in Oregon. There are several new projects that, up to this time, have never been visited by a board, and, if possible, Governor West and State Treasurer Kay will make the complete trip.

In this connection the State Engineer says that a striking comparison may be drawn between the transportation facilities of this year and of two years ago.

The preceding State Board, in making a complete inspection of all of the irrigation projects from the Washington to the California line and to the Idaho line, was compelled to consume from a month to a month and one-half in the journey, the time depending upon the season of the year in which the trip was taken. Now it will be possible for the board to visit every project in from 10 to 15 days, or about a third of the time needed two years ago. While new railroad facilities have much to do with the shorter time needed, automobile routes replacing the old horse stages also make a material difference.

"In Central Oregon I find that a party hiring an automobile at the rate of $50 a day can travel cheaper than they could by the old stage routes," said State Engineer Lewis today. "This improved transportation has proved to be a great help in developing the irrigation projects, which are in turn a decided advantage in developing the state."

TWO REWED AFTER DECADE

Tacoma Couple Meet at Auto Party and Reconciliation Comes.

VISALIA, Cal., April 6.—(Special.)—That romance lives on, even in the hearts of the middle-aged, was proved yesterday in this city, when Peter Leonard, aged 50 years, a wealthy retired lumber dealer of Tacoma, remarried Julia A. Leonard, aged 43 years, the wife from whom he had been divorced ten years ago.

Whether by their own efforts or through the schemes of matchmaking friends, the couple were made members of an automobile party which has been touring California for the past five months. The companionship appears to have been mutually agreeable, for when the party reached this city from Bakersfield yesterday noon Peter Leonard and Mrs. Julia A. Leonard escaped from the society of their friends and appeared at the County Clerk's office immediately after lunch.

They then hurried to the office of a Justice of the Peace and went through the marriage ceremony which reunited them after a separation of ten years. A few minutes later they joined their unsuspecting friends and departed for Fresno, where they will remain for several days before returning to their home in Tacoma.

FLEET COMING TO PACIFIC

Perkins Has Agreement With Secretary Meyer for Year Hence.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(Special.)—In another year, a battleship squadron will be stationed on the Pacific Coast, according to the hope and belief of Senator Perkins of California. As chairman of the Senate naval affairs committee, his word carries much weight. He says he virtually has a tacit agreement with Secretary Meyer on the subject.

The opening of the Panama Canal will not be awaited but the half of the country's fleet of battleships will be sent around by the Straits to take up the new station as soon as Mare Island can care for them.

The appropriation by Congress for dredging out the Point Pinole shoals, thus making the navyyard permanently accessible, the Senator is convinced, will remove the vital objection to the division of the fleet.

With a Democratic House, Perkins looks for the building of only one additional battleship a year. However, with a total of 32 battleships, the policy of separating it into squadrons can, in his judgment, be pursued as advisable and as good naval management.

THREAT IS CARRIED OUT?

Edward Larson Struck Down and Robbed on East Side.

While returning home shortly after 9 o'clock last night, Edward Larson, of East Eighty-eighth and East Glisan streets, was struck on the head in front of his home and rendered unconscious. After robbing Larson of $5 in cash, two rings which he wore and a gold watch, the assailant rolled Larson into the gutter at the edge of the sidewalk and escaped.

Larson was discovered by a neighbor who telephoned the police. Patrolman Post reached the scene at 1 o'clock this morning, revived Larson and removed him to his home. Larson's injuries are not considered serious.

Larson declared to the police at 2:30 A. M. that his assailant was a neighbor, who, he says, had threatened his life. He says he recognized the man prior to the attack.

Two Stabbed in Quarrel.

As the result of a quarrel in Max Weiss, saloon, at Eleventh and Hoyt streets, last night, between the proprietor and Fritz Pilger, both men are now in St. Vincent's Hospital suffering from wounds inflicted by a pocket-knife.

POLYGAMY IS TABOO

President of Mormon Church Assails Plural Marriages.

FAITH FORBIDS, HE SAYS

Smith Says He Has No Objection to Plan to Give Federal Government Power to Regulate Mooted Problem.

SALT LAKE CITY, April 6.—The position of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, or, as it is commonly called, the Mormon Church, on marriage was reiterated today by President Smith in his sermon opening the 81st annual conference of the church. He said in part:

"We ought to obey the rules of the church with regard to marriage. Eleven hundred marriages were contracted last year, not in accord with the law of God. As announced time and time again at these conferences, plural marriages have ceased in the church. There is no man authorized to perform a plural marriage. We have been doing all in our power to stop this. We have been doing all we can to trace the men who are performing these ceremonies. It is hard to locate them, but when we do find them we will deal with them.

"With respect to the idea proposed by some to induce the Congress of the United States to amend the Constitution so as to give the Federal Government power to regulate plural marriage, so far as I am concerned, I have no objection whatever to such an amendment. Neither has any other Latter-Day Saint. Let the states petition the Congress to regulate the whole subject of marriage in the United States and it will be a godsend to the people everywhere."

In reviewing church statistics President Smith announced that during the year just past there was one divorce to each 5000 church membership, as compared to one divorce to each 1100 souls in the United States.

President Smith denounced emphatically the apparently growing sentiment among the church members as well as the world at large of patronizing vulgar plays and playhouses of a vulgar and demoralizing character.

YOUNG ACROBAT ESCAPES

12-Year-Old Japanese Tires of Life Before Footlights.

Toro Namba, a 12-year-old Japanese acrobat, who has been appearing at the Orpheum with a troupe this week, ran away after rehearsal yesterday morning and the Police Department has been unable to find him. All Tora has known since babyhood is tumbling and being tossed around on a stage, but he refused to become enamoured of the practice and the older he grew the more he disliked it. This is the second time he ran away and it is believed that he is secreted by the Japanese colony in Portland.

He ran away in London nearly two years ago and two months later was found in Paris. How he got there nobody else ever knew. He was sent from Paris to his father in Chicago. After a parental chastisement in Japanese style, which is very much similar to the American switch brand, Tora was started out with another troupe. The boy's father has been informed and in the meantime an act is crippled and four Japanese are doing the work of five.

PORTLAND MAN IN CHARGE

G. B. Hegardt to Superintend Dredging of Skipanon River.

WARRENTON, Or., April 6.—(Special.)—The special committee appointed at the meeting of property owners of Warrenton last Monday to have charge of the preliminary work in connection with the proposed improvement of the Skipanon River, has engaged G. B. Hegardt of the firm of Hegardt and Clark, of Portland, to make the surveys and estimates of the cost for the proposed work.

Mr. Hegardt was selected for the reason that he was in charge of the jetty work at the mouth of the Columbia River for several years and is thus thoroughly familiar with the conditions to be overcome in making the improvement.

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BLACKS NOT LIKED

Texas Induces Taft to Recall Negro Cavalry Regiment.

SMALL TOWNS STIRRED UP

President Keeps Blacks Away From Brownsville and Now Will Send Whites Out and Keep Negro Troops at Forts.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The order transferring the Ninth Cavalry (colored) from San Antonio to the Mexican border for patrol duty was rescinded this afternoon by the War Department. This action followed a conference at the White House in which President Taft, Major-General Leonard Wood, Chief of Staff of the Army, and Representative Garner, of Texas, participated.

In revoking the instructions, General Wood telegraphed Major-General Carter, commanding the maneuver division, to hold the Ninth Cavalry at San Antonio and to leave the Third Regiment undisturbed for the present in the patrol of the border. The previous order contemplated the replacing of the Third Regiment by the Ninth.

The change, it is understood, was the result of the protests from the border towns against the assignment of negro soldiers to duty in their vicinity. The presence of the negro troops in Texas has constituted a delicate question for the President in the last few days. When they were ordered to the border yesterday, Major-General Carter was directed not to permit their duty to extend to Brownsville, although that point was one of the places patrolled by the Third Cavalry. Officials here, it is generally assumed, were unwilling to run the risk of a repetition of the Brownsville incident of nearly five years ago, when that town was "shot up" by members of the Twenty-fifth Infantry (colored).

But the assignment of the Ninth Cavalry to the frontier met with disfavor from other towns, and it is said that the Eleventh Cavalry at San Antonio probably will be sent to the border later to relieve the Third.

Messages protesting against the quartering of the negro troops in small towns along the border were received today by Garner, who revealed to the President several days ago, protests from San Antonio concerning the quartering of the Ninth Cavalry there.

"I did not suggest the removal of the troops from San Antonio," said Mr. Garner. "I merely reported that there had been some trouble. I don't believe it wise to send these soldiers to the small border towns where the sentiment is such as to precipitate trouble."

Astoria Warrants Are Void.

ASTORIA, Or., April 6.—(Special.)—The City Council at its meeting last night adopted a report submitted by City Attorney Norblad declaring that about $18,000 in warrants issued to defray the expense of improving Irving avenue are void. The reason for this is that the improvement has never been completed and while the ordinance provided that the contractor was to be paid within 60 days after the work was finished, these warrants were issued in part payment of the contract. The Council will take steps to let a new contract for the completion of the improvement, as the original contractor has failed, and the outstanding warrants will probably then be redeemed.

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Danderine, the best-known dandruff cure on market, bottle Espey's Cream, the bottle.... Pond's Vanishing Cream, bottle **19c**

Pape's Diapepsin, the package ..... **38¢**
Doan's Kidney Pills, box ..... **38¢**
Carter's Little Liver Pills ..... **15¢**
Castoria, special, bot. **25¢**

Milk of Magnesia, bot **39¢**
Cuticura Ointment, special ..... **43¢**
Scott's Emulsion, bottle ..... **39¢** and **79¢**
St. Jacob's Oil, bottle ..... **20¢** and **40¢**

Sal Hepatica, for rheumatism, the pkg. **19¢, 39¢** and **89¢**.
Horlick's Malted Milk, the bottle, special **29¢, 79¢**, and **$2.98**.

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