

AGED COUPLE ARE TORTURED, SLAIN

New York Police Believe Religious Maniac Committed Double Murder.

SON FINDS PARENTS DEAD

Finger-Prints on Throats of Victims Only Clues to Identity of Mad Assassin Who Punched Out Eyes of Pair.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—As a sequel to the finding today of the mutilated bodies of two aged East Side residents, Isaac Puttermann and his wife, Rachel, in their home, victims of a shocking double murder, Rita Puttermann, the 40-year-old daughter of the couple, was taken tonight to Bellevue Hospital for observation as to her mental condition.

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—A case of double murder discovered in an East Side home today is one of the most shocking since the Goldsmead dismemberment and the "Jack-the-Ripper" series of crimes. Isaac Puttermann, 80 years old, and his wife, Rachel, 72 years old, were found dead in their rooms, their bodies mutilated.

The police believe the aged couple were tortured to death and in the absence of any well-established motive for such a crime, think the Puttermans were victims of a religious maniac.

Victims Well-to-Do.—Puttermann was a retired manufacturer, who had accumulated a small fortune, but always had refused to leave the East Side neighborhood, where he had settled when he came from Russia many years ago. He was a zealous Jewish worker and aided in founding the synagogue in his district which he and his wife attended.

Eyes Are Mutilated.—The body of the father lay on a sofa and that of the mother on a bed. Each was only partially dressed. There were deep gashes across both faces, and bodies, and the eyes of both were mutilated, one of the man's having been torn from its socket.

The man's abdomen was slashed and there were cuts running from head to foot. The nature of the mutilation led the police to believe that it had been begun while the Puttermans were alive and that death had been caused by blows which fractured the skulls.

Finger Prints Only Clue.—The bodies bore finger prints of which police experts took photographs. A small neck bag which Mrs. Puttermann is said to have carried money and jewelry could not be found. The police, however, scout robbery as the motive.

Aaron Puttermann said he did not know that his father had any enemy. His father kept practically all his money in a bank.

The police believe the murder took place several days ago, as decomposition had set in. Neighbors do not remember having seen the aged couple since January 3.

HOSPITALITY TO BE AIM
Pan-American Society to Show Courtesy to Latin Neighbors.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—The first meeting of the Pan-American Society of the United States, the organization of which is nearly perfected, will be held here, New York, probably within the next ten days. The purpose of the association is to encourage hospitality and social attention to distinguished Latin-Americans visiting the United States and in ways other than political and commercial to develop better acquaintance between North and South America.

EX-PRIEST TO TAKE WIFE
Italian Anti-Clerical Leader to Wed Norwegian Suffragist.

ROME, Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Rev. Remondelli, notorious ex-priest and now an anti-clerical member of the Italian Chamber of Deputies, is about to be married to the Norwegian suffragist, Ramshells Land, daughter of the ex-President of the Senate of that country. The couple will spend their honeymoon in the United States, where they will start an anti-clerical propaganda.

PINCHOT FEARS PRECEDENT
Grant of Right-of-Way for Water-Pipe Line Opposed.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Gifford Pinchot, ex-Chief Forester and president of the National Conservation Association, today made a statement opposing the passage of a resolution granting a water pipeline right of way through the National Forest to the Hydro-Electric Company, of California.

SECRETARY OF NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE, WHICH MEETS TODAY.



UREY WOODSON.

TWO HOLD PARLEY

Third Party Talk Follows Bryan-La Follette 'Confab.'

MEETING IS ACCIDENTAL

Peerless Leader and Wisconsin Senator Say They Talked Merely About Direct Election—Chicago Seeks Convention.

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Progress was slow because of the general desire to consult Mr. Bryan, and his arrival, scheduled for 4 o'clock, was awaited with impatience.

Wreck Delays Train.—His train, blocked by a wreck, was two hours late. Many prominent Democratic leaders were at the station. After handshakings all around, Mr. Bryan and Senator La Follette seemed to sight each other about the same time. They rushed toward each other and shook hands and then lost no time in withdrawing a short distance from the crowd. They sat down on a bench and conversed with evident earnestness for several minutes.

"What's being done?" was the question waiting Democrats seemed to be asking each other, as they watched. Some conversation was apparent.

Some Skepticism Remains.—When Mr. Bryan and the Senator parted, there was another show of good feeling. Mr. Bryan then explained that Senator La Follette and he had talked about the resolution pending in Congress providing for the election of Senators by popular vote. Senator La Follette then gave the same explanation, but in the minds of some there remained a little skepticism.

It was reported that Senator La Follette had gone to the station to meet Mr. Bryan, but the Senator said the meeting was purely accidental, resulting from the fact that their trains happened to get in at the same time.

After removing travel stains, Colonel Bryan turned to the report of friction between Norman E. Mack, chairman of the National committee, and himself with him.

Peerless Leader Questioned.—At the hotel Mr. Bryan was met by a large number of newspapermen. He was asked questions in every conceivable form, but would not discuss candidates, contests, Presidential primaries or any of the matters pending before the committee. He had no comment to make on a letter written years ago by Woodrow Wilson to a friend inquiring whether there was not some significance in getting rid of this man Bryan for all time, farther than to say it ought to make friends for him.

W. F. McComb, manager of the Woodrow Wilson headquarters, charged tonight that the report of friction between Wilson and Bryan was inspired in Wall street, and that other stories of the same kind might be expected from that source. He did not deny the existence of the alleged letter, however.

Harmonites Are Searched.—Something fully as sensational as any Wilson letters or Mr. Bryan's attitude occurred to send a chill down the spines of the Harmonites. Politicians are raking the wastebaskets of the dim and dusty past right now to bring forth letters that may compromise leading candidates now in the Presidential race.

Harmon's turn to feel the regret of letter-writing folly, granting that the Wilson forces be perturbed over the ancient Bryan animadversion, came with arrival of National Committee member Harvey C. Garber, of Ohio. Mr. Garber brought an autograph letter written by Governor Harmon away back in 1872 on the letterhead of the then "People's party," on which his name appeared as secretary.

The letter was written to a friend

In the northern part of the state and after detailing plans for supplying stickers to place over the name of the Democratic candidate for Governor, William Allen, an uncle of the late Allen G. Thurman, and known as "Rising Sun" Allen, suggested a movement to wipe out the Democratic party and form a new political organization.

Letter Is Withheld.—Mr. Garber refused last night to give up the letter for publication, but it was shown to some of the National leaders during the day and they expressed the opinion that it would embarrass if not render impossible the Ohio Governor's candidacy for the Presidency this year. The significant feature of this comment is that some of it came from men who have been listed as Harmon supporters.

It is believed the bit of ancient history involved will be given full publicity before the present gathering of Democratic leaders is ended and that it will form one of the greatest political sensations of the day. Truly, the Democratic scheme of harmony is developing a collection of axes and a determination to swing them that has not been paralleled since the party was split asunder on the free silver issue.

Chicago Enters Race.—Chicago entered the race this morning. Denver threw its forces into action a few hours later and all the rest of the day and the night the four-cornered war continued. If New York is counted in, over the location of the Democratic National convention has been raging fiercely.

There will be gathered here tomorrow nearly every man who has been mentioned for the Democratic nomination or at least all active and reception of the candidates will be ready. There will be Woodrow Wilson, Governor of New Jersey; Governor Foss, of Massachusetts; Speaker Champ Clark and ex-Governor Falk of Missouri; Governor Dix of New York; Senator Kern of Indiana, who is supposed to be the representative of Governor Marshall, but who is regarded by many as being a dark horse probability; and Senator Newlands, of Nevada, who has a "progressive" platform.

Grey Woodson, of Kentucky, secretary of the National committee, said today he believed there was little sentiment for changing the manner of nominating candidates.

"For more than a hundred years," said Mr. Woodson, "in fact, ever since we have had a Democratic party, every candidate has secured a two-thirds vote of the convention. I cannot see why the Democratic party should make a change at this time."

BOYS MAY BE FETTERED
"SUN TEMPLE" HELD UNFIT BY CHICAGO WOMAN.

Search for Dignitary of Cult Who Was Cited by Court Is Continued Without Result.

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The boy disciples of the Sun worshippers of which "Rev." Ottoman Zar-Audant Hamish is the high priest, probably will be taken in charge by the Juvenile Protective Association, according to Mrs. Gertrude Howe Britton.

"Although our investigators may have little hope of finding anything concerning the secrets of the cult," said Mrs. Britton today, "our suspicions are aroused and we believe the 'Sun Temple' is no place for a boy. Our future course depends largely on what Judge Merritt W. Pinkney decides in the case of William Lindsay, the 12-year-old boy who was taken from the cult. If the Judge decides that the 'Sun Temple' is no place for the Lindsay boy, then it is certainly not a desirable residence for the other boys who are employed there."

Carlos D. Hesse, a high dignitary in the Masonic cult, who was cited to appear in Judge Pinkney's court and who disappeared, has not been found. William M. McEwen, attorney for the uncle of William Lindsay, in their effort to gain the custody of the boy, declared today that he believed Hesse held the key to the situation and could tell where the missing heir was.

SUPREME COURT'S DECISIONS ON WAY

Constitutionality of Oregon System May Be Determined by Bench Today.

ANTI-TRUST CASE IS UP

Second Report on Carmack Amendment to Interstate Commerce Law May Be Handed Down, Among Others.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—With more than 100 cases under consideration, the Supreme Court of the United States is expected to hand down many important decisions tomorrow, when it convenes after the holiday recess.

More light may be shed on the anti-trust problem by decisions in the St. Louis bridge case, the "hard coal" case against the principal anthracite coal-carrying railroads and coal-producing companies of Pennsylvania, and the "cotton corner" case, arising out of the transactions on the New York Cotton Exchange.

Laws to Be Touched On.—The validity of several Federal laws may be determined. Foremost among these is the employer liability law, which has been under consideration by the court since last February. A second decision may be rendered regarding the validity of the "Carmack" act to the interstate commerce laws, whereby initial carriers were made liable for damages or loss of goods whether occurring on their lines or those of connecting carriers.

The fate of a score or more of state laws may be decided. Of these, the constitutional validity of the Oregon initiative and referendum system has attracted the most attention, because the ruling of the court will be applicable to laws in nearly half the states of the Union.

Foreign corporation laws of Kansas, New York and Texas may be passed upon.

Washington Measure Up.—Other laws under consideration are the "hours of service law" for railroad employees in the State of Washington, the Missouri anti-trust law, the North Dakota drainage law, the Kansas "black powder law," the New York transfer law, the Montana law taxing laundry laundries, the North Carolina law regulating the receipt of goods by railroads, and the Arkansas law relating to the payment of wages to 30 days claims for livestock killed by trains.

Several general questions of law may be decided, such as the validity of the transfer of allotted lands by thousands of Oklahoma Indians, and the liability of insurance companies for policies on the lives of men executed by murder.

The latter point arose in the case of Samuel J. McCue, Mayor of Charlottesville, Va., who was executed in 1905 for the murder of his wife.

SNOW WRAPS NORTHWEST
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Without a cloud in the sky, snow was 34 inches deep in the city. In some parts of the upper valley the depth is five feet. The first passenger train to arrive this afternoon was the Oregon-Washington Limited, delayed from yesterday afternoon. The front engine of the two pulling the train was stalled in the yard. Crews are busy replacing it.

Although the temperature was registered at 5 degrees at 3:30 o'clock in the city this evening, it will probably freeze-up, a quick melting of the snow which stands from 30 inches in the lower valley to from four to five feet in the upper regions, may strip the branches of the young trees.

The old trees will not suffer, says C. H. Sprout, manager of the union, but a heavy or a top heavy tree probably will break. A. I. Mason, an orchardist to break the snow from around young trees. R. W. Arena, a young orchardist, who has 30 acres of young trees in the Central Valley region, has had a crew of men busy on skis today on his tract removing the snow from around the bodies of the young trees. Others think that the snow, which covers the tips of young trees, should be allowed to remain as a blanket for protection.

"If the snow melts slowly," says Mr. Mason, "its fertilization value will be inevitable and the season's crop will be benefited by the moisture that will be insured."

LISS STREAMS ARE RISING
Heavy Rains Melt Snow but Flood Is Not Yet Expected.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—High water in the North-Santiam River is expected as a result of the heavy rains of yesterday. The Calapooya River and some other streams in this part of the state are also rising rapidly, but are not expected to get beyond their banks.

There is said to be no danger of a flood in the Willamette as the result of these rains.

The rainfall here yesterday was very heavy. In the 24 hours preceding 5 o'clock this morning 1.40 inches of rain fell here.

Though this part of the state was enjoying mild winter weather, Albany was practically cut off from the outside world last

night, as storms in other places had put telegraph and telephone lines out of operation. All telegraph and telephone lines into Portland were down and practically all telegraph lines in other directions were not working. The telephone trouble was confined entirely to long-distance wires, however, as the local systems had no trouble at all and there was not even a strong enough storm in this county to cause trouble on rural lines, which are usually the first to go down. Today was bright and sunny.

SEATTLE IN WINTER'S GRASP
Temperature Icy and 8 Degrees Below Normal—Wind Blows.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Seattle's weather, which took a drop toward the frigid last night, after a fall of snow that piled up to a depth of three or four inches in the outskirts, continued clear and cold today, but not cold enough to cause any suffering, and the cold, in fact, has served to delay the inevitable slush that follows on the heels of a snowfall in the Sound country.

At no time today, with the sun shining clear, did the temperature rise above 35 degrees, while the lowest recorded was 25 or seven degrees of frost. This temperature is eight degrees below the normal for this time of year. The wind is blowing from the east at four miles an hour, giving no hint of an immediate release from the grasp of Winter.

UMPQUA RIVER RISING FAST
Mercury Takes Sudden Drop, Trains Operated With Difficulty.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Following last night's heavy rain the thermometer commenced to fall at noon today, and tonight the weather borders upon a freeze. With considerable snow in the mountains, followed by a warm rain, the several streams throughout the county are raising with alarming rapidity.

A W. J. Decker, the Umpqua River has risen seven feet since morning, while in the vicinity of Roseburg the streams are fast approaching the high-water mark.

Trains are operating under difficulties, while telephone and telegraph service is interrupted. In some places the heavy snow is said to be five inches deep.

SNOW PILES 41 INCHES DEEP
Trains on Deschutes Railroad Unable to Make Headway.

THE DALLES, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—From 11 o'clock Friday night a continuous fall of light snow covered The Dalles and vicinity 41 inches deep. The minimum temperature this morning was 14 above. Until warmer weather melts and packs the snow, sleighing will not be good.

The Deschutes railroad is tied up at noon could not get through, and returned to The Dalles. Many of the O-W. R. & N. are many hours behind time.

The first westbound train to reach this city since last night was the O-W. R. & N. P. M. Friday, which arrived at 11 o'clock this morning.

LOGGING CAMPS CLOSE DOWN
Snow Forces Shutdown in Chehalis County—Aberdeen Shivers.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—With the thermometer hovering just above the freezing point, Aberdeen and all Chehalis County shivered today under the first blast of genuine winter. The snow and rain which fell intermittently yesterday froze hard last night, and today the streets and walks here are ice-covered.

Aside from inconveniences, the touch of Winter has done no harm in the harbor country. All trains are running as usual and telephone and telegraph wires are working without any reported trouble. The snow is not an inch deep. Logging camps, which closed yesterday because of the snow, will remain closed until the weather moderates.

SPOKANE SEES BELOW ZERO
Ice Forms in Swift River First Time in Three Years.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Spokane is in for another cold night. The thermometer registering 3 above zero at 6 o'clock tonight, but falling with darkness. At 8 o'clock Sunday morning street thermometers showed 5 degrees below.

At Spokane Bridge, 18 miles up the valley, at a slightly higher elevation than Spokane, the day was the coldest yet. The snow and rain which fell 10 below. Ice formed in the swift river, the first time in three years. Zero weather in Spokane means that in the region adjacent to the temperature will range from 5 to 15 degrees below. More than a foot of snow covers the ground everywhere, but no wind blows.

SALEM CELLARS FLOODED
Creeks and Rivers Rising but No Flood Is Feared.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Scores of cellars in North and East Salem are submerged in water from the heavy rains of the last few days, and several thousands of dollars of damage is estimated as a result. Today, however, here, was like perfect summer weather, barring chilly air and slippery walks.

Very little damage has been done here, save by the rain. Creeks through the city are high as well as the Willamette River, but no dangerous flood is expected.

Ashland Conditions Normal.
Warm rains have followed the snow and remarkably cold snap, which prevailed in Southern Oregon for ten days

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ending Friday. The coldest temperature of the winter season was recorded New Year's, when the thermometer touched 14 above zero. The snow has now all disappeared from the lower levels and a normal winter conditions prevail. Railroad traffic has not been interfered with in this territory and train service on the Southern Pacific across the Shastas has been regular thus far.

SNOW DEEP AT PENDLETON
Mercury Drops to Zero and Train Service Is Crippled.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—With 13 inches on the ground, snow stopped falling last night, the sky cleared and the mercury is steadily going down. At 6 this evening the mercury registered at zero, being 2 degrees colder than any temperature recorded thus far this winter. Indications are the night will be the coldest in years.

Trains are running several hours late and wire communication with the outside is badly crippled. Snow is a half foot deep on a level in the mountains.

Zero Weather at Walla Walla.
WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Twelve inches of snow is on the ground, the sky is clear and the mercury is dropping rapidly toward the zero mark. Walla Walla has the worst winter in years. Snow fell all day yesterday.

But as the snow is so deep, the thermometer began to lower and the "zero mark" will be passed before morning. The snow is protecting the crops and no damage is expected from the cold. Railroads and streetcars are approaching schedules again tonight.

Day Bright at Chehalis.
CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The weather today overhead is ideal. The sky cleared at 10 o'clock last night. Today there was a slight thaw. All further annoyance to the electric and telephone wires is thought to be over. Reports from the country are that the storm was very general. Rural telephone lines leading in various directions are badly damaged, the original construction being chiefly of wood. There were many sleighing parties out today.

Stock Well Cared For.
BAKER, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—With the thermometer hovering around the zero mark and about 12 inches of snow on the ground, the day was a grasp of real winter. There has been but little wind and no drifting, although the train service is badly crippled, trains running from 12 to 15 hours late. The snow is well cared for, and no damage is expected from that source. Little suffering felt.

Wind Hampers Snowplow.
LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The worst snow storm in many years visited this section of the state last night. The main line of the O-W. R. & N. is blocked, and the rotary snow plow is working in vain. If the wind continues there is no certainty

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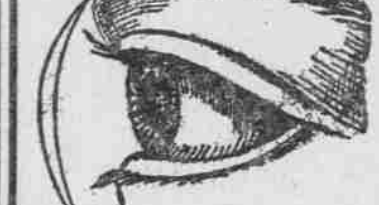
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