

MET WITH RIFLE FIRE

Whitcappers Routed by a Montana Farmer.

IN DARKNESS HE HITS FOUR

Neighbor Led Crowd of Twenty-Five to Tar and Feather the Man Who Had Married His Divorced Wife.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Jan. 2.—J. M. Reeves, a prosperous rancher of the Great Falls country, 25 miles east of Great Falls, was arrested in this city this afternoon on a complaint sworn out before Justice Deschamps in Bell by George Gould, charging assault in the second degree, and the arrest has brought to light a sensational whitcapping story, which is so much out of the usual run of such affairs as to be unique.

Reeves was married several years ago to a young lady of this city, and one year ago his wife left him, securing a divorce in the city of Great Falls. Gould, a prosperous young farmer, owned the adjoining farm to Reeves, and when the wife of the latter had secured a divorce from Mr. Gould at once secured a marriage license and 30 days ago the couple were wedded in Benton.

It is alleged that Reeves took exception to the marriage of Gould with his former wife, and that a number of the neighbors were asked to join a whitcapping party for the purpose of tar and feathering Gould. Some of those approached told Gould of the proposed outrage. Wednesday night last being fixed as the time.

That night Gould took a Winchester and a box of cartridges and stationed himself in a pile of logs in front of his home to await the coming of the whitcappers. A crowd of about 25 whitcappers approached the house, and when hailed by Gould ordered him to come out or be killed.

Gould replied by emptying his gun into the crowd, hitting it and emptying it again, firing 20 shots in all. And then shooting eight anywhere. The men were all masked and apparently armed, but evidently did not expect the shooting, as they fled in all directions without shooting back.

In the first shooting one man was shot in the left arm and three others received wounds. The first man shot was taken to Bell Wednesday, and yesterday arrived by this city and is now being looked after by the police, the other three wounded are supposed to be in hiding and Sheriff Bonner and a corps of deputies are close on their trail.

Hail for Reeves has not been fixed, and he will be held in the County Jail until Monday, when he will be taken to Bell for a preliminary hearing. The only remark made by him when arrested was to say that Gould had managed to gather in both his wife and his farm, and he now desired to make the job complete.

GIRL DIED OF PNEUMONIA.

Ignorant Finns Built a Coffin and Buried the Body.

KALAMA, Wash., Jan. 2.—Because of suspicious circumstances surrounding the funeral of a young Finnish woman, on the Upper Kalama River, County Physician R. E. Barnell was summoned to Woodland yesterday to perform an autopsy upon the remains of the girl, who had been exhumed by officials of Woodland in response to a demand of the people in that vicinity. Dr. Barnell returned today and stated that death was due to natural causes, the woman having contracted pneumonia. There was nothing to indicate foul play. The incident, however, brings to light a most pathetic story.

The girl, whose name cannot be learned for several days, owing to the fact that those acquainted with her are located in the most isolated parts of the forests in this district, was brought into Woodland where she died Tuesday night, and was buried in a coffin. She was engaged to a word of English. She was engaged to do housekeeping work in the small cabin until the wives of the two settlers, who are now on the way from Woodland, arrived. Without proper clothing, the girl contracted a cold and Thursday night at 11 o'clock she fell victim to pneumonia. Her only attendants were the two Finlanders, and after completing the proper equipments for the care of the sick, the girl succumbed.

Instead of notifying the authorities, the two men decided to conduct the funeral themselves. In a rough coffin, made of rough boards, placed the body therein and proceeded with the interment. Woodland people offered their assistance, but to this the men objected, and after completing the job hurried away. This gave rise to the belief that the men were trying to conceal a crime. Rumor also had it that the girl was buried alive.

When the coffin was exhumed and opened, the body was found resting on a layer of soft fur boughs. The emaciated form was shrouded in a thin gown, and on the feet were heavy brooken stockings. On the gown are embossed the initials, "E. T."

The result of the autopsy has caused the excitement to die down, but the case will be further investigated, and it appears to have been sent to the cabin in the forest to ascertain the girl's name and the names of her relatives.

FINISHING EXECUTION CHAMBER

Trapdoors Alone Remain to Be Finished—Community Dining-Hall.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—The new execution chamber at the Oregon State Prison has been completed, with the exception of arranging the trapdoors upon which condemned men will stand while the ropes are placed about their necks.

The execution chamber is a brick building in the rear of the prison. On the first floor is a prison room, in which two steel cells will be constructed for condemned prisoners. In one corner of this room is a narrow flight of stairs leading to the second floor, which is one large room, with space for about 100 persons. Across one end of the room is a platform ten feet above the floor of the room and seven and one-half feet from the ceiling. A narrow flight of steps leads up to this platform at one end.

On the floor of the platform are two openings about three feet square and six feet apart. Above each of these a heavy iron ring is fastened to a heavy timber in the roof of the building. Trapdoors and tripping devices are yet to be constructed and then the arrangements will be complete for the execution of Murderer Robert, who killed two Deputy Sheriffs in Harney County several weeks ago. The distance of the drop can be anything up to ten feet. When the trap has been sprung, the body of the condemned man will hang in full view of the witnesses.

Robert is now confined in a cell in the south wing of the prison, apart from other criminals. A death watch is maintained over him night and day. He appears to be in good spirits and seems to have little, if any, dread for the end that awaits him on January 2.

The large community dining-room at the prison has been completed and a steel cage is being constructed in one corner for a guard. The cage will be in the form

of a quarter circle, and made of heavy steel bars with openings just large enough to permit free view of a whole floor of the cage. It is 12 feet about the floor of the dining-room. Before the prisoners are admitted to the dining-room an armed guard will be posted in the cage. From his position he can shoot a man in any part of the room, even directly under the cage. In about a week the cage will be completed and then the prisoners will eat their meals at tables instead of in their cells.

KICK KILLS BOY.

Was Badly Mauled by Older Youths at Baker City.

BAKER CITY, Or., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Nicholas Eichen, aged 7 years, died in this city today. It is alleged, from the effects of a kick which he received at school last week. It is said the little fellow was set upon by some older boys and badly beaten and kicked.

A surgical operation was necessary for appendicitis and later peritonitis. One of the attending physicians is doubtful about the kick being responsible for the boy's death, yet a full investigation has been ordered to determine the question as to the real cause of death.

The names of the boys who beat and kicked the Eichen boy are not known, but if the official investigation results in the determination that the boy died from the effect of the kick, a determined effort is to be made to apprehend the guilty. One

of the physicians said tonight that appendicitis might be caused by some external injury, but such cases are very rare.

That a well-defined case of appendicitis was developed in this case all are agreed, but the matter to be determined is whether the kick caused the appendicitis.

CHARGES AGAINST GRAVELLE.

Blackmailing and Burglary on Three Informations.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 2.—Three informations were filed in the District Court today against Isaac Gravelle, who was found guilty a few days ago of sending threatening letters to the Northern Pacific Railroad Company.

Two of the informations charge him with sending blackmailing letters from Helena and the other charges burglary in the first degree. The penalty on conviction of first degree burglary is imprisonment from 10 years to life.

Marion School-Principals' Club.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 2.—(Special.)—The Marion County Principals' Club was organized here today by educational workers in this county. The following officers were elected:

President, J. H. Ackerman, vice-president, L. A. Wiley, of Jefferson; secretary, L. R. Traver, of Salem; executive committee, the foregoing officers and Mrs. Lizzie Cornelius, of Turner, and E. T. Moore, of Salem.

The club adopted by-laws providing, among other things, that one meeting shall be held each month of the school year and that topics relating to school supervision shall be discussed. Today the subject of "Recitations" was considered. The club has 15 members, and there are ten other principals in the county who have indicated their intention to join.

Principals in adjoining counties will be admitted to membership the same as Marion County principals. The next meeting will be held here February 6.

Strike on Account of Cut in Wages.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Jan. 2.—No attempt was made today to operate the shingle mills in this city, where the operatives are on strike against a 5 per cent wage reduction. President H. C. of the local union of shingle-weavers, declares that they recognize that the present attempt at a wage reduction is the forerunner of a similar attempt to reduce the wages in all the mills of the state, and that for this reason they will fight the battle here to the last ditch.

He claims the President, Comptroller, of the American Federation of Labor, has wired them that that organization will furnish them funds wherever to prosecute the strike.

An attempt will be made to reopen the mills Monday. At the present time only about 15 per cent of the mills of the state are running, because of the dullness of the shingle market.

Heavy Tax on Chinese.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 2.—The raising of the head tax on Chinese from \$50 to \$100, which went into effect January 1, means that steamers must put up five times the amount of securities for Chinese aboard. The big liner Onaka has just deposited \$5,000, she having 10 Celestials on board. The Canadian Pacific Express steamer will be forced to deposit \$100,000 for each vessel.

If any Chinese escape the steamers will have to pay \$500 for each one. Every Chinaman who comes through now will be most carefully examined. Very stringent regulations have been adopted and the law is practically exclusive.

Charged With Horsestealing.

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FOREMAN'S CRIMINAL ORDER

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