

MIDNIGHT GHOULS AT THE VAULT

Sentinel Doing Duty Over Body of McKinley Assaulted.

MAKE GOOD THEIR ESCAPE

Believed That an Attempt Was Made to Blow the Vault to Pieces—Extra Guards Have Been Stationed at the Cemetery.

CANTON, O., Sept. 30.—Private Deprend, who was doing guard duty beside the vault in which the body of President McKinley rests, was mysteriously attacked last night by two men. Captain Biddle, in command of the company of regulars, thinks an attempt was made to blow the vault to pieces, as one of the men carried a white package. While one of the strangers engaged the attention of the sentinel the other struck him over the head and also attempted to stab him.

It was nearly 5 o'clock when Guard Deprend saw a prowler in the rear of the vault behind a tree in a shadow. Upon being challenged by the soldier the man remained motionless behind a tree. He was then about forty feet from the soldier. Deprend advanced, made a second challenge and brought his gun ready to fire. The man in the meantime had dodged to a second tree about 10 feet distant from the first. The soldier renewed his challenge and fired, but as he did so a hard blow was given this gun and his aim missed. A second man had stealthily come up to the soldier and dealt the blow. At the same time No. 2 struck the soldier with a heavy instrument in the back and attempted to stab him. A gash, "L" shaped and about two inches long each way, was cut through the clothing, including the overcoat, and a small scratch was made on Deprend's body. The blow was so hard that Deprend was knocked down a small hill and was unable to regain his feet before the men escaped in the darkness. Lieutenant Ashbridge, who was officer of the day, as soon as he heard the challenge and shot, ran to the assistance of the guard. He was followed by other soldiers.

The sentinel attacked, however, was in the rear of a vault on a hill and before the relief force had climbed the hill the men had escaped. A hunt was made for the prowlers, but no trace could be found of them. The vault is but a short distance from the west edge of the cemetery and the men evidently escaped from there into the fields and woods nearby.

The man who dodged about the trees, Deprend says, carried a shining weapon in one hand and a package done up in white in the other. He says he could recognize the man if ever seen again. The man who attacked him was masked.

DEPREND RECEIVED HIMSELF.

Supposed Attack as Related by Him Did Not Occur.

CANTON, O., Sept. 30.—Officers and men of Company C, Fourteenth United States Infantry on duty at West Lawn cemetery, guarding the resting place of President McKinley, worked diligently today investigating the strange story in which Private Deprend figured so prominently.

All the men seen today expressed the belief that Private Deprend acted in good faith and that he related only what he believed to be real facts. The most common belief is that the sentinel was overpowered by the loneliness of his position and that his nerves were overtaxed, and that imagination contributed some of the details related in good faith.

Captain Biddle authorized this statement: "I think the sentinel deceived himself on the occurrence. I do not think an actual attack as related by him occurred. When daylight came there was no evidence found of a struggle."

NORTHERN COUNTRY IS RICH.

Lieutenant Cartwell Has Favorable Report to Make to Department.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 30.—Lieutenant J. C. Cartwell, who for the last three years has been in the revenue cutter service in Alaskan waters, has returned to this city and is about to begin work on his official report to the treasury department. He is warm in his

brains of this undeveloped northern country and predicts a great future for it.

He made tests of the coal found along the Yukon river. It was found unsuitable to burn on steamers unless the latter are fitted with special funnels. There is a large amount of carbon in the coal and it is believed that with deeper mining good fuel will be obtained.

In the Koyukuk river district and in that of the Tanana river there are large tracts of rich land, which are undeveloped, owing to the enormous expense of getting food. From what little prospecting has been done in the districts it has been proved that the land not only contains large quantities of gold, but that there are liberal deposits of copper.

The prospects in Nome are favorable and Lieutenant Cartwell says the newly built city will doubtless be a permanent one.

A pilot chart of the Yukon has been perfected by Cartwell and will be issued shortly.

CAPTAIN CONNELL'S RECORD

Hero of the Late Trouble in the Island of Samar.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—Captain Joseph W. Connell, who commanded the unfortunate company of the United States Infantry, which was almost annihilated on the Island of Samar Saturday and who is one of the 24 survivors, is a New York man and is a brother of Assistant District Attorney J. J. Connell.

He is 25 years old, graduated from West Point in 1894, and was appointed to the Ninth Infantry immediately on graduation. In 1898 the regiment was sent to Cuba, where Lieutenant Connell was made brevet captain. After the war with Spain the Ninth regiment was sent to Manila and on the outbreak of hostilities in China was sent there.

Young Connell distinguished himself at the storming of Pekin and in last February was made captain of company C. The regiment was moved back from China to the Philippines several months ago. Captain Connell's most recent letter to his parents was dated September 14, from Samar.

POOR OUTLOOK FOR FARMERS.

Decline of Wheat Acreage and Stock Throughout Great Britain.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—This will rank as a bad year for the farmers throughout Great Britain, says the Tribune's London correspondent.

Alike in England, in Scotland, the acres sown to wheat and barley are smaller than they were last year and there is a decline in the number of cattle, sheep and pigs kept in England. Nor is the decline an unimportant one. In many respects it leaves British agriculture in a more restricted plight than for years. In Scotland, the position is not so bad as in England.

BARTON'S POLICY ATTACKED.

Commonwealth Parliament in Australia Scene of a Lively Debate.

LONDON, Sept. 30.—The Melbourne correspondent of the Times reports another bitter debate in the commonwealth parliament. An amendment to the immigration restriction bill, proposed by Mr. Isaacs and providing that prohibited immigrants be expelled by joint resolution of the federal houses, was opposed by the government and defeated without a division.

A renewed attack was made by Mr. Reid on Premier Barton's minute to the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, accepting the principle laid down in Mr. Chamberlain's dispatch.

The attack was answered by Mr. Kingston, who vehemently denounced Mr. Reid's changed attitude and urged that the minute was only courteous intimation of the recognition by the commonwealth of the increasing burdens of the empire and a response to the favors poured out on the commonwealth by the home government in the most sympathetic spirit.

THE MCKINLEY ISLANDS.

Suggestion to Change Names of Philippines Meeting With Favor.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—A suggestion which is meeting with favor is to change the name of the Philippine Islands to the McKinley Islands, says the Washington correspondent of the Tribune. It is intended to bring the proposition before the next congress.

A part of the scheme embraces the idea of bestowing upon the different islands and provinces the names of the most prominently identified with the acquisition and management of the islands. For instance the members of the American commission, which negotiated the Paris treaty would thus be honored, as well as the names of Admiral Dewey, General Lawton, Governor Taft, General Otis, Secretary Root and others.

FREE TRADE IN MOROCCO.

LONDON, Sept. 30.—The correspondent of the Times at Tangier says a shrewdman edit has been received permitting free trade between all the coast ports of Morocco and cancelling the former "ridiculous restrictions." This action, says the dispatch, will increase the popularity of Sultan Abdul El-Aziz by lowering the price of wheat throughout Northern Morocco. The sultan also promises the speedy promulgation of measures improving the prison administration.

MISTAKES OF THE WAR

GENERAL WARREN CRITICIZES BRITISH WAR OFFICE.

Political Questions Overruled Military Expedition—The Irish and the Boers.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—Discussing the South African situation, the London correspondent of the Tribune says: Very little has been heard about Sir Charles Warren since he was recalled from South Africa after his disastrous defeat at Spionkop. The October number of the National Review will, however, publish an article which he has written entitled, "Some Lessons From the South African War." Sir Charles criticizes the preparations that were made by the war office and asserts that the efficiency of the army was limited to bringing troops into the field. To what extent mistakes in the conduct of the war had been caused by the cabinet now and again taking direct control of the army operations has, he says, not yet been ascertained, but it is known that political questions have in some instances overruled military expediency.

A well-organized army should be capable of adopting its operations to the ever changing views of the cabinet, although these changes may lead to lavish expenditure and greatly deferred success. The increased number of troops required was due to imperfect training of the British soldiers and the absence of regulations defining the duties and functions of the general officers in their several grades.

Sir Charles Warren, probably speaking from personal experience, points out that the keeping of an officer second in command of a battalion on tennerhooks for four years may so sap his character of the most essential qualities for command that he may when his turn comes be of less value when selected for command than he would have been under a system of seniority.

POLICE FIRE ON CROWD.

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in arbitration or intervention in any form in regard to the South African war must be definitely abandoned.

This decision, it is stated, probably accounts for the fact that the date of the meeting of the council to consider the appeal of the Boer representatives in Europe has not been fixed and it is not likely that such a meeting will take place for a considerable time.

GREEK CHURCH APPOINTMENT.

Priest Sent From Athens to take charge of Colony in New York.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—After being without a priest of their own for nearly a year, Archimandrite Anthimus Jovanides has been sent to this city by the metropolitan of Athens to take charge of the Greek Orthodox church of the Holy Trinity and the Greek colony here is greatly pleased with the appointment.

Archimandrite Janides was born in Calabria, in the Morosa, Greece, about 45 years ago. After several years of theological study in the University of Athens, he went to Leipzig, where he received the degree of doctor of philosophy from the University of Jena. He was pastor of the Greek church at Marguilles for a time and then spent several years in Paris. In 1897 he was called to Athens to take charge of the bureau of the metropolitan of Athens. He speaks French and German fluently, but as yet knows nothing of English.

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A BRILLIANT PAGEANT

ITALY'S KING AND QUEEN VISIT VENICE.

Escorts Accompanying the Young Sovereigns Presented a Grand Spectacle.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—A dispatch to the Herald dated at Venice, Italy, says: For the first time since their accession to the throne the king and queen of Italy have paid a visit to Venice, arriving last night. A picturesque reception was given by the queen of the Adriatic to the young sovereigns. The palace lining the grand canal from the Papadopoli garden, just above and on the opposite bank of the railroad station, down to the Riva degli Schiavoni, were bright with flags and bunting.

Gandolas, three and four deep, made a living lane of spectators along the route of the royal procession to the Piazza Reale. The terraces and steps before the churches of Santa Maria della Salute, San Eustachio and Simeone Piccolo, the windows and gardens of the Hotel Britannia, the Grand Hotel, the Hotel Blair and, in fact, every point overlooking the grand canal either in public or private palaces, were black with people.

The king and queen were received at the station by the syndic with the municipal authorities, the prefect, the director of the arsenal, etc., military honors being rendered by the troops. They then entered the royal gondola rowed by gondoliers in the livery of the house of Savoy.

They were escorted by eight or ten gorgeously decorated galleys, manned by rowers clad in even the richest costumes that even the imagination of the Renaissance could devise. The spectacle was strangely effective in its curious mingling of symbolical imagery, bewildering flood of color and contagious enthusiasm.

Last night there was a gigantic joyous demonstration in the Piazza di San Marco, in which over 50 associations of various kinds took part.

COMMERCIAL CIRCLES INSECURE.

LONDON, Sept. 30.—Odesa correspondent of the Times says that the recent failure in South Russia were caused by the general feeling of insecurity among commercial circles in the south. The collapse of the Kharkoff land bank, with liabilities of 7,000,000 roubles (3,570,000 and almost no assets, had a special injurious effect. Karkoff business concerns have lost their reputation to such an extent that Odesa traders have told them openly that if they want goods they must pay cash down.

WHEAT MARKET.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 30.—Wheat, December, 99c.

CHICAGO, Sept. 30.—Wheat, December, opened, 79 1/2c; closed the same.

TACOMA, Sept. 30.—Wheat, bluestem, 54c; club, 52c.

PORTLAND, Sept. 30.—Wheat, Walla Walla, 53 1/2c; Valley, 54c; bluestem, 54c.

NOTICE TO VOTERS TO REGISTER.

Notice is hereby given that all persons are required to register as a condition to the right to vote at the city election of the City of Astoria to be held on the 11th day of December, 1901, and all persons qualified may register up to the 3rd day of December, 1901, and up to the hour of 4 o'clock p. m. of said day at the office of the auditor and police judge in the city hall of the City of Astoria, office hours from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. H. E. NELSON, Auditor and Police Judge of the City of Astoria, Ore., Sept. 28, 1901.

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