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## TRACY AND MERRILL

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## TRACY CANNOT BE LOCATED

**Must Wait for Further Developments—Has Left Green River Valley.**

## MORE LIBERAL THAN STATE

**Merrill's Brother Offered Liberal Reward for Brother's Body—Expects Gov. Geer to Intercede.**

SEATTLE, July 18.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Auburn says: "Tracy has completely disappeared from this vicinity. Excitement of the past week has died down and unless the resourceful desperado again starts in a pilgrimage through some section of King County, his name will be forgotten. Since the last failure near Covington, the people are beginning to believe that Tracy has bid farewell to Green River Valley and has decided to give Pierce County officials opportunity to chase him.

## STOOL PIGEON A NOVEL READER

WHATCOM, July 18.—A man who supposedly acted as a "stool pigeon" for Sheriff Cuddehe and piloted him to the lonely cabin on the banks of Lake Sawyer, assuring him that it was Tracy's hiding place, went from this city, and his name is Louis Ward. When his relatives here learned of what he had done they telegraphed Sheriff Cuddehe not to pay any attention to the man as he is thoroughly unreliable. They say he has gained ideas of man hunting from reading five-cent novels.

He formed a plan of capturing the convict by ingratiating himself into his confidence and then betraying him. His relatives here say that he was wounded in the arm, and that the bloody rags found in the cabin were taken from it and placed there by Ward.

## OFFERED MORE THAN STATE

PORTLAND, July 18.—Though only a workman on small wages, Ben H. Merrill offered more money for his brother's body than the big state of Oregon.

"He said he would pay me whatever I asked," said Mrs. Mary Wagoner, who discovered the remains. "If I would help him to keep the matter quiet and let him bury the body, he intended to pay it out of his wages in installments."

Mrs. Wagoner, in company with Sheriff Edward Deigler, passed through Portland again today on her return home, a much wiser woman in the ways of the law since turning the body over to the penitentiary authorities, but still hopeful that she will be rewarded when Governor Geer returned home. Although a quiet woman her eyes flashed when she reverted to her interview with Superintendent J. D. Lee, of the Salem penitentiary, from which Convict Merrill escaped, and it was evident the interview thoroughly aroused her latent nature and caused her to say some very cutting things about the matter. She has not consulted an attorney, and does not intend to do so. Her friends wanted her to put the case in the hands of an attorney, and several lawyers offered their services, but she said she would wait until Governor Geer returned, believing that he would set the matter right.

"I believe the people of the state would cheerfully pay the reward," said she, "rather than have it said Oregon would not keep faith. I do not desire to go to law about the matter. Right is right, and if I am not entitled to any portion of the reward I do not want it. I am a poor woman, but I wouldn't touch anything that wasn't mine by right.

"How do we know," she quotes Mr. Lee as saying, "but that after we pay you the reward some other person will find a body and claim it is Merrill's?"

She retorted rather sharply in a way that showed native wit that it was very funny that they would receive the body and offer to pay the expenses if they felt any doubt about the remains being those of Merrill. "Why don't you say plainly," she said, "that you are simply making excuses to keep from paying any portion of the reward?"

The superintendent tried to excuse his action further, she says, by claiming that her own state of Washing-

ton had refused to pay a reward for a noted criminal several years ago.

"Even supposing that is true," she continued, "is it any reason why Oregon should not carry out its promises? But I don't believe Washington would be so cheap. If it didn't pay the reward there was a good reason.

"To think," said she at the depot, "that Washington has had most of the expense of the hunt and the chase, and because Merrill's body was found there or for some other reason Oregon wants to shirk the responsibility of its pledge. When I presented my claim Al Lee ignored it, but said he would settle liberally. He asked me what the expenses were and we figured them out. They amounted to \$215. He then said he was authorized to pay me from \$150 to \$250, but would take it upon himself to see that I got \$200, which would leave me \$100. That made me angry and I told him what I thought. He said that that sum was all that the governor would authorize him to pay and he could not do any better; in fact, that he had no right even to take it upon himself to increase it another \$50."

Sheriff Deigler at this point asked Mr. Lee if a person had asked him for the reward would be paid in case that person would bring the body of Merrill, without saying anything about the capture, what would have been his reply.

He is quoted as saying that undoubtedly he would have offered to pay the reward for the body. Mr. Deigler wanted to know if the two cases were not parallel. It is said that Mr. Lee did not reply.

"The only difference is," said Mr. Deigler, "that Merrill was in Oregon when the reward was offered and public opinion was heated, whereas the body was found in Washington and the excitement that prompted the offering of the reward had cooled."

It is certain from the tone of their conversation that both the sheriff and Mrs. Wagoner let the authorities know what they thought about the matter.

A good many expressions were heard from citizens today who think Mrs. Wagoner had cause for being aroused and that the state did not show a very liberal spirit.

## HEAVY RAINS RUIN FARMERS

Floods Prosperous Farming Country—Loss Expected Will Be Over \$2,500,000.

KEOKUK, Ia., July 18.—Heavy rains in central Iowa are sending the floods down upon the prosperous Missouri farmers which will ruin many of the and cause losses, probably aggregating two and one half million dollars. There seems to be no hope tonight for the country between Keokuk and Hannibal, 1300 square miles, mostly planted in corn with some thousands of acres of wheat in shocks.

This afternoon an observer of the weather bureau set a telegraphic warning to all points south to prepare for the danger.

Reports tonight show that a tremendous rain along the Des Moines river and its tributaries. Rains all over this section continue with inches as general minimum rainfall, many places reporting five inches. These rains will reach the lower river and flooded districts by Sunday.

Both the Des Moines and Mississippi rivers are rising faster as the night progresses. Late reports show that half the country for a distance of 30 miles between La Grange and Hannibal are already under water, long before the crest of the flood arrives.

## TWO CHILDREN CREMATED.

Are Left Alone to Play in Hay Which They Set Afire.

WALLA WALLA, July 18.—Penned inside a burning barn, two little children Zero Smith, aged 5, and John Smith, aged 2, were cremated today. The babies were playing with matches in the straw and a fire resulted. At the time of the fire the father was at his place of business in the city, and the mother was visiting at Wabburg. The little ones were in charge of a nurse.

## ATTEMPTED HOLD-UP FAILS.

FORT WORTH, Tex., July 18.—Two men attempted to hold up a south-bound Rock Island passenger train last night between Saginaw and Newark, south of this city. They placed a huge pile of telegraph poles across the track. The engine struck them and came to a stop. Two masked men attempted to climb up into the engine but Engineer Knight and Fireman Mosier opened fire on them, driving them back. The robbers escaped into the underbrush, and the train came on to Fort Worth four hours late. Posses are scouring the timber near the scene.

## LORD KITCHENER RESTING.

NEW YORK, July 18.—Lord Kitchener will spend this week at Wilton Park, Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, the residence of Henry White, cables the London correspondent of the Tribune.

## ABUSED WOMAN KILLS TWO MEN

Men Returns Home Intoxicated and Abuses Wife Who Defends Herself.

## THE WOMAN IS EXONERATED

After Husband Is Shot Brother-in-Law Strikes Woman and Receives Remaining Bullets.

CARBONDALE, Ill., July 18.—Jaubert brothers, who operate a small coal mine near Oraville, were shot to death at their home by the wife of one of the men.

They had returned intoxicated and her husband had attacked her. Mrs. Jaubert fired three shots into his body, one passing through the heart. The brother then attempted to strike the woman, whereupon Mrs. Jaubert emptied the two remaining chambers of the revolver into his body. He died shortly afterwards. Coroner Knaue impeached a jury who exonerated the wife.

## THREATEN TO STRIKE.

Unless Old Men Are Reinstated Freight Handlers Will Quit Work.

CHICAGO, July 18.—Another strike of the freight handlers may be called Sunday next. President Curran of the Freight Handlers Union, has issued a call for a mass meeting to be held at that time, to take action on the refusal of four of the railroads to reinstate all the old men.

Curran said tonight that when the settlement was made it was agreed with Frederick W. Job, chairman of the state board of arbitration that the old men were all to be taken back. This, he says, the Santa Fe, Pan-Handle, Northwesters and Illinois Central railroads have not done and that unless they shall do so before the mass meeting Sunday night, another walkout will be ordered.

## MITCHELL'S RECOMMENDATIONS.

No Doubt That They Will Be Adopted by the Convention.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 18.—At the conclusion of the secret session, which lasted through the afternoon, the recommendations of President Mitchell for management of the Anthracite strike were referred to a special committee which is to report to the convention tomorrow morning. "There is little doubt that the committee will urge the adoption of the recommendations fixing the rate of assessment 10 assessment 10 per cent or higher. Tomorrow morning the convention will be informed by the Colorado delegation that miners of that state have voted to give \$50,000 to the cause of the striking miners. It will be available at once.

## DENIES ENGAGEMENT.

President Roosevelt's Daughter Not Acquainted With Lieut. Clark.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., July 18.—Arrangements were completed partially last evening for ex-Senator Hill, who came to Oyster Bay to spend the night with William Sheehan to meet the president, but it was found impossible to fix upon a time that would be convenient to both. Senator Hill returned to New York without meeting President Roosevelt.

The reported engagement of Miss Alice Roosevelt to Lieutenant Robert Sterling Clark, of New York, is emphatically denied by authority of President Roosevelt, who has not even a personal acquaintance with Lieutenant Clark.

## MACHINISTS RETURN TO WORK.

Receive Raise of 15 Cents a Day—Strike in Progress for Two Months.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., July 18.—All the striking machinists of the Montana Central shops returning to work this morning. They get an advance in wages of 15 cents per day. The strike has been in progress for nearly two months.

## EDNA WALLACE HOPPER'S SUIT.

VICTORIA, B. C., July 18.—Edna Wallace Hopper is here with her attorney, Judge Coyne, of New York, to begin her action against Hon. Jas. Dunsmuir, premier of British Columbia, for her mother's share of the Dunsmuir estate, her mother having

## IGNORANT OF TRAFFIC LAWS

Officials Believe His Intentions Were to Defraud the Government.

## ADVISED TO MAKE TEST CASE

British Washing Compound Manufacturer Gets Himself Into Trouble With a Mixture Containing Borax.

NEW YORK, July 18.—Ernest L. Fleming, an English manufacturer of washing crystals, who recently came to this country to inquire into the tariff on his products has been arrested, charged with endeavoring to enter into this country imported merchandise by means of fraudulent and false invoices.

Mr. Fleming was in the Federal building at the time. With a lawyer he had gone there to consult with U. S. District Attorney Burnett about the law. But as a previous investigation had been made by John Curtis, a special agent of the treasury department a complaint against Mr. Fleming had been drawn up. This was in the hands of United States Deputy Henle, who on learning that Mr. Fleming was in the building, served the warrant. He was taken before Commissioner Alexander and was held in \$3000 bail, which was furnished at once.

In the complaint, he is charged with having shipped to this country from Liverpool by the Celtic, on May 14, 50 bags which purported to contain washing crystals, not concentrated. It is alleged, however, that thirty of these bags contained three tons of borax instead of washing crystals. While sal soda or washing crystal pays a duty of one-fifth of a cent a pound, borax pays a duty of five cents a pound.

"I am all at sea on the law," said Mr. Fleming. "I applied to the United States consul at London early in the year for definite information as to the import tax on wax from which washing crystals are made. He could not give any definite data on the subject and he advised me to make a test case with a small consignment. I did this and the shipment was admitted on the duty of one-fifth of a cent a pound. As this was satisfactory to me, I sent another large consignment. Imagine my surprise when a duty of five cents a pound was levied on this—and this is what I consider a prohibitive rate. I had no intention, whatever, of defrauding the government. I came to get accurate information from the treasury department."

## BASEBALL.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE.

At Baltimore—Baltimore, 5; St. Louis, 4.

At Philadelphia—Chicago, 6; Philadelphia, 7.

At Boston—Cleveland, 14; Boston, 4.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At Brooklyn—Brooklyn, 2; Boston, 1.

At Pittsburgh—Pittsburgh, 6; Chicago, 2.

## VENETIAN AUTHORITY TO BLAME

Had Been Warned That Tower Would Fall Unless Strengthened.

LONDON, July 18.—According to the Venice correspondent of the Times, evidence is accumulating that the Venetian authorities have only themselves to blame for the fall of the Campanile.

Twenty years ago, says the correspondent, an American engineer warned them that the tower would fall, and a decade ago, Vendrasco, an old builder with a life of experience in Vienna, who was employed in making repairs on the tower, declared it would collapse unless it were strengthened.

## ATTEMPTS MURDER AND SUICIDE

COLUMBUS, O., July 18.—John Smith, of Washington, Pa., is dead, and Maggie Canan, of the same place, is seriously ill in this city from the effects of strychnine placed in ice cream with murderous and suicidal intent. Smith was 19 and his companion is about the same age. According to the girl's story they ran away from home to get married.

## FREEMAN'S SENSATIONAL FINISH

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 18.—After 30 miles of seasawing, Howard Freeman, holder of the world's 20 mile bicycle record, defeated Gus Lawson by a half lap in a most sensational finish. He went the distance in 31:14.

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