

FRACTURED MAN'S SKULL

Spyuten Duyvil Victim Proves to Be Real Estate Dealer Instead of a Policeman.

KILLED WITH A HATCHET

Strange Case of Erroneous Identification—First Supposed to be a Companion Officer They Had Known 10 Years.

New York, Aug. 17.—Evidences of a mysterious murder have been disclosed by an autopsy held on the body of a man found in Spuyten Duyvil creek on Monday.

Identified at first by the police of the Kingsbridge station as a fellow policeman whom they had seen daily for 10 years, the body was later found to be that of Stephen McCarthy, a real estate agent who was for several years a government employe attached to the appraiser's office in this city.

McCarthy, who was at first believed to have met death by drowning, was found to have sustained a fracture of the skull and numerous cuts about the face and head apparently made with a hatchet. No motive for the murder has been found, although the victim's clothing had been plundered of considerable money and jewelry.

WROTE A THOUSAND NOVELS.

Col. Prentiss Ingraham Passes Away at Beauvoir, Miss.

Chicago, Aug. 17.—Colonel Prentiss Ingraham of Chicago, said to be the author of more than 1000 novels, is dead at Beauvoir, Miss., aged 60 years. Colonel Ingraham was born at Natchez, Tenn., the son of the Rev. Joseph Ingraham, who was the author of "A Prince of the House of David." The young man served in the confederate army as colonel and after the war began writing stories, which were published in various weekly papers and in book form. For years he turned out a novel every few weeks. His daughters are Mrs. Austin Cole of Los Angeles, Cal., and Miss Rosa Ingraham of Chicago. His son, Langley Ingraham, lives at Atlanta, Ga.

GAS BUOYS FOR STEAMERS.

To Save Passengers and Sailors Falling Overboard in Night Time.

Chicago, Aug. 17.—Some of Chicago's passenger steamers are to be supplied with gas buoys to rescue those who fall overboard at night. The buoy above which will burn a brilliant gas jet for a considerable time, is lighted as soon as it strikes the water. Extended tests of the buoys have proved satisfactory. Sailors and passengers falling from steamers in the night time, although in many cases able to swim out, have almost always perished through inability to find life preservers cast overboard for their use.

WONDERFUL SHIMOSE POWDER

Secret of the Japanese Explosive is Closely Guarded

New York Times: One hears a great deal in these days of the exploits of Admiral Togo, of Generals Kuroki and Oka. Military experts all over the world express their admiration for Japanese strategy; naval experts declare that Togo has almost revolutionized warfare on sea.

Doubtless these enconiums are deserved, but the military and naval experts all seem to forget one man who, as a matter of simple fact, has done more to secure victory for Japan than all her generals and admirals together. There is working in the University of Tokio a quiet little man who, if he is almost ignored outside his own country, is fully recognized in Japan itself as a national benefactor.

No one outside of Japan, and very few persons there, know how the powder invented by Prof. Shimose of the University of Tokio is made. The secret is regarded in Japan as one of the greatest of the national assets, and it is guarded with an amount of care extraordinary even when compared with the elaborate measures taken in Japan to make all military and naval details inviolate. But as to the terrific power of the Shimose powder there is no secrecy now, though no foreigner knew anything about it before the present war began. The Russians are in the unfortunate position of learning all about its effects by personal experience, while the foreign military attaches at the seat of war look on and marvel.

The Shimose powder forms the bursting charge of the Japanese army

and navy shell. The result of the explosion it causes has astounded the foreign experts now at the front. The armor-piercing shell is rent into thousands of small fragments, which are hurled through the air with such force that they tear through the sides of an iron ship as would a projectile from a machine gun. The Russian warships Varlag and Korietz, sunk by the Japanese at Che-mul-Pho, were found on examination to be riddled all over their decks and sides by fragments of shells which had been filled with the Shimose powder.

The explosive force of the powder is known to exceed that of gun cotton or dynamite many times. While a shell with a bursting charge of these explosives is broken into comparatively few pieces, the majority of which are scattered through a limited arc, the Shimose explosive scatters the projectile into 3000 or more fragments. Moreover, these fragments are driven in every direction with equal force, the result being, as one expert says, that nothing in the vicinity can live.

The reports of the land battles from Russian sources dwell with pathetic emphasis on the invariable superiority of the Japanese artillery. It was to this artillery that the Russians gave the credit of the Japanese victory in the battle of the Yalu, and it was largely on account of their artillery that the mikado's troops won at Nanshan Hill and Vafangow.

In spite of its tremendous force the powder can be handled with perfect safety. It is also extraordinarily cheap, its cost being less than half that of gun cotton.

FISHING WITH A HAYRAKE.

A North Bend Farmer Tried New Way of Salmon Catching.

North Bend Evening Post: William Gamble has cherished an idea and carried it around under his hat for a long time, that he would some day startle the world by something in the way of revolutionizing the dreary drudgery of catching salmon, by some kind of a motive power. Yesterday he thought he would just show some of those Kentuck slough fishermen a thing or two. He has long contemplated building a cannery on the slough, and may some day yet, but he thought of a scheme and he had the opportunity of trying it. He was raking hay on the Burns place over there, and to make a long story short, he took the near cut across the slough with his horse and rake and he drove in. Before he had gone far he could feel the big chinook salmon up against the rake, and he just smiled all over at what a fine scheme it was, and he was already dreaming of being the salmon king of Kentuck slough. Bill declares that it was impossible for the horse to get through. The horse floundered around until the thill broke and the rake was capsize. Mr. Gamble was badly scared. He halloed for help. The rake was getting him under and all that could be seen was his snake-bitten leg when the gasoline launch arrived. He was rescued, however, before he had imbibed enough salt water to injure his stomach. Mr. Gamble says that rake full of salmon would have kept Sengstacken's cannery running for a month. The next time he goes salmon fishing with a hay rake there will be something doing and he declares the run will have to be much lighter before he can attempt it.

New Book on the West Indies.

Liverpool Journal of Commerce: During late years the West Indian Islands have been before the public to a very great extent, and in a large measure they have benefited by the efforts of those who have been instrumental in bringing about their advertisement. Not only has their condition been improved by means of legislation—and of this the abolition of the sugar bounties is a case in point—but the islands have become much more widely known, and in consequence many tourists have been attracted there, and the attention of capitalists has been directed to them, while not a few young Englishmen have taken up their abode there, being content to make their home in a far country, and prospered not a little in the doing of it. We are led to make these remarks by reason of the fact that next month a new book will be published by Messrs. Routledge & Sons, London, and printed and prepared under the auspices of Messrs. Charles Birchall, Limited. The "Book of the West Indies," as it will be called, will contain all information in connection with the West Indies, much of which has been written by government officials and others who possess an intimate knowledge of the places and things of which they write. It will, moreover, be copiously illustrated in order to catch the eye and compel the attention of the literary butterfly to whom and for whom books of this kind in their solid nakedness are too strong meat.

"BLACK HAND" GO-BETWEEN

Detectives Capture Salvadore Altadonna Who Was Trying to Deliver a Message.

NO SIGN OF KIDNAPPED BOY

Lad Stolen a Week Ago Still Secreted by Gang and Parents Give Up Hope of Ever Seeing Him Alive.

New York, Aug. 17.—Italian detectives working on the Antonio Manno kidnaping case in Brooklyn, have arrested Salvadore Altadonna, who they assert has been acting as a go-between for the principals in hiding and their families. The prisoner is alleged to have been about to deliver a message to Mrs. Ladueca from her husband, the alleged head of the gang who carried the lad away.

The arrest was made at the point of a revolver. Altadonna was about to enter the Ladueca house and stumbled over the detectives who were listening to a conversation among those within, hoping to obtain a clue to the whereabouts of the wealthy contractor's son. The latter has now been missing one week and his parents have given up hopes of ever seeing him alive.

FOR FAITHFUL POLICEMEN.

Organization to Provide for Families of Those Who Fall at Post of Duty.

New York, Aug. 17.—A movement has been instituted among the members of New York's police force to form an association for the purpose of assisting families of officers killed in the performance of their duties. Numerous deaths of this kind have occurred recently in fires and battles with burglars. As a rule the victim left a large family without means and the only help they received was a small contribution from the relief fund. It is now proposed that an organization shall be formed with its affairs administered by trustees and that each member of the force shall contribute 50 cents as an assessment in cases of death. In this way \$3500 would be raised.

THE WICKEDEST CITY.

Pointed Remarks on "Rash Statements as Indisputable Evidence."

Boston Herald: There is an anxious rivalry today among American cities over the claim of supreme wickedness. There are clergymen as well as newspaper men and professional sports who offer rash statements as indisputable evidence. No doubt centuries ago there was like dispute over the cities of the plain. Books of English proverbs and sayings preserve the evil reputation of certain towns and villages; a bitter epigram still characterizes Genoa; the wickedness of the sunken city of Ys is legendary and operative. Was Babylon as a plague sore? The zeal of the Hebrew prophets was tribal, no more seriously to be considered than Carlyle's remark that eternity was not visible at Paris. Human nature and human wickedness are about the same in all cities of so-called civilization. Where there is unwise restrictive legislation, there are sneaking vices, and there is the inevitable fret that leads to covert indulgence. De Goncourt, who knew the seamy side of Paris, was shocked by the low immorality of French villages, but he was constantly on the watch for exhibitions of vice and indefatigable in discovery. Wherever men are herded together there will be vice and crime, and wherever they watch their heads there will be passionate outbreaks, the lack of interest and amusements will be supplied by coarse or immoral pleasures. There is exaggeration in all the statements concerning prevailing wickedness. The Parisian is not wholly given over to absinthe and the pursuit of his neighbor's wife. As a matter of fact, the average Parisian is a man of uncommon industry and frugal habits. A Bostonian does not necessarily take his life in his hand when he visits New York, Chicago or Providence. We know men who cross the common at midnight without arms and without inward uneasiness. Nor do we believe that New England villages are so many sinks of abomination. There should be sweet reasonableness even in denunciation of evil doing. There is no wickedest city; there is no wickedest village.

Slang Words for Money.

The American uses astonishingly few slang words in speaking of pieces of money—perhaps because he has great

er respect for it. A five-cent piece is usually referred to as a nickel, but this is practically the only slang term applied to any of our money in general use. A dime is officially a dime, and so is a quarter.

But turn to the English appellations for their money, and hardly a bit of it is referred to under the authorized and official designation. A shilling is seldom called such in London; they call it a "bob," and a "quid," which means a piece of tobacco in this country, is what they term a pound. Sixpence they call a "tanner," fourpence a "Joey," and a penny more often than not is unknown to the street gamins save as a "mag." A cabman will not tell you a ride will cost five shillings, but that it will require a "bull" to pay for it, and a half-crown is "alf a bull." These are prevailing expressions for the pieces of money widely handled, but proper terms for higher amounts are kicked aside and colloquial terms substituted for them.

It is estimated that the four-mile tunnel on the line of the new Moffatt railroad between Salt Lake City and Denver will cost \$1,000,000 a mile.

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Treasury Department, U. S. Life-Saving Service, Washington, D. C., July 26, 1904. Sealed proposals will be received at this office until 2:00 o'clock p. m., of Friday, August 26, 1904, and then publicly opened, for the construction of a floating boathouse for Gray's Harbor (Washington) Life-Saving Station. Specifications and drawings, forms of proposal, etc., can be obtained upon application to the Superintendent of Construction of Life-Saving Stations, Pacific Coast, Room 35, New Appraisers' Stores, San Francisco, Cal.; to the Assistant Inspector of Life-Saving Stations, Coasts of Washington and Oregon, 13th District, Tacoma, Washington; or to this Office, Horace L. Piper, Acting General Superintendent.

Office Constructing Quartermaster, Astoria, Ore., July 28, 1904.—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received at this office until 10 o'clock a. m., August 27, 1904, and then opened for the construction and plumbing of an addition to a frame guardhouse at Fort Stevens, Ore. United States reserves the right to reject any or all proposals. Plans can be seen and specifications obtained at this office. Envelopes should be marked "Proposals for construction," and addressed, Captain Goodale, Quartermaster, Astoria, Oregon.

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