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## RUNS AMUCK WITH PISTOL AT ASHLAND

### Maddened Laborer Seeks to Wipe Out All His Relatives Because of His Domestic Troubles.

### Shoots His Wife, Baby, Mother-in-Law, Father-in-Law and Sister-in-Law.

### THEN TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

### Wife Was Shot Through Back, Perhaps Fatally, and Two-year-old Baby Can Not Recover.

Ashland, Ore., Sept. 16.—As the consequence of domestic troubles, O. E. Monroe, a laborer, today shot and fatally wounded his 2-year-old baby girl, attempted to murder his wife, Mrs. Dunlap, his mother-in-law, and Mrs. Gardner, his sister-in-law, and then committed suicide.

Monroe and his wife lived so unhappily that she left the family home a few weeks ago and went to her mother's. She commenced action for divorce and during pendency of the case, which was to have been tried tomorrow, was awarded custody of the child.

This morning Monroe met his wife and mother-in-law down town and followed them home. He entered the house and deliberately pointed a revolver at Dunlap, whom he fancied was responsible for his marital unhappiness. Mrs. Monroe observed her husband's act and seized his arm, disturbing his aim so that he inflicted nothing worse than a painful wound in Dunlap's jaw. Further enraged by his wife's interference, Monroe turned the revolver upon Mrs. Monroe and shot her through the back inflicting perhaps a fatal injury.

Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Monroe's sister, who lives in the next house, heard the shooting and rushed to her mother's house to learn the cause. When she appeared Monroe fired at her point-blank, hitting her in the body, and, it is believed, fatally injuring her.

Monroe took the baby in his arms and started to leave the house with first intention, it is presumed, of making his escape. When he got as far as the door, he evidently discovered people running toward the place, and saw that an attempt to get away would be useless. He stopped in the doorway, placed the muzzle of the revolver against the child's neck and pulled the trigger.

Monroe concluded the tragedy by putting the smoking weapon to his own temple and blowing out his brains.

### TWO CASES MERGED.

#### Interstate Commerce Commission Concludes Investigation for Present.

Denver, Sept. 16.—The interstate commerce commission today concluded its hearing in the western livestock rates cases. The hearing was held at the instance of the cattlegrowers' interstate executive committee, representing all organized cattlemen. Testimony was also taken in the Texas cattlemen's case against the southwestern lines, alleging unreasonable rates and poor service.

The cattlemen produced evidence to show that rates generally were higher than they had ever been and the service worse. The railroads practically admit the poor service and promise amendment. They admit an increase in rates, but claim the rate have been too low. The commission decided to consolidate the two cases into the Texas cattlemen's case, and the railroads will put in their testimony at a further hearing to be held at Chicago in November.

### INJURED IN EXPLOSION.

#### Automobile Accident at McMinnville May Result Fatally.

McMinnville, Ore., Sept. 16.—The explosion of gasoline spilled during the course of refilling an automobile tank

this afternoon seriously wounded three men, one perhaps fatally.

The wounded—James Derby, farmer of McMinnville, badly cut and internally hurt. It is thought fatally.

George Pearce, president of Wade & Co., hardware dealers, of Salem, Ore., cut, bruised and internally injured; will recover.

W. H. Curran, local manager for Wade & Co., of McMinnville, cut and internally injured. One Historical Society member.

Pearce and Curran were reloading the tank of the automobile and spilled a gallon of the liquid on a plank bridge at the rear of the Wade & Co. warehouse here.

Thinking the gasoline had evaporated they attempted to light the engine and ignited the gas rising from the bridge. Curran and Pearce, with Derby and several boys, standing near, were hurled through the air, the bridge was lifted several feet from the underpinning and the vehicle was demolished. The boys escaped without injury.

### REMAINS OF MURDERED MAN.

#### Timber Cruiser Discovers Skeleton Buried in Shallow Grave.

Seattle, Sept. 16.—Buried in a shallow grave in a lonely spot back of Kirkland, the body of a man who doubtless had been murdered was dug up yesterday by Deputy Coroner Arnold. The body was discovered the day before by Orin Blood, a timber cruiser. Under the body in the grave was found a revolver, which it is believed was used to commit the murder. Three chambers are empty, although there is but one empty shell.

A thorough search of the dead man's clothing failed to reveal anything that might give a clue to his identity. No letters or papers could be found. Three dimes was all the money that was found in the pockets.

The bullet which caused death is believed to have been one which struck the victim back of the right ear. It passed through the brain in an upward and forward range and fractured the skull, where it lodged at the top of the head just back of the forehead. Another bullet entered the abdomen, but it did not strike a rib and only the bloody underwear shows where it passed through.

Detective Lane yesterday made a search of the remains to find some clue to the identity of the man but failed to get anything tangible. The murdered man was about 25 years of age, had light brown hair and was of a small stature.

He wore a dark blue cheviot suit of clothes when killed, a Stetson hat, bought at Korn's in San Francisco, and good shoes of size number 7. He wore a negligee shirt with blue stripes.

Nothing could be learned at Kirkland yesterday of a missing man answering the dead man's description. The victim had been in the ground nearly two years.

### TOWNS WASHED AWAY.

#### Disastrous Floods Along Valley of Rio Grande.

Alpine, Tex., Sept. 16.—An overflow of the Rio Grande has caused great destruction of property along the narrow cultivated valley through what is known as the Great Bend country, covering a distance of about 300 miles by the course of that stream. Mounted couriers from Presidio del Norte confirm the report that the United States customs house and nearly all the other buildings in that little town have been washed away by the flood. Ojinto, situated across the river in Mexico from Presidio del Norte, is also reported to be washed away. Owing to the flood, communication with the Mexican town is cut off, and it is not known whether any lives were lost on that side.

It is reported that Bouquillas, some distance below Presidio del Norte, has also been flooded, and many houses washed away. There are a number of small Mexican settlements in the narrow valley, both above and below Presidio del Norte, and it is feared that they have been destroyed and lives lost. Torrential rains in Mexico and west Texas produced the flood. Disastrous inundation of the cultivated valley of the river along its lower course is threatened when the big rise reaches there, which will be in the next two or three days.

### Fight Draw at Seattle.

Seattle, Sept. 16.—Billy Woods and Tommy Burns fought a 15-round draw tonight.

## JAPANESE AGAIN PUSHING NORTHWARD UPON MUKDEN AND WILL RENEW BATTLE

### Oyama Surprises Russian Officials by Preparing for Attack in So Short a Time After Liao Yang.

### Japanese Outposts Have Clashed With the Slavs and Big Battle Is Expected—Kuropatkin Tells Port Arthur Garrison That It Must Resist for Another Month—Indefinite Talk of Peaceable Adjustment.

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The feature of the day's war news is the statement that General Oyama has prepared for another attack upon General Kuropatkin's forces at Mukden. The news has reached St. Petersburg, where surprise is expressed that the Japanese should have so soon made preparations to renew hostilities. Oyama's army must have been greatly exhausted by the recent fighting, and Russian officials supposed a longer time would be necessary before the fighting could be continued. It is reported that more Japanese troops have been ordered to the front. There is a story going the rounds that fighting is now under way at Mukden, where conflicts have been reported between the Japanese outposts and Russians. It would seem that Oyama really intends pressing the Slavs. There is also talk of speedy settlement of the war, but nothing definite appears in the statements to this effect.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 16.—General Kuropatkin reports that reconnoissances have established the fact that the Japanese are massing near Yental and Bentsiaputze. Bodies of Japanese are also moving in the Liao River valley.

An Associated Press dispatch from Mukden announces that, according to information from Chinese sources, the Japanese are leaving a garrison at Liao Yang and their main force is concentrating at Bentsiaputze, 20 miles southeast of Mukden, and that another force, whose strength has not been yet estimated, is moving up the Liao valley. The greater part of Field Marshal Oyama's army, however, is still near Yental, encamped along the heights between the mines and the railroads. While the war office does not expect an immediate advance the preliminary dispositions of the Japanese forces are taken to indicate that the Japanese intend when they advance to strike from the eastward. They seem to be avoiding the territory west of the Liao river, possibly because it is flat and would give the Russians the advantage of their superiority in cavalry.

Chinese residents fleeing to Mukden complain that the Japanese are pillaging Liao Yang.

General Sakharoff telegraphs a formal denial of several of Oyama's statements. He says the alleged dum-dum bullets found at Liao Yang are simply the regulation square-nosed bullets of the service revolver. They are of the same caliber as the Russian rifle of 1891, and the bullets are all lead, but not jacketed, and are in no wise dum-dum. The general also denies the statement that the Japanese captured a large quantity of ammunition. He says they only obtained possession of a few boxes of empty cartridge shells, and says it is not true that the Russian rolling stock fell into the hands of the Japanese. Only two old trucks, he adds, were left on a siding.

A dispatch from Mukden says the Russian patrols have up to the present repulsed the Japanese outpost attacks, and that communication with Sinminthin has not been interrupted.

More Japs for the Front.

Berlin, Sept. 16.—The Lokal Anzeiger's Shanghai correspondent telegraphs that, according to trustworthy information, the Japanese first militia contingent has received orders to prepare to depart for the front.

### MESSAGE FROM THE CZAR.

#### Nicholas Compliments Kuropatkin on Retreat From Liao Yang.

London, Sept. 16.—A dispatch to a news agency from Mukden, dated September 16, says that in a general order issued by General Kuropatkin today the following message from Emperor Nicholas to the general was as follows:

"I see from your report that you were unable to hold the fortress of Liao Yang owing to the enemy threatening to cut off your communications. The retreat of the whole army in such difficult circumstances and over such terrible roads was an operation excellently carried out in the face of grave difficulties. I thank you and your splendid troops for their heroic and continued self-sacrifice. God guard you. (Signed) "NICHOLAS."

### PROTEST FROM CHINESE.

#### Ask Opposing Generals Not to Wage Battle at Mukden.

London, Sept. 16.—Under date of September 14 the Mail's correspondent at Mukden telegraphs:

"In instructions from Peking the Chinese

evolution on the part of the emperor and adds:

"I am quite sure that in the war that lies before the Manchurian army every soldier will put forth his best efforts to achieve victory over the enemy and become worthy of the confidence of the emperor."

General Kuropatkin ordered the emperor's message to be read to all the troops with solemn ceremony.

### FIGURE OUT VICTORY.

#### Russian Experts Declare Japs Were Defeated at Liao Yang.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 16.—The Russian military critics, analyzing General Kuropatkin's report of the battle of Liao Yang, seem to unite in considering that Field Marshal Oyama's purpose having failed, the honors belong rather to Kuropatkin than to the Japanese commander-in-chief. The Novoe Vremya draws a parallel between Liao Yang and Borodino, where General Kutusoff's abandonment of Moscow to Napoleon was followed by the disastrous retreat of the French.

### AVELLAN MAY RETIRE.

#### Rumor Has It That Doubazoff Will Succeed Him.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 16.—A rumor impossible to confirm has been in circulation for some time that Admiral Doubazoff will succeed Admiral Avellan as head of the admiralty department. Well informed circles regard the change as possible. Doubazoff is extremely popular in the navy and is held as a man of force and resolution. He is at present a member of the consulting council of the navy.

Russia's recession from her position on the question of contraband is regarded as the occasion for the probable retirement of Admiral Avellan from the post of the head of the Russian admiralty.

### RUSSIAN REPLY IS MADE.

#### Recognizes Our Contention With Reference to Contraband.

St. Petersburg, Sept. 16.—The Russian reply to the representations of the United States and Great Britain regarding contraband of war was communicated this afternoon. It is understood Russia recognizes the principle that provisions are not contraband when consigned to private parties, but contraband when intended as military or naval stores.

### London Papers Pleased.

London, Sept. 17.—This morning's newspapers express satisfaction with Russia's decision as to contraband of war, presuming it means that the verdict of the prize court in the case of the British steamer Calchas will be reversed. The Post alone, in an angry editorial, reproaches the government for its failure to secure compensation in the cases of the steamers Allanton and Knight Commander.

### Foreign Office Satisfied.

London, Sept. 16.—The foreign office has received a dispatch from Ambassador Hardinge, at St. Petersburg, giving Russia's reply to the representations on the subject of contraband of war. It is understood the foreign office considers the reply satisfactory, inasmuch as the concessions are Russian government to the claims of Great Britain.

### ITALIANS NOW SUSPECTED.

#### Portland Police Believe They Killed East Side Saloon Man.

Portland, Sept. 16.—The police have arrested the five Italians who were in the City View saloon when Gus Breuer the proprietor was shot to death. Today while searching the premises a bullet hole was found in a side room and it was determined that it must have been made from inside. The bullet corresponded in caliber to those in the dead man's body, which the police consider positive evidence that the man was murdered by the occupants of the room.

According to the Italians' statements they were the only persons in the saloon when the crime was committed. Robert Lewis, arrested last night on suspicion, has been released. The theory of the police is that the murder was committed for the purpose of robbery.

### Flynn Stays Ten Rounds.

Denver, Sept. 16.—George Gardner of Lowell, Mass., and Jim Flynn of Pueblo fought a 10-round draw tonight.

## GORMAN TO HAVE HAND IN BATTLE

### Democratic Leaders Decide That He Shall Be Active in Management of Judge Parker's Campaign.

### Candidate's Visit to New York Results in Settlement of Differences There.

### SATISFIED WITH OUTLOOK

### Standard Bearer Expresses Confidence and Says He is Grati-fied With Evidences of Harmony.

New York, Sept. 16.—Several important questions were settled by the visit of Judge Parker to New York and the conference with democratic leaders. It was determined that Gorman should have an active place in the campaign.

but Taggart will not be superseded. The conference of Tammany leaders with Judge Parker resulted in a settlement of the differences in Greater New York relating to national and state issues.

The governorship and state officers were discussed, but it is said nothing definite will be determined until next week at Saratoga.

Another matter undecided is as to whether or not Parker will make speeches during the campaign.

Senator Dowling, who conferred with Parker today, said tonight:

"Parker asked me to say that he feels extremely jubilant and very hopeful over the outlook at present. He returned home tonight pleased with the conditions existing here, and particularly gratified with the evidences of harmony."

### MANHUNTER CAPTURED.

#### Chas. Dickinson Was Himself Looking for Canadian Bandits.

Bellingham, Sept. 16.—Charles Dickinson, who was arrested last night at Deming on suspicion of being a Canadian Pacific robber, is not thought to be one of the men wanted. Investigation indicates that he started out alone to find the bandits in the hope of securing the reward.

### HOLY ROLLER GOES TO PRISON.

#### Crefield Got Two Years at Salem for His Recent Crime.

Portland, Sept. 16.—Edwin Crefield, leader of the "holy rollers," was today convicted by a jury of the crime of adultery and sentenced to a term of two years in the penitentiary. Before the case went to the jury, Crefield made a rambling statement that all his actions had been guided by the Lord, and that while he might be guilty in the eyes of the people, he was not in the eyes of God.

### TIBETAN PRISONERS RELEASED

#### Blind Captive in Durance for Twenty Years.

L'Hassa, Tibet, Sept. 15, via Gy-angtze, Sept. 16.—According to the treaty between the British and Tibetans signed September 7, prisoners on both sides were released today. The occasion afforded a picturesque ceremony. Some of the prisoners released by the Tibetans had been in captivity over 20 years. One old man who was imprisoned for assisting Sarat Chandradas had been kept in a dark dungeon and had gone blind. He at first refused to credit the fact that he was being given his freedom, and thought he was being led out for torture.

### Moore Comes to the Coast.

Washington, Sept. 16.—By direct instruction of the president, General Francis Moore has been relieved of duty as commandant of the school of application at Fort Riley, Kan., and is ordered to San Francisco to assume command of the department of California, relieving General MacArthur, who will retain command, however, of the Pacific division.