



MURDERED BY HIS SON

**Rich Spokane Merchant
Killed With Ax.**

SON CONFESSES CRIME

**Body of J. F. Sloane Found In
Alley With Head Chopped
to Pieces.**

BOY TRIES TO HIDE HIS CRIME

**Father Comes Home and Is Struck Down
in His Room by Son—Youth Wanted
Five Hundred
Dollars.**

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 28.—The body of James F. Sloane, a pioneer merchant of this city, was found behind a pile of rocks in an alley near his home, on Sixth avenue, near Stevens street. Great gashes on his head showed he had been murdered, apparently with a hatchet, and a trail of blood led from the alley to Mr. Sloane's home. Investigation proved that he was murdered in his room shortly after midnight, his body being loaded into a wheelbarrow, trundled to the alley and dumped against the rocks.

Sidney Sloane, the 17-year-old son of the murdered man, was taken into custody by the police shortly after the body was discovered. At first he protested complete innocence, but broke down and confessed the murder. He said he slew his father with an ax, in the hope of getting \$500 which he thought his father was carrying. The murdered man has been one of Spokane's leading merchants for years, being the senior member of the Sloane-Paine company.

Investigation of the Sloane murder shows one of the most coldblooded crimes ever committed in this city. Sidney Sloane, who was the only member of the family in the city excepting his father, had made every preparation for covering up his tracks. He had stolen an ax from his neighbor's back yard, and waited his father's appearance on the upper floor of his home. Evidently he struck his father on the head with the ax as the latter entered his room. The noise awakened Mrs. and Miss Syphers, who were sleeping directly under Mr. Sloane's room. Sloane was a heavy drinker and they thought he had stumbled over the centertable, so let the matter rest.

As soon as the boy had searched his father's clothes for the money which was the motive for the murder, he went to a neighbor's back yard and unloaded a lot of apples from a wheelbarrow and carrying his father's body down stairs placed it in the vehicle. He then wheeled around the block and dumped the body in an alley. Returning, he washed out the wheelbarrow, replaced the apples and left them in their original location. He carefully washed off the ax and also replaced it.

There were rugs on the floor of the bedroom and the blood from the wound in Mr. Sloane's head had soaked through the rugs onto the floor. These rugs the boy rolled up and carrying them to the back porch thoroughly washed them. He washed the floor clean and placed several Indian blankets on the floor. He arose early this morning and calling to Mrs. Syphers told her his father had been in that night and that he was going out to look for him. While he was talking several policemen arrived and told the boy that his father had been killed. The boy at first pleaded innocence, but finally confessed.

EXPERIENCES STRONG CURRENT.

HONOLULU, Aug. 28.—Captain Houdlett of the steamer Sierra which arrived here today from Australia, says that during the last two days he experienced an extraordinary northwest current. It was the strongest he ever encountered, throwing his vessel thirty miles out of her course in one day. He attributes the stranding of the Manchuria to the same current. The condition of the Manchuria is unchanged. The question has been raised as to the right of the cable ship Restorer, a British vessel, to engage in salvage operations on the Manchuria. The matter has been referred to the Washington authorities.

BIG OIL FIRE.

BEAUMONT, Texas, Aug. 28.—A boiler exploded in Keith Ward Tract tonight setting fire to the oil storage tanks and derricks. Fifteen have been burned and the fire is spreading. The best wells in the field are located in this tract.

STORY IS CONFIRMED

Skeletons of Eight Valencia Victims Lie in Lonely Cave.

INVESTIGATION TO BE MADE

Indian Finds Skeletons Lying on Pontoons and Boat Inside Vancouver Island Cave—Lightkeeper's Son Makes Inquiry

VICTORIA, Aug. 28.—The steamer Queen City which arrived today from the Vancouver Island coast, brings confirmation of the reports of the finding of a boat with eight skeletons, in a cave near Pachena Point, not far from where the Valencia was wrecked. The boat was found by an Indian cruising in a canoe in the vicinity. He climbed over the rocks at the entrance and swam in, finding the wreckage at the end, among which was an iron safe, a pontoon and a boat, practically undamaged, with eight corpses, all decomposed beyond recognition; only the bones being left. The Indian reported his find to Lightkeeper Daykin, who sent his son to investigate. The young man found the boat and the skeletons. The information was given to the captain of a Canadian government steamer at Ucluelet and an investigation may be made.

TERRIBLE MURDER.

Woman Found With Body Terribly Slashed and Mutilated.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—A woman known as Mrs. Annie Moore was found murdered early today in a furnished room at 6 Second street. She had been horribly ripped and slashed.

One gash had severed the jugular vein the left side of the throat, another had almost severed the windpipe, the breast was badly slashed and a deep knife thrust had ripped open the body, disembodying it.

No weapon was found and there were few bloodmarks around the room.

James Moore, who had posed as the woman's husband, was held by the police on suspicion. It was he who notified the police of the murder. He ran up to two detectives at Second street and the Bowers at 2 o'clock this morning and told them he had just gone to his home and thought his sister-in-law was dead. The police hurried to the house and began to investigate the crime.

Moore told the police he and the woman had been living together for several years. The woman, he said, was the widow of his brother, who died ten years ago.

No one in the house could be found who heard any sounds, as if a struggle was taking place. Herman von Kohlen, who has an adjoining room, was aroused by the police and said he had been in bed since 5 o'clock in the afternoon and had heard no noises whatever.

The dead woman was 50 years old.

RAN OFFICE ANY OLD WAY

**Gold Beach Postmistress
Has Unique Method.**

SHE OPENED LETTERS

**Asked Reason, Says She "Opened
Them Because She Wanted
To"—Complaint Made.**

PAYS OUT LOTS OF MONEY

**Inspectors Discover Miss Caughill Paid
Out Thousands of Dollars on Money
Orders—Letters of Advice
Unopened.**

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 28.—The report of Post Office Inspectors Riches and Camp to Assistant United States District Attorney James Cole regarding the manner of conducting the post-office at Gold Beach, Oregon, by Postmistress Miss Lizzie Caughill, forms the strangest chapter in the history of the postoffice department.

According to Mr. Cole there has been complaint relative to the manner in which the office has been conducted ever since Miss Caughill's appointment two years ago.

One of the complaints, he states, was that of J. B. True, who accused the postmistress of opening his mail. When confronted by the inspectors with this charge, Miss Caughill declared that True authorized her to open all his mail. This True denied, and according to report Miss Caughill naively declared she "must have opened them because she wanted to."

It also developed that Miss Caughill opened the answer from the postal officials, in answer to True's complaint. Another instance of her peculiar methods, it is asserted, is that of a registered letter containing two \$20 bills sent by Mrs. Martha McVey to Mrs. Mary A. McVey at 2800 Sacramento street, San Francisco. No return card was received for this, and when Mrs. McVey inquired about it she was told the San Francisco fire had probably had something to do with the delay. Later Mrs. McVey inquired again, when it is charged she was given a forged receipt.

The inspectors also discovered that Miss Caughill has paid out thousands of dollars on money orders, the letters of advice for which have never been opened and great stacks are still piled in the office.

The strangest part of the affair is that although the inspectors found large sums of money involved in the young woman's mismanagement, they cannot find that she profited in any way by the operation.

Miss Caughill is the daughter of a former captain of the gasoline schooner Berwick and a well known mariner along the coast. She is also in charge of the local telephone office and placed so effective a censorship on the outgoing news that it was not until the return of the inspectors that the particulars were learned.

COMMENCES BIG SUIT.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—Thomas C. Watkins filed yesterday a summons and complaint in the city clerk's office, at Brooklyn. He has instituted a suit for \$38,500 against the Trans-Atlantic Fire Insurance company of Hamburg, Germany. He alleges that the company had failed to make good certain losses caused by the earthquake fire in San Francisco. He is assignee of several of the insured people who sustained the losses.

STRIKE CONTINUES.

San Francisco Car Strike as Unbroken as Ever.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 28.—The three principal developments in the street railway strike today were the receipt of the report that Thomas M. Farley had left New York with 800 strikebreakers, the statement of Thornwall Mullahey, assistant to President Calhoun, declaring that the United Railways was finding no difficulty in engaging men to fill the places of the strikers, and the meeting of ten unions connected with the electric and cable roads, including the iron workers and teamsters, who decided fully to support one another in the present controversy.

The carmen today issued a statement in the form of an appeal to the public, declaring themselves unwilling to return to work unless upon some offer more definite than that conveyed in the communication of President Calhoun, inviting to return to work pending the consideration of their demands.

MAY BE CANDIDATE

**Hearst Would Run for Governor
on Independent Ticket.**

SAYS JEROME OBEYS BOSSES

**Hearst is Not "Sore" at Bryan—Will
Call on Nebraskan When He Arrives
—Jerome Nothing But a
Tool.**

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—In an interview today W. R. Hearst when asked if he would accept the Democratic nomination for governor of New York, stated that if he ran it would be as a candidate of the Independent League. Regarding Jerome's candidacy, Hearst said he thought Jerome was doing what he had been told to do by the interests which contributed to his last campaign fund. Asked if Jerome would receive the Democratic nomination for governor, he said he would if the convention was controlled by Ryan and Belmont. Concerning statements that C. F. Murphy, leader of Tammany Hall, is supporting him, Hearst stated that it amused him. He says such men as Murphy, McCarran and Sullivan do not mean what they say. The object of these bosses, Hearst declares, is to confuse the voters at the primaries, who are really on Hearst's side. Hearst denied emphatically that there was any coldness between Bryan and himself. He said the secret of his attitude regarding the Bryan could be explained very simply. Hearst said he was a member of the Independence League, which represents both the Democrats and Republicans, and thinks he should not officially take any part in this Bryan matter, as it might be construed as allying the league to Bryan. He says he will make a private call on Bryan, however.

CONSTRUCTING EARTHWORKS.

HAVANA, Aug. 28.—The construction of earthworks for the defense of the city of Pinar del Rio is being pushed. It is stated a considerable number of the insurgents have deserted and gone to their homes, asserting they were deceived by those who induced them to join the revolt.

NEW GOVERNOR APPOINTED.

LONDON, Aug. 28.—The Standard's correspondent telegraphs that General Rennkampf has been appointed successor to General Skallon, as governor of Warsaw.

JEWISH ORPHANS RELEASED.

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—All but two of the thirty Jewish orphans ordered deported by the Ellis Island authorities were released from the immigration station this evening under orders from Washington.

BANK GOES TO THE WALL

**A Philadelphia Institution
Closes Its Doors.**

PRESIDENT SPECULATED

**Real Estate Trust Company Has
Liabilities of \$7,000,000
to Face.**

DEATH OF PRESIDENT QUEER

**Frank K. Hipple, Bank's President, Dies
Last Saturday Suddenly and Au-
thorities Suspect Suicide—Pres-
byterian Church Interested.**

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 28.—Unable to meet its obligations because of the large amount of money loaned on insufficient securities by its president, now dead, the Real Estate Trust Company of Philadelphia, which up to Saturday was considered one of the strongest financial institutions in the city, closed its doors today. Soon after the doors were closed George H. Earle, a prominent financier, was appointed receiver. The liabilities are estimated at \$10,000,000 against which are quick assets of \$4,500,000 and collateral of about \$8,000,000, which is not negotiable or readily convertible. This bountiful collateral is held mostly as security for loans of about \$5,300,000 made to Adolph Segals, a promoter. The man responsible for the failure was Frank H. Hipple, one of Philadelphia's best known citizens, who died suddenly last Saturday at his country home at Bryn Mawr, under circumstances which under the light of today's developments have led to a suspicion that he might have committed suicide. Hipple, in addition to being president of the Real Estate Trust company, was treasurer of the board of trustees of the Presbyterian General Assembly and of several other church funds and was a director of the Franklin National Bank. Recently Hipple's accounts of the Presbyterian church were examined, and found to be correct, but it cannot be stated positively tonight whether the securities belonging to the General Assembly are intact. Dr. W. H. Roberts, Stated clerk of the General Assembly, said that in addition to deposits of the General Assembly amounting to over \$950,000, the Real Estate Trust company also had about \$25,000 of its funds, placed there by Roberts as Stated Clerk. The Presbyterian hospital and the Presbyterian board of relief, he said, also had funds on deposit there.

Besides Presbyterian moneys, the bank had \$300,000 of the money of the city of Philadelphia and \$175,000 of State deposits. Desperate efforts were made by bank officers today to prevent the crash. The board of directors attended a meeting of the clearing house association, at which there were present almost fifty bank presidents. Trust company officials stated they needed about \$7,000,000, but the most the bankers could do was to guarantee about \$4,000,000 and this was not enough, and when Vice President Houston found the case absolutely hopeless, he telephoned to the bank to close its doors. Receiver Earle, in a statement made after the meeting with the directors of the bank, expressed the hope that he might soon be able to recommend a plan to the depositors that will better conserve their interests than will a continuance of the receivership. In his judgment a receivership is always a costly way of administering corporate affairs and he said he trusts he may be able to make it plain that there is a hopeful method that will be less expensive and capable of in-

citing higher results.

President Hipple was always regarded as a conservative financier, but following his sudden death last Friday investigation showed his loans to Segals had been made regardless of the proper security and he had made false statements to the directors of the bank's condition. Friends of the president believe Segals exercised a hypnotic influence over Hipple.

The persistent rumors that Hipple committed suicide were borne out tonight when it was authoritatively stated that he took his life Friday morning by taking laudanum. While still conscious he filled the bathtub with water and was found later apparently drowned. The family decline to make a statement.

TILLMAN UP AGAINST IT.

COLUMBUS, S. C., Aug. 28.—Scattering returns from today's primaries indicate that L. F. Ansel will lead the ticket for governor. The election of Ansel means defeat for the State dispensary and Senator Tillman.

WILL GREET BRYAN

**New York Mecca of Hundreds of
Bryan Welcomers.**

RECEPTION PROGRAM SIMPLE

**Acting Mayor McGowan of New York
Will Meet Bryan on Yacht Illini
and Extend Freedom of
the City.**

NEW YORK, Aug. 28.—The town is filling up with Bryan welcomers and other excursionists. From now on until the day of the reception delegates from all over the country will be arriving almost hourly and they will bring with them a lot of others.

Attorney General M. J. Cunningham of Louisiana reported at the Victoria Hotel headquarters yesterday that he expected a delegation of about twenty-five from New Orleans next Wednesday and for whom he is looking up accommodations. The West Virginians have begun to decorate at the Hotel Breslin, where they will have headquarters. The Missourians and Illinois men, who will lead the delegations in point of numbers were expected to arrive early today. The St. Louis Democratic club, 250 strong, will be at the Saranac. The Troquois of St. Joseph, Mo., will reach here on a special train on Wednesday morning. Iowa is sending a delegation of about 200 on a special train.

Edward F. Goltra, of St. Louis, upon whose yacht the Illini men and Mr. Bryan will be taken off the steamship at Quarantine, said yesterday that he did not know who would be his guests with the Bryans aboard the Illini.

The programme for the reception at the Battery on Thursday will be the simplest possible. Mr. Bryan will be met, as he steps off the yacht, by Acting Mayor McGowan, President William Hoge of the Commercial Travelers' Anti-Trust League, Lewis Nixon, chairman of the plan and scope committee, and one or two others. Probably Mr. McGowan will extend the freedom of the city to Mr. Bryan, who will be escorted to a carriage, in which the acting mayor, Mr. Hoge and Governor Folk will also ride. A few other carriages, with the members of the reception committee, will follow.

After the ride to the Victoria hotel Mr. Bryan will be received in the hotel by a committee of five distinguished Democrats from each state.

The proposal to have Mr. Bryan spend a part of the time before he lands officially at the Battery in a yacht does not meet with favor with the Nebraska delegation, it is said. Mayor J. O. Dalman of Omaha, who had been made chairman of the delegation, had views of his own on that subject yesterday.

"We are going down to meet Bryan in a boat," he said, "and you can bet we will bring him back if I've got to lay out him myself."

Last night the Nebraska delegation went to a theater to see the play written by Mr. Bryan's daughter.