



ATTEMPTED MURDER

Former U. S. Senator A. Brown Shot.

MURDERER ARRESTED

Claims that Senator Brown Was Father of Her Two Children.

WAS U. S. SENATOR OF UTAH

Formerly Lived at Kalamazoo, Mich., Where He Married a Mrs. Cameron, and Afterwards Moved to Utah to Reside.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Former United States Senator Arthur Brown of Utah, tonight lies in a critical condition in the Emergency hospital with a pistol wound in his abdomen, inflicted by Mrs. Anna M. Bradley of Salt Lake, who arrived here today from that city. The shooting occurred in Senator Brown's apartments at 415 Raleigh hotel, where Mrs. Bradley had also registered under the name of "A. B. Brown." She was arrested immediately after the shooting. Senator Brown was conveyed to the hospital, where he was placed on the operating table. Two shots were fired, one grazing the left hand and the other entering the abdomen and lodging in the pelvic cavity.

After working over him for two hours the surgeons decided, for the present, at least, to make no further attempt to find the bullet. It was stated tonight that while Senator Brown's condition is critical, there is no reason to believe that he may not recover. Mrs. Bradley arrived shortly after noon. After being assigned to a room she immediately went to Senator Brown's apartments. There were no witnesses to the shooting.

According to Mrs. Bradley's own statement to the newspapers, to whom she talked freely, she came to Washington to demand that Brown marry her. She said their relations had been well known in Salt Lake. "I asked him if he was going to do the right thing by me," she said, retaining remarkable composure. "In reply he put on his overcoat and started to leave the room and I shot him. I abhor acts of this character, but in this case it was fully justified." While expressing no sorrow for her act she declared she was glad to know that Brown might recover. "I was practically penniless when I got here today," she said, "having only \$1.25 and after paying the cabman all the money I had in the world was one dollar."

She said she had urged Brown to marry her. That he had been instrumental in a divorce between herself and her husband, and as his wife was dead he could do the right thing by her. This, she said, he refused to do. Mrs. Bradley is a brunette about 33 years old, and frail. Her first act after being taken to the police station was to send for Senator Sutherland of Utah, who called on her tonight and had a long talk with her. Sutherland regretted being brought into the case, but said Mrs. Bradley sent for him because he was the only man here that she knew. To him she unbosomed herself and told the story of her relations with Brown. She alleged that her two children owe their parentage to Brown and she named one of them after him. Mrs. Bradley was reluctant to speak of her former husband, but questioning brought out the fact

that he is living in Nevada with his second wife, by whom he has several children. Further questioning disclosed the fact that Mrs. Bradley for two years, 1900 and 1902, had served as secretary to the state Republican committee and was also at one time editor of the official organ of the state Federation of Women's Clubs. She declared that she had a sister in the newspaper business in Salt Lake, but she would not communicate with members of her own family because she knew they would come to her assistance. Up to a late hour tonight she had not obtained counsel. Manager Tally of the Raleigh was notified of the shooting a moment after it had occurred. Tally hurried to Brown's room, where he found Brown lying on the floor. Mrs. Bradley was standing near the dresser. Brown, as Tally inquired what was the matter, feebly indicated Mrs. Bradley and remarked calmly, "She shot me."

Senator Brown despite the shock of the wound, retained consciousness. He made no statement to Tally beyond the one alluded to above. Mrs. Bradley continued in the room while Tally was attending to Brown, but offered no assistance. Finally Tally ordered her to leave. She declined with absolute coolness. "I will remain here," she said. "I am the mother of his two children."

Tally was too busy with Senator Brown to attempt to enforce the order. When arrested Mrs. Bradley made no resistance. She was asked for a statement of the incident, but referred all who inquired to Senator Sutherland.

Senator Brown was formerly a resident and prominent lawyer of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and married a Mrs. Cameron, shortly afterwards moving

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INSANITY DEFENCE

Mrs. Angie Birdsong of Dr. Butler Insane.

BUTLER ASSAULTED REFENDAT

Gives as Reason Why the Woman Shot Him and She Declared That There Was No Undue Intimacy.

HAZELHURST, Miss., Dec. 8.—Some startling evidence was given today by Mrs. Angie Birdsong, when she went on the stand in her own defense on a charge of murdering Dr. Thomas Butler. The young defendant said she went to Dr. Butler's office where the tragedy occurred with peaceable intentions, and that Dr. Butler attempted to assault her. In tears she swore that there were no illicit relations ever existing between her and Dr. Butler. Mrs. Birdsong declared that Mrs. Nora Garrett told her that Butler had said he had been intimate with the defendant and that she had made appointments to meet him during their intimacy.

These stories, witness said, almost broke her heart, and from the time she heard them she scarcely knew what she was doing. She said she was in this half-dazed condition when she went to Butler's office. Her purpose was to ask if it was true that he had told stories about her and how he could do such a thing. Butler seized her, witness testified, when she had asked the questions. She then fired at him. Dr. Turner, an insanity expert for the defense, testified that he was satisfied Mrs. Birdsong was insane at the time of the killing.

WILLIAM A. BOYCE.

SANTA BARBARA, Dec. 8.—William A. Boyce, a pioneer newspaper man, died in this city this morning. He was for twenty years connected with the San Francisco Call and later was news editor of the Los Angeles Times. He was 64 years of age.

ROBBERS CAPTURED

Six Men and Newsboy Engaged in Holdup.

NEWS BOY ARRESTED

Robbed the Pacific Express Car and Assaulted Messenger Grissett.

ROBBERS BEEN IDENTIFIED

From Reliable Sources It is Estimated That the Amount Stolen by the Robbers Exceeds One Hundred Thousand Dollars.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 8.—A special to the Globe-Democrat from Palestine, Texas, says:

It has been learned from reliable sources that six men composed the band of train robbers who robbed the Pacific Express car and murderously assaulted Messenger E. M. Grissett and threw him from the rapidly moving train at Eylan siding, near Red Water, last Saturday night when north bound Cotton Belt No. 4 was held up. Of these four are under arrest, two being taken into custody at Camden, on the arrival of the train, who it is positively stated by men in a position to know, were identified by Messenger Grissett, when taken before him at the company hospital Tuesday evening. Two other men, one said to be a prominent citizen of Texarkana, were arrested in Texarkana, Tex., on Wednesday and the fifth arrest is that of the train newsboy, who was captured at Waco Thursday, and all of the men, it is asserted, were pronounced to be the right parties when taken before the injured messenger.

On leaving his train at Texarkana, the newsboy, it is said, went to Dallas, thence to Denison, where he decided on a change of route, and from Denison came to Waco where he was overtaken by the detectives, who took him in charge. Owing to the ironclad secrecy maintained by the Pacific Express officials, it is impossible to learn the names of the men now under arrest.

NEW YORK MAIL.

Six Hundred Thousand Letters Received in One Day.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—What was probably the largest mail ever received in New York from an ocean steamer came yesterday on the Celtic, which carried 2,850 sacks of postal matter. Assistant Postmaster Morgan said that there was about 600,000 letters in the mail of which 250,000 were for delivery.

PEARY GIVES LECTURE.

Satisfied There is a Body of Land Near the North Pole.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Commander Peary gave a public lecture today in which he said he is satisfied that there is a body of land somewhere about one hundred miles northwest from Grantland. He found driftwood a hundred miles from Grantland in the open Polar Sea, which convinced him that it could only come from the riv-

ers flowing through the land and not yet placed on the map. Peary said he believed if the winter during which he made the attempt been a normal one, he would have reached the pole. With his added knowledge, Peary believes the pole could be reached by sledges, but the explorer would leave the land farther west than he did and not proceed straight toward the pole, but toward the northwest, and take advantage of the north drift, which is southwest. He discovered unique glacial fringe on the northern coast of Grantland, which he believes to be the origin of paleocrycitic, or always frozen ice, which former explorers had thought was the ice massed about the pole.

AERIAL NAVIGATION.

Prominent Count Claims to Have Solved the Problem.

ROME, Dec. 8.—Count Almerigo di Schio, who, since 1874, has been experimenting with airships, believes he has found the solution to aerial navigation. His machine, which is in the shape of a ship, contains fifty horsepower motor, and a rudder ten yards square. Besides this there is a kind of tall about 35 yards square which may be used as a rudder and at the end of this is an arrow to keep the ship in balance. This airship, it is said, can remain in the air five hours, attain a height of 3,000 feet and a speed of 25 miles an hour.

REPORT SHAH DEAD.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—A Herald cable dispatch from Teheran says there is a rumor prevalent there that the Shah is dead, but that the fact has been concealed in order to allow of the arrival of the crown prince.

NEW MOTIVE POWER

Electric Motor in Staten Island Advance Breaks Down.

AUTOMOBILE RUNS PRESS

Novel Device of Entertaining Newspaper Man to Run On His Paper Which is Issued on Time.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—The electric motor which is used to drive the press in the office of the Staten Island advance in West Brighton, broke down yesterday and an expert found that it would have to be sent to Philadelphia for repairs. John Crawford, Jr., the editor, found that no other office in Staten Island could print his sixteen-page paper last night, so he took his 35-horse power automobile up alongside the building, had a hole kicked through the wall and the shaft of his press run out. A pulley was then adjusted to the shaft of the automobile, and last night the paper was being run off successfully.

STRIKE IMMINENT.

Militia Ordered Out to Prevent Miner's Strike.

OMAHA, Dec. 8.—A special to the Bee from Vermillion, S. D., says: The members of the state militia have been notified to be in readiness to join their comrades within two hours after receiving orders. A threatened strike at the Homestake mine at Leadville is responsible for the order. The miners will hold a meeting tomorrow.

KILLED WITH PISTOL.

SAN MARCOS, Tex., Dec. 8.—Owen Ford, postmaster at this place, for several years past, shot and killed himself with a pistol when he was leaving his carriage at the office yesterday. The coroner rendered a verdict of accidental death.

INVESTIGATE RAILROADS

Inter-State Commission to Make Inquiries.

SPECIFIC COMPLAINTS

Question Is Not Violation of Inter-State Commerce Law Provisions.

NO COMPLIANCE WITH LAW

After Certain Preliminaries Have Been Made and Counsel Selected Formal Announcement of Proposed Inquiry Will Be Made.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The investigation of the operations and management of the railroads controlled by James J. Hill and his associates, including the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroads, is in contemplation by the Interstate Commerce Commission. After certain preliminaries have been arranged and counsel for the commission selected, a formal announcement of the proposed inquiry will be made.

As in the case of the proposed investigation of the Harriman system, the inquiry is not the outgrowth of any specific complaints against any of the railroad companies for violations of the interstate commerce law, but it is to be undertaken by virtue of the inquisitorial powers conferred upon the commission by congress. The inquiry will be broad and comprehensive with a view of ascertaining the exact condition of the affairs regarding the railroads' compliance with the interstate commerce act. A member of the commission in speaking of the proposed inquiry and investigation, said: "Although there has been an outward compliance with the decree of the Supreme Court of the United States in dissolving the Northern Securities company, yet there has been no difference in the rates given upon the unified system. This will be the principal matter to be investigated, with the view of ascertaining the exact status of affairs in the management and conduct of the railroads in question."

JAPAN PLEASED.

Press Pays High Tribute to President Roosevelt.

TOKIO, Dec. 8.—The Holchi Shim-hun, again referring to President Roosevelt's message, pays the warmest tribute to his exalted statesmanship and classes him as one of the greatest living rulers. It feels assured that Japan's cause lies in powerful hands.

CHILD LABOR LAW.

National Committee Indorse Senator Beveridge's Bill.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the National Child Labor Committee held here last night, the board took final action on the proposed national child labor law. Resolutions were adopted

indorsing the Beveridge bill, in substance, as a national child labor law, and eulogizing the late Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern Railway, who was one of the trustees of the committee.

CAR SHORTAGE.

Commerce Commission Cannot Compel Roads to Furnish Cars.

SEATTLE, Dec. 8.—Martin Knapp, chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, has telegraphed the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' Association, as follows: "Press report as stated in your telegram substantially correct. The commission has no direct power to compel interstate carriers to furnish cars and can make no order except after hearing carriers in answer to complaints." Lumbermen and shippers will now file complaints and produce evidence to support their cause.

GILLETTE'S MOTHER.

Telegraphs Son to Repent Before His God.

HERKIMER, N. Y., Dec. 8.—Chester E. Gillette, convicted of the murder of Grace Brown, was amazed yesterday by the receipt of a telegram from his mother telling him to repent before God. His mother also had previously expressed confidence in his innocence, and she in explaining her message that she had received word that he had confessed. Gillette immediately wired his mother this reply: "I have made no confession. I expect a new trial. I am innocent. Believe no reports you read in the newspapers about me."

BARK COLOMA SAFE

Waterlogged and Wrecked Near Cape Beal.

VESSEL IS BADLY DAMAGED

Vessel Was Abandoned with Masts Gone, Bowspit Broken Away and Seams Opened, So Lumber Floated from Hull.

VICTORIA, Dec. 8.—The government steamer Quadra arrived in tonight with Captain Allison and the crew of nine from the bark Coloma, of Everett, which left that port on December 6th with a cargo of lumber for San Diego. The Coloma was waterlogged and wrecked near Cape Beal. The vessel was abandoned with all masts gone, bowsprit broken away, deck washed clean and seams opened so that the lumber has floated from the hull. The Quadra's timely arrival saved the crew from drowning. The Coloma was drifting toward the rocks of Cape Beale. The derelict was sighted at daylight by Mrs. Patterson, wife of the lighthouse keeper at Cape Beale, and her heroic conduct in making a trying five mile trip over a rough trail with bags knee deep in the height of the storm to dispatch the Quadra to the rescue was what made the rescue possible.

FIRST MEN TO FLY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—Wilbur and Orville Wright of Dayton, Ohio, whose claims to having been the first men to fly are supported by Octave Chanute, of Chicago, former president of the Western Association of Engineers, and by witnesses in their home town, were the center of attraction yesterday at the Aero Club show. Both Wilbur and Orville Wright declined to make any comment on the recent dispatches from abroad regarding their negotiations with the French government. John Brisben Walker gave a dinner last night at the Century Club in their honor at which Mr. Chanute and others were present.