



VICTIMS OF FOUL PLAY

Charred Bodies Found in Ruins.

ENTIRE FAMILY KILLED

Marion County Ranchers Meet Death From Hands of Robbers.

NO CLEW TO MURDERERS

Mrs. Casteel, Daughter and Son, and Their Hired Man Discovered Lying in the Ruins of Their Ranch House Near Macleay.

SALEM, Dec. 2.—News of the murder of four persons on a ranch near Macleay reached here today. The bodies, a Mrs. Casteel, her daughter, aged 24, her son aged 19 and the ranch foreman named Montgomery, were found in the charred ruins of their abode on what is known as "The Hurst Ranch." Just how they were killed cannot be discovered but a bloodstained hatchet and shotgun found near the place indicate the weapons used. There is no clue to the murderers and so far a motive is lacking, but the general impression is that tramps bent on robbery killed the people and then set fire to the building to conceal evidence of the crime. The Casteel family recently came from Myrtle Point and but little is known of them but they are reported to be possessed of considerable money. Montgomery, aged 55, also came from Douglas county. The sheriff and deputies are searching the vicinity for trace of the murderers. Search of the premises and immediate vicinity by the officers revealed nothing to indicate the perpetrator of the crime. Bloodhounds from the Oregon penitentiary apparently did good work in the immediate premises which fact seems to further complicate the mystery. A purse containing \$60.25 in coin in a broken savings bank was discovered near the house. The bodies of the victims were so badly burned as to be identified with difficulty. The Casteel family was evidently murdered as they slept. Montgomery's body was found in the kitchen and appears to have been almost fully dressed. It is learned that the family arrived from Myrtle Creek about a year ago. They are believed to have come from Oklahoma.

RUSSIAN PIRATES. Mutinous Crew of Destroyer Forcibly Boards Ship.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 2.—Somewhere in the eastern seas a runaway Russian destroyer with a mutinous crew is on a piratic cruise, if a story brought from Nagasaki the steamer Montague, which arrived today is true. A German steamer reported at Nagasaki having been intercepted 50 miles north of Tsubima Island in the Sea of Japan by a Russian destroyer whose seamen boarded her and forcibly took a quantity of coal, stating that their vessel, which escaped from Vladivostok, following the mutiny, was short of coal.

SEARCHES FOR SINGERS. American Prima Donna Will Endeavor to Find Good Voices.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Miss Mary Garden, the American prima donna, who is making her first New York appearance at the Manhattan Opera House this season, has been commissioned by the manager of the Opera Comique, in Paris, to find for him good voices in America.

While she is very busy with several new roles, she is to sing and with her performances, she will devote all the time possible to hearing young women whom she thinks may be available for the company at the Opera Comique. Miss Garden says that Americans are very popular in Paris now because it seems that in America only can fresh, young voices be found. The first two of a number of young women studying in New York whom she is to hear will sing for her today.

"Of course, I shall not be able to hear all the voices I should wish in fact, I shall be compelled to limit my engagements of that sort," said Miss Garden, in discussing her plans.

"Furthermore, I shall not be likely to go outside certain well defined paths in finding those whom I wish to hear. Perhaps there will be many who will wish the opportunity that must be disappointed, because my time is limited. But I shall do my best to find the best that are to be found in my own way."

BLACK HAND THREATENS. Bank President Requested to Pay Italian Depositors.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—William R. Montgomery, who was elected president of the Hamilton Bank of the resignation of E. R. Thomas, three days before the bank closed, has been threatened by the Black Hand Society. He has received a letter which reads as follows:

"If you don't pay the Italian depositors of the Hamilton bank, you will meet death."

The threat is spelled out with letters out of a newspaper and is not signed. The original is now in the hands of the police.

WILL CURE LEPROUS. HONOLULU, Dec. 2.—J. Lor Wallach, who has just been granted leave to attempt the treatment of 12 lepers from Molokai, announces that he will shortly make public the secrets of his leprosy cure.

BEHIND WALL OF FIRE

Miners Entombed in Fremont Mine at Drytown.

BELIEVED TO HAVE PERISHED

Many Weeping Women Surround Shaft—Smoke Drives Back Party of Rescuers—Mine Will Now be Flooded in Endeavor to Smother Flames.

DRYTOWN, Cal., Dec. 2.—With smoke still pouring from the shaft of the Fremont Mine, hope for the 11 miners who were entombed Saturday, was virtually abandoned last night, and it is believed all of them have perished behind the wall of flame which drove them toward the heart of the subterranean furnace when they tried to escape. James Drew, Joseph Manley, Daniel O'Brien and L. E. Wilson are the Americans among the victims, the rest of whom are Italians and Austrians. O'Brien and Wilson are married, the latter having eight children. A crowd, among which there were many weeping women, surrounded the mouth of the shaft all day. A number of attempts were made to get into the mine but all of them had to be abandoned.

After the connecting drifts of the Fremont and Gover shafts had been bulkheaded and the collar of the latter had been boarded up to smother the fire, Superintendent Goodall started to flood the mine. Later Goodall and a party of mining experts went down the Gover shaft and found their way to the bulkhead which they blew open with dynamite.

Goodall and the party then went to the Fremont shaft and made an opening by taking off the bulkhead from the collar.

They were about to descend in the skip to the 300-foot level, when they were driven back to the surface by the stifling smoke. Other attempts made to descend met with the same futile result.

CONGRESS IS IN SESSION

Notable Gathering in Both Houses.

CANNON AGAIN SPEAKER

Brilliant Scene Characterizes Opening of the Sixtieth Congress.

BRYAN RECEIVES OVATION

Democrats Receive Nebraskan With Enthusiastic Cheering—Former House Rules Adopted—Committee Appointed by Both Houses to Inform President.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—A brilliant scene characterized the meeting of the sixtieth congress today. In Senate and House there was a notable gathering in the galleries of the representatives of the official society of the capital. The striking scenes of the day were in the House, where the formal selection of Joseph G. Cannon, again to be Speaker of that body, and the placing of John Sharp Williams, by the Democrats, as their leader, were occasions of orations for those gentlemen. The speaker received as warm a reception from the minority as from his own party. The appearance of William J. Bryan on the floor of the House was also the occasion for enthusiastic cheering by the Democrats. When the adoption of the rules for government of the House came up to the rules of the last Congress were opposed by John Sharp Williams and he was joined in his opposition by the Democrats and by a single Republican, Cooper of Wisconsin. The old rules were declared to be too autocratic, placing too much power in the hands of the Speaker. After a somewhat acrimonious discussion they were adopted by a hearty vote.

A committee was appointed by both houses to inform the President that Congress had met and was ready to receive any message he might wish to communicate. New Senators and Representatives were sworn in and both Houses adjourned out of respect to the memory of members who have died during the recess of Congress.

CENTRAL ISSUE BANK. Foreign Banker Suggests Remedy For American Finances.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—"The condemnation of your system is found in the fact that your banks have more reserves and are far stronger today than they were before the panic. This has been a banker's panic, caused by their fears of your currency system. While your industrial progress has been temporarily checked, the rebound from the present decline will be sharp and your prosperity will be continued. A central bank of issue is the remedy for your currency troubles, and the United States will ultimately come to it."

With this statement Prince Andre Poulatowski, president of the French Finance Corporation, who is here to inquire into the financial and industrial conditions now existing, succinctly expressed himself last night on the present monetary system. The prince today returned from Washington, where he went after his arrival from France, to confer with President Roosevelt and Secretary Cortelyou. He declined to discuss his conference at Washington, though it is understood they had to do with the financial situation.

ARMY MANEUVERS. Japanese Engage in Practice Tactics and Troopers Are Hurt.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 2.—The steamer Montague from Yokohama brought news that the Japanese army maneuvers which were in progress when the steamer sailed, proved to be the largest ever attempted in Japan over 40,000 troops being engaged all armed with the newest patterned weapons and discharging their functions as though on active service, so much so that a squadron of cavalry which mistook signals and failed to retire when ordered, was charged with bayonets by an infantry battalion and one trooper and two horses were severely bayoneted.

The artillery engaged have 220 guns. Numerous special corps experimented with new schemes, notably electrical signalling of orders from balloons and field use of heavy artillery. The fighting was a replica of the Sabho in the recent Manchurian war. Forty-two attaches were present, including Major-General Pershing of the United States.

PEDDLES ADVICE. Colored Principle Hands Out Line of Conduct for Negroes.

CHICAGO, Dec. 2.—A despatch to the Tribune from St. Louis, Mo., says: "If the negro wishes to advance his race, he must behave himself in street cars," said Prof. Arthur D. Langdon, the colored principal of the Dumas school, yesterday, to delegates of the Missouri Negro Republican League. He said no negro should occupy a seat while a white woman stands and "dirty negroes should not be allowed on the cars at all."

BRINGS NEWS OF ALLIANCE

Tatoosh Stood by to Render Aid.

OFFERS ARE REJECTED

Steamer Headed for Sea in Teeth of Southwest Flurry.

RUDDER GONE—HAS JURY-RIG

Remained Outside All Night—Expected to Today—British Ship Bucluch Reaches Port From Hamburg—Number of Vessels Depart—Other Notes.

The first word direct from the disabled steamer Alliance, for the safety of which there has been all sorts of anxiety since her departure from Coos Bay last Thursday, when it was known she had struck on the bar going out and had suffered some radical damage, reached this city last evening at 5:30 o'clock when the line bar tug Tatoosh, tied up at her berth at the O. R. & N. piers, after a day spent outside in company with the injured ship.

Captain Charles Bailey went to sea with the Tatoosh yesterday morning early, on a quest for the Alliance, and picked her up to the southward of the lightship about 10 o'clock. Ranging alongside he hailed Captain Olsen and offered him a hawser and a tow into port, which was promptly declined when Captain Bailey refused to name any terms for the service, on the ground that he was not in a position to quote any figures and that they must be left for adjustment to the respective owners of the two vessels, after the Alliance was safely inside.

Captain Bailey then offered to take off the passengers of the Alliance, and this was also declined by Captain Olsen; and there being no apparent use for more dickerings in the premises, Captain Bailey hauled off, for the time being, but stood by in readiness to render any aid that might be essential, later. He made a run in to the bar a little later, and finding things smooth and feasible, put to sea again and went alongside the Alliance with final offers paralleling those made earlier in the day, and adding to them the proposition to put a hawser on board the Alliance and tow her all night if the bar did not suit Capt. Olsen when they reached it. Each and all were declined by the master of the disabled ship; and after repeating the several proposals and again offering to leave it to the owners and receiving a peremptory refusal of all assistance, the Tatoosh was headed for port and arrived in at the hour named.

It seems that the Alliance's engines were working in good order, and her propeller was, to all appearances, in excellent condition; but the ship was working under a jury-rudder, her rudder and part of the rudder-post being carried away when the vessel struck the Coos bar. She had made her own way up the coast at two or three knots an hour, and, save for the trouble she was in as to her steering gear, was all right in all other particulars, and her people well, but eager for relief from the stress they were in, and such as might further arise, under the conditions besetting her.

When the Tatoosh left her yesterday evening, at sundown, she had headed for sea again in the teeth of a southwest flurry; and unless the weather abated during the night she must have taken a northerly drift and it is expected that she will be off Gray's Harbor this morning.

It is plain, from the manner in which

BIDS FOR MILLIONS. Made \$10,000 on Investment of Two-Cent Stamp.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Samuel Byerly, the man, who although unknown to the financial world, secured an allotment of \$5,800,000 of the first issue of Panama bonds while a clerk in a local express office and made \$10,000 on the investment of a two-cent stamp, has bid for \$20,000,000 of the new issue of Panama bonds, thought to be the largest bid, with the exception of the National City Bank, which bid for the entire issue of \$50,000,000. There are eight items in the Byerly bid, the average price offered being 103.65, which calls for a premium of \$730,750 on the total amount bid for. Mr. Byerly says he is well backed and will be able to take care of the entire amount bid for in case the bonds are allotted to him.

LIVES ON CACTUS. Scientist Subsists on Thornless Variety to Prove Theory.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 2.—In an effort to prove that thornless cactus, as an article of diet, contains properties sufficient to enable a man to continue working 18 hours a day, Dr. Leon Elbert Londone, well known as a scientific lecturer, has been since Friday last, subsisting exclusively upon cactus, supplemented by a few nuts and a small quantity of celery. The leaves of the plant are eaten fried and the fruit raw or cooked. A stenographer and secretary, with Dr. Londone, constitute a "cactus squad," which will continue on this novel diet for a period of two weeks. Because of the scarcity of thornless cactus, the common species of the plant will be largely employed in the test.

BURNS DEFEATS MOIR. LONDON, Dec. 2.—Tommy Burns, Canadian, tonight became the heavyweight champion of the world by defeating Gunner Moir, the Englishman. Burns was too clever for Moir, who was knocked out in the tenth round.

DEFENDER WRECKED

Coeur D'Alene Boat Believed to be Lost.

DISTRESS SIGNALS BLOWN

Fifteen Passengers and Crew Were on Ill-Lated Lake Steamer—Thick Fog Covers Lake and Boats Can Not Venture to Rescue.

SPOKANE, Dec. 2.—A Coeur D'Alene special to the Spokesman-Review says it is believed here tonight that the steamer Defender was wrecked on a reef a mile and a half from Mica Bay in Lake Coeur D'Alene. Fifteen passengers and crew were lost. The lake is covered by a thick fog and boats will not venture out. It is thought the passengers are mostly lumberjacks returning from the camps. The Defender's whistle was heard blowing distress signals and a steamer lying in Mica Bay answered her call but got no reply. No life boats and but few life preservers were carried.

GRAND JURY BUSY. Returns Indictments Against Fight Trust and Others.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 2.—The grand jury returned indictments against the members of the so-called fight trust, E. M. Graney, J. W. Coffroth, Willis E. Britt, and Abraham Ruef and former Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz, for alleged giving and accepting bribes in connection with fight permits; three indictments against Former Supervisor Duffy for alleged acceptance of bribes from public service corporations; Luther Brown for subordination of perjury in connection with the Older kidnaping case.



NIGHT BEFORE THANKSGIVING—A TURKEY DREAM.

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