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## THUGS MEET THEIR DEATH

### Gas Pipe Murderers Are Executed

### THEY KILLED THREE

### Siemson and Dabner Committed Crimes in San Francisco After Earthquake

### WERE CRUEL AND DARING

They Were Executed For the Murder of a Japanese Banker, But They Also Confessed to Two Other Murders and Several Other Crimes.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 31.—Siemson and Dabner, known as the gas-pipe thugs, who committed a series of daring crimes here, were executed at San Quentin penitentiary at 10:04 o'clock this morning.

John Siemson and Louis Dabner, who were today executed at San Quentin, committed a series of crimes in San Francisco soon after the earthquake and fire.

They were executed for the murder of N. Murakata, a Japanese banker, but according to their own confessions, they were guilty of two other murders and several assaults and robberies. Siemson, who was a native of Hawaii, had a long criminal record and once served a term in San Quentin for grand larceny. Dabner was a mere boy from the interior of the state, and a fruitless effort was made to secure the commutation of his sentence to life imprisonment on account of his previous good character.

On May 19, 1906 the two men entered the hardware store of F. E. Gilson, forced him to give them \$38 and escaped though the alarm was at once given. They held up C. Leland on the night of July 11 of the same year at a street corner and robbed him of \$450. An innocent man was convicted of having committed this crime and sent to San Quentin for fifty years. While he was serving his sentence the real robbers confessed and he was pardoned. J. E. Dockweller, a civil engineer, was beaten and his money taken by Siemson and Dabner on August 18. This time there was a third man with them who was never captured. Two days later they walked into the shoe store of J. Pfister, beat him to death with a window weight and robbed his till. Wm. Friede, a clothing merchant, was beaten by them on Sept. 14, and his store robbed. At noon on October 3rd Siemson and Dabner entered the Kimmon Ginko, a Japanese bank of which M. Murakata was manager and A. Sasaki, assistant manager. The former was beaten to death and Sasaki so seriously injured that his reason was not restored for several months. The men secured \$2,100 on this occasion. A month later they walked into the jewelry store of Henry Behrand and hit him upon the head with a fish plate. The blow failed to render him unconscious and he grappled with Dabner, at the same time calling for help. Dabner was taken into custody and Behrand later was given the award of \$1500 offered for the capture of either of the criminals whose deeds terrorized the community. Dabner broke down and confessed implicating Siemson, who was arrested in his room. He also confessed, corroborating the story of his associate in crime.

## BASEBALL GAMES.

American League.  
St. Louis 4, Philadelphia 2.  
Chicago 4, Washington 1.  
Detroit 5, Boston 9.  
Cleveland 16, New York 3.  
National League.  
Boston 1, Chicago 3.  
Philadelphia 3, Cincinnati 0.  
Brooklyn 2, Pittsburg 6.  
New York 9, St. Louis 2.  
Pacific Coast League.  
Portland 1, San Francisco 6.  
Los Angeles 5, Oakland 1.  
Northwest League.  
Vancouver 10, Spokane 7.  
Seattle 8, Butte 11.

## COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

Governor Chamberlain of Oregon on Advisory Committee.

BUFFALO, July 31.—Chairman Mack, of the Democratic National Committee today appointed committees to serve during the campaign. The members of the labor committee are all members of the national committee. Governor George E. Chamberlain, of Oregon, is named on the advisory committee.

## BRYAN WRITING SPEECH.

Says Acceptance Address Will be Completed by August 5.

FAIRVIEW, July 31.—Today was uneventful, only a few visitors going to the Bryan home. In consequence Bryan has made rapid headway in his speech of acceptance. He said it would be completed by August 5th. As to its length, he is unable to estimate it at this time. The notification will be a non-partisan affair and on a simple scale. The indications point to a large attendance.

## BAD FOREST FIRES

### Are Raging Along the Columbia River

### INTERFERE WITH NAVIGATION

In Southern Part of the State They Continue Unchecked and Have Wrought Great Damage—Force of Rangers Fighting the Flames.

PORTLAND, July 31.—Big timber fires are raging on both sides of the Lower Columbia River and appear to be extending in every direction. Captain Bailey, who brought the steamer Eureka up the river from Astoria last evening, says the smoke is so dense that navigation can be carried on only with difficulty. Back of Green's Point and Linnton he could plainly see the fires which were making rapid inroads through the forests.

A big fire is raging at the head of the Clackamas, where the forestry reserve service has about 65 men employed fighting the flames. So far the fire has been confined to dead timber and every effort is being put forth to keep it from destroying live trees. Fifteen of the fire-fighters are forest rangers. As they were unable to cope successfully with the fire 50 extra men had to be employed.

Lesser fires demand the attention of other government forces at the outskirts of the reserve. No reports have been received from the men in the field today. At last accounts they sent word that none of the best timber had been destroyed.

A report from Detroit, near Albany, says that forest fires are continuing unchecked and some of the most valuable timber in the state has already been destroyed. A large force of rangers is fighting a further advance of the flames, which will cause a great loss if not soon checked. The timber is reported to be very dry and the fire, fanned by a strong wind, is spreading rapidly.

## MINERS ARE ENTOMBED

### Three Men Are Still Missing

### BY SUDDEN CAVE-IN

### Accident Occurs at Crow's Nest Pass on Canadian Pacific Railway

### RESCUERS ARE AT WORK

Only Warning Was a Sudden Roar of the Crashing Rock and the Men's Hasty Dash For Liberty Came Too Late.

BELLINGHAM, July 31.—A dispatch to the Reveille from Coal Creek B. C., says as a result of the cave-in of the coal mine at Crow's Nest Pass on the Canadian Pacific, 23 miners were buried in the workings of the mine, and they may all succumb before aid can reach them. A large crew of rescuers are at work endeavoring to dig a tunnel through 400 feet of earth which separates the men from daylight. The accident that occurred this morning came without warning. The miners were at work on the main drift mine. The only warning was a sudden roar of crashing rock and the men's hasty dash for liberty came too late. It is thought to be doubtful whether the men can live until they are rescued as it will take days to dig them out, or send them food.

ERNE, B. C., July 31.—At four o'clock this afternoon when all hope had been given up, 20 miners were rescued. Three men are still missing.

## LEADERS DISAPPOINTED.

Fail to Learn Taft's Attitude Regarding Hughes' Re-nomination.

NEW YORK, July 31.—If the republican leaders of New York state, who conferred today with Chairman Hitchcock hoped to draw the Taft manager, expression of opinion as to the wisdom of re-nominating Governor Hughes or of turning him down they were keenly disappointed. Practically the entire day was spent listening to the state leaders expound their views on the governorship question, but he declared he would not consent, himself, to take party in a purely state matter, so long as there is no party breach which might endanger the national ticket. Not only did Hitchcock conceal his own views, but eluded every effort of the callers to learn whether Roosevelt and Taft were in favor of the re-nomination of Hughes.

## Ketchel Knocks Out Kelley in 3 Rounds

SAN FRANCISCO, July 31.—Stanley Ketchell, of Grand Rapids, made short work of Hugo Kelly, of Chicago, tonight, in their scheduled 20-round contest for the world's middleweight championship. He knocked his man out after but 25 seconds' fighting in the third round, a left shift flush to the jaw placing Kelly hors du combat. Although Ketchell won early, the victory was not an easy one. In fact, it looked a bit blue for the champion as he took his seat at

## CUPID AND THE STORK.

Twins Arrived in Home Where Wedding Is Toward.

NEW YORK, July 31.—Dan Cupid and the stork yesterday kept things busy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schipman in New Brunswick, N. J. The house had been decorated for the wedding of Miss Bertha Misner, a sister of Mrs. Schipman to Percy J. Hunter.

The Rev. Dr. Knox arrived to perform the ceremony only to find that the stork had visited the house three hours prior to the hour for the wedding and left the Schipman's twin boys. The pastor married the young couple and then christened the two boys.

## FOUND THE DYNAMITE.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 31.—Obeying directions given them by John Claudianes, charged with blowing up ex-Supervisor Gallaghers house at Oakland, detectives yesterday went to Sausalito and discovered a box containing twenty sticks of dynamite at the spot indicated by Claudianes. Claudianes guided the party and led them directly to the place. The explosive was brought to this city is to be placed in evidence at the coming trial of Claudianes.

## TAFT SENDS REGRETS.

The Candidate Will Not Attend the Interstate Fair at Denver.

HOT SPRINGS, July 31.—Taft today spent a comparatively quiet day. Colorado wants the candidate for the opening of the Interstate Fair and Exposition, to be opened on Labor Day at Denver. As the acceptance of the invitation would mean the abandonment of Taft's present plan to conduct his personal campaign, his regrets were sent. Taft has not yet indicated whether he will make a reply to Bryan's comments on his speech of acceptance.

## FISH PIRATES BUSY

### Steal Five Thousand Salmon Valued at \$2,000

### BIND AND GAG WATCHMAN

After the Thieves Get All the Fish They Can Carry, They Open the Trap and Allow Twenty-five Thousand to Escape.

BELLINGHAM, July 31.—Two armed pirates last night rowed up to a fish trap of the Alaska Packers' Association at South Point Roberts and disarmed the watchman at the muzzle of a gun, bound and gagged him, and made off with 5000 salmon value at \$2000. They loaded the fish into a scow and towed them away. Besides stealing the fish they opened the trap and allowed 25,000 more fish to escape. To suspects have been captured but their identification is doubtful.

## INITIAL TRIP A SUCCESS

### Henri Farman's Aeroplane Makes Fine Flight

### BROUGHT FROM FRANCE

### Starts Like a Bird and Makes Express Speed Through the Air

### HIS RIVAL HAS AN ACCIDENT

Frank Hamilton, the America Aero-naut Sails His Dirigible Balloon Into the Race Course and Bangs Against the Grandstand.

NEW YORK, July 31.—Rising from the ground like a giant bird and darting through the air at an express train speed, H. Farman's aeroplane, or heavier-than-air flying machine, which was brought here from France, made its initial flight in this country late this afternoon at Brighton Beach. It rose from an especially prepared "dock" at the will of the inventor and after attaining a height of 25 feet it flew straight ahead on a direct line, finally alighting with exquisite grace when the air pilot diminished the motive power, landing amid provoked cheers. Farman was surrounded and literally hugged by jubilant aeronauts. As a rival attraction Frank Hamilton, the American aeronaut, sailed his dirigible balloon into the race course. During his flight, the propeller broke and the balloon was banged against the grandstand throwing Hamilton out. Farman was the first person to go to his assistance as he shook his rival's hand warmly. Hamilton secured a new propeller and sailed away.

## HARRIMAN MAY BUILD.

Railroad Magnate Wants His Own Skyscraper.

NEW YORK, July 31.—Edward H. Harriman may build a great sky scraper for the central offices of his railroads. Mr. Harriman controls 18 large railroads and more than a score more of subsidiary companies. His main offices have been in the Equitable Life building for years. That structure is to be torn down soon to make way for a new building and Mr. Harriman has an option on four floors in the new City Investing building. But the officers of many railroads controlled by him are in other structures and he wants to house all under one roof eventually.

## INSURE TAFT'S LIFE.

Stock Exchange House Betting On His Election.

NEW YORK, July 31.—Gossip among insurance men has it that a stock exchange house has taken out a policy upon the life of Wm. H. Taft for \$100,000. In the Roosevelt-Parker campaign a Republican who had bet on the candidate of his own party and figured that he could not lose except through the death of the Republican nominee, took out a policy on the life of Mr. Roosevelt, running to election day. The policy on Mr. Taft's life spoken of is the first case since the campaign of 1904 in which a Lloyd's policy has been taken out on the life of a public man here. The rumor said that the premium charged by Lloyd's for the Taft insurance was 5 per cent.

## HEARING IS CONTINUED.

Injunction by S. P. Against the Interstate Commerce Commission.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 31.—The hearing injunction sought by the Southern Pacific and the California and Oregon Railroad against the Interstate Commerce Commission will be continued until the latter part of September. The suit was brought to restrain the commission from interfering with rates fixed on rough green lumber from the Willamette River points to San Francisco and Bay points. The railroads had fixed the rate at \$5 per ton which was set aside by the commission on complaint of the Oregon lumbermen and the rates of \$3.40 and \$3.65 per ton was fixed by it.

## ALBANY IRON WORKS BURNS.

Loss Estimated at \$20,000 With Insurance at \$9000.

ALBANY, Or., July 31.—The principal part of the Albany Iron Works, the largest foundry in the state outside of Portland, was destroyed by fire tonight. The loss is twenty thousand dollars and carried insurance of \$9000.

## DOCTORS AT OUTS.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 31.—Ten members of the faculty of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of this city have handed their resignations to President Winslow Anderson as the result of discontent with the conduct of the affairs of the institution that has been smoldering since 1906. The resignations include nearly every department of the college. Dr. Anderson stated yesterday that the withdrawal of the faculty would not delay the college work to any extent.

## CAN'T MAKE IT PAY

### Is Reason Why Hill Abandoned Pacific Trade

### STEAMERS RUN AT A LOSS

James J. Hill Says That he Cannot Compete With Other Countries, and Said he Knew it Was Coming a Long Time Ago.

ST. PAUL, July 31.—The announcement that the Hill lines have abandoned the marine portion of their share of the trade with Japan and China and the affiliation with the Japanese steamship lines, it came as a shock to the many people of the northwest. According to James J. Hill of the Great Northern, it was to be expected.

"Why," exclaimed Hill, "Our Pacific trade has been gone for a year. As long as 15 months ago I told them what was coming."

When asked if the action of the American roads withdrawing from the Pacific carrying trade was due to the action of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Hill replied:

"Resentment! No. The commission cannot be blamed for enforcing the law. The Pacific trade was given up because it did not pay. America today has no flag on the high seas or might as well not have, for we cannot compete with any other country, and we must hand the load over to anybody that asks for it. The only way for us to continue in the Pacific trade would be for the railroads to own their own steamers and run them at a heavy loss. We are not a seafaring nation; we have no sailors, though under the law Americans must constitute two-thirds, or three-fourths of the crews. What we must have to make the ocean carrying trade possible, is not laws that subsidize, but intelligent legislation that helps instead of hinders."