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## A DELIBERATE SUICIDE

Set Her Clothing on Fire and Burned to Death.

## GAVE NO CAUSE FOR THE RASH ACT

Train Robbers Sighted—Priest's Murderer Confesses—Dead Robber—Ball Players Robbed.

BEERE, Ark., Nov. 12.—The wife of T. K. Breckinridge got up yesterday morning, took a bunch of newspapers, set them on fire, and walking out into the back yard, deliberately set her clothing on fire and burned herself to death. She gave no cause for her rash act. The family had recently come to Arkansas from Travis county, Texas.

## Severe Floods in England.

LONDON, Nov. 13.—Much damage has been done in the flooded district and some lives have been lost. Passengers who crossed the channel during the storm described the voyage as an awful experience. In Dorsetshire and Somersetshire the heaviest floods in years have been experienced, and at Bath, Somerset, the water was breast high in many of the streets. In other places the people were so alarmed by the rising waters that they sought refuge in the attics or upon high ground. People had to be rescued by boats from the windows of the upper stories of houses. Others were fed by boats the same way. Recent gales are reported all along the coasts and throughout France.

## Mrs. Barnes Still Confessing.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Nov. 13.—Mrs. Mary Barnes, accused with Thomas Salter of attempting to poison her husband, is still supplementing her confessions. Unable to sleep Friday night, she arose at midnight and in the quiet of her cell she wrote till morning, giving a full history of the case, admitting that Barnes was being poisoned by arsenic. She also says that Salter wanted to shoot him, but she refused to allow it. This confession is now in the possession of the district attorney. Salter refuses to say anything in regard to his connection with the crime or the confessions of Mrs. Barnes.

## A Severe Snow Storm Raging.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 13.—The body of the late czar arrived at 10 o'clock this morning. Preceding the ceremony of removing the body from Nicholas station to the fortress, three guns were fired. The procession, owing to a heavy snow storm, had to move through deep slush.

In a proclamation to the people of Finland, the Russian emperor says he will maintain the religion and fundamental law of the country, and the rights and privileges of every class.

The czar has appointed the Prince of Wales honorary colonel of the Kieff regiment of dragoons.

## Robbers Did Not Get Much.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 13.—According to reports to Superintendent Simpson, of Wells Fargo Express Company, the sum total so the booty obtained by the robbers who held up the St. Louis & San Francisco train, near Monett, Mo., was \$215. Messenger A. M. Chapman is a brother of the messenger killed in defense of his car a year or two ago. He was himself also held up at Red Fork, I. T., last June, but saved all the money he had.

## The Dead Bank Robber.

SALINA, Kan., Nov. 13.—The bank robber shot here yesterday by his pals, after he had been grievously wounded by the cashier of the bank robbed, was found to have on his person \$1,500 booty. A letter was also found upon him addressed to Stephen McKee, 902 Hickory street, St. Joseph, Mo. The gang is supposed to have been the same which robbed the Fort Scott bank in September. Their haunts are in the Blue hills of Osborne county.

## Two Boy Murderers.

LARNED, Kan., Nov. 13.—Harvey and Arnold, aged 17 and 19, murderers of Mayor Marab, of Kinsley, pleaded guilty today of murder in the first degree. The sentence imposed by Judge Vandivert was imprisonment in the penitentiary

until the governor shall decide they will be hanged. The boys were taken on the 9 o'clock train for Leavenworth by Sheriff Heath, but not until a mob had gathered and threatened lynching.

## Football Players Robbed.

AMHERST, Mass., Nov. 13.—While Dartmouth and Amherst were playing football on Pratt field, Saturday, sneak thieves were at work in the dressing rooms where the players had left their clothing. Thomas, substitute end on the Amherst team, was robbed of a diamond ring valued at \$125 and \$180 in money. Tyler, right tackle, also an Amherst man, lost a ring. Several robberies occurred about town during the afternoon.

## The Chinese Losses.

HIROSHIMA, Nov. 13.—Field Marshal Yamagata's report, dated Kiu-Lien-Chang, November 10th, says there are no Chinese troops in that vicinity. He adds the losses of the Chinese in that neighborhood are not fully known, but the bodies of over 500 Chinese soldiers have been buried by the Japanese. A great number of bodies of Chinese were found in the Aika river.

## A Japanese Woman Strangled.

DENVER, Nov. 13.—Kiku Oyama, a Japanese girl of ill-repute, was strangled to death early this morning in a house on Market street, in the same manner as Lena Tapper and Marie Contassolt were recently murdered in the same neighborhood. She apparently had been robbed. There is no clue to the stranger, and excitement among the women of that class is very great.

## Firm of Brokers Assign.

NEW YORK, Nov. 13.—Charles B. Caldwell and William R. Bunker, comprising the firm of Caldwell & Bunker, brokers, assigned today to Stephen W. Knevals, without preference.

Knevals says the liabilities will not reach \$50,000. The failure was caused by the stringency in the money market. All the creditors, he says, will be paid in full.

## The Trans-Mississippi Congress.

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 13.—The governor has appointed the following delegates to the trans-Mississippi commercial congress: W. W. Davis, Santa Rosa; General A. Pippy, San Francisco; David Lubin, Sacramento; E. S. Heller, San Francisco; A. P. Roach, Watsonville; William Johnston, Courtland, and Miles, Los Angeles.

## A Warship for Japan.

VALPARAISO, Chili, Nov. 13.—The warship Emerald, which has been purchased by Japan from Chili, is in the drydock here being cleaned. She will have her trial trip next Thursday, and will sail for Yokohama next week, calling at one port in Ecuador on her way. The captain of the Emerald is Senor Emilio Galin.

## Fire at Vallejo, Cal.

NALLEJO, Cal., Nov. 13.—Fire started this morning at the Good Templars' Home in a hay barn containing about 90 tons of hay. The fire is still burning, and there is no way to put it out on account of a scarcity of water. No damage is apprehended to the other buildings unless the wind changes to the north.

## Earthquake in Bolivia.

LAPAZ, Nov. 13.—There have been violent shocks of earthquake along the coast of Chili and this country. One hundred people have been killed by the seismic disturbances within a radius of 40 miles from this city. The cathedral here has been rendered unsafe and one tower was thrown down.

## He Murdered a Priest.

TOULON, Nov. 13.—A Frenchman named Eugene has been arrested, charged with having murdered and robbed a priest in a London lodging-house. He was impersonating the priest when arrested. The body of the priest was found hanging to the bedpost. Eugene has confessed.

## Adjourned Till Wednesday.

LIVERPOOL, Nov. 13.—The argument upon the order of winding up the affairs of the Beaver Line Steamship Company, Canada, was adjourned till Wednesday in order for the liquidator appointed in Canada to be represented.

## The Storting Elections.

CHRISTIANA, Norway, Nov. 13.—Returns from the storting elections are complete, except in the case of two seats. The rights and moderates have elected 53 members, the lefts 59.

## SWIMS FAST UNDER WATER.

The Clumsy Penguin Makes as Good Time as a Bird in the Air.

Naval architects are credited with saying that highest speed in navigation could be obtained by submarine boats. The principle is illustrated in the diving birds, which are capable of shooting through the water with amazing velocity. While these birds live by catching fish in deep water far below the surface they present many differences in outer appearance. In the collection at the London zoological gardens are black-footed penguins, gullmotes, "darters," a puma and a cormorant. The penguin cannot fly in the air, cannot walk, but hops as if its feet were tied together, and cannot swim, and can only with any grace fly under water. When the keeper of their quarters appears to feed the birds they each behave in their characteristic way. The fish thrown into the water, the penguins instantly plunge beneath, when an astonishing change takes place, thus described by a writer in the Spectator:

The slow, ungainly bird is transformed into a swift and beautiful creature, beaded with globules of quicksilver where the air clings to the close feathers, and flying through the clear and waveless depths with arrowy speed and powers of turning far greater than in any known form of aerial flight. The rapid and steady strokes of the wings are exactly similar to those of the air birds, while the feet float straight out level with its body, unused for propulsion or even as rudders, and as little needed in its progress as those of a wild duck when on the wing. The twists and turns necessary to follow the active little fish are made wholly by the strokes of one wing and the cessation of movement in the other; and the fish are chased, caught and swallowed without the slightest relaxation of speed in a submarine flight which is quite as rapid as that of most birds which take their prey in midair. The head and shoulders may be brought above the surface for a second and then disappear; but any attempt to remain on the surface leads to ludicrous splashing and confusion, for the submarine bird cannot float.

The movements of the cormorant are quite different. It does not plunge headlong, but launches itself on the surface and then "ducks" like a grebe. Its wings are not used as propellers, but trail unresistingly level with its body, and the speed at which it courses through the water is wholly due to the swimming powers of its large and ugly webbed feet. These are set quite at the end of the body and work incessantly like a treadle on the floats of a stern wheel steamer. Yet the conditions of submarine motion are so favorable that the speed of the bird below the surface is three or four times greater than that gained by equally rapid movements of the feet when it has risen and is swimming on the top. The "darters"—divers of the African and American lakes—compared to the survival of some ancient lizard—dive and swim much like the cormorant, except that the bird keeps its neck drawn back in the form of a flattened "s" when in pursuit of the fish. Once within striking distance the sharp bill is shot out as if from a catapult and the fish is spiked through and carried to the surface. This ascent is made after each single capture. Sometimes the bird has great difficulty in disentangling the pierced fish from the spearlike beak, and its companion adroitly relieves it of the struggling victim and swallows the prize.

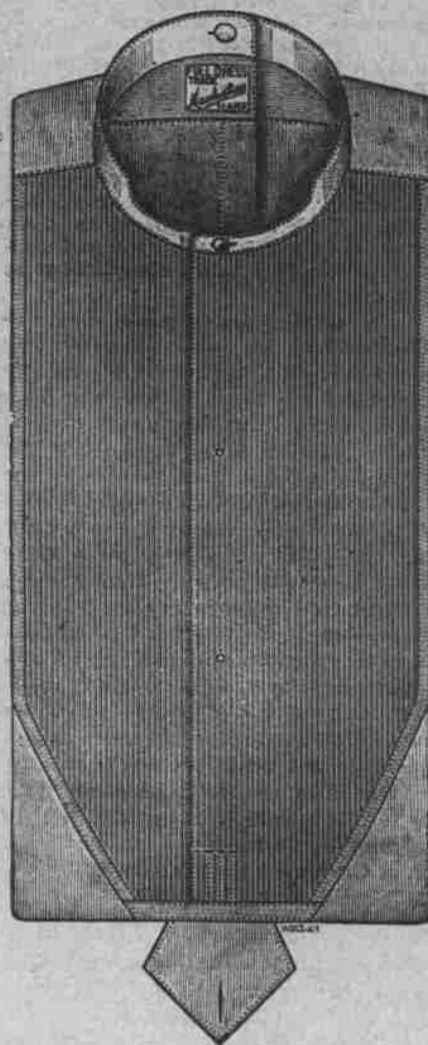
## ANECDOTES OF THE QUEEN.

he Approved of a Tronching That Was

Administered to Wales. Apropos of the queen's recent sojourn at Balmoral a north of Scotland newspaper has been gleaming from among the Decade peasantry some new stories about her majesty's early visits to her highland residence. One of these relates to the boyhood of the prince of Wales, says the Scottish American. The prince on one occasion, when he had temporarily escaped from the surveillance of the parental eye, played a trick on a young country lad whom he saw approaching with a basket of eggs on his arm, the result of the trick being to break all or most of the eggs. The lad was a tough Aberdonian and could not brook this injury, so he turned to, and, doubling his fists, gave the prince a thrashing, in spite of the latter's protest that he was the prince of Wales. "Prince an' a' though ye be," said the boy, "ye'd nae business tae break my eggs." Just then the queen appeared, having seen part of the fray. She quickly said: "You are quite right, my lad; he had no right to break your eggs, and he richly deserves what you have given him." Her majesty afterward made inquiries about the boy and sent him to school at her own expense.

Another story relates to her majesty's visit to the cottagers in the neighborhood. On one occasion, when she had been making calls among the cottage women, she dropped in, on her way back to the castle, at the house of an old woman who did not know her visitor. The old lady was both talkative and querulous, and, referring to a fete at which the queen had been present that day, complained about people, including her own household, "running like mad to see a common clay woman." Her grievance was that she had to wait till her folks returned in order to get her tea, for she was too feeble to make it herself.

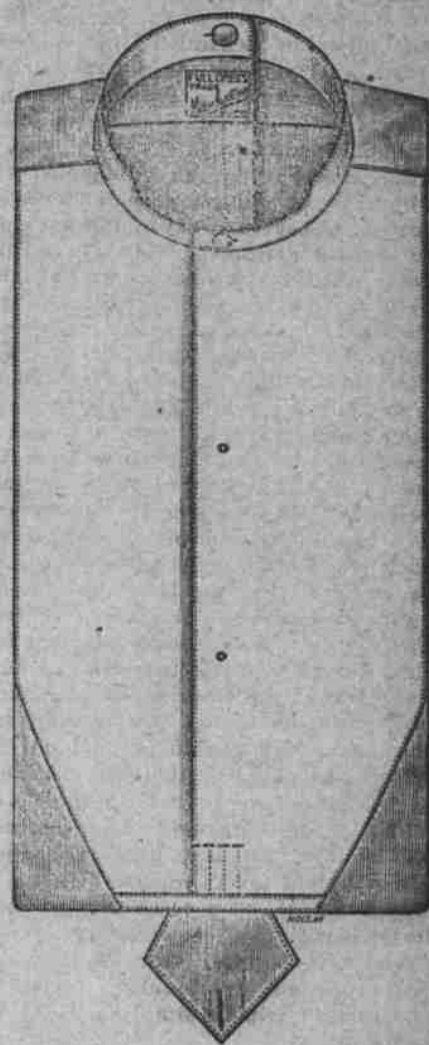
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