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DESPOBENT MINISTER SENDS BULLET INTO BRAIN AND DIES

REV. REEVES FOUND DEAD IN SHED BY WIFE

Pastorate Becomes Extinct, and Former Leader in Methodist Church, Untrained in Other Fields, Finds Struggle Too Great.

Supposed to have been despondent over the difficulties of providing for himself and family, Rev. John Reeves, well known South Methodist minister of this city, this morning about 5:30 placed a revolver in his head and sent a bullet crashing into his brain, death resulting instantaneously. He was found half an hour later by his wife in the woodshed where he fell, and neighbors were summoned at once. The tragedy occurred at his home, 801 West Webb street.

the South Methodist church at Weston, which position he held for two years. Three years ago he moved into the parsonage in this city but the branch of his church here had become extinct and he had no pastorate. From time to time he filled the pulpit of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches when the regular pastors were absent and he has been selling life insurance and making collections in order to eke out an existence for himself and family.

For the past three years, according to Rev. Reeves had risen early this morning with the intention of taking the 7 o'clock train to Weston, his old home, for the purpose of soliciting life insurance. He built a fire but left the room when his wife commenced preparations for breakfast. When she summoned him to his meal he did not respond and a search revealed his dead body in the woodshed, with a jagged bullet hole back of the right ear. She had heard a muffled report but thought it was a shot fired by neighbors.

LA FOLLETTE TAKES UP OREGON PLAN IN U. S. SENATE TODAY

Urges Government Production and Sale of Coal From Alaskan Mines

Washington, Aug. 21.—Immediate development of the mineral resources of Alaska through government ownership of railroads, ships and public utilities, wharves and docks and through the actual mining of Alaskan coal by the government, all to be administered for the benefit of the people at large through a board of control, was the plan outlined by Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, today in a speech in the senate.

Declaring that every day makes more evident the fact that the American people are waging a losing fight in Alaska, La Follette asserted it was time for the government to take an active hand.

He said: "The first step should be the creation of adequate transportation facilities. The government should own and build these and the wharves, docks and railroad terminals already constructed should be acquired by the government immediately. The government should own and operate at least one great coal mine, with which to supply naval and military needs, selling the surplus product at a reasonable profit as a check against extortion by private corporations, developing other mines.

"The sensible and practical thing to do is to create a board of public works for Alaska similar to the Icelandic canal commission.

Oregon Man Approves. Portland, Ore., Aug. 21.—The Oregon idea of having the government develop the Alaskan coal fields and at the same time break the hold of monopolies on Alaska, as outlined by Senator La Follette in the senate today, meets with my heartiest approval.

SIX UMATILLA COUNTY POLITICIANS ARE NAMED AS CONGRESSIONAL POSSIBILITIES

Among the bevy of candidates for the office of representative from the new Oregon congressional district are six well known Umatilla county politicians, according to a story in the Sunday Journal. These six, four of whom are residents of Pendleton, are from both parties, two being Democrats and four Republicans and all have been more or less identified with the recent political history of the county.

He will try to return to the lower legislative house at Washington.

The following is the Journal story: Former Congressman W. R. Ellis of Pendleton, who has been in Portland the last week, is coy when his future aspirations are mentioned. He says he is not a candidate now, and it is too early for him to talk of being one for he does not know how the situation will be by the time the April primaries roll around.

This is his reply to all inquiries as to his possible candidacy for United States senator or for congressman from the new eastern Oregon district. But among the friends of the former congressman is a well defined report that he will be a candidate for congressman when the time comes.

If it is true, he may have two rivals in his own county, possibly three. The most likely is S. Fred Wilson of Athena, others mention being State Senators J. N. Burgess and C. A. Barrett.

La Grande has three possible candidates.

YOUTHFUL MURDERER WEEPS IN COURT

New York, Aug. 21.—On the verge of a nervous collapse, which has been brought on by fear of being sent to the electric chair, Paul Geldie, the eighteen year old bell boy who murdered millionaire William Jackson in a room at the Iroquois hotel a few weeks ago, was today placed on trial. His attorneys offered to enter a plea of guilty to second degree murder, but the district attorney refused to agree to this.

GOVERNOR WEST WILL COME TO FAIR

That he will be present at the annual Morrow-Umatilla county fair, was the message sent to Secretary Fitz Gerald this morning in a letter from Governor Oswald West. The chief executive of the state declares he is heartily in favor of the holding of fairs and he believes they should be encouraged. While here he will deliver a short address in the fair pavilion.

He has not yet decided on just what day he will be here but it is thought, that he will time his visit so that he can attend both the fair and the Round-Up as he has been invited by the frontier association to be present at the wild west show also.

About The Thorn Hollow Springs

In view of the organized attempt which is being made by certain men and interests of the city to discredit the Thorn Hollow springs as a source of water supply, it might be well for the citizens to know just how true are the charges of wastefulness which are being made against the members of the city water commission. Four thousand dollars were expended for the land on which the springs are located after a jury in the trial of the condemnation suit had fixed the valuation. By an agreement with Attorney John McCourt, counsel for the Indian owners of the land, and Agent E. L. Swartzlander, this four thousand dollars is to be refunded to the city and the land returned to the Indians in case a development of the springs proved them unsatisfactory for the needs of the city. This money is now being held by Major Swartzlander pending the development being made.

Furthermore, had this provision not been made, the city would not lose the \$1000 for several private parties have already expressed a willingness to pay that price to the commission for the land at any time.

If the springs do prove to be all that the engineer's report claims for them, the commission will at once attempt to sell the \$200,000 bonds and commence construction work at once so that the city may have a pure and abundant supply of mountain water by next summer.

PEACH DAY IS NEARING

Promoters Secure Low Railroad Fare for Freewater Festival

"Come to Freewater" is the invitation brought to Pendleton this morning by Secretary James P. Neal of the Peach Day celebration of the east end town. Thursday is the day of the annual festival of peaches and, in order that Pendleton people may be induced to attend the celebration, in numbers, a fare of one and a third has been secured from this city.

Great preparations are being made by the management for a day of pleasure and profit and Secretary Neal assures all who contemplate attending that, despite the reports of a peach crop failure in the east end, there will be plenty of the luscious fruit for everyone.

A morning, afternoon and evening program has been prepared for the entertainment. The morning program includes an address of welcome by J. P. Neal, a response by C. L. Whitney, a short discourse on "Umatilla's Opportunity," by J. E. Keefe, secretary of the local Commercial club, a talk on county roads by Judge J. W. Maloney and a number of musical selections interspersed. In the afternoon, Attorney Bill M. Peterson, representing Gov. Oswald West, will deliver an address and will be followed by Hon. George T. Cochran, water commissioner for eastern Oregon. At 3 o'clock there will be a baseball game between the Milton-Freewater and Walla Walla teams and a number of other sporting events.

At 7:30 an open air concert by the local Round-Up Cowboy band will be given between the numbers of which will be sandwiched highland dances, recitations, monologues and solos. A dance for all will be given both afternoon and evening.

BIRDMAN WINS RACE WITH FAST TRAIN

Los Angeles, Aug. 21.—Frightening the passengers on the Long Beach flier, by sweeping down to within 20 feet of the speeding cars while he was flying at a speed of 45 miles an hour, L. E. Holt, an aviator of the Aeronautical Society of California, raced a fast Pacific electric train for six miles today, winning the contest by two car lengths. Holt was qualifying for an aeroplane pilot's license.

BELIEVES SON WAS MURDERED

Wealthy Socialist Aiding McNamara Brothers, Mysteriously Disappears.

Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 21.—Alexander Irvine, a wealthy socialist of New York city, who is enroute to this city from San Antonio, Texas, to investigate the disappearance of his son, Shour Irvine, who has been missing for a week, today wired the Los Angeles police to spare no expense in trying to locate his son.

The father believes that his son has been murdered, and friends of the Irvines point the finger of suspicion at the enemies of the McNamara brothers, who are imprisoned here awaiting trial on charges of having destroyed the Times building.

The elder Irvine states that his son had informed him that he had gathered evidence which would conclusively clear the McNamara brothers of the charges against them. The younger Irvine had been investigating the case here for several weeks.

Die of Wounds.

London, Aug. 21.—Pierre Prier, a French aviator, and his pupil M. Hanot, died of pistol shot wounds sustained yesterday at the Hendon aerodrome. Hanot, who is believed to have been rendered suddenly insane by the heat, fired at M. Chereau, manager for M. Bierlot, but the bullet went wide and struck Prier. Realizing what he had done, Hanot turned the revolver on himself and fired twice and after tried to cut his throat with a razor.

Factory Destroyed.

Frankfurt, Germany, Aug. 21.—The Opel sewing machine and bicycle factory at Russelheim was destroyed by fire last night.

TORNADO DESTROYS TOWNS; KILLS MANY

Fargo, N. D., Aug. 21.—While only four bodies have been recovered, it is believed that more than a score of persons yesterday lost their lives in a cyclone which swept Antlers, destroyed the town, and Westhope, where 150 persons were injured. Several other towns southwest of this place were badly damaged and the known injured will number two hundred. The property damage will reach \$1,000,000.

PRESIDENT SIGNS STATEHOOD BILL MINUS RECALL CLAUSE

TWO NEW STATES TO BE ADMITTED IN 90 DAYS

Owen Would Know Someth'ing of 1907 Financial Panic—Cotton Bill Sure of Passage Despite Second Attempt to Sidetrack

Washington, D. S., Aug. 21.—President Taft this afternoon signed the joint statehood bill admitting Arizona and New Mexico as the forty-seventh and forty-eighth states of the United States of America. The bill was signed by Vice President Sherman, in the senate, and Speaker Champ Clark in the house of representatives, this morning, after which it was sent to the white house.

Only the refusal of the two territories, themselves, to comply with the conditions imposed by the bill, can now prevent them from becoming states within three months.

BEATTIE, SLAYER OF WIFE, SMILES AS TRIAL BEGINS

Motion to Quash Indictment, Overruled--"Other Woman" Goes on Stage

Chesterfield Court House, Va., Aug. 21.—With the court room crowded to its utmost capacity, the trial of Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., son of a wealthy Manchester banker, accused of murdering his young wife, in order that he might resume his illicit relations with seventeen year old Beulah Blinford began today and promises to be the most sensational trial in the history of the state.

Attorneys for Beattie filed a motion to have the trial stayed and the indictment quashed. This was overruled by Judge Watson and Beattie then plead "not guilty." The examination of witnesses for the jury was immediately begun. The decision of the court met with the approval of the spectators, who plainly showed their satisfaction.

Beattie went to the court house from the jail in an automobile and seemed oblivious to the attention he attracted. As he made his way to the prisoner's dock, he wore a broad smile and failed to recognize many of his boyhood friends who attempted to draw some indication of recognition from him.

The defense will attack the statement of Paul Beattie, a cousin of the prisoner, alleging that he did not tell the truth in stating that he had purchased for Henry Beattie, the shot gun, which afterward proved to be the weapon with which Mrs. Beattie was killed while riding with her husband in an auto on the lonely Middlethorpe pike.

"Other Woman" Goes on Stage.

Richmond, Va., Aug. 21.—Beulah Blinford, the "other woman" accepted by the police as the motive for the

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The bill provides that New Mexico must vote on the proposal of making its constitution more susceptible to amendment and that Arizona must eliminate the clause, which provided for the recall of the judiciary.

Panic Investigation. Washington, D. C., Aug. 21.—Senator Owen of Oklahoma, today introduced a resolution in the senate providing for an investigation into the cause of the financial panic of 1907, to ascertain if any persons or corporations benefited by it.

Cotton Bill Assured. Washington, Aug. 21.—The cotton bill will probably be passed by the house this afternoon and President Taft is expected to approve the measure as soon as it reaches him. The democrats forced a vote on the bill, to take place at 6 o'clock tonight.

Another Attempt to Sidetrack. Washington, D. C., Aug. 21.—Following a conference this afternoon, Speaker Clark and Democratic Leader Underwood announced that they had refused to assent to a move to adjourn Congress tonight. A majority of both sides of the house got together and tried to force it.

Will Be Made Public. Washington, Aug. 21.—Secretary MacVeagh's attitude toward the National City banks relations with the National City company will be made known this week. Attorney General Wickersham's telegram to the secretary advising that the relationship of the two concerns is in contravention of the national bank act, will be made public at the same time.

Dynamite Store Building.

Wallace, Idaho, Aug. 21.—The store building of George Van Curen, at Cataldo, a small town in this county, was blown up by dynamite during Saturday night. Van Curen was asleep in the building but escaped serious injury. Van Curen is said to have incurred ill will in some quarters, but whether this was responsible for the outrage is not known as the perpetrators escaped.

Spirits Prisoner Aways.

San Bernardino, Cal., Aug. 21.—refusing to divulge the place of safety to which he sent Dentist McDavid, when he learned a mob had planned to take him from the jail last night, Sheriff Ralph announced today that McDavid would not be returned here until his preliminary hearing August 31. A large crowd was collected by typewritten notes which read: "Meet me at the jail tonight," and the sheriff spirited his prisoner away.

Shot by Husband.

El Mossa, Colo., Aug. 21.—Mrs. Camille Herrera was shot and instantly killed here last night by her husband, who then committed suicide with the same gun. The double tragedy occurred on the outskirts of the city, where Mrs. Herrera was walking with Felix Romeo, a man whom she had met the night before at a dance. Romeo fled.

AFTER WINNING VICTORY IN STRIKE ENGLISH RAILROADERS MAY AGAIN WALKOUT

London, Aug. 21.—Following what was believed to be a settlement of the railway strike in England, through the efforts of a commission named by the government and which drafted agreements that were accepted by the management of the roads and the strike leaders, now comes a threat to renew the strike.

The threat was made this morning by Secretary Thomas, of the Railway Employees' association, who charges that the railroads have already broken faith by discriminating against some of the strikers. Thomas declares that the men will again be called out unless the railroads immediately promise impartial re-instatement of all strikers, as was a part of the agreement. It is not generally believed that the roads will allow this feature to again start the trouble which has caused more suffering than has been experienced in England for scores of years.

Thousands of railroad workers returned to work yesterday and as many more today and it is believed that all will be at work within the next few days.

The strike has ended in a complete victory for the railroad workers, and they are celebrating in many parts of the country. The general wage now is 22 shillings per week—about \$5.50—for eight hour days.

Other unions, which have not heretofore been effected by the strike, are now seriously considering calling a walkout, having been encouraged

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Will Drop Employees.

San Francisco, Aug. 21.—A considerable number of the employees of the Southern Pacific railroad company will be dropped temporarily from the company's payrolls before September 1. This statement was made here by a high official of the company. The cut, he said, would extend to all departments, but he refused to say how many men would be affected. The increase in operating expenses with a less than proportionate increase in income, was given as the cause.