

COVERED WITH HIS OWN BLOOD

Isaac Hoffman Shot in His Own Office, San Francisco.

CASE LOOKED LIKE SUICIDE

Later Developments Indicate Murder Resulting From Family Troubles—Police Working to Unravel the Mystery.

San Francisco, June 2.—Isaac Hoffman, of the firm of Hoffman, Rothchild & Co., manufacturers and wholesalers of clothing, was found in a dying condition last evening at 545 in the private office of the company's establishment, 11 Battery street. He was covered with his own blood, which flowed from three bullet wounds in his head. A few yards distant in an adjoining room lay a revolver with three of its chambers empty. H. Ferrenbach, a special officer, who found the wounded man, summoned the patrol wagon and Hoffman was removed to the receiving hospital, where he died in less than an hour. Three shots had taken effect, and all had been fired from the left side. One bullet entered below the skull. Another was fired into the left cheek and dislodged in the mouth, and the third, which proved fatal, entered the top of the head on the left side and ranged downward through the brain and lodged in the mouth. The hair where the third bullet entered on top of the head was burned and singed, showing that the muzzle of the revolver was held close to the head.

The man was apparently one of suicide, but later developments cast a suspicion of murder. Hoffman, his wife and four children resided at 327 Sutter street, and Manager Harris and the other employees said that they lived happily together, though there were rumors of domestic discord.

The deceased married the daughter of his former partner, R. O. Alexander, and four children are the issue of the marriage, the eldest being nine years of age. "This is no suicide," said A. Hoffman, a brother of the deceased, last night. "I have been on the closest terms with my brother, and he has talked with me a great deal about his affairs. A few days ago I spent the evening with him and he dwelt at great length upon certain troubles of his family, the relations with his wife's family. He has insisted on me for months that he was being watched. The firm changed about a year ago, following the death of Mr. Alexander. The trouble has followed the change in the firm. Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Hoffman's mother, resides at the Occidental Hotel. She has three sons living, Richard, Joe and Milton. They are in the cigar business at San Jose. I am not at liberty to say tonight just what the trouble was that I refer to, but it will be unraveled as this affair is probed. I am sure my brother was watched and followed."

Others of the family expressed the same opinion of the tragedy.

A HORRIBLE CRIME

Young Man Murdered and Cremated While Defending His Home.

Sterling, Ill., June 2.—Robbed, murdered and cremated.

That tells the awful fate of George Kauffman. He stood guard over his father's grainery and to protect it from thieves, who killed him at his post and sought to wipe out the evidence of their fiendish cruelty with fire.

Today all that remains of him is a corpse with its throat cut, its skull crushed and its head bullet-pierced, and a charred lump of flesh. There is no clue to the murderers who committed the crime, but bloodhounds are on the trail.

George Kauffman was the son of Tobias Kauffman, a prosperous farmer living about five miles north of Sterling. He was 22 years old. Farmer Kauffman has two dwelling houses with about a quarter of a mile between them. He left his old home for his present dwelling a year ago but used some of the buildings at his former residence. Lately Kauffman discovered that thieves were raiding his grainery located near his old residence. He asked his son George to take up his night quarters in the deserted home and watch for the plunderers.

George Kauffman began his vigil two weeks ago. He was unsuccessful and regularly went to the other house for his breakfast. Tuesday morning he did not come in at the usual hour. The family waited some time without concern. Then his father became alarmed and started for the old house, accompanied by the hired man. They went to the house, but there was no trace of the young man. They soon scented the strawstack, which had been nearly burned down and was still smoking. They were horrified to find on top of the smoking straw the body of young Kauffman, burned to a crisp. The victim had been clubbed and his skull crushed. His throat had been cut and the head was nearly severed from the body. A bullet-hole showed that the murderer had shot the young man.

Bloodhounds were put on the trail, but so far without success. The surrounding country is intensely stirred over the crime and friends of the young man are demanding vengeance at the end of a rope without the quibbles and delays of the law.

DURRANT A STAYER

Makes Another Appeal for Life—His Attorneys Fight.

San Francisco, June 2.—There will be 200 invitations issued for the execution of Durrant. Warden Hale has fixed 10:30 a. m. as the hour of execution. Twenty-five medical men will be permitted to witness the tragedy. At the request of his attorneys Durrant made a formal demand for his release, claiming to be unjustly imprisoned. This will be part of the appeal to the supreme court and is to cover the point which might be made that by failing to protest and demand his release he had lost the right to complain. The appeal raises a point which, ac-

THE DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

New Union Party Organized in Oregon on Silver Lines.

WANT GOVERNMENT MONEY

Banks Not to Interfere—All Officers to be Elected by the People Direct—Demand That Oregon be Favored from Rings.

Albany, Or., June 2.—Pursuant to a call issued by the chairman of the State Union Bimetallic party, a conference of the silver men of Oregon was held here today. Forty-eight delegates from the several counties of the state were present. J. C. Cooper, of Yamhill, was elected chairman; J. T. Milner, of Portland, secretary. The committee on a declaration of principles, plan of organization of the silver parties in the state into a union party, and an appeal to the voters, were appointed.

The entire afternoon was devoted to the adoption of a declaration of principles. The report of that committee, after a heated debate upon the advisability of launching the new party into the political arena at this time, was amended and adopted, as follows: "We demand the free unlimited coinage of gold and silver at the ratio of 16 to 1, independent of the action of any other nation; that the government shall issue all the money without the intervention of banks and in a quantity adequate for the needs of the people; that all money issued by the government, whether gold, silver or paper, shall be legal tender for all debts, public or private; that no contract or law shall discriminate against any kind of money issued by the government. We are opposed to the issue of United States interest-bearing bonds in time of peace. We demand the redemption of Oregon from rings, commissions, and corrupt methods, and demand a honest election and election laws, including a stringent registration law. We demand that the people shall have a veto power over all legislative enactments by the use of the referendum. We demand the election of all officers by a direct vote of the people. We favor and advise that all nominations for municipal and county officers, including members of the legislature, shall be made by primary elections. We recommend that this party shall be known as the Union party, and invite all reformers of the state to unite with us in localizing these principles by united effort, and we pledge ourselves to unite with the reform forces in carrying out this bond of union."

An evening session was held, at which a detailed plan of organization and efforts to effect a union of the populist, national silver party and Bryan democrats were discussed, and state committees of the union bimetallic party were selected to carry out such plans.

CRISIS IN COREA

Brought on by Russia's Attempt to Dictate the Cabinet.

San Francisco, June 2.—According to mail advices a crisis has been precipitated in Korean affairs by the action of Russia in virtually forcing the acceptance of her officers as instructors after the proposal. All the ministers, including Kim Pyonggi and Cho Pyong Chong, who had opposed the scheme, have tendered their resignations.

THE SACRAMENTO ROUTE

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Omaha, June 2.—In speaking of the route to Portland via Sacramento, General Manager Dickenson, of the Union Pacific, said: "The effect of this will not open any new route. We have always had two routes to Portland—one via the Short Line and Oregon Railway and Navigation Company, the other via the Central Pacific and the Southern Pacific. The only new thing about the matter is that the latter will now become more emphasized, because more business will be routed that way. We are not opening any new lines."

TURKS TO HAVE A NEW FLEET

London, June 2.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Ierlin says that the Turkish government has opened negotiations with an English firm for overhauling the entire Turkish fleet. All ironclads will be reconstructed and six new men of war built.

THE MARKETS

San Francisco, June 2.—Hope—S and 1/2. Liverpool, June 2.—Wheat—Quiet; No. 1 standard California wheat, 2s. Portland, June 2.—Wheat—Valley, 76c; Walla, Walla, 74 and 75c. New York, June 2.—Hope—Quiet.

AN INHUMAN OFFICER

St. Joseph, Mo., June 2.—A constable ejected the family of Herbert Crowley because the rent was not paid, and of the six children who were down with the measles five have died and the other will die from the exposure.

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THE MONETARY COMMISSION

Paris, June 2.—The United States monetary commission today called upon President Fauro and had a long interview on the object of their mission.

CURFEW IN EFFECT AT ARCOLA

Arcola, Ill., June 2.—Mayor Chambers has issued a proclamation enforcing the curfew law in this city. The law prohibits all children under the age of 16 years from appearing on the streets after 9 p. m. The law will be rigidly enforced.

SAN QUENTIN REBELLION

Hale has decided to build cages in the jute mill in order that armed guards may be placed in them to watch the convicts when they return to work. The cages will be arranged in such a manner that they cannot easily be reached by the prisoners in case of riot. Each guard will be armed with a rifle and given orders to shoot in the event of another revolt in the mill.

"THE QUICK AND THE DEAD"

Philadelphia, June 2.—The Princess Troubetzkoy, formerly Amelia Rive Chandler and well known all over the world under her maiden name of Amelia Rive as the authoress of "The Quick and the Dead," is a patient in a private sanitarium in this city. Princess Troubetzkoy is suffering from nervous prostration brought on by overwork. The celebrated authoress is confined to her bed and no one is permitted to see her except her nurse and physician.