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PROBABLY MURDERED

Evidence of a Terrible Crime Comes to Light at Salem, Ore.

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Frightful Wounds on the Head Show the Manner Whereby He Met Death.

BODY THROWN IN THE RIVER

Arms and Legs Bound With Cords. to Which Heavy Weights Were Attached—No Clue to Flead.

SALEM, Sept. 20.—Evidence of a terrible crime was brought to light here today by the finding of the body of an unknown man in the Willamette. As yet but little is known regarding the manner in which the man came to his death, but it is evident that a despicable murder has been committed.

The body was found in shallow water near the Polk county shore. The hands and feet were bound with cords, attached to which were heavy sack weights. Several ghastly wounds on the head indicated terrible usage and foul play marks every phase of the discovery.

Coroner Wood, of Dallas, was telephoned for, and he immediately came to this city and held an inquest. The verdict of the jury tends to the murder theory, and states that the name of the deceased is unknown. The murderers are also unknown.

The case is now in the hands of the police, and they have made several important discoveries, which may lead to the arrest of the murderers. These clues are kept secret.

The victim is a man of medium height of portly appearance, with reddish hair and mustache. He is fairly well dressed. A watch and cuff buttons were found on the person, as were also a pass over the O. R. & N. from The Dalles to Grant's Pass, and a drawback check of the Southern Pacific from Brooks to Oregon City. His name appeared nowhere. A card bearing the presentation of McGrath, a drummer for Gadsby, a Portland furniture dealer, was found in a pocket.

The crime has caused great excitement here.

RIDDLED WITH SHOT.
FERRY, Iowa, September 20.—Isaac Fitz shot and instantly killed his brother-in-law, James McCellan, near Yale, Guthrie county, today. The two men were loading hogs and quarreled. McCellan finally mounted his horse and started away, when Fitz, came out of the house with a shotgun and, without a word, fired both barrels at McCellan. The latter fell from his horse, riddled with shot.

Fitz then took his load of hogs to town.

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FRIGHTFUL HOLOCAUST

A Fire in a Toledo Elevator Causes Terrible Loss of Human Life.

TEN BURNED TO DEATH

Caught and Cremated in the Big Building Like So Many Rats in a Trap.

MANY MORE WERE INJURED

Spontaneous Combustion of Dust the Cause of an Explosion Followed by Fire.

TOLEDO, O., Sept. 20.—Eight cremated and eight seriously injured is the record of the most disastrous fire that ever occurred in Toledo. Spontaneous combustion of dust in a grain elevator owned by Tadlock, Hodge & Co. at 9 o'clock caused this terrible destruction of life, and none of those who were taken out after the fire started was far enough from death's door to tell any of the details.

William J. Parks, the superintendent, after the tower story, was conscious for a moment, and said that about 8:30 a terrible explosion occurred on the south side of the elevator, and that he knew there were about 20 men at work on the seven floors of the great building. Besides those regularly employed at the elevator, three children of Superintendent Parks were visiting him at the time. One of these may recover from his burns, but Grace, a 17-year-old girl, is burned almost beyond recognition, and Harold, the third child, has not been found, being either blown to atoms or cremated.

All over Toledo houses were shaken by the explosion as if by an earthquake, and windows were shattered or blown out. Very soon afterwards the flames burst forth from all sides of the elevator. It was but a few minutes till the fire department of the city began the work of rescue, which was rendered difficult by the terrific heat of the fire. The river cut off escape on one side and there the flames seemed to be less fierce. The families of a dozen men who worked within rushed to the scene, and women calling for their imprisoned husbands, brothers and fathers made the scene indescribable.

It was learned that a force of 20 men had been in the building, their purpose having been to load 800 bushels of grain during the night.

No one of the entire number could be seen in any part of the building, and it was impossible to reach them in any way. The little daughter of William Parks was found first. He was 20 feet from the building, frightfully burned, and his clothes were almost entirely torn off. He had been hurled from his place in the main room and through a window. Another employee, John Carr, was hurled from the fifth floor of the building, and was found, bleeding and burned, with many bones broken. He did not long survive. Fireman David Kemp and Charles Kiefer, the engineer, were found at their places in the engine room. They were wounded by falling timbers and their faces were charred to a crisp by the flames. The little daughter of William Parks was sitting at the desk in the office at the time of the explosion and was hurled out of the door. She walked down the elevation on which the building stands and dropped down, to be carried away unconscious, suffering from wounds from which she cannot recover. John Smith was fatally burned. He was literally disemboweled and was taken to the hospital to die. The missing are doubtless all dead.

The heat became so intense that 20 cars standing on sidings near the building were added to the loss. Tadlock, a member of the firm owning the plant, said there was between 50,000 and 60,000 bushels of grain in storage. The property and grain is an entire loss, and will reach \$200,000. The insurance is \$125,000 on the building and the grain is covered with \$288,000 insurance.

Superintendent William Parks, and one unknown man died about midnight, making the total number of fatalities ten.

The following are dead: Samuel Alexander, Bert Wainwright, Fred Garrett, Harold Parks, John Smith, Grace Parks, Frank Van Housen, John Carr, William Parks, and an unknown man.

YOUTHFUL BURGLARS.
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20.—It was just learned that on September 9, a number of children entered the residence of Julius Kruttschnitt, general manager of the Southern Pacific Company, during the absence of the family, and stole various articles, valued at over \$1,000. The burglars ranged from 9 to 12 in age. Most of the property has been recovered.

LEFT A FORTUNE.
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20.—J. M. Singer, who was found dead in a Mission street lodging house, evidently expired from hemorrhage. When his trunk was examined at the coroner's office, the duplicates were surprised to find \$10,000 in government bonds, \$65 in gold coin and fifty certificates of stocks in the Spring

THE BRIDGEPORT HORROR

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Sept. 20.—The head of the victim of the Yellow millpond tragedy will be kept preserved in alcohol for an indefinite period, awaiting identification. The rest of the body has been buried in the town farm.

Superintendent Birmingham, with Detective Arnold, has gone to Meriden to look into the disappearance of a young woman from that place. A. D. Van Kae-rin, brother of Van Karsin, of the staff of the governor of Connecticut, called at the morgue last night, after a long examination, positively identified the severed head as that of a young woman who stopped at the same boarding house in New Haven that he had two years ago. This is the sixth positive identification of the victim of the murder.

PRESIDENT M'KINLEY PAYS A VISIT TO PORT MEYER.
Examines the Hospitals There and Expresses Himself as Well Satisfied With Treatment of the Men.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—President McKinley this afternoon made a personal inspection of the hospital at Fort Meyer, Va. Accompanied by Adjutant-General Corbin, the president left the city and arrived, unannounced, at the fort. He proceeded directly to the hospital and, introducing himself to Major Davis, the United States army surgeon in charge of the hospital, informed him that he had come to make an inspection of the institution and to pay his respects to the patients and those in charge. The president passed an hour and a half in the various wards and departments of the institution, going from cot to cot and extending personal greetings to each of the nearly 40 patients.

Major Davis presented him to each of the assistant surgeons and nurses, and consequently the president talked informally to the convalescent patients.

The president carefully inspected the kitchen and examined the food supplied to the hospital patients. At the conclusion of his examination he expressed himself as well satisfied with the arrangements made for caring for the sick, but desired it to be understood that the patients were to want for nothing that would improve their condition or render them more comfortable.

GOLD AND SILVER THE ISSUE.
BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Sept. 20.—Arrangements are practically complete for the democratic state convention. The convention promises to become the field of contest between the silver and anti-silver factions, the question of candidates being subsidiary to that of the currency. In several caucuses throughout the state the gold men have controlled, and delegates of that sort have been sent to the convention. The silver men will contest the right to such delegates to all. Already notices have been received from eight or ten towns from which will come two sets of delegates. The gold faction demands the utter stimulation of national issues in favor of state issues. The only candidate who has been prominently named for governor is former United States Treasurer Daniel N. Morgan, of Bridgeport.

AID FOR HILDEBRAND'S FAMILY.
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20.—In each of the regiments at the Presidio collections are being taken up for the benefit of the family of Henry Hildebrand, who was murdered by Hospital Steward Rosser, of the First Tennessee. The collections now amount to about \$2,500.

Private John A. Ganser, company C, Fifty-first Iowa, died at the division hospital yesterday of spinal meningitis.

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NO VIOLATION OF TERMS.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—Some question has arisen as to the right of the United States to send troops to Manila under the terms of the protocol, and the armistice that followed. Upon this matter being brought to the attention of the officials of the war department, it is stated that, under the protocol, Manila city, harbor and bay were placed under control of the United States, and that we have the same right to reinforce Manila that we would have to send troops to any other army post. Spain, it is said, would have no right to protest against the action of the United States, as the movement of troops to Manila was not like sending them to an island or a station in dispute.

THE SAN PEDRO BREAKWATER.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 20.—P. F. New, of the firm of Heidemiller & New, Chicago, the contractors who were awarded the work of building the breakwater at San Pedro harbor, has arrived here. The formalities have all been completed and the building of the breakwater will begin as soon as preparations can be made.

CHANGES IN THE CIVIL SERVICE RULES.

A Number of Places of the Classified Civil Service Will Be Thrown Open to Appointment.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—A dispatch from Washington says: President McKinley has again taken up the question of raising the civil service rules so as to open more places for political appointments. Some months ago when the subject was under discussion in congress, the president had the head of each executive department prepare recommendations showing which places under his department best could be exempted from the civil service rules.

An executive order was drawn up based on these recommendations and it has been on the desk of the president ever since. Now that the war is not occupying so much of his attention and as the congressional campaign is making the pressure for places stronger, the president is considering the matter and it is expected that he will issue an order in a short time taking a large number of places from the classified service and throwing them open to appointment by the various heads of departments and their subordinates.

The places that would be removed from the protection of the civil service law are those of private secretaries and chief clerks and confidential clerks of heads of departments and assistant heads of departments and all persons classed as firemen, watchmen and laborers. The most important exemptions will be in the internal revenue service throughout the country, where all deputy collectors of internal revenue and all storekeepers and gaugers will receive less than \$5 per day and to be taken from the classified service.

In the customs service the only places now in the classified service that will be exempted are two at New York—the counsel to the board of general appraisers and the paymaster to the collector of the port of New York. In the department of justice all attorneys and assistant attorneys and all deputy marshals are to be taken from the service.

In the postal service all superintendents of branch post offices and carrier stations and all clerks in charge of carrier stations, assistant cashiers, private secretaries and stenographers to postmasters in the larger cities, messengers, porters, labor women, janitors, watchmen, and laborers are to be taken from the classified service.

TO MEET IN TACOMA.
TACOMA, Sept. 20.—The republican convention will convene here tomorrow for the purpose of nominating two supreme judges and two congressmen at large. It is pretty generally conceded that the question of geography will enter largely into the formation of the ticket. It is the disposition to give the eastern and western portions of the state a congressman and a judge each. W. T. Jones, of Yakima, is the most prominent candidate for congress from the eastern section of the state, and this division is very favorable to him.

For supreme judge the eastern portion presents Mark Fullerton, of Whitman; R. J. Anders, of Walla Walla, and R. F. Sturdevant, of Dayton.

From the west side the candidates for congress are F. W. Cushman, of Tacoma, N. B. Coffman, of Chehalis, and W. W. McCrelie, of Vancouver.

For supreme judge are Judge Bruce, of Whatcom, W. E. Humphries, E. W. Langley, and Milo Root, all of Seattle.

MANITOBA WHEAT CROP.
WINNIPEG, Man., Sept. 20.—Manager Thompson, of the Osgilvie Milling Company, has just returned from inspecting the wheat crop, and says:

As a result of my trip I am forced to admit that the government estimate of the crop will be exceeded by over seven million bushels. I estimate the crop of wheat for Manitoba this year at \$2,000,000 bushels, and allowing six millions for the northwestern territories, will give us a total crop of wheat nearly double that of last year and the greatest in the history of the west. I am pleased to find that the supposed injury from wet weather has not been anything approaching what has been represented; in fact, damage from that cause has been light, and Manitoba this year will ship more No. 1 hard wheat than the entire crop of last year.

PINGREE'S NOMINATION.
DETROIT, Sept. 20.—Governor Pingree's nomination tomorrow by the republican state convention is conceded to be a certainty. It is freely admitted by even the conservatives of the party that the governor's strength with the people compels the support of republicans, including those who do not approve generally of all the governor's measures.

WILL HOLD NEW LANDS

Over One Hundred Thousand Men Will Be Required for Garrisons.

ESTIMATE MADE BY MILES

Troops Will Start for Cuba Probably Not Sooner Than the Middle of October.

MEN FOR THE PHILIPPINES

Formidable Force of Nearly Four Thousand to Leave San Francisco for Those Islands.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—A special from Washington says: General Miles when asked how many regiments would be stationed with the volunteers at the different garrisons, replied:

"About 12,000 regulars in Cuba, 100 in Honolulu, 200 in the Philippines, and 500 in Porto Rico."

General Miles said that he expected that Cuba would be garrisoned with about 8,000 men; the Philippines with about 10,000; Porto Rico about 14,000; Honolulu about 200. All the regulars which were at Montauk, with the exception of the Twenty-fourth infantry, the Twenty-second cavalry, and Ninth cavalry, will be sent to Cuba and Porto Rico, and the First and Fifth cavalry were today added to the Seventh and Eighth cavalry, all of which troops will go to Cuba.

General Miles said that the decision thus to dispose of the troops was largely a result of the conference held Saturday between the president, Acting Secretary McKinley and General Miles.

The Seventh cavalry, now stationed at Arizona and New Mexico, and the Eighth cavalry now stationed at Fort Meade, have, however, been ordered to Huntsville, Ala., whether most of the regulars for Cuba will go. The Second and Ninth cavalry now at Lexington, and the First, Second, Third, Fifth, and Ninth, the first three being white and the Ninth colored. There are three other colored infantry regiments, namely, the Seventh, Eighth, and Tenth, now at Lexington. The others are white, namely, the Fourth, at Jacksonville; the Sixth, at Annapolis; and First at Galveston.

General Miles said there would be plenty of soldiers for the program, as there were left, he said, 100,000 volunteers and 600 regulars. Those regulars not needed will be distributed at army posts. The volunteers not needed will, it is expected, remain in winter camps.

MANILA REINFORCEMENTS ANXIOUS TO GET AWAY.

Krag-Jorgensen Rifles to Arm Four Regiments—General Miller Trying to Expedite Their Transportation.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 20.—The troops just ordered to the Philippines are all anxious to depart as soon as possible and their wishes are likely to be gratified, for General Miller, who hopes to hand the expedition, is doing all he can to expedite their transportation. The numerical strength of the forces ordered to the Orient is as follows:

First Tennessee regiment, 120; Twentieth Kansas regiment, 120; Fifty-first Iowa regiment, 120; First Washington regiment, 120; recruits, Second Oregon regiment, 30; battalion Twenty-third regiment U. S. A., 400; total force, 980.

All of the troops named, except the Washington regiment, have been attached to the Philippine expeditionary force. The Washington men have belonged to the department of California.

Although the Sixth and Seventh California regiments are anxious to see active service, there seems to be little prospect of their being added to the expeditionary force. In case no general should be assigned to this expedition, the command will devolve upon Colonel John E. Wald.

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