

DESPERATE NEGRO KILLED

Barricaded Himself in Upper Story--Shot at Officers.

Seven Bullets Pierced His Body Before He Fell Dead--Police Escaped Injury.

Oakland, Cal., April 27.—After a battle with a heavy squad of police armed with Winchesters and sawed-off shot guns beginning at 7:30 o'clock last night and lasting until 8:30 this morning, Joe Smith, a negro sharpshooter, and former member of the 25th Infantry, was shot to death in his home. Not until seven bullets had pierced his body did the desperate negro succumb, and up to the time the fatal missile struck him kept the besieging party at bay with a perfect fusillade of bullets, none of which, however, found a mark.

Two officers went to Smith's home last night to arrest him for disturbing the peace. He drove the officers away with bullets, barricaded the house and fled to the upper floor, where he stationed himself at a window, armed with two revolvers. Police reinforcements were sent on a truck, on which was placed sheets of steel, which were used as a shield. From the time of their arrival until midnight the fight was kept up. At midnight the bells signalled for the cessation of hostilities, but at daylight the battle was resumed.

Smith hesitated a moment after emptying both revolvers and an officer shot him in the arm. A second later another bullet struck him under the right armpit, and he was seen to reel and fall to the floor. The officers rushed upstairs and entering the room in which the negro had made his desperate stand, found him dead in his blood on the floor, with scores of empty shells and both revolvers at his side.

GREAT RUSSIAN VICTORY

This morning's Oregonian has the following dispatch:

Paris, April 26.—The St Petersburg correspondent of the Matin says: "I learn from a sure source that the Vladivostok squadron yesterday sank four Japanese transports which were conveying 4000 men."

Rothschild's Horse Won.

London, April 27.—Baron Leopold Rothschild's Statement, with Cannon up, won the two thousand guineas Trial Plate at Newmarket today.

Chinese Warship Lost.

Shanghai, April 27.—The Chinese warship Haetien is ashore on Elliott rocks, and is a total loss. All aboard were saved.

Engine Exploded.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 27.—A Baltimore & Ohio engine exploded this morning while passing Braddock, fatally injuring Engineer Hunter and Fireman Fred Deagle, seriously injuring three others. Five buildings were wrecked and two set afire.

ATTEMPT TO POISON STUDENTS

Narrow Escape of 600 Students in Sofia Military School.

Sofia, April 27.—By a mere accident today the poisoning of 600 students at the military school was averted, when the cook caught a young student of Sofia University in the act of putting the contents of a package of cyanide of potassium into the food being prepared for the students. He was arrested and afterward suicided in his cell. He was a member of an anarchist society which appointed him to do away with all students of the military school.

THE WEATHER AND CROPS

Weekly Bulletin Shows Good Conditions--Fruit Suffered Injury.

The following is from the weekly report of the Oregon weather bureau on the climate and crops of Oregon:

GENERAL SUMMARY.

The weather during the week has not been wholly favorable for advancing the growth of crops; it has been cool and rainy, with one heavy frost in the western section of the state and two or three light frosts in exposed places east of the Cascades. Fruit, which generally is in full bloom has received some injury, but just how much cannot now be ascertained. In the western section the weather immediately following the frost was foggy and cool, which is favorable for the regeneration of chilled plant life and it is not thought that the fruit crop has been seriously injured.

Fall wheat continues doing splendidly; it has a good color, is well rooted and growing rapidly. The soil is in excellent condition for spring plowing, and this work is being pushed. Seeding, however, has been delayed to some extent by the rains, but is now generally well advanced, and the early sown fields of wheat, barley and oats are germinating nicely. Hops are also thriving and promising, but the work of cultivating the vines is much behind hand. Pasture is excellent for the season of the year. Stock is picking up in flesh and the flow of milk in the dairy districts is better than usual. Goat shearing is finished and sheep shearing is becoming general.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY.

Sherwood R. F. D. No. 1, Washington County, S. Wilson.—Weather favorable for rapid growth and germination and crops of all kinds are in a flourishing condition; grasses and clover are doing finely.

Montavilla, Multnomah county, A. D. Sullivan.—Week generally cold and rainy with a killing frost on the morning of the 23d; fruit trees are in full bloom and great damage is expected to result; seeding is progressing; grass is fine and the dairy products correspondingly good.

Hubbard (Elliott Prairie), Clackamas county, Geo. Pope.—Weather during the week has to some extent retarded field work, notably so in hop yards; all grain and forage plants doing finely; pastures are rapidly getting in good condition, and dairy stock in consequence is improving; orchards are in full bloom, but the sharp frost Saturday morning may have done slight damage; stock is improving; angora shearing about finished, clip rather light.

Carlton, Yamhill county, Wm. Merchant.—It has rained just enough to plow and harrow; seeding will be late; grass, fall grain and early gardens have made a fine growth; cattle are improving; goats sheared and some are shearing sheep; heavy frost Thursday night, but it did no damage; plum, prune and cherry blossoms falling; apples just blooming; training hops is general, but the work of cultivating them is behind, as well as all other farm work.

Salem, Marion county, P. F. Clark.—Cool and showery; seeding about all done; crops looking fairly well; pastures good; fruit trees very full of bloom; hop vines two to five feet high, but work on yards much behind; stock of all kinds picking up; crop of lambs and kids short; mohair clip good; wool clip will be about average.

Gervais, Marion county, Scott Jones.—Weather showery; hard frost occurred Friday night, freezing thin ice; it is thought the frost did little, if any damage; plowing and sowing being pushed; farmers are taking advantage of every opportunity to get their grain sown.

Albany, R. F. D. No. 3, Linn county, A. Y. Smith.—Week showery; seeding early completed; spring grain is starting nicely; early gardens are all planted; pasture is good and stock is doing well; fruit trees are full of bloom, especially the prune trees, and it is believed that pollenization has been good.

Bellfountain, Benton county, N. O. Dodge.—Week cold and showery; grain has not made much growth; stock is doing fairly well; some sheep have been sheared.

A SPOKANE JUST CONVICTION

Spokane, April 26.—C. F. Sebring, an employment agent of this city, who used the U. S. mails to send girls to houses of ill fame for employment, was found guilty this morning. This is the first conviction in the present crusade against employment agencies sending girls looking for work to improper places.

MORMON CHURCH INQUIRY

Senator Smoot Wouldn't Tell About Endowment House.

Said Influence of Church Was Used Against His Senatorial Candidacy.

Washington, April 26.—Senator Smoot, in the investigation today, said he was the only Mormon of any prominence of his age in Utah who didn't hold some priestly office, at the same time he was denied the right to enter the temple. When an apostle he had been in line for the presidency of the church; was now simply a member, and, glad to say a free American citizen. He admitted that church influence had been used against him as a candidate for the senate, but begged to be excused from answering questions as to the marriage ceremony of the "Endowment House."

Investigation Wanted.

Washington, April 26.—In the house today Jenkins, Republican, of Wisconsin, chairman of the committee on judiciary, called up the Williams resolution asking the attorney general to report whether original proceedings had been instituted



There was an old man who lived in a shoe. He had so many children he didn't know what to do. He couldn't keep count—they just grew and grew—And before he hardly knew it he had forty-two.

—Minneapolis Journal.

TELEPHONE GIRL CAUSED RUN ON BANK

Indiana Trust Co., of Indianapolis Came Near Failing Today.

Indianapolis, April 26.—A million dollars has been shipped today from Cincinnati and Louisville to the Indiana Trust Co. here, one of the oldest and largest banking institutions in the state. A run on the bank was started through a telephone girl hearing a business conversation involving the bank which she misconstrued, and enlarged upon till a rumor appeared in the nature of the bank's inability to cash warrants. The concern has a cash reserve of two million dollars.

Strike Ended.

Budapest, April 26.—The big railway strike ended today, and trains are again running.

Martial Law.

New Chwang Bombarded.

London, April 26.—The Tien Tsin correspondent of Reuter's wires that the Japanese bombarded the forts at New Chwang Monday evening.

Fire in England.

London, April 26.—Fire this morning did a hundred thousand pounds damage to the freight warehouses of the London and Northwestern Railway at Aldgat.

BIG FLOOD THREATENED

A Repetition of Last Year's High Water on Mississippi is Feared.

St. Louis, April 26.—The Mississippi river has reached 31 feet. It now threatens East St. Louis and a repetition of the big flood of a year ago is feared. Thousands of acres of wheat in the lowlands are flooded.

Oregon Legislation.

Washington, April 26.—The Senate passed the bill dividing Oregon into two judicial districts, also establishing a U. S. assay office at Portland. The Military Academy appropriation bill was then taken up.

President Loubet Honored.

Rome, April 26.—A military review of 20,000 troops was held in honor of

GERMAN AFRICAN EXPEDITION

Met With Considerable Reverse in Fight With Hereros.

Over One-Third of Command Has Died From Ravages of Typhoid Fever.

Berlin, April 27.—The Lokjal Anzeiger reports that serious reverses have been sustained by the force under Colonel Glasenapp operating against the rebel Hereros in German Southwest Africa near Otjibaena. Eight German officers and fifty-six men were killed and four officers and eighteen men wounded. Two-thirds of the officers and one-third of the men of the column have died of typhoid fever, rendering Glasenapp's force impotent and unable to continue the campaign until reinforcements arrive. It is reported that Governor Leutwein will be suspended on account of the unsuccessful campaign, and General Trotha sent out with a formidable army, to save the situation.

SCANDAL IN HIGH LIFE

Noted Italian Singer and Wife of S. P. Official Elope--The Singer Arrested.

San Raphael, Cal., April 26.—D. M. Edwards, head of the auditing department of the Southern Pacific, swore to a complaint this afternoon before Justice Magee, charging Signor Rossi, a noted Italian singer of San Francisco, with adultery. Edwards claimed that Rossi eloped with his wife, May Edwards. Edwards found Rossi and his wife at Pastorias at San Anselmo, this morning. Rossi drove Edwards away with a shot gun. Rossi and Mrs. Edwards have been living at Pastorias since Friday. Rossi is now taking a leading part at the Tivoli opera house, in San Francisco.

Street Car Accident.

El Paso, Texas, April 26.—Mamie Ford, of Marshall, and Jesse Quarncam, of Juarez, were killed on a streetcar grade crossing accident this morning.

Indiana Republican Convention.

Indianapolis, April 27.—The Republican convention this morning adopted a platform endorsing Roosevelt and nominated J. Frank Hanley for governor on the first ballot.

Japanese in Disguise.

St. Petersburg, April 27.—Siberian papers state that two hundred Japanese have reached Manchuria in disguise for the purpose of destroying the railroad. Chinamen who were discovered tampering with the rails were hanged.

Americans in Turkish Navy.

Constantinople, April 26.—Four American officers of the crew navigating the new cruiser Abdul Mediji from Cramps yards to Turkey signed contracts to join the Turkish navy. Captain Buckman was created Turkish vice admiral and given command at Mediji.

SECOND ATTEMPT TO KILL MAURA

Anarchists in Spain After the Premier--Was Fired Upon Today.

Madrid, April 26.—A second attempt on the life of Premier Maura was made today while he was traveling from Barcelona to Madrid. Maura was fired upon, but the bullet failed to find a lodgement. In Barcelona a fortnight ago Maura was stabbed by a young anarchist. Shots passed through the top of the carriage. The attempt at assassination was made between Alicante and Eniceta.

Methodists to Coast.

DUNN DIED FROM INJURY

Victim of Young Keady's Bullet Expired This Morning.

(Guard Special Service.)

Corvallis, Or., April 26.—James Dunn, who was mortally wounded in Sunday morning's street tragedy, died at 4:40 this morning. Peritonitis developed and the patient began to fail early in the evening. He remained conscious until long after midnight, making his will at ten o'clock.

Osburn's condition is slightly improved today. It is thought he is not yet beyond the danger point.

SUICIDE OF A RUSSIAN TRAITOR

Attempted to Destroy a Battleship With a Bomb and Was Discovered.

Cronstadt, Russia, April 26.—It is stated that an unknown man attempted to destroy the battleship Alexander on the 23d by placing a dynamite bomb in the engineer's room. He committed suicide when discovered.

ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP SAFE

Two Would-Be Robbers After the Money in the Woodburn Postoffice.

(Guard Special Service.)

Woodburn, Or., April 27.—An attempt was made by two men to blow up the safe of the Woodburn postoffice about two o'clock this morning. Two charges were put in the safe door, doing no damage except to twist the outer cover partly off.

The explosion awoke two men, who secured guns and fired a few shots at the cracksmen, one of whom was inside and one on the outside. One shot struck within eight inches of where the man on the outside was standing.

The robbers ran, leaving behind them a 38-calibre revolver which Marshal Beach found.

One of the robbers was an elderly man with a full black, stubby beard, was about six feet tall and heavy set. The other was shorter, heavy set, younger and smooth shaven. This is the third attempt to blow open this safe. The first occurred about a year ago and the second a short time afterward.

MRS BOTKIN HELD FOR MURDER

Bail Up To \$150,000 Offered by Friends But Refused by the Court.

San Francisco, April 27.—Mrs Botkin was held this morning to answer the charge of murdering Mrs. Ida Dean. Bail in any amount up to \$150,000 was offered but refused.

Large Steamer Ashore.

Atlantic City, N. J., April 27.—A large steamer went ashore on the Brigantine shoals last night. A heavy sea is running and immense waves breaking. She is apparently a passenger ship from the West Indies or South America.

Atlantic City, April 27.—The steamer has been identified as the Craig Naut, St. Thomas for Philadelphia.

Some Japanese News.

London, April 27.—The St James Gazette correspondent wires that several vessels believed to be Russian were again sighted off Gensan, Korea today. The correspondent reports that the minister of marine has abolished the strategic zone in the Kii channel, which leads from the Pacific to the inland sea. It is presumed all mines have been removed, as the southern coasts of Japan are now regarded safe.