



A BIRDSEYE VIEW OF PINGYANG, KOREA, NEAR WHERE THE JAPANESE AND RUSSIAN TROOPS WILL PROBABLY CLASH.

SHOT IN SELF DEFENSE

TRAGEDY OUT NEAR CRESWELL

Archie Elliott Shot and Killed Louis Poitras.

The Affair Occurred Saturday Afternoon—Coroner's Jury Said it Was in Self Defense.

On last Saturday night about 10 o'clock came the news to the county officials in this city of a shooting affair which had occurred in the afternoon west of Creswell. A young man by the name of Archie Elliott had shot and killed an old man by the name of Louis Poitras in a dispute over land.

At 4 o'clock Sunday morning the officers left Creswell for the place where the tragedy occurred and when a few miles out they met young Elliott, who gave himself up to the sheriff and returned with the party to where the dead body of Louis Poitras lay.

Coroner King assembled a jury as quickly as possible after his arrival, and an investigation was held. Poitras' body was found lying face downward with a bullet hole through his body, the shot having entered his right side under the fifth rib and going straight through, making its exit on the left side of the back about six inches from the spinal column. No weapons were found on or near the dead man.

The following witnesses were allowed to give testimony: John Hammett, George Neil, Ernest Schwering, Adolph Ling, Fred Fisk, Archie Elliott was also given a hearing.

It was learned that Louis Poitras was a very hard man to get along with and not liked by any of his neighbors. He was a source of much annoyance and was suspected of having shot cattle belonging to his neighbors and which strayed on his homestead. Again, he had forbidden several not to trespass on his land and had threatened to kill.

Trouble had existed between Poitras and Elliott for some time. Their homesteads were adjoining and trouble began over the division line, Poitras claiming Elliott had built a fence on his (Poitras') land four feet over the line.

Heed at Poitras, who was thirty feet away, and who turned toward his cart staggering and falling Elliott then told his people what he had done and sent word to the county officials.

Witnesses testified that they went to view the body of Poitras after the killing and he was lying on his pistol, which was partly in view, and it was loaded with five shells. Others said that they had seen the old man have a revolver which he carried in his hip pocket when he left Creswell.

The coroner could not find any weapon about the dead man, and it is presumed that it was stolen. When Elliott was being examined by Deputy District Attorney Harris he said that he had carried a gun for several years, and more especially for the past two years as he feared trouble from Poitras and was always prepared to meet it. He had had no particular trouble with the man and had but a few words before the shooting.

CORONER'S JURY VERDICT. After the testimony was taken the coroner's jury found the following verdict:

"Lorane, Oregon, May 22, 1904. We, the jury in this case, find that Louis Poitras, aged 52 years, came to his death by internal hemorrhage, caused by a gun shot fired by Archie Elliott; and furthermore, we find that the evidence given indicates that the shot was fired in self defense.

"W. A. EVANS, Foreman. "G. W. ANDERSON, "TOM MOXLEY, "A. A. KELLY, "H. W. RENNE, "I. W. PETRIE."

From reports it is learned that Louis Poitras was an eccentric old fellow, living by himself in a lonely little cabin on his homestead, lived poorly, dressed shabbily and wore long hair reaching to his shoulders. He had threatened to kill Elliott, as well as others in the vicinity, and the tragedy of Saturday afternoon was not unlooked for.

Archie Elliott is a young man about 25 years of age, lives with his mother, works hard and bears a very good reputation as far as can be learned.

It seems queer to the public that a mere misunderstanding over the boundary line between the two homesteads would justify such a shooting affair, but from the evidence given and general report from those who know the parties concerned the jury was perfectly right in exonerating Elliott, as Poitras would have surely done some shooting had not the younger men been the quicker with his gun.

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METHODIST CONFERENCE SENSATION

Dr. James R. Day Resigned Newly Acquired Bishopric.

Resignation Due to Sensational Incidents Connected With His Election.

Los Angeles, May 23.—Another sensation occurred in the Methodist conference this morning, when Dr. James R. Day, chancellor of Syracuse, N. Y., university, resigned the bishopric to which he was elected Saturday. Day's election was due to the published story that he had knocked down Professor Hardie of San Fernando, Cal., during an argument on the "higher criticism." The untrue story turned the tide in favor of Dr. Day and he was immediately elected.

Day this morning made the request that his resignation be accepted, because of the sensational incidents connected with the election. The resignation was accepted. Day's act established his honor, and beyond doubt makes him the most popular man in the conference. The election of another bishop is made necessary. Returns on the ballot for three missionary bishops were announced this morning as follows: Rev. J. B. Scott, for Africa, the first colored man so honored; Revs. W. F. Oldham and J. P. Robinson for Southern Asia.

Big Strike Prospects.

New York, May 23.—The strike of the freight handlers of the New Haven railway and sound steamers threatens to spread to all coastwise steamers within a few days. It is reported that the firemen and oilers of the Mallory line have demanded an increase and will strike to enforce it. Thirty thousand truck drivers also may be drawn into the struggle. The New Haven company has engaged several score of Pinkertons to protect their property.

Banker to Prison.

New York, N. Y., May 23.—David Rothschild, former president of the defunct Federal National Bank, convicted of grand larceny, was sentenced this morning to nine years at Sing Sing.

The Bubonic Plague.

Manila, May 23.—The report that the bubonic plague has gained headway and is beyond control is causing apprehension here. It is feared that the dread disease will spread to all parts of the Philippine archipelago. Extraordinary precautions to prevent its spread are being taken.

A Philippine Massacre.

Manila, May 23.—News reached here today of the massacre on May 12 of 53 Filipinos, men, women and children employed by the military government at Malabang, a town in the province of Gotabato, Mindanao, by a band of Moros.

England Alarmed About Thibet.

London, May 23.—The gravity of the Thibetan situation is causing uneasiness in the cabinet. It is believed that Colonel Young will be forced to retire from his position near Gyantse soon, which will not only be a blow to British prestige, but will arouse the frontier tribes and cause the loss of the whole Himalayan Hinterland.

A LAND DEFEAT FOR JAPS

Made Attack on Port Arthur, Met With Great Loss.

Russians State That Japanese Lost 15,000 Men, but It Sounds Fishy.

St. Petersburg, May 23.—Advices from Mukden state that news of a Japanese disaster has just reached the Russian camp here. It is believed that the Japanese advance has been suspended.

St. Petersburg, May 23.—The Russian cruiser squadron of Vladivostok is reported to be north of Gen San, Korea.

St. Petersburg, May 23.—There is a report current on the Bourse this afternoon that the Japanese army made a combined attack on the outer defenses of Port Arthur today and were repulsed. According to the report the Japanese lost fifteen thousand, the Russians three hundred.

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