

NEWS IN GENERAL

FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD

DOUBLE MURDERER.

A Boy Killed Two Young Men.

Charley Miller the youth murderer only 17 years old, who killed Ross Fishbough and Chas W. Emerson in a freight car near Cheyenne the 5th of September 1890, was hung at Cheyenne April 25th. The following are the particulars of this remarkable case as given by the Republic:

This case goes to the records to find itself matchless. It has no parallel in the history of crime. Miller, at 15, in September, 1890 most folly murdered two young men in a car of a freight train near Cheyenne. They were Ross Fishbaugh and Chas. W. Emerson, of good families at St. Joseph, Mo., and leaving good places were enroute west to better themselves. They were "beating their way" to save money. Miller had tramped four years through the mid-West. The lad had been well treated along the road by Emerson and Fishbaugh, who protected him once from a rough gang that desired to add a boy to their party.

Since Miller apprehended and convicted himself there has been no need of theorizing. He has made not the least attempt to conceal anything, talking against the advice of his lawyer. His story all the time has been that after separation for a couple of hours he came upon the young men sound asleep and was unable to fight the impulse to shoot them. He blew out the brains of each in two quick shots at such close range that powder burns were made. One died with but a gurgle, as Miller expresses it. The other rai ed up, fell back and groaned until death came. They were discovered by a train hand. The presence of a young boy on the road and in the vicinity was discovered by the officers, but they paid no attention to him, and bent their skill and energies in pursuit of older Ishmaelites.

After spending two days in Cheyenne, where he read extended accounts of the great and bloody mystery, the young author of the tragedy journeyed in trampish style to a brother at Leonardville, Kas. He used scarcely any of the \$35 taken from the bodies of his victims. It was on the morning of the second Sunday of the visit that Miller, finding his secret too heavy, imparted it to his brother. He readily consented to delivery to officers and was brought to Cheyenne without delay. Here he recounted his crime as often as requested. The trial was only formal. During the three days of it Miller seemed, as usual, without interest in anything, accepting the proceedings and result as he did his food. He spoke in his most unconcerned manner of how and when "I killed them two fellows," but never an intelligent sentence of "why."

LACKING IN MORAL MAKE-UP.

A Volunteer attorney was unabl

to assist Miller, or rather to defeat the latter's apparent desire for conviction. In Supreme court the judgement was affirmed. The upper tribunal and the Governor, who was appealed to as a last resort, investigated plainly the insanity claim, but declared it baseless; Miller, they said, was lacking in moral make-up, but was as intelligent as boys of his age and was responsible. He had little sympathy and not a single friend or a dollar. He has only wanted good food and prayers, having finally taken a religious turn. At no time has he expressed any regret for his crime, sorrow for Emerson, or fear of death or the hereafter. Some crude rhymes of a sentimental nature have come from his pen, and he has written fairly many letters and short stories of incidents of his life.

Miller escaped from the county jail with others. The first time he and Parkinson, a murderer convicted on circumstantial evidence were delivered bodily at night by friends of Parkinson, who is now supposed to be in South America. Miller was retaken in ten hours, walking lazily along the most traveled road in the county. Last December Miller assisted two desperate men in downing the Jailer. It was evening and a blizzard was on. Miller and one man were found in three days in a snow drift on the prairie. The man was dead and Miller seemed dying, but recovered in a short time, suffering the loss of a few toes. The third man reached a ranch.

The boy double murderer was born in one of the interior towns of New York. His mother poisoned herself, and the father died with thores of delirium tremens. Miller was in an orphanage till bound out to a farmer, whom he left the first opportunity, and became a tramp. He did not seem mean, and was bright enough, but with no idea of an atrocious crime or its consequences. He read cheap novels and called himself "Kansas Charley."

A terrible double tragedy occurred recently in the mountain region of Kentucky. Sylvester Harwell was a very well-to-do farmer of that section. He had been married about three years and had lived comparatively happy with his wife.

A few days ago, however, he made the startling discovery that his wife was too intimate with a young man of the community named Alex Brady and vehemently and incessantly abused her for her infidelity. That night Mrs. Harwell thoroughly saturated with kerosene oil the bed on which her husband and infant were sleeping and threw a firebrand thereon, then darted out at the door. The building was soon wrapped in flames. Among those attracted to the scene by the light was Brady. After looking on a few moments he and Mrs. Harwell started away together across a field, and were attacked by a savage bull and gored to death.

Mrs. Harwell lived a few hours and acknowledged the fact as related above.

Stephen Vail, the son of the Alfred Vail so closely identified with early telegraphy, says that on May 1, 1844, his father telegraphed from Baltimore the news that Henry Clay had been nominated for the next president. Mr Vail also says that the fifth real message transmitted by telegraph was sent over three miles of bonnet wire, stretched around the walls of a large room on the second floor of the new historic factory at the Speedwell iron works, Morristown, N. J.

The date was Jan. 6, 1838. On that day a new set of instruments was put up and tests were made in the presence of distinguished guests. All persons were then convinced that Mr. Morse and Mr. Vail had laid the foundation of a wonderful discovery. But it was not until five years afterward that the bill appropriating \$30,000 for their invention passed the senate and was signed by the president.

LONDON, April 23 — Dispatches received from the United States stating that England had intimated her readiness for a joint conference to bring about the enlarged use of silver, has caused much surprise in city circles. No belief is put in that part of the report which states that the basis of the conference was formulated here. The Times says: "A decided majority of those competent to judge regard the issue of notes based on silver with great disfavor. The sense of the community is steadfastly opposed to anything like an attempt to rehabilitate silver. The result of the employment of the American treasury as a pig silver storehouse has not been so satisfactory as to encourage imitation."

The Daily News thinks such a conference would not be likely to attain practical results.

WASHINGTON, April 22 — While it is an open secret that the president is endeavoring to secure an international conference on the silver question, the closest reticence in regard to the whole subject, is maintained at the White House, and treasury department. L. Dana Horton, confidential representative of this government, spent a year or more among financial offices of the governments of Great Britain, France, Prussia, Austria and Italy, for the purpose of entertaining their views on the subject of a bimetallic standard. He is now in Washington and is a frequent visitor to the state and treasury departments. It is said that reports received from different countries has satisfied the president of the advisability of an international conference, and he has practically decided to take the initiative in the matter. It is understood that he will send a special message to congress transmitting the correspondence on the subject.

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