

FATHER AND SON AGREE TO DIE

Driven to Desperation by Financial Troubles Man Murders Boy and Stabs Self.

YOUTH BEGGED NOT TO BE LEFT ALONE IN WORLD.

Foiled in Attempt to Lose His Son and Companion, Henry Rudolph Amann and 12-Year-Old Boy Sign Death Compact After Long Confidential Talk—Boy Died With Knife Thrust—Two Attempts by Father to Reach His Own Heart Failed—Tossing in Hospital Cot He Constantly Raves About the Tragedy.

Chicago, May 18.—Driven to desperation because of financial troubles, Henry Rudolph Amann, aged 43, murdered his 12-year-old son Walter and stabbed himself. He may die.

Two days prior to the killing the father tried to lose his son by leaving him at points about Lake Forest and Fort Sheridan. The boy suspected him and foiled his intentions.

The father then told his son his intention to commit suicide and the lad, who always was very close to the father, begged not to be left alone in the world and asked the father to kill him first.

Finally, after a long talk near the lake front, they signed an agreement to die together. The father then plunged the blade of a knife into his son, and made a desperate attempt to reach his own heart but missed it both times. He fell unconscious and was found later by soldiers.

Today he pitches in a narrow cot at the Fort Sheridan hospital constantly muttering, "I've killed my son. I didn't die. He is alone in heaven." It is thought that Amann will not live.

WASHINGTON DEMOCRATS ARE IN SESSION TODAY

Local Option Is Denounced and Slate Arranged for Delegates to Denver Convention.

Spokane, May 18.—Ex-United States George Turner called the democratic state convention to order here this morning and will probably be made permanent chairman this afternoon.

His speech was a strong declaration against the local option plank recently adopted by the republican convention.

W. W. Dumphy of Walla Walla, will probably be selected as national committeeman without opposition. The slate for delegates at large is as follows: Fred Baldwin of Spokane, C. G. Helfner of Seattle, A. R. Tillow of Tacoma, A. G. Christensen of Bellingham.

Delegates of the third district: Jerome Drumheller of Spokane, T. A. White of St. John, Whitman county. Presidential electors: F. W. Hamilton of Benton, J. M. Kernan of Garfield.

Second district: F. Spinning of Pierce, L. H. Hidden of Clarke, W. W. Cannon of Lewis, J. F. Conline of Thurston.

First district: F. A. McDonald and I. P. Calhoun, King, W. W. Black, Snohomish.

REAR ADMIRAL RETIRED.

Sickness Leaves Fighting Record Behind Him.

Washington, May 16.—Rear Admiral George H. Bickness, for more than a year past commandant of the navy yard at Portsmouth, N. H., was placed on the retired list today by operation of the age limit. Captain Edwin K. Moore, a member of the navy examining and retiring boards in this city, has been named to succeed Rear Admiral Bickness as commandant at Portsmouth.

Rear Admiral Bickness leaves behind him a record of active service of exceptional interest. He was born in New Jersey, May 15, 1846, and received his early education in private schools in Indiana. He entered the army in 1861 and served as first lieutenant in the volunteer infantry during the Morgan raid. He graduated from the United States naval academy in 1866 and for three years served in the Atlantic fleet. Some of the most interesting experiences of his early career occurred in Japan. He was present at the opening of the ports of Kobe and Osaka to trade and was in the landing party that repelled the attack of Prince Hizen at Kobe.

Advertising Oregon.

Portland, May 18.—The Oregon Development league is circulating 60,000 copies of a four page Dairy and Livestock Bulletin. This contains most effective illustration and text, a comprehensive story of livestock, dairy and poultry realities, as well as some idea of the future possibilities of this greatest of all dairy sections, The Portland Country Club and Livestock association and the location of the great packing plants are important features. It is easy to see that almost untold wealth will accrue to the state through the development of this marvelous branch of its growth.

To Defeat Labor.

New York, May 18.—President Vanderve of the National Association of Manufacturers, declares that the organization is going into politics to defeat the labor candidates. "The labor vote is over estimated," he declares. "It will not exceed 500,000 votes and no one can control it."

LINE OF STEAMERS TO OPERATE ON COLUMBIA.

Captain W. F. Gray of Pasco, Promoting an Ambitious Enterprise. Pasco, Wash., May 16.—Plans are being made and will probably be perfected whereby a company will be organized in this city to build and operate a line of steamboats on the Columbia river.

"While it is yet in its infancy, the undertaking will undoubtedly be carried out," said Captain W. F. Gray, of this city, who is working in behalf of the proposed enterprise. "The idea is to distribute stock among the farmers and merchants throughout the inland empire, thus making those who will receive the direct benefit of the undertaking, stockholders. Portland especially, will derive a great share of the benefits which will be distributed throughout the great northwest as soon as we are given water transportation to the sea. With the continued progress now being made in the Columbia river valley it will only be a question of a few years before irrigated Washington will demand better and more extensive shipping accommodations, and to this end we are earnestly working."

"The plan of operating a line of boats on both the upper and lower Columbia has been in my mind for many years, but not until recently have I given it my personal attention. I find that such an undertaking would call for a large amount of money, yet it is evident by the many letters received from prominent men throughout the state that the dream of the older navigators on the Columbia may yet become a reality. The extensive improvements continually being made on the river materially aids us in promoting the great plan which will be the stepping stone in connecting the headwaters of the Columbia river with Portland."

MURDERESS DID GOOD BUSINESS

PROFITS OF KILLINGS NETTED ABOUT \$56,000.

Husbands One and Two Contributed Large Amounts—Other Victims Donated Sums Estimated at From 1000 to \$5000—Fire Insurance Helped Some, While Fifteen Men Pay \$1000 Each for Letter Writing.

La Porte, Ind., May 18.—In her alleged campaign of murder, Mrs. Belle Guinness is said to have carried on a very profitable "business" which netted her according to the latest estimates, about \$56,000.

Tabulation of the sums obtained is as follows: M. Sorenson, first husband, \$8000; Peter Guinness, second husband, \$4000; Charles Erdman, Newcastle, Ind., \$5000; Herman Konitzer, Chicago, \$5000; Ole Budspers, Iowa, Wis., \$2000; J. O. Mee, Elbow Lake, Minn., \$1500; Andrew Helgelein, Aberdeen, S. D., \$2500; George Berry, Tuscola, Ill., \$1500; Henry Gerhart, Ill., Wis., \$1000.

Fire insurance on the Guinness home in Chicago, \$3500. In addition to these she is supposed to have received \$1000 from each of the four men whose bodies were found on the murder farm and \$1000 from each of the 15 men with whom she had been corresponding. The money is believed to have gone into real estate.

WOMAN HITS OPPONENT RIGHT ON THE NOSE

Victoria Matron Won't Stand for Cheating at Bridge.

Victoria, B. C., May 16.—Victoria is at present discussing a bridge scandal which involves a number of the most prominent women in the upper strata of society. One of these, a resident of Rockland avenue, the most fashionable street of the city, held a bridge party a few afternoons ago to which only the elite were bidden. During the course of play one swagger matron calmly but pertinently remarked that her opponent was cheating and landed what a sporting editor would call a "right hook" to the nose. A general campaign of hat destruction and hair pulling followed until the cosy drawing room took on the appearance of a field of battle. Actions and cross actions for assault are now threatened, and in the meanwhile the very mention of bridge is sufficient to make a Rockland-avenue hostess seek the seclusion of her boudoir for "a real good cry."

Life in the Balance.

Reno, Nev., May 18.—Governor Sparks, whose life was despaired of last night, rallied this morning, is resting easy today and his condition shows a marked improvement.

Taft Is Home.

Washington, May 18.—Taft reached Washington today. He says all differences in the canal zone seem to be settled satisfactorily.

Ketchell-Papke Match.

Milwaukee, May 18.—Stanley Ketchell was matched to meet Billy Papke of Milwaukee, June 4 in a 10-round go here. The men must weigh under 164 pounds at 3 o'clock.

Brief Case Nears End.

San Francisco, May 18.—The summing up in the Ruef Parkside realty bribery case began today with the assistant district attorney making the opening plea for the people against the ex-boss.

The dead cannot enjoy flowers, but the living can.

STRIKERS RIOT IN CLEVELAND

MOB ATTACKS CONDUCTOR AND WRECKS HIS CAR

Hundreds of Stones Hurlled at Man While Trying to Make Switch—All Lines Running as Usual This Morning—President of Company Says They Have Enough to Operate—State Board of Arbitration Steps in This Afternoon—Mayor Johnson Declares Cleveland Will Not Be Run by Mob Rule.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 18.—(4:30 p. m.)—Rioting on a scale that threatened death and serious injury this afternoon by strike sympathizers who are trying to advance the cause of the strikers. In one instance a mob attacked a conductor while he was trying to make a switch. Suffering pain from wounds caused by stones which were hurled at him by hundreds he rushed into the car and locked himself in.

Not content with injuring the man the mob rushed for his car and demolished it. The police finally drove the mob away.

Strikers Apparently Lose.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 18.—(10 a. m.)—Indications are today that the street car employes have lost their fight against the municipal traction company. All of the lines are running as usual this morning and there have been no disorders today.

The union denies that the report given out by President Dupont of the street car company that the company has more than enough men on hand to operate all its lines. The state board of arbitration took steps today looking towards an adjustment of the difficulty.

Mob Rule Don't Go.

"Cleveland will not be run by mob rule," Tom Johnson has made his position clear as it is affected by the present strike on the street railway system. He made this statement early today when requested to intervene and bring about peace between the warring factions.

"Until all disorder is stopped," he said, "I shall not move my hand to adjust the differences between the warring parties. I want it thoroughly understood that a mob will never have any hand in the government of the city of Cleveland. When both sides settle down to conduct this fight along legitimate lines I will do all in my power to effect a settlement but not till then."

"I feel certain that I can effect a settlement and induce both sides to sign an agreement. I expect to see President D. W. Mahon of the International Carriers' union today."

PEOPLE OF NEW YORK ARE WITH THE GOVERNOR

Active Campaign Is Kept Up By New Yorkers for Their Favorite Candidate—Niagara, a Most Doubtful District, Has Just Been Won by Hughes

New York, May 18.—Based on the personal triumph of Charles E. Hughes in winning the doubtful district of Niagara last Tuesday, a strong movement was today set on foot in this city to show to the country the presidential qualifications of this man who will not boom himself.

While Hughes today still insists on being governor rather than playing for the presidency, thousands of men who know him have formed the Hughes Information bureau to say for the busy executive what he will not take the state's time to say for himself. When all the people know Hughes as Niagara and New York knows him, they believe, the country will have a candidate who worked while others ran.

Lawyers, labor leaders, farmers, merchants, mechanics, ministers, bankers, brakemen and teachers from the remote districts of the country and the heart of the business section are here today joining this work of telling the tale of Hughes.

Organization republicans have been quick to see the strength of the campaigner who won the people of a doubtful district against money and factional machinery; and look to Hughes to hold their state.

Party, race and creed play no part in this new movement; for its supporters number by the hundred deep-seated democrats, rock-bound republicans, independents, Irish, Germans, negroes, Jews and Gentiles. All that binds this growing army is a common demand to have their fellows hear of Hughes.

While the governor is tied to Albany working for them, the people of the state propose to work for him by speaking for him in other states where he must daily decline scores of invitations to speak for himself.

Test Case on Land Brought.

Roy W. Minckler, of Clarke county, Washington, has started suit in the federal court to compel the Oregon & California Railway company to sell its granted land to actual settlers at \$2.50 an acre, under the terms of the act of congress of May 4, 1870. This is a test case and if Minckler is successful a large number of similar suits will be begun.

Bad Fire at Hope, Idaho.

Fire Sunday morning at Hope, Ida., destroyed six residences, causing a loss of about \$10,000 with little insurance. The fire started in the residence of Harry Morton from a defective gas, and the residences of Mrs. Poshak, John Larson, Wm. Billings, Grant Sherman and Messrs. Stone and Termullen were completely destroyed.

ATTEMPTS TO MURDER FAMILY

ANSWERS WIFE'S CHEDING WITH RAZOR SLASHES

Cuts Throats of His Two Babies—Crazed With Drink He Becomes a Frenzied When Spouse Remonstrates With Him for Staying Out All Night—Police Arrive in Nick of Time and Strike Down Mad Man—Children Rushed to Hospital in an Auto.

San Francisco, May 19.—Crazed by drinking, Wm. J. Hanna, a plumber, attempted to murder his wife and two babies this morning because his wife remonstrated with him for staying out all night and spending his money.

Attracted by the woman's screams the police rushed in in time to see the frenzied husband slash the throats of his children with an open razor. The police struck the man down with night sticks and handcuffed him, then impressed a passing automobile to take the two children, both wounded, to the hospital. It is believed both will recover although they were badly slashed.

TO INSPECT OREGON TIMBER.

Government Expert to Investigate for Turpentine in Northwest States. Washington, May 19.—L. W. Hawley, expert on wood distillation for the forest service has just left Washington for Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho, to investigate the possibilities of a future turpentine industry in the northwestern portion of the United States.

Mr. Hawley has taken with him a small distillation apparatus, which he will set up at various places in these states, distilling the different woods to determine their value in the production of turpentine. In this manner an accurate idea of the yield of extracts from the various woods can be obtained, and samples of the material will be sent to Washington for analysis and estimation of its value for use in paints, varnishes and other naval stores.

There are at the present time in the northwest, several wood distilling plants which are producing various grades of turpentine, wood preserving oils and materials of a similar nature. It is believed that a careful study of existing conditions in this section will yield results which will give an accurate idea of the possibilities of utilizing the enormous quantity of sawmill refuse now going to waste.

BURNED \$700 HIDDEN IN SAGE.

Ditch Worker Had Close Call for Losing His Entire "Wad."

Boise, May 19.—A man named O'Donnell working on the government canal, came near losing \$700 in a peculiar manner. While at work he took off his vest and threw it across a sage bush with the money still in the pocket. A companion coming along saw the sage bush which he thought was in the way, but did not see the vest and knew nothing of the money.

O'Donnell's back happened to be turned and he did not see what was going on and the first intimation he had that things were wrong was when he smelled smoke and looked behind him. His companion had touched a match to the brush to get it out of the way.

O'Donnell made a frantic rush into the burning bush and grabbed the remnants of a badly burned vest. The purse containing the money had been badly burned and \$300 in greenbacks were also badly scorched. The balance of the money was in gold. None of it was completely destroyed.

CLOSING ARGUMENTS.

Henry Is Roasted and Called Unfair—Allege Private Prosecution.

San Francisco, May 19.—Taking up the argument where Attorney Ach had left off last night, Attorney I. F. Chapman today addressed the jury in the Reuf case.

"This is a peculiar prosecution," he said. "Since the impanelment of the jury many times Henry has attempted to tear from the defendant the legal presumption of innocence to which my client is entitled."

Chapman added, it is not Henry's nature to be fair and that the entire case is a fabrication. "This is private Speckles prosecution," he added.

Dubois Faction Loses.

Boise, May 19.—Yesterday's democratic primaries in Idaho indicate the defeat of the Dubois faction all over the state. In Ada county the anti-Dubois ticket won out in every precinct but one. The result in Idaho county is still in doubt. On the returns of this county the control of the convention depends.

Rioting Continues.

Cleveland, O., May 19.—Rioting marked the progress of the street car strike today, but the police were on hand in such short order that in every case no serious disturbances resulted. In one place a car collided with an explosive, but no one was hurt. It is thought that the end of the strike is in sight. The hope is expressed that an agreement will be reached through the efforts of the state board of arbitration.

Episcopalists at Portland.

Portland, May 19.—Delegates from all over the west are arriving today to attend the primary missionary council of the eighth district of the Episcopal church tomorrow. The district includes Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Arizona, Nevada and California.

FLEET STREAMING NORTH.

Sea-Fighters on Their Way to the Puget Sound.

San Francisco, May 18.—Without any demonstration beyond a few cheers the Atlantic fleet pulled up their mud hooks yesterday and headed by the Connecticut with Admiral Sperry's pennant at the forepeak, started on the trip north.

They left the bay shortly after 11 o'clock and will arrive in Puget sound May 21. Eight vessels will then visit Bellingham bay, four go to Port Angeles, three to Port Townsend and one to the dry dock at Bremerton.

May 23 the fleet will assemble at Seattle and May 27, 13 vessels go to Tacoma, but only four will remain there, the other eight proceeding on out of the sound to San Francisco.

The ships left in the sound will take their turn dry docking and will then proceed to San Francisco.

July 7 the fleet will leave for Honolulu and Australia. The Maine and Alabama will not accompany the fleet north.

ENCOUNTER BAD WEATHER.

Fleet Has Disagreeable Journey Up California Coast.

On board the U. S. S. Georgia at sea—by wireless to Mare Island, May 19.—Long rolling seas and a heavy fog made the morning run of the fleet a disagreeable one. In the afternoon the fog lifted a bit but the seas continued heavy and the ships steamed at about eight knots.

At night the weather cleared and the vessels speeded up to 12 knots. There are but a few absentees reported and the majority of those left behind will report at Seattle and rejoin their ships.

The fleet steamed in shore as near as safety permitted to allow the sightseers to view the big boats. All night bonfires along the coast lighted up the skies.

THOUSANDS SAW FLEET MANEUVERS.

On Board Battleship Georgie, May 19.—Wireless.—Sixteen battleships in Sperry's command maneuvered outside of Humbolt bay this noon in view of thousands of people who stood on the cliffs in a drizzling rain to watch the proceedings. Wireless greetings were exchanged with the Eureka board of trade and chamber of commerce.

BANK FAILURE ENTANGLES CITY

PITTSBURG COMPELLED TO MAKE BIG BOND ISSUE.

Million and a Half Tied Up in Institution Wrecked by Unscrupulous Cashier—State Has \$5,000,000 in Bank But Is Protected by Bonding Company—Montgomery Stole Half a Million But Shortage Will Equal \$2,000,000.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 19.—Following the closing of the Allegheny National bank by the comptroller of the currency, the announcement was made that the city of Pittsburg is in danger of being compelled to issue bonds in the sum of \$1,600,000 as that amount of the city's funds are tied up in the defunct institution.

The city is without available funds to meet current expenses and the officials must take action at once to relieve the situation.

State funds to the amount of \$5,000,000 are also tied up in the same bank, but this money is secured by a bonding company.

The peculations of Montgomery are officially placed at \$594,000, although the bank's total shortage is said to be \$2,000,000. Montgomery has been held to the grand jury.

Trouble at Reform School.

H. T. Jones, member of the state board of control, is again temporarily in charge of the state industrial school at Chehalis, Wash. Open friction has been prominent in the school between Superintendent F. G. Thompson and Assistant Superintendent John Simpson for some time, and recently there have been a number of escapes from the school. It is charged that Simpson connived at the escapes, and a few days ago Superintendent Thompson informed the board that either he or Mr. Simpson must leave. The board upheld Simpson and Mr. Thompson tendered his resignation, which was accepted.

Unable to Tell His Name.

A stranger, about 38 or 40 years of age, applied at the police station at Aberdeen, Wash., the other night for a place to sleep, and when asked his name was unable to give it. His mind seemed to be a blank as to his past, and he could give no account of himself.

New Tacoma Newspaper.

The plant of the defunct Seattle News, purchased by R. F. Radabaugh, has been taken to Tacoma and stored in the Wallace block on A street, in which Radabaugh proposes to house his newest Tacoma daily, the Tacoma Tribune.

Telephone and telegraph wires are being connected with the Pelican bay lodge of E. H. Harriman, where the great railroad wizard and his family will spend the summer. The lodge is near the shore of upper Klamath lake and is surrounded by lands purchased last summer by Mr. Harriman.

Men who always "vote straight" are responsible for a bit of crooked politics.

DEATH IN WAKE OF CELEBRATION

Civil War Cannon Used to Salute Passing Fleet Explodes at FernJale.

WHITE MAN DEAD AND MANY INDIANS INJURED.

First Report Said Seven Would Die—Gun Had Been Used in Celebrations for 30 Years—Extra Charge Demolishes Weapon—Curious Bed Had Gathered Around to See It Fired—Clearing Smoke Revealed Dead and Dying—Three Women May Succumb to Injuries—Indians May Pull Through.

FernJale, Cal., May 19.—(Later.)—Isaac Davis is the only man dead as the result of the explosion of the old cannon which was fired as a salute to the passing fleet at Centerville, near here.

Three women, who were injured, may die, but it is expected that the Indians, thought to have been killed by the explosion, will pull through with their lives.

The cannon was an old one and had been used for 30 years.

Fired a Fatal Salute.

FernJale, Cal., May 19.—While saluting the slowly passing Atlantic fleet today an old cannon exploded, killing one white man and seven Indians.

A great crowd had gathered at Centerville to observe the big fighting machines sail past.

The old cannon, a relic of the war, if not older, which had done duty on every national holiday for many years, was dragged out of its shed and hauled to the beach. Here it was loaded and fired several times in honor of the fleet.

A crowd of Indians incautiously gathered close about the old gun to observe the manner in which it exploded.

The last charge was an unusual large one. The fuse was touched, a moment later a tremendous explosion occurred.

Screams of agony issued from over the cloud of smoke that surrounded the gun carriage and when the breeze blew the smoke away, seven Indians and one white man were huddled about the dismantled gun carriage, all being dead or dying.

Others in the crowd were painfully wounded.

MRS. GUNNESS IS DEAD.

La Porte, Ind., May 19.—All due to the fact that Mrs. Guinness died in the flames that destroyed her home was removed today when her daughter, I. N. Norton, positively identified a gold crown in the ruins as the one he had placed in her mouth some time ago. It is hoped that the trial of Ray Lamphere, charged with burning the Guinness home, will begin next Monday.

No Currency Bill.

Washington, May 19.—As the session draws to a close it is apparent there is little chance for any currency legislation to be passed. It is admitted that the Vreeland and Aldrich bills are so unlike that there is practically no hope of passing either one and there does not remain sufficient time for both parties to get together and make a new bill. Neither side seems disposed to yield a point.

Democrats Grow Caustic.

Fresno, Calif., May 19.—A platform teeming with denunciation of the political grafters and the Southern Pacific and endorsing Bryan and ridiculing the state railroad commission, was adopted by the democratic convention today. The eight hour day, Asiatic exclusion, conservation of resources, restriction of the power of injunction and independence of the Philippines is also urged.

Murderess Was Norwegian.

Trond Hjem, Norway, May 19.—Bryndyild Palsdatter was the maiden name of Mrs. Belle Guinness, whose murder fame at LaPorte in America, is now exciting so much attention. She was born in Norway in 1863, and she left her home 23 years ago for America. Her only surviving relative, her sister, Seibe, died last Friday. It is said that the sister had not heard from Mrs. Guinness in many years.

Sensational Letter.

Clinton, Ill., May 19.—The jury in the Snell will case was secured today. The attorneys for Richard Snell, who is trying to break the will, announced letters written by various women to Snell, and which, if read in open court will cause a number of domestic tragedies, will be introduced.

Victim Identified.

Laporte, Ind., May 19.—One of the alleged victims of Mrs. Guinness was identified today so positively that the coroner has issued a death certificate. The corpse was that of Jennie O. The body was one of the first to be found on the farm. Mrs. Guinness neighbors that the Olson girl had come to Los Angeles.

Child Died.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Haupt of Colton, Wash., Friday from the effects of a tea scalding received a short time by turning a tub of boiling water its head and shoulders.