

TRACY KILLED DAVE MERRILL

Body of the Convict Found by a Woman in the Woods Near Chehalis.

(Journal Special Service.)
CHEHALIS, Wash., July 15.—The body of David Merrill, who escaped with Harry Tracy, from the Oregon State Penitentiary on June 9th, was found near this city yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

While out picking huckleberries a woman whose name has not yet been learned, came upon the body of the dead desperado concealed in a thicket about three miles from the poor farm.

The woman was very much frightened and without daring to disturb the corpse at once ran away. Suspecting, however, that the corpse was that of Merrill, she at once sent word to Sheriff Edward Degler, of Lewis County, who immediately left for the spot.

THREE WOUNDS.

On arriving there with a force of deputies Sheriff Degler examined the body thoroughly. He discovered three wounds, one through the back, one through the head and a slight wound on one wrist. Either of the first two would have been fatal.

Near the spot where the body was found Sheriff Degler picked up three 30-30 Winchester shells—the same as those used by Tracy—and from the position of the wounds which were exactly as Tracy has boasted, he is certain that one of the bandits has at last been accounted for.

BODY GUARDED ALL NIGHT.

By the time the Sheriff had finished his examination the night had fallen, so, leaving deputies to guard the body all night, he at once returned to Chehalis and wired Warden James of the Salem penitentiary, who was at Seattle, to come and identify the body.

Warden James arrived this morning at

11:30 and was at once taken out by team to view the remains.

According to those who have seen the corpse there is little doubt that the body is Merrill's. The fact that its state of decomposition seems to indicate that death occurred two weeks ago and the position of the wounds found on it bear out Tracy's story of the deed in every particular. According to the desperado he killed his partner on July 2nd and it is now almost certain that what was generally regarded as a boastful lie, was in reality a fearful truth.

BODY BEING BROUGHT IN.

SEATTLE, July 15.—Merrill's body, found by a woman and a boy, named Roberts, yesterday, near the main road below Chehalis, in the place described by Tracy. The boy saw a hand and foot protruding from between two logs and he called Superintendent of the Reform School Westendorf, Deputy Sheriff Brinker and a newspaper man watched the body all night.

Coroner Green, of Lewis County, has gone to bring the body into Chehalis. Everything confirms Tracy's story, as the body is dressed as last seen when he and Merrill were together.

HOW MERRILL DIED.

Tracy's story of the killing of Merrill, is that while in the vicinity of Castle Rock, Tracy learned that Merrill was responsible for his getting into the Oregon penitentiary. Merrill was a hindrance in the flight, anyway, he said. He was careless, and left a trail like a log, so Tracy resolved to pick a quarrel with him. In this he succeeded, and the two agreed to fight out their differences in an open spot. Standing back to back, it was agreed that each should advance 10 paces, turn and fire. Tracy, looking over his shoulder,

der, saw Merrill start to fire at nine paces, so he wheeled himself, fired, and Merrill dropped dead.

TRACY SHOT TWICE.

While eating breakfast in the shanty at South Bay, Wash., before starting on his sensational trip to Seattle on the gasoline launch N. & S., Tracy told the story of Merrill's death. At that time and since the tale has been regarded as a lie designed to cover Merrill's escape, but today's developments show that the desperado told only the bare truth and that his companion in crime fell beneath his rifle from a dastard shot in the back.

Tracy's story of the deed is as follows: "I shot him in the back," said Tracy, "but he was going to shoot me. We quarreled. The day before the quarrel we found a newspaper which contained an account of our escape and the pursuit. That account gave Merrill equal credit with myself for the deeds which I alone committed. The newspapers since we escaped have all along persisted in giving him equal credit for the escape and the get-away with me. The fact of the case is that he did not have the nerve of a rabbit. He always wanted to sneak through the country, keeping under cover, and preferred to go hungry rather than show himself for the purpose of getting food.

TRACY WAS JEALOUS.

"That is not my style. No man can take me alone. And if I had a proper traveling companion, a man of nerve, I couldn't be taken by a regiment of deputies. If I am shot it will be from behind. And with another man to guard the opposite direction, a man of some nerve who knew how to handle a gun, we could go wherever we wanted to and not be compelled to keep under cover a portion

of the time, as I am in traveling alone.

MERRILL A COWARD.

"But Merrill was no good. He was never anything but an impediment to me, and I am glad he is out of the way. I never could trust him on guard except in places where there was no danger, anyway, and then he was so frightened that at times he would wake me up needlessly in the fear that we were being surrounded. So when I got the paper and saw that the reporters and the people thought he had some nerve it made me hot. I thought at first I would shake him and travel alone, but before we decided to separate I taunted him with his cowardice and he got huffy. Then we agreed to fight a duel. This was in the woods in Lewis County, not far from Chehalis.

A REGULAR DUEL.

"We agreed to start together from a line and walk ten steps each, in opposite directions from each other, and then turn simultaneously and begin firing. From his haggling in arranging the terms, I was convinced that he was intending to turn before he had taken the ten steps, and I was determined not to let him get the drop on me. So when I had taken eight steps, I turned around and took a shot at him. I hit him in the back. The first shot did not finish him and I shot again. I then concealed the body in the brush and proceeded on my way.

TRACY'S JUSTIFICATION.

"Merrill only got what he deserved. He intended to turn and shoot me in the back, then he would have sneaked out of the country through the big timber and would not have been heard of for months. I would not only have been dead, but would never have been found, because he would have been afraid to tell where my body was."

EXTRA TRACY LOCATED

SEATTLE, July 15.—Tracy has been located south of Buckley, on the Gold Hill trail. He is making for Notch Pass on horseback, and is said to be close pressed by the Pierce County Sheriff and a posse, who are also on horseback. He took breakfast with a Packer on the trail this morning. This is the first definite location of Tracy in two days.

CHICAGO IS PLAYING GOLF

The National Amateur Tournament Is in Full Swing.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
CHICAGO, July 15.—The National Amateur Golf Championship Tournament began today at Glenview links, St. Gose making the 84 best scores today will qualify for the match playing tomorrow. The weather is ideal and the course is in excellent condition. The West is pinning its faith to Walter Egan, of the Glenview Club. He is undoubtedly the strongest Western man in the tourney.

GREAT STRIKE IS IMMINENT

The National Convention of Miners Gather in Indianapolis.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
INDIANAPOLIS, July 15.—Delegates to the National Convention of Miners to consider the advisability of calling a general strike of the bituminous miners are beginning to arrive. President Mitchell was among this morning's arrivals. The general opinion is that a strike will be ordered.

MARCONI HAS SCORED AGAIN

Sends Wireless Mes- sages Over Land and Sea.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
COPENHAGEN, July 15.—Marconi today successfully transmitted a wireless message to Poldhu Cornwall, from Cape Sagen in Denmark, a distance of 500 miles.

GEO. NEWNES HURT

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
LONDON, July 15.—George Newnes, owner of the Strand Magazine, was dangerously hurt in his automobile today.

Fought for the Girls.

Charles Dugan, of Linnton, pleaded guilty in Justice Reid's court this morning to a charge of assaulting Harry Derchell last Sunday, and was fined \$5. The young men had trouble over a couple of girls.

Scows Nearly Built.

Work is progressing rapidly on the 80 double scows being constructed at the east end of Morrison-street bridge by Contractor Packel. These scows when finished will be used to carry the pipe to shore through which the discharge from the new dredge will be conveyed.

ANOTHER DISASTER NEAR JOHNSTOWN

An Explosion Reported at Find- ber, Ten Miles South.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
JOHNSTOWN, Pa., July 15.—An awful explosion at mine 32 of the Berwin White Company at Findber, 10 miles south of here, is reported. The officials refuse to give out any details, and the disaster is believed to be serious.

JOHNSTOWN, July 15.—It is still insisted that there are at least 20 more bodies in the Rolling Mill mine. The pastor of the church that most of the miners attended says that numbers of the members of his congregation are missing, and he is sure their bodies are in the mine.

KING GOES YACHTING

England's Sovereign Recovers Sufficiently to Ride by Train.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
LONDON, July 15.—King Edward left Victoria station this morning for Portsmouth, where he will be placed aboard the royal yacht. The King was taken to the depot in a large closed ambulance. Nobody except the doctors and immediate attendants saw his majesty, who was carried on a flat couch into the railway

carriage, the depot having been cleared. When the King was safely aboard the train immediately drew out. The Queen rode in the ambulance with 'he King.'
AT PORTSMOUTH.
PORTSMOUTH, July 15.—The royal train arrived here this afternoon. Soon after its arrival the King was taken aboard the yacht, which will go direct to Cowes, where it will anchor.

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

Annie Langdon Wanted Either Love or a Peaceful Grave.

Annie Langdon, of 32 Union avenue, on the corner of East Oak tried to shun off this mortal coil yesterday afternoon under somewhat sensational circumstances. The girl, who is employed at one of the city laundries, had fallen in love with one James O'Brien, and had hoped that some day she should be his wife. James didn't take that view of the case, and told her so. His decision apparently made her despondent, and, after exchanging her bicycle for a revolver and cartridges, she called on the recalcitrant James either to bid him a last farewell or to induce him to kiss and make up. Kissing, etc., she found was not in his line, and, after a few words, she pulled the gun from the folds of her dress and fired point blank at herself. Needless to say, she missed. James took away the weapon, and now Annie will have to struggle through the vale of tears yet a few more struggles.

VERDICT OF \$1000.

WHEAT MARKET.

In the United States Circuit Court today, Judge Bellinger ordered a judgment entered on the verdict in the case of James Wilson against Guy W. Holmes, Wilson sued for \$5000 for commissions claimed as his due for the sale of certain timber lands. The jury awarded him only \$1000.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
SAN FRANCISCO, July 15.—Wheat, 1.14 1/2 @ 1.15 1/2.
CHICAGO, July 15.—Wheat, 72 1/2 @ 74 1/2.

DEATH ON A YACHT CRUISE

Fatal Ending of a Pleasure Party in Chicago.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
CHICAGO, July 15.—The yacht "Arab Four," owned and sailed by J. H. Cameron, cashier of the National Bank of Republic, capsized in a squall last night and two of the passengers were drowned. The dead are: May Taylor and Edward Haskins. Cameron and six other passengers were rescued by a tug.

IRISH MEET

Bragg Don't Count

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
DENVER, July 15.—The biennial session of the Ancient Order of Hibernians opened here this morning with a pontifical high mass and a parade in which 500 delegates participated. After addresses of welcome in the Coliseum hall and the appointment of a credentials committee, adjournment was taken until tomorrow, as a mark of respect to the late Archbishop Feehan.

FILTHY HAVANA

Cubans Allow City to Sink Into Horrible Condition.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
HAVANA, July 15.—The sanitary condition of Havana is becoming what it was before the coming of the Americans. The streets are being neglected, plumbing work is no longer being done, and the sewers are choking up. The death rate during the first month of government by the Cubans shows an enormous increase.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

A meeting of the Chamber of Commerce trustees was held this morning, at which not much business was transacted. A communication was received from Nome, Alaska, requesting information as to whether Portland could furnish the miners of Alaska a steamer to sail from Nome about October 15, to carry about 800 passengers. This was referred to the transportation committee.

COBALT FOR GERMANY

Zoeth Houser, ex-United States Marshal, is in the city today from his home in Pendleton: Mr. Houser is the president of the Standard Gold and Copper Mining Company, which owns and operates the Standard mine in the Quartzburg district, near the Sumpter mining district. Mr. Houser made an important and interesting statement today, which may mean a great deal for the future.

CUBAN STRIKERS

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
HAVANA, July 15.—Dispatches from Cienfuegos state that a general strike of butchers, bakers and coachmen started there this morning, paralyzing business.

A BIG FIRE

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
NICE, France, July 15.—Six blocks of stores were destroyed by fire here today, causing a loss of a million francs.

Guns for Chicago Strikers.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
CHICAGO, July 15.—The local strike situation is practically unchanged today. Four Gatling guns were brought down from Fort Sheridan this morning in anticipation of trouble following the efforts of merchants to move their goods. There is talk of asking for the militia to aid in moving the freight if the strike continues.

HEAVY SLUMP

July Corn Went Down With a Run Today in Chicago.

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
CHICAGO, July 15.—July corn continued to slump today, dropping from 81 at last night's close, to 80 1/4 within an hour after the Board of Trade opened. Liberal offerings are responsible for the decline of the shorts who ran up the price on themselves last week, being plentifully supplied. The Gates-Harris people say they are not hurt by the decline as they bought their heavy line of corn at low prices. They insist that they will win, and are confidently predicting the return of the high prices of last week.

BELDING GOES TO COUNTY JAIL

A. L. Belding, the wife murderer and family annihilator, was transferred from the city to the county jail today to await trial. Court will not convene until September.

THE WEATHER.

The disturbance noted yesterday as approaching the Washington coast has moved to Eastern British Columbia. It has caused squally south to west winds, with showers in Northwest Oregon and Washington. Warnings of the squalls were issued yesterday afternoon to all seaports in the district.

THIRTY DROWNED

(Scripps-McRae News Association.)
WARSAW, Poland, July 15.—A river steamer sank here today and 30 persons were drowned.

SHERIFF HAS AUTHORITY.

A stranger dropped into the Courthouse today and asked Sheriff W. A. Storey if he had a warrant to collect the bicycle taxes. The individual was sore because he was deprived of his unlicensed bicycle by a deputy, and wanted to see if he couldn't get even. Sheriff Storey consulted County Judge Webster, and was told that the law authorized the County Commissioners to issue a warrant to the Sheriff permitting him to make seizures.

McCroskey May Live.

L. McCroskey, who was shot by A. L. Belding last Friday evening, is improving slowly and hopes are entertained for his recovery. One bullet has been located under the skin near the elbow and the other is supposed to have lodged in the apex of the right lung, as some blood is being expectorated.

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