

BLACK HAND GETS BUSY IN CHICAGO

Boldest Murder in History of Chicago Committed at Dawn Today—Shoot Husband, Free Wife.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—The boldest black-hand murder in the history of Chicago was committed shortly after daylight today.

Three men entered the home of Benedetto Cienni, a rich Italian dry goods merchant, held his wife off at the point of a revolver, and deliberately shot Cienni to death as he lay in bed.

Mrs. Cienni opened the door at the call of the bell. Three unidentified Italians entered, one of them seizing her and holding a revolver against her head, his companions entered the bedroom where the merchant lay sleeping.

Mrs. Cienni said she heard three shots, and then the couple emerged, each holding a smoking revolver. The three strangers left the house by the front door.

Rushing into the bedroom Mrs. Cienni found her husband dead with three bullet holes in his body.

Two years ago Cienni received black-hand letters demanding the payment of \$5,000 on pain of death. He ignored the demand. A year ago the last letter was received.

The police believe that the murder had been planned a year ago, the assassins awaiting a favorable opportunity for carrying it out.

STOCK MARKET FLABBY—SALES ARE SMALL

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The stock market was weak and a flabby affair today, showing little or no strength throughout the entire session. At the top of the opening gong, the bear crowd started after Rock Island common and although this security made determined efforts from time to time to defend itself, the continued and effective hammering of the contingent for lower prices brought about a severe decline. Rock Island common at the midday hour showing a net loss of 5 1/2 points. The balance of the list suffered in sympathy with Union Pacific, Amalgamated Copper and railroad going down two points.

In the final hour of the session heavy liquidation again broke out, carrying Rock Island common down to 48 1/2, a net loss of seven points from its close of yesterday, while Union Pacific's net decline for the day was 3 1/2 points, Amalgamated Copper and Atchison 2 1/4, steel common 2, St. Paul, Northern Pacific and numerous other one-half points. The close was weak, around the bottom prices. Closing quotations as follows: Rock Island, 48 1/2; Union Pacific, 200 1/2; Steel common, 87 1/2; Atchison, 121 1/4; St. Paul, 155 1/2; Northern Pacific, 143; Amalgamated Copper, 86 7/8.

COOK'S RECORDS ARE TO BE EXAMINED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Dr. Frederick Cook's polar records are en route to Washington to be examined by the National Geographic Society. According to information sent to Professor J. H. Gore, the documents were started from Copenhagen on December 21st.

Professor McGr, Rear Admiral Philsbury and Dr. William Hayes, of the geological survey, will examine the papers.

Yesterday President Willis L. Moore, of their society, let it be known that he would not be a candidate for re-election. Some see in this one of the reflections of the Polar controversy. Professor Moore has been president of the National Geographic Society five terms. In his letter declining a further election he expressed the hope that a successor would be chosen before the Polar fight became an influence in the present society.

GOT ALL THAT WAS COMING TO HIM

PASADENA, Jan. 6.—The mystery of the shooting of Claude A. Dunbar of Los Angeles, who was found Sunday night with a bullet in his shoulder, and alleged that he had been attacked by a highwayman, was partially cleared by a confession made by Dunbar to the police today.

"I got all that was coming to me," he is alleged to have said. "I came to Pasadena to visit another man's wife." Dunbar said that when he approached the home of the woman, her husband stepped from behind a tree and opened fire with a revolver. Dunbar returned the fire, but fell with a bullet through the shoulder. The wounded man refuses to reveal the name of his assailant.

LIMBERGER CHEESE IN SCHOOL HEAT RADIATOR

No Wonder Teachers Collapsed and School Broke Up—Nine Boys Are Arrested.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 6.—Falling to get a promise from the teachers for as long a holiday as they thought they should have, some of the large boys of the Oakdale public schools tried Limberger cheese with startling effect a few days before Christmas. Today nine boys were arrested on a charge of malicious mischief on complaint of the school board.

There is some doubt as to when the hearing will be held as Teachers Ida Stevens and Gertrude Mortimer, two of four who fainted as a result of the odor, are still in bed.

Last midweek a committee of the boys called on Principal McKelway and asked for a longer holiday season than usual. It was refused, and the boys left with a threat to "get even." That night the school was broken into and Limberger cheese was smeared over every heat radiator in the building and also placed inside each radiator. The teachers stood it like martyrs until they became ill. Soon after the school was dismissed for the holidays one of the boys was heard to boast that they had fixed matters so there would be no school for a long time.

MAN BLOWN UP BY BLAST, DOING WELL

John Messino, who was injured by the premature explosion of a blast at McClellan's camp on the Pacific & Eastern extension is doing nicely at the Conroy & Clancy hospital.

Not only do the physicians expect to save his life, but his eyes, which were badly burned in the explosion as well.

Buying in His Note.

Colonel Bill was a pioneer legislator, merchant and banker of the west coast variety.

It was seldom that Colonel Bill got caught by a debtor, so unerring was his judgment of men, but his transaction with old man Blankerton was an exception to the rule. Blankerton got into Colonel Bill's ledger to the amount of \$20 and finally balanced the account with a note.

When the paper was a long time overdue and there was no prospect of a settlement, to the eminent disgust of the colonel, he declared, with a strong Anglo-Saxon emphasis, that he would sell Blankerton's note for 50 cents on the dollar.

Colonel Bill's symptoms of apoplexy became noticeable from that moment. —Chicago Record-Herald.

The Oldest Joke.

It will be difficult to discover an older practical joke than that of the coppersmith and the maker of bronzes images for the temple of Ustria, which is embodied in Egyptian inscriptions dating from the reign of Menes, founder of Memphis, who ruled over 1,800 years ago. According to ancient records, there dwelt between these two craftsmen a quiet man whose desire was for peace and who was sadly disturbed by the noisy occupations carried on by his busy neighbors. He therefore asked each of them to say for what sum they would change their dwellings. This they did. Each calculated the amount required, and, being satisfied, paid it over to him.

"Now," he asked of the coppersmith, "where is your new dwelling?" "I have taken that of the maker of images," was the reply. "And you," queried the quiet man of the latter, "whether goes thou?" "To the house of the coppersmith!"

This is one of many tales told in all ages which are woven into myth and legend and differ only in local color.

He Needed the Clerk.

When Tim Campbell was in the Fifth congress he stole a clerk from Congressman Scott. Scott was a new member and was made chairman of a committee which gave him a clerkship. He knew nothing about the clerk. Campbell did. Through some means or another he had the clerkship transferred to his own committee. Six months later Scott learned of the trick. Meeting Campbell, he said: "That was a nice piece of petty larceny."

"Tut, tut, Mr. Scott," said Campbell; "my committee needed a clerk worse than yours." Then, with twinkling eyes, he continued, "You are a millionaire and can afford to hire half a dozen clerks, while I must go to the government for clerical assistance."

The ready reply amused Scott. The two men were always the best of friends thereafter.

Great Luck.

"Did Tom have any luck hunting tigers in India?" "Yes; great luck."

"How?" "He didn't meet any tigers."

HIS STREAM OF TALK DROVE WIFE TO COURT

After 12-Hour Monologue the Loquacious Russell Sanj of Work as Drinker's Curse.

His talk was like a stream which runs with rapid change from rock to roses;

It slipped from politics to puns; It passed from Mahomet to Moses; Beginning with the laws that keep The planets in their radiant courses, And ending with some precept deep For dressing eels or shoeing horses. —Praed's "The Vicar."

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Bertram M. Russell is a victim of the dreadful monologue which some persons call conversation. He talked so long and so exclusively that his wife, a school teacher, had him summoned into the municipal court in an effort to curb his stonage.

"He never threatened me; he just talked and talked," said the wife. "What seemed to be the matter with him?" inquired Judge Fry.

"He talked," replied the witness. "Talked?"

"Yes, your honor, he talked. I have known him to talk continuously from 7 o'clock in the morning until 7 o'clock in the evening. Tuesday night he came home and started.

"I am the mother of four children. I only want him to stop talking. He is a terrible man when he starts talking.

"He talked socialism, literature, religion, labor and sang some verses which he picked up to the effect that work is the curse of the drinking man. He would not allow me to attend to any of my duties."

Upon signing bonds to hold his tongue Russell was released.

TICKET SWINDLE NETS MANY THOUSANDS

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 6.—The Mexican government has been swindled out of many thousands of dollars by ticket agents who have been carrying on a system of reporting tickets as sold for a shorter distance than they really were purchased for. The agents at Queretaro, Lecheria, San Luis Potosi and other places have been arrested.

It is said the scheme was devised by a discharged conductor who gave up the system to a station agent who promoter the affair.

Anxious Traveling.

A traveler in haste noticed that the train he entered was all decorated with flags and banners, and at every station it passed stood a company of soldiers and a band playing the national anthem. The traveler asked a brakeman the reason of all this ceremony. The brakeman, lowering his voice, replied: "I don't mind telling you, sir—but in the strictest confidence, be it understood—that a carriage in this train has been engaged for his majesty. His majesty, as a matter of fact, won't set off till this evening. Thus the plot hatched against him may take effect on this train, you see, and our gracious sovereign will be saved."

The brakeman touched his cap and passed on, and the traveler, suddenly grown pale and nervous, stared from the window anxiously.

LEAGUE TO BOYCOTT OPPRESSIVE TRUSTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Plans for a national boycott of those combinations that increase the cost of living were laid here tonight when the National Anti-Trust League was launched. Members of Congress are interested and immediate steps will be taken toward perfecting state organizations. Then, when prices soar the league members, by stopping the use of such articles or commodities as have gone above a proper level, will put them back again by refusing to furnish a market.

The plan is one that was tried in

Germany a few years ago and which, according to a report, broke up a combine in coffee that had raised the price. The meeting was informal and no final organization was effected. It was agreed, however, that the organization should be non-political. As soon as Congress reconvenes a permanent organization will be effected.

MEETINGS OF GREATER MEDFORD CLUB IN SMITHS' HALL

Hereafter the meetings of the Greater Medford Club will be held in Smiths' Hall on Grape street, the use of the hall having been devoted to the ladies of the club by the owner. At each meeting of the club a short program will be presented, and a small admission price charged, the proceeds to go toward the extension of the work of the club. The committee in charge and the full program for the next meeting will be announced later.

JUVENILE DANCE IS POSTPONED

The dance of the Juvenile Dancing Club has been postponed from January 12th to the 19th. On January 12th the St. Ann Society will give their monthly dance in Angle's opera house.

A. W. McPherson of Griffin Creek was in Medford on business Wednesday.

Uncle Jake Klippel returned a few days ago from an extensive trip in Southern Josephine county.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Nash.—C. E. Rinehart, St. Louis; L. Bloch, Cleveland, O.; Wm. Carter, city; J. R. Hanbury, Galice; A. McNamara, San Francisco; R. Larson, New York; C. H. Fereinski, Watertown, Wis.; J. H. Ullmann and family, Cincinnati, O.; P. E. Gorrall, A. D. Rogers, Portland; W. W. Koffeldt, Seattle; W. F. Ryan, C. M. Speck, San Francisco; C. J. Franklin, Boise, Idaho.

The Moore.—W. E. McCarty, Portland; J. King Ross, Scotland; R. K. Ross, Richmond Beach, Wash.; L. C. Studley, A. G. Harrison, Mrs. C. J. Fry, Portland; Geo. Hogan, San Francisco; Miss B. M. Brotherson, San Francisco; C. L. Bruner and wife, Chico; B. L. Jewell, Trail; L. A. Marsh and wife, Los Angeles; R. B.

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