

JOHN NORLING, C. MASTERSON SLAIN AT MINE

William Alexander, Partially De- mented Prospector, Former Inmate of Jackson County Poor Farm, Admits Murder of Masterson.

Bodies of Miners Found With Bullet Holes Through Heads in Cabin at Claim Near Holland.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Jan. 15.—Deputy Sheriff George Lewis is en route to Grants Pass from Kerby in charge of William Alexander, the old miner who is held for the killing of John Norling and Curtis Masterson, found dead in a cabin on Sucker creek.

In a statement made by Alexander he admits the killing of Masterson, but denies knowledge of the death of Norling and pleads self defense. He says that he met the two men on the trail near his cabin Tuesday evening and he took two drinks of whiskey with them. He refused further drinks, and alleges that they later appeared at the cabin of Fred Osborn, of which he was in charge, during Osborn's absence, and attempted to force him to drink again, and that it was when they were holding him down his throat that he shot Masterson through the head.

Shot Through Head
Following the shooting he went to his cabin a short distance away, and spent the rest of the night, the shooting having occurred at about 11 o'clock. Wednesday the bodies of the murdered men were found in the cabin, Masterson's body being on the floor near the cabin door, Norling's lying on the bed, each shot through the head.

The bodies of the dead men will be brought out over the trail to Holland today, and Masterson's will be forwarded to Eugene, where a brother and sister reside. Instructions for the disposition of Norling's body have not yet been received. The latter has a wife and several grown children in Portland.

Alexander is a man nearly seventy years of age and has mined in the Illinois valley for the past twenty years.

Known in Medford
All the principals in the double murder on Sucker creek, Josephine county Tuesday were well known in this city. John Norling, one of the victims lived in Jacksonville for many years, and was the discoverer of the arling mine, located six miles northwest of the county seat, which he sold to Foster and Bradley. He was a musician, leader of bands and orchestra in Jacksonville and Medford, and on the Geographic society excursion to Crater Lake a year ago, acted as bagger. From Clartfield peak at night he played the national airs of the foreign scientists in the party.

His son, Willie was bell boy at the Nash Hotel for many months. Another son, Seligbert was bell boy at the Holland Hotel. A daughter, Hazel is also well known in this city. The family now live in Portland. He was about 45 years old.

The alleged murderer, William Alexander is believed to be "Old John" Alexander, an eccentric prospector, who about a year ago, broke into a cache of the forest service in

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SHARP ADVANCES IN STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Sharp advances marked the opening of the stock market today. All the leading issues were in demand and several lots of 1000 to 3000 shares changed hands. Chesapeake & Ohio, Atlantic Coast Line and Erie first preferred each advanced a full point, National Biscuit rose 2 1/4.
Before noon, however, the early gains were reduced, but the list still held well up above yesterday's close, with Steel conspicuously strong.
Bonds were firm.
The market closed strong.

COBEQUID CREW 16 PASSENGERS SAFELY LANDED

All Aboard Stranded Liner Saved— Captain Spends Night on Doomed Steamer, Which Is Rapidly Breaking to Pieces.

Wreck Discovered by Fishermen When Fog Lifts and News Brings Rescue Ship to Scene.

YARMOUTH, N. S., Jan. 15.—Captain Howson and the eleven remaining members of his crew were taken from the ill-fated Royal Mail liner Cobequid this morning. They were rescued by the government steamship Lansdowne, which stood by the Cobequid throughout the night.

YARMOUTH, N. S., January 15.—Sixteen passengers and eighty members of the crew of the ill-fated Royal Mail liner 'Cobequid' were safely quartered here today in Yarmouth hotels. The government steamship Lansdowne is standing by the Cobequid and was expected to remove Captain Howson and eleven other members of his crew before night.

The Cobequid is spiked on the southern part of Trinity Ledges. No hope of saving the vessel is entertained. Every sea is adding another wound to the already badly damaged hull and it almost is certain she will start breaking to pieces soon.
The passengers and crew probably owe their lives to the sharp eyes of a fisherman on Port Maitland shore. During a rift of the dense vapor yesterday afternoon he saw the Cobequid was on the dreaded Trinity Ledges, and spread the news. The steamers Westport and John L. Cann, coastwise vessels, were the first to get boats into the water and alongside the wreck. The Cobequid was covered with ice. The Lansdowne and the Kappahannock reached the scene just a few minutes before the rescue work started.
The Westport took off three boatloads, seventy-two persons in all. These included the sixteen passengers. Then the Westport stood by until the John L. Cann had taken off twenty-four others.
Captain Howson and eleven of his men decided to stay aboard the vessel until morning. The Lansdowne stood by to rescue them, should the ship start to break up during the night.

Appalling Suddenness
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SENATOR PERKINS DENIES REGISTRATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Denial of published reports that he intended to resign before his term expires March 3, 1915, was voiced here today by Senator Perkins of California.
"I was elected," said Senator Perkins, to a term expiring March 3, next year. It is my ambition to serve the term out with credit to my state and honor to myself. I think it is my duty to remain at my post so long as I can perform my work. I am in attendance as regularly as any senator in congress. I am a member of several important committees and believe I can be of more service to my state for the remainder of my term than any new man found."

AMERICA ANXIOUS TO HELP JAPANESE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Anxious to know if the United States can render aid to the Japanese sufferers by the Sakurajima volcanic eruption, President Wilson today sent another message to the Mikado, as follows:
"Permit me again to express the deep sympathy the American people feel for our sister nation, Japan, in its great calamity. Our hearts go out to the thousands upon whom suffering and disaster have come so suddenly and in so terrible a form.
"Is there any way wherein we can help?"

70,000 JAPS IN VICINITY VOLCANO NOT HEARD FROM

Many Probably Escaped, But Large Proportion Killed During Eruption—Another Tidal Wave Sweeps Coast With Destruction.

Vanguard of Refugees Arrive at Tokio—Sakurajima Still Erupting Fiercely, But Less Violently.

TOKIO, Jan. 15.—That 70,000 people who lived in the vicinity of the volcano Sakurajima were unaccounted for was reported by wireless today from the naval squadron at the scene of the disaster. That many of these escaped was certain, but it was feared a large proportion were killed by the rain of incandescent volcanic matter or drowned in attempts to swim the three-mile wide strait between the islands of Sakurajima and Kinshu.

Volcano Still Erupts
Though in less violent action than earlier after its initial outbreak, Sakurajima was still erupting fiercely today. The Tokio observatory also predicted other and more violent outbreaks. Another tidal wave swept the Kinshu coast last night, according to the wireless reports. The volcano Kirishima, northwest of Sakurajima, continued to hurl up hot ashes, and centers in various other parts of Japan showed signs of activity.

The vanguard of the refugees from Kagoshima began arriving here today. Their descriptions of the horrors of the outbreak were almost beyond belief; yet all agreed on the main facts concerning the catastrophe.
Earth tremors had been almost constant all of Saturday and Sunday, they said. Earthquakes being common in Japan, they were not much frightened at first. Their persistence and violence finally began to cause alarm, however, and many of the citizens decided to send their families at least further into the interior of the island.

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By the lurid glare the Sakurajima islands could be seen rushing madly onto the island shore, looking for boats. Some were struck by fall-rocks. Some were overtaken by the lava streams. Many unfortunates were suffocated by poisonous gas. Large numbers plunged into the water and most of these drowned.
Shortly afterward the rain of hot ashes and stones began at Kagoshima. In the meantime the railroad had been put out of commission and the fugitives were compelled to flee on foot. They left the town blazing behind them in scores of places.
According to wireless accounts not a soul could be alive on Sakurajima today. The island itself was completely enveloped in smoke and flame. The west side of the volcano blew off last night and today a dozen craters were belching lava. That anyone remained alive in Kagoshima was deemed highly improbable. It was said that approximately 13,000 houses were destroyed by the eruption.

15-ACRE ORCHARD OF YOUNG PEARS SELLS FOR \$11,500

R. W. Messer of Fresno, Cal., has purchased fifteen acres of the A. O. Bennett orchard, a quarter mile south of Medford, east of the Dillon Hill orchard, for \$11,500.
The orchard consists of five and six-year-old Bartlett and Anjou pears, and is considered a good buy.
Mr. Messer will move here with his family this spring and make their future home in Medford.
Iodine, which in the last few years has gained recognition as one of the most valuable adjuncts in medicine and surgery, was discovered just 100 years ago.

KIN OF LATE VICE PRESIDENT SHERMAN IN MUSICAL COMEDY



After several years passed abroad in the study of music, and during which she appeared in small roles in some of the foreign opera houses, Miss Paulita Sherman, constantly related to the late Vice President James S. Sherman, made her debut in New York in the new production "The Whirl of the World."

FARMER SHOTS POOR MASTER AND STANDS OFF POSSE

MAYVILLE, N. Y., Jan. 15.—Heavily armed and barricaded in his house with his wife and their nine children, Edward Beardsley, a Sumnerdale farmer, today was standing off Sheriff Anderson of Chautauque county and twenty deputies, swearing he would die rather than surrender to answer for the perhaps fatal shooting of County Postmaster John G. Putnam late yesterday.

Hearing that the children were suffering for food, Putnam had visited the Beardsley home to take them with him to the poor house. Beardsley shot him as soon as he learned his business. Sheriff Anderson, hastily summoned to the scene with a strong posse, surrounded the house promptly and would have fired on its defender but for the fear of hitting his wife or some of the children.
Anderson declared today, however, that desperate measures would be necessary soon. "What little food there was in the house must have been consumed," he said, "and nobody knows what tortures those poor little ones may be suffering."
George Van Cise, a rural mail carrier and a friend of Beardsley, ventured near the house today and attempted to parley with the latter, who appeared at the window, however, loaded with arms, and ordered him away, refusing to surrender.

300 SURVIVORS ERUPTION FOUND ALIVE AT SAKURA

NAGASAKI, Japan, Jan. 15.—Marines from the Japanese naval squadron were in charge at Kagoshima today.
Though Sakurajima was still in violent eruption, it was believed the danger on the main island was over. Boats had even touched on the shore of Sakurajima, where, to their amazement, the bluejackets found 300 men, women and children alive. All were dreadfully burned and several had gone insane from the horror of their experience. They had hidden in a cave during the worst of the volcano's outbreak.
From none of the Sakurajima survivors could a connected account be obtained of the disaster. They were too much broken by what they had gone through. Several, it was said, would die. Among them, however, were several government officials, who, true to their duties to the last, had saved their office records through everything. One had eluded a picture of the mikado.
Residents of Kagoshima were returning to the town. The place could hardly be dignified by reference to it as a "ruin." It was not even that. It was a great desert of ashes, sprinkled thickly with cooling volcanic rock and lumpy here and there by what had once been a building. Most of the city being of frail Japanese construction, however, was completely consumed.

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INDICTMENT FOR 39 LEADERS OF CALUMET STRIKE

President Moyer and Western Federation Officials Indicted at Houghton for Conspiracy in Connection With Copper Strike.

Other Indictments Returned, But Details Kept Secret—Moyer Says Jurymen Members of Alliance.

HOUGHTON, Mich., Jan. 15.—Thirty-nine officials of the Western Federation of Miners were indicted here today on conspiracy charges in connection with the strike in the Michigan copper mine country.

Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, was among the thirty-nine men indicted. The conspiracy charge against the labor leaders contained three counts. Other indictments were returned, it was said, but the names of those indicted have not been made public.
Among the indicted men were the following members of the federation's executive committee: Vice-President Mahoney, Thomas Strizich, Roy Miller, Yanko Terziel, J. C. Lowney, James Bulliek and W. P. Davidson. The others are officials of the Calumet, Haneock and South Range locals.

The grand jury exonerated twenty-seven members of the federation, charged with conspiracy to destroy life and property in connection with the South Range riots of December 10-11. It was reported that the jury returned a number of indictments in connection with the murders at Seeberville.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 15.—Chas. H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, expressed no surprise when told here today that he had been indicted with thirty-eight others by a grand jury of Houghton, Mich., on charges of conspiracy.
"I had to be indicted," said Moyer, "but I had no idea what the charges would allege. I only want to say one thing, and that is that mine members of the Houghton grand jury are also members of the Citizens' Alliance."

STRIKERS GIVE UP FEDERATION HALL AT JOHANNESBURG

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, Jan. 15.—The strikers' garrison at the trades federation hall surrendered unconditionally today. Secretary Bain and ten labor leaders were arrested. It was believed here that the backbone of the great labor strike is broken.

Two hundred and fifty workmen applied for reinstatement at Blomfontein today. It was believed that strikers here and at Pretoria and Capetown would make similar application soon.
The surrender of trades hall followed the authorities' threat to batter the building down with artillery. Its light, water and food supply had already been cut off.

FERRY BOAT SAUSALITO STRIKES TWO LAUNCHES

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 15.—Losing its bearings in the fog which overhung San Francisco bay early today, the ferryboat Sausalito ran down and sank the launches Trowler and ndine, both at anchor and unoccupied, narrowly missed several yachts and was finally stopped with its bow actually against the piling of the San Francisco yacht club's building.
The storm which prevailed as far north as Prince Rupert sound had subsided and coastwise vessels from the north were beating in, generally late as a result of the steady southeasterly gale.

TRAFFIC BUREAU WANTS APPEAL ON RATE BILL

Attorney General Crawford Urged for Second Time to Appeal From Decision of Federal District Court in Initiative Rate Bill Case.

Crawford Puts It Up to Railroad Commission, Which Is Opposed to Local Measure.

District Attorney Crawford, who has announced his candidacy for governor, has refused the request of the Medford Traffic Bureau to appeal from the decision of the federal district court in the Medford initiative rate case suggesting that it be turned over to the state railroad commission. A second demand has been made upon him as follows:
Medford, Ore., Jan. 13, 1914.
Mr. A. M. Crawford,
Attorney General,
Salem, Oregon.
Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of Dec. 26th in regard to taking an appeal of the initiative rate case.

We note your reference to the railroad commission and suggestion in connection therewith. It is a well known fact that the railroad commission actively opposed the passage of the bill, and have gone great lengths in the effort to discredit the law, although the office of the commissioners is elective in the same manner as the enactment of the law, thereby making the commissioners subservient to the people and not the people subject to the will or desire of the commissioners; and we are therefore pleased to note that you assign it as a duty of the commission to support the law. As being their duty it should not be incumbent on us to remind them of their duty. We lack confidence in the commission because of its attitude in the matter, and we are therefore disinclined to deal with your office through the commission, much as we would like to meet your suggestion.

State Original Defendant
It was our understanding that the state through the office of the attorney general was made the original defendant in the injunction action, and the other defendants were merely incidental as technicalities of law. We are legally advised our proper redress is the legal department of the state, and that we should properly address you in the matter of an appeal, which we have done and are doing; and in this connection we are again pleased to note that you indicate possessing the requisite authority to act in the matter independent of and without the intercession of the railroad commission, and to do this immediately, which we trust you will do.

The citations requested by you can be found by reference to the reports of the United States supreme court, October term, 1912, the key case being the Minnesota rate case as Geo. F.

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DAM COLLAPSES \$250,000 PROPERTY RUINED BY FLOOD

CHARLESTOWN, W. Va., Jan. 15.—Buildings which cost \$250,000 to erect were destroyed this afternoon, according to a message from Cumberland, W. Va., when the middle section of the West Virginia Pulp & Paper company's dam, twelve miles from Dobbin, collapsed.
The dam went out piecemeal, it was stated, which was all that prevented a disastrous flood, and it was with the middle section that a considerable portion of the plant connected with it went down. It was understood there were no casualties.
The flood's wave had reached the Potomac this afternoon. The river at that time was ten feet above flood mark and the tide was rushing down from Piedmont toward Keyser.