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CACHED GOLD FOUND IN SAN FRANCSICO

DISGUSTED WITH THE OFFICIALS

THE TODD CASE

HOQUIAM ATTORNEY SAYS CHEHALIS COUNTY AUUTHORITIES WERE LAX IN PROSECUTION.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 26.—That Frank H. Tod, of Hoquiam, was murdered by his wife and that her escape from punishment, if she does escape, is due only to abortive efforts to prosecute on the part of the officials of Chehalis county, is the contention of W. H. Abel, lawyer for Ralph Steele, who, while under sentence of the crime which startled the state of Washington, took his own life in the county jail at Montesano

Abel has severed his connection with the case, and is at present staying at the Seattle Hotel, being i nthe practice of nlegal business. Discussing the case, Mr. Abel said:

"The strange part of Mrs. Todd's action after the murder of her husband was that she at first declared that she was afraid to incriminate Steele, for fear he would do bodily harm. Later she met me in the office of Attorney P. H. Gallagher and told me she was willing to work for the defense of Steele. This would indicate her relations with the accused man.

"One of the points in the evidence which are against Mrs. Todd are as follows:

"She admitted intimacy with Steele. She admitted that she had proposed to mary Steele, though her husband was still living. She had quarreled with her husband at one time and had eloped with another man. She stated on the morning after the murder that she had not seen her husband until she found him dead in the woodshed. Later she declared she saw Steele bending over her husband's body after the latter had been struck.

"Mrs. Tod dis known to have purchased chloroform and laudnum and after the murder of her husband. Chloroform bottles were found on the kitchen table the morning after the murder. Deputy Sheriff Anderson declares that he found a woman's bloody apron in the vicinity of the Todd home. Neighbors declare that bloody stains were discovered leading in from the woodshed to Mrs. Todd's room afte rthe murder.

"Mrs. Todd, after declaring she was afraid of Steele, offered to loan money to pay Steele's attorneys. She proposed a plan suggested by Steele that he, as a detective against Steele, could visit him without suspicion. She has admitted since the attempted suicide that she had intended to run away from him. She admitted that at her last meeting with Steele she had discovered he did not love her, but wanted her money, upon which she decided to and did tell him first that Steele had confessed to the murder, and, second, that she had practically seen him do the deed."

Hoquiam, Wash., Nov. 26.—Mrs. Tod returned to Hoquiam voluntarily on the last train Saturday evening. Chief of Police McKenna shook his head when asked if there would be any further developments.

Chas. Hansen if you are thinking of painting your house or redecorating it in any way, let him fix it for a Christmas present to your wife.

BANDITS KILL OFFICER.

Nervy Policeman Refuses to Be Held Up—Robbers Escape.

Oakland, Cal., Nov. 26.—Two masked men shot and almost instantly killed Special Policeman George White in Henning Bros.' saloon, at Sixth and Alice streets, shortly before 12 o'clock last night.

White ignored the command given by the robbers to throw up his hands, and reached for his weapon. Immediately both robbers opened fire, discharging six or seven shots, two of which entered White's body. The police surrounded the locality, but failed to locate the fugitives.

WOULD DO AWAY WITH SANTA CLAUS

Chicago Women's Clubs Would Make History of Beautiful Christmas Custom.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Chicago, Nov. 26.—The Chicago Federation of Women's Clubs has begun a movement to abolish the giving of Christmas presents.

"The whole system of giving Christmas presents is preposterous," declared Mrs. Blackwellder, president of the club, today. "Human society must eventually rid itself of an extravagance which has grown out of the celebration once beautiful and appropriate, but which has lost its significance and value."

Mrs. Charles Henrotin, chairman of the reform committee, was equally emphatic. "The extravagance of women is one of the things that is causing the financial stringency in America. Our men are too liberal," she said.

SUPPOSED PAUPER HAD MUCH MONEY

Man Who Died in Stockton Hospital Had $1200 Secreted in His Clothes.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Stockton, Cal., Nov. 26.—A tramp giving the name of Edwin Hess, who was taken to the county hospital Sunday under the belief that he was without funds, and died soon after his arrival there, has proved to be a fairly well-to-do man. The first search of his clothing brought to light $1.07 and a cheap watch, but later a closer examination of the clothing revealed $1200 in certified checks, currency and gold, in addition to a bank book with a small sum on deposit.

The man asked to have his sister in Germany notified in case he died. He was dressed in old clothes and was very filthy, evidently having lived as a tramp for months.

MARIE CAHILL COMING

The New York Sun, speaking of Marie Cahill's hit at Daly's New York, last year, said: "'Marrying Mary, makes good; a theatrical novelty struck Broadway; a musical show that has a real plot.' The charming star and "smart" play will be seen at the Grand, December 5.

Zinn's cough drops will ease your throat and stop your cough on short notice, sold in bulk only.

ILLINOIS BANK IS HELD UP

SUSPECTS IN JAIL

TWO DARING ROBBERS SECURE $2200—JUMPED FROM HOTEL WINDOW TO ESCAPE.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Clinton, Ill., Nov. 26.—The State bank at Clinton was held up and robbed of $2200 in coin shortly before 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon by two men who made their escape, but who are now thought to have been apprehended.

It was just a few minutes after closing time when the men appeared in the bank, and, with drawn revolvers, forced Assistant Cashier William Argo, Cashier Murphy and Bookkeeper Young to open the big vault, which was locked

The bulk of the money had already been placed in the currency safe and the time lock set, but $2200 in gold and silver remained on the counter. This the robbers shoveled into a bag and took it with them to the Hotel Henion, where they had previouly engaged a room. They had arranged the money in rolls, so that it could be easily carried, and were just about to leave the hotel when officers learned of their presence and attempted to break in the door. Before they succeeded, however, the robbers jumped from the window to an adjoining roof, taking only the $700 in gold, and leaving $1500 in silver in the room. It was dark when the men escaped from the hotel, and all trace of them was lost. Posses were at once organized and went in pursuit.

Early this morning two men were arrested giving their names as Ward Miller and Edward Davis, of Chicago.

Leased Wire Flashes.

Weston, the pedestrian, will probably break his own record by 60 hours in his walk from Ligonier, N. Y., to Chicago.

Word comes from Cherbourg, France, that two million golden eagles have been shipped by the Bank of France to New York banks.

Aquida, oldest and one of the last of the ancient Mission Indians, has just died at San Juan Capistrano, aged 125 years.

A. M. Wilkins, an Oakland machinist, has been arrested on a charge of murdering his wife.

After losing $78,000 the morning edition of the Seattle Times will suspend publication after next Saturday.

Edward Serdell, who is making a cross-country trip on horseback from Chewach, Wash., to Cloverdale, Cal., arived at Eureka today.

A party of Twisp, Wash., hunters found a skeleton of an unidentified man 20 miles north of the city, and close to what is known as Goat wall. The skeleton had lain exposed for a long time.

The St. Paul & Tacoma Mill Company suffered a $50,000 loss by the burning of one of the large dry kilns at Tacoma.

Attorney Wilson, who was to have appeared this morning in the Powers case at Georgetown, Ky., for contempt in trying to summon Republican jurors, is missing.

Willamette University vs. Albany Ath. Club

Willamette Field, Thursday Afternoon.

AT 3 P. M. **Admission 50c**

NO BOOZE AT THE BRYAN BANQUET TONIGHT.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Nov. 26.—Henry L. West, commissioner of the District of Columbia, will preside at the Bryan meeting tonight. Among the prominent speakers will be Perry Belmont, James Hager, Ollie James and John Sharp Williams. There will be no cocktails. The only liquor served will be "a very mild quality sauterne."

YOUNG MAN KILLS HIS OLD SWEETHEART.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Cleveland, O., Nov. 26.—Hilbert Friend, aged 19, today fatally shot Mrs. Mattie Walker, a sweetheart of school days, and tried to kill himself. They parted five years ago. Friend says that he could not stop loving her, even after she had been married.

DEFENSE HAS RESTED ITS CASE

Rebuttal by Prosecution Begins in Bradley Murder Trial at Washington.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Nov. 26.—Before court opened in the Bradley trial this morning, the defendant held a conference with her attorneys concerning Dr. Isaac Rich, the "surprise" witness for the defense. Taking the stand, Dr. Rich testified that the defendant rushed into the writing room before the shooting.

"Her face changed rapidly, at times she laughed to herself, her eyes bulging, then appeared stupid. I thought she was a sort of a lunatic." His testamony was unshaken by the government in cross-examination.

Dr. Charles Hill, of Baltimore, an alienist for the defense, next took the stand. The facts in Dr. Rich's testimony were added to the hypothetical question propounded to Hill. Dr. Hill said:

"I should say that the person described in the question is insane, and that she is unable to distinguish right from wrong."

Dr. Evans, an expert witness in the Thaw trial, was the next witness Answering the hypothetical question, he said:

"I am of th eopinion that she was insane, and not able to distinguish right from wrong."

Defendant bowed her head and wept softly. Dr. Evans' delivery was dramatic. He added:

"Nothing but Divine interposition could have prevented the dethronement of her reason."

The defendant was recalled to the stand this afternoon. After a short examination the defense rested its case at 1:45 p. m.

Max Brown was the first witness called in rebuttal.

After five witnesses had testified that the prisoner was rational, the court adjourned.

JURY GIVES VERDICT THAT BANKER SUICIDED.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Nov. 26.—Charles Barney, the former president of the Knickerbocker Trust Company, who was found dead in his home with a bullet hole in his head two weeks ago, committed shicide, according to the coroner's verdict, returned today.

Walter McCallum was today appointed chief clerk in the Washington state penitentiary.

ECHO OF FRISCO'S BIG FIRE

BOYS FIND WEALTH

THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS HIDDEN TREASURE UNEARTHED IN FIRE-SWEPT LOT.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Nov. 26.—Directed by a seeress to a hidden mine of coin silver and gold, at the former site of the Chappelle House, at North Beach, Leon Thomas and John Freitas, two boys, removed two jute bags of treasure, and set their neighbors on an exciting search for wealth.

News of the find reached the police, and early this morning 24 of the prospectors were arrested and bags of burned and melted silver and gold are held as evidence against them. Thousands of dollars secreted in the rambling hostelry before the fire by a miserly old woman were uncovered. The police placed a guard about the fire-swept lot, and the prospective owners of the loot have already began to wrangle over the ownership.

Mrs. Alice Murdock, is the seeress, who, in a vision, was told of the hidden treasure. She set the two boys, Leon Thomas, who lives at her home, and John Freitas, to digging in the lot, which is situated on Green street, between Stockton and Powell.

Yesterday afternoon the boys started their work, and in two hours had unearthed nearly $4000. Their labors attracted the attention of the neighbors, and soon the boys were joined by other treasure-seekers. Half a dozen women secured small bundles of coin and returned for more. One man came across a melted ingot of gold estimated to be valued at $2000. He quickly disappeared.

With the spread of the excitement came the police. The officers found Thomas, who is 11 years old, and John Freitas, who is 12 years old, and secured their two large sacks of coin. The boys were not arrested, as they aided the police in identifying the diggers. Arrests immediately began, and this morning two patrol wagon loads of prisoners were booked at the city prison.

The police are now anxious to learn who owns the thousands of dollars that have come to light after 18 months' entombment. The Chappelle House, a rickety structure, house 60 persons, was run by Mrs. Leon Chapelle, who died a few weeks before the fire. A mysterious old woman thereupon took charge of the house, and the cached coin may have been her hoardings. The old woman perished in the Chapelle House and no one has ever learned her identity.

In the city prison many of the prisoners destroyed the evidence against them, by throwing away melted coins. Dollars and halves, fire scorched and smoke blackened, were found behind the doorkeeper's desk. The prisoners were booked, nevertheless.

Japanese Consul Uyeno has been transferred from San Francisco to Sydney, Australia. He is succeeded by Chozo Koik.

No new developments were adduced in the Bellows-Kleinschmidt case at Berkeley, and Miss Kerfoot's condition is reported improved.

Although the details are not made public, the Central American peace conference has decided to abide by an arbitration agreement.

SAILOR ADMITS KILLING NEGRESS AT BELLINGHAM

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Bellingham, Wash., Nov. 26.—Karl Johnson, the sailor arrested Saturday evening for the murder of Ida Bristol, a negress, admitted to the police that he fired the shot that killed the woman. W. Lindbrier, another sailor, was present at the time of the shooting, and has told the police that he witnessed the act of his comrade in firing the shot at the negress. Johnson will be taken to the county jail to await trial before the superior court on a charge of murder.

ASHES OF VOLCANIC ORIGIN FALLING IN THE NORTH.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Nome, Alaska, Nov. 26.—Showers of volcanic ashes are falling in Nome, Teller and Tin City. The snow is noticeably blackened by the ashes. The place of their origin has not yet been fixed.

NEW RECORD FOR ARMY MARKSMEN

Retrieve Themselves From Disgrace at Fort Monroe Practice.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Nov. 26.—Army officers believe a world's record for target practice with big guns was made November 16 at Fort Monroe. The official report of the practice has not been received at the office of the chief of artillery, but it is known that with the 12-inch rifles the gunners hit the target at 6000 yards at the rate of 1:74 hits per gun per minute. Heretofore it has been thought exceedingly good work when there was only 40 seconds between shots.

Artillery officers are exceedingly happy over this record, because it was at Fort Monroe that the shooting was done on which Lieutenant-Commander Sims, of the navy, based his report to the President criticising army shooting.

At the time the shooting was under the direction of officers who had been transferred from the infantry, and it was held that they did not have the experience necessary to get the best results. The army now feels that the disgrace of that record has been wiped out.

COURT DECIDES AGAINST TOM TAGGART OF INDIANA.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 26.—The appellate court today held that the state has the right to revoke the charters of the French Lick and West Baden Hotel companies, because the companies permit gambling. This is a great blow to Thos. Taggart, the proprietor, who is chairman of the Democratic National committee.

UNION PACIFIC BEGINS WORK ON BIG TUNNEL.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Tacoma, Wash., Nov. 26.—The Union Pacific started work in Tacoma this morning on the approach to the big tunnel, which is over a mile in length. Contractor Dibble, of Dibble & Hawthorne, in charge of a crew of men, set to work clearing the right of way of brush and getting ready for actual grading operations for the laying of rails.

The formal breaking of ground with due ceremony by Billy Welch, did not occur, but will likely take place later, when the right of way is cleared. Scores of Tacomans went out to where the new road is to be built, and to be present when the start was made on the great undertaking.

Leo Stevens is today piloting six balloons toward Boston in an endeavor to capture the Boston Herald cup, offered to the aeronaut who succeeds in landing nearest the center of Boston Commons.