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ARRESTED FOR MURDER COMMITTED IN 1898

DESPERATE BATTLE IS NOW ON

Rebels Are Pouring Shot from Machine Guns into Mazatlan. FEDERALS FIGHTING BUT IN SAD PLIGHT

Mexico City, Dec. 15.—Desperate fighting raged in Mazatlan today, according to a detailed and seemingly trustworthy report received here.

Battle Imminent. El Paso, Tex., Dec. 15.—Fighting between Mexican federal and rebels at Lamula, 15 miles south of Ojinaga, where the federal garrison of Chihuahua City took refuge at the end of its flight northward to the American border, seemed imminent today.

General Mercado, who was reported last week as missing from Ojinaga and was thought to have fallen into the rebels' hands while scouting, was said to be in command at Lamula today.

May Not Kill Terrazas. The latest refugee arrivals had not heard the report of Luis Terrazas' execution, and did not think it true, as they believed Villa would keep the young man alive as long as a chance existed of making money out of him.

At Tampico there was a full today. The American warships were supplying food and water to those who needed them. A storm, however, was hampering relief work and rendering the transfer of refugees from the warships to the liner Morro Castle temporarily impossible.

Seeks to Curb Villa. El Paso, Texas, Dec. 15.—That General Carranza realizes the trouble Gen-

Post Card From Missing Girl

Jessie McCann Writes Her Parents She Will Be Home Thursday Afternoon and Not to Worry.

New York, Dec. 15.—A post card signed "Jessie," and believed to have been sent by Miss McCann, the missing daughter of William McCann, a wealthy wholesale grocer, was received at the McCann home here today.

SPECIAL MEETING CALLED TO CONSIDER GIVING EMPLOYMENT

Governor West has today called a meeting of the state emergency board for next Thursday morning, at which he will suggest that a deficiency of \$50,000 be created to give employment on public roads for the next two months to men now out of work.

FOOTPADS FRACTURE SKULLS OF SAN FRANCISCO MEN

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Joseph Bowman and Thomas Murphy, their skulls fractured by footpads, were lying in a critical condition at the Central Emergency hospital here today.

WILSON'S COLD IMPROVED.

Washington, Dec. 15.—President Wilson's cold was greatly improved today, according to Dr. Cary Grayson. The president resumed his routine duties, but did his work in the White House study. He saw no visitors. It was stated he probably will not visit the executive offices for several days.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Miss Calhoun Hall, aged 19, employed as a stenographer by Swift & Co., worked today despite the fact that her uncle, Joseph Snyder, of California, who died recently, had willed her \$500,000, provided she married within a year for love.

SENATE DEFEATS FIRST HITCHCOCK'S PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BILL

Vote of 40 to 35 in This Test of Strength on Currency Measure

POINDEXTER WITH DEMS.

Washington Republican Aids in Defeat of Plan to Have Four Regional Reserve Banks.

Washington, Dec. 15.—By a vote of 40 to 35 the senate this afternoon defeated the first of Senator Hitchcock's amendment to the currency bill.

PLANS TO CELEBRATE SIGNING ARE ABANDONED

Washington, Dec. 15.—Plans of Californians here to celebrate the signing of the Hetch Hetchy water bill by President Wilson were abandoned today.

WANTS BIG DRYDOCK.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Senator Perkins introduced a bill today for a \$3,000,000 drydock in San Francisco bay, to hold the largest battleship afloat.

JOE TINKER'S SALE TO BROOKLYN NATIONAL DISAPPROVED

Cincinnati, Dec. 15.—The directors of the Cincinnati National League baseball league this afternoon disapproved of the sale of Joe Tinker, deposed manager of the club, to the Brooklyn Nationals. This was believed to mean that Tinker will be reinstated as manager of the Reds.

Tinker Satisfied.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—Satisfaction of the action of the directors of the Cincinnati club in repudiating his sale to the Brooklyn club was voiced here this afternoon by Joe Tinker, last year's manager of the Reds.

Ebbetts Will Fight.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Dec. 15.—Charles H. Ebbetts, owner of the Brooklyn National league club, refused this afternoon to accept as final the action of the directors of the Cincinnati club, in repudiating the sale of Joe Tinker by August Hermann to his club for \$25,000.

Late News Bulletins

Washington, Dec. 15.—The nomination of John W. Preston, of Ukiah, Cal., to succeed John L. McNab as United States district attorney, was sent to the senate today by President Wilson.

Portland, Or., Dec. 15.—In a message received here today by J. H. Young, president of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad, confirmed reports to the effect that he had resigned, to take effect January 1.

SAYS SCHMIDT TOLD IN AN EVEN VOICE HOW HE KILLED HER

New York, Dec. 15.—Details of the murder of Anna Ammiller, as told by Hans Schmidt, the unfrocked priest, on the day of his arrest, were recounted from the witness stand this afternoon by Police Inspector Faurot, the detective who ran the confessed slayer to earth.

Suffragette leaders, referring to Mrs. Pankhurst, who is still in prison, also refusing to eat or drink, sent the following telegram to King George:

POULTRY SHOW OPENS AT ARMORY HERE TOMORROW

The sixth annual show of the Marion County Poultry association opens its doors to the public tomorrow at 9 o'clock, and closes Friday evening.

The police have been requested by the authorities of the School for the Feeble-Minded to investigate the mysterious disappearance of Frank Carp, an attendant at the institution, who left the school last Saturday for Salem and has not been heard of since.

THE GIRL IN THE TAXI PLEASES AUDIENCE AT GRAND

"The Girl in the Taxi" alighted at the Grand Saturday night and furnished many laughs for theatre-goers. The play is full of funny situations and the lines are clever. It was well presented at the Grand and the audience was enthusiastic.

FORGER ARRESTED.

Joe Bordone, charged with passing forged checks in this city during the state fair, arrested in Corvallis Saturday, is in the county jail. Although not informed of the forgeries until two months after they were committed, Sheriff Esch soon located Bordone, and telephoned the authorities at Corvallis to arrest him.

MILITANTS START BIG FIRE TO SHOW ANGER REGARDING PANKHURST

Lumber Yards and Several Nearby Buildings Burned and Loss \$300,000.

SYLVIA PANKHURST FREE

At Point of Death From Hunger, Thirst and Sleep When She Is Released From Jail Cell.

London, Dec. 15.—Militant suffragettes started a fire at Devonport today which did \$300,000 damage.

The incendiaries left a placard posted near the scene of the fire, inscribed "Revenge for Mrs. Pankhurst."

Miss Sylvia Pankhurst, who, like her mother, has been serving a jail sentence for inciting a riot, was released this afternoon at the point of death from a hunger, thirst and sleep strike.

POLICE ASKED TO LOOK FOR ATTENDANT WHO DISAPPEARS

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Would Bar All Undesirables

Burnett Immigration Bill, Aimed at Asiatics, Militants, Anarchists and Ignorant Recommended.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The house immigration committee favorably reported this afternoon the Burnett immigration bill, accompanied by stringent provisions barring Asiatics, militant suffragettes and advocates of sabotage and anarchists. The measure includes a literacy test, requiring all aliens to read and write one language.

LAFKY HAS NOT RESIGNED AS MEMBER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

There has been some speculation locally as to who would be named to succeed F. J. Lafky, recently elected manager of La Grande, as member of the Salem board of education. When the matter was brought to a vote today, it was stated that Mr. Lafky was located permanently at La Grande. He conveyed the idea that Mr. Lafky might not decide to retain the position of manager of the city in Eastern Oregon. However, the general understanding had been that Mr. Lafky has a contract to run a year there.

DOES HER CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—The trial of Miss Leah Alexander, on a charge of shooting and killing J. D. VanRaalen, a newspaper man, October 18, was set for trial January 6 by Superior Judge Dunne. At Miss Alexander's request, the court issued an order permitting her to do some Christmas shopping in the custody of a police matron.

HUERTA PARADES IN AN OLD SUIT TO SHOW 'EM HE IS GAME

Mexico City, Dec. 15.—President Huerta undertook today to show Mexico City how democratic he is. He donned a battered felt hat, a weather-stained brown overcoat, a gray sweater and a pair of gray old trousers and long unpolished shoes. Then instead of taking a carriage, he walked from his residence to the national palace. Theoretically he was unattended, but his bodyguard was not far behind him.

SPENCER GETS REPRIEVE.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—A reprieve of 30 days from December 19 was granted today to Henry Spencer, sentenced to die for the murder of Mrs. Mildred Allison-Bosart, a Chicago teacher of dancing, by Governor Dunne, to allow Spencer's attorney time to appeal to the supreme court. Attorney Zeman said he expected to prove Spencer was insane at the time he murdered Mrs. Bosart. He also charged that the police "railroaded" his client.

PROMINENT PEOPLE MAY HAVE AIDED

Sensational Development Is Promised, Following California Catch.

COOLEY ACCUSED OF KILLING VAN PELT

Pioneer Sawmill Man of Curry County Killed While Walking on Road.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Aaron R. Cooley, aged 47, said to be a brewer of Portland, Or., was arrested here today, at the instance of Stephen Doyle, a special representative of Governor West of Oregon. Doyle intimated that the arrest was in connection with a crime committed 14 years ago, but refused to go into details. He said any information concerning the case must come from Governor West. Cooley also refused to talk.

According to information emanating from an authentic source, Cooley is wanted for the murder of Thomas Van Pelt, a pioneer sawmill man of Curry county, in 1898, and possibilities exist that his apprehension may lead to arrests of prominent people in this state and Washington, for it is declared, that the crime was the product of a pioneer feud, and that he was employed to commit the crime.

Van Pelt was shot from ambush as he was returning to his home from Fred Blake's store. Just a week prior to the shooting he had been arrested on the charge of killing Al Coolidge, a relative of the Coolidges, of Silverton, and who are engaged in the banking business. He had been released, however, for lack of evidence.

By the side of the road on which he was walking home, there was a thicket, and just as he passed it, he was fired upon. A rifle was used by the murderer and three shots were fired, two of them taking effect. One passed through the body of Van Pelt, and the other through his head.

Johnnie Van Pelt, presumed to have been a son, and a man by the name of Savage, were working near where the shooting occurred, and rushing to the scene, they found Van Pelt dead.

A coroner's jury with Justice of the Peace John Cooley, acting in the capacity of coroner, was called and a verdict returned that Van Pelt came to his death from wound received from two rifle bullets fired by an unknown person. Ever since, the murder has been a mystery. Recently District Attorney Brown, of Roseburg, and Stephen Doyle began work on the case, and they have unearthed the evidence which resulted in the arrest of Cooley.

Van Pelt crossed the plains with the Coolidges, it is said, and they were interested with him in the sawmill business. He was married, it is said, to an Indian woman. While rumor connected the name of Van Pelt with the murder of Al Coolidge, he has released, and the murderer has never been apprehended. Cooley was a neighbor of the Van Pelts.

The Weather. The Dickey Bird says: Oregon: Fair tonight and Tuesday; easterly winds.