

Sheridan Park News Letter

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A FAMILY WIPED OUT

APPALLING CRIME COMMITTED
NEAR LOS ANGELES.

Father, Mother and Baby Murdered
by Unknown and Literally Cut to
Pieces—Bodies Horribly Mutilated
—Evidences of a Terrible Struggle
Before the Foul Deed Was Consummated.

The dead bodies of A. P. Wilcox and wife and their 2-year-old son were found in their home at Downey, 12 miles from Los Angeles, Cal. All the bodies were horribly mutilated, and the bloody condition of the premises indicated that the murderer or murderers met with a fierce resistance. Wilcox and family were shot and literally cut to pieces with a knife. The crime was discovered when a neighbor called at the house and found the place evidently abandoned. Forcing the door, he found the dead bodies of the murdered family stretched out on the floor.

The woman had been shot while carrying a plate from the stove to the table. The baby lay in the middle of the room, while the disemboweled body of the father was stretched out near the door. It is supposed the crime was committed two or three days ago. No clue to the perpetrators of the crime has yet been found.

IOWA AT ST. LOUIS FAIR.

State Committee Visits Mound City
to Look Over the Ground.

St. Louis, Mo., dispatch: William Logan, Keokuk; W. C. Hayward, Davenport; William T. Hayward, Des Moines; C. J. Erickson, Boone; Samuel M. Leech, Adel, and J. J. Hartenbower of Des Moines, members of the preliminary committee appointed by Governor Shaw of Iowa to promote the participation of that state in the Louisiana Purchase exposition spent today at St. Louis. After a preliminary meeting, the party examined the ground and plans of the fair and inspected the grounds set apart for the states and territories. Later they held a meeting at which a plan of the operations was mapped out. This evening the committee were guests of President Francis at the St. Louis club.

CITY'S LEDGERS DISAPPEAR.

Chicago Council Finance Committee
Makes Discovery.

At Chicago, the finance committee of the city council has discovered that the city's ledgers, covering the accounts of 1876 to 1884, are missing. It was discovered in an investigation of the sinking fund accounts, in which a discrepancy of more than \$2,100,000 was recently announced. It is claimed the previous administrations borrowed from this fund for other than corporation purposes, and no return has been made of the amounts diverted. There is no record, according to the comptroller, to show to what purposes the loans were applied during the eight years.

GUARDED FROM PUBLIC.

Court Provides Close Confinement for
Rathbun.

From Jeffersonville, Ind.: It is probable the public will hear nothing more soon directly from Rathbun. His lawyer has enjoined him not to talk, and Judge Morris of the county court has decided that no one shall see the prisoner except upon the order of the court. The newspaper men are also barred.

WOULD WRECK A TRAIN.

Dynamite Found Near Burlington
Bridge in Nebraska.

From Omaha, Neb.: Twenty-four sticks of dynamite, a piece of fuse and an explosive cap were found near the bridge of the Burlington road at Havenlock, Neb., Sunday. The matter was not reported to the railroad officials at once, however, and it is feared the would-be criminals have escaped, but a force of detectives is at work on the case. An attempt at train-wrecking and robbery is supposed to be an explanation of the explosives being placed at the bridge.

Denial of Panic in Japan.

The Japanese minister at Washington has received telegraphic advices from his government which show the statements recently published concerning the existence of a financial panic in Japan are unfounded. There have been some fluctuations in the stock market, but nothing of an alarming nature, and the publication of the government's new financial scheme checked effectively the downward movement.

Debarred for Criticizing McKinley.

Secretary Hitchcock disbarred W. C. Buderus, an attorney of Sturgis, S. D., from practicing before the interior department because of criticism alleged to have been made by the latter on the late President McKinley.

MISS FOR A BRIDE.

Daughter of Senator Weds Randolph Matthews.

The wedding of Senator Randolph Matthews, daughter of Senator Randolph Matthews, occurred at 4:30 p. m. Thursday in the Church of the Advent, Walnut Hills, near Cincinnati. The bride, Miss Florence Margaret Foraker, daughter of Senator Randolph Matthews, was accompanied by her father and a nephew, Bentley Matthews, late Stanley Matthews, of the supreme court of the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews were married in the Foraker mansion in Cincinnati.

RUHLIN DEFEATED.

Akron Giant Defeated by a Blow in Second Round.

At San Francisco, in one of the most unsatisfactory fights ever witnessed, James J. Jeffries proved the victor over Gus Ruhlin, the Akron giant. In the fifth round of what was to have been a 20-round struggle, Ruhlin surrendered to the amazement and surprise of thousands of spectators. Jeffries, who had delivered one of the most powerful blows in the second round, expected to win the victory so easily. The explanation of the fight is that he received a blow which utterly disabled him.

RUSSELL HARRISON.

He'll Fight War Department in the Courts.

From Indianapolis, Ind.: Russell B. Harrison admitted to federal courts replying to an indictment for entering the profession of law, "This is the consummation of a long-hatched intention of my own desire, and I wish, that I should end the unjust and unimpaired meted out to me by the war department."

BOLD RAID BY HIGHWAYMEN.

They Loot Cash Till in Chicago Branch Office.

At Chicago, masked highwaymen, who attacked the scene of their bold robbery mounted on horses, held up the cashier's office at the Chicago branch of the Indiana street bank, and secured \$800. The horses and galleys are on their trail.

PACKING PLANT IN LARAMIE.

Swift & Co. Will Build One There to Handle Wool.

From Laramie, Wyo.: Swift & Co. are preparing to build a large packing plant here. The object is to save the car haul on the Missouri river points and Chicago. The company has vaulted the stock interests in North Park, Colorado, and other portions of the state contiguous to this city.

Negro Question the Theme.

At Pittsburg, Mo., the greater part of the third session of the general missionary committee of the Methodist Episcopal church was devoted to appropriate the burning question came up when the "negro question" was precipitated by a motion of Bishop Foss when the Alabama conferences came up. The bishop's motion was that the appropriations and Delaware work in the South (Maryland and Delaware excepted) and colored work in the South be referred to the special committees for consideration. The speaker plainly intimated that the time was coming when the negro would have to be a member with his white brother and organize a branch of his own.

Trouble in Glass Trade.

The organization of the outside window glass manufacturers in Columbus, Ohio, has aroused the greatest interest in Pittsburg. It is also stated that there is a feeling of conflict in the glass business that will be sharp and decisive. Regarding the prospective cut in the price of glass, none of the manufacturers would offer a prediction today. They say it will depend upon the result of the meeting next Tuesday.

Blaze in a Canning Plant.

At Kansas City, Mo., a fire in the canning building of the Cudahy Packing company establishment destroyed the building with a large stock of canned meat. The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

THE NEWS OF THE WORLD

CAUGHT ON THE FLY AND PREPARED FOR BUSY READERS.

General Happenings of the Past Few Days Taken from the Wires and Condensed to Suit—Of Interest to All Who Wish to Know What Has Been Going On in This and Other Countries.

Deal in Railway World.

Two important developments in the railroad situation of the Northwest, both tending to confirm the existing belief in the final basis of the settlement of the contest for the control of the Northern Pacific, have been definitely agreed to. The first is the incorporation at Trenton, N. J., of the Northern Securities company, with a capital of \$400,000,000 and the second, the unanimous adoption by the Northern Pacific directors of the resolution providing for retirement at par of the company's preferred stock on Jan. 1, 1902.

Into the Civil Service.

About 200 employees of the executive branch of the rural free delivery service will be brought into the civil service by an order of President Roosevelt which, it is understood, will be issued with a week or two. These are clerks, special agents and inspectors. Six thousand rural free delivery carriers throughout the country will be brought into the civil service under the same order, but will be taken in at a later date.

War to the Bitter End.

Mr. Broderick, British war secretary, speaking at a banquet given in London in his honor by the Carlton club, declared that the Boers were hiding their tracks by murdering the Kaffirs behind them. Mr. Broderick explained that four battalions and two cavalry regiments would be drawn from India for service in South Africa. He added that he believed the number of Boers now in the field was about 10,000.

An Earthquake in Utah.

The damage to the property in Sevier county, Utah, from earthquake amounts to almost \$100,000. Scarcely a building escaped damage of some kind. At Marysville, the entire population left their homes, after the first shock, built bonfires in the streets and camped out all night. In many parts of the country landslides occurred, blocking railroads, changing streams and causing general disorder.

They Form Weird Compact.

According to a compact entered into by a newly formed suicide club in New Jersey, a member must kill himself every year. The club was organized through the efforts of a man from Paterson, and it is reported to be in a flourishing condition, so far as membership is concerned. Thirty-four persons are said to have been already enrolled, and it is asserted that 125 more have promised to join.

Over Three Million Short.

The directors of the Pan-American exposition company and a number of creditors conferred and listened to the reading of the financial report of the company as prepared by the auditor. The report shows the total liabilities at present to be \$3,326,114.69 net, assuming that the assets of \$146,454.15 are collectible at their face value.

Snowstorm in New York.

A blizzard struck central New York. Several inches of snow and drifts from one to six feet deep blocked traffic. The country roads are in many cases blocked, and huge drifts are piling along the fences. The streams are rising, and several places are reported threatened with floods.

Explosion Wrecks a Mine.

Five dead bodies were taken from the Baby mine at Pocahontas, Va. Several other persons are unaccounted for, and 25 persons have been rescued more or less severely burned.

FROM NEIGHBORING STATES.

General Items of News Culled From All Parts of the United States.

Ovanda, Mont., a small town near Helena, is endangered by a swamp fire which has been burning for a week. If the wind turns and blows the fire toward the town it is doomed.

The treasury department has issued a warrant in favor of the administrators of the late President McKinley's estate for \$1,856, which the auditor of the state department found due him on account of salary.

Booker T. Washington has expressed, through diplomatic channels, a willingness to accept an appointment from the St. Louis Exposition company as director of the proposed Afro-American exhibit at the world's fair.

Alice Nesenbauer, under conviction of murder of her husband last year, has been saved from the gallows by the decision of the supreme court of Missouri that there were no grounds for conviction. Mrs. Nesenbauer was also accused of the murder of two of her own children in order to secure insurance money.

The Dowager Baroness Carew died Tuesday at Woodstown, county Waterford, Ireland. She was 103 years old. She danced at the ball given by Lady Richmond at Brussels on the eve of the battle of Waterloo and was a noted beauty at the court of Louis Philippe.

Fred V. Stowe, of Grimes, Ia., had on the Chicago market this week 54 cattle averaging 1,417 pounds that sold at \$6.60. These steers were of the very well known V-V brand, bred by B. R. Brooks, of Casper, Wyo. The steers were all reds, having been sired by Short Horn bulls from Angus cows. The cattle were on feed since July 1, getting crushed corn with oil meal during the last 30 days' feeding period. They were bought by the United Dressed Beef company for shipment to New York.

Dr. Tyree, a physician at McGee, I. T., shot and fatally wounded Thomas Moag, a drug clerk, in a quarrel over a prescription. Moag in turn turned shot Tyree, causing a slight wound.

The body of a man supposed to be Herbert Ellwanger of Cleveland was found in Fairmount park, Philadelphia. He had evidently committed suicide, as there was a bullet wound in the head and a pistol lying beside the body.

C. E. Sismey, a London lawyer has been granted a divorce from his American wife, formerly Miss Catherine Woodhill, on statutory grounds. The couple were married in San Francisco in 1890. Mrs. Sismey is now believed to be in San Francisco with her parents.

Peter Miller, a Swedish laborer, suicided at Omaha in a tragic manner. He used a knife, spike, hatchet and finally a rope.

Captain Hartman's troop of the First cavalry early surprised 409 insurgents at Buan, Batangas province, in southwestern Luzon, killing 16, wounding five and capturing nine rifles. The insurgents broke and ran, the cavalry pursuing.

It has developed that Mrs. Rathbun was not implicated in the insurance swindle at Jeffersonville, Ind.

All efforts to find a clue to the murderer of the two women whose dead bodies were found at Evansville, Ind., have proved unavailing.

The statement of missionaries affirms there is no ground whatever for criticizing Miss Stone for want of precaution in making the journey at the time she was taken.

Between 15,000 and 20,000 freight cars are needed for immediate use by the railroads centering in Chicago. Not since 1886 has the freight car shortage been so great as at present.

The city treasurer is taking steps to collect from the American Sugar Refining company \$3,000 in taxes on sugar recently shipped into Omaha to meet the demand caused by the sugar war.

A meteoric shower of great brilliancy and considerable length occurred early Friday morning at Phoenix, Ariz. It continued half an hour. More than two hundred meteors were counted.

The navy department has been informed that the transport Buford with two battalions of the Twenty-third infantry sailed from Gibraltar Friday for New York.

The grand jury of the United States court at Indianapolis, Ind., has begun to consider the most important case that will come before it during the present session, that of Richard Davis, former cashier of the People's National bank of Washington, Ind. Davis is charged with embezzling and squandering \$71,000 in bank funds. Davis made good the losses.

In the sale of 15 shorthorn steers at the Chicago stock yards this week the highest price of the year was realized. The sale was made at \$7.10 a hundred, the average weight being 1,572 pounds. Two cars of cattle were also sold during the day at \$6.80, both sales being made on their merits.

The president has signed an executive order creating a naval reservation of a large tract of land just acquired by the navy department at Ouloungapo, on Subig bay, Luzon. The department now will proceed with all dispatch to construct at this point a navy yard and station.

The American Anti-Cigarette association, which is said to have a membership of over 300,000, is said to have drawn a pledge which is to be read in every Sunday school in the United States on Nov. 24. It binds the signers to abstain from the use of cigarettes or tobacco in any form until 21 years of age, and it is expected that several hundred thousand signatures will be obtained.

The proposed railway from Dawson to the Klondike mines will be built next summer.

James Goings was found dead in his buggy a few miles south of Cave Springs, Ga., his neck having been broken. It is thought he was murdered and robbed by highwaymen.

The Colonel H. G. Jordan dairy farm cow barn at Hingham, Mass., was burned causing a loss of between \$50,000 and \$60,000. Besides farming implements 140 head of cattle and seven horses were burned.

Rufus W. Blake, the piano manufacturer of Derby, Conn., who died of a self-inflicted bullet wound in the head leaves \$1,500,000 to his young widow. Mr. Blake was twice married.

Mrs. Cora Lathrop Patterson, a prominent member of the society of Colonial Dames, Virginia chapter, Omaha, has filed an answer to her husband's petition for divorce. She alleges that the son of the millionaire tobacco king had treated her cruelly, has been drinking excessively and neglected her and her child.

The wedding of Miss Florence Margaret Foraker, daughter of Senator Randolph Matthews, and Randolph Matthews, took place at 4:30 p. m. in the Church of the Advent, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati.

One hundred representative physicians and professional men of Ohio, in the office of the secretary of the state board of health, organized the Ohio Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, an association in the interest of humanity.

Local officials of the Burlington road admitted the night trains leaving Lincoln have gone out with a guard armed with Winchester rifles.

An Italian family feud resulted at San Francisco in two pistol encounters and the wounding of three men, one probably fatally.

Edward Stanton Maclay, the author of "A History of the United States Navy," who is still working as a clerk in the Brooklyn navy yard, is preparing to make changes in his history if Rear Admiral Schley is exonerated.

With a view to introducing American methods into Ireland, Bishop John Clancy of the diocese of Elphin, Ireland, arrived in Chicago on a tour of investigation of the technical and manual training schools of the United States.

The exports of merchandise from the United States in October were smaller by about \$17,000,000 than those of the same month in 1900. The shipments last year, however, were phenomenally large.

Private parties are to build the new dock at Fairport, O., which will be ready for the opening of navigation next year. One million dollars will be spent in fitting out the new property, which will be one of the most complete on the great lakes.

Swift & Co. are preparing to build a large packing plant at Lacarne, Wyo. The object is to save the car haul on live stock to the Missouri river points and Chicago.

B. A. Palmer, a retired banker of New York, has made a gift of \$30,000 to Union Christian college, located in Indiana.

Mrs. Mary Preston Slosson, wife of the vice president of the faculty of the University of Wyoming, is the only woman chaplain of a prison in the United States.

NEWS OF FOREIGN LANDS.

Flashes From the Wires Portraying Occurrences in All Parts of the World.

Information has been received that the transport Buford, bringing troops from the Philippines, has reached Gibraltar. It is due to arrive at New York on the 27th inst.

Immense anti-Chamberlain meetings have occurred at the University of Breslau and the technical institutes at Hanover and Darmstadt. They were attended and addressed by many professors.

The transport Chaco, which arrived at Buenos Ayres, reports having picked up at Staten Island, the southern extremity of South America, the captain, first and second officers, and 21 of the crew of the French ship Astree.

The illness and extreme debility of Premier Segasta at Madrid is causing anxiety.

The Vossische Zeitung says it learns Queen Wilhelmina was prematurely delivered of a child Nov. 10. The queen's condition is satisfactory.

The North China Daily News in its Peking correspondence says Conger will soon be the only foreign minister in Peking who passed through the siege and will then become dean of the diplomatic corps. All the other ministers have been returned or expect to leave Peking soon.

Keen interest is displayed at St. John's, N. F., in the movement for reciprocity with the United States.

Information has reached the Colombian legation in Washington to the effect that a committee is about to leave Bogota for Mexico City to endeavor to induce Reyes to accompany it back and take up the reins of the government.

Lord Kitchener, in a dispatch from Pretoria, presents his weekly report, and incidentally locates General Dewet in the northeastern part of the Orange river colony. He says the Boers have recently been collecting under his leadership, and that the British are now moving to disperse them.

Diaz, the president of Tacloban, Island of Leyte, who has been proved to be an agent of the Filipino junta at Hongkong, has been arrested. Many incriminating papers, implicating numerous officials, were seized at the time of his arrest.

From the wreckage seen in Belfast Lough, it is supposed that the 59 ton collier White Abbey has been lost and her crew of nine drowned.

The Danish chocolate manufacturers allege that New York customs officials place an overvaluation on their product. If protests now on file are unheeded Denmark may adopt retaliatory measures.

"King Edward's life is not worth more than two years at the very most. That is the opinion of the best physicians in the United Kingdom, and it may be set down as truth on authority which cannot be doubted despite optimistic and inspired official bulletins to the contrary." So says a London cable.

A London Times correspondent who has just passed over the whole route of the trans-Siberian railway, states that the Russian declarations regarding the completion of the line are untrue. He says there are many gaps in the permanent track, the large bridges are not completed, and three tunnels have already been begun.

The municipal council of Havana has unanimously voted to award Michael J. Daly the contract to pave and sewer Havana for \$10,913,858.

The government of Denmark is considering the most effective method of retaliating against the United States should the diplomatic representation now being made in behalf of the Danish chocolate exporters fail. Denmark will suffer little loss in the event of retaliatory duties, since her exports to the United States are only \$750,000 against America's \$20,000,000 exports to Denmark.