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PROGRESS OF SAYLER TRIAL

Much Interest Is Excited by Murder Case in Watska, Ill.

The long work of securing the jury in the famous murder case of Dr. W. R. Miller and Mrs. Lucy Sayler having ended in Watska, Ill., the battle of the lawyers and the taking of testimony is well under way. No murder of recent years has attracted more attention through the middle West than when Dr. Miller killed John Byron Sayler, a banker of Crescent City, Ill., July 11, 1909. The defense is claiming that Dr. Miller was attacked by the banker, while the state asks the death penalty and hopes to prove that Dr. Miller and Mrs. Sayler plotted to do away with the banker. The state is using the evidence of Erington Miller, 13-year-old son of the physician, and Golda Sayler, the daughter of Mrs. Sayler, against the prisoners. The defense is well armed with money and has secured the best legal talent in Illinois. The state's attorney declares he will convince the jury that Dr. Miller was in love with Mrs. Sayler and that she assisted him in doing away with her husband. The death penalty is sought for the man and woman on trial.

John C. Grunden is Mrs. Sayler's father, and his connection with the tragedy has been strengthened by much testimony tending to show that he carried an automatic revolver of the same kind and caliber as that which Dr. Miller is reported to have used in the slaying of Byron Sayler. Mrs. Myrtle Green, sister of the dead banker, positively identified the bloody shirt worn by Grunden on the night of the tragedy. She also identified the bloody shirt worn by Mrs. Sayler on that night and particularly pointed out the blood stains which are purported to have been caused by her effort to hold Sayler to the floor during the melee.

The testimony of Mrs. Green was corroborated in the main by her sister, Mrs. Sneed. Some of the evidence of the two sisters of the deceased, tended to show an effort on the part of Mrs. Sayler to hide the bloody garments which she and her father, John Grunden, wore that night.

The coffee episode was brought out, it being shown that Mrs. Sayler undertook to make a cup of coffee for Dr. Miller right after the shooting, before she attempted to ascertain the condition of her husband, who was at the moment lying on the floor in the parlor of his own home. Efforts of Fred P. Morris, counsel for the defense, to shake the very damning testimony brought out were futile.

Bank Robbed of \$10,000.

The safe of the First National Bank in Randolph, Neb., was blown open and robbed of \$10,000 in gold and currency early the other day. Town Marshal Carroll was held up on the street, bound and gagged, relieved of his weapons and placed in a bank room while the vault was wrecked with seven explosions, requiring forty-five minutes. Three masked men did the job and escaped.

Theater Plunge; Many Hurt.

Many persons were injured in a panic in the Grand Theater in Fort Smith, Ark. Six hundred men, women, and children became terror stricken and rushed for the doors when the building of Swift & Co., across the alley from the theater, caught fire. The plant was destroyed, entailing a loss of \$80,000.

Family Loses Two in Fire.

Two children were burned to death in the residence of George Rowe in Washington, Pa., and the mother and three other children are suffering from shock and smoke inhalation. Katherine and Sarah Rowe are dead, and the injured include Mrs. Rowe and three other children, Jennie, Louise and Marion.

Saves Water Power Sites.

In aid of proposed legislation affecting the disposal of waterpower sites on the public domain, the Secretary of the Interior has withdrawn 22,406 acres of land in Washington, California, Colorado and Idaho. The withdrawals are along the Columbia, Susan and Boise rivers, Grape creek and Williams fork.

Railroad Builder Dies.

Henry H. Porter, one of the best known business men of Chicago, died at his home in that city the other night. His illness was brief and the end was unexpected. Mr. Porter was best known as a railroad manager and builder. In that capacity he played an important part in the development of the West.

Woman Brewer a Suicide.

Mrs. August Walders, owner of the electric light plant and brewery in Archbold, O., committed suicide by swallowing strychnine. The village had refused her offer to sell the lighting plant and the county in which the brewery is located having voted dry, Mrs. Walders was financially embarrassed.

Night Riders Kill a Boy.

A band of night-riders visited the home of Mrs. Dell Carroll, near the Goff postoffice, in Kentucky, killed a 12-year-old son, and unmercifully whipped the woman and her 16-year-old daughter and 18-year-old son. The boy who was killed attempted to get rescuers.

Free 500,000 Acres Land.

More land has been designated under the enlarged homestead act by the Secretary of the Interior. In Wyoming 362,889 acres, not susceptible of irrigation at a reasonable cost, were placed under the terms of that act. In Montana 155,010 additional acres will be disposed of as enlarged homesteads.

Chicago Tribune Editor Dies.

Robert W. Patterson, president of the Chicago Tribune Company and editor-in-chief of the Tribune, died suddenly at the Bellevue Stratford Hotel in Philadelphia, the other night, after an illness of only two days.

2,000 Rubber Workers Laid Off.

The United States Rubber Company's Alice shoe mill in Woonsocket, R. I., and its rubber boot mill at Millville, Mass., were shut down until April 11. The two plants have 2,000 employees.

270,000 MEN WALK OUT OF COAL MINES

Two-Thirds of Bituminous Supply of the United States Threatened in the Struggle.

SUSPENSION FOR SHORT TIME?

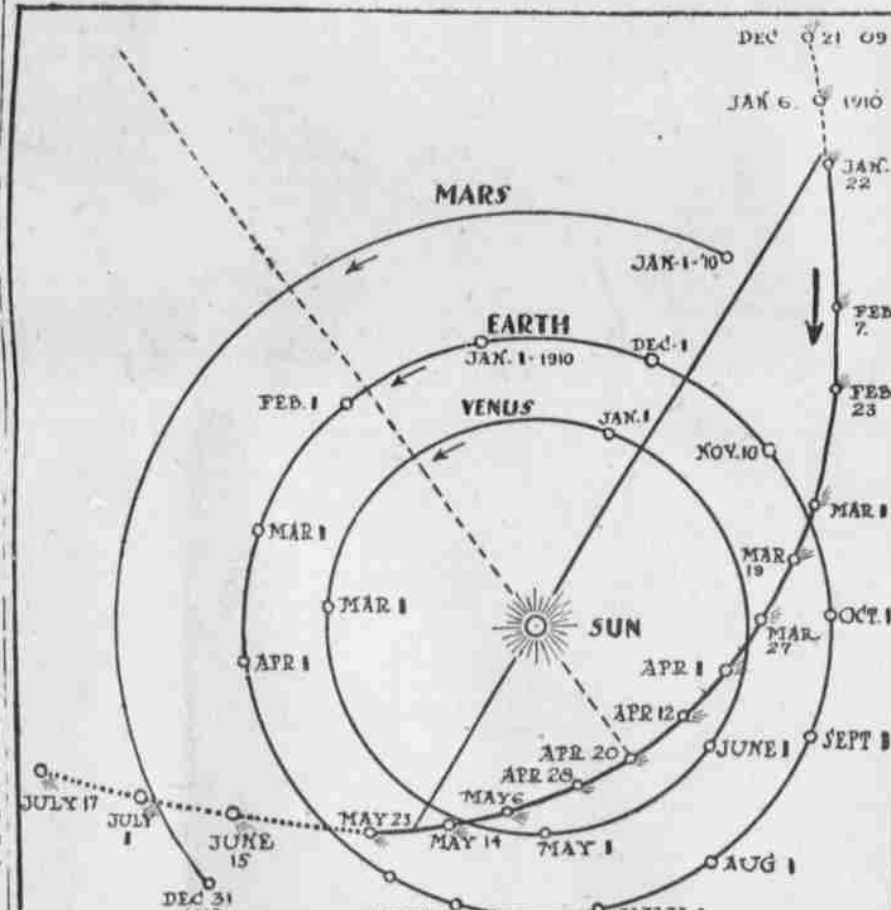
Trouble Is Not Called a Strike and Hope Is Expressed That It Will Be Soon Over.

Two hundred and seventy thousand mine workers, producing more than two-thirds of the total output of bituminous coal in the United States, laid down their tools the other night for an indefinite period. From various sections of the country optimistic reports were received that the suspension would be of short duration and that the supply of coal above ground, with the output of nonunion mines, would be sufficient to keep the wheels of industry moving until new wage contracts were negotiated. Neither the coal operators nor the United Mine Workers admit that the trouble amounts to a strike. They prefer to term it a "suspension," but whatever name it goes under the production of coal has stopped in the districts affected and no one is able to say when it will be resumed.

The total bituminous coal production in the United States in 1907, which was the banner year, was 394,759,112 short tons. In 1908 the production, due to the trade depression, fell off about 60,000,000 tons, but last year it increased to close to the 1907 total. The production of anthracite amounts to approximately 80,000,000 tons a year.

In the eleven States affected by the suspension, the shutdown is complete in all except Pennsylvania. In the latter State only the Pittsburgh district, employing about 35,000 men and producing about 60,000,000 tons, is involved. In central Pennsylvania a majority of the mines are not organized, and

HOW THE COMET IS RUSHING NEAR EARTH.



as the nonunion mines have posted notices of an increase in wages, it is said no effort will be made by the union to have them shut down.

Internal strife among the United Mine Workers may prolong the suspension beyond present indications, according to those who are familiar with conditions.

BANK'S LOSS IS \$2,000,000.

Montreal Institution Is Heavily Mauled in Mexican Crash.

Considerable interest is taken in the smash of the United States Banking Company of the City of Mexico, in which the Bank of Montreal (Canada) is heavily involved. The first information in connection with the bank crash stated that the losses would amount to upward of \$7,000,000, this being Mexican money, but it is now conceded that this is too high. It is understood, however, that the Bank of Montreal will be interested at least to the extent of \$2,000,000, and just what assets will be set off against this claim is hard to present to arrive at.

FLOTTED DEATH OF BALLINGER.

Anarchist Held in Cleveland Says He Planned to Stab Secretary.

Halting en route to Washington, where he declares he intended to stab Interior Secretary Ballinger, William Scheidtkecht was sent to the Cleveland State Hospital for the Insane in Newburg, a suburb. The man, an apparently highly cultured German of 45 years, insisted before Judge Hadden that he was an anarchist, that he saw President McKinley shot in Buffalo and that he had associated with the Patterson, N. J., colony of anarchists and had come to a decision to end the Finchet-Ballinger struggle by a knife thrust.

Find Bodies on Lone Trail.

The thawing of snow on Lone Trail between Grassett, Ont., and Michipicoten, nearly sixty miles through a forest, revealed the bodies of four men who lost their way during the blizzards which passed over that district last winter.

Wife-Slayer Gets Thirty-five Years.

Theodore Ehrhardt, convicted of the murder of his wife by administering strychnine to her in headache powders, was sentenced in the Criminal Court to thirty-five years in the penitentiary.

ANOTHER CHICK OUT.



—Minneapolis Journal.

HALLEY COMET DRAWING NEAR

Earth Will Pass Through Tail of Traveler on May 18.

Halley's comet, coming toward the earth's orbit at a rate of nearly 2,500,000 miles a day, is rapidly approaching the point where it will be observable in the sky again, reappearing from behind the sun where it had been obscured since March 26. On account of its position to the right of the sun the comet will soon be visible in the morning sky before sunrise, when any observer who has the desire to arise before the sun will see Halley's comet, then about 125,000,000 miles from the earth, a brilliant spectacle in the skies of dawn. On the 20th of April Halley's comet will be at its nearest point to the

ROOSEVELT NOT TO SEE POPE.

Declines to Accept Supposed Limit on Actions While in Rome.

Former President Roosevelt of the United States has declined an invitation to visit the Pope in Rome, through exactly the same causes which forced the Pope not to receive former Vice President Fairbanks—the question of preference over the American Methodist mission there.

Negotiations had been opened through Ambassador Lelshman for the contemplated visit of Colonel Roosevelt. The latter explained himself as anxious to see the Pope. The Pope in reply said he hoped that no such unpleasant incident as that which marred the visit of Mr. Fairbanks to the city would occur. Mr. Fairbanks declined to visit the Vatican before seeing the Methodists.

CHURCH MERGER IS UPHELD.

Union of Cumberland and Presbyterian Sanctioned by Court.

The Indiana Supreme Court has affirmed the case of James W. Ramsey and others against Joseph P. Hicks and others, appealed from Vanderburg County. This is the famous Presbyterian and Cumberland Presbyterian Church merger case. The two branches of the Presbyterian Church merged in 1906. The members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Washington, Ind., were not agreed on the question of merger, one part wishing to combine and the other faction wishing to remain under the old Cumberland Presbyterian faith and government. They took their troubles into court, and the lower court held that the merged church had a right to the property of the congregation.

GIRL SLAIN BY BURGLAR.

Screams with Fright at Sight of Intruder and Is Shot Down.

His demand for money having been ignored, a masked burglar who had entered the drawing room of the residence of Mrs. Sarah J. Dow on Round Hill, in the northern part of Springfield, Mass., the other evening, shot and killed Miss Martha B. Blackstone, 35 years old, a public school teacher, and probably fatally wounded Miss Harry P. Dow, a fellow teacher. Miss Blackstone was shot through the heart as she ran screaming into an adjacent room. Mrs. Dow's skull was fractured and trepanning will be resorted to in an effort to save her life. The murderer escaped through the grove which surrounds the house.

OMAHA BANISHES CROWE.

City Made Famous by Cudahy Kidnaper Gives Him 2 Hours to Leave.

Evangelist Pat Crowe, kidnaper of Eddie Cudahy a number of years ago, was driven out of Omaha, the city he made famous by his crime. Crowe, after visiting a number of saloons the other night, became noisy. He was arrested and taken to the police station, but instead of being locked up the kidnaper was given two hours by the police in which to get outside the city limits. He walked across the bridge into Iowa without delay.

Baptist Convention May 6.

Nearly 3,000 delegates, representing 2,000,000 Baptists of 5,000 northern churches of that denomination, will gather in Bartlett gymnasium, University of Chicago, May 6, when the annual northern Baptist convention will be begun.

Elevator and 100 Box Cars Lost in Flames Caused by Light Wires.

Conservative estimates place the total loss in fires in Omaha the other night at nearly \$1,000,000. The heaviest losers are: Nye-Schneider-Powder Company, elevator and contents, \$400,000; Maney Milling Company, mill and contents, \$190,000; about 100 box cars and contents, \$250,000. All the losses are well covered by insurance. Crossed wires are believed to have been responsible for the fire.

Child Is Frozen on Prairie.

During a blizzard the 6-year-old boy of Nicholas Kozia, a homesteader near Rushville, Neb., wandered from home and was frozen to death. The body was found on the prairie.

CHICAGO PIE MAN POISONED.

Coroner's Jury Finds A. J. Moody Died from Eating Drugged Meat.

Alexander J. Moody, the wealthy Chicago pie man, whose death on February 20 was attributed to ptomaine poisoning, really died from the effect of arsenic, was the startling assertion made by Coroner Hoffman. That the poison was contained in hamburger steak eaten by the decedent seems clear to the authorities. Moody inherited a fortune from his father, who was the founder of the pie firm of Moody & Waters. Moody occupied a fine residence in the city and owned a summer residence in Wisconsin and a farm in St. Charles. The remaining portion of the steak was taken to Dr. Walter Haines, the chemist whose name is familiar in the Swope case at Kansas City, for analysis. The latter, in a report to the coroner, stated the meat contained enough arsenic to have killed a half a dozen persons. The kidneys, heart and stomach of the decedent, according to the coroner, also showed pronounced traces of poison. Detectives have kept a close watch on all who might shed light. A year ago Moody is said to have narrowly escaped poisoning in soup. The servant who had previously tasted it, was later seized by cramps. Moody is said to have carried insurance of \$15,000 in favor of his wife. Her maiden name was Anne Olson, and married twenty-five years ago.

MENELIK DEAD; BOY MADE KING

Abyssinian Ruler Reported as Having Passed Away.

Menelik II, King of Abyssinia, is dead at the age of 66 years and in the twenty-first year of his reign. Prince Lidj Jeassu, grandson of the late monarch, is heir to the throne. The King was stricken with apoplexy last fall and never recovered. For many weeks his death had been expected. When he was able no longer to carry the affairs of state Ras Tseama, the regent, with the approval of the principal chiefs, took the reins of government. At the same time Empress Taitou was deprived of all power of



KING MENELIK.

Interference and her appointments of favorites were annulled. Prince Lidj Jeassu was proclaimed heir to the throne May 18. He is 14 years old and little less than a year ago married the granddaughter, 7 years old, of the late Emperor John and a niece of Empress Taitou.

"EDDIE" FAY IS CAPTURED.

Chicago Robber Arrested in New York for Postoffice "Holdup."

"Eddie" Fay, who, it is said, made a science of burglary and was called the "trickiest criminal in the world," is under arrest in New York accused of having taken part in the \$85,000 robbery of the Richmond, Va., postoffice. Postoffice inspectors in Chicago were elated over the news of his arrest, for they had been searching for him for six years. Fay was suspected of having a hand in the robbery of the Chicago postoffice of \$75,000 in 1901, and he is under indictment charged with robbing the Superior, Wis., postoffice in 1902. While awaiting trial in the Janesville, Wis., jail in 1904, he escaped from a steel cage and had since evaded the postal inspectors.

TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

Andrew Swanson, of Becker, Minn., recently sold a hog to a live stock dealer at that place for \$53.50.

For the fourth time within four months, the 4,000 employes of the Waltham Watch Company's big factory at Waltham, Mass., have been notified that the plant will be shut down to curtail production.

The Nassau mine, near Hibbing, Minn., which was controlled by the Pittsburg Iron Ore Company, has passed to the control of the Interstate Iron Company, which is the mining division of the Jones & Laughlin Iron Company. The Nassau adjoins the Longyear, which is also controlled by Jones & Laughlin, and the two properties will make a large stripping proposition. The Nassau is slated by the tax commission at 4,000,000 tons.

It is expected that more land will be sown in wheat and oats and other grains in the region about Sauk Center, Minn., as the potato crop last year was not so successful, and farmers are selling potatoes at 20 cents a bushel to the cities. Many of the farmers also will grow corn to fatten hogs and cattle. Many acres of land have been broken up in this vicinity. Last year was the most profitable to farmers in this territory for many years, and land is high priced.

A Holstein cow owned by the Dairy Department of the University of Missouri in one year produced more human food in her milk than is contained in the complete carcasses of four steers weighing 1,250 pounds each. This statement, impossible as it seems, is not only true, but does not even do full justice to the cow. The solids in the milk which are completely digested and used by the body are counted against the entire carcass of the steer which is only in part edible.

Charles Ware, for the last five years superintendent of the Nebraska division of the Union Pacific, has assumed the position of general superintendent of the road, vice W. L. Park, resigned. Immigration Commissioner George Welch is enthusiastic over the flux straw future of Minnesota. Since receiving the sample and statement from Senator Knute Nelson, he has made inquiries as to the possibilities along this line in Minnesota. He declares that there is no limit to the wealth this new industry may bring into the State if everything is as represented to Senator Nelson by the inventor, Reblinson.