

# UNDER THE WHEELS

### Grand Island Man Almost Instantly Killed.

### ABOUT TO DEPART FOR OKLAHOMA

### Diamond Robbers Make a Rich Kill—Kansas Man and His Housekeeper Robbed and Murdered—Fire at Linwood—Other News.

Anton Biscield, aged fifty-eight, of Grand Island, Neb., was accidentally killed while hauling a load of baled hay. Biscield has been for many years an employe of the Union Pacific shops. Recently he made arrangements to go to Oklahoma. His wife and four of the children had already gone down to the new country. He was to leave on the 23d instant. About dusk he was driving towards the city, but a mile north of town, and in going through a ditch, the hay joggled and some of it fell down on the horses. It appears he was also thrown. He fell under the wheels of the wagon and his ribs were crushed through his lungs. Some of his older children were in the city and they were immediately called to his side, the men who had helped him load the wagon seeing the accident and at once going to his help. He lived to recognize his children for the last time and then breathed his last. He leaves his family well provided for, the insurance in four organizations being \$9,000. The wife and four children have been notified and will return to Grand Island on a very sad mission on the first train. Biscield was a German, had lived in Grand Island over twenty years, had married for the second time, the first wife having preceded him in 1880, and leaves ten children.

### DOCTOR IS ALIVE

### After Reading His Own Obituary, Writes a Letter Denying His Death.

Dr. Sidney J. Goodman has been sitting in his dental office at Webster, S. D., for a month, reading his own obituaries. The Illinois, Washington state and Nebraska papers have repeatedly stated he had been lynched in the backwoods of Oklahoma county, Washington, for the murder of his second wife, and all efforts to locate him were unavailing until Goodman himself wrote to Attorney Argo of Sioux City asking if he should not bring suit for libel against the Washington papers.

Several years ago when Dr. Goodman was living at Pender, he was tried on the charge of murdering his first wife, who was Miss Laura Roder of Tiskilwa, Ill., whose body was discovered after burial at Pinceton, Ill., and in whose stomach strychnine was found. Her husband was acquitted, the jury accepting the claim of the defense that she committed suicide, taking the poison as she was going up the steps to her husband's office, where she died.

He married his second wife in Washington, and the fact that his whereabouts were not known led to the story that indignant citizens had lynched him for killing his second wife, who is alive and living with him at Webster.

### A GOOD INDIAN.

### Hanged For Horse Stealing Before He Reaches Home.

Word comes from the Rosebud Indian agency that John Yellow Wolf, discharged from the Lawrence county, South Dakota, jail two weeks ago, was hanged for horse stealing before he reached the reservation. When the Indian left Deadwood he was given an old horse and saddle on which to make the trip overland. Shortly after passing Rapid City he left the old horse and proceeded on a better animal that he caught out of a pasture. The theft was detected, pursuit was given, and a few days later the Indian was found hanging to a tree near White river, a short distance this side of the reservation. The news was received by young Crow Dog, son of old Crow Dog, slayer of Spotted Tail, who is serving a year's sentence in Deadwood. It is not known who composed the lynching party, although it is said to have been stockmen.

### Range Destroyed by Fire.

A special from Great Falls, Mont., says: Extensive prairie fires are reported on the other side of the International boundary. Practically all the range between Milk river and Lethbridge has been swept by the flames.

Many hundreds of tons of hay have already been destroyed. The fire extended to the valuable sheep ranches in the Sweet Grass hills and the owners of flocks in that vicinity are confronted by the serious necessity of securing new winter quarters.

### Killed By a Cave-In.

In a cave-in at the Ada mine at Cartersville, Mo., four miners lost their lives, another was injured fatally and several others seriously hurt.

The cave-in was caused by a premature explosion of dynamite, and blocked the entrance to the mine. It took several hours work by the men from adjoining mines before the imprisoned miners were reached.

### Two Women Burned to Death.

Mrs. Lars Hanson of Milton, S. D., was burned to death while starting a fire with kerosene. Her sister, Mrs. Lottie Doty of Chicago, who was visiting her, went to the rescue and was so badly burned that she died.

# AN APPEAL FOR FUNDS

### Money Need for the Nebraska Exhibit at Louis.

To the citizens of Nebraska: The Louisiana purchase exposition at St. Louis, Mo., in 1903, will celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the purchase from France of the Louisiana territory. By this peaceful transaction the area of the United States was more than doubled. The rapid development of this territory during the past century has no parallel in history. The United States government has recognized the importance of the great exposition which will commemorate the event of the acquisition of this territory, by an appropriation of five million dollars. The city of St. Louis has appropriated an equal amount, and the citizens of that city have subscribed ten million dollars more. In all there has been appropriated and subscribed more than twenty-five million dollars at this date.

Nebraska is one of the most populous and important states in this territory, but no appropriation has been made to defray the expenses of an exhibit of its resources at this exposition. Four years ago the trans-Mississippi and international exposition, which brought great credit to this state, was liberally patronized by every state in the union and by private subscriptions or public appropriations was assisted by nearly every state in the west. Recognizing the importance of the Louisiana purchase exposition, the many reasons why Nebraska should be represented and the necessity for immediate preparation, the governor has appointed the undersigned commission, without remuneration to raise the necessary funds by private donations and to prepare and place on exhibit a proper representation of the products and resources of this state. We appeal to all patriotic citizens of Nebraska, to corporations, both public and private, to all interested in the welfare and prosperity of this state, and to all who have pride in its past and hope for its future achievements, to assist in this worthy enterprise. The credit and state pride of our commonwealth do appeals to all patriotic citizens to do their duty in this emergency, and we ask for a liberal response, to the end that Nebraska may be properly represented at this great exposition. All contributions or future pledges should be sent to Mr. E. E. Bruce, treasurer, Omaha, Neb.

All newspapers in Nebraska are requested to publish this appeal.

(Signed) GURDON W. WATLES, J. STERLING MORTON, C. H. RUDGE, H. S. WHITE, E. E. BRUCE, Commissioners.

### Bold Diamond Robbery.

Robbers secured between ten and twenty thousand dollars' worth of unset and set diamonds by stealing two trunks from the baggage room at Glendive, Mont., a station on the Northern Pacific, and breaking them open. The trunks were the property of C. B. Clauson, traveling representative of S. H. Clausen & Co., wholesale manufacturing jewelers of Minneapolis.

The robbery was an unusually bold one, as four men were in the upper story of the station, asleep, and the express agent slept in a room adjoining the baggage room was forced open and robbers at work. The windows of the baggage room were forced open and through it the two trunks were hoisted out. They were taken only a few feet from the station where they were broken open and the diamonds taken. Local officers have made one arrest upon suspicion.

### Southern Train Held up.

The southbound Kansas City Southern passenger train was held up recently about 11 o'clock at night near Spiro, L. T., by seven masked men. The express and mail cars were entered.

The local safe in the express car was opened, but nothing secured from it. The robbers tried to open the through safe, but failed. Then they rifled the mail car and it is said, secured a quantity of registered mail.

The scene of the robbery is fifteen miles from Fort Smith. A report from there says that United States marshals are scouring the country in search of the robbers. Three suspects, miners, have been arrested, and taken to Poteau, L. T. Railroad and express officials decline to state how much booty was secured. It is said, however, that the robbers got away with \$2,000.

### Both Found Dead.

Carl E. Holt, aged fifty-five, and his niece, Miss Hilda Peterson, aged thirty, his housekeeper, were discovered murdered at the Holt home, three miles from Greenleaf, Kas. The old man was found in the kitchen with a bullet hole in his head. The woman was lying on the back porch with one bullet hole through her head and one through her neck. She had been outraged. The house had been rifled.

The coroner's jury returned a verdict that the two were murdered for the purpose of robbery. Holt had a thousand dollars in the house. The murderers stole the money and a fine team belonging to Holt.

### Stabbed to Death.

The Rev. Mr. Gidding stabbed to death his stepson, Harry Highfield, and was himself perhaps fatally injured, sustaining two fractured ribs, besides internal injuries. The affair took place three miles east of Shipman, Ill.

The tragedy was the culmination of a feud of long standing between the father and son, dating from the marriage of the boy's mother, five years ago. Highfield had just returned from three years' service in the Philippines.

# GAS LEAK IN MINE

### Causes a Terrific Explosion at Walsenburg, Colo.

### SIX KILLED AND TEN ARE WOUNDED

### Colombian Rebels Make an Attack on Panama Harbor—Fire at a Funeral—Two Suicides at Omaha—Bound Over to District Court.

A courier from Pieton, a coal mining camp three miles west from Walsenburg, Colo., brings news that a terrible explosion occurred in one of the mines operated by the Colorado Fuel and Iron company at that place, in which six men were instantly killed and ten or more wounded, many of them, perhaps, fatally. The mine immediately caught fire and is now a seething furnace.

Among the dead are Frank Marquis, jr., son of a well known business man of Walsenburg, and Harry Phipps, a brother of Superintendent Phipps of the Proctor mines.

The explosion was caused by a large amount of gas which had accumulated in the mine during the night.

A number of miners entered one of the chambers in which the gas had accumulated. The men had unprotected lamps and the explosion followed.

### FRIARS MUST GO

### Secretary Root Says They Are the Cause of the Trouble in the Philippines.

Secretary Root was heard on the question of the friar lands in the Philippines before the house committee on insular affairs. He said these land holdings constituted one of the chief causes of discontent among the people. They were the hotbeds of insurrection and had furnished Aguinaldo his chief appeal to popular prejudice. The secretary said the religious orders so fully recognized the bad condition of affairs that they were disposed to sell out, and he urged that the government should take advantage of the opportunity to remove the chief causes of discontent in the islands. He did not believe condemnation proceedings were necessary, as there were indications that a fair price could be agreed upon. A rough estimate of the value of the lands, he said, was from five to seven and one-half millions of dollars, American money.

### Two Omaha Suicides.

Paul Kroeber, a draftsman employed by the government until recently, hanged himself in his room at the Thurston hotel in Omaha. His body was not discovered until the door of the room was broken open. Kroeber was born Saxony and was forty-five years old. He was stationed at one time at San Antonio and later at Atlanta. At the latter place he left his wife and children. He received \$1,000 year salary, but had not sent his family any money for many months, spending most of his earnings in gambling houses.

Henry Gregen, employed by Ernest Hofmeister, three and one-half miles from Benson, Neb., was found dead in a cow shed on the premises. He had been to Omaha with his employer and had returned to the farm alone. Ten dollars and a check for \$150 were found on his body. His mother, Sophie Gregen, lives at Grand Island. No cause for the suicide is known.

### Desperate Encounter With Wolves.

After a desperate struggle with a pack of wolves, Olaf Halesrud, a well known farmer residing about ten miles north of La Cross, Wis., lies in a critical condition with the flesh literally torn from his body in many places. Physicians say he cannot live.

Halesrud was awakened by a disturbance among the animals in his barnyard. On getting out he was surrounded by a pack of wolves. He attempted to regain his house, but before he had gone twenty feet the wolves were snapping and snarling at his heels. The farmer attempted to defend himself with a club, but several times he was forced to the ground with the wolves upon him. He finally succeeded in reaching the door of his dwelling, and, half fainting, he staggered in and drew the bolt.

### Steamboat Strikes a Log.

The river steamer Frank S. Stone was wrecked by a floating log in Mobile river. No lives were lost, though the steamer sank in fifteen minutes. The Stone carried twenty-five passengers and a crew of twenty-five and a large general cargo. Most of the passengers had retired but the officers gave the alarm and the passengers and crew were transferred to a barge the steamer was towing and which was then cast adrift. The steamer Mary came in sight soon after, took the barge in tow and brought the sunken boat's passengers and crew to Mobile. The Stone was valued at \$30,000.

Vincent C. Connelly, the barber apprentice, charged with murdering a priest with a razor upon Andrew Christianson, at the livery barn where the latter was employed on the night of December 31 at Lindsay, Neb., had his preliminary hearing before Justice Hudson and was held to the district court in \$1,000, going back to jail in default of recognizance. Seven witnesses testified for the prosecution. No evidence was offered by the defense. A score of Lindsay's people were in attendance and manifested great interest in the proceedings.

# WORK OF A WOMAN

### Kills Two Colored Musicians and Wounds White Man.

William Slaughter and Ralph Johnson, colored musicians, were shot and instantly killed, and Powell Calloway, white, mortally wounded at a colored dance at Morris Creek, W. Va. Lillian Williams it was who used the revolver with such deadly results, each of the four bullets she fired taking effect but one.

About midnight the Williams woman entered the hall evidently under the influence of liquor. Proceeding to the centre of the room she ordered the musicians to play some rag time music and play it quickly. When her command was not complied with she whipped out a revolver from under her wrap and began firing at the orchestra. Slaughter and Johnson were almost instantly killed. Calloway was an onlooker at the dance and one of the bullets intended for a musician penetrated his back. Physicians pronounce his wound fatal.

The murderess escaped lynching only by the timely arrival of officers, who succeeded in getting her away and lodging her in jail.

### Fire at a Funeral.

At the United Brethren church, near Humboldt, Ind., while Rev. J. M. Hobbs was preaching the funeral sermon, flames burst through the floor beneath the casket and the church was almost immediately filled with suffocating smoke.

The panic-stricken mourners and friends of the dead escaped through windows and the corpse was momentarily forgotten, but was finally rescued from the flames. The male worshippers formed a bucket brigade, and the flames were extinguished before the church was totally destroyed.

The funeral cortege then proceeded to the cemetery, where the preacher finished the sermon at the grave. The fire was caused by an overheated stove in the basement.

### Infernal Machine in Mail.

J. W. Martin, a postoffice clerk at Knoxville, Tenn., was injured by the explosion of a package of powder, nitroglycerine or an infernal machine. He was stamping letters and packages and a package addressed to a hardware house exploded when struck with the stamp. Examination revealed on it the name of a New York smokeless powder concern. The interior of the parcel showed a tin box in which the explosive had been packed. The local hardware firm disclaims having ordered such a package or having been notified of its shipment. The postal authorities have begun an investigation. Arrests may follow.

### Saved From Conflagration.

Fire at Wakefield, Neb., which started in the Model restaurant, threatened to destroy the entire business part of the town. The building containing the restaurant was destroyed entailing a loss of \$1,000. William Saunders' harness shop in the structure was a complete loss, the value of the goods being \$2,000. The postoffice was also burned, the loss being \$800. Postmaster R. C. Quimby placed all his stamps and other valuables in the safe, hence he will be protected. The city water pressure was good or the entire business portion of town would have been destroyed.

### One Boat Sunk.

A naval battle is in progress in the harbor of Panama. The revolutionary fleet consists of the steamers Padilla, Darien and Gaitan. They are trying to force a landing off Soanara.

The government ships are the Chilean line steamer Lautaro, the Pacific Steam Navigation company's steamer Soyaca. The first named steamer was seized by General Alban and the other two have been chartered by the Colombian government.

The government forces are throwing up entrenchments. The United States cruiser Philadelphia is close to the scene of the fighting.

### Blows Her Head Off.

Louise Avery, twenty-three years of age, of Delaware, O., committed suicide in a horrible manner. Her brother found her lying upon her bed with the barrel of a shotgun held by one hand against her temple. Evidences were found that the woman had taken paris green and morphine, but had finally resorted to the shotgun. The entire top of her head was blown off. The refusal of a man to marry her is said to have prompted the deed.

### Narrow Out of Federal Prison.

Eleven prisoners, headed by Moriarity, the counterfeiter, escaped from the federal prison at McNeil's island on the coast of Washington, by burrowing through a cement floor into the air pipes. McNeil's island is ten miles from Tacoma and there is no way of getting to it except by launch. United States Marshal De, with a large force of deputies are in pursuit.

### Medical Men Organize.

The Platte county medical society has been organized with Dr. H. J. Arnold and Dr. B. C. Tiesing, both of Columbus, as president and secretary, respectively. The first annual meeting will be held in Columbus Feb. 12.

### Priest Suicides.

Frederick Krainhardt, a Catholic priest of Josephville, Mo., committed suicide at a hospital in St. Louis by hanging himself with a bedsheet. Rev. Mr. Krainhardt was sixty-two years old and had officiated in a clerical capacity at Josephville for thirty years. He had been taking treatment at the hospital for nervous troubles.

Five joint keepers in Seneca signed a pledge to quit the liquor business forever, and it is interesting to note that Hoke Smith was one of them.

# YOUNG DESPERADO

### Battles With Hastings Police for More Than an Hour.

### ONE MAN KNOCKED DOWN FOUR TIMES

### Cremated in a Burning Building—Four Log-Rollers Instantly Killed—Hunting Convicts Who Escaped From McNeil's Island—News Notes.

Louis Holman, who has been in Hastings, Neb., during the past week posing as a bold, bad man from the hills of Wyoming, got mixed up in a fight and knocked Mell Robbins down four times with the butt of a revolver and then had two policemen at bay for nearly an hour. Young Holman had filled up on fire water and found his way to the opera house stage after the performance. Here he tried to have some wild west sport and the result of it was that he pounded up Mell Robbins, one of the baggage men, and had things his own way until he tired of brutal sport.

The police were notified and attempted to arrest Holman near the Lepin hotel, but he pulled a revolver and had the two officers at his mercy for nearly an hour. In the meantime Chief Wanser had been notified, and he managed to come up behind the young desperado and pin his arms to the post which he was leaning against. Holman fought like a wildcat and had to be severely handled before the officers were able to place him in jail.

He was fined \$3 and costs in the police court for carrying concealed weapons and was later placed under arrest and taken before Judge Dungan on the charge of assault and battery. Here he was fined \$20 and costs. He failed to pay the required amount, so he is confined in the county jail.

### TWICE STABBED

### For Knocking Down the Man Who Insulted His Wife.

The police of Chicago are searching for a man who fatally stabbed Arthur Kennedy in return for a blow which Kennedy had struck in defense of Mrs. Kennedy. At the hospital it was stated that his condition is critical.

Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy, accompanied by Miss Edie Scherer, were returning home from a theatre in Chicago when they came upon a quartet of well dressed young men. They were passing quietly when one of the young men stepped out and addressed Mrs. Kennedy. The latter's husband promptly knocked the offender down and proceeded to the elevated station. Meanwhile the young man, suffering from humiliation, gave chase and caught up with the giver of the blow at the elevated station. Kennedy was paying fares for his party when his pursuer drew a knife and plunged it into his back. Kennedy turned only to receive a second blow in the abdomen. The assailant then fled and Kennedy was taken to a hospital. Miss Scherer gave the police an excellent description of the man and has assisted some in the search.

### CASHIER ARRESTED

### Charged With Embezzling \$25,000 From a Montana Institution.

Herbert H. Matteson, cashier of the First National bank of Great Falls, Mont., was arrested there on a warrant issued by United States Commissioner Russell at the request of District Attorney Rodgers, who charged him with embezzling \$25,000 of the bank's funds on January 13. Matteson, it is said, confessed to the district attorney that he was guilty.

It is understood that Matteson's defalcations amount to much more than the sum named in the complaint. The officer who accompanied Matteson to Helena said that it is believed the total amount he is alleged to be short would reach \$175,000. Speculation, it is said, was the cause of the defalcation. The bank is strong financially and is in no danger of embarrassment.

### Surrounded by Flames.

Camp 5 of the Otter Creek Boom and Lumber company, several miles from Hamblenton, W. Va., in the forest, took fire and burned so rapidly that seven of the forty men asleep in the building failed to get out, and were burned to death.

The camp was twenty-two by fifty feet and the upper part all in one room and in this the forty men were sleeping. Two very small windows and the narrow stairs afforded the only way of escape and those who went to the windows, a dozen, or more, had to jump fifteen feet, the others rushing down the steps like sheep, pushing and tumbling and falling over each other. The dead were almost entirely cremated. The men who escaped lost their clothing and were compelled to travel through eight inches of snow almost naked to another camp a mile away.

Edward Hardcastle has been arrested in Deadwood on the charge of shooting Henry Wellman at Plattville, Wis., and Sheriff Dickinson arrived from Plattville after the prisoner. Wellman was shot in the groin and leg. He is still alive. Hardcastle has been in Deadwood for two weeks. While intoxicated, it is alleged, he informed a policeman that he was wanted at Plattville, and the officer communicated with Plattville authorities, receiving instructions to hold him. Hardcastle says he shot Wellman in self-defense.

# WOMAN COMMANDER

### Has Led a Band of Eight Hundred Filipinos for Six Years.

A report has been received at Manila that a dugout canoe, in which eleven of company I of the Second infantry were traveling, is missing and is probably lost. It is believed the men either perished or were captured.

General Wade has cabled from Cebu that 365 insurgents surrendered on the island of Bohol. The authorities here state that this report is astonishing, if accurate, as the secret service had failed to learn of the existence of any such body of insurgents on Bohol island. An important capture was made in Laguna province, when eight men of the Eighth infantry captured a woman insurgent named Aguedah Dabhadah. She recently commanded an insurgent force of 800 men, 300 of whom carried rifles, while the balance were armed with bolos. For six years past she has been leading insurgent bands against the Spaniards and the Americans.

General J. Franklin Bell is still active in Batangas, Luzon. A recent engagement in this province, in which the insurgents were defeated, resulted in the wounding of one American officer and the killing of one private.

Colonel Theodore J. Went of the Sixth cavalry, who is operating in Batangas and Luna provinces, reports numerous small engagements.

### HEPBURN NOT ALARMED

### Says Friends of Nicaragua Route Will Go Right Ahead.

Representative Hepburn of Iowa, author of the Nicaragua canal bill, which passed the house, says the report of the isthmian canal commission in favor of the Panama route does not change the legislative status of the canal bill.

"Undoubtedly the report will influence individual opinion," said Mr. Hepburn, "but it will not lead to any abandonment of efforts in behalf of the Nicaragua route by the friends of that measure."

The friends of the Panama measure in the house say that there will be no move to recall the canal bill, and that it remains for the senate to meet the new conditions presented by the report.

### FIGHTING IN VENEZUELA

### Revolutionists Make an Attack, But Are Defeated.

It is known that the insurgents who attempted to capture Maracaibo were adherents of General Hernandez, who is called "El Macho" and who is still kept in prison by President Castro. The revolutionists attacked the police post situated in the main street. The fight there ended in the defeat of the revolutionists. There were several men killed and wounded, according to the latest advices received, other reports making the loss quite heavy on the government side.

The revolutionists have concentrated at Paraguaná, and near Vela de Coro, according to the reports which have reached Curacao, appear to have been defeated by the government troops. The revolutionary steamer Libertador, it is now said, is among the islands near here.

### Ranning Down the Convicts.

A Tacoma, Wash., Ledger reporter, who has returned from the chase after the federal convicts, reports that W. D. Snyder, sent up from Idaho, James Carroll, an Alaska murderer, and Harry Davis, a Nome larcenist, have been recaptured. Davis broke away from his captors, who fired on him, and, it is thought, injured him. He was not recaptured.

Four more of the eleven convicts who escaped from the federal prison on McNeil's island—Campbell, Morton, Ainsworth and Davis—have been recaptured on McNeil's island, leaving but four now at large. Davis, the convict supposed to have been wounded was caught by Rancher Hanson, and while on the way to the prison knocked Hanson down and tried to seize the gun, but was seized by two guards, who happened to come up at the time, and the three overpowered him after a hard struggle. Davis was not wounded in any way.

Campbell, Ainsworth and Morton were captured by Deputy Sheriff Johnson and Sailor Ryberg of the United States revenue cutter Manning. All were famished and begged for food.

### Meeting of National Guard Associations.

The annual meeting of the national guard association of the United States has brought to Washington many of the leading civilian soldiers of the United States. The adjutant generals of two-thirds of the states were present in person or represented and not a few of them were accompanied by their staffs. Clad in their uniforms they presented a picturesque scene in the ball room of the hotel, where their deliberations began. General Barry of Nebraska, who served throughout the civil war, and who has only one arm, presided. Adjutant General L. W. Colby, General C. J. Bills of Fairbury, Col. Will Hayward of Nebraska City and Col. Harry Archer of Beatrice are attending the sessions.

### Abductees Accept Amount of Ransom.

The United States minister, John G. Leishman, says the brigands who abducted Miss Helen M. Stone and Mne. Tsilka on September 3, have agreed to accept the amount of ransom raised by subscription. The place of payment is now the only question unsettled.

C. D. Prather, of Wellsville, Kas., a member of the Twentieth Kansas, suddenly became insane and attempted to kill his mother with whom he lives. He was taken to Ottawa and will be tried for insanity.