

KILLED BY HIS SON

Mutilated Body of a Farmer is Found Near Kearney.

BOY OF TWENTY MAKES A CONFESSION

C. M. Nelson, an Aged Man, the Victim—Remains Found Buried in a Ravine—Theodore Nelson, the Son, Is Placed Under Arrest.

Another tragedy was unearched Sunday night, when the headless body of C. M. Nelson, a Swedish farmer who lived eight miles northwest of Kearney, was found in a ravine 200 yards southeast of his barn under a pile of straw and dirt. Besides the head, one arm was also missing. Mention was made about two months ago of the disappearance of C. M. Nelson. At that time it was generally believed he had left his home to return to Sweden, but things had since transpired which led Sheriff Funk to the belief that he had met with foul play.

Saturday the sheriff went out to Nelson's farm and secured the assistance of twenty farmers and began a hunt for the remains. All nearby straw and haystacks were overturned, an old dog well descended and ravines hunted out. Then the hunters gathered around the house and barns to finish the search. In a straw barn attached to an old frame barn and built since the disappearance, soft earth was found and the party at once began to dig, expecting to unearth the body. In this they were disappointed. However, it was owing to this digging that the body was found. When about two feet below the surface, an old hat with a large cut in the back was turned up, together with a large shell-shaped bone. This bone was thought by many to come from some large animal, but Sheriff Funk stuck to it.

As it was growing late the search was abandoned for the day and all returned to town. The bone dug up was taken to a doctor, who at once pronounced it a portion of the human skull.

The search was renewed Sunday and the body found as stated. Late Sunday the youngest of Mr. Nelson's three children said his brother Theodore, aged twenty years, had done the killing.

When Theodore was told his brother had given him away he acknowledged that he had committed the crime. He said that he had hit his father over the head with a pitchfork. One blow had killed him. He then tied a rope around the feet. He then fetched a horse and pulled the body over the hill and down into the draw where he was found. He said he knew nothing of the dislocation of the head and arm, but it is thought he knows and does not care to tell.

Because of the long cut in the rear of the hat and also that it is cut in the middle from front to rear and also because the boy says his father was bending over the horse tank, the belief is general that the crime was committed with an axe, and the boy also cut off the head and arm.

Nelson was nearly sixty years old and was living with his second wife, who is barely twenty. He parted with his first wife a few years ago, they dividing all their property, both real and personal.

It is said that Nelson was brutal in his treatment of his sons, and that the night he disappeared a neighbor saw him knock down his youngest son with a club and then go for the older one. Probably this trouble caused Nelson's death.

The son who did the killing is under arrest, as is also a man by the name of Grant, an uncle of the murdered man's wife, who, it is thought, knows more about the killing than he is willing to tell. Mrs. Nelson is under surveillance.

WATER MOVING SOUTHWARD

Chicago Drainage Channel Discharging Contents at Lockport.

The first water from the Chicago drainage channel passed through the controlling works at Lockport, Ill., into the Mississippi valley last Saturday morning. The water inside the controlling works was within two feet of the miter sill of the gates, having risen two feet during the day. Chief Engineer Randolph left for Lockport to see the water of the Chicago river running into the wide shallow bed prepared for its first aeration above the Joliet upper pool.

Promises Speedy Decision.

Secretary Hay has received a cablegram from Ambassador Choate at London, stating that he had an eminently satisfactory interview recently with Lord Salisbury relative to the seizure of American goods by British warships. Lord Salisbury listened intently to the representations on this subject, made by Mr. Choate, by direction of the state department and took them under consideration, promising voluntarily to give the matter immediate attention and to return a speedy decision.

Accidentally Shot Himself.

At Nebraska City Dr. W. P. Wilcox accidentally shot himself with a target rifle. The ball entered the left breast, to the right of the heart, and passed entirely through the body. He may recover. He picked up the rifle in going to bed and it caught and was discharged.

Beet Sugar Factory Starts.

The beet sugar factory of the Standard company was started up at Ames and will be in operation for three months at least. It has a capacity of 600 tons of beets per day.

TO WATCH TRANSVAAL WAR

United States Military Attache Has Distinguished Record.

Captain Carl Reichman, Seventeenth infantry, just appointed as the United States military attache with the Boer army, comes from a distinguished German family, says a Leavenworth, Kan., dispatch, and is a graduate of Heidelberg university. He came to America in 1881, and enlisted in the regular army as a private. Within three years he passed to the grades of corporal, sergeant and second lieutenant, and since then his promotions have been in the regular order.

Captain Reichman has made a deep study of military affairs, and is the author of four pamphlets on kindred subjects.

When war with Spain was declared he was made an assistant adjutant general, with the rank of captain of volunteers and participated in the Santiago campaign. On his promotion to a captaincy in the regular service he joined his command in the Philippines and was several months at the front. It is stated that he is on the personal staff of General Otis, and will go to South Africa direct from the Philippines.

BIG FEES FOR EXECUTORS

Robert Lincoln and Norman Ream Profit From Pullman Estate.

Robert T. Lincoln and Norman B. Ream, executors of the estate of George M. Pullman, were allotted as compensation for their services the sum of \$425,000. This is said to be the largest amount in fees ever allowed executors of any estate handled by the probate court.

The final accounting of the executors in the Pullman estate is expected to be made this week. It is said that the estate, which was listed at about \$8,000,000 when the will was probated, will now figure up to nearly \$11,000,000.

May Form Alliance.

The seizure of the Bundesrat remains the dominant topic of the German press. Influential papers like the Berliner Tageblatt, Cologne Volks Zeitung, Berliner Neueste, Nachrichten, Hamburger Correspondenz and the semi-official Berliner Post, strongly hint at the possibility of Germany forming an anti-British coalition with Russia and France. The anti-British feeling is clearly growing. A series of anti-British demonstrations in the various cities is being organized by the pan-Germanic league.

Fit New Price For Brooms.

At the closing session of the broom manufacturers' association of the United States and Canada in Chicago, resolutions were adopted endorsing the action of the Union Broom Corn Supply company in advancing the cost of raw material. It was decided to advance all grades of brooms 25 cents a dozen, to bring the manufactured product on a par with the price of the raw material. Under this action, the lowest prices for brooms is \$9 a dozen to jobbers and \$1.25 to retailers.

Fatal Fire in a Tenement.

At least two persons were burned to death in a fire that occurred early in a big tenement house at No. 305 East Ninety-second street, New York. The bodies of two unknown women were taken from the building. There may be other bodies in the building. Several persons were injured, one, a five-year-old boy, it is thought fatally.

Crushed by Blast Furnace.

Three men were killed at the Illinois Steel company's plant at Thirty-first street and Ashland avenue, Chicago. Joseph Middle, Ignatz Giazcoak, Frank Schuck. The men were at work in the blasting room when one of the huge blast furnaces fell and they were crushed to death.

Holcomb's Clerk.

Judge Silas A. Holcomb of the supreme court has appointed Milton Schwind as his clerk and stenographer. The oath of office and the appointment in writing filed with the secretary of state show that the appointment is to be considered temporary. The salary is fixed by law at \$1,000 a year.

Confesses to Murder.

At the trial of Henry Brunot and his mother at Pana, Ill., for the murder of Jane Brunot, whose body was found in an abandoned well on April 10 last, on the Brunot farm, Brunot confessed the crime, exonerating his mother. He was given a life sentence and his mother was acquitted.

Death of Ernest J. Lehman.

Ernest J. Lehman, founder of the Fair department store, and the first to put into execution in Chicago the department store idea, died at White Plains, N. Y. Mr. Lehman had long been a patient at a private sanitarium in White Plains.

The Lawton Fund.

The total subscription to the Lawton fund to date amounts to \$18,433.32. General Corbin says that although active efforts to increase the fund have ceased, voluntary contributions will be accepted up to the time of Mrs. Lawton's arrival at San Francisco, about February 1.

Ice Harvesters Strike.

The ice harvesters began a few days ago at York was brought to a standstill for the reason that the hands all struck for higher wages. Nearly all the unemployed workmen of York have signed an agreement not to work for the local ice company for less than 15 cents per hour. The company has been paying 10 cents.

Young Man Drops Dead.

Jay Cook, a young man of Fontanella, Dodge county, dropped dead in that town. He was well known in Nebraska athletic circles.

WITH ALL VIGOR

Campaign in the Philippines has Fresh Impetus.

PURSUIT OF ENEMY IS VERY ACTIVE

New Soldiers Route Rebels in Every Engagement—Retreat Nearly Cut Off—Two Provinces to be Cleared Soon.

The war department has received the following from General Otis:

"MANILA, Jan. 9.—Bates pursuing enemy in south with vigor. Schwan's column, moving along shore Laguna de Bay, struck 800 insurrectionists under General Noriel at Binu 6th inst., and drove them westward on Silang; captured place, from which point cavalry pushed through to Indang. Schwan captured three of Noriel's six pieces of artillery and will take remainder; also his transportation with records and large quantity of ammunition. Two battalions of Twenty-eight, part of Wheaton's column, struck enemy near Imus yesterday, killing and wounding one hundred and forty. Birkheimer, with battalion of Twenty-eight, struck enemy entrenched west of Bacoor yesterday morning; enemy left on field sixty-five in dead, forty wounded and thirty-two rifles.

"Our loss thus far Lieutenant Cheney, Fourth infantry, four enlisted men killed and wounded. Expected that Schwan's troops will cut off retreat of enemy's Cavite army. Wheaton moving today on Las Marinas. Boyd, Thirty-seventh infantry, moved east from Las Banos and surrounded troops of General Riscal and considerable property. It is expected that Cavite and Batangas provinces will be cleared up soon. In the north Leonhauser, with three companies of Twenty-fifth, attacked robber bands in Arayat mountain and dispersed them, destroying their barracks and subsistence. Found there five of our prisoners whom they had picked up on the railroad; three killed, two seriously wounded. These northern robber bands will be actively pursued."

SUSTAINED MANY INJURIES

An Ohio Regiment Soldier Wounded by Twenty-six Bullets.

A Cleveland, O., Jan. 8 dispatch says: Private Kreider of light battery K, Third United States artillery, mustered out, received twenty-six wounds and fully recovered. Colonel D. W. Benham, Seventh infantry, just returned, tells the story as follows: "In an engagement a shrapnel shot was engaged by Filipinos near the battery and twenty-five bullets from it lodged in his body. A bullet from a Mauser rifle also struck him, making twenty-six wounds. Kreider spent some time in the army and government hospitals at Manila and San Francisco. He recovered and is now at his mother's home, Wharton, O. I have been told that he returned to Luzon and fought the Filipinos for revenge. When told his wounds disabled him from further service he cried, 'While in the hospital at the Presidio he met a young woman and later married her. I think I am safe in saying that Kreider holds the record of being the worst wounded man to recover in the history of any war.'"

Killed by an Old Man.

At Stevens Point, Wis., Louis Weisner, jr., partner of Curran & Weisner, extensive dealers in horses, known all over central Wisconsin, was shot five times and fell dead on Main street. The shots were fired by Gabriel Green, an old man aged about seventy. Several weeks ago Green's barn and fourteen valuable horses were destroyed by the Greens during the night after the Greens had won an important law suit over Weisner. The Greens accused Weisner of having a hand in the fire and Weisner's death is a result of the fire.

Shoots a Superintendent.

John M. Resley, sixty years old, a clerk, shot and seriously wounded Charles W. Galloway, superintendent of the middle division of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, in the latter's office at Cumberland, Md., and walking to the court house, gave himself up. An inventory of cars in the yard, made up by Resley and claimed to be incorrect by the superintendent, brought about the trouble. Hot words were followed by blows and then three shots were fired. Resley claims that Galloway drew his gun first, but friends of the latter deny it.

Kills Woman and Himself.

After taking every precaution to prevent the identity of himself and his victim from becoming known, a man supposed to be John Fretell shot and killed a young woman and tried to commit suicide in a rooming house on East Madison street in Chicago. When the door was opened the indications were that the woman had been dead about five hours. The man had died later. The police believe the man and woman were theatrical people. The cause of the crime is as much a mystery as the identity of the two.

The Murderer Gets Away.

Investigation in connection with the murder of Miss Rachel Ferguson last Friday night, at Toronto, Canada, discloses the fact that the motive was not robbery and that the crime was in all probability the work of a man of the same character as "Jack the Ripper." Within an hour before the murder, two other young girls were chased and a third knocked down by the same man in the same vicinity. The post-mortem examination discloses the fact that the victim was terribly smashed. The murderer is still at liberty.

FATAL FIGHT IN KENTUCKY

Two Men Killed and Four Others Seriously Wounded.

News has reached London, Ky., of a fight on Otter creek, Clay county, in which Lige Lewis and General May were shot and killed and four other participants seriously wounded. The fight occurred at a school house where one of the Jacksons was on trial before a magistrate for killing another Jackson. The fight was started soon after the trial began and court was adjourned and the fight carried on both in the school house and in the yard.

Four of the men were brought to Manchester and placed in jail. Lige Lewis is a brother of ex-Sheriff Joe Lewis of Clay county.

NO REVENUE LAW REVISION

Existing Conditions Will Not Permit of Changing It.

A Washington special says: 'There will be no revision of the war internal revenue tax law at this session of congress,' said Congressman Hopkins of the house ways and means committee. 'There are several reasons for this, the principal one and the only one worth referring to being that the war in the Philippines is not over and we do not know how long we will have to keep a large army there. Under these circumstances we cannot accurately judge of what the actual needs of the army will be and the only thing to do is to let the existing schedule remain.'

TRICK OF KENTUCKY JUDGE

Manipulates the Law to Benefit the Goebettes.

A Frankfort, Ky., January 8 dispatch says: Judge Contrill entered an order granting the injunction prayed for by Election Commissioners Pointz and Fulton restraining Mackey and Cochran, Governor Taylor's appointees, from qualifying and acting. The court, after granting the injunction, entered an order setting it aside and giving the right to appeal, stating it thought the case was of such importance it should be passed on by the court of last resort. This gives the democratic commissioners the selection of the judge before whom the case shall be heard in the court of appeals.

Second to France.

The United States will have a more extensive exhibit at the Paris exposition than any other country with the exception of France, which will utilize one-half the total space. This information reached Commissioner General Peck at Chicago in reports from various points in Europe and this country. The American exhibit will be several times larger than Great Britain's and as large as Russia's and Germany's combined. Mr. Peck will sail for Paris the latter part of February.

Enters Port Heavily Laden.

The Pacific Mail company's steamer Alcoa, the biggest steamer that ever entered San Francisco, arrived Sunday from China and Japan via Honolulu and was sent to the quarantine station. She brought no passengers but carried twice as much freight as ever entered the golden gate in a single vessel. The Alcoa struck on a reef at Honolulu but was not injured. She reports that the plague at that point has been stamped out.

Grows Darker.

Latest mail advices from India aver that the situation there grows darker every week. Three million are working on government relief works. The sale of children by starving parents is becoming common. Families are breaking up, each member for himself in search of food. Abandoned children are found frequently. It is a famine of water as well as food. Cattle are dying off by thousands and no rain is now expected until June.

Chased by the Beauties.

Moses P. Taylor, colored theatrical manager, had his congress of creole "beauties" at Cincinnati the past week and failed to meet his pay roll. After the show Saturday night the creoles chased him. One of them cut him with a razor and he is at the hospital in a critical condition. The women all escaped and it is not known which one slashed the manager across the face and throat with her razor.

The Big Mortgage Filed.

The five million dollar mortgage of Kentucky distilleries and warehouse company that has already been recorded at Louisville, Lexington, Covington and elsewhere in Kentucky was filed in Bourbon county Monday. It must be filed in twenty counties in Kentucky in order to cover all the property of the trust.

Must Pay for Her Training.

Miss Mary E. Howe obtained a verdict for \$5,000 in the New York supreme court before Justice Truxin in her action against Mrs. Frances Augusta Skinner. The suit was brought by Miss Howe for \$54,750 for services rendered by her to Mrs. Skinner as "society coach," as a companion and entertainer.

Price of Sugar Advanced.

All grades of refined sugar have been advanced 1-16 of a cent.

Strikers Assault Workmen.

At Chicago strikers made another attack on men employed at the intercepting sewer in Thirty-ninth street, near Wentworth avenue, and in the general fight that took place one of the strikers, Roger O'Brien, was fatally shot. Over a dozen others were fired.

Fireman Killed in Wreck.

A passenger train, west-bound on the Norfolk & Western, was wrecked at a bridge east of Pulaski, Va. Fireman Jerry Cromer of Roanoke was killed and engineer Smith of Bristol is reported badly hurt.

MANSION BURNED

Handsome Home of Publisher Pulitzer Totally Destroyed.

TWO WOMEN PERISH IN THE FLAMES

Fire Breaks Out While Inmates Are Asleep, and Housekeeper and Governess Fall to Make Their Escape.

The handsome residence of Joseph Pulitzer, publisher of the New York World, New York, was destroyed by fire and two women servants were suffocated or burned to death. The total loss is estimated at about \$300,000. The insurance is \$250,000.

The victims of the fire were Mrs. Morgan Jellitt, the housekeeper, and Miss Elizabeth Montgomery, the governess.

The dwelling was a four-story building of stone and brick, with carved entrance. The dining room was famous for its handsome fittings.

The origin of the fire is variously ascribed to electric wires, the steam heater and an open fire. It started about 7:30 a. m., while Mrs. Pulitzer, her daughters, Constance and Edith, twelve and fourteen years of age, respectively, and Herbert, a boy of three, and the housekeeper and the governess were asleep. Mr. Pulitzer and his son Joseph, jr., were at Lakewood. There were sixteen servants in the house.

There was not much smoke, but the flames spread rapidly and were soon beyond control. Mrs. Pulitzer got her children together and with the aid of their nurse got them safely to the street and to an adjoining building. Several of the servants had narrow escapes, one of them making his way out of the building through the roof. He said he saw Mrs. Jellitt on the roof, and that she went back to get a bag containing Christmas presents. When the firemen found the body of the housekeeper on the top floor the bag was in her hand. It contained a number of silver trinkets and fancy articles. The woman's body was partly burned. The body of the governess, Miss Montgomery, was discovered after several hours on the third floor. The woman had only had time to put on a skirt and bath robe and pair of slippers before she was overcome. Her body was not badly burned.

While a dozen firemen in charge of Lieutenant Harry Hauck were at work on the third floor after the fire was out the flooring gave way and let them all fall to the second floor. All but Hauck escaped injury. The building was completely gutted by the fire, the contents were an entire loss and these alone, it was estimated, were worth \$150,000.

TWO MAYORS CLAIM OFFICE

Conflict at Sacramento for the Right to Rule.

Both Mayor William Land and Mayor-elect George Clark are exercising the powers of the mayor's office at Sacramento, Cal. Mayor Land notified all the city departments that he is still mayor and he claimed that he would exercise the prerogatives of office until the suit brought against Clark by a citizen to prevent his taking office, because of the alleged violation of the purity of the election law, is determined.

On the application of Land, the incumbent, Judge Johnson issued a temporary injunction restraining Clark from performing the functions of mayor pending the determination of the case. The new city board of trustees had already organized and resolved to recognize Clark as mayor.

MURDERED SWEETHEART

A Hungarian is Hanged for Killing the Girl He Loved.

William Wasco, a Hungarian, was hanged in the yard of the county court house at Pittsburgh, Pa. Wasco met his fate without flinching. On the scaffold he prayed and then said: "Goodbye, people. I gladly give my life for my sweetheart. I loved her." After the trap was sprung death resulted in a few minutes from strangulation. The crime for which Wasco was executed was the murder of Annie Sastak, a Hungarian girl, who had refused to marry him. He shot himself at the same time, but recovered.

SALISBURY WILL ANSWER

Seizure of American Flour Not to be Countenanced.

The United States ambassador Mr. Choate, did not receive an answer Monday from the British government regarding the seizure of American flour by British cruisers in South African waters. Lord Salisbury has a note in preparation, but a few days may elapse before it is delivered.

The Associated press has good reason to believe that the flour will be released and possibly a ruling will be made differentiating between food stuffs for field and domestic purposes.

Resolution to Mediate.

In the senate Tuesday Senator Pettigrew offered a resolution authorizing the United States government to offer mediation between Great Britain and South Africa. He announced that it was his purpose to make a speech on the subject.

Aged and Recreant Lover.

Elizabeth Gladstone, aged sixty-three years, has secured judgment in the superior court at San Francisco against Joseph Boardman, aged seventy-three years, for breach of promise of marriage. She sued for \$300,000.

WORSE SHAPE THAN BEFORE

General White's Victory Offers No Relief to Ladysmith.

A London, Jan. 9 dispatch says: General White still holds out, or did so sixty hours ago when the Boers, ousted from their foothold inside the works, suspended their assault at nightfall. England has taken heart. The beleaguered force must have expended large amounts of ammunition, which cannot be replenished and must have lost a number of officers and men, which is counterbalanced, so far as the garrison is concerned, by the greater loss of the Boers. General White still needs relief, and the difficulties confronting General Buller are as great as before.

The former's unadorned sentences, as read and re-read, suggest eloquently the peril in which the town was for fourteen hours, and how barely able his 9,000 men were to keep from being overcome.

The chief concern for General White is in respect of ammunition. Sixty-eight days ago, at the beginning of the siege, his small-arm ammunition was vaguely described as "plenty." His artillery then had 300 rounds per gun. Some of the batteries have been in action frequently since then, and all were probably engaged last Saturday. His stock of shells, consequently, must be low, and this will make it difficult for General White to co-operate in a movement by General Buller.

The intrenchments at Ladysmith, as described in a message that left a day or two before the fight, and has just come through, are fortified hills, well covered with rifle pits and trenches, down which the infantry move in single file to the various posts in absolute safety. Full rations are still served but no whisky or tobacco.

KILLED IN DESPERATE DUEL

Whipping of a Negro Costs Three Lives in Mississippi.

Oak Ridge, eighteen miles northeast of Vicksburg, Miss., was the scene of a desperate pistol duel, in which three of the best known residents of the county were killed. Dr. James Austin, his son, Dr. Otto Austin, and his son-in-law, R. S. Stephenson, had been arrested on an affidavit sworn out by A. D. Rolland, charging them with whipping one of Rolland's negro tenants. The trial had hardly opened when the shooting began, but who fired the first shot is not known. When the smoke of battle had cleared away Rolland, Stephenson and Otto Austin were dead and Dr. James Austin and a young son of Rolland were seriously wounded.

JONES NOT YET SATISFIED

Golden Rule Mayor Has Senatorial Bee in His Bonnet.

The supporters of Mayor Samuel H. Jones of Toledo, O., in his non-partisan campaign are organizing his strength into a party or movement which has for its object the control of several congressional districts of the state next fall, and, if possible, the election of Jones to the United States senate in 1902. There will be a conference in furtherance of the plan between the mayor and leaders of the non-partisan movement in Cincinnati as soon as Jones returns from New York, where he now is.

Governor Nash Inaugurated.

At noon Monday in the rotunda of the state capitol Hon. George K. Nash was inaugurated governor of Ohio, succeeding Asa S. Bushnell. The oath of office was administered by Chief Justice Shauck of the supreme court, following which Governor Bushnell presented the new governor with his commission. Governor Nash then delivered his inauguration address.

To Protect American Interests.

The grubboat Machias has been ordered from San Juan to San Domingo to protect American interests in case trouble follows the attempt of the French naval commander at San Domingo to enforce the settlement of the pending French claim of \$60,000. It is not believed that there is any chance of a conflict between the French and American naval forces in the execution of their instructions.

Hay Not to be Received.

A special from Washington says: When young Adelbert Hay, son of the secretary of state, reaches Pretoria to assume charge of the United States consulate at the capital of the South African republic, he will be informed by President Kruger that he is persona non grata, and that he is at liberty to return to Washington at his own convenience.

Ohio Village Suffers Heavily.

Prairie depot, an old village twelve miles north of Foster, O., was visited by a disastrous fire, entailing a loss of from \$100,000 to \$150,000. Eleven business houses and one dwelling house were destroyed. The insurance will not cover one-third of the loss. The place was provided with only an old hand engine for fighting fires.

Street Railway Burns Burn.

The barns of the South Chicago City railway at Hammond, Ind., were destroyed by fire. Thirty-two cars were burned. The loss, fully covered by insurance, is placed at \$150,000.

Bold Holdup at Chicago.

Three men, each with a revolver, entered the office of the Lehigh Valley Coal company, Thirty-first street and Stewart avenue, in Chicago, drove the office boy into the telephone box, took about \$1,000 and a gold watch from the cashier, who was the only other occupant of the office, ran through a yard filled with workmen and escaped.

Lawton Fund Growing.

The Lawton home fund is attaining noble proportions and General Corbin is of the opinion that there is now in sight about \$85,000.