

NEBRASKA NEWS

PEARL TAYLOR, VICTIM OF FIEND-
ISH ASSAULT, IS DEAD.

LARGE REWARD IS OFFERED

Murderer Still at Large With No
Clue as to His Whereabouts
—Harvard Man a
Suicide.

Pearl Taylor, the 17-year-old victim of a fiendish assault on the night of April 28 at Minden, Neb., at the hands of Bert M. Taylor, her brother-in-law, died Friday morning at seven o'clock. The girl's brain was injured by her brutal treatment and she had been only semi-conscious at intervals since the night of the crime. The death of the girl converts the charge against Taylor into murder and a coroner's inquest was held to render an official finding to that effect.

Taylor's assault was shocking in its cruelty. The two Taylor girls had been attending school in Minden, living alone in the house built by Taylor while his wife was alive. During the night of April 28 he invaded the house, terrorized the younger sister by threats of murder and dragged Pearl, the older girl, into the kitchen. After the assault, he choked and beat her and threw her unconscious form onto the bed. He then beat the younger girl, who escaped death by feigning unconsciousness. Taylor then poured kerosene onto the bed, applied a match and fled. The sister heroically fought the flames and by superhuman efforts dragged the unconscious girl outside of the house. An alarm was sounded and hundreds of citizens turned out and organized a posse to take up the chase. Taylor was pursued with bloodhounds and automobiles but escaped. A reward of \$1,700 has been offered for his capture, which amount will probably be increased both by the county and state.

HARVARD MAN KILLS HIMSELF.

H. O. Fletcher is Found Dying from
Wound in Breast.

H. O. Fletcher, who has been in charge of Gooch's bucket shop at Harvard for the last eight or ten months, was found unconscious, lying on his bed at his home with an empty gun lying on the floor and a gun shot wound in his breast from which he died shortly afterward. Mrs. Fletcher had been at her home in Fillmore county, to visit her parents, and she and her brother came home, expecting Mr. Fletcher to meet them at the train, and when he did not come, stopped at his office to see him, finding him gone. Reaching her home the smell of gunpowder attracted her attention. About the same moment, she heard groans which she took for snoring of her husband in a sound sleep, and carefully entering the room so as not to awaken him till she had greeted him with a kiss, the door as it was pushed open, struck the gun on the floor, and her dying husband met her gaze. From his position and that of the gun it appears that he sat on the edge of his bed, placed the gun against his breast and with his feet pushed the trigger.

LONG MISSING MAN RETURNS.

Supposed to Have Been Drowned at
Peru, But Alive.

Eleven years ago James Adams left his home in Peru, Neb., suddenly without saying where he was going. Neighbors saw him go towards the Missouri river, and the belief was general that he had drowned himself. A month later a floater was dragged from the river. Adams' two brothers were not satisfied, but Mrs. Adams caused a funeral to be held and the body buried. She has married twice since, her first husband being dead three years. A week ago Adams showed up at Fremont, where he met several friends who had known him a lifetime. He told them he was going to Portland, and said he had lived in Kansas and Canada since leaving Peru. The two brothers have asked the Portland police to locate the missing man.

Death of Aged Lady.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Presson, wife of Rev. Harrison Presson, died at their home in Auburn, Neb., May 7, 1908. Mrs. Presson was born in Covington, Ky., in the year 1818, and was 90 years of age the 22nd of last month. Had she lived two years longer they would have celebrated their diamond wedding. Mrs. Presson was the mother of 14 children, eight of whom are still living. She spent most of her life in a Methodist parsonage, and was a faithful wife and shared in the labors of her husband. Rev. Mr. Harrison Presson is believed to have preached the first sermon delivered in the territory of Nebraska, 58 years ago.

HEAVY FIRE LOSS AT PILGER.

Damage Will Amount to Thirty Thou-
sand Dollars.

Fire started Friday night in C. A. Tinney's grocery store at Pilger, Neb., and in a few minutes the building was a mass of ruins. The Pilger Mercantile Company's store, one of the largest in town, a fine brick building adjoining C. A. Tinney's building on the south, also burned. There is no theory as to how the fire started, as Mr. Tinney locked up his store and had only been home half an hour. Some young men on going home saw smoke issuing from the back of the building, kicked in the back door and found the back room of the building, which was used to keep oil, ablaze. They gave the alarm and then ran up the back stairs of the Pilger Mercantile Company building and aroused Mrs. Pilger, who was sick in bed with a baby only five days old. Mr. Pilger was in Stanton on business. They had just carried Mrs. Pilger and the baby down when the stairs fell. The night was perfectly still, otherwise heavy loss would have resulted. Mr. Tinney lost everything that he had, which was partly covered by insurance. The Pilger Mercantile Company succeeded in saving part of their goods. Mr. Pilger used part of the upstairs as living rooms and therefore his loss is doubly heavy. His stock was heavily insured. The Norfolk fire department was notified and came down on a special train, but its help was not needed, as the fire was under control when it got there.

KILLED BY BROTHER-IN-LAW.

Family Feud Near Brock Results in
Death of Frenchman.

A shooting affray occurred Sunday at the Dave Jock farm, two miles southeast of Brock, Neb., in which Emile Migot was killed by his brother-in-law, Lute Hutton. The shooting was the outcome of a family feud. Migot, who was a Frenchman and mentally unbalanced, threatened to kill Hutton and his family, and went for his gun, but on his return Hutton was prepared and shot him dead. The sheriff and county attorney were present at the inquest, but no arrest was made, as the evidence showed self-defense, and Hutton was ready to come into court at any time.

OBJECT TO THE TAX.

Real Estate Men at Beatrice Do Not
Want to Pay.

Beatrice real estate dealers are protesting vigorously against a proposed city ordinance which levies an occupation tax of \$50 a year on dealers in real estate. A petition was circulated and presented to the council and which was signed by nearly every real estate man in the city. The dealers state that such a tax is not only prohibitive and would cause many of them to go out of business, but that it is unjust and in contravention of the Nebraska statute.

LUMBER RATES RAISED.

Northwestern Notifies Fremont, Neb.,
Dealers of the Change.

The Northwestern railroad has notified Fremont lumber dealers that it has made a change in lumber rates affecting Nebraska points. The rate to Omaha has been raised from 23 to 25 cents and the rate to Lincoln from 24 to 25 cents. The Fremont rate is raised from 24 to 25 cents. The change was made in consequence of Lincoln's complaint to the State Railway commission in an effort to get the same rate that Omaha had.

Nebraskan Dies in Prison.

Charles N. Brown, who was serving a term of 10 years in the St. Louis Falls (S. D.) penitentiary for forgery committed in Gregory county, has died at the penitentiary of consumption. His relatives, who reside at Wayne, Neb., have been notified of his death. After his arrest he confessed that he served a term in the Nebraska penitentiary for horse stealing prior to coming to South Dakota. His wife and children were left in destitute circumstances.

Quantity of Shoes Stolen.

A rather smooth piece of burglary was discovered in the store of A. L. Barenbey of Cairo, Neb. A customer for shoes came in, and on going to wait on him Mr. Barenbey took an empty box from the shelf. Further investigation discovered 30 boxes empty. The store was in good shape in the morning, the burglar apparently having a key that would unlock the building, and locking it after his departure, thereby gaining a few hours' start. The police in neighboring towns have been asked to look out for a suspicious-looking stranger who was ordered out by Mr. Barenbey.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK

Most Important Happenings of the
Past Seven Days.

Interesting Items Gathered From all
Parts of the World Condensed
Into Small Space for the Ben-
efit of Our Readers.

Congressional.

A committee from the Methodist general conference called upon Speaker Cannon at Washington to urge the passage of laws to protect prohibition territory from the liquor interests. Gov. Hanly of Indiana and Gov. Hoch of Kansas headed the committee. They met with very little encouragement.

The caucus of the Republican members of the house on the financial question resulted in the approval of the Vreeland bill, which makes commercial paper a security for emergency currency. A commission to study the financial question was also recommended.

Representative Murdock of Kansas has introduced a bill in the house which provides for the payment of \$3 a day to union soldiers captured by the enemy during the time they were imprisoned.

The house has agreed to the conference report on the bill reorganizing the consular service.

The senate has adopted a resolution asking the interstate commerce commission for information regarding the enforcement of the commodity clause of the railroad rate bill.

The house and senate have reached a complete agreement on the army appropriation bill, thus insuring an increase in pay of officers and men of about 35 per cent. The bill carries an appropriation of \$95,382,246.

A bill for the establishment of a central bank of issue of the United States was introduced in the house by Mr. Burton of Ohio.

The senate has passed a bill appropriating \$5,000 toward the erection of a monument to Pocahontas at Jamestown, Va.

The nomination of William R. Wheeler of California to be assistant secretary of commerce and labor has been confirmed by the senate.

The postoffice bill has been reported to the senate in skeleton form by the committee.

Congress has accepted a marble bust of Abraham Lincoln from Eugene Meyer, jr., of New York.

The house by a vote of 167 has gone on record against the re-establishment of the canteen in national soldiers' homes.

The house has passed the sundry civil appropriation bill.

Miscellaneous

California Republicans at the primaries which selected delegates to the state convention for the election of delegates to the National convention expressed a preference for the reelection of President Roosevelt.

Secretary Taft has held a series of conferences at Panama with representatives of Panama and Colombia and the boundary, and other diplomatic questions are likely to be settled in a manner satisfactory to all parties.

Speakers at the meeting of the National Conference of Charities and Corrections at Richmond, Va., declared that the alarmingly large percentage of illiteracy among white children of the south called for more adequate compulsory education laws.

Austria-Hungary is celebrating the diamond jubilee of the reign of Emperor Francis Joseph.

The battleship fleet, after its 14,000-mile journey from the Atlantic, made its grand entry into San Francisco exactly on time. The vessels were given a royal welcome by thousands of visitors from all parts of the country.

The May option on corn reached 74 cents a bushel in Chicago recently.

A 16-year-old Italian boy employed in a New York barber shop cut the throats of his employer, his wife and three barbers. He was thought to be an agent of the Black Hand society.

William Tennant, accused of being one of the bandits who held up the cashier and robbed the State Bank of Chautauque, Kan., in April, has been arrested in Denver.

H. H. Tucker, jr., secretary of the Uncle Sam Oil company, has been acquitted at Topeka of the charge of using the mails to defraud.

The Congregationalists of Kansas own property in the state valued at \$817,000, an increase during the past year of \$290,000.

The national convention of the various boards of the Methodist Episcopal church (South) was recently held in St. Joseph, Mo. Nine bishops were in attendance.

The Kansas State Sunday School association will meet next year in Topeka. At the recent meeting in Wichita there was an attendance of 3,400.

Two more bodies have been unearthed on the Mrs. Guinness farm near La Porte, Ind., making the total to date 11.

The Wright brothers, who are experimenting with an aeroplane near Manteo, N. C., have made three successful flights, the last one covering 60 miles with the machine in perfect control.

The steady inflow of money into New York increased the deposits there \$12,570,700 in the last week reaching the record figures of \$1,270,324,900 for the members of the clearing house and an aggregate for all banks and trust companies of \$2,157,183,500.

A medallion head of President Roosevelt is one of six of the medals to be awarded Isthmian canal employes.

A ban has been placed against rats and mice on the Panama canal zone in efforts to prevent bubonic plague from gaining a foothold there.

The Kansas supreme court in deciding a case from Ness county holds that school land can not be sold in tracts of less than 40 acres.

The old soldiers and sailors preference law has been upheld by the Kansas supreme court but at the same time the court stated that the appointing power had full authority to determine the competency of the applicants and if other applicants were considered more competent they could be legally appointed in preference to the old soldiers.

The two organizations known as the Veteran Army of the Philippines and the United Spanish War Veterans have been merged into one with a membership of 60,000.

Four girls were drowned at Hartford, Kan., by a gasoline launch becoming unmanageable and going over the dam on the Neosho river.

Secretary of the Navy Metcalf reviewed the combined Atlantic and Pacific fleets at San Francisco recently. There were 44 vessels present, ranging from battleships to torpedo boats. Rear Admiral Evans was unable to appear on the Connecticut and the command devolved on Rear Admiral Thomas.

The 72 men stranded on the crumbling hulk of the German steamer Peter Rickmers off the coast of Long Island were successfully brought to shore by the life savers after facing death for 48 hours.

Two solid business blocks in Atlanta, Ga., were destroyed by fire the other day, causing a loss of \$1,500,000. For a time the entire business district of the city was threatened with destruction.

Mrs. Russell Sage has offered the American Bible society a fund of \$500,000 on condition that a like sum shall be raised by the end of the year. The purpose is to establish a permanent endowment for the society.

The Kentucky delegates to the national Republican convention have been instructed for Secretary-Taft.

The Japanese military authorities are preparing to dedicate a monument to the Russian dead in Port Arthur.

The bishops' address to the M. E. general conference in session at Baltimore noted a gain in membership during the past four years of 278,359. There are now 20,161 pastors who preach the gospel to 3,307,275 communicants in 130 languages and dialects throughout the world.

A grand military, naval and civic parade was the principal feature of the opening day of the entertainment planned by San Francisco for the officers and men of the battleship fleet. Fifteen thousand men were in line.

Four additional bodies of murdered people have been discovered on the farm of Mrs. Guinness near La Porte, Ind., making a total of nine thus far unearthed. The authorities believe that most of the corpses had been shipped from Chicago to hide traces of crime committed in that city. The search for other bodies will continue.

The general conference of the Methodist church has begun its 25th quadrennial session in Baltimore.

At a meeting of stockholders of the Union Pacific railroad the directors were authorized to issue \$100,000,000 in bonds for improvements and the purchase of other lines.

The government crop report shows the total area of winter wheat standing on May 1 was 29,751,000 acres. The average condition was 89 per cent.

A chair brought over in the Mayflower by Miles Standish has been presented to the Kansas State Historical society by Mrs. L. H. Harris of Miltonvale, Cloud county.

Personal

Bishop Thoburn of Bombay, India, has requested the M. E. general conference in session at Baltimore to relieve him of active service on account of increasing years.

Jacob H. Schiff, of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., who has just returned from Europe, says financial conditions abroad reflect the state of affairs here, and that prosperity can nowhere return until the United States has recovered from the recent crisis.

Wu-Ting Fang, the Chinese minister to the United States, at a food scientists' dinner, declared that for two years he has abstained from all intoxicants, tea, coffee, meat, fish and fowl and has lived on nuts and fruits and vegetables.

ENACT GOOD LAW

CHILD LABOR LEGISLATION PUT
THROUGH THE HOUSE.

PORTO RICANS DISPLEASED

Iniquitous Railroad Law of New Mex-
ico Unanimously Repealed—Lay-
ing of Corner Stone of
Peace Building.

The house of representatives, under suspension of rules, unanimously passed a child labor law for the District of Columbia after a brief debate. The main features of the law are as follows: No child under fourteen to

work in any factory or store or anywhere else during school hours or before 8 a. m., or after 7 p. m. Between the ages of fourteen and sixteen, before children can be employed in any factory or shop they must produce schooling certificates. No child under sixteen to work more than eight hours a day or forty-eight hours a week. No boy under ten or girl under sixteen shall sell newspapers or other merchandise or engage in bootblacking on the streets, and all boys under sixteen are required to obtain a permit and a badge to pursue these occupations.

The proceedings were enlivened by a severe condemnation of the government by Commissioner Larranga, the official representative of Porto Rico in congress, who stated in a speech in the house that the people of that island were very much discontented with the government of the United States, which, he said, but added insult to injustice. He denounced the original Foraker act as a leaden block, which, he said, closed the sepulchre of the liberties of the Porto Rico people.

Under suspension of the rules the house, on yeas and nays vote, passed unanimously the senate resolution repealing the act of the territorial legislature of New Mexico, which passed over the governor's veto March 11, 1903. The territorial act deals with civil procedure in personal injury cases. The resolution now goes to the president for his signature, having passed the senate in March.

Mr. Birdsall of Iowa, having the bill in charge declared that the law was the most remarkable piece of legislation ever enacted. He said it should be entitled "an act to prevent the recovery in accident or otherwise upon railways within the territory of New Mexico. It was, he asserted, an iniquitous act of the legislature and demonstrated the wisdom of the law giving to congress absolute control over the legislation of the territories. Mr. Clayton, (Ala.) said the law was passed at the instance of railroads, that he said tyrannized over the people of New Mexico.

Senator Foraker stated that he would ask the senate to proceed to the consideration of his bill providing for the re-enlistment of the negro soldiers of the 25th regiment discharged without honor by order of the president.

CORNER STONE LAID.

Exercises Over Peace Building Held
at Washington.

Twenty-one American republics united in laying the corner stone of the building which is to constitute the monument typifying the predominant desire of the western world for peace and commercial prosperity. President Roosevelt officiated and besides his address there were speeches by Secretary Root, Andrew Carnegie, who has controlled three-quarters of a million dollars toward the building fund, and Ambassador Nabuco of Brazil. Cabled words of sentiment and cheers were read from the presidents of the Latin American republics. The exercises were witnessed by the diplomatic representatives of the world, besides the high officials and legislative representatives of this country. The building for which the foundation was laid will be the holding of the internal bureau of American republics, presided over by John Barrett.

WILL OPPOSE PROHIBITION.

Breweries to Form Big Combine for
That Purpose.

A new national organization with a membership of approximately 60,000 business concerns will, it is said, be formed at the time of the convention in Milwaukee of the United States brewers' association, June 8th to 10th. The new organization will be composed of the members of the various trades associated with the brewing business and the object will be the making of an organized fight on prohibition. The organizations to be included are the malsters, manufacturers of special brewing machinery, dealers in brewing supplies, real estate men, contractors, builders, wagon makers, glass makers, insurance men and farmers.