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THREE MEN DROWN

HERBERT CASHMAN, DANNA SLATE AND ED SLATE.

THEY DROVE INTO AIR HOLE

TEAM AND MEN SINK THROUGH MISSOURI RIVER ICE.

OCCURS NEAR FORT RANDALL

Three Men, Aged Sixty, Thirty-eight and Twenty-two, All Leaving Families, Lost Their Lives at Christmas Time—One Body Found.

Fairfax, S. D., Dec. 27.—Special to The News: Word has been received here that Herbert Cashman, Ed Slate and Dan Slate were drowned in the Missouri river Monday evening.

The three men had been to Lake Andes and were coming back when they drove into an air hole and were drowned.

The body of Dan Slate was recovered yesterday, but the other two bodies and the team have not been found.

All of the men leave families. They owned property near Fort Randall.

Mrs. Kimball of Fairfax is a daughter of Mr. Cashman and his wife lives at Herrick.

Bonesteel, S. D., Dec. 27.—Special to The News: A telephone message from Fort Randall states that three men were drowned in the Missouri river near that place on Christmas day. They are: Chas. Slight, aged 28 years, and Danna Sleight, aged 22, brothers; also a Mr. Cashman, aged 60.

The parties were crossing the river to meet a party on the other side. The bodies as yet have not been found.

Lynch, Neb., Dec. 27.—Special to The News: It is reported here that three men and a team were drowned by going through the ice on the Missouri river near old Fort Randall just north of the state line on Christmas evening.

No particulars have been received here other than that the three men and team went down and the bodies had not been recovered.

It was reported here that the drowned men were named Cummins.

HAVE NOT BEEN CAPTURED

Robbers Who Pried Door of Fairfax Jail, Still at Large.

Bonesteel, S. D., Dec. 27.—Special to The News: J. F. Williams and W. F. Patterson, who were recently lodged in the county jail at Fairfax on the charge of highway robbery, made good their escape last Saturday morning. They made their escape by prying the door open.

Williams is described as being a man five feet eleven inches tall, blue eyes, dark hair, wore corduroy cap, short black overcoat, dark trousers and no vest. His age is given at 22 years.

Patterson is 5 feet seven or eight inches tall, brown eyes, dark hair, two front teeth out, and very bow-legged.

RANCHMAN BADLY HURT

Thomas Graham of Holt County, Near Lynch, Crushes Leg.

Lynch, Neb., Dec. 27.—Special to The News: Thomas Graham, a prosperous young rancher living in Holt county, about nine miles northeast of Lynch, sustained a broken and badly twisted and crushed leg when his horse fell on him and slid along the ground, grinding his limb. Mr. Graham was cutting some cattle out of a herd.

IOWA FARMS BREAK ALL RECORDS

Produce $330,495,421 During Year, Largest in History of State.

Des Moines, Dec. 27.—Iowa farmers this year raised a crop that is just $121,230,887 better than the average crop of the last seventeen years. The total value of the products of the soil of Iowa this year was $330,495,421, according to the annual report of Director John R. Sage, and the average value of the crops for the last seventeen years is $209,264,534. This year's crop is an increase of over 33 1-3 per cent better than the average.

Furthermore, the value of the crop this year is more than that of any other crop the state has ever raised, the next largest being the crop of 1905, which was $28,209,209 less than that of this year. The value of the crops in the last three years has kept above that of any one year and the next greatest year in the history of the state is that of 1901, when the total value was $274,080,930.

SUES GREGORY COUNTY

Patrick McKenna, Commercial Traveler, Asks Damages.

Fairfax, S. D., Dec. 27.—Special to The News: Patrick McKenna, a traveling man, has brought suit against Gregory county for damages on account of falling from a buggy on an approach to a bridge south of Gregory about a year ago.

In September of this year he presented a bill of $10,000 to the county commissioners and they refused it. He now brings suit for the above amount. Wm. McDonell of Gregory and Arthur F. Mullen of O'Neill, Neb., are his attorneys.

ALL QUIET IN MISSISSIPPI

EXCITEMENT SUBSIDES AT WALHALAK AND SCOOBA.

TROOPS IN COMPLETE CONTROL

No Further Clash is Feared, but Soldiers Are Still in Town—Governor Vardaman Goes to Scene to Make Personal Investigation.

Neb. State Historical Society

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 27.—Advices from Scooba and Walhalak, Miss., state that quiet prevails at both of those towns, as well as throughout the surrounding territory, and that the troops and civil authorities are in complete control of the situation. According to the most reliable reports the disturbances of the last few days in Kemper county were not as serious as at first reported. The trouble is attributed to the actions of a reckless mob, which, in searching for the negro who attacked Conductor Cooper aboard a Mobile and Ohio train last Sunday and shot and killed Constable O'Brien of Wahalak, killed three negroes and wounded several others.

Feeling against the negroes was intensified by the killing by negroes of Conductor R. N. Harrison at Crawford, and believing that the mob was beyond control Deputy Sheriff Alexander at Scooba asked that troops be sent there in order that innocent negroes might be protected. The two companies of state troops are now encamped at Scooba. Governor Vardaman, accompanied by twenty-five members of the company of militia stationed at Jackson, left for Scooba. Governor Vardaman stated that there had been no fresh outbreak, but that he is going to the scene in order that he might make personal investigation.

DOUBLE TRAGEDY IN JAIL

Woman Prisoner and Male Visitor End Lives With Carbolic Acid.

Elmira, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Although a guard was standing beside him, Frank Delaney, a railroad man, succeeded in a bold attempt to end his life and the life of a woman who occupied a cell in the woman's dormitory of the Elmira county jail. The woman was Bessie Welb, awaiting sentence on Jan. 3 for abducting a young girl.

Delaney possessed a power of attorney for the woman and when he called at the jail and stated that he wished to consult her regarding the signing of important papers, there was no objection on the part of the warden, who sent a guard along with him. The guard stood close by while the man and woman were conferring together, when suddenly Delaney drew from his pocket a bottle of carbolic acid and passed it through the bars. The woman seized it and swallowed the contents. Instantly Delaney pressed a second bottle to his own lips. The guard sprang upon him, but the man fought him fiercely for a moment and then collapsed. He died before a physician could be called. When the door of the cell was unbolted the woman lay dying on the floor. She, too, died within a short time.

MORE EVIDENCE AGAINST BILLIK

Arsenic Found in Body of Another Member of Vzral Family.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Traces of poison have been found in the body of another member of the Vzral family, and the police believe that they have secured additional evidence against Herman Billik, who is now in custody, in connection with the deaths of several members of the family. The analysis just completed was that of the body of Rose Vzral, eighteen years of age. Evidences of arsenic have now been found in all the bodies that have been analyzed.

Homesteader Frozen to Death.

St. Paul, Dec. 27.—Below zero temperatures prevail in North Dakota, part of Montana and Canada. Frank Warnick, a homesteader, was found frozen to death near his shack, three miles north of Imperial, N. D.

TWO MICHIGAN MINERS KILLED

Fell Five Hundred Feet to Bottom of Colby Shaft.

Bessemer, Mich., Dec. 27.—Two miners were instantly killed in the Colby iron mine here by falling 500 feet to the bottom of the shaft when a "skip," on which they were riding to the surface, was dumped by striking on a projecting beam. Two other miners riding in the skip saved their lives by catching hold of the rope and clinging to it. One of these was seriously injured.

RESORT KEEPER IS SHOT

LOYD FORGRAVE OF BONESTEEL WOUNDED IN SHOULDER.

INMATES KEEP MUM ABOUT IT

It is Said That the Man is Seriously Wounded and in Critical Condition. Women Refuse to Give up Any Information Regarding Shooting.

Bonesteel, S. D., Dec. 27.—Special to The News: Loyd Forgrave was seriously injured by a gunshot wound in his left shoulder a few days ago at this place at his house of ill fame, located near the depot. It is understood that the unfortunate man is in quite a critical condition, but just how seriously he is wounded it is impossible at this time to state, as information in regard to the affair is very hard to obtain on account of the fact that the inmates of the house will not give out any information.

So far it is not known who fired the shot, but it is presumed that the shooting is the result of a quarrel among the inmates of the house.

ASK PARDON FOR MRS. LILLIE

Fifty Friends from David City Present and Application Resisted by State.

Lincoln, Dec., 27.—In behalf of Mrs. Lillie, in the penitentiary for the murder of her husband, three attorneys, C. Halduck, Matt Miller and F. G. Hamer, pleaded with Governor Mickey. They declared that the case had been decided on local prejudice and circumstantial evidence. More than fifty sympathizers of Mrs. Lillie, including the relatives of her dead husband, were present from David City.

County Attorney Ray Harris appeared on behalf of the state and argued against the pardon.

Governor Mickey was visibly impressed with the affidavits filed by the friends of the woman, and he will announce his decision within the next two days. It is believed he will set the woman free. Fierce prejudice, unrelenting hate and dense stupidity were alleged by her friends.

Goldman Changes His Name.

Lincoln, Dec. 27.—Solomon Goldman, a well known student of the state university, received the name of Felix Newton from Judge Frost. He is a Russian and said that people asked him many questions about his nationality after hearing his name, while many confounded him with Emma Goldman.

Nebraska Speed Meeting.

Auburn, Neb., Dec. 27.—The annual meeting of the Nebraska Speed association will be held at the Lindell hotel, Lincoln, at 8 o'clock p. m., Thursday, Jan. 10. The meeting will be for the purpose of electing officers and for arranging a circuit for 1907.

Teachers Meet at Lincoln.

Lincoln, Dec. 27.—Sectional meetings engaged the attention of most of the more than a thousand teachers who have arrived in Lincoln for the 1906 meeting of the State Teachers' association.

BOTH FIND WATERY GRAVES

Man Loses His Life in Unsuccessful Attempt to Rescue Boy.

Morristown, N. J., Dec. 27.—Before the eyes of his young wife, George Davis lost his life in an unsuccessful attempt to rescue John Arke, an eight year-old boy, from drowning. The boy went out on the ice of the Rockaway river and broke through. Davis and his wife saw Arke drop into the water and Davis cut down the clothes hung in his yard and tied one end about his waist. He gave the other end to his wife and started toward the boy, who was floundering about in the broken ice. Lying down Davis reached out and seized Arke and shouted to his wife to haul in on the rope. She drew her husband back from the hole until the boy was out of the water. As she started to pull again the rope broke and the man and boy slid back into the water and were drowned.

Killed by Ill-Fated Train.

Minot, N. D., Dec. 27.—James Murray of Hecker, a section foreman, was killed and Thomas Lundy of Minot was probably fatally injured at Hecker by the Soo line passenger train which was wrecked seven hours later at Enderlin. The men were unloading material from the handcar when they were struck by the train and hurled into the gully.

FATAL WRECK IN WASHINGTON

Worktrain and Regular Collide Near Tacoma and Two Are Killed.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 27.—An interurban train from Seattle and a work train collided a mile north of Milton. Two persons were killed and twelve injured. The motorman was fatally hurt. A flagman was sent out to stop the passenger train, but failed.

The dead: George Ross, conductor; William Harris, third rail man, body cut in two.

The wreck occurred on a sharp grade in a deep cut. Two flatcars were piled on the first passenger car, crushing it to splinters. The flagman, whose alleged carelessness caused the wreck, cannot be found.

JEROME IS NOW WILLING

Tells Policyholders to Present Charges of Coercion Against Peabody.

New York, Dec. 27.—District Attorney Jerome has written a letter to D Cady Herrick of counsel for the Mutual Life Policyholders association saying he is now willing to take up the matter concerning the charges against President Peabody of the Mutual Life Insurance company of coercion in connection with the election of trustees of that company.

These charges were brought to the attention of the district attorney some time ago by Mr. Herrick. Mr Jerome refused to act on them at the time on the ground that he did not want his office "used to influence the election of trustees in the Mutual."

Secretary Russell J. Fish of the association said: "As to the attitude of this association in bringing the charges against Mr. Peabody in October, our purpose was to prevent him continuing the crime of coercion of employes in behalf of the administration ticket, rather than to bring about the punishment of a completed crime after the criminal had profited to the full thereby. While the punishment of the crime is important, and the association trusts that the district attorney will take up the matter vigorously, nevertheless, in view of the fact that the election is over and—by Mr. Jerome's acquiescence—Mr. Peabody and his fellow law breakers have already reaped the fruits of the illegal actions, so that our interest is only that of all citizens, we feel that any criminal action to be taken at this time is the concern of the district attorney as such, rather than ours. The witnesses in this matter were, as the district attorney is aware, clients of Albert S. Ward, who will no doubt arrange to produce them at Mr. Jerome's request."

ANDREW HAMILTON SCORES

Complaint of New York Life to Secure Accounting Is Not Sufficient.

New York, Dec. 27.—Demurrers interposed by Andrew Hamilton to the complaint of the New York Life Insurance company in its suit to compel him to account for $574,250 received and distributed by him on behalf of the company were sustained by Judge Bischoff in the supreme court.

The demurrers challenge the sufficiency of each cause of action for an accounting and raises the question of misjoinder if some of the other causes of action may be deemed sufficient to proceed for other relief. The court upholds the demurrers as to the insufficiency of the first three causes of action and gives the life insurance company leave to amend on the payment of costs.

SNOWSTORM CAUSES DAMAGE

Several Ships Wrecked on British Coast in Blinding Gales.

London, Dec. 27.—The British metropolis is covered with two inches of snow and advices from the country districts announce that deep drifts are interfering with the distribution of the mails and railway traffic.

Several schooners have been wrecked on the coast during blinding snowstorms. The steamer Hazeldene struck a rock and sank off Cloughey. Lifeboatmen succeeded in rescuing the crew after an exciting experience. Another lifeboat made a similar rescue of the crew of the schooner Ring leader, wrecked off Dungeness.

CORPSE TAKEN FROM DOUGH

Bakre Falls Into a Kneading Machine and Is Crushed to Death.

Columbus, O., Dec. 27.—Falling into a sponge mixer full of dough which he was feeding, H. D. Van Kirk was whirled around until every bone in his body was crushed before the machine was stopped and he was extricated, a corpse. The accident occurred in the bakery where Van Kirk had been employed for fifteen years as assistant superintendent.

Judge Chetlain Under Fire.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—The judiciary committee of the Chicago Bar association, which has been investigating charges against Superior Court Judge Arthur H. Chetlain, of having become interested in various financial transactions which came under the jurisdiction of his court, found the jurist "guilty of grave infractions of conduct becoming a judge and that he has by his rather reckless actions seriously impaired his usefulness as a judge."

Find Remains of Explorers.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 27.—The remains of Professor Thomas Grindell and his party, who left Douglas, Ariz., in June, 1904, on an exploring expedition to Tiburon island, located in the Gulf of California, but who were never afterward heard from, have just been found in a desert in Sonora, where they perished evidently for want of water.

Indicted Officials Re-Elected.

New York, Dec. 27.—After a session lasting two hours the directors of the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance company re-elected Frederick A. Burnham president and George D. Eldredge vice president of the company. Nine of the twelve directors were present and the vote on the election of Burnham and Eldredge is said to have been very close.

CLAIM STRIKE IS BROKEN

SOUTHERN PACIFIC TRAINS ARE ALL MOVING ON TIME.

NO DRAWBACK, OFFICIALS SAY

Commissioner of Labor Neill Will Arrive in Houston From Washington Today—Grand Master Hanrahan to Take Charge of Strike.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 27.—Local Southern Pacific officials claim that the Brotherhood of Firemen's strike on this division of the system is broken and that all freight and passenger trains are moving along with full crews.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 27.—Reports to the headquarters of the Atlantic system of the Southern Pacific lines show that the lines are experiencing little difficulty in operating trains on account of the strike of locomotive firemen on the Houston division. Fourteen freight trains out of sixteen scheduled were handled. All scheduled on the Victoria division and on the Texas and New Orleans east of this city were operated. The same is true, according to the reports, on the El Paso division west of San Antonio.

In view of this Traffic Manager Dunlap has issued notices at all points to accept both local and through freight.

At Lobo, near El Paso, Engineer Kutz is reported to have been assaulted and so severely injured that he could not continue the run.

John Goldreaux, a Southern Pacific locomotive fireman, walked into Opelousas, La., after being taken from his engine by masked men twenty-two miles outside of town and after having tramped the largest part of the night to reach town.

H. E. Willis, assistant grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, says that his organization is thoroughly satisfied with the situation and all its members are going to do all in their power to maintain their contract with the railroad company and keep the trains moving.

Hon. Charles P. Neill, United States commissioner of labor, will arrive in Houston today from Washington and tender his friendly offices in the controversy.

HANRAHAN TO VISIT SOUTH.

Grand Master of Firemen to Give Personal Attention to Present Strike.

Peoria, Dec. 27.—At the offices of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen it was stated that there was nothing to be given out relative to the strike on the Southern Pacific, other than that Grand Master Hanrahan would probably leave before the latter part of next week to take personal charge of the strike for a time at least.

BRYCE TELLS CONSTITUENTS

Prospective British Ambassador to United States to Leave Parliament.

Aberdeen, Scotland, Dec. 27.—James Bryce, who is to succeed Sir Henry Mortimer Durand as British ambassador at Washington, has given his constituents here the first definite information of his selection for the Washington post in a letter, which they have just received. In this communication Mr. Bryce said that the appointment will compel him to give up his seat for South Aberdeen. The retirement of Mr. Bryce caused genuine regret, as his scholarly qualities made him particularly qualified to represent the constituency which has the reputation of being the most intellectual in the United Kingdom, as Aberdeen enjoys the unusual distinction of not having one illiterate voter.

EARTHQUAKE IN CHILE.

Half of the Town of Arica is Destroyed by Seismic Disturbance.

Santiago, Chile, Dec. 27.—Half of the town of Arica, in the province of Tacna, has been destroyed by an earthquake and other towns in the neighborhood have suffered more or less severely. The seaport of Iquique, 120 miles south of Arica, was not damaged. With the recollection of the August disaster fresh in their minds, the people in the earthquake zone are greatly alarmed.

FEUDISTS FATALLY WOUNDED

Hiram Mullins and Son Shot in Battle With Bud and Charles Little.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 27.—Hiram Mullins and his son, William, were shot and fatally wounded in a feud battle, fought at their home, with a gang headed by Charles and Bud Little and John Brewer. There had been a feud of long standing between the Little and Mullins families. The men met and the Littles fired on the Mullins. The latter made a running fight to their home, where they barricaded themselves. The Littles followed, shooting as they ran. They surrounded Mullins' home, firing Winchester rifles and revolvers. The house was riddled with bullets and every window was broken. The battle ceased only when both the Mullins were shot down. Over 200 shots were fired. Hiram Mullins was shot through the abdomen and was brought to the hospital here for treatment.

THE CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Temperature for Twenty-four Hours. Forecast for Nebraska.

Conditions of the weather as recorded for the twenty-four hours ending at 8 a. m. today:

Maximum	41
Minimum	16
Average	28
Barometer	29.74

Chicago, Dec. 27.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows:

Rain or snow tonight and Friday. Warmer.

MESSAGE ON JAP CASE

PRESIDENT TO SEND CONGRESS THIRD MESSAGE.

BASED ON OFFICIAL INQUIRY

Finds Made by the Immigration Commissioner in Honolulu Will Guide Recommendations Which President Roosevelt is to Make.

Washington, Dec. 27.—There is to be a new and independent report on the Japanese immigration question, and, when it is completed, the president will transmit it to congress with another message, making the third on the subject.

Frank Sargent, commissioner general of immigration, was at the white house and gave president Roosevelt a summary of his investigation of the Japanese tide of immigration into California through Hawaii. As he has but just arrived here and has not even begun preparation of his official report, the commissioner general was unwilling to give an outline of his conclusions.

His report will have great bearing upon the settlement of the Japanese difficulty on the Pacific coast, however, because all of this oriental immigration now comes from the Hawaiian islands and, if the flow from Japan to Honolulu can be stopped, the fear of Californians of an inundation of Japanese will disappear, violation of law and order will cease and normal labor conditions on the Pacific slope will be restored.

HOLDUPS TACKLE WRONG MAN

Instead of Throwing Up His Hands He Kills One and Wounds the Other.

Pawnee, Okla., Dec. 27.—An unknown man is dead, another perhaps fatally injured and Fred Springler, a saloonkeeper, severely bruised, as a result of a holdup. Springler was accosted by two strangers while on his way home. Instead of throwing up his hands, as commanded, he opened fire and one of the bandits fell, dying almost instantly. The other may recover. Springler's arm was broken in the melee.

Lynching Is Likely.

Muskogee, I. T., Dec. 27.—Great excitement prevails at Stilliwell, a small town near here, over an attempted criminal assault of Miss York, a fourteen-year-old girl, by Braham Hughes. The girl repulsed Hughes and as she fled he fired a shotgun into her body at close range. Hughes was arrested and taken to Vinita at escape mob violence. The town is much wrought up and a lynching may follow.

Deputy Marshal Shot by Outlaws.

Tulsa, I. T., Dec. 27.—In a running fight over a rocky country Deputy United States Marshal Strickland was shot and lef for dead by two desperate outlaws. The battle occurred near Dawson. The bandits were later captured and lodged in jail. Strickland is in a local hospital in a critical condition.

Fatal Shooting Affray.

Tullahoma, Tenn., Dec. 27.—During a shooting affray in a billiard room here Mel Parker was fatally wounded, Henry Brinkley, was shot in the back, James Hole in the hip, J. D. Baxter in the back and Tom Pratt in the head.

Attack Jurisdiction of Court.

St. Louis, Dec. 27.—The Standard Oil company of New Jersey and sixty other corporations allied with it as defendants in the government's suit to break up the alleged oil monopoly, filed a motion in the United States circuit court, attacking the jurisdiction of that court to bring in non-resident defendants by process, and petitioning the court to vacate the order of service issued by Judge Sanborn Nov. 15.

Mob Fails to Get Murderer.

Las Animas, Colo., Dec. 27.—After several hours diligent effort at storming the county jail here, a mob which gathered for the purpose of lynching the slayer of Henry Lavenmeyer dispersed. The mob worked its way into the jail as far as the steel doors by breaking down the wooden doors, but were met with a stern refusal by the jail keepers to turn over the prisoner.

Drops Bomb in Railway Station.

Kharkov Russia, Dec. 27.—An unknown traveler dropped a bomb in the railway station here upon alighting from an in-coming train. Two passengers were killed and many wounded by the explosion. The station is now surrounded by soldiers.