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## FOUR PERSONS DROWN NEAR PAGE SAD TRAGEDY AT FISHING PARTY

### OVERLOADED BOAT CAPSIZES WITH SIX PERSONS.

### TWO ARE SAVED, FOUR PERISH

### DROWN IN EIGHTEEN FEET OF WATER AT WUNDER LAKE.

### FATHER AND CHILD WENT DOWN

### TWO SISTERS-IN-LAW AMONG THE VICTIMS.

### MAN AND WOMAN ARE RESCUED

Man Saved Lost Wife and Niece, Rescued Woman Lost Husband and Child—A Score of Friends Were at Lake Fishing For the Day.

O'Neill, Neb., June 6.—Special to The News: The community of Page, thirteen miles east of here, is rent by the sad and tragic drowning of four persons at Wunder's lake eight miles southeast of Page yesterday noon.

The dead:  
CLINTON SAMPSON, age forty-four years.  
MORRIS SAMPSON, age twenty months.  
MRS. H. V. TRACY, age thirty years.  
MISS ALICE DRUM, age twenty years.

Those who narrowly escaped:  
Mrs. Clinton Sampson, wife of the drowned man and mother of the drowned babe.  
H. V. Tracy, husband of one of the drowned victims.

### Tragedy Occurred at Fishing Party.

The pathetic tragedy came as the ending to a fishing party organized for a day's pleasure at one of the popular fishing resorts of Holt county. The party was composed of between thirty and forty people living three and four miles northeast of Page.

Equipped with a boat, fishing rods and lunch baskets, the party congregated at the lake in the forenoon and were having a merry time until six of the crowd got into the boat and started out on the lake.

### Six People Overloaded Boat.

The boat was built to carry not more than three persons and its overloading by the six persons capsized it. When the boat overturned four of the six occupants went to the bottom of the lake, which is eighteen feet deep at this point.

### Two Taken Out of Water Alive.

Two of the party of six in the boat were rescued from the water by means of fish poles. These were Mrs. Sampson, wife of the drowned man and mother of the drowned babe, and H. V. Tracy, whose wife was one of the four persons drowned.

### Man and Women Save These Two.

Orville Vanconnett was the only man of the party near the point where the boat capsized and he, with the aid of some of the women, succeeded in getting Mr. Tracy and Mrs. Sampson to the shore.

### Bodies in Water Thirty Minutes.

The four bodies were in the water about thirty minutes before they could be fished out with hooks and lines. A physician was summoned from Ewing and every effort was made to resuscitate the four victims, but to no avail.

### Father and Child Die Together.

The body of Mr. Sampson, who went down clinging to his twenty-months-old babe, with that of the little child, was taken to the Sampson home four miles northeast of Page.

### He Lost Wife and Niece.

The bodies of Mrs. Tracy and Miss Drum were taken to the Drum home in the same neighborhood, the husband of Mrs. Tracy being a brother of Mrs. Drum.

### A Pathetic Sight.

The Norfolk Daily News correspondent, with Coroner Flynn and Undertaker Biglin of O'Neill, visited these sadly bereft homes last evening. It was a peculiarly pathetic scene to see the father and babe stretched for the bier side by side.

The coroner's inquest found the

### To Bury Sisters-in-Law at Page.

Funeral arrangements had not yet been made, though it was expected the bodies of Mrs. Tracy and Miss Drum would be interred at Page on Friday, while those of the Sampsons may be sent to Tecumseh where Mr. Sampson formerly lived. He was a member of the A. O. U. W. at Tecumseh.

### Ewing People Helped.

Ewing, Neb., June 6.—Special to The News: A number of people from Ewing went out and helped in the effort to revive the four persons who drowned yesterday at Wunder lake, but efforts were useless. The boat whose overloading resulted in the sad tragedy was none too serviceable at best.

## RANDALL IS AFTER ROADS

### COMPLAINS OF UNION PACIFIC AND NORTHWESTERN.

### WANTS TWO CONNECTIONS MADE

### State Senator Randall of Newman Grove Seeks to Force Switching Connections at Humphrey and Albion, That Brick May be Hauled.

Lincoln, Neb., June 6.—Special to The News: State Senator C. A. Randall of Newman Grove today filed a statement with the Nebraska railway commission seeking to force the Union Pacific and Northwestern railways to put in a switch and a connection between the two roads' lines at Albion and at Humphrey.

Brick for the new school house which is to be built at Newman Grove will be secured at Madison and the senator's complaint seeks to make it possible to haul the material from Madison to Newman Grove by way of Humphrey, over the Union Pacific and Northwestern roads, instead of around by way of Norfolk and Oakdale.

## JURY DODGERS AT FLANDREAU

### Talesmen Have Decided Opinions on Kaufmann Murder Case.

Flandreau, S. D., June 6.—Little progress was made in the work of securing a jury for the trial of Mrs. Emma Kaufmann of Sioux Falls, accused of murdering her domestic, Miss Agnes Polreis, most of the talesmen examined having formed decided opinions. Judge Smith and the attorneys on both sides are inclined to think pressure of work on the farm has something to do with the manifest disinclination to serve on the jury. Contrary to the practice in some states, no member of the jury will be definitely accepted until the panel as a whole is passed and sworn to try the case.

## BIG REWARD FOR ASSAILANT

### Twenty-One Hundred Dollars Now Offered for Red Willow County Fend.

McCook, Neb., June 6.—The hunt for the assailant of Mrs. Claude Spaulding north of this city, May 22, received a new impetus when the First National bank of McCook added a reward of \$1,600 to the \$1,100 already up for the capture of the fend. The officers are preparing for still more active work in attempting to land the man and bring him to justice. Mrs. Spaulding is slowly recovering her faculties and improving from the terrible wounds inflicted and is able to give fuller and more accurate description of the assailant and the hunt will be prosecuted with renewed vigor.

## Storm Sweeps Texas.

Dallas, Tex., June 6.—A severe wind and rain storm swept over the central portion of northern Texas and much damage to property is reported in the vicinity of Bowie and Mount Pleasant. At Cooper's Chapel, nine miles from Mount Pleasant, John Holcomb, a farmer, was killed by lightning. Considerable damage to crops and farm buildings is reported from Dallas, Titus, Collin and Montague counties.

## CROKER'S ORBY WINS DERBY

### Classic English Event Goes to Horse With American Blood.

London, June 6.—Richard Croker's Orby, ridden by "Johnny" Reiff, the American jockey, won the Derby stakes of 6,500 sovereigns at Epsom. The distance was about one mile and a half. Woolwinder, ridden by Madden, the English jockey, was second, and Slieve Gallion, an Irish horse, ridden by Higgs, an English jockey, was third. Orby was bred in Ireland, out of an American dam, and thus the Derby has been won by an American owner, whose horse was ridden by an American jockey and whose mount was out of an American mare. Nine horses started.

William H. Bickner.  
Ainsworth, Neb., June 6.—Special to The News: William H. Bickner died here and the funeral was held in the Methodist church.

### Ainsworth to Celebrate Fourth.

Ainsworth, Neb., June 6.—Special to The News: The citizens of Ainsworth met and appointed H. O. Paine chairman and William Murphy secretary of the Fourth of July committee. Ainsworth will celebrate in grand old-fashioned style.

### Dahman-Collett Wedding.

Omaha June 6.—The marriage of Miss Ruth Dahman, daughter of Mayor Dahman, to Mr. Austin Collett, took place at All Saints' church.

## INDICTMENTS BY WHOLESALE

### Every Furniture Jobber in Four Pacific States Under Ban of Law.

Portland, Ore., June 6.—In the United States district court here indictments were returned against 180 furniture dealers in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and California for alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. The list includes practically every manufacturer and jobber in the states named and a large number of retail dealers.

Assistant United States Attorney James Cole announced that he would give the defendants an opportunity to come and plead voluntarily, but that in the event of failure to do so bench warrants would be served. No bonds were required.

The indictment involves practically the entire membership of five furniture organizations—the Northwest Furniture exchange, the Northwest Retail Furniture Dealers' Protective association, the Oregon Retail Furniture Dealers' association and the Lewiston Furniture club.

It is charged that the wholesale dealers and jobbers agreed not to sell to any retail dealers who were not members of the retailers' associations and the retailers agreed not to purchase furniture goods from manufacturers, wholesalers and jobbers who were not members of the Northwest Furniture exchange, which was organized for the alleged purpose of regulating prices.

## HELEN GOUGAR IS DEAD

### WELL KNOWN TEMPERANCE LEADER SUCCUMBS.

### SHE DROPS DEAD IN INDIANA

### At La Fayette, Ind., Helen M. Gougar, a Well Known Temperance Lecturer and Leader, Dropped Dead From Heart Failure, Age Seventy.

La Fayette, Ind., June 6.—Helen M. Gougar, a well known temperance leader and lecturer, dropped dead here this morning.

Heart failure was the cause of the sudden death of this well known woman. She was seventy years of age.

## MUTINY AT CZAR'S PALACE

### Squadron of Hussars Revolts Against Strict Discipline.

St. Petersburg, June 6.—The Fourth squadron of the Hussars of the Guard, stationed at Tsarskoe Selo, to which place the imperial family had just removed, revolted against the strict discipline which recently had been instituted by a new commander. The trouble for a time threatened to spread through the entire regiment, but the mutinous troopers were promptly surrounded and disarmed by other troops and order was restored without bloodshed. The ringleaders have already been turned over to a court-martial.

There have been so many alleged attempts lately upon the lives of members of the imperial house of Russia that scarcely a day passes without adding to the number. The latest, according to the Novoe Vremya, was a deliberate design on the life of Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch, younger brother of Emperor Nicholas. In any event, a serious accident was narrowly averted. The scene was the Gatchina road, leading to Tsarskoe Selo. Piles of stone completely blocking the highway were discovered just before the passage of an automobile bearing the grand duke. They were hurriedly cleared away and the emperor's brother passed in safety.

## FIND WOMAN'S BODY IN WELL

### Man Suspected of Murdering Her Eludes Posse.

Minneapolis, June 6.—The body of Mrs. Catherine McCart, who has been missing since May 24, was found by detectives in an abandoned well on the farm of George Kattelbach, a few miles out from the city. The woman's head had been crushed by a blunt instrument. Kattelbach is a brother-in-law of the dead woman and during the night detectives guarded the house, while Kattelbach had barricaded himself inside the house. The officers made no attempt during the night to get the man, as they did not care to risk being shot down in the attempt. The posse entered the house in the morning and found it vacant. Kattelbach had escaped during the night.

## ORCHARD ADMITS CRIMES

### STAR WITNESS IN HAYWOOD TRIAL ON STAND.

### RECOUNTS LIST OF MURDERS

### Self-Confessed Slayer of Steunenberg Testifies Against Leaders of Western Federation of Miners as Assassination Buyers.

Boise, Ida., June 6.—Alfred Horsley, alias Harry Orchard, the actual assassin of Frank Steunenberg, went on the stand a witness against William D. Haywood and made public confession of a long chain of brutal, revolting crimes, done, he said, at the inspiration and for the pay of the leaders of the Western Federation of Miners.

An undertaking by the special prosecutors for the state that they would by later proof and connection legitimize his testimony opened the way like a floodgate to the whole diabolical story and throughout the entire day Orchard went on from crime recital to crime recital, each succeeding one seemingly more revolting than those that had come before.



HARRY ORCHARD

Recounts List of Crimes.

Orchard confessed that as a member of the mob that wrecked the Bunker Hill and Sullivan mill in the Couer d'Alenes he lighted one of the fuses that carried fire to the giant explosion; confessed that he set the death trap in the Vindicator mine at Cripple Creek that blew out the lives of Superintendent McCormick and Foreman Beck; confessed that because he had not been paid for his first attempt at violence in the Vindicator mine he had been treacherous to his associates by warning the managers of the Florence and Cripple Creek railway that there was a plot to blow up their trains; confessed that he cruelly fired three charges of buckshot into the body of Detective Lyte Gregory of Denver, killing him instantly; confessed that for days he stalked Governor Peabody about Denver, waiting a chance to kill him; confessed that he and Steve Adams set and discharged the mine under the depot at Independence, and confessed that failing in an attempt to poison Fred Bradley of San Francisco, he blew him and his house up with a bomb of gelatine.

And he has more brutal crimes to tell that will bring his bloody career down to its end at Caldwell, where with a great bomb he killed Governor Steunenberg. These will come when he resumes the stand. The story was told to a tense-nerved, rigid crowd that watched with staring eyes for every move and word of the confessing witness; a crowd that was sickened and weary of its disgusting details long before James H. Hawley, pleading illness of himself, secured adjournment for the day.

### Coolly Tells of Deeds of Murder.

Orchard retained control of himself almost from the moment he took the stand, and if he suffered much he did not show it. His eyes were bloodshot and his face mottled in color when he came into the room to confront the man whose life he jeopardized. He was plainly nervous. He seemed at first to lose a little of his physical control, for he walked unsteadily as he neared the stand and reached in an indefinite way for the arm of the chair. He had trouble in finding his voice for a few minutes, but only for a few moments. He quickly steadied himself and was soon talking in the soft, easy tones that characterize his speech. His manner was easy and his gaze steady in any direction that a question claimed his attention. His eyes blinked a little when he told how he trailed and murdered Lyte Gregory, but his voice altered none in tone.

His eyes met those of Haywood several times and the two gazed fixedly at each other in tests with honest even.

### Orchard's Entry Dramatic.

Orchard's entry into the court room, after a dramatic pause, was itself intensely dramatic. Five witnesses, who traced Horsley and Jack Simpkins at various times prior to the Steunenberg murder at Caldwell, consumed the first hour of the morning session. The door then swung open and in marched Orchard, led by Sheriff Beamer and followed by two penitentiary guards and two detectives, all armed. There were a few preliminary

varies as to Horsley's birthplace and real name and his first days in the north Idaho country, and then Hawley led him down to the destruction of the Bunker Hill and Sullivan mine. He was telling of the meeting of the Burke union of the Idaho Federation of Miners who were the

Its first attack, Attorney Wilson objected to the testimony on ground that the events occurred years before Haywood was a member of the federation. Senator Borah contended that the state had a right to prove the facts about the Bunker Hill and Sullivan mine for the purpose of showing why the Western Federation of Miners had taken umbrage at Governor Steunenberg. Judge Wood ruled that the general facts were admissible.

Horsley then told the story of the blowing up of the property, in which he said that W. F. Davis, later the president of the Cripple Creek union, had command of the mob. He told of the seizure of the train, the theft of the giant powder, the attack upon the mine, and, concluding, said:

"I lit one of the fuses myself."

### Running Fire of Objections.

Horsley then told of his flight to Montana and of various journeys in the western country until he turned up in Cripple Creek in 1902, went to work in the mines and joined the Western Federation of Miners again. Under fire of renewed objection from the defense, all of which was overruled by the court on the strength of a repeated promise by the state to show the connection of the defendant later, the witness told of the plot to blow up the Vindicator mine. He confessed that after the strike began he went down into the mine "high grading," and there discovered a quantity of powder. He reported this to Davis, and there, he said, began the plot to do violence in the mine. He said the first attempt was a failure, because the cage man discovered him and his pal and drew their fire, but later a contrivance was fixed by which a discharged pistol set off a bomb and killed Superintendent McCormick and Foreman Beck. Five hundred dollars, he said, was the reward for the murders. Then came the journey to Denver, where the witness said he met Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone and entered their employ as assassin. He swore that Haywood paid him \$300 for blowing up the Vindicator mine.

### Plot to Kill Peabody.

Next the prisoner related how he journeyed to Southern Colorado as a guard to Moyer and his return to Denver, where it was suggested, he said, that he kill Governor Peabody. He said he picked Steve Adams to aid him, and together they stalked the governor between the capitol building and his home, trying for a shot at him with cut-off guns. Haywood and Pettibone were in the plot and furnished the witness with money from time to time. The plot failed because Horsley and Adams followed a carriage containing three women to the Peabody home and excited suspicion.

Next came a plot to dynamite Peabody, and Horsley said they made a bomb, but gave the plan up at the suggestion of Haywood, who was in fear that they would all be arrested. He said he and Adams were told to lay off for a time, but meantime Pettibone suggested that they kill Lyte Gregory, who had been a deputy sheriff and had given testimony against some members of the federation. The witness then detailed the relentless trailing of Gregory and his final murder. "Gregory turned and backed up against a fence," said the witness, "as if to draw a gun, and I shot him three times. It certainly killed him." This tale of cowardly, brutal man hunting and killing seemed to play with greater intensity upon the nerves of the men and women who sat listening to Horsley than any of the others and a perceptible shudder went through the room as he calmly talked of the shooting. It was the only place where a victim had been actually faced. The others had been done to death by mechanical and chemical contrivances.

Then came the frightful tragedy at Independence, followed by the flight to Wyoming and after that the trip to San Francisco for the purpose of killing Bradley. Orchard swore that after his visit to Denver, when he got the money for killing McCormick and Beck, he was constantly in communication and in the pay of either Haywood, Moyer, Pettibone, Simpkins or Davis; that one or all of them suggested his various crimes, and that at all meetings held after each crime his acts had been warmly commended.

### FARMERS WOULD FIX PRICE.

### American Society of Equity Meets in Omaha.

Omaha, June 6.—One hundred farmers and grain growers from ten different states are assembled in Omaha in convention. The organization is known as the American Society of Equity, which has for its ultimate purpose the absolute control for the farmers of the country of the market and price of all manner of farm products.

The local convention is being held for the purpose of organizing a grain growers' division of this society, through which better to facilitate the ends sought in the larger organization.

### Insurance for Saloon Men.

Omaha, June 6.—The Nebraska Retail Liquor Dealers' association rejected all of its old officers. Omaha was chosen as the location of the next annual convention. The incorporation of a life insurance feature was favorably considered.

## PRISON FOR H. H. TUCKER

### MUST SERVE THREE MONTHS IN JAIL FOR CONTEMPT.

### BANKRUPTCY CASE CONTINUED

### Indicted Secretary of Uncle Sam Oil Company Sentenced by Judge Hook for Filing Sensational Affidavit. Court Arraigns Attorney Wilson.

Leavenworth Kan., June 6.—Judge W. C. Hook of the United States circuit court sentenced H. H. Tucker, Jr., the indicted secretary of the Uncle Sam Oil company, to serve three months in the Leavenworth county jail for contempt of court, the contempt being a sensational affidavit filed by Tucker alleging a conspiracy between Federal Judges Pollock, McPherson and Phillips and the Standard Oil company to drive the Uncle Sam company out of business. Judge Hook delivered a terrific arraignment of Attorney Albert L. Wilson of Kansas City, who prepared the affidavit. He said the only purpose of filing the affidavit was to create a sensation in the papers and influence public sentiment. Hook declared there was no precedent for such an affidavit and the clerk of the court was criticised for placing it on file. It was stricken from the files by order of Judge Hook.

Tucker has commenced serving his sentence. The bankruptcy proceedings were continued until a judge can be found who can sit in the case. Judge Pollock will not preside.

The affidavit alleged that Judges Pollock, Phillips and McPherson went on a fishing trip to Tampico, Mexico, on Jan. 26, 1906, in the private car of Gardiner Lathrop, head of the legal department of the Santa Fe, and strongly intimated that during the trip a conspiracy was entered into between the judges and the Standard Oil company, the claim being made that the Standard and the Santa Fe road were controlled by the same persons. The affidavit further alleged that Pollock made a statement against Tucker and the Uncle Sam company out of court.

Tucker was on the stand two hours and was subjected to a grueling examination by N. H. Loomis, general attorney of the Union Pacific, named by the court to conduct the examination. Tucker attempted to corroborate the charges in the affidavit, but became badly mixed and admitted the affidavit was prepared on hearsay.

The attorneys for the Uncle Sam Oil company asked the court to dismiss the bankruptcy proceedings, stating that Tucker would pay every outstanding debt in five days. Judge Hook refused to dismiss the suit. Tucker will be taken from jail to testify. The present term of court will be continued until a judge can be secured, Judge Hook having returned to St. Paul.

### DENY REQUEST OF TRUSTEES

### First Step of Battle Over Mrs. Eddy's Property Won by Her Heirs.

Concord, N. H., June 6.—The petition of the three trustees to whom Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy had transferred her property, asking that they be substituted as complainants in place of "next friends" in the suit to secure an accounting of Mrs. Eddy's property, was denied by Judge Chamberlain of the superior court. The trustees are Henry M. Baker of Bow, Josiah B. Fernald of Concord and Archibald McLellan of Boston. The next friends are George W. Glover of Lead, S. D., son of Mrs. Eddy; Mary Baker (Mover), his daughter, and Dr. J. Foster Eddy of Waterbury, Vt., an adopted son of George Baker of Bangor, a cousin.

The suit is for an accounting of Mrs. Eddy's property, which, it is alleged, is under control of Calvin A. Frye, Mrs. Eddy's secretary, and other Christian Scientists, who are named as plaintiffs. The question of Mrs. Eddy's physical and mental condition figures in the action.

### SCHMITZ TRIAL BEGINS

### District Attorney Heney Makes Opening Address for Prosecution.

San Francisco, June 6.—The opening address for the prosecution by Assistant District Attorney Heney, the partial examination in chief of former Police Commissioner Thomas Reagan, the introduction as evidence of a mass of data from the minute books of the police commission for the years 1894-95, and the questioning in relation thereto of the secretary of the commission Officer Charles F. Skuley, were the incidents that made up the first day's actual trial of Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz for extortion.

Officer Skuley will resume the witness stand to further identify and corroborate police commission records. He will be followed by Mr. Reagan, who will complete his testimony, and then be turned over to the defense for cross-examination.

### No Affiliation With Bell Company.

Chicago, June 6.—Opposition to affiliation of independent telephone companies with the Bell Telephone company "anywhere on the American continent" was embodied in a resolution adopted by representatives of the independent companies in convention here.