

A GHASTLY MURDER IN NORTH NEBRASKA

A. G. BROWN, BRUNSWICK HARNESSEMAKER, SLAUGHTERED.

HAD BEEN KILLED WITH AXE

IS STRUCK DOWN BY UNKNOWN HAND IN HIS OWN HOME.

BODY HIDDEN IN THE CELLAR

People in the Town of Brunswick, After Missing Citizen Since Last Monday Night, Investigate and Find a Most Brutal, Fiendish Crime.

Brunswick, Neb., Dec. 9.—Special to The News: The most ghastly and one of the most fiendish murders ever committed in the state of Nebraska came to light here last night when the butchered body of A. G. Brown, an unmarried harnessmaker something over 50 years of age, was found hidden in the cellar of his little house in the edge of town.

The man had been missed since last Monday night and it is now thought the murder was committed Monday night. Last evening a committee of three citizens investigated Brown's disappearance, broke into his house and found the murdered body.

Head Mashed With an Axe. Brown's head had been mashed and beaten and mangled with his own axe. The skull was broken into bits, the top of the skull particularly being broken to pieces.

The murder had been done in the front room of the little lonely dwelling. There, apparently as the bachelor harnessmaker sat in his chair just after coming in from the barn, where he had done the evening's stable chores, he had been struck down by an unknown hand.

Find Pool of Human Blood. The chair was tipped over and a pool of human blood on the parlor floor told of the cruel, fiendish human butchery.

The body then had been carried—not dragged—through another room and into the cellar where it had been tossed by the murderer to await its discovery last night. Beside the murdered body lay the axe with which the harnessmaker had been slaughtered.

Robbery the Motive. Robbery is believed to have been a motive for the horrible crime. Brown generally carried on his person all the money he had taken in during the day, and when found there was not a penny in his pockets. The murderer, however, had been too sly to take the man's watch.

Murderer Locks Door. The harnessmaker's bunch of keys were gone and with these the murderer had locked the door upon the house in which he had just finished his terrible crime.

The dead man still wore his over-shoes, just as he had come, apparently, from the barn.

There is absolutely no clue to the murderer. One suspicious looking character was in the village Saturday and Monday, but he left town on Monday night's train and Brown was seen alive after that. It is thought the murderer must have been some local party who knew of Brown's habit of carrying money in his pockets.

Safe Likely Robbed. Brown was a very quiet man and kept his own business to himself, and it is not known how much money he had on his person Monday night, but it is believed the amount was not large. It is suspected that the murderer, taking the dead man's keys, after locking the house in which he had just slain the harnessmaker, went to the harness shop, unlocked it, unlocked the safe and robbed that. This could not be confirmed, as the keys are gone and the safe cannot be opened.

Lived All Alone. Brown lived all alone. He had been here for several years. One brother survives him at Trepola, Ia., and the remains will be shipped to that town tomorrow morning.

The Antelope county coroner, Dr. W. F. Conwell, arrived here this morning from Neligh to hold an inquest.

It was when a man who had borrowed a tool from Brown, tried and tried many times without success to find the harnessmaker in his shop, in order to return the tool, that suspicion as to foul play was aroused.

The borrower of the tool had tried the house and found it locked. So a committee consisting of Tom McMahon, Henry Nagle and Marshal Buckmaster broke in the door of the house to investigate the mystery.

Citizens Investigate Mystery. Their eyes rested upon the overturned chair and the pool of human blood, frozen on the floor, when they entered the house. Further search revealed the lifeless body of Brown in the cellar, his skull hacked to pieces, crushed and crumbled, and the bloody ax lying there beside the man that it had served to kill.

A general alarm was given and the county officials at Neligh notified. The sheriff was out in the country last night and he, with the coroner, drove the eighteen miles through 18-below-zero weather this morning to investigate the crime.

Coroner's Jury Returns Verdict. The coroner's jury Thursday afternoon returned a verdict finding that Brown had been "murdered by an unknown person."

Norfolk Police Hunt Murderer. J. W. Rice, county attorney of Neligh, has telegraphed the chief of police of Norfolk to arrest and hold all suspicious characters in connection with the Brown murder at Brunswick.

Coroner Holding Inquest. The coroner's jury Thursday afternoon returned a verdict finding that Brown had been "murdered by an unknown person."

KILLED BY SPRING GUN. Unique Method Used to Murder Wyoming Druggist.

Cody, Wyo., Dec. 9.—S. A. Ash, a druggist, was shot and killed in his home in a manner which makes the murder unique in the history of this section. By the use of a clothesline attached to an old gun a strap was arranged inside the cabin, such as is sometimes used by trappers to kill bears. A rope was attached to the trigger of the gun and the stovepipe and the gun was discharged when Ash opened the door, the charge entering his stomach. He died two hours later.

Big Horn county and the business men of this city have offered a reward of \$1,000 for the apprehension of the persons responsible for the death of Ash, who was manager of the Western Drug company.

Mr. Ash was unmarried. He has a brother engaged in work on the Panama canal, but whose present whereabouts are not known.

STILL PROBE ERDER MURDER

Detective to Prove Dr. Doxey Joined Wife in St. Louis.

St. Louis, Dec. 9.—When the grand jury resumed today its investigation into the alleged murder of William J. Erder of which Mrs. Dora E. Doxey is accused, more than a score of witnesses were left from the thirty-six yesterday.

Among those who testified today was Dr. W. H. Warren, the Washington university chemist who found arsenic in Erder's remains. The arrest of Mrs. Doxey followed the announcement of this discovery.

At least three witnesses who hitherto have not appeared in the case were scheduled to tell the grand jury what they knew of Mrs. Doxey.

It is also claimed that this data will show that the doctor joined his wife here and that they left together for Columbus, Neb.

The grand jury may not complete its work on this till late today.

INSANE MAN KILLS SHERIFF

ROY LEE OF SHREVE, O, SHOOTS APPROACHING OFFICER.

FAMILY IN TERROR ALL NIGHT

After Holding his Family in State of Terror All Night, Ohio Men Believed to be Insane, Kills Sheriff When Latter Nears Home.

Shreve, O., Dec. 9.—After he had held his family in terror all night, Roy Lee, believed to be insane, today shot and killed Sheriff Jacob Bell, of Holmes county, when the officer attempted to enter the Lee home.

FIERCE FIRE AT KALAMAZOO

ONE LIFE LOST, MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF PROPERTY.

300 HOTEL GUESTS DRIVEN OUT

Fire Starts in 5 and 10-Cent Store and Sweeps Block—During Height of the Flames, Man Appears at Upper Window, Cries for Help, Falls Back.

Kalamazoo, Mich., Dec. 9.—One life probably was lost, many firemen were overcome by smoke, 300 hotel guests were driven into the streets and property valued at approximately \$1,000,000 was destroyed by a fire which started here at 10 o'clock last night and was only extinguished after an all-night struggle by the combined fire-fighting forces of Kalamazoo, Battle Creek and Grand Rapids.

Starting in the basement of the Star "bargain house," a 5 and 10-cent store, at No. 118 West Main street, the flames spread eastward along the north side of Main street destroying the Burdeck house, a four-story hotel and store building, covering more than half a city block.

On an arcade running north through the Burdeck building to Water street were located a half dozen small establishments and these were burned out. Sweeping eastward on Main street from Burdeck, the fire burned the Postal telegraph and American express office and several stores.

Aid was summoned from Battle Creek and Grand Rapids. While the flames were raging in the hotel, a man appeared at an upper window and cried for help. Before a ladder could be raised he disappeared and it is believed he perished.

FREIGHTER GOES DOWN

FIVE MEN OF CREW SINK WITH STEEL LAKE BOAT.

BALANCE OF THE CREW SAVED

The W. C. Richardson, a Steel Freighter, Sinks at a Point Five Miles up the Lake from Buffalo, Five of the Crew Perishing.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 9.—The W. C. Richardson, a big steel freighter, sank early today at a point five miles up the lake from Buffalo harbor with five men of the crew, who drowned.

Captain Griesser and the life saving crew went to the rescue and saved the other members of the crew.

SHIP BURNS TWO PERISH

TWO CHILDREN AND ELEVEN OF CREW DRIFT IN LAKE.

FEAR OF FREEZING TO DEATH

Two Children and Eleven Members of the Crew are Now Adrift in the Lake—Have not Been Heard From Since Burning of Boat—One Froze.

Cleveland, Dec. 9.—Two men lost their lives and the fate of thirteen others is unknown as a result of the burning of the steamer Clarion, near Point Pelee, in Lake Erie early today.

Six members of the crew were taken from the Clarion by the steamer L. C. Hanna and brought here. They were rushed to a train and sent to Buffalo, the headquarters of the Anchor line company, which owns the Clarion.

According to the statements of the sailors, all attempted to leave the Clarion as soon as it was ascertained that she could not be saved. Captain B. J. Bell of Ogdensburg, N. Y., and twelve other members of the crew took to the life boat.

One Freezes; One Drowns. It is feared they may starve or freeze before rescued. High seas are running, owing to the recent storm.

The mate was frozen to death. A vain effort was made by the six survivors to enter another life boat. One sailor fell overboard and was drowned in his efforts to launch the life boat. The men were forced to remain on the Clarion. Later they were picked up by the steamer Hanna and taken here. The cause of the fire is not known.

PHONE MEN CENSURE NORTON

He is Said to Have Written Letters Favoring Bell Company.

Chicago, Dec. 9.—The International Independent Telephone association closed its convention here today with a resolution censuring Charles Norton

of the Indiana state association for writing letters which were considered in the interests of the Bell telephone company, the principal competitors of the association members.

A committee to superintend the reorganization along stronger lines was appointed, headed by Frank H. Woods of Lincoln, Neb., who announced that the present organization would be continued for a time in preparation of a new constitution and that a contribution of \$50 from each company in the association would be asked.

MONEY MINORITY LEADER

Mississippi Senator Selected to Succeed Senator Culbertson.

Washington, Dec. 9.—In caucus this afternoon the democratic senators elected Senator H. D. Money of Mississippi as minority leader of the senate to succeed Senator Culbertson of Texas, whose resignation was presented today.

RECORD PRICE PAID FOR HOGS

HIGHEST PRICE EVER PAID ON SOUTH OMAHA MARKET.

AN IOWA CARLOAD GETS \$8.40

Western Iowa Hog Shipper Sends Carload of Porkers to South Omaha Market Weighing on an Average of 270 East—Get Biggest Price Ever.

Omaha, Dec. 9.—The highest price ever paid for hogs at the South Omaha market is \$8.40 per hundred, which was paid for a carload received today from western Iowa. They averaged 270 pounds in weight.

RECORD PRICE FOR STEERS.

Two Carloads on Kansas City Market Hereabouts, Bring \$10.50.

Kansas City, Dec. 9.—Two carloads of steers from Maple Hill, Kan., sold at \$10.50 a hundred pounds at the Kansas City stock yards today, the highest price ever paid on the open market here.

The cattle were Herefords, 2 years old, and weighed an average of 1,443 pounds.

KINKAID HAS SEVERAL BILLS

\$135,000 PUBLIC BUILDING FOR CHADRON AND ALLIANCE.

WOULD REIMBURSE S. J. WEEKES

Also Introduces a Bill to Increase Civil War Pensions—Former Congressman Boyd Leaves Washington, Returning to Neligh.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Special to The News: Congressman Kinkaid has introduced bills authorizing the secretary of the interior to grant leaves of absence to homestead entrymen for the purpose of sending their children to school under certain conditions; to appropriate \$135,000 for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building thereon, to be used as a post-office and federal court building and for other federal purposes in the city of Chadron; also a similar bill appropriating the same amount for the city of Alliance.

Another bill is to appropriate \$50,000 to the city of Crawford to help in the construction of waterworks to protect the city from water polluted by the Fort Robinson military post.

Special relief bills are as follows: To appropriate \$1,044 to compensate A. W. Ait of Hyannis for making surveys of government land in 1899, 1900 and 1901; to reimburse S. J. Weekes of O'Neill for fees paid to the government to which he was individually entitled when he was register of the O'Neill district land office; to appropriate \$1,760 to B. B. Wood and other residents of Morrill county to pay damages for loss by prairie fire set by government reclamation officials.

The congressman also desires to increase the amount of pensions to soldiers of the civil war under the age act passed February 6, 1907, that they may receive \$15 at 62 years, \$20 at 65, \$30 at 70 and \$40 at 75 years of age.

Former Congressman Boyd of Neligh, who has been in Washington for some days engaged in the prosecution of certain claims of Omaha Indians before the interior department, left for home.

DISCOUNT RATE IS REDUCED

Money Getting Easier, Bank of England Comes Down.

London, Dec. 9.—The governors of the Bank of England today reduced the minimum rate of discount from 5 to 4 1/2 per cent.

Nebraska Postmasters.

Washington, Dec. 9.—Postmasters appointed are as follows: Nebraska—Odesa, Buffalo county, C. A. Pasby; J. W. Bertman, resigned; Williams, Thayer county, William E. Mulch; vice A. Gumble, resigned.

HILL SOUNDS WARNING NOTE

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY HEAD SAYS "FARM BETTER."

SCIENTIFIC FARMING IS NEEDED

Philosopher-BUILDER of the Northwest Comes to Omaha and Delivers an Address Before the National Corn Exposition—Raise More Crops.

Omaha, Dec. 9.—The big music hall of the national corn exposition building was crowded today when James J. Hill, "the empire builder of the northwest," gave his address on the pressing need of a system of farming in the United States which shall greatly increase the productivity of the soil. The time when the farms of this country, as at present tilled, will not feed the people, is near; the extension of area is practically at an end, he said.

"The whole subject of our food supply and its relation to population, industry, growth, institutions and everything that concerns our future is appropriate for this occasion. The true statement of the broad general fact which it is most desirable that everyone should understand is this: That this country cannot feed the population which it must necessarily have within a comparatively few years if it does not change its agricultural methods. The emphasis is all on that conditional clause.

"We cannot support our coming population upon the crop yield per acre that now satisfies us. We have to transform a growing decline in value and productivity of our soil under continued cultivation into a rapid increase in both. If the crisis can be seen moving upon us now, and if it took Great Britain over half a century to raise her wheat yield from about fifteen bushels to thirty-two bushels per acre, we have not time to lose. What has to be considered, the keynote of all present discussion, is not the difficulty but the urgency of the task. The whole argument is one not of despair, but of reassurance; provided only that we do the obvious, indispensable and feasible thing, and do it now.

Raps Lottery System. "Area is inelastic. Our public lands are mainly exhausted. A few more years will see the last of them. And, lest they should not be squandered quickly enough, we not only offer them to everybody under conditions that invite and reward fraud, but when the government finds itself burdened with a particularly choice and valuable tract of farm land it holds a lottery and distributes it among Tom, Dick and Harry, no matter whether farmers or speculators, after they have been collected from distant parts of the country by appealing to the passion for gambling. The areas to be obtained by reclamation work would not, all told, take care of our increase for two years. So there are final limits already in sight to the quantity of tillable land.

"The productivity of the soil and the food supply as compared with population both decline. Our total agricultural product has been growing so rapidly and so immensely that we find it hard to realize that this may be entirely consistent with failure, at the same time, to keep pace with the growth of national needs. The country, unless there shall be a change, is approaching a time when it must import wheat to meet home needs. Other food products also lag behind the constant new demand. Since that demand cannot be escaped, and since not to meet it means want or a lowering of the standard of life and comfort in this country, which no American would wish to see, there is but one course before the nation. That is to increase the productivity of the farm so that the earth's gifts may year by year equal or exceed the people's requirements.

"It is the more necessary because the great bulk of our foreign trade is made up of these commodities. Food-stuffs and articles but one removed from the soil are the currency with which we have paid for what we bought abroad. What we have to do in this country is to apply to farming the scientific knowledge, shaped now to practical uses, that will raise our average product per acre to something like that of countries which lack many of our advantages of soil and climate. When Great Britain, in what her own people regard as an age of agricultural decline, can produce over thirty-two bushels of wheat per acre, and other grains in proportion, while the United States calls it a big crop when its average rises to fourteen, it argues mere want of intelligence on the part of this country; a failure to grasp the simple reasons for coming hardship and its obvious and natural remedy.

Must Quit Abusing Soil. "All that is needed to turn an impending national good deficit into a surplus, to support in plenty 150 or more persons to the square mile in the United States, is the use instead of the abuse of the soil; the practice of that knowledge which agricultural schools and experiment stations have already formulated and are daily putting before the people. The future of this nation, political and moral as well as financial, is bound up with the future of the farm. By that will our character and our institutions be tried. By it, in the long run, all wealth is measured, conditioned and supported. The work of education has been begun, but it must be enlarged, supplemented and advocated all the time. The Insti-

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska.

Table with weather forecast data: Maximum 3, Minimum -18, Average -10, Barometer 30.04, Chicago Dec. 9.—The bulletin issued by the Chicago station of the United States weather bureau gives the forecast for Nebraska as follows: Partly cloudy tonight and Friday; slowly rising temperature.

tutions that are doing most for the country today are the agricultural colleges. They should grow in number, in attendance and above all, in the expert knowledge and freedom from all political or other influence of their chiefs and instructors. You can help see to that."

Following Mr. Hill's address, Prof. Herbert W. Mumford of the University of Illinois gave an illustrated lecture on "Live Stock and Farming in Argentina." At the "biograph hall," another large auditorium in the exposition building, addresses were given this afternoon by experts in various matters connected with farming and stock raising.

Prof. W. J. Spillman, Washington, D. C.; President Waters of Kansas agricultural college, and W. M. Hayes, assistant secretary of agriculture, were the speakers at today's meeting of the American Breeders association.

"DEATH TO AMERICANS"

THIS WAS ZELAYA'S FORMAL ORDER TO HIS ARMY.

'SHOOT EVERY AMERICAN FOUND'

Some of His Officers Protested, but the Order Stood—United States has Formally Demanded his Resignation, Zelaya Tells Friend.

New Orleans, Dec. 9.—A cable to the Picoayun from Panama says: "Death to Americans," is the order issued to the army by President Zelaya. Positive information was received here today that more than a month ago Zelaya issued instructions to his military commanders to shoot every American caught fighting in the army of revolutionists. Some of Zelaya's officers protested against this order and warned him that trouble with the United States would result.

The gunboat Vicksburg, which has been stationed at Corinto ever since the Nicaraguan trouble assumed an acute stage, has been re-inforced and there are now four American warships in the Corinto harbor.

The Vicksburg needs coal and now that re-inforcements have reached Corinto she will probably come to Panama to replenish her fuel supplies.

London, Dec. 9.—The United States government has formally demanded the resignation of President Zelaya of Nicaragua, according to a cablegram from Nicaragua received by a business house here today. The message adds that this information was communicated by Zelaya himself who said that his resignation from the presidency probably would take effect at the end of December.

Legation No More at Washington. Washington, Dec. 9.—The Nicaraguan legation here is no more. Big Nicaragua, according to a cablegram from Nicaragua received by a business house here today, the message adds that this information was communicated by Zelaya himself who said that his resignation from the presidency probably would take effect at the end of December.

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TUBERCULOSIS IN COW'S MILK

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FINDS IT EXISTING IN WASHINGTON.

SAME ALL OVER THE COUNTRY

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson Says That it is the Government's Intention to Make Washington Inspection Model for all Cities.

Washington, Dec. 9.—In speaking of the federal inspection of dairy herds which the department of agriculture has started in the District of Columbia, with the purpose of doing away as far as possible with tubercular infected milk, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson says:

"It is believed the condition discovered in the city of Washington exists in many other cities of the United States and it is the intention of the department of agriculture to make Washington an example for all other cities to follow."

NEW BLOW FOR COOK

PILOT AND INSURANCE BROKER GIVE DAMAGING TESTIMONY.

OFFERED PAY TO HELP ON DATA

COOK OFFERED THEM EACH \$4,000 TO HELP WITH RECORDS.

SORE BECAUSE HE FAILS TO PAY

The New York Times Publishes Affidavits From Two Men, a Navigator and Pilot and an Insurance Broker, Accusing Polar Explorer.

New York, Dec. 9.—The Times prints this morning sworn affidavits signed by August W. Loose, a pilot and navigator, and George H. Dunkle, an insurance broker, that Dr. Cook promised them \$4,000 for their aid in preparing the polar records of his journey, which now are in the hands of the University of Copenhagen. The Times also reproduces what purports to be the facsimile of a pencilled memorandum, directing the preparation of observations all the way from Svarthevaag to the pole.

They freely acknowledged that their motive in making these affidavits is the alleged failure to pay them the full sums said to have been promised. The Times further adds that it is impossible as yet to say that the observations calculated by Captain Loose and which he alleges he supplied to Dr. Cook are those delivered by his secretary, Lonesdale, to the University of Copenhagen. To establish this point it would be necessary to compare Captain Loose's narrative with the report received at the university.

Experts Will Know Truth. Copenhagen Scientists Amazed at New Charges—Begin Work Next Week. Copenhagen, Dec. 9.—A summary of the affidavits of persons claiming to have aided Dr. Frederick A. Cook in the preparation of his polar data, published in London and New York, was read here today with amazement. Scientific circles are inclined to be incredulous regarding the charges and some persons like Karl Burrau, the astronomer, consider them so improbable that efforts will be made to strengthen confidence in Dr. Cook. In an interview Dr. Burrau said:

"Passages in the story telegraphed here give me the impression that the matter is thoroughly trustworthy. Take, for instance, the statement about Capella. Capella neither rises nor sets in the polar regions, but remains fixed over the horizon. In order to make observations at the north pole an extended and a more detailed knowledge is necessary than is enjoyed usually by the average ship's captain.

"It will, however, be easy for the university to determine the truth or otherwise of the charges. The committee of six under the presidency of Prof. Ellis Strömgren, the astronomer, which is to examine the north polar records of Dr. Cook at the University of Copenhagen will begin its work next week.

Cold Wave Broken in Southwest. Kansas City, Dec. 9.—There were signs of abatement today of the cold wave that three days ago swept down on Kansas, western Missouri and Oklahoma.

Temperatures in western Kansas and Oklahoma last night were slightly warmer, but zero weather prevailed in eastern Kansas and western Missouri. These will become warmer today, however, according to warmer forecast.

The following temperatures were reported early today: Kansas City and Springfield, Mo., and Wichita, Kan., zero; Concordia, Kan., 4 below; Oklahoma City, 12 above; Fort Smith, Ark., 14 above; and Amarillo, Tex., 24 above.

NO HONOURAN REVOLUTION

Cousin of President Says There's No Notion of Rebellion.

New Orleans, Dec. 9.—There is no intention on the part of President Davila's subjects in Honduras to attempt to overthrow his government now, according to Dr. Fausto Davila of Guatemala, a cousin of the president, who recently arrived here from Central America. Dr. Davila said:

"Davila shows that he is afraid of declaring martial law. His fears are groundless. There is no notion of trying to overthrow him at present. General Bonilla, the former president of Honduras who, it is asserted, would lead a movement against Davila is living quietly near Stamm Creek, British Honduras.

"The country is ripe for a change but it will not come yet. The effect of martial law will be to allow Davila to further work his vengeance on his political enemies. I am informed he has already begun steps to this end."