

MAN AND WOMAN MURDERED

Geddes, S. D., Stirred by Sensational Double Crime.

SKULLS CRUSHED WITH HAMMER

Bodies of W. H. Menzie and Miss Blanche Signal Found in Debris of Burned Lumber Yard Office.

GEDDES, S. D., April 17.—What appears to be a sensational double murder was disclosed here this morning, when the bodies of W. H. Menzie, manager of the Farmers' lumber yard here, which was burned last night, and his bookkeeper, Miss Blanche Signal, were found in the debris of the burned lumber office early this morning, lying side by side, face downward. Both bodies were badly charred.

The feet of Miss Signal were tied with a wire and her hands were bound with her skull had been crushed with a claw hammer, which was found near by.

Mr. Menzie's feet were also wired together and a wire was found on one wrist, the other end was broken and his hands were under him. His skull also had been fractured by the same blunt instrument.

The coroner's jury now is taking evidence and will probably not reach a verdict before some time tomorrow.

There is no clue and no known motive for the murder. The bodies were found together and a wire was found on one wrist, the other end was broken and his hands were under him. His skull also had been fractured by the same blunt instrument.

The fire was discovered about 11:30 p. m. and had started just back of the office. The fire had made such headway before the fire department arrived that nothing could be saved.

HUERTA MAKES NEW CONDITIONS THAT WILL NOT BE MET

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salute to the Stars and Stripes, as an apology for continued affronts to the United States, particularly the recent arrest of bluejackets at Tampico, that the guns of the American fleet should only to the Mexican salute gun for gun. Officials here were ready to acknowledge Huerta's salute of twenty-one guns after it had been finished, with a return salute, such as is prescribed in naval custom and precedent. That would merely be acknowledging an amenable honor, they say. But to return Huerta's salute gun for gun, they pointed out, would make the apology worthless. Officials described Huerta's latest move as an act to preserve his own dignity before the Mexicans of that part of the country under his control.

While President Wilson and the cabinet will decide what shall be done, the opinion was expressed freely in official circles that nothing but a complete apology and such a salute as the United States would be accepted now.

While Secretary Bryan, when he took the latest dispatches before the president, said the situation was "encouraging, but not finished," and White House officials said the details remaining in dispute did not affect the "heart of the matter," it developed that Huerta's counter proposition for a simultaneous salute was considered as another play for time, which probably would not be complacence. All the latest dispatches were laid before the cabinet. Practically all the members of the official family were said to be agreed that there should be no further temporizing.

Secretary Bryan left the cabinet while it still was in session to go to the State department and send some dispatches. He was silent as to their nature, but it was understood that the word had gone back to Huerta that a simultaneous salute would not be accepted and that Charge O'Shaughnessy was advised that the United States would insist on its demand.

Officials expressed the view that Huerta has been listening to "bad advice" during the last twelve hours, and after he promised Mr. O'Shaughnessy yesterday that he would give the apology.

Heartlessness in Way. Meanwhile, it was emphasized that no counter orders had been issued to the battleships speeding to the Mexican coast.

A blockade of Mexico and other drastic measures were discussed in official circles. Those well informed declared that if within the next few hours Huerta did not comply entirely, some announcement of final definite steps would be taken to compel his apology would be made in Washington.

Secretary Bryan announced that later today he would make public the text of Rear Admiral Mayo's original demand, in which he agreed to return the salute of the Mexican commander at Tampico.

With the sending of the message to Huerta, stating emphatically that the United States would not accept his counter proposal for a simultaneous salute, the Mexican discussion at the cabinet meeting ended and attention was given to other affairs. It was apparent that the cabinet officials believed that Huerta would yield on all the points demanded by the United States, but that they were ready to back up every demand.

It was learned that one of the causes of Huerta's latest parley was a fear that should he give the salute demanded, the American ships might not return it, and thus leave him in a humiliating position. It was said that he would order the salute if assured that the United States would comply with the international amenities and acknowledge. Word that the United States would acknowledge his salute, according to custom and precedent, went forward to Mexico City.

Rear Admiral Fletcher, at Vera Cruz, reported today that he took over the Ward Line Express at Vera Cruz yesterday afternoon and placed aboard it a guard and a detachment of Marines, who also have taken on a few officers. He does not say whether it will be necessary to send the Express to Tampico. He reports the return to Vera Cruz from Mexico City of Lieutenant General McC. Court, an aide on his staff, but he does not say what the officer's mission to Huerta's capital was.

Admiral Fletcher has designated the harbor of the Ward Line (Guantanamo) as a "Neutral Zone" and explained today that immediately after receipt of Rear Admiral Mayo's report of the Tampico incident, he called the navy general board and conference and found the members unanimous that the salute demanded by the American officer ought to be refused as an act of courtesy.

after a stormy passage from Boston, sailed today to join the Atlantic fleet at Tampico.

Eighty apprentice seamen and eight general service men, mostly petty officers, boarded the ship here. This draft overtaxed the ship's complement, and extra stores had to be placed on board. The Tacoma will proceed at once for Tampico, where the apprentices and service men will be distributed among other vessels of the fleet.

Marines Ordered to Front. VALLEJO, Cal., April 17.—Orders to provision all available warships and prepare a battalion of marines for service on the Pacific coast of Mexico were received today a few hours after they had been rescinded by a previous telegram from Washington.

Rojas Predicts Settlement. MEXICO CITY, April 17.—Jose Lopez Portillo y Rojas, Mexican foreign minister, said at noon today he believed the controversy between the United States and Mexico would be arranged before night.

The foreign minister declared the arrangement of the incident would result from negotiations between himself, Provisional President Huerta and Nelson O'Shaughnessy, American charge d'affaires.

Senor Rojas declined to say what was the basis for his belief, but it is generally assumed that a mutual exchange of salutes is one of the features of the proposed adjustment.

Oregon Starts for Guadaluajara. CHIHUAHUA, April 17.—General Obregon with several thousand rebel troops from southern Sonora has entered upon an expedition whose objective is Guadaluajara, state of Jalisco, the second city of Mexico.

By the time Obregon, moving from the west coast, enters the state, it is believed that the last of the federals will have been cleared out of the Torreón district and Villa will be free to join the campaign just begun by Obregon.

General Angeles has reported to General Carranza that the federal retreat from San Pedro was a disorderly rout. General Villa is in San Pedro, directing the pursuit from there.

Labor Trouble at Cananea. NACOC, Ariz., April 17.—Censored messages received here today indicated that the labor troubles which occurred last week at the Cananea copper mines over the deportation of union leaders by constitutionalists have been renewed. The American superintendent of the Puarastilla mines, it would appear, is about to be deported.

Missionary Rally at Cotner University

Wednesday was a great day at Cotner. Bert Wilson, secretary of the Foreign Missionary board of the Christian church, assisted Mr. Frank Garrett and Dr. C. C. Drummond spoke to the students and townspeople of Bethany from the chapel hour till the noon hour on the missionary theme. Mr. Wilson said the purpose of the gathering was to present the needs of the non-Christian world that the call of these people might be heard by the students. He said similar delegations had visited all of our colleges and more light was breaking, not alone on the foreign field, but in our American colleges, everywhere there was increased and more intelligent interest.

Dr. Drummond, fifteen years a missionary at Hurds, India, presented vividly that field and its need. He said many of the workers had been compelled on account of their health to return home and no one could be found to take their places. Twenty missionaries are needed now to hold the work that has already been undertaken. He pleaded that some of Cotner's students might hear the call of India.

Mr. Garrett, seventeen years a missionary to China, presented the work of the Christian church. He gave a very interesting account of the University of Nanking, a union university, supported by the Methodist, Presbyterian and Christian people. Nanking is the literary and official center of China. The university is of high rank, the diplomas are signed in New York, and are of the same standing as those of Columbia university. The university has a fine medical college, the best in China; a normal department, an agricultural school and Bible colleges. The spirit of the university is that of unity and truth loving. Every man is free to teach what he believes to be the truth, and the Bible is the standard. He said, "We as a people are placed in the center of our own country, in the heart of India, China, Africa and Japan. God has given us this strategic position and expects us to be the greatest missionary people of the world."

Mr. Wilson closed the session with an earnest presentation of the need of completing this task of evangelization of the world in this generation. He urged that those who could not go to support the work by their prayers and wealth that

the best of our colleges might hear the call to give themselves to this work.

Neverity Unable to Give Bond. BROKEN BOW, Neb., April 17.—(Special.)—Julius Neverity, the Comstock farmer who is charged with mortgaging cattle he did not own and whose hearing was continued for thirty days, was brought to Broken Bow from Grand Island this week by Sheriff Wilson. When taken before County Judge Holcomb, Neverity waived preliminary hearing and was bound over to the district court, bonds being fixed in the sum of \$500. Up to the present time the prisoner has been unable to secure a bondsman and he will probably have to pass the intervening time in the Grand Island jail.

Masonic School at Republican City. REPUBLICAN CITY, Neb., April 17.—(Special.)—A large number of Masons in this section of the Republican valley gathered here yesterday to receive instructions in Masonry from R. E. French of Kearney, Neb., grand custodian of the Masonic order. Two day and one night sessions were held, after which Mr.

French gave a lecture on Masonry. Members of Republican City lodge treated the visiting members to an automobile ride around the town and county.

Gage County Notes. BEATRICE, Neb., April 17.—(Special.)—Mrs. Olla Brink, living eleven miles west of Beatrice, died Thursday evening of diabetes aged 59 years. She is survived by her husband and four children. Thomas J. Trauernicht, an instructor in the public schools of Wynora, Thruft filed his application with the county

clerk asking that his name be placed on the ballot at the primaries for the democratic nomination for county superintendent.

Key to the Situation—See Advertisement.

Department Orders. WASHINGTON, D. C., April 17.—(Special Telegram.)—Margaret O. Hauser was appointed postmaster at Gratt, Dubuque county, Iowa, vice R. G. Lewis, resigned. John C. Mickle has been appointed letter carrier at Marshalltown, Ia. Nebraska postoffices discontinued: Garlico, Hayes county, mail to Maywood; Pearl, Perkins county, mail to Grant.

Here are some Saturday specials of great interest for women. Ladies' Waist Special \$1.19. Sale of Middy Blouses 89c. Women's House Dresses \$1.35. Mark Cross Gloves 89c.

We want the men of this town to know about our spring suits. \$20, \$25, \$30 and Sam W. Peck's suits for stylish young fellows. Light overcoats reduced \$15.

Swell Top Coats for little fellows. Norfolk effects as well as box coats—colors, tan, red, blue and fancy mixtures. \$3.75 to \$7.50. Attention! Women folks wanting footwear. \$3.

OMAHA'S FASTEST GROWING STORE. BENSON AND THORNE CO. 1518-18-20 FARNAM STREET. Get the habit of looking to us for Shirts, Neckwear, Etc.

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An Entire Absence of Bunco or Buncombe! AT 10 A. M. You Are Never Fooled at Kilpatrick's. THIS YOU KNOW. Some Interesting Happenings for Saturday at Kilpatrick's. Women's Silk Stockings. At the Toilet Section. Wash Dress Fabrics. FOR MEN ONLY. Women's Ready-to-Wear Section. SATURDAY ALSO—SPECIAL SALE ON DRESSES. COATS FOR JUNIORS AND YOUNGER YEARS.