THE LETTERS THAT KILLED.

McCrillis Shows the Notes for Which He Shot Gilfillan.

ASKS TO BE ADMITTED TO BAIL.

Although the Letters Were Unsigned the Defendant Says He Knew the Handwriting—Why He Went to Gilfillan—Self-Defense the Plea.

CARTHAGE, MO., Dec. 30.—John L McCrillis, who is answering to the charge of the murder of W. J. Gilfillan for destroying his home, was on the stand most of the day yesterday at the preliminary hearing. He was recalled this morning. McCrillis is beyond middle life. He walked to the platform and was cool in his answers.

Two of the letters found by McCrillis, through which he says he learned of his wife's unfaithfulness, were introduced in evidence this morning. One was introduced yesterday. McCrillis identified the letters as in envelopes addressed to his wife. The handwriting, he testified, was Gilfillan's.

The first letter reads: "May 17 1898.—Dearest: Your most welcome letter came yesterday, and I can write but little, as I feel so unhappy and miserable. All you say in your pathetic and sincere letter I could in truth reproduce in mine to you. Affairs here are causing me worry, as well as conditions there, and I am very unhappy. I will do the best I can regarding all you mention, which is in my thought all the time. Will know soon what can be done. I am sincerely yours. Write fully. Remember the Maine."

The second letter is as follows: "November 28—Dear Carrie: I am doing all I can to do as you ask in your letter of the 14th, the only one I have received. I do think and remember and will do as you ask. 'Patients.' I have no plan or wish but what I have told you. 'Sampson.' Should not remain I know the trial for you and think of it every day and very often. Hope you have made an effort. Will return soon as you have heard. With love—Dusty Rhoads."

The third letter was introduced yesterday. The letter was mailed on a train and was postmarked June 4. It was not signed. The address was, "Mrs. J. K. Howard, postoffice box 71, Carthage, Mo." It is as follows:

"My Darling:—I cannot express to you how bad your last letter made me feel. You have been worried and impatient, and I forgive you. I have thought of you almost every hour of every day, and what could be done. I have received no reply from my last letter to you, and the reason I have not written fully is of the great danger to both of us. My affairs here are in bad shape and causing me very much trouble, which you know nothing of. You should have answered my last letter about condition of main, so I could act here. Will soon see you and explain all, and please do not judge me wrong, as you did in your last. Write at once to J. K. Howard, Fort Scott, Kan. Will soon see you again."

McCrillis testified that box 71 at the Carthage postoffice was not his; that he had not had a box for years as his mail was delivered by carrier. Box 71, he said, was rented by his wife for one month.

The introduction of the letters completed the evidence for both sides and the defense announced that it would not ask the court for the discharge of the defendant, but would ask that he be admitted to bail. To this the attorneys for the prosecution objected and an argument ensued.

Most of the afternoon session yesterday was taken up by wrangling between the attorneys. The justice decided that McCrillis might tell where he learned of the improper relations between his wife and Gilfillan. McCrillis said he got the information from his wife the afternoon before the killing, when he showed her the letters from Gilfillan he had found. He and his wife were alone in the room at the time. He testified that he was greatly excited and did not sleep that night. He came out of his room for breakfast about 8 o'clock. He went out of the house an hour after, and saw Gilfillan in the back yard. He had intended, he said, to go to Gilfillan's office, tell him what he had learned, of the letters he had seen, and find out what he had to say for himself. Seeing Gilfillan in the back yard he concluded to go down town with him and went to his house.

McCrillis then told of his call on Gilfillan. He said Gilfillan had evidently suspected the trouble. After Mrs. Gilfillan had left the room McCrillis testified that Gilfillan said: "I know what ails you. It is what your wife has been telling you about her and me. You don't dare to do anything about it. The disgrace will be on all of us, on your family as well as me," or words to that effect.

McCrillis went on: "I said, 'I will do something about it,' and at this Gilfillan jumped forward and threw his hand back as if to pull a weapon out of his pocket. His words and manner caused me to think my life was in danger and I shot him. He still advanced and I shot him again."

McCrillis said he did not intend to kill Gilfillan when he left his home with his revolver in his pocket, but only to defend himself in case it should become necessary.

China Wants No Dynamite Landed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Consul General Goodnow has notified the State department from Shanghai that the Chinese government has forbidden dynamite and similar explosives to be landed in China.

A PRIEST TO JOIN THE K. P.

As His Request Father Walsh Is Chosen a Member—Not Initiated Yet.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Father P. J. Walsh, a Catholic priest of this city, has been elected a member of a local lodge of the Knights of Pythias. His application for membership was made in the usual manner and, having been favorably passed upon by the lodge, his election followed without question. He admitted today that he had been elected a member of the organization with his consent, but said that he had not yet been initiated, and until this latter ceremony had taken place, he could not be considered in any sense a member of the organization. He said that he would endeavor to secure the approval of Archbishop Feehan of this city.

Archbishop Ireland of St. Paul is a close friend of Father Walsh. The priest is assistant pastor of St. Vincent's church. He is a member of the Lazarite order, and is one of the most popular clergymen of the Catholic faith in Chicago.

THE TREATY NEXT WEEK.

To Go to the Senate With a Message From the President.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—It has been definitely agreed by the President and his cabinet to send the peace treaty, the report of the commissioners and a message from the President to the Senate Wednesday. In his message the President will point out the necessity for immediate authorization to pay the $20,000,000 to Spain as contemplated by the treaty. This will require action by both houses of Congress. A special bill will be introduced for this purpose, and if there should be delay in action upon it, a rider having the same object in view will be attached to one of the annual appropriation bills.

SHAFTER FOR CALIFORNIA.

Merriam May Be Assigned to the Department of Colorado.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—Official notice has been received by Major General Merriam that General Shafter is to be again assigned to the command of the department of California. It is expected that General Shafter will take charge about the 10th of next month.

General Merriam has not yet been assigned. He may go north again to the department of the Columbia. The impression prevails, however, that he will go to Denver to command the department of Colorado. The departments of California and the Columbia will be combined under Shafter.

FOR AMBASSADOR TO RUSSIA.

President Said to Have Chosen Ex-Governor Merriam for the Place.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Ex-Governor Merriam of Minnesota is said to be slated to succeed Secretary Hitchcock as ambassador to Russia. Mr. Merriam is now in Washington and has had several interviews with the President, but declines to confirm or deny the report.

To Divide the Stanford Millions.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—Superior Judge Coffey has granted Mrs. Jane L. Stanford an order for the final distribution of the estate of her late husband, Senator Leland Stanford. Legacies amounting to $2,115,000 have been paid in full with the exception of $230,000 which is in dispute and has been deposited with a trust company, subject to an order of the supreme court.

Tried to Shoot the Barber.

NEVADA, MO., Dec. 30.—A woman and a revolver created a commotion at Schell City, this (Vernon) county, yesterday. Miss Myrtle Eastwood called at Robert Sailor's barber shop, and, after charging him with mistreating her sister, opened fire on him. The man ran out on the street, pursued by the infuriated woman, who fired two more shots at him as he ran. None of the shots took effect. Sailor denies the charge made by the woman.

They Want No Pensions.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—A resolution offered by Comrade Beasley, formerly of North Carolina, was unanimously passed at a meeting of the Confederate Veteran camp of New York, condemning the efforts of Senator Butler of North Carolina (who is not a Confederate veteran) "to debauch the manhood of the South by seeking to obtain pensions for ex-Confederate soldiers from the United States."

Our Sailors Entertained in Peru.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—A dispatch to the New York Herald from Lima, Peru says: United States Minister Dudley will give a breakfast to the commanders of the Iowa and Oregon to-day. To-morrow the Grace company will give a matinee to 500 sailors, and January 5 Americans and their friends will give the crews of the war ships a breakfast. Crowds visit the ships daily.

He Forged a Princess' Name.

BUDA-PESTH, Dec. 30.—A dispatch to the Pesther Lloyd from Agram, capital of Crotia and Slavonia, announces that Lieutenant Goza von Mattislok Keglovich has been sentenced by court martial to military imprisonment for a term of five years for forging on bills of exchange the name of the Austrian Imperial Crown Princess Stephenie.

Lawton Ordered to the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The War department has issued orders assigning Major General Lawton to service in the Philippines next May.

IRISH POLITICAL PRISONERS.

They Complain of Warders Taunts at Their Religious Views.

John Henry O'Connor, better known under his alias of Henry Dalton, has been released from prison, says the Irish Independent. On July 20, 1883, he was sentenced at Liverpool to imprisonment for life, his offence being treason-felony. As life sentences are, according to the home secretary, to be treated as sentences for twenty years, a prisoner at the end of the fifteen years becomes entitled to a ticket of leave. His release under conditions may, however, be delayed by taking into account any falling off in the marks expected to be earned by him in each year, and for this reason Mr. O'Connor, instead of being freed at the end of last July, might have been detained until the 27th inst. The fact that he was liberated some days before his time came as a surprise to him. The liberated Irishman is a sunburned, finely featured man, below the medium height. He is apparently of strong physique, and his fine development evidently results from his old trade of smith. He is some years over 50, but does not look it. An affection of the heart troubles him at times and he fears this may interfere with his earning his livelihood. After considering matters carefully, he is inclined to leave for the state, where he has been before. There he would have a better chance of employment, and would be relieved from the duty of periodically reporting himself. It is not believed that the authorities will make objection to his emigration. One of the matters of which Irish political prisoners complain bitterly is the manner in which English warders sneer at their religion. James McKevitt, who was released in '93, told him the other prisoners were encouraged to laugh at the Irishmen when the warder in charge sneeringly announced that "the Romans" could have their confessions heard. Mr. O'Connor, who is a Catholic, said he had no such experience himself, but he knows from prison "tips" that such scenes had occurred. On one occasion he was told by a fellow Irishman that another man, an English Catholic, was being jeered at in this way. "I am very sensitive on these matters," he said, "and I complained to the chaplain on behalf of the poor fellow, who hadn't the courage to do that for himself. That stopped the practice."

WHAT NICOTINE REALLY IS.

A Colorless Fluid That Becomes Dark When Exposed to the Air.

In a communication about tobacco in the current number of the Scientific American, Prof. John W. Mallet of the university of Virginia says among other things: Ignorance of easily ascertainable scientific facts is, however, common enough, as is often illustrated by the brown, oily material formed in the nicotine, though in reality this is merely the tar produced by the action of heat on the woody fiber of the leaf. Nicotine when pure is a colorless fluid of somewhat oily consistence and strong, peculiar, penetrating odor, but it darkens on exposure to air and light, becoming first yellow and then brown, so that it looks, in this darkened condition, something like the tarry matter which soils a smoker's fingers or a handkerchief through which tobacco smoke is exhaled, or is often noticed as deposited in the stem of a pipe. This tarry deposit has nothing essential in common with nicotine, and contains but traces of this alkaloid, when any at all. A part, but only a small part (about one-seventh in the experiments of Melsens), of the real nicotine of tobacco is volatilized without decomposition; the remainder is burned and destroyed in the process of smoking. The sensational statements occasionally made in regard to arsenic, copper, etc., as present in the paper wrappers, would be at once seen to be grossly improbable if it were but remembered that the wrapper of a single cigarette weighs little more than half a grain, and that in such a minute quantity of thin, delicate white paper there could be introduced but infinitesimal amounts of such foreign adulterants without the presence becoming perceptible to common observation by the senses, aside from the positive scientific evidence that they are not present.

English Girl's Bridles.

An Englishman in this country exhibits the bridle of his wife's riding horse with great pleasure. It is made of the thinnest and necessarily the finest kind of leather. Anything but the best would fall to pieces at the first pull, because it is so delicate. "That is the kind of a bridle Englishwomen ride with," he says. "More pains are taken in England than in America in the selection of a woman's riding horse. There the first great requisite is that the horse must have the temper of an angel. It must be a horse that can be ridden almost without reins, and its mouth must be so tender that it will answer the slightest motion of the reins. A little English girl is taught to ride by the groom at an early age, and she is a good rider; but she usually has a horse that has angelic qualities."

Success of "Zone" Railroad Fares.

The cheapening of railway fares in Hungary in accordance with the "zone tariff" has been immensely profitable. In 1888, the year before the new system was introduced, 9,140,000 passengers were carried. In 1896, without any great increase in mileage or population, the number of passengers was 35,442,000.

Berlin's Club of Giants.

The "Giants' Club" in Berlin admits to membership no one who is less than six feet in height.

W. A. SAUNDERS,
Attorney, Merchants National Bank.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Douglas County, Nebraska, and to me directed, I will, on the 19th day of January, A. D., 1898, at ten o'clock A. M., of said day, at the east front door of the County Court House, in the City of Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said order of sale, as follows, to wit:

Lots two (2), three (3), four (4), five (5), six (6), seven (7), eight (8), nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11), twelve (12), all in block two (2) in Lipton Place, an addition to the City of South Omaha, above described.

Said property to be sold to satisfy James L. Browne, plaintiff herein, the sums as follows to wit:

On lot two (2) the sum of $15.10 and an attorney's fee of $1.50.
On lot three (3) the sum of $15.10 and and an attorney fee of $1.50.
On lot four (4) the sum of $15.10 and an attorney's fee of $1.50.
On lot five (5) the sum of $15.10 and an attorney's fee of $1.50.
On lot six (6) the sum of $25.10 and an attorney's fee of $2.50.
On lot seven (7) the sum of $22.90 and an attorney's fee of $2.25.
On lot eight (8) the sum of $22.10 and an attorney's fee of $2.25.
On lot nine (9) the sum of $22.00 and an attorney's fee of $2.20.
On lot ten (10) the sum of $22.05 and an attorney's fee of $2.20.
On lot eleven (11) the sum of $22.05 and an attorney's fee of $2.20.
On lot twelve (12) the sum of $25.06 and attorney's fee of $2.50; with interest on each of said amounts (excepting attorney's fees) according to the judgment at the rate of ten (10) per cent. per annum from February 7th, 1898, which amounts are a first lien upon said above described property.

To satisfy John I. Redick, defendant herein, the sum of six hundred and thirty-four and 34-100 ($634.34) dollars judgment with interest thereon at the rate of eight (8) per cent. per annum from September 13th, 1892; which amount is a second lien upon lots three, ten, eleven and twelve (12) in block two (2) in Lipton Place, an addition to the City of South Omaha, above described.

To satisfy the sum of one hundred and one and 22-100 ($101.22) dollars costs herein, together with accruing costs, according to a judgment rendered by the District Court of said Douglas County, at its February term, A. D. 1898, in a certain action then and there pending, wherein James L. Browne is plaintiff, and Edward Cassidy, Mary Cassidy, his wife, Jane F. Manning, Patrick J. Manning, her husband Maria Kirgbaum and Stanislaus K. Kirgbaum, her husband, Margaret A. Mattingly, and Peter Mattingly, her husband; Sarah Teahon, and Joseph Teahon, her husband, David R. Archer and Catherine M. Archer, his wife, Home Investment Company, a corporation organized under the laws of Nebraska and doing business in the City of Omaha, John I. Redick and Joel C. Perrigo and others are defendants.

Omaha, Nebraska, December 9th, 1898.
JOHN W. M'DONALD
Sheriff of Douglas County, Nebraska.
W. A. SAUNDERS, Attorney.
Browne vs. Cassidy, et al.
Docket 62, No. 27.
Ex. Docket ....., Page .....

W. A. SAUNDERS,
Attorney, Merchants' National Bank.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Douglas County, Nebraska, and to me directed, I will, on the 19th day of January, A. D., 1898, at ten o'clock A. M., of said day, at the east front door of the County Court House, in the City of Omaha, Douglas County, Nebraska, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said order of sale, as follows, to wit:

Lot three (3) in block two (2) in Brookline, an addition to the City of Omaha as surveyed, platted and recorded, all situated in Douglas County, Nebraska.

Said property to be sold to satisfy Harry J. Twinting, plaintiff herein, the sum of Fifty-five and 50-100 (55.50) dollars judgment, with interest thereon at rate of ten (10) per cent. per annum from September 27th, 1878.

To satisfy the sum of Twenty and 50-100 ($20.50) dollars costs herein, together with accruing costs, according to a judgment rendered by the District Court of said Douglas County, at its September term, A. D. 1897, in a certain action then and there pending, wherein Harry J. Twinting is plaintiff and The Westside Brick Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska; Thomas A. Murphy and William K. Potter receiver of Nebraska Savings and Exchange Bank, are defendants.

Omaha, December 9th, 1898.
JOHN W. M'DONALD,
Sheriff of Douglas County, Nebraska.
W. A. SAUNDERS, Attorney.
Twinting vs. Westside Brick Company, et al.
Docket 62, No. 242.
Ex. Docket 2, Page 47.

W. A. SAUNDERS,
Attorney Merchants' National Bank.

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Attorney Merchants' National Bank.

SHERIFF'S SALE.—By virtue of an alias order of sale issued out of the District Court for Douglas County, Nebraska, and to me directed, I will, on the 19th day of January, A. D., 1899, at ten o'clock A. M. of said day, at the east front door of the County Court House in the City of Omaha, Douglas County Nebraska, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the property described in said order of sale, as follows, to wit:

The north one-half of the northwest quarter of section one (1), township 15, Range 12 east, all situated in the County of Douglas County and state of Nebraska, as surveyed, platted and recorded.

Said property to be sold to satisfy Walter E. Keeler, plaintiff herein, the sum of one hundred and thirty-seven and 75-100 ($137.75) dollars judgment, with interest thereon at rate of ten (10) per cent. per annum from September 27th, 1897, together with an attorney's fee of $12.77, which amounts are a first lien upon said property.

To satisfy the sum of seventy-five and 95-100 ($75.95) dollars costs herein, together with accruing costs according to a judgment rendered by the District Court of said Douglas County, at its September term, A. D., 1897, in a certain action then and there pending, wherein Walter E. Keeler is plaintiff and Phoebe Rebecca Elizabeth Elwina Linton and Adolphus Frederick Linton, her husband, are defendants.

Omaha, Nebraska, December 9th, 1898.
JOHN W. M'DONALD,
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Lot seven (7) in block eighty five (85) of the city of Omaha (original plat) as surveyed platted and recorded and all situated in Douglas county, Nebraska.

Said property to be sold to satisfy H. J. Twinting, plaintiff herein, the sum of five hundred and sixty and 67-100 dollars ($560.67) judgment, with interest on said amount at the rate of ten (10) per cent per annum from May 7th, together with an attorney's fee amounting to fifty-six and 6-100 ($56.06) dollars.

Also to satisfy the further sum of one hundred and five and 4-100 dollars (105.04) costs, together with accruing costs according to a judgment rendered by the district court of said Douglas county, at its May term A. D. 1894, in a certain action then and there pending, wherein H. J. Twinting is plaintiff, and John B. Findley, trustee, Phoebe Rebecca, Elizabeth Elwina Linton and Adolphus Frederick Linton are defendants.

Dated at Omaha, Nebraska, December 9th, A. D. 1898.

GEORGE W. HOLBROOK,
Special Master Commissioner.

W. A. Saunders, attorney for plaintiff.
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