

A Group of Cranks.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—Sergeant Fagan, of the East Thirty-fifth street station, was behind the desk yesterday when a wild looking man entered and in a fierce voice demanded \$5,000.

"I owe this man \$5,000," Fagan said to the officer. "Take it down to the bank and see that he gets it."

The crank joyfully followed Rose. As soon as he came in sight of the Yorkville police court, however, he realized the trick played on him and refused to enter the building.

A crank called on Chief of Police Byrnes yesterday afternoon and demanded a hundred thousand dollars which he declared Byrnes owed him. Of this \$25,000 was interest, which he wanted in pennies. He was locked up.

Another metropolitan crank was arrested early yesterday morning at West 94th Street. The man was in an endeavor to convince an Italian fruit seller that one of his apples was a part of the moon.

Justice Martin committed him for examination as to his sanity.

Speculating in Corpses.

CHICAGO, Nov. 1.—Shortly after midnight yesterday morning two men brought a heavy trunk to the Rock Island railroad station and asked to have it checked to Columbus Junction, Ia., but their tickets were to Anamosa and the trunk was checked to that place.

This afternoon a man presented a check for the trunk at the station, and was at once arrested on the charge of grave robbery.

Received From an Island.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 1.—The schooner Viking arrived with the two sailors who were marooned on Clipperton Island last May.

They were burned so badly that identification was impossible. Two persons, it is claimed, and the coroner has decided, are the Dorlands.

Me Pleads Not Guilty.

CHICAGO, Nov. 3.—Patrick Eugene Prendergast was arraigned before Judge Horton at 11 o'clock and the trembling wretch, whose face could scarcely be heard five feet away, pleaded not guilty.

At exactly 11 o'clock the door that connects the old criminal court building with the jail opened quickly and three men entered. One was jailer Morris, another Bailiff E. Kearney and between the two was the man who murdered Mayor Harrison.

At the sound of the judge's voice the prisoner inclined his head upward, rolled his eyes and parted his thin lips as if to speak.

PLEADS NOT GUILTY. John Fitzgerald, clerk of the court, read the indictment, which had been handed in a short time before by the grand jury, and Judge Horton said: "Patrick E. J. Prendergast, on November 2 the grand jury indicted you on a charge of murder. Are you guilty or not guilty?"

"No," answered the assassin. "Do you expect to employ me?" continued the court.

"Yes, I expect to," answered the prisoner, as he shifted about uneasily his small eyes darting from one face to another before him.

"Well, he is entitled to a continuance until he secures counsel," remarked Judge Horton. "If he does not get an attorney I shall have to appoint one to defend him. You may take him back to jail, Mr. Sheriff."

To Adjourn Today. WASHINGTON, Nov. 3.—A resolution to adjourn today at 3 p. m. was reported to the house yesterday by Mr. Catchings of Mississippi, from the committee on rules, and the previous question was joyfully and vociferously ordered.

The year and days on the adjournment resolution were called for and resulted in its passage by an affirmative vote of 193 in the negative.

The Alexandria Burned. HAYANA, Nov. 3.—The steamer city of Alexandria, belonging to New York and Cuba Mail Steamship company, from Havana and Matanzas, for New York has been burned off Cojimar.

The news was brought to this city by a small boat, in which were the second officer and eleven other persons of the Alexandria, entered the harbor and reported the loss of the steamer. They say that an explosion occurred on board the steamer and shortly afterwards she was burning fiercely.

Not Very Crasy. NEW YORK, Nov. 3.—George Bock, the dangerous crank who wrote threatening letters to the scenic artist Gus Volz, and when arrested tried to kill Police Captain O'Connor, was arraigned at the Jefferson Market police court yesterday morning.

Identification Doubtful. BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Nov. 3.—The bodies taken from the wreck here were sent to Tilsenborg, Ont., as the bodies of Oliver Driand and wife. They were burned so badly that identification was impossible.

No Showed Fight. NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 3.—The assassin of J. S. Lowrey, the telegraph operator recently murdered and robbed while at work at night at Nashville, Tenn., has been captured and is now in Chattanooga jail.

CHICAGO'S MAYOR SHOT.

Carter H. Harrison Shot Dead in Cold Blood.

E. P. PRENDERGAST FIRED THE SHOT.

He Goes to the Mayor's House and Fires Three Shots, Two Making Wounds Sufficient to Cause Death.

CHICAGO, Oct. 30.—Another crazy crank has done his deadly work and Carter H. Harrison, five times mayor of Chicago and one of the best known men in the west, lies dead at his home, No. 231 South Ashland boulevard.

The murder was committed by Eugene Patrick Prendergast, a paper carrier, who had declared that Mayor Harrison had promised to make him corporation counsel and had not kept his word.

Shortly before 8 o'clock the doorbell rang, and when Mary Hansen, a domestic, opened the door she was confronted by a man about five feet, five inches high, with smooth-shaven, clean-cut features; lit up by a pair of dark eyes.

"Is Mr. Harrison in," asked the man in a quiet, pleasant voice.

"Yes sir," responded the girl, as she threw open the door to admit of his entrance.

"I would like to see him, please," said the man as he walked toward the back end of the hall.

Mayor Harrison was in the dining room the door of which opened into the rear of the hall. Hearing the man ask for him, he stepped into the hall and walked toward Prendergast.

Without saying a word, Prendergast drew a revolver and commenced to fire. He pulled the trigger but three times and every bullet hit the mark.

Another passed into the lower right side of the abdomen, making a wound that would have been mortal within a few days. The third bullet entered the chest slightly above the heart. This wound was the immediate cause of death.

As soon as Prendergast began to fire, Harrison turned and walked rapidly toward the dining room. He passed through the room into the butler's pantry, where, weakened by loss of blood, he fell to the floor.

Prendergast did not follow up his victim, but replaced the revolver in his pocket, with the same deliberation that marked all of his actions, and started toward the door. Just as he was passing out, William Preston Harrison came tearing down the stairs and the coachman ran to the rear end of the hall. The cries of Mary Hansen directed the son to where his father lay, but the coachman was after other game.

BULLETS SENT AFTER THE ASSASSIN. He had a revolver of his own, and as quickly as he realized what had occurred he sent a bullet after the disappearing form of the murderer. A second time he fired, but both bullets went wild. Running to the door the coachman prepared to continue hostilities, but several people were entering to learn the cause of the shooting, and by the time the coachman reached the sidewalk, Prendergast had disappeared.

Twenty minutes after receiving the wounds Carter H. Harrison was dead.

POLICE GET THE ALARM. When young Harrison came down stairs and learned the cause of the shooting he turned in the burglar alarm, and even before he reached his father's side a patrol wagon, filled with officers from the Lake street station, was dashing toward the mayor's house.

Every possible effort was made to secure medical attendance for Harrison, but when Dr. Lynn the first physician to arrive, reached the mayor's side he was a dead man.

About twenty-five minutes after the shooting Sergeant Frank McDonald was standing in the office of the Desplaines street police station. Every available officer had already been hurried out to work on the case and McDonald was preparing to follow when the door was pushed gently open and in walked a small, smooth-shaven, poorly dressed man, carrying a revolver in his hand.

"My name is E. P. Prendergast. I shot Mayor Harrison and that is what I shot him with."

The cell door had barely closed behind the murderer, when an excited crowd began gathering about the police station. Patrol wagons rattled up to the place, cabs and carriages came by the score and their occupants crowded and pushed their way into the office. Personal friends of the dead mayor city officials and the curbs crowded against each other in a desperate endeavor to learn if the story, which spread like wildfire through the city, was true.

About Count Von Taaffe. BERLIN, Oct. 30.—A private dispatch received here today says Count von Taaffe has resigned.

VIENNA, Oct. 30.—Emperor Francis Joseph arrived here today from Godeau and gave a reception to Count von Taaffe at 3:30 p. m., at which the political situation was discussed.

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A Mayor to be Elected.

CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—It was no disrespect to the dead executive that, even in the shadow of the grave, citizens of all political belief and all ranks of society discussed with all earnestness and gravity the problem of succession. It is the first time in the history of Chicago that a mayor has passed away during his incumbency of office. In the charter law there is no provision for temporarily filling a vacancy in the mayoralty occasioned by death, the question apparently having been avoided. As a result the city is confronted with a situation that demands on the part of all law abiding and orderly citizens the gravest and most serious condition of mind as to the public weal.

For nearly ten hours Corporation Counsel Kraus and his assistant attorneys, Palmer and Defer, searched the statutes of the state for some law, clause or section that would have some bearing on the particular emergency. They were on a point at a late hour of abandoning the effort, when by the merest accident they secured a section of the old city charter which provided for just such an emergency as has now arisen. The new city charter, adopted in 1872, under which the government is now being run, provides that such sections or provisions of the old charter as are not inconsistent or in conflict with the new city charter shall be considered operative. It provides that the city council shall call a special election for the selection of a new mayor within ten days after the vacancy has occurred. Under the provisions of the new election law a special election may be held within twenty days, since the only provision being that the names of the candidates must be certified to the board of election commissioners fifteen days prior to the day of the election. It is possible therefore to elect a successor to the office made vacant by the late Mayor Harrison's death before the 1st of December.

Close of the World's Fair. WORLD'S FAIR GROUNDS, Oct. 31.—In harmony with the World's fair city's sorrow came the closing of the World's Columbian exposition yesterday, as directed by the United States congress.

At sunset (4:45 o'clock) the colors of all nations, which have been flying at half-mast since sunrise on Sunday, were lowered together, as they were unfurled within sight of President Cleveland at noon May 1.

Six months, with the exception of a day, have passed, and the glories of the exposition have been woven into the history of the world's progress.

At the word of command from artillery officers the guns of a battery facing the blue waters of Lake Michigan belched forth the signal in blank powder telling the world that the World's fair was dying with the setting sun, dying while dirges were being sung and tears shed and heads were bowed in grief over the bier of Chicago's murdered mayor.

CHIPPED ON HER HEAD. BERLIN, Oct. 31.—A woman was executed in this city yesterday, she being the first woman to suffer the death penalty since Berlin was made a kaiserstadt. The last woman to suffer the extreme penalty of the law was executed in 1846. The victim today was Emilie Zillman, nee Kuehene, of Hammer, Prussia, Silesia. She had been convicted of the murder of her husband and the facts elicited at the trial showed that the crime was most deliberate and cold blooded. Frau Zillman was forty-five years old.

In Germany capital sentences are carried out by a headman and Reinhold of Magdeburg acted in that capacity. The preparations for the execution were kept secret. Even Reinhold did not know until last night who he was to decapitate. The condemned woman, who had been incarcerated in the Moabit prison, was only apprised of the nearness of her fate at half past one o'clock Monday. Up to that time she had firmly believed that the Emperor would grant her respite. When she was told that she was to die today she broke down completely and her actions were pitiable. The prison has no execution yard and the prisoner was therefore transferred to the Ploetzense prison. At 7 o'clock the execution attendants appeared in the cell, accompanied by a clergyman and several other persons. Frau Zillman was then told that it was time for the final preparations for death to be made.

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KANSAS CITY, Oct. 31.—Monoglia Andrews, who was arrested in New York for demanding money from Edwin Gold, has been employed as telegraph operator in this city most of the time the past twelve years. He has a wife and two children. He obtained a leave of absence two weeks ago, saying that he wished to visit his old home in West Virginia. He has been regarded as eccentric by his associates, but was not thought insane.

PARIS, Nov. 2.—The explorer Soler, in an interview published, that the Grand Duke Alexis of Russia has arranged a treaty between France, Russia and Spain, by the terms of which the latter's ultimate occupation of Tangier is provided for. It is added that even should this last mentioned portion fail to take effect the powers have determined that British occupation of Tangier must be prevented at any cost.

Several of the newspapers of this city and other important parts of France join in declaring that Europe cannot afford to allow England to occupy and hold the key to the Mediterranean and the newspapers continued by urging the government to immediately dispatch a powerful French Squadron to Tangier in order to support Spain against any interference upon the part of Great Britain in the disturbance about Melilla and to enable the French to be in a position to checkmate any attempt upon the part of England to land troops in Morocco. In fact it is intimated that it is the plain duty of France to take the initial step should any interference be necessary upon the part of any other power than Spain in the affairs of Morocco. And it is also urged that the presence of a French squadron at Tangier might be used to force the sultan to take steps to support the Spanish troops against the Moors, now surrounding Melilla. The Spanish government must insist for reparation for the loss of life sustained in the engagements in Morocco, and that the sultan should be compelled to pay the cost of all the war preparations and other expenses to which the Spanish government has been put through the revolt of the Moors.

CHICAGO, Nov. 2.—The management of the children's building at the World's fair mourn and refuse to be comforted, not over a loss, but a gain, in the shape of a tiny bit of humanity, left on their hands at the eleventh hour in the midst of their self-congratulation that, although 10,000 babies had been checked during the last season, not one remained in pawn, as it were, to tell the tale. But Saturday the record was broken. A boy, two months old, registered as the infant son of John Johnson, was checked, and remains to this hour unclaimed. At the children's building it was impossible to find out anything further regarding the little one, the matron declaring emphatically: "I will not tell you anything about it." At Paris, when the babies check room was closed up, an inventory developed that something like 150 abandoned children were left on the hands of the exposition corporation.

PROCTOR, O., Nov. 2.—There was a narrow escape from a double murder growing out of insane jealousy in this quiet village last night. John Floyd was shot dead while sitting with his arm about Miss Lucy White's waist and the young woman received enough shot to disfigure her for life. Floyd and a young fellow named Harry Smith were at one time rivals for the hand of Miss White. She looked with favor upon Floyd and was engaged to marry him. Floyd called in the evening and at 10:30, when he was about to say goodby and hold his sweetheart in his arms, Young Smith fired the contents of a shotgun into his head, tearing away the whole sack of his head and killing him instantly. Several of the shot struck Miss White in the face. Smith stood just outside a window when he fired, not fifteen feet away. He made his escape but officers are after him.

WAS A DIME NAVAL FRIEND. OAKLAND, Cal., Nov. 2.—The body of Frank Patrick, a nineteen-year-old orphan boy, who lived with Captain J. H. Ennet at Lorin, has been found in the bushes. The boy disappeared two weeks ago, taking a rifle with him. A gun wound caused his death. It is believed that the boy went loose through reading dime novels and committed suicide. Several hundred volumes of yellow covers were found in the boy's trunk; also bowie knives.

NEBRASKA NEWS.

J. A. Cements has taken charge of the Elmwood Leaer.

The new school building at Liberty will be dedicated with fitting exercises soon.

A Gordon man has an Indian mummy, the only real one of the kind in the world.

A man at Valentine bought 1,612 prairie chickens of hunters in two days last week.

Albion children are suffering with the measles and the attendance at school is small.

Crawford's fire department has made all arrangements for a grand ball on Thanksgiving eve.

Sanford Moss, a young colored man, was arrested at Hastings, charged with larceny. Moss is accused of having stolen a gold watch in the possession of L. H. Geurney.

Professional competition at Hastings, caused B. Howard, a hotel runner to forget himself and pound a rival hotel puller. The police judge brought Howard to his senses, and later he was discharged from his position with the hotel.

A reward of \$100 has been offered for the arrest of the incendiary who saturated a lot of corn husks with coal oil one night last week and threw them into the granary of William Foxon, near Nelson. Fortunately the combustibles fell into a bin of bran and went out.

Chief Beckett received a letter from Wurzburg, Germany, stating that a small fortune had been left a man named Andrew Schmitt, who lives in South Omaha. The author of the letter was anxious to locate Schmitt in order to pay over the money. Schmitt has not yet been located.

Winslow post at Millard gave a bean supper to the W. R. C. The Dorchester veterans drum corps, composed of Dillen, Wilhelm, Loop and Kine, accompanied by their wives were present and enlightened the occasion with the stirring notes of by-gone days. Songs, recitation and the recital of army experiences filled an enjoyable and profitable evening.

Superintendent Allen of the Standard Cattle company of Fremont reports that the results of the tests made of the different kinds of soil on which their 500 acres of sugar beets were produced give the palm to the soil known as gumbo, and is the lowest of all Platte valley lands and which were heretofore considered almost worthless. The product on that soil was the almost unprecedented yield of over twenty tons of high standard beet to the acre. And when it is considered that this very land, until the ditches of the past few years were constructed was under water several months of the year and produced nothing but the most worthless grasses, one may realize the immense benefit the system of drainage that has been so earnestly advocated by many Nebraska farmers.

The fire department at Wymore, given a hard fight to extinguish a fire in one of Wymore's best brick blocks. The blaze started in some unknown way in the wall between the storerooms occupied by the Lullin & Toung drug store and the Wymore Mercantile company. The loss of Lullin & Toung will be \$5,000 on stock and \$500 on building, insured in the German of Freeport, Niagara, trader's and one or two others. The Wymore mercantile company carries a stock of \$16,000, half of which will be a loss, covered by insurance in the Springfield of Massachusetts, Phoenix of Brooklyn and Home of Omaha. The building owned by Ed. Winter of Omaha, was damaged to the extent of \$500. The above firms are composed of wide-awake gentlemen who will be in business at the old stands again in a few days.

For a week Miss Lizzie Wambold carried the mail on the Burwell and Almera route, her father, Jerry Wambold, the regularly ordained carrier being otherwise engaged, says the Garfield Enterprise. The stage on this line makes daily trips and considering the distance traveled, which is fifty-six miles, it is no picnic to make the trip, even when all runs smoothly. Last Thursday evening, while on the way down from Almera to Burwell, at about dusk and when she had reached a lonely part of the road, somewhere near the Sioux creek, she was accosted by a strange man on horseback, who inquired if she was carrying the mail. Being answered in the affirmative he continued his questions, asking about how much mail went over the route etc. She answered his questions civilly, she says, but when she told him that there wasn't much mail going over the route he grabbed the pouch and informed her in language more forcible than elegant that he "guessed he'd see." This roused the young lady's ire, and before he could get the pouch out of the buggy he was looking into the unfathomable depths of the barrel of an ugly looking gun. Keeping him covered with the artillery she then politely requested that he be gone, and he got. Miss Lizzie is about 18 years of age, but has plenty of nerve.

Special Agent W. E. Ranson of the Union Pacific, arrested a couple of fellows at Kearney who, he believes, held up and robbed Station Agent Dingman at Cozad early one morning last week. They give their names as George and Frank Cook and claim to live twelve miles north of Lexington. Dingman was here and identified one of the men as the fellow who held the gun on him. They were taken back to Lexington tonight to have their examination. It was a clever capture.