

DARES DEATH TO TELL NIGHT RIDER SECRETS

Horrors of Crimes Related in Detail by Man Who Rides Avenger.

DEMOUNICES OLD COMRADES.

Woman Whipped by Masked Desperadoes—Story of Torture in Tennessee Trial.

The secrets of the night riders who have so long terrified the South were laid bare in Fulton City, Tenn., Monday at the trial of the eight men charged with being in the mob that killed Captain Quentin Rankin at Reel, Ford Lake on the night of Oct. 19 by Frank Fehring.



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TO COMBAT MRS. ANNIS' STORY.

Lawyers for Hains Promise to Discredit Testimony of Widow.

In the trial at Flushing, N. Y., lawyers for Thornton Jenkins Hains asserted that every effort will be put forth to shatter that part of Mrs. Helene E. Annis' testimony that the defendant beat his brother and the two men went to the boat, where Capt. Hains shot and killed William E. Annis.

The cruel whipping of Mrs. Emma Johnson, because she would not drop the divorce suit against her husband, was also told by Fehring.

CASTRO'S MEN OUSTED.

Vice President Gomez Forms Own Government.

Vice President J. Vicente Gomez, to whom General Cipriano Castro handed over the presidency on his departure for Europe, has established a new government in Venezuela.

TORN BY SNAKE ARRESTS.

Conspiracy and Corruption in Deals Involving Pittsburgh City Funds.

Seven members of the Finance Committee of Council, including the president of the Common Council, were arrested in Pittsburgh charged with conspiracy, corrupt colludations and bribery.

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The charges against the seven men, stripped of legal phraseology, are as follows: That they offered bribes to obtain and influence the votes of a number of members of the Select and Common Council to secure the passage of certain ordinances designating the depositaries for the funds of the city.

HOUSE SLAPS AT ROOSEVELT.

Calls on Him to Tell on What He Bases Secret Service Charges.

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Mr. Perkins, chairman of the special committee charged to investigate the allegations made in the President's message, and John Sharp Williams of Mississippi both stated on the floor that it was the desire of the special committee to be just toward the President in allowing him to submit any evidence he may have, and both declared that the committee would give it full and impartial consideration.

SUPPOSED DEAD MAN FOUND.

Indianian, Thought to Be Drowned, Taken and Charged with Fraud.

Henry E. Agar, former secretary and treasurer of the Princeton (Ind.) Elevator Company, who was reported drowned in the Wabash river two years ago, was arrested in Harlingen, Tex., and confessed his identity.

MILWAUKEE IS AFTER THE NEXT BOWLING CONGRESS AND LOOKS GOOD TO GET IT.

Percy Houghton has been elected football coach at Harvard for another two years.

James R. Keene was the largest winner on the American turf this season. He won \$283,075.

Cornell's track team will meet the Maroons on an indoor track at the Bartlett gymnasium this winter.

Tommy Burns, the Canadian, is not only champion heavyweight fighter, but he is champion of all weights as a financier.

The most profitable race horse in the United States this season was Sir Martin. He captured stakes to the value of \$78,500.

In the relay run from New York to Washington nearly 1,000 boys carried a silver tube containing a message from Rudolph Foster to President Roosevelt.

Fred Bradley of Boston was knocked out in the fourth round of a boxing bout with Al Kubiak of Grand Rapids, Mich., at the West End Athletic Club in Philadelphia.

Mordecai Brown has gone to work as a buyer in the Chicago stock yards. The three-fingered pitching wonder says he will soon say he is out of baseball and wants a profession to fall back upon.

Christy Mathewson, the famous New York Giant, will coach the Harvard pitching squad next spring. Negotiations which have been under way for some time have practically been completed.

Prospects for the resumption of boxing in Chicago were shattered when Chief of Police Shippy caused the arrest of principals and promoters of a boxing match given in the Illinois Boxing Club a few days ago.

ANOTHER ROMANCE SHATTERED.



SCIENTISTS HAVE DISCOVERED THAT CLEOPATRA WAS NOT A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN—SO MARCO ANTONY MUST HAVE WOODED HER FOR HER MONEY.

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MANY WEEP AT BANK'S DOORS.

Napoleon, O., Institution, Involved in Insurance Failure, A Gains.

Men cried and women fainted in the streets of Napoleon, Ohio, when they found a notice of assignment posted on the doors of the Citizens' State Bank.

KNOX WILL HEAD THE CABINET.

Senator Accepts Position of Secretary of State Offered by Taft.

Senator Philander C. Knox of Pennsylvania has been offered and has accepted the position of Secretary of State in the Taft cabinet, according to a report in Washington that appears to be authentic.

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FIND 1 SAILOR'S BODY; 23 MISSING.

One unidentified body from the lost Wolvin Line steamer D. M. Clemson has been recovered and two other bodies have been seen in the Lake Superior surf.

Gov. Folk has decided that under the law the entire electoral vote of Missouri should be cast for William H. Taft. The Taft plurality in Missouri is 1,021.

INDIANS ARE STARVING.

Wolves in the North Drive Game from the Forests.

According to information received from Fort George, B. C., 300 Indians are at the verge of starvation. The overrunning of the country by packs of wolves is primarily responsible for the condition of the Indians.

WILBUR WRIGHT IN NEW FEAT.

Shoots Up 240 Feet, Stops Engine, and Descends Slowly.

Wilbur Wright, the American aviator, made a most remarkable flight in his aeroplane at Le Mans, 240 feet of rising gradually, the machine shot up like a rocket to a height of 240 feet.

PULLMAN CARS BURN IN STATION.

The Northern Pacific coast train was damaged by fire to the extent of \$10,000 while in the station at St. Cloud, Minn.

IRON MILL TO REOPEN; WORK FOR 600.

The Toledo plant of the Republic Iron and Steel Company, employing 600 men, will resume operations Dec. 28 after thirteen months' idleness.

DEFALTION CAUSES FAILURE.

A default of \$85,000 has been discovered in the First National Bank of Somersworth, N. H. The cashier has been arrested and the directors have asked the bank examiner to take possession of the institution, with a view to voluntary liquidation.

BODY OF CHIEF BIGBY FOUND.

The body of Chief of Police Bigby, who was drowned from the police launch Patrol in San Francisco Bay on the night of Nov. 30, was found by the crew of a freight boat. It was floating off Goat Island, far up the bay.

HOLD TWO JOBS! NO.

Fay Roll Patriot Gets Blow When Chytrons Decides Galpin Case.

A smashing blow to the pay roll patriot was administered by Judge Axel Chytrons of the Appellate Court in Chicago when he handed down a deep-debating decision holding that no person can draw two salaries from the public treasury simultaneously.

The decision came in the case of Herman B. Meyer against County Clerk Joseph E. Haas, an affair of two years' standing in the court records of Cook County and involving the right of Homer K. Galpin, chief clerk of the Chicago Municipal Court, to sit in the State Senate, representing the Second District.

The point of interest to politicians generally, but most especially unpleasant to more than thirty members-elect of the incoming Illinois General Assembly, is that the common law is against one man at the same time from the public treasury, and specifically that a State legislator under the constitution is forbidden to hold any other remunerative office under the United States or State government.

It is known within legislative circles and among politicians that a large percentage of the personnel of the Cook County delegation in the Legislature has an intimate acquaintance with some public pay roll. There are examples of the same situation with regard to some of the down-State members of the General Assembly.

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WORK OF CONGRESS

In the Senate considerable time was devoted Wednesday to a discussion of the President's course in placing strictures on Congress in the matter of the secret service, and a searching resolution, proposed by Mr. Aldrich and amended upon the suggestion of Mr. Culberson, providing for a thorough investigation by the committee on appropriations of the President's charges, both in regard to the acts and the course that should be taken by Congress to prevent the imputation believed to have been cast upon that body, was adopted.

The postal savings bank bill was before the Senate Thursday for over an hour. Senator Burkett of Nebraska making a comprehensive argument in favor of its passage.

The Senate was not in session Friday. Because of the general exodus of members for their homes for the Christmas holidays, the attendance in the House was far short of a quorum.

A brief Senate session was devoted to routine business in accordance with the agreement reached before the adjournment Thursday.

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ODDS & ENDS OF SPORT. Milwaukee is after the next bowling congress and looks good to get it. Percy Houghton has been elected football coach at Harvard for another two years.

THE OTHER JOHN D. John D. Archbold started life as an office boy. But he evidently didn't have to look after the letter files.

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