

# GET PETER OLSEN

MURDERER OF MARY PETERSON  
FATALLY SHOT.

## IS SEEN ON THE STREETS

Officers at Once Start in Pursuit—Murderer Draws a Revolver When Overhauled—His Movement Brings Three Shots.

BANCROFT, Neb., Sept. 22.—Peter Olsen, who shot Mary Peterson in Omaha on the night of September 8, was shot and almost instantly killed here yesterday. He came to town last evening and registered at the Park hotel as W. Johnson, having supper, bed and breakfast, paying for the same in the morning. He was around town all evening and got shaved at the barber shop, but was not recognized by anyone. Yesterday morning Led Fletcher came to town, and although he only saw Olsen once about six months ago, he recognized him, but was not certain enough to cause his arrest. He left a man to watch him and hurried out in the country for M. P. Johnson, an uncle of the murdered girl, and with whom Olsen had visited last June.

Olsen also recognized Mr. Fletcher and seemed to know they were after him and left town. As Mr. Johnson was coming in he saw Olsen going up the railroad and recognized him by his walk. He at once notified Constable J. O. Cople, who organized a posse and started in pursuit, overtaking him about three miles from town. Constable Cople and John Farley, armed with rifles, were the first to be on the scene, and when about fifty yards from Olsen they dismounted, and taking refuge back of a culvert ordered him to surrender. He reached for his revolver and the second command was given, when the revolver flourished.

The order was given to shoot; three rifle shots were fired, only one taking effect, entering about three inches above the navel and passing entirely through the body. Upon examination it was found that the revolver contained only one shell and that had been snapped three times. There were no papers on his person. The revolver and \$15.55 in money was all that was found. He was loaded into a buggy and brought to town, where a closer examination was held.

The clothes he wore, the scars on his neck and the scar on his side where he was operated on for appendicitis tallied exactly with the description sent out by the Omaha police.

Coroner Sammons, Sheriff Kioke and County Attorney Hunter came over from West Point and upon examination said that there was no question but that he was the right man.

## SEES A GREAT TASK AHEAD.

London Papers Predict that the Trusts Have Nothing to Fear.

LONDON, Sept. 22.—The Daily Telegraph, in an editorial article this morning, expresses the belief that in proposing to regulate the trusts by amending the constitution President Roosevelt has undertaken a task so colossal that the remedy will be more dangerous than the disease and that the trusts have nothing to fear for a long time to come.

Referring to the same subject, the Daily News says: "It would almost seem as though President Roosevelt were destined to play as great a part in American history as did Abraham Lincoln, by seizing and directing the growing sentiment against the enslavement of the whites by huge and conscienceless combines."

## Going to the Isthmus.

BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 22.—Rear Admiral Coghlan has raised his flag on the Olympia, and awaits orders to proceed to the Isthmus of Panama and assume charge of affairs there. The Olympia is provisioned and coaled for three months.

## Must Pay the Fiddler.

LONDON, Sept. 22.—The Daily Mail says that the government has decided that the new South African colonies are to be required to pay \$500,000,000 toward the cost of the South African war.

## Rear Admiral Watson.

VALLETTE, Island of Malta, Sept. 22.—The death is announced of Rear Admiral Burges Watson, R. N. He died on board the British battleship Ramillies.

## Will Not Support Appeal.

LONDON, Sept. 22.—Cabling from Vienna, the correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says he learns that neither Austria or Russia are willing to support the appeal made by the United States in behalf of the Jews in Roumania. It is admitted, says the correspondent, that the treaty of Jews in fringed upon the treaty of Berlin of 1878, but it is one of the many in fringement without the powers protesting.

## FOOD IS THE ONLY PROBLEM.

When that is Solved No Trouble to Reach the North Pole.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook of Brooklyn, who was with Lieutenant Peary on one of his Arctic trips and with the Belgica expedition to the south pole as chief surgeon, expresses the opinion that Peary's latest endeavor was by no means a failure, and that the explorer has added "material to the annals of science which will be found invaluable, in fact, more valuable than the actual discovery of the pole itself."

"All this talk about the terrible dangers to be met before reaching the pole is sheer rot," continued Dr. Cook. "A man, all things taken into account, is just as safe on the Arctic ice fields as he is in New York. There is no danger in traversing the ice fields, nor from the cold, which is not so severe as the cut of the saline diseases, no miasmatic swamps, no sewer gas, no decaying vegetables, no rotting rags. Everything is on ice. There is no danger in traversing the ice fields, nor from the cold, which is not so severe as the cut of the saline diseases on the Atlantic seacoasts."

"It is the food question," he added, "that closes up the way to the pole."

When this problem is solved reaching the pole will, in his opinion, be quite a simple undertaking.

## BOXERS ARE GROWING QUIET.

Gunboats Are Hurrying Toward the City of Chen Tu.

PEKIN, Sept. 20.—The situation at Chen Tu, capital of Sze Chuan province, and the scene of the recent boxer activities has improved. British and French gunboats are now within ninety miles of the city. A squadron of French marines has reached Cheng Tun Fu and they are expected to return to their gunboat with the French consul there. An investigation is to be made by the French consular agent into the murder of the missionary, Bruce and Lewis, at Chen Chow, Ho Nan province, by a mob has disclosed the fact that military officials of Chen Chow are culpable in the matter because they refused to receive or protect the missionaries.

## At Baltimore Next Year.

DES MOINES, Ia., Sept. 20.—The Sovereign Grand I. O. O. F. will adjourn at noon today, after the installation of officers, to meet the third week in September, 1903, at Baltimore, Md. The location was determined by a vote of 95 for Baltimore to 93 for Hot Springs, Ark. An amendment to the constitution was adopted providing that "attentive benefits" which involve the payment of money shall be only given those members who are entitled to weekly benefits.

## Queen is with Her Father.

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 20.—Queen Alexandra arrived here today from England on board the royal yacht Victoria and Albert, which was met outside the harbor by King Christian, her father, and other members of the royal family and was escorted into the roadstead by a Danish squadron of warships. All the cabinet ministers and members of the diplomatic corps met the royal party at the landing place and they all drove to Bernstorff castle through cheering crowds.

## Wreck on the Baltimore.

CHILLICOTHE, O., Sept. 20.—No. 2, the Royal Blue flyer on the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern, was wrecked at Leesburg last night, the train having run into an open switch while running at the rate of fifty miles an hour. To add to the disaster, the engine exploded and Engineer Philip Roe and Fireman Charles Studer, both of this city, were killed outright. Every coach on the train left the track but passengers were not seriously injured.

## To Release Ten Millions.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—Secretary Shaw announced before leaving Washington this afternoon for the west that during the week he had authorized the distribution in round numbers of \$10,000,000 of public funds among banks throughout the country which have bonds available for security. The money will be released and deposits will all be completed within a few days and just as rapidly as the bonds are received at the treasury.

## Smallpox in Jamaica.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Sept. 20.—News has reached here that 266 cases of smallpox occurred at Barbadoes, B. W. I., during the fortnight ended September 15.

## British Flag Over It.

NEW YORK, Sept. 20.—Officials here have been told that the British government has raised the British flag on the island of Patos, which is near Trinidad, notwithstanding the protest of the Venezuelan government, says a dispatch from Port of Spain, Trinidad. Sovereignty over the island of Patos has been in dispute between Great Britain and Venezuela for a long time.

# DIED IN A PANIC

SEVENTY-EIGHT COLORED PEOPLE LOSE THEIR LIVES.

## "FIGHT" MISTAKEN FOR "FIRE"

Stampede Follows Quarrel Between Delegates and Choir Master—Suffocation Causes Most Deaths—Heaps Ten Feet High at Doors.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 20.—Seventy-eight people known to be dead and eighty injured, some perhaps fatally, is the result of a panic which occurred in Shiloh negro Baptist church here last night during the evening session of the national Baptist convention. Fifteen hundred delegates were crowded into the church, which had only a seating capacity of 400, when the audience was thrown into a stampede by a conflict between two of the delegates in the rear of the church. The cries of "fight" the audience mistook for an alarm of "fire," and in the wild rush seventy-eight persons were crushed to death and eighty more received injuries some of which may prove fatal. The list of dead and injured included only negroes in attendance. In the case of the visiting delegates the identification has been difficult.

The catastrophe occurred at 9 o'clock, just as Booker T. Washington had concluded his address to the national convention of Baptists, and for three hours the scene around the church were indescribable. Dead bodies were strewn in every direction and the ambulance service of the city was utterly incapacitated to move them until after 10 o'clock. Dozens of dead bodies were arranged in rows on the grounds outside of the house of worship, awaiting removal to the various undertaking establishments, while more than a score were laid out on the benches inside.

The church is the largest house of worship for negroes in Birmingham, and the pastor says there were at least 2,000 persons in the house when the stampede began. Instructions had been issued to allow no more to enter, but the negroes forced their way inside and were standing in every aisle. Even the entrance to the church was literally packed.

Just as Booker T. Washington concluded his address, Judge Billou, a negro lawyer from Baltimore, engaged in an altercation with the choir leader concerning an unoccupied seat and it is said a blow was struck. Someone in the audience cried "They're fighting." Mistaking the word "fighting" for "fire," the congregation arose en masse and started for the door. One of the ministers quickly mounted the rostrum and admonished the people to keep quiet. He repeated the word "quiet" several times and motioned his hearers to be seated. Again the excited people mistook the word "quiet" for "fire" and renewed their efforts to get out. Men and women crawled over one another to get to the door. The ministers tried again to stop the stampede, but no power on earth could stay the struggling mass of humanity.

The level of the floor is about fifteen feet from the ground and long steps lead to the sidewalk from the lobby just outside of the main auditorium. Brick walls extend on either side of these steps for six or seven feet, and these proved a veritable death trap. Negroes who had reached the top of the steps were pushed violently forward and many fell. Before they could move others fell on them, and in fifteen minutes persons were piled upon each other to a height of ten feet, where twenty died from suffocation.

## SUPREME COURT TO SIT SOON.

Will Resume Next Month with Case Against Dewey.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—The United States supreme court will reassemble October 13. No business will be transacted on the opening day. The court will make its customary call on President Roosevelt. On the following day the court will resume the hearing of cases.

Among the first cases to be heard are those of Bird against the United States, brought to determine the legality of a murder trial in Alaska; the Lane Wolf case, involving the validity of an act of congress relating to Kiowa Indian lands, and the prize money cases of the United States against Admirals Dewey and Sampson.

## Stamped Envelope Contract.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20.—Acting Postmaster General Madden today awarded the contract for furnishing stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers for the postoffice department for the four years, beginning January 1, 1903, to the Hartford Manufacturing company of Hartford, Conn., it being the lowest bidder. Upward of \$3,000,000 will be paid this company under the contract. Their bid is \$85,000 less than the next lowest.

## FIRM GRIP SAVES HIS LIFE.

Man Suspended in Air One Hundred Feet High Twenty Minutes.

CHICAGO, Sept. 19.—Suspended only by his hands, McNaughton Wright, a prominent member of the Board of Trade, hung between life and death for twenty minutes at the top of a grain chute in the Rock Island elevator.

When rescued Mr. Wright was exhausted and on the point of releasing his hold, which would have meant a fall of 100 feet to the hard floor of an empty bin, and almost certain death.

He had entered the elevator to inspect some wheat. Making a mistake, he fell into the chute, but succeeded in clutching the edge and hanging by his hands. Mr. Wright's calls for help were finally heard by an employe, who pulled him out. He fainted then and was unconscious for nearly an hour, so great had been the strain.

## INDIAN PRINCE A BANKRUPT.

In Debt Because the Government Has Made Allowance Too Small.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—At a meeting today of the creditors of Prince Victor Dulep Singh, who was declared a bankrupt September 4, the chairman said the prince's debts amounted to \$471,800, of which \$380,000 was secured.

The debts were attributed to stock exchange speculation and gambling. Among the assets is a claim for \$3,000,000 against the Indian government with respect to the estate of the bankrupt's father.

The prince ascribes his bankruptcy to the "ridiculous insufficiency" of his allowance from the Indian government. To maintain his position the price received \$85,000 yearly and his wife received \$10,000.

## BOERS WISH NO FIREWORKS.

Botha Telegraphs Brussels Not to Prepare Demonstrations.

BRUSSELS, Sept. 19.—The Boer reception committee here has received the following telegram from General Botha: "We shall be glad if you inform the population of Brussels that we desire no anti-English demonstration to occur upon the occasion of our visit to Brussels, our mission being non-political and purely charitable."

Dr. Leyds, the Boer representative in Europe, has issued a denial of the report that the Boer generals—Botha, Delarey and Dewet—would abandon their tour. He declares the generals to be in complete agreement with himself and the other European Boer delegates.

## HAY'S NOTE ABOUT JEWS.

Protest Against Their Treatment in Roumania Approved.

LONDON, Sept. 19.—The United States' initiative in protesting to the countries which are parties to the treaty of Berlin of 1878, against the treatment of Jews in Roumania, meets with approval here.

The Globe, however, the only afternoon paper which comments on Secretary Hay's note on the subject, sees nothing in Mr. Hay's action but self-interest. The Globe, nevertheless, hopes that it will lead to a check being placed on the wholesale exportation of undesirable persons from eastern Europe to Great Britain and America.

## The Boxer Attack.

PEKIN, Sept. 19.—The Boxer attack on Cheng Tu Fu, capital of Sze Chuan province, in which 50,000 Boxers made an ineffectual attempt to take the city, began September 14. When the rebels endeavored to enter the city a conflict ensued. The attackers were driven back and the gates of the city were closed and guarded by troops. Soldiers quelled the disorder within the city. Fourteen Boxer leaders and several other rebels were executed.

## Senator Bard Improving.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 19.—The condition of Senator Bard this morning was more hopeful than at any time since his illness, and it is felt that his chances for recovery are now excellent.

## Will Remain for Short Session.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Sept. 19.—It is announced tonight that Speaker Henderson does not intend to resign the speakership at the coming session of congress.

## Union Pacific Goes Higher.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—The question of the right of a telegraph company to occupy, through condemnation proceedings, right of way owned by a railroad company in Colorado is involved in the case of the Union Pacific Railway company, plaintiff in error, against the Colorado Postal Telegraph company, the appellants, pleadings in which were docketed in the supreme court. The railroad company lost in the court of Colorado.

# PRESIDENT'S TRIP

SECRETARY CORTELYOU GIVES SCHEDULE OF THE SAME.

## FIRST STOP IS AT CINCINNATI

Several Points in Iowa and Nebraska Will Come in for the Executive Presence—A Number of Speeches by the Way.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y., Sept. 19.—Secretary Cortelyou has made public the following outline of President Roosevelt's tour of the northwest September 19 to October 7:

The president, Secretary Cortelyou and Assistant Secretary Loeb will leave Oyster Bay Friday, September 19, at 10:30 a. m. The first public stop scheduled is at Cincinnati at 10 a. m., Saturday, the 20th.

Leaving Cincinnati at midnight, the president and party will reach Detroit early the following morning and remain there until Tuesday morning, the 23. Sunday will be spent quietly without public program.

On Tuesday three or four hours will be spent in Indianapolis, where the president will attend the third annual encampment of the Spanish-American War veterans and the party will be entertained at luncheon at the Columbus club. One hour will be spent in Fort Wayne late in the afternoon and Milwaukee will be reached during the night. The program for Milwaukee contemplates a visit to the Soldiers' home, a drive in the afternoon and a banquet in the evening.

About two hours will be spent at La Crosse, Thursday morning, the program including a drive to the fair grounds and an address by the president. St. Paul and Minneapolis will be visited later in the day.

On Friday the 26th Sioux Falls and Yankton will be visited in the morning. Two hours will be spent in Sioux City in the afternoon and stops will be made at Arion and Denison, Ia.

Several points in Nebraska will be visited Saturday, including Kearney, Grand Island, Hastings, Lincoln and Fremont. Omaha will be reached late in the afternoon and the president and party will be escorted to the Omaha club, where dinner will be served. In the evening the president will review an electrical pageant.

Sunday, the 28th, will be spent quietly in Topeka, where on Monday morning the president is to address a public meeting in Auditorium. A brief stop will be made late in the morning at Lawrence, Kan. Kansas City, Mo., will be reached about noon. The program there, covering about four hours, includes the two cities of Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kan. Leaving Kansas City, Kan., late in the afternoon brief stops will be made at Leavenworth and Atchison. St. Joseph will be reached after 6 o'clock. There the president will deliver an address and the party will dine at the hotel.

A number of brief stops will be made on Tuesday, September 30, at points in Iowa, including Clarinda, Van Wert, Osceola, Des Moines and Oakaloosa. At Ottumwa in the evening the president will deliver an address. Leaving Ottumwa during the night the train will go by way of Keokuk, Quincy, Ill., Hannibal, Louisiana and Clarksville, Mo., to St. Louis, arriving at the last named place about 4 o'clock and leaving the following morning. In St. Louis the president and party will be taken for a drive through the city, Forest park and the World's fair grounds. They will be entertained by the Mercantile club and in the evening the president will deliver an address at the Coliseum. From St. Louis the train will proceed to Springfield, Ill., arriving shortly after noon and leaving about midnight. In the afternoon a drive will be taken to the fair grounds and in the evening the president and party will be entertained at dinner at the governor's mansion.

## BRYAN'S ENGINE SMASHED.

Collides with Switch Engine, but No Passengers Are Hurt.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 19.—The Big Four train No. 2, which arrived here today with William J. Bryan on board, struck a yard engine at the New Jersey street crossing.

The pilots of the engines were smashed and they were sent to the shops for repairs. The wreck caused considerable delay, and Mr. Bryan, who was not in the least injured, disembarked and held an impromptu reception in the street. None of the passengers were injured.

## Ready for Western Trip.

OYSTER BAY, L. I., Sept. 19.—Lyman Abbott of New York and President J. W. Jenks were President Roosevelt's guests at luncheon yesterday. The president will leave here today on his western trip. He will go to New York on the Syph, which sails about 9:30 o'clock. He will be accompanied by Secretary Cortelyou, Assistant Secretary Loeb and the White House stenographers and messengers.

## HOLDS FOR RAILROADS.

Assessment Made by State Board of Equalization Is to Stand.

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 22.—In a sixty-page opinion the supreme court denies the application for a mandamus asked by the Omaha Bee Building company against the state board of equalization. The court holds that as the board is legally constituted a special tribunal for the purpose of assessing railroad and telegraph property it is clothed with quasi judicial powers, and when it has once acted on sufficient information and expressed an honest judgment as to valuation its judgment cannot be controlled by the writ of mandamus, which is a writ to compel action and not to correct action.

The court holds that in the case at bar under the evidence the inference is not warrantable that the respondents acted with improper motives and fraudulently in making the assessment complained of, with the wrongful intention of discriminating in favor of the railroad and telegraph companies whose property was assessed. An assessment may be treated as fraudulent when well known rules of valuation are disregarded, where reliable and pertinent information is declined and an arbitrary assessment at grossly inadequate figures made.

The court holds, however, that the board of equalization must include and assess the value of franchises with the tangible property, but that where it assesses the property of a railroad as a unit and considers the purposes for which it is used, the fact that it is earning an income and exercising the rights of such corporation, such assessment would include the intangible property also and be an assessment of its franchise. In this case the franchise were assessed. It is held, too, that the market value of a railroad's stocks and bonds are an important factor to determine cash value of the property represented by those stocks and bonds, and that the earnings is evidence of a most important character in determining the true value of the property, is one of the chief elements that give it value and should be considered in making the final assessment.

## PUT SPIKES ON THE RAILS.

Apparent Attempt to Wreck a Burlington Train.

SEWARD, Neb., Sept. 22.—An attempt was apparently made to wreck passenger train No. 43 about one and one-half miles east of Utica. Fifteen or twenty spikes had been placed on the rails, the pointed end of the spikes being placed to the east and the projecting head of the spike being placed between the ends of the rails at the joints and were scattered along the track for a considerable distance. After running over two or three of these spikes the engineer applied the air and stopped the train, and some of the trainmen went ahead and gathered up the spikes. The matter has been kept as quiet as possible by the railroad people with the hope, no doubt, of discovering the guilty parties.

## Irrigation Congress Delegates.

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 22.—Governor Savage has appointed the following partial list of delegates to attend the national irrigation congress, which will meet at Colorado Springs October 6: Edgar S. Bradley, Omaha; O. V. P. Stout, Adna Dobson, Lincoln; B. E. Forbes, Beatrice; H. O. Smith, Lexington; James Ferrier, Culbertson; R. H. Willis, Bridgeport; E. F. Seeberger, North Platte; P. T. Francis, Crawford; L. D. Cox, Mintare; C. H. Meeker, McCook; H. W. Fanning, Crawford; A. M. Allen, Gothenburg; F. C. Hamer, Kearney; A. G. Wolfenbarger, Lincoln; Samuel C. Smith, Beatrice; Peter Jansen, Jansen; Robert C. Kyd, Beatrice; J. G. Preston, Oxford; Irving F. Montgomery, Bloomington; R. J. Kilpatrick, Beatrice.

## Stacks of Oats Burned.

DEWITT, Neb., Sept. 22.—Sparks from a threshing machine engine set fire to the straw where a company of men were working and burned four stacks of oats containing about 400 bushels belonging to John Kubovec, five and one-half miles west of here, and a new separator valued at \$1,300 and owned by Halsey Cook. The separator was insured for \$600.

## Beet Sugar Making Begins.

FREMONT, Neb., Sept. 22.—The sugar factory at Leavitt began operations with a full force of workmen.

## Farm Sells for \$16,000.

SILVER CREEK, Neb., Sept. 22.—The George Hutchings farm of 280 acres, east of town, was sold by Davis & Hill to Robert Murray of Saunders county for \$57 an acre.

## Rural Routes in Saline County.

DEWITT, Neb., Sept. 22.—Three routes from this place are being inspected by Captain Clark, special agent, with a good prospect of being established.