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BORROWED AND STOLEN.

KILLED IN THE STREET.

A Prominent Resident of Leavenworth Murdered by Negroes.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Sept. 23.—Henry Richter, a well-known German citizen, while passing the corner of Delaware street and Broadway last evening about 7 o'clock, was attacked by two colored roughs who attempted to rob him. He resisted, and the two men seized him, and forcing him to his knees, pulled his head back, and one of them with a razor deliberately cut his throat, causing almost instant death. The deed was done under the full glare of an electric light, and, although some passersby attempted to capture the two murderers, they made good their escape and have not yet been secured.

A WHOLE TOWN BURNED.

Cravenhurst, Ont., Completely Wiped Out of Existence.

GRAVENHURST, Ont., Sept. 23.—A terrible fire broke out here late last evening which bids fair to wipe the town out of existence. All efforts to check or subdue the flames have proved unavailing owing to the inflammable nature of the buildings. The Orilla fire brigade is on the way to our assistance. The excitement has been terrible, and it is impossible to ascertain how the fire originated. The loss will be enormous.

The fire originated in a foundry, at the north end of town, and, aided by a strong north wind, the north side of Main street was soon completely swept. Every business house in town was destroyed. The loss will exceed \$150,000. The insurance is unknown, but it is small. There are no provisions in town.

Forty-five places of business and thirty-eight dwellings were destroyed and fully fifty families are without food and shelter. Supplies of food were received to-day from outside places, but there was not sufficient to go round. Assistance is greatly needed, and relief and shelter committees have been organized. The loss is now placed at \$200,000, with a trifling insurance.

Lucy Locked Up!

CHICAGO, Sept. 23.—The radical anarchists have had a good subject to discourse on this evening—the arrest and imprisonment of Mrs. Lucy Parsons for peddling on the open streets copies of her husband's "appeal" printed in pamphlet form. The arrest was made because the distribution was contrary to a city ordinance, which applies to any kind of circulars. The patrolman who made the arrest told her to cease distributing the pamphlets and he would not molest her. She refused this offer. When taken to the armory the sergeant in charge offered to release her if she would desist from further violation of the ordinance. She again refused and remained in custody until nearly 6 o'clock when the editor of the *Arbeiter Zeitung* made a money deposit and secured her release. The radicals to-night are denouncing the arrest as another act of brutality on the part of the police or "capitalistic tools," as they style them. Mrs. Parsons is classed as the "female martyr."

Earthquake in Cuba.

HAVANA, Sept. 23.—A most severe shock of earthquake was felt at Santiago, Cuba, Sunday. Two persons were injured and some houses were damaged. Shocks were also felt in Guantanamo, Manzanillo and Kingston, Jamaica.

A Pig-Tail Blow-Out.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 23.—The Chinese residents of the city had a remarkable parade to-day in honor of the great idol known as "Tan Wong," recently brought from China. The parade was of oriental magnificence. One of the features of the parade besides Tan Wong was a huge dragon, 175 feet long, and the most gorgeous ever seen in America.

Horrible Wife Murder.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Sept. 23.—Thomas McKennan, a laboring man, sixty-seven years of age, brutally murdered his wife this morning at their home in Keesport, Pa. She was sleeping at the time. He first struck her on the head with an ax and then buried a knife in her heart. After his arrest he said he had been contemplating the deed for years, but had refrained until his children had reached the age when they could care for themselves. He claims that she was unfaithful to him.

THE TEXAS CYCLONE.

Damage Done Far in Excess of a Million Dollars.

BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Sept. 23.—The telegraph several days ago gave notice of a hurricane southwest of Havana and moving this way, and for two or three days the weather indications showed the approach of a storm. Though the barometer and tide in the Gulf usually gives warning of the coming of bad weather, this storm gave no notice of its immediate approach. At 9 o'clock Tuesday evening the norther, that had been blowing for several days, increased its fierceness with heavy gusts of rain and in a short time the hurricane was on the town in full force, the wind reaching, in the light of the storm, a velocity of seventy-eight miles an hour. All night long it continued, the howling being mingled now and then with the crash of a falling house, the rending sound of falling trees, and the rattling of fences as they went over, or the shouts of those deserting their crumbling residences or imploring.

Morning dawned on a scene of desolation. Water filled the streets, through which a roaring north wind drove the rain like great volleys of small shot. Fallen trees, ruins of houses and prostrate fences all half submerged in water rendered passage difficult and, at times dangerous. At 2:30 p. m. the wind lulled and there was almost a dead calm.

The damage in the country and the two cities is incalculable. Countless head of cattle and sheep have been lost and crops of cotton, corn and sugarcane completely prostrated and destroyed. One rancher on a small place counts his loss in cotton alone at \$20,000, and many others are equally heavy losers. The total of losses will be far beyond \$1,000,000.

In Brownsville the chief sufferers were among the poor. Between sixty and eighty "jacals," or the cheaper class of dwellings were blown down and fully 300 partially unroofed and rendered uninhabitable. The telegraph wire from Point Isabel is down, and it is not known how things are there. There is great suffering among the poor, many of whom are without resources. The river is again very high and overflowing its banks.

In Matamoros the narrow streets during the storm were seas of water from an ankle to nearly a hip deep. Even in the more central parts of the town the streets are all encumbered with debris. In the city about a dozen houses of the better class and fully 150 or 200 jacks were prostrated, while from 400 to 500 were unroofed or shattered. Public buildings and stores and the better class of dwellings leaked like sieves and are all afloat.

The unfortunate lagoon district south of Plaza del Capilla is again inundated. A large portion of the houses have fallen. The water was knee to waist deep. From 12 o'clock Tuesday night to noon yesterday the police, military and many citizens were engaged in saving the inhabitants and their effects. The suffering in town and in the country is generally severe.

AN ACED MURDERER.

He Confesses the Crime of Slaughtering His Two Grandchildren.

LEBANON, Pa., Sept. 23.—William Showers, the old man arrested several weeks ago charged with the killing of his two young grandchildren, made a confession of his crime this morning and implicated his housekeeper, Elizabeth Sergeant, who, he says, held the light in the bedroom while he committed the deed. Showers was arraigned in court this morning and plead guilty.

A Lost Schooner.

CHEBOYGAN, Mich., Sept. 23.—The propeller Messenger sighted the schooner Orkney Lass in distress last evening near Spectacle Reef, drifting down Lake Huron. The Messenger offered to tow her into port for \$100, but the captain of the vessel would not pay it. Her mainmasts were gone near the deck and she lay on her side by the shifting of her immense cargo of cedar, and was dragged both anchors. Nothing has been heard of her since. The wind blew a gale from the northwest all night.

Boings of the Odd Fellows.

DENVER, Sept. 23.—In the Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., to-day, several communications regarding the place of holding the next annual meeting were read, and after a spirited contest a resolution was adopted to hold the session at Los Angeles, Cal.

Many Lives Lost by Floods.

Cairo, Sept. 23.—It is reported that beyond Wady Halfa hundreds of lives have been lost in the floods caused by the rising of the Nile.

The Interesting Series of Poisons Known as Ptomaines—What They Are, How They Originate—Probability That They Frequently Cause Death.

Among the investigations and discoveries of modern science there is perhaps no subject of more interest or far reaching importance, in a general as well as in a medico-legal sense, than that of ptomaines, or that series of newly discovered poisons—cadaveric alkaloids—which are evolved from the decomposition of animal tissue. Francesco Salmi, of Boulogne, in 1880—who was perhaps the first to discover, or at least to publish an intelligent account of these poisons—applied to them the term "ptomaines," as indicating that they were of cadaveric origin, arising from the decomposition or putrescence of animal tissues. More recent investigations, however, seem to prove that they may also be developed as a result of normal tissue change in the living animal, or even from the dejecta or excretions of the living organism. The attention of the studious public has been in the past few years attracted to this subject with justifiable curiosity and interest. The reason for this is that the ptomaines, at the same time that they are such deadly poisons, are naturally developed in the cadaver or dead body, or in any dead tissue in about forty-eight hours after death, and further, that upon analysis they give the same reactions as do the most powerful alkaloidal vegetal poisons. Since these facts became known they have been eagerly seized upon and used effectively by clever lawyers in the defense of their clients in murder trials both in this country and England.

It is impossible by any known chemical processes to definitely determine these ptomaine poisons in medico-legal cases of poisoning, for instance, as they give, as before stated, the same reactions of tests as are given by the principal and most powerful vegetal alkaloids. One can readily imagine a case in point that might arise at any time as a test medico-legal case of murder or suspected murder by poisoning and in which might be involved the guilt or innocence, the life or death of the accused. For if after forty-eight hours or thereabouts subsequent to death we are able to evolve from the tissues or organs of the corpse a poison that will answer to all the tests of the main vegetal alkaloids, and which has been evolved in the tissues of the natural results of decomposition, we have surely lost our criterion and the tests are of no avail. Conversely, it is patent to every one what a wide field this leaves open for the hideous work of the criminal poisoner, and the almost certainty of his escape from justice.

The chemical characteristics of these ptomaines so far known are that they occur generally amorphous in form and alkaline in reaction, they are unstable and volatile or easily alterable; that they form crystalline salts with acids. When exposed to the air and allowed to oxidize from the basic form they emit very disagreeable cadaverous or putrescent odors, but in their combination with acids forming salts their odors are generally changed, resembling that of the orange, violet and musk.

Upon the exhibition of a poisonous dose generally injected under the skin the following toxic symptoms rapidly ensue: Dilation of the pupils, muscular relaxation and flaccidity, with loss of muscular contractility and cutaneous sensibility, disturbance of the heart's action, paralysis of the limbs or lower extremities and convulsions. They possess much the same poisonous action as muscarin and atropin. They all have a strong power of reducing potash ferrocyanide and answer to the same color tests as do the vegetable alkaloids, such as morphia, atropia, hyoscyamine, scopolamine, etc. Several of the ptomaines have been obtained from these three sources by different chemists, particularly Gautier, of France.

Second.—They occur in constituents of the urine of patients suffering from progressive paralysis, interstitial pneumonia, abdominal typhus, fever, in tetanus or lockjaw and in miliary fever, as proven by recent observations of Salmi.

Third.—They are developed largely in bodies or dead organic matter as a product of decomposition. These facts have been abundantly corroborated by different observers.

The symptoms of irritation of stomach and bowels, after reaching a toxic character, resulting from the ingestion of bad foods and meats, sausages, stale fish, cream puffs and the like, are doubtless due to the generation of these poisons in the favorable conditions for their development found in the alimentary canal. The ptomaine alkaloid called tyrotoxin, found in stale cream puffs, which has in a number of cases in this city caused very alarming symptoms and death, is developed from the decomposition of the casein oped from the cream or milk or butter used in making the cream puff, and these doubtless coming in their turn from swill fed cows.

These investigations have opened up a field for scientific research that cannot fail to have a marked effect upon the general health of every civilized community. It requires no great amount of perspicacity to observe that our high figure of mortality, particularly among the children, in the summer months may be, and undoubtedly is, due to the development of one or more of this series of ptomaine poisons in the prepared foods and the milk supplied to bottle fed infants, which may have come from diseased and swill fed animals; to say nothing of the thousand and one sources of similar poisoning by stale or so-called prepared or potted meats, fish, game, cheese, sausages and the like, and in the pastries of the character of cream puffs, etc., that endanger the life of an adult.—Philadelphia Times.

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