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A Sensational Tragedy.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 25.—One of the most sensational tragedies which has occurred in this city for years was committed yesterday afternoon. Both the victim and her slayer were prominent society young ladies and the affair is the talk of the town. At 4 o'clock Miss Freda Ward, of Gold Dust, Ark., and her sister were walking toward the custom house. A buggy containing Miss Alice Mitchell and Lizzie Johnson drove up the walk, and as the former couple was opposite the buggy, Miss Mitchell sprang out of the buggy, grasped Miss Ward by the neck, drew a bright razor from the folds of her dress and with it cut the throat of her victim. Miss Ward sank to the pavement and the murderer, jumping into the buggy, exclaimed: "Drive on, I've done it," and rapidly drove to her home. A sister of the murdered girl had tried to hold the assailant, but also received a slight cut. Miss Ward was carried to the infirmary, but expired just as the institution was reached. Miss Mitchell was arrested at her home and conveyed to jail two hours after the affair.

While the cause of the killing is not positively apparent it is believed Miss Mitchell committed it because she had heard allegations to the effect that Miss Ward, her former friend, had made remarks of a decidedly uncomplimentary nature regarding her. The murderer is a nineteen-year-old daughter of a retired furniture dealer, George Mitchell, and her victim is the daughter of John Ward, a wealthy merchant and planter of Gold Dust, Ark. The coroner's jury charges Miss Mitchell with premeditated murder.

Great Excitement Over the War News.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—There was great excitement in shipping and naval circles over Chilean news. Naval officers and men all want war and the Baltimore's men are simply wild to get a chance to return to Valparaiso and secure revenge for the dastardly outrage on their comrades. It warms the cockles of the genuine American heart to see the eagerness of all the sailors and officers of the Baltimore and Charleston to have a chance at the Chileans. They all admit the Chileans are good fighters, but they say neither officers nor men know how to handle ships or guns.

Captain Schely, in discussing the situation a few days ago, said he would not be afraid to meet the entire Chilean navy out in the open sea, where he could have space for maneuvering. He said the Baltimore was so much more easily handled than any of the Chilean vessels that she could sail around them and finish them one after another.

Shipping men are eager for war also, as it means making Frisco the outfitting point on this coast for war vessels and transports. Some apprehension has been expressed about the safety of San Francisco, but experts declare that with torpedoes and torpedo boats the harbor could be defended against any attack. Stress is also laid on the fact that should war be declared all the fighting would take place in Chilean waters and any Chilean cruiser that might leave that country would chase after American merchantmen instead of trying to lay this city under tribute and tempting an engagement with one of the white squadrons.

Chile Agrees to Withdraw the Offensive Note

SANTIAGO, Jan. 26.—The Chilean government has sent a reply to the ultimatum of the United States. The reply is in effect as follows:

Chile agrees to withdraw the offensive note sent by Senator Matta to all the Chilean ministers abroad and acknowledges that its issuance was due to an error of judgment.

Chile also withdraws its request for the withdrawal of United States Minister Egan. In addition the Chilean government, in its answer proposes that the affair of the attack on the Baltimore sailors in Valparaiso be submitted to the arbitration of some neutral nation. If this proposition is not acceptable to the United States government, the Chilean government suggests that the matter be submitted to the decision of the supreme court of the United States.

Whitehead Torpedoes.

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Jan. 25.—The Associated press correspondent here learns that the first flask of domestic manufacture for 100 Whitehead torpedoes was tested at the works of the E. W. Bliss company Monday. It is five feet long, seventeen and three-quarter inches in diameter, with a shell 34-100 of an inch thick. Having successfully withstood the test it was accepted by the navy department.

Railway Wreck in Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 26.—In a collision between two trains several of the employes were killed.

Surprising.

Mr. Gotham—"Here, sir, is some whisky I have had in my cellar for twenty years."

Keatnick—"Well, well, how did it get lost?"—New York

COLD BLOODED CRUELTY.

Aided By His Wife in Accomplishing the Fiendish Crime.

"HE IS A DOOMED MAN."

When Death Sentence Was Passed Upon Them They Showed no Fear.

VIENNA, Jan. 30.—The sensational Schneider murder trial ended yesterday. The jury found Schneider and his wife guilty and both prisoners were sentenced to death.

For cold blooded cruelty this case stands almost without a parallel in the annals of crime in this city. The evidence against the accused was overwhelming, but Frau Schneider until yesterday stoutly maintained that her husband was alone responsible for the death of the girls. Schneider described in detail his method of doing away with the girls. He would go to the room occupied by the girl last employed by his wife, and despite her prayers and entreaties would criminally assault her. It was thought by the police that he first chloroformed his victims, but in his confession Schneider said they were always conscious when he attacked them.

Horrible as it may appear, his wife accompanied him and aided him in the accomplishment of this fiendish crime, and afterwards she would grasp the hands of the victim while Schneider clutched the poor girl by the throat and choked her to death. The same course was pursued in the case of all the eight victims. After the girls were dead Schneider and his wife would convey the bodies to a wood closet in their home, where they would strip their victims of their clothing, which, together with the contents of the girls' luggage, they would afterwards sell.

The Schneider trial, however, has been marked by the presence of a very large number of stylishly dressed ladies, who leveled their ferretts and closely scanned the features of the prisoners. Some of the evidence was of a nature to bring a blush to most any cheek, but these ladies, through some of them did blush at certain parts of the testimony, were so eager to hear every word of the outrages, murders and robberies that they conquered their natural inclination to leave the court room, and gaining courage from the many women present they remained and their curiosity gratified.

The public prosecutor in his speech against the prisoners gave a most vivid description of the fiendish character of the crimes and he dwelt at length upon the cruelty, heartlessness and lack of all womanly feeling manifested by Frau Schneider in enticing the girls to her home, where she knew death would be their fate. He dwelt, too, upon the perverted nature of the woman which had led her to become an accomplice of her husband in the gratification of his animal passions and induce her to take advantage of her sex to procure victims for his lust.

There was a great sensation in the court room when at the conclusion of his speech the public prosecutor straightened himself, and pointing with outstretched arm at Schneider exclaimed in a loud tone, "He is a doomed man." Throughout the terrible arraignment of the prisoners by the public prosecutor Schneider sat with his head clasped in his hands and showed no emotion whatever. His wife, though she listened closely to the scathing words applied to her, remained perfectly cold and unmoved. When the death sentence was passed upon them they showed no fear, but listened to the fateful words with an air amounting almost to indifference.

Four Roasted to Death.

BRANNEB, Minn., Jan. 30.—An awful fatality occurred four miles west of this city yesterday, by which four people lost their lives. A house belonging to George Cramer caught fire and his wife and three children were cremated. The husband was away, but saw the fire and found the dead bodies around the stove. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Moonshiners Caught.

MT. PLEASANT, Pa., Jan. 30.—Last evening Revenue Officer Mitchell and Detective J. R. Harrah brought to this town five prisoners from the mountains of Fayette county for illicit whisky distilling. The two officers and nineteen men, all from Pittsburgh, left here last night about 1 o'clock. Four of the men returned last evening with the prisoners, the others remaining in the mountains. More prisoners are expected. Two illicit stills were destroyed. Deputy Johnson is reported to have been badly injured while making the capture.

Succi Gives up His Post.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Succi, the faster, has abandoned the attempt to go without food for fifty-two days. Only eight more days of the time remained.

Freights Collide.

SYRACUSE, Jan. 30.—There was a collision of two freights on the New York Central road near here. One man was killed and two more fatally injured. A number of cars were burned up.

Another Scow Found.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—The third of the missing scows was recovered ninety miles off Sandy Hook and the half British men on board were brought to Brooklyn. There are ten men on the boat still missing.

Indians Dying of Exposure.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Jan. 28.—Large numbers of the Pawnee, Otoe and Missouri Indians are dying daily of grip. Sixteen of the former tribe died in a single day from this disease, brought on by exposure at the ghost dance, which they still keep up. The Pawnee Indian who claims to be the prophet of the coming messiah has taken advantage of the large number dying and now proclaims that those who die are the elect, who are called away to meet the coming savior, and will return with him as his bodyguard. Consequently all the braves are anxious to die and many abuse themselves and lie outdoors exposed, hoping to be called with the elect.

The Missing Crafts.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—Up to midnight no tidings had been received of the missing tug Webster and her tow of garbage scows, which had drifted out to sea thirty-six hours ago. All the tugs that went out to assist in the search for the missing crafts were compelled to return owing to the high seas and winds. At the street cleaning department and elsewhere the men on the Webster were given up for lost early in the morning. She was provisioned for a week and had a large supply of coal. The scows are considered unsinkable. Their crews have shelter and a fire, but it is not thought at the office of the Barney Dumping Boat company, where they are owned, that they are well provisioned.

Digging His Way Out.

BERLIN, Ont., Jan. 28.—Walter J. Cohen, of the firm of Cohen, Solomon & Co., of New York, who fled to Canada some months ago to escape his creditors and who has been in jail here ever since on charges of swindling them, was discovered yesterday digging his way out of his cell. Two knives, a hatchet and a piece of iron were found in the hole in his wall, which was nearly completed. Suspicion attaches to Turnkey Tracey, whose suspension is probable. Cohen has been placed in a stronger cell.

About 800 Men on a Strike.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 28.—The employes of the Pittsburgh glass tableware factories, controlled by the United States Glass company, the recently formed trust, went on a strike. About 800 men are idle. The present indications are that the strike will extend over all the factories of the United States company, there being nine other factories outside of Pittsburgh. The cause of the strike is a new set of rules. The rules demand in substance that the men work four and a half hours on a "task," whether they can finish it in less time or not, in order that better ware may be produced. A committee was appointed and it is probable that a conference will be arranged in order to settle the strike. It is said that if the trust is willing to pay more wages for the "better ware," so the men will not lose the money, the trouble will at once be settled.

Decided It Was Illegal.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 28.—The circuit court, in the quo warranto proceedings against the Ohio & Mississippi Railway company in excluding certain directors and recognizing others as directors was illegal, and accordingly overruled the motion of the directors said to be illegally recognized to set aside service of summons upon them. In a second case brought by the deposed directors against the directors said to be illegally recognized, the motion of the latter to set aside service on the ground that none of the defendants were found in the country, was granted. The court's rulings are regarded as a victory for the English stockholders.

Regards the Treaty as Obsolete.

VIENNA, Jan. 28. Austria has replied to the American note claiming the most favored nation treatment for the United States, under the treaty of 1851, to the effect that Austria regards the treaty as obsolete, but will be disposed after the 1st of February to negotiate a new treaty, either on the basis of reciprocity or the favored nation arrangement.

After Her Husband.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Jan. 28.—Mrs. Tilbury, wife of Oliver Tilbury, the leading business man of Lowanda, this county, was in this city yesterday looking for her husband, who mysteriously disappeared several days ago. A prepossessing servant girl who worked at Tilbury's house disappeared at the same time and it is believed both have gone the same way. Tilbury is fifty-five years old, and the father of eight children. He has for many years conducted an extensive manufacturing business and is widely known. Mrs. Tilbury says she drew \$5,000 out of the bank before departing.

Great Public Demonstration.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 28.—The representatives of the various trades in this city are arranging for a great public demonstration in support of the measure proposed by Mr. William Randall Cremer, member of parliament for the Shoreditch division of London, looking toward negotiations with America for a general treaty of arbitration. The object of the demonstration is to call public attention to the benefits expected to be derived from such a measure.

Killed His Wife.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Jan. 29.—Shortly before 1 o'clock yesterday Arthur Stockton, a tinsmith, aged 29 years of No. 90 Senbrisk street, shot and instantly killed his wife and then shot and probably fatally injured his sister-in-law Miss Mary Tierney. The murderer was immediately arrested and placed in jail. The shooting occurred on the sidewalk in front of where the Stockton's lived. The three were seen talking earnestly just before the shooting, and all appeared a great deal excited. Suddenly Stockton drew a revolver and placing the muzzle near his wife's head, pulled the trigger, the ball entering her eye. Then he turned toward his sister-in-law and shot her in the back. Mrs. Stockton died in a few minutes and Miss Tierney was taken to a hospital, where she lies in a critical condition. The probable cause of the shooting was jealousy. Mrs. Stockton was a very comely woman and, according to the murderer, was addicted to flirting. Stockton told the police that he had killed his wife purposely for breaking her marriage vows. She and her sister, he said, during his absence attended a ball last night and were accompanied home by John E. Dunn and Brennan, the latter a city official. The men remained with the women at the Stockton house until Stockton reached home at 1 o'clock this afternoon, when he surprised them. He fired two shots at the men, but the bullets went aside of the mark and the men ran away. Then the women ran into the street, followed by Stockton, who after fiercely upbraiding them, shot them as described above.

Appropriation for the World's Fair.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—Director Edwin Walker, of the Columbian exposition, said that the directory favored an "omnibus" appropriation bill for presentations for the national commission and local directory in one bill. Under this arrangement the total amount asked of congress would exceed \$6,000,000 of which \$5,000,000 would be for the directory. The officers of the national commission object to this. They point out that such a bill, if defeated, would leave the national commission without funds to pay off the officers or maintain a system of awards. They go so far as to say that the directors want to use the commission as a cat's paw to pull money out of Uncle Sam's treasury.

Glass Works Closed.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 29.—Seven flint glass factories in the South Side were closed as a result of the dispute with the employes over the "time limit." Two thousand men are now out of employment.

A Strange Case.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 29.—Alice Mitchell and Lillie Johnson spent last night together in their room at the jail. The father of Lillie also remained in the office of the jail. He is fearful that Alice will do his daughter some bodily harm, and this fear is shared by most of his family. All efforts to interview Miss Mitchell have failed, but this morning a reporter learned from good authority what passed between her and her counsel. On other subjects she seemed to be perfectly rational, and did not realize the enormity of the deed. "I killed Freda because I loved her, and she refused to marry me three times, and at last she consented. We were going to marry here and go to St. Louis."

"What did you intend to do in St. Louis?" asked one of her attorneys. "Oh, I don't know. But when Freda promised to marry me I was so happy. I sent her an engagement ring and she wore it for a time, but when it was returned to me I was miserable. I could not bear to be separated from her and I resolved to kill her. I would rather she were dead than away."

The girl then asked one of the lawyers where Freda was. She was told that the body was at Steiny & Hynone.

"Oh, mamma" she said, "if I could only see her. Please let me go to see her. If I could only lie down by her side I would be so happy."

When the permission was refused she broke into a torrent of tears, not for having killed Freda, but for the separation. The letters that she wrote to Freda were full of endearing terms and go to show that the girl eagerly looked forward to the time when she could make Freda her wife.

Strange to say, from what can be learned, Freda, herself, seemed to be infatuated with Alice and willingly assented to the proposed marriage.

The time had been fixed, and the affair was to have been in the nature of an elopement. She does not feel the confinement in jail, but regards it as would a school girl, a slight punishment. On other subjects she talks rationally, as she does on the killing, but for the peculiar views she entertains of the proposed marriage.

The grand jury will investigate the case.

Indians Dying Off.

GUTHRIE, Okl., Jan. 29.—Reports that have been verified have been received here that owing to the recent cold weather and the prevalence of the grip the Indians of the different tribes adjacent to Oklahoma are dying off very fast. Two weeks ago the Otoes numbered 370. Last week sixteen of them died of a grippis.

A big ghost dance is being arranged to take place about May 1. A crazy Pawnee Indian seems to be the leader.

Chile Backs Down.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The government received a long message from Minister Egan, conveying an offer on the part of the Chilean government for the settlement of all existing difficulties with the United States.

This message confirms in every particular the statements made in the exclusive Associated press dispatch received from Santiago last evening, which was in effect that Chile agreed to withdraw the offensive note sent by Matta, to withdraw the request for the withdrawal of Minister Egan and to submit the Baltimore affair to the arbitration of some neutral nation or to the decision of the United States supreme court.

A COMPLETE BREAK-DOWN.

Egan states these dispatches at greater length than the press dispatches, but the exact additions cannot now be ascertained. There is reason to believe, however, that the Chilean government not only offers to withdraw the offensive note, but in addition offers to apologize for it. It also agrees to the propositions made by the United States in regard to the right of the asylum and safe conduct of refugees.

DIVISION IN THE CABINET.

Egan's dispatch was submitted to the cabinet at a meeting today. The entire question was discussed and it is understood a difference of opinion was developed as to the propriety of accepting the offer without modification so far as it related to the submission of the question of Chile's responsibility for the attack of the sailors on the Baltimore to the arbitration of a neutral nation, or to the decision of the supreme court. Without reaching a decision the meeting adjourned.

They Prefer Siberia.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—St. Petersburg notices says that thousands of peasants from the famine stricken districts have started for Siberia, hoping that they will be able to better their condition there. Large numbers have arrived at Toomen, the objective point being Tobolsk, 120 miles northeast. Many of them are in a destitute condition. It is estimated that there are now 14,000 persons in the vicinity of Toomen entirely destitute, and many are sick with typhus or scarlet fever. The weather is intensely cold and the bodies of the many dying from privation and disease freeze in a few hours. They are then taken to a cemetery and unceremoniously buried in a common pit. The priests refuse to hold funeral services or administer the sacrament unless paid.

A Flood of Scandal.

VIENNA, Jan. 27.—The Vienna tribunal has decided, upon the application of Captain Armstrong, husband of the celebrated singer, Madame Melba, to permit Captain Armstrong's legal representatives to take affidavits of the domestic servants employed in the Hotel Sacher, in Vienna, as to the Duke of Orleans and Madam Melba lodging there in the same apartments, and the scenes which came at the time under the observation of the servants. This decision of the tribunal was strongly opposed in behalf of the duke, as it is said that even court influence was invoked in order to aid the duke in screening his indiscretions. It is also reported that the Kaiser Francis sternly set his face against any interference to protect the Orleans prince, and gave it to be understood that every effort emanating from the imperial entourage to assist the duke in baffling the claims of justice would incur the severe displeasure of the crown. The Hotel Sacher was the place in which Madame Melba and her royal lover showed more than usual recklessness in their relations, and more than one servant is able to give positive evidence as to what those relations were. The action of the court in granting the request relating to evidence at this hotel, is regarded by Armstrong's friends as a great if not decisive triumph in his suit against the duke for damages, and it is said that the Count of Paris is seriously considering whether it is not better to pay Armstrong's claim for damages than to face the flood of scandal that a trial will open to the public.

Kicked to Death.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Jan. 27.—A vicious stallion in the barn of Frank Brown of Boston, Washington county, kicked and fatally injured Brown and his wife. The latter went to the barn, when, without warning, the animal kicked her on the head, fracturing her on the skull. Her husband went to her rescue. While he was raising his wife from the ground the stallion kicked him on the temple, also fracturing his skull. They were assisted to the house and died of their injuries.

Another Earthquake in Japan.

YANAGIWA, B. C., Jan. 27.—The steamship Empress of Japan arrived from Yokohama and Hong Kong. Another severe shock of earthquake occurred in Japan December 24, many buildings shaken by previous shocks being brought down. No loss of life was reported. A great fire occurred in Shichikend Cho, January 9, destroying 600 houses. The loss of property was immense. Eight hundred buildings at Yodoye Domari were also burned December 30.

ALL OVER NEBRASKA

A band is being organized at Plattsmouth has been on the coal famine.

Sheiton has organized an Eastern Star.

A full prohibition city is talked of at Hastings.

Kearney bids for the next state convention.

Plattsmouth young people are of a winter carnival.

The veteran Isaac Le Doyt is for city clerk at Hastings.

A sneak thief stole \$20 from post agent at Blair.

It is reported that those gaining a foothold in Sarpy county.

The Nebraska City starch is an operation with 100 hands.

The insane hospital at Hastings is wired for electric lights.

Amateur theatricals are all in several Nebraska towns.

The cold has made the prairie in Dodge county very bold.

Fifty eastern capitalists are looking over Kearney and Omaha.

A man at Dix lost 100 feet of pipe. He dropped it down a well.

A Missouri Pacific train was track near Mt. Clara, but as a hurt.

A number of Swindlers have changed hands at Grand county.

A move is being made to hold poultry exhibit at Kearney spring.

A broken rail was down Broken Bow just before a fire was due.

The Fremont Milling company, 1,400 pounds of flour to the relief cargo.

A Tekamah physician has a gold cure and started a drug establishment.

There have been nearly twenty fires in the vicinity of Beatrice the past month.

Mrs. A. W. Murphy of Fremont birth to triplets weighing twenty and one-half pounds.

The Industrial school at Beatrice is in charge of the "lend-a-hand" teaching nearly 100 children.

A game of indoor base ball between Merna and Broken Bow clubs was by Broken Bow by a score of 20 to 10.

Miss Stella Reed of Beatrice has been appointed special tax drawing in the Colorado normal.

Carpenters at Butte City were on framing and siding building the thermometer indicating 32 below.

While repairing the water at Fairmont, the workmen found bees which had stored up 400 pounds of honey.

A Kearney bank with its proclivity advertises that it will after charge but ten per cent interest.

Mrs. Kingen, wife of the dentist, is about to bring action on the state of Wyoming for her husband.

There were nineteen men firms represented in the recent meeting at Fremont to organize a local factor's association.

A W. Balderson of Pierce county turned home with his wife from a fire to find that his house, which contained had been burned. He had been left in the house since it is suspected.

The Kearney Hub calls attention to the fact that the Kearney flour has been for months run by a company and a problem about to be solved. Minneapolis has already been a Kearney.

Mrs. Edward Hurley of South Platte Ed Gillen to keep of her as and she stooped to indicate dividing line the fellow kicked, soon then threw a brick at the and broke her nose.

Marshal Clements of Norfolk Storm Lake, Iowa, to arrest one of Daniels, who ran a restaurant at folk. Daniels skipped after considerable debts and selling people belonging to someone else.

The station agent of the Pacific at Prosser set a fresh ink on the stove to thaw. It was a piece of glass lodged in his head, cutting an artery, and causing him to bleed to death. Help arrived.

The York Times is going to an edition that will be largely the progress made by individuals, and it publishes a blank sheet farmers in the county are out. The "extra" will furnish valuable statistics as to the farming in Nebraska.

A young fellow named Keaning near Lexington, left home out of a love affair. He rebelled because to Maxwell, but he had been accustomed to walk to Platt. Before he got there were frozen. He was taken to Platt and his father came to his home.