

# DINSMORE THE MAN

## Mrs. Laue Confesses to Brother of Her Husband.

### KILLED WIFE FIRST THEN FRED LAUE

#### Woman Says She Has Been Silent at Dinsmore's Bidding—Confession Causes Great Sensation—Lynching Talk

The mystery surrounding the double murder that occurred at Odessa Monday night, December 4, which the lives of Mrs. Lillian Dinsmore and Fred Laue were taken, is gradually clearing up. Mrs. Laue, wife of the murdered man, has made a confession, in which she charges Frank L. Dinsmore, the husband of the murdered woman, with having committed both crimes.

The confession was made only after several hours' persuasion on Mrs. Laue by a brother and uncle of the dead man. As soon as Mrs. Laue had confessed to them, D. Laue, the uncle mentioned, at whose house they were staying, hitched up a team and took her to Kearney, arriving at 2 o'clock Friday morning. County Attorney Nye was called up and met Mrs. Laue, the brother and the uncle of the dead man, at the city hall, where and when the confession was taken down in writing and properly signed by the witnesses.

It is charged that for several months Dinsmore has been infatuated with Mrs. Laue, and on different occasions has tried to get her to elope with him, which, however, she refused to do. It also appears from statements made by her and Mrs. Dinsmore's brother, that Dinsmore possessed hypnotic power, which power Mrs. Laue claimed to have been under for the last six months. Mrs. Dinsmore's brother says that he had had his sister under his power for several years. Dinsmore is charged with laying the plans for the killing of both persons, and Mrs. Laue says he told her what to say at the inquest. Dinsmore wanted to commit the crime Thanksgiving night but was persuaded to put it off by Mrs. Laue. Monday night Mr. and Mrs. Dinsmore had retired at their usual time, as also had Mr. Laue.

Shortly afterwards Dinsmore came to the kitchen, where Mrs. Laue was waiting, and told her that part of the deed was done and that he would have to finish the job at once, whereupon he went to Laue's room and shot him while he was still asleep in bed, where he was found when the first neighbors arrived on the scene.

Dinsmore then brought his wife's dead body down stairs and placed her on the floor in front of the kitchen stove, where it lay until it had been examined by the doctor.

The confession of Mrs. Laue has caused a great sensation, and rumors that an attempt will be made to lynch Frank Dinsmore are flying thick and fast. Extra guards are on duty at the county jail, loaded with repeating Winchester rifles, and Sheriff Funk is determined to protect the prisoner, regardless of consequences. As he is an officer of iron nerve there will be serious trouble before the prisoner is taken from him.

Frank Dinsmore was taken to North Platte for safe keeping. He was extremely nervous and frightened and wanted the guards to keep close to the cab in which he was taken from the jail to the train. He will be kept there until his preliminary trial.

## OBLIGED TO FEED BASUTOS

### The British are Hampered by the Presence of the Natives at Kimberly.

A London, December 8 special says: The Daily Mail publishes a dispatch from Julian Ralph at Modder river, who says:

"The Kimberly people are troubled by the necessity of feeding 10,000 Basutos in the diamond fields, whom the Boers refuse to allow to depart, and who, should they fail to get enough meat, would become discontented and restless. Five hundred and thirty Boers were killed or wounded in the battle here. That number has already been accounted for, and the enemy's losses were probably much heavier."

## LOOK FOR A BLOODY BATTLE

### Boers Active in Preparing Defenses and Rifle Pits at Spytfontein.

Perhaps an explanation of the retirement of burghers from Natal can be found in a dispatch from Modder river, December 3, saying that a strong Boer force, estimated to number 3,000 men, were reinforcing General Cronje from Natal. The same dispatch says everything points to the fact that a great engagement will be fought at Spytfontein. The Boers are massing on the hills there, and are vigorously building stone defenses and are digging rifle pits in every direction.

Henry C. Colbert, a picture frame canvasser, has been arrested on suspicion of being the assassin of Rev. and Mrs. Cheney at Racine, Wis.

### Exhibits for Paris Expo.

The United States auxiliary cruiser Prairie has arrived in the harbor at Baltimore and is being loaded with 150 tons of exhibits destined for the international exposition at Paris. The cruiser is to sail as soon as loaded.

### Transports Arrive.

The transports Olympia and Pennsylvania have arrived at Manila. The Pennsylvania transported the Thirty-ninth regiment, which was recruited at Omaha, and among which are many Nebraska boys.

## SEN. HAYWARD'S FUNERAL

### A Large Concourse of Relatives and Friends Pay Tribute to the Dead.

The funeral services of the late Senator M. L. Hayward were held in the presence of a vast concourse of neighbors, state and federal officers and many distinguished citizens of Nebraska. The city took on an air of mourning. Flags were displayed at half-mast and all business houses were closed during the afternoon.

The remains were viewed at the house by a great number of people. Brief services were conducted by Rev. H. L. House, pastor of the Baptist church, assisted by Dr. C. M. Shepherd, pastor of the Methodist church. The procession that followed the remains to the grave was one of the largest that ever passed through the streets of this city. Company C, Second regiment, Nebraska national guard, acted as an escort. Following came members of William Baumer Post No. 24, G. A. R., of which organization Senator Hayward was a member.

During the forenoon Mrs. Hayward signified a desire to speak to the members of the legislature who had been the warm supporters of her husband in his memorable contest. Those who were at the residence at that time were summoned and Mrs. Hayward bore up bravely while expressing her gratitude for what they had done for her husband during his life. She told them that she wished to meet them personally to speak to them as she thought her husband would have her do if he were alive. The little group of men who listened to the brief expression of regard were deeply moved and no one in the group was able to utter a word in reply.

## BULLER MOVES FORWARD

### Commander-in-Chief Starts for the Front and to the Relief of Ladysmith.

General Buller's arrival at Frere is held to indicate that all the preparations for an advance to the relief of Ladysmith are complete, says a London dispatch of the 8th, and that stirring news will soon be received. The fact that Lord Methuen is announced as resuming his command at almost the same moment is interpreted in some quarters to mean that the battles will be fought simultaneously in Natal and at Spytfontein. It appears doubtful, however, whether General Methuen's force is yet ready for what will evidently be a heavy encounter.

The government has decided to dispatch to South Africa at the earliest possible moment a cavalry brigade of about 4,000 men.

## CONFESSES THE MURDER

### Three Men Admit the Killing of a Farm Hand.

Amos Phillips, a Bates county farmer, under arrest at Fort Scott, Kan., with "Red" and George Smith, brothers, charged with complicity in the murder of Leopold Edlinger, a farm hand, two weeks ago, has confessed the crime and said that all three were members of a gang of professional stock, grain and harness thieves, who have operated all over southwest Missouri and southeast Kansas, and who have two rendezvous, one in the timber in Cedar county, and another in Bates county. Public indignation is intense, and through fear of a mob Sheriff Wheeler has placed a strong guard about the jail.

### Against Goebel.

All pretense of a fight for the certificate of election as governor of Kentucky has been given up by the Goebel people, and whether a contest will be made in the legislature is really yet to be determined. Commissioners Ellis and Pryor would not discuss the matter, but tacitly admitted they would decide for Taylor. Commissioner Peayntz will present a minority report. Extensive preparations are being made to inaugurate Taylor Tuesday, December 12.

### Murder and Suicide

Joseph Hutteus, living a couple of miles east of Adel, Ia., beat his wife to death and then blew his brains out with a shotgun. He is about sixty-five years of age and has been married for about forty. He leaves six children, all grown, and most of them married. Mr. and Mrs. Hutteus have had more or less trouble for the past twenty years. Hutteus being jealous of his wife.

### Boer Advance Welcome.

The Boer advance in the northeastern part of Cape Colony is becoming remarkable. The local farmers are flocking to the Boer laagers, the townspeople, in many instances, welcoming the invaders with every demonstration of joy. The annexation of British territory proceeds daily. The reported Boer successes have made a great impression among the Basutos.

## THE NEWS IN BRIEF

Mrs. Ida Lindinger was shot and killed in her apartments at Memphis, Tenn. Her husband is held, charged with the crime.

By a vote of 28 to 14 the Willingham bill which provided for the annihilation of the whisky traffic in Georgia, was defeated in the senate.

The boiler makers strike at Cheyenne has been amicably settled. A compromise was effected, and the men get a little more than they were getting.

The M. C. Wetmore Tobacco company will soon incorporate at St. Louis with a capital stock of \$1,250,000, to run independent of the tobacco trust.

Lucey Carbon and her child in arms were killed at Adairville, Ga., by Jim Mayfield. Frank Bird was also wounded by the same shot which killed the mother and daughter. The men were at the woman's house and quarrelled over some trivial matter. The murderer escaped.

# LOST SIX HUNDRED

## British Troops Meet Serious Reverse at Stormberg.

### MANY WERE KILLED AND WOUNDED

#### Boer Defenses are Found to be Impregnable—Four Thousand British Soldiers Attack Enemy's Position but are Driven Back.

In the attack on Stormberg, says a London dispatch of December 10, General Gatacre lost in killed, wounded and captured, more than six hundred men. It appears that the attack on Stormberg was made by Gatacre's force of 4,000 men, after a forced march of twelve miles from Molteno. There the British met the Boers and a terrific fight ensued, in which the British lost heavily and were forced to retreat. General Gatacre reports that he found the Boer defenses impregnable. While details of the fight are not at hand, it is believed that a large number of the British troops were cut off and captured during the retreat.

General Gatacre's movement may be termed a reconnaissance in force. Its object was to ascertain the strength of the position of the Boers who were strongly entrenched along the Stormberg range. He left Putter's kraal shortly after noon Saturday with a fighting force slightly over 4,000 men. Leaving Molteno at the night before he made a memorable night march over the rocks and veldt. There was no sound except a steady tramp and there was no distinguishing lights, the moon having gone down about half past eleven.

The column arrived safely within a couple of miles of its destination, the only incident of the march being an occasional sudden call of "halt," under the belief that the Boers were near. Suddenly a terrific fire opened simultaneously on the British front and right flank. The Royal Irish Rifles, which formed the advance, sought shelter behind a neighboring kopje and were speedily joined by the remainder of the column.

It was soon found, however, that this position also was covered by the Boer guns, which were more powerful than had been supposed. The troops, therefore, sought a safer position about a half a mile away. The two batteries in the meantime began engaging the Boers, and covering the troops with withdrawal. The action was begun at long range and a detachment of mounted infantry northward with a view of using gatlings on the enemy's right flank. Suddenly a strong commando was seen moving from the north and the Royal Irish Rifles and the Northumberland regiment was sent out to meet it.

It was soon discovered, however, that the Boers had machine guns well placed, and the British were compelled to face the terrible fire.

Finding it impossible to hold the position in the face of the enemy apparently superior in position, numbers and artillery, the British retired on Molteno, the Boers following up the retreat closely and bringing two big guns on the retreating columns.

### Reviewed at London.

A London, Dec. 7 special says: It is hardly too much to regard General Gatacre's repulse near Stormberg as the most serious defeat British army have yet sustained in the whole campaign. Already the official advices show that two men were killed, nine officers and seventeen men were wounded and nine officers and five hundred and ninety-six men are missing. But it is evident that the worst is not yet known. The proportion of wounded and killed is so small, when compared with the missing—who are undoubtedly prisoners in the hands of the Boers—that the supplementary list of casualties is awaited with serious misgivings.

## The House Currency Bill.

The house Friday, December 8, adopted a special order for the consideration of the house currency bill. The debate will last from Monday, December 11, to the following Friday. Saturday amendments may be offered, and the vote will be taken on December 18. The democrats, populists and silverites presented a solid front against the adoption of the resolution, and every republican voted for it.

### For Territorial Government.

Representative Hitt of Illinois has introduced a bill to provide a territorial form of government for Hawaii. It is similar to the measure reported to the house last year, providing for a territorial governor appointed by the president and a legislature of two houses.

### Lieutenant Brumby Ill.

Lieutenant T. M. Brumby, the flag secretary to Admiral Dewey at the battle of Manila, is lying critically ill at the Garfield hospital in Washington. He is suffering from a fever contracted as a result of his long stay in the tropics, and has been at the hospital for about two weeks.

### Train Runs Down Handcar.

A suburban passenger train on the Burlington road ran down a handcar bearing five men 100 yards west of the bridge at Alton, Ill., killing two men outright and fatally injuring two. The fifth man escaped injury by jumping before the collision came.

### Bills by Burkett.

Congressman Burkett in the house December 8 introduced bills for public buildings at Plattsmouth and Falls City, appropriating \$75,000 for each place; also a bill calling for a new survey of Furnas county.

## DEATH IN A COAL MINE.

### Fearful Disaster in the Town of Carbonado, Wash.

Brief telegrams from Carbonado, a mining town forty miles from Tacoma, Wash., says seventy-six miners were caught in a mine during a fearful explosion of coal damp.

The explosion occurred at the noon hour just as the men were preparing to leave the shift. Seventy-six men were in the mine which filled with fire damp at once. Several hours elapsed before efforts could be made to enter the mine.

The surviving relatives at once flocked around the shaft, creating a terrible scene with their loud lamentations. The mines are owned by the Carbon Hill Coal company, and gives work to 400 men, with an annual output of 300,000 tons. The mines are supplied with every appliance for safety. They are largely tunneled and the tunnels are so big that locomotives run into them.

Later advices say that thirty-two men have been taken out dead, forty-four having been rescued alive. Two men, Peter Werp and Michael Kniish, escaped death as by a miracle, having suffered an awful night entombed in the dark cavernous chamber of horror.

The theory of Superintendent Davies is that a small pocket of gas was opened and became ignited. The concussion of gas explosion caused the terrific explosion of dust which caused all the damage and loss of life.

## FIGHTS HIS WAY THROUGH

### There is Joy at Manila Over the Safety of General Young.

There was considerable relief in Manila when the news was received that General Young's small force had arrived safely at Vigan, province of South Ilocos, December 6. Anxiety has been felt for General Young and the garrison at Vigan since it was known that General Tino had a large aggressive body of insurgents operating in the vicinity. General Tino made a stand in the mountain pass between Narvaean and San Quintin. The natural strength of the position was augmented by trenches and pitfalls. The fight lasted five hours. General Young had three companies of the Thirty-fourth infantry under Lieutenant Colonel Robert L. Howze and two troops of the Third cavalry, Captain Swigart commanding, and one troop under Captain Chase. He was reinforced during the fight by Colonel Luther R. Hare with a battalion of the Thirty-third, enroute to Vigan. General Young ended the fight by charging and routing the enemy, who left twenty-five dead and several rifles and thousands of rounds of ammunition in the trenches. The enemy employed artillery. Only one American was seriously wounded.

## SAYS HE IS A MURDERER

### Racine Man Makes a Confession That is Not Believed.

A man giving the name of George Dardis was arrested at Racine, Wis., after making a statement in a saloon that he was the man who shot the Rev. D. B. Cheney and wife on Thursday. Dardis says he shot the minister because of his A. P. A. belief. It is not believed that Dardis knows anything about the affair.

## A MILLION DOLLAR BLAZE

### Augusta Ga., Business Houses Burn, Entailing Heavy Loss.

A fire which had its origin in a dry goods store at Augusta, Ga., burned property and stock valued at \$1,000,000. There were no casualties. By the time the department arrived the fire was beyond control. The chief wired Savannah for assistance but it came too late.

### Two Women Asphyxiated.

Mrs. Elizabeth Somerville, eighty years old, and her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsay, fifty years of age, were found dead in their apartments on West Forty-ninth street, New York. They had been asphyxiated by gas, which was flowing from a tube, used to connect with a gas stove. All the circumstances showed the deaths to have been accidental.

### To Investigate Mining Trouble.

Representative Lentz of Ohio has introduced a joint resolution reciting the charges growing out of the presence of United States troops under Brigadier General Merriam at the centers of mining troubles in Idaho, and asking for an investigation by a special committee of mine members, to be appointed by the speaker.

### Committee Meets Monday.

The republican national committee will meet in Washington December 11 to select the time and place for holding the next national convention and to transact such other business as may come before the committee. The question of the adoption of a change in the basis of representation, heretofore mentioned, will come up.

At North Platte, Judge Grimes in district court sentenced Burt Connors to the penitentiary for five years for burglarizing the Wilcox department store last October and Ira James and Harry Fox were sentenced to the county jail twenty days for larceny.

### Trust Declares War.

The American Window Glass company of Pittsburg, Pa., is reported to have made a cut of 33 1/2 per cent in the price of all window glass, and to have ordered fires lighted in all its factories, the purpose being to resume operations about January 1. This move is considered a declaration of war upon the independent manufacturers.

Thomas Wade, living two miles southwest of Norfolk, lost his barn by a fire started by small boys. Six hundred bushels of oats and some grain and hay were burned.

# TOM SHOT TO KILL

## Cold Blooded Murder In an Omaha Saloon.

### A SALOON KEEPER FATALLY WOUNDED

#### Tom Collins Had it in For Shorty Groves and Went to the Saloon For the Avowed Purpose of Killing the Keeper—Collins is in Jail.

Tom Collins murdered Shorty Groves in cold blood Sunday in the latter's saloon, Thirteenth and Dodge, Omaha. There was an old grudge between the two men. Not long ago Groves ejected Collins and he went to the place with the intention of killing Groves. The ball struck the latter in the top of the head, going down. The victim is barely alive. Collins is in jail. He admits the crime and says he shot to kill.

## FALLS FROM SECOND STORY

### W. H. Nichols, an Auburn House Mover, Suffers Fearful Injuries.

W. H. Nichols of Auburn met with a very serious accident Saturday afternoon by falling through the scaffolding from the second story of S. P. Glasgow's two story brick store room, now in course of construction. He had gone to the second story of the building, and in going across an opening stepped onto an inch plank, which gave way, precipitating him to the bottom. He landed on the edges of the understringers. His left shoulder and two ribs on the left side were broken. The left leg is also broken below the knee and the left foot badly crushed.

## FALLS HEIR TO A FORTUNE

### Good Fortune of Hard-Working Farmer Near Nebraska City.

Thomas Stanley, who is some eighty years of age, and who with his family has resided for some twenty years on the bluff south of Nebraska City, is in receipt of a letter from England notifying him that he, in company with his brothers and sisters, nine in number, have fallen heir to £250,000. The money, it is said, will be available the coming year, and his portion will be about £27,000. He and his boys have, since their residence here, been hard-working people, and the good news is very welcome to them.

### Epidemic of Diphtheria.

An epidemic of diphtheria has broken out in Columbus, and one of the young Newman children has succumbed to the disease. Nannie Frazell, the little daughter of Mrs. J. C. Frazell, has been taken ill with diphtheria and the Frazell home is quarantined. The epidemic is not considered serious and active measures are being taken by the health board to prevent its spread.

### Dinsmore Safely Jailed.

Dinsmore, the alleged Odessa murderer, was taken to North Platte by Sheriff Funk of Kearney, and is safely caged in the Lincoln county jail, where he will remain until wanted for trial in Buffalo county. He refuses to talk about the murder, and seems glad that he is away from the mob that threatened him at Kearney. The officers do not anticipate any attempt at mob violence.

### Contractor Badly Injured.

John K. Bickel, a Nebraska City contractor, met with quite a serious accident. While cementing a cistern at the home of George W. Leidigh and working on the top scaffold, the same gave way and Bickel, mortar and brick were precipitated to the bottom of the well. Three ribs were fractured and he was otherwise badly bruised up.

### Leg Broken in Football Practice.

While several boys were playing football at Weeping Water, Harvey Wood and another boy kicked at the ball at the same time, and struck their legs together in such a manner as break the inside bone in Harley's leg about one-third of the distance between the ankle and knee.

### Miss Horlocker's Trial Postponed.

The hearing of the celebrated Horlocker-Morey poisoning case has again been postponed, this time by agreement of the state's attorney and the attorney for the defendant, Miss Viola Horlocker. The case was to have come up at this term of the Hastings district court.

### Eaten by Hogs.

David Worden, an old man of perhaps seventy-five years, who lived in Stanton township, Cuming county, Nebraska, was missing from his home for a day or two, and after a long search was found in the hog lot dead and his face eaten off by the hogs.

### Barber Commits Suicide.

Edgar L. Turton, proprietor of one of the barber shops at Gothenburg, committed suicide by shooting himself through the heart. H. A. Turton of Lexington, father of the young man was notified of his son's death.

### Guilty of Manslaughter.

Henry Bartholamew of near Haigler, Dundy county, who killed young Stauninger of Wray, Colo., last summer by shooting him while stealing watermelons, was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

### Has His Hands Mangled.

While trying to run a belt on a corn shredding machine at Gothenburg, William McKim caught on of his thumbs in the cogs of the machine and had it so badly mangled amputation was necessary.

## THE ALL-YEAR PLAN READY

### Acting Chancellor Bessey Wants University Kept Open the Year Round.

Acting Chancellor Bessey of the state university intends to bring before the regents at their coming meeting next week the question as to the advisability of keeping the university open throughout the year as he outlined it in his opening address in September. This plan divides the year into four quarters of twelve weeks, each separated by a week of recess. These four quarters are, to a considerable extent, independent of one another, sufficiently so as to enable students to enter upon profitable work at the beginning of any quarter in the year. This plan has been found to accommodate students and faculty much better than the present plan of turning over one quarter for vacation to all students and all members of the faculty. It does not involve the necessity of any student's continuing his work throughout the whole year. He may as now study three-quarters and rest one quarter, or he may study two quarters or even a single quarter and still be able to carry on his work profitably. There are some students, however, who are able to carry the work throughout the year, and for such the all-year plan will permit graduation in three years instead of four. For the faculty also this plan will have many advantages. It is not the intention to require a teacher to continue his work throughout the whole year, but to give him the opportunity of electing which quarter he will take for his period of rest, recreation or study. Some time ago Acting Chancellor Bessey had a personal interview with President Harper of the university of Chicago, who introduced this plan into that institution, and the result of this conference is that the acting chancellor feels still more certain that it will be advisable eventually to adopt the all-year plan.

## CAN READ BIBLE IN SCHOOL

### Judge Letton at Beatrice Dismisses Suit of Daniel Freeman.

At Beatrice Judge Letton decided the case wherein Daniel Freeman asked for a writ of mandamus compelling the school board in his district to discontinue the use of the bible and the Gospel Hymn book in the school. The writ was denied.

The court delivered quite a lengthy opinion in the case, holding that there was more in the reading of the bible in the schools than for the purpose of making it a place of worship. He held that the selection of the passages of scripture to be read and of the songs to be sung, should be left to the school board for examination and discrimination.

### May Erect Big Tinslop.

Contracts are being figured on for a big tinslop at the Armour plant at South Omaha. The building, as proposed, will be 125 feet long by 75 feet in width, and four stories in height. As soon as bids can be submitted it is the intention to commence the erection of the structure. Brick work on the big Armour warehouse is up to the fourth story and the framework is completed to the seventh story.

### Fire in Factory.

At Reading, Pa., one of the most appalling fires that has ever visited the city occurred Friday, when the extensive hosiery mill of the Nolde & Horst company took fire, destroying the plant, causing the death of one person, at least, and injuring about sixty other employees of the company. The known dead is Miss Louise Clay, aged forty-eight years.

### The Odessa Tragedy.

The latest developments in the Odessa tragedy is the arrest of Frank L. Dinsmore at the instance of County Attorney Fred Nye charging him with murder, and the rumor that Mrs. Laue will be arrested also. The body of Mrs. Dinsmore was taken to Kearney and prepared for burial.

### Killed in a Mine.

A telegram received at Osceola by relatives of Samuel Pulver, conveys the information that he was killed in a mine at Tincton Utah. The young man was born and raised in Osceola, and went with his parents to Utah several years ago.

### Fearfully Injured.

John Carey, aged 61, who works in Kreigel's factory at Nebraska City, was caught in a belt and thrown with much force against a shaft. His leg was so badly injured that it was found necessary to amputate it.

### Epidemic Under Control.

The epidemic of scarlet fever which has been prevalent in the vicinity of Wilcox is now well under control, and so far no deaths have resulted. A very strict quarantine has been established by the authorities.

### Bound Over.

At York Carey Sell was bound over to district court for statutory rape, his bond being fixed at \$1,000. He was unable to give it and went to jail.

Herman Tiehen is the prime mover in an enterprise for a new Catholic church at Salem. He is giving one-fourth the cost.

### Arrives at Vigan.

A dispatch from Otis Thursday says General Young's brigade, which, according to dispatches had been lost on the island of Luzon for several days, has arrived at Vigan. It had a skirmish on the way, in which one American was killed and twelve wounded. The enemy was driven back, leaving twenty-five dead.

A Washington dispatch to the Chronicle says the next national republican convention will be held in Chicago, as McKinley expressed a preference for this city.