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AUGUST SCHROEDER'S ALLEGED SLAYER AGAIN FACES COURT.

TWICE SENTENCED TO HANG

Strange Case of Charles Rocker, Whose Awful Dream is Alleged to Have Revealed Guilt, is Being Heard by Judge Gaynor at Sibley, Ia.

Sibley, Ia., March 20.—Twice found guilty and sentenced to be hanged for the murder of August Schroeder, his employer, Charles Rocker, who married Schroeder's widow and in a dream enacted the crime, is standing trial for the third time for his life. Mrs. Rocker is the principal witness for the state. She declared Rocker confessed the murder to her the morning following the night he betrayed himself in his sleep.

The first trial was held in Rock Rapids, Lyon county, the scene of the crime, and the supreme court, on appeal, ordered a new trial. The second trial was held here in Osceola county, where it was brought on a change of venue. Judge Hutchinson finally granted a new trial on a legal technicality. The case is now being heard by Judge Gaynor.

Five years ago, July 4, Schroeder, a well-to-do German farmer, and his hired man, Rocker, went to a celebration at Rock Rapids, returning home after nightfall. Shortly after their arrival at the house Schroeder became sick and went out onto the porch. The hired man followed to attend him and did not return for thirty minutes. When Rocker came back he told Mrs. Rocker that her husband was better and had asked her to retire. Upon awakening at daylight she discovered that her husband had not reentered the house. Calling Rocker, she made a search and in the barn she found the corpse of Schroeder swinging from a rafter.

At the coroner's inquest a verdict of suicide was returned. A year after the death Rocker married Schroeder's widow. They moved to a farm near Dell Rapids, S. D. One night Mrs. Rocker was awakened by a terrific yell. She saw her husband with a pillow clutched in his hands and enacting the role of a man throttling another.

With wide, staring eyes, the somnambulist shouted, as his strong fingers dug deeper and deeper into the pillow:

"I'll kill you August! Die, die—mn you! Die! Why don't you die?"

The woman next morning at breakfast boldly accused Rocker of murdering her former husband. The man coolly confessed, telling her he drugged the beer which Schroeder drank and then fearing he would not die, he strangled him to death, afterward carrying the body to the barn and hanging it to a rafter to give the appearance of suicide.

ALDRICH BILL INDORSED

Maximum Freight Rate Measure Receives Approval of Senate.

Lincoln, March 20.—The senate committee of the whole indorsed the Aldrich maximum freight rate bill by a vote of 18 to 11, after amending it. Under the amendment the maximum rate is fixed at 85 per cent of present rates, instead of 80 per cent, as provided in the original bill, and the rate is limited to live stock, potatoes, grain and grain products, fruit, coal, lumber and building material in carload lots. The proposed constitutional amendment for prohibition was placed on the general file in the house, over the report of the committee, by a vote of 52 to 28.

BANK OF FIRTH CLOSED.

Cashier is Missing and Examiner Mickey is Put in Charge.

Lincoln, March 20.—The Citizens' State bank of Firth, this county, was closed by order of the state banking board, and Examiner E. S. Mickey put in charge. The bank was capitalized for \$10,000, and had deposits of \$102,000. No statement of its condition has been made. Cashier W. J. Crandall, who was the active manager, left Firth last Thursday, saying he would return Sunday. His failure to do so and continued absence resulted in the action of the state board.

Telephone Men in Session.

Sioux City, March 20.—The Iowa Independent Telephone association be-

gan its annual convention here, more than 250 delegates being present. The feature of the opening session was the annual address of the president, P. C. Holdoegel of Rockwell City. There is a lively skirmish for the next convention, with Cedar Rapids apparently in the lead.

Iowa Senate Passes Primary Bill.

Des Moines, March 20.—The state wide primary bill was passed by the senate by a vote of 46 to 2. The bill provides that to receive the nomination a candidate must receive at least 35 per cent of all the votes cast. Those voting against the measure were DeArmand of Scott and Nichols of Muscatine.

J. D. Hunter is Dead.

Webster City, Ia., March 20.—J. D. Hunter, owner of the Webster City Freeman since 1866 and president of the Freeman-Tribune company, is dead, aged seventy-three. He had been confined to his bed for four years. The funeral will be held tomorrow.

NEWS FROM POLAR EXPEDITION

Letters from Leffingwell and Mikkelsen Received at Portland.

Portland, Ore., March 20.—Letters from Ernest Leffingwell and Einar Mikkelsen containing the first news from the Anglo-American polar expedition since the expedition left Alaska, were received here by H. A. Andree, assistant in the local weather bureau. The letters were dated Nov. 21 and Nov. 23 and were carried over the ice fields to Point Barrow, where they were delivered to the Canadian mounted police. Mr. Leffingwell states in his letter that the Duchess of Bedford lies frozen in solid ice about 200 miles off Point Barrow and that the preparations were at that time almost completed for starting on an expedition into the unknown country lying north of this continent. According to the writers, the start will be made early this spring. Leffingwell goes on to say that, judging from the tides and from talks with the natives, they have come to the conclusion that a large island exists not far from the mainland. The explorers say that the party may not return from this trip for two years. The weather was moderate at the time the letters were written. At that time the severest cold had been only 10 degrees below zero, and on some days the mercury had reached 10 degrees above. The entire party of fifteen were in good health at the time of writing.

Court Reads Clippings in Moyer Case

Boise, Ida., March 20.—The entire time of the district court at Caldwell in the Moyer case was taken up with reading clippings from newspapers which the defense claims have been read in that county to such an extent as to prejudice public sentiment. There were 299 clippings attached to the original action for a change of venue and 159 to a supplemental motion filed at the opening of this term of court.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Features of the Day's Trading and Closing Quotations.

Chicago, March 19.—Sharp advances were made on the local exchange today by corn and oats and their higher prices had a strengthening effect on the wheat market. The May delivery for wheat closed at a net gain of 1/8¢. Corn was up 1/4¢. Oats were 1/8¢ higher. Provisions were 12 1/2¢ to 15¢ lower. Closing prices:

Wheat—May, 75¢@76¢; July, 77¢@77 1/2¢; Sept., 78 1/2¢; Dec., 80¢.
Corn—May, 45 1/2¢; July, 46 1/2¢@46 3/4¢.
Oats—May, 41 1/2¢; July, 37 1/2¢@37 3/4¢.
Pork—May, \$15.72 1/2; July, \$15.87 1/2@15.90.
Lard—May, \$8.92 1/2; July, \$9.00.
Ribs—May, \$8.72 1/2@8.75; July, \$8.52 1/2; Sept., \$8.87 1/2.

Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 hard wheat, 73 1/2¢@76¢; No. 3 corn, 43 1/2¢@44¢; No. 2 oats, 41 1/2¢.

South Omaha Live Stock.

South Omaha, March 19.—Cattle—Receipts, 6,500; steady to stronger; native steers, \$4.00@5.80; cows and heifers, \$2.50@4.75; western steers, \$2.25@5.25; Texas steers, \$3.00@4.40; canners, \$2.00@3.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.00@5.00; calves, \$3.00@6.50; bulls, stags, etc., \$2.75@4.50. Hogs—Receipts, 12,000; steady; heavy, \$5.47 1/2@6.50; mixed, \$6.45@6.47 1/2; light, \$6.45@6.50; pigs, \$5.75@6.40; bulk of sales, \$6.47 1/2@6.50. Sheep—Receipts, 8,000; steady to lower; yearlings, \$5.80@6.50; wethers, \$5.40@6.00; ewes, \$4.80@5.80; lambs, \$7.00@7.75.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, March 19.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,500; steady; heaves, \$4.10@6.80; cows, \$1.70@4.90; heifers, \$2.65@5.30; calves, \$5.00@7.25; stockers and feeders, \$2.80@4.85. Hogs—Receipts, 17,000; strong to 5¢ higher; mixed, \$6.50@6.75; light, \$6.55@6.80; heavy, \$6.40@6.72 1/2; rough heavy, \$6.40@6.55; pigs, \$6.00@6.65; good to choice heavy, \$6.70@6.80. Sheep—Receipts, 14,000; strong; sheep, \$4.00@6.25; yearlings, \$6.00@7.15; lambs, \$6.00@8.00.

TRAINMEN VOTE TO STRIKE

REJECT RECENT OFFER OF THE GENERAL MANAGERS.

50,000 MEN MAY QUIT WORK

Railroad Officials Will Hold Another Conference With Disaffected Employees Before Strike Order is Issued. Official Canvass of Vote Begins.

Chicago, March 20.—Trainmen and conductors on all railroad lines west of Chicago have rejected the recent offer of the general managers of the systems for an increase in wages, according to information reaching the Record-Herald. The official canvass of the referendum vote, which has been in progress for a fortnight, will begin today. It is stated further that the trainmen have voted to strike if their demands are not granted. Unless the railroad managers offer further concessions, a strike of 50,000 men is likely to result.

When the conference between representatives of the employees and the companies adjourned Feb. 27 it was with the understanding that another conference would be held after the men had voted upon the managers' offer. This second meeting is expected to be held next week. The managers' have already offered to submit the entire controversy to arbitration, but it is stated that this proposition has also been rejected by the voting members of the unions.

The offer which the men are said to have rejected was for an increase of 10 per cent to men in the freight service and of \$10 a month to conductors, \$6 a month to baggage men and \$5 a month to brakemen and flagmen in the passenger service.

The men originally asked an increase of 15 per cent, with an eight-hour day on through freight trains, but later these demands were reduced to a wage increase of 12 per cent and a nine-hour day. It was explained to the men when the vote was started that a verdict rejecting the offers of the railroad managers would carry with it a strike vote. As the matter now stands the strike vote has been carried, but no order to quit will be issued until a further conference.

TWELVE HUNDRED MEN OUT

Mill Employees of Republic Steel Company Quit Work in Indiana.

Hammond, Ind., March 20.—All of the employees of the mills of the Republic Iron and Steel company at East Chicago struck for higher wages, 1,200 men walking out and completely tying up the establishments. The men have been receiving an average of \$1.75 a day and demand \$2.

Superintendent Grove said that the plant would be closed indefinitely before the increase would be allowed. The strikers, who are unorganized as far as unions are concerned, assert that if their demands are not conceded the men in the Interstate and Inland Steel company's works will also go out. Each of these establishments employ about the same number of men as the Republic company.

BOILERMAKERS MAY STRIKE

Executive Committee of Union Issues Ultimatum to Harriman.

Cleveland, March 20.—A meeting of the executive board of the International Boilermakers' and Iron Shipbuilders' was held at Lorain, O., and after the meeting a report gained currency that the committee had issued an ultimatum to E. H. Harriman and associates of the Harriman lines. President Dunn was quoted as saying that a strike of boilermakers on the Harriman lines would be called within forty-eight hours in the event favorable action is not taken between now and that time on the demands made some time ago by employees of the Chicago and Alton railroad and which are still pending.

Street Car Tieup at Butte.

Butte, Mont., March 20.—The offices of the street railway company are deserted and a long and determined fight is looked for between the management and the members of the workmen's union, the latter being responsible for the tie-up of the road. All kinds of conveyances are in use upon the streets and cab and transfer companies and hack drivers did a flourishing business.

Oregon Town Burning.

Baker City, Ore., March 20.—A special from North Powder, twenty-six miles northwest of here, says that the town is burning and likely to be entirely consumed. The North Powder hotel, the livery barn, opera house and the Livingston saloon are in flames, and it is expected that the station will go. There is water, but no hose and no organized fire department.

Washouts on Southern Pacific.

Salt Lake, March 20.—Washouts on the Southern Pacific and on the San

Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake roads have isolated Salt Lake temporarily from the Pacific coast. The bridge on the Southern Pacific at Verdi, twenty miles west of Reno, Nev., is out. No trains have arrived in this city or in Ogden from the coast since Monday morning.

Death of Count Lamsdorff.

San Remo, Italy, March 20.—Count Vladimir Nicolavitch Lamsdorff, the former Russian minister of foreign affairs, died here.

NEW YORK STOCKS REACT

Revival of Feverishness Which Marked Sessions of Last Week.

New York, March 20.—Heavy selling of stocks in the first hour, of which bears took prompt advantage, followed by persistent rumors that one or more Stock exchange houses were embarrassed by losses sustained in the last few days, combined to make the stock market sensitive and feverish throughout the day. Losses on the slump during the opening hour ranged from 4 to 7 points. Union Pacific headed the list with a loss of 7 1/2. Great Northern preferred, Smeltz, Reading and St. Paul suffering losses of 5 points and Northern Pacific 4 1/2. A reaction followed quickly, in which part of the early losses were made up, but the market continued weak and alternate periods of decline and reaction followed during the rest of the day. Alarming reports as to the stability of two unnamed commission houses contributed largely to this condition and prices were extremely irregular, some of the active stocks showing pronounced gains at the same moment others were recording sharp losses. The passage of the delivery hour without the anticipated announcement of failures restored some confidence, and this, with active covering, restored confidence somewhat, and there was a violent rebound in the last hour, when many of the active stocks regained their opening level. At the close there was a very sharp recession from this rally.

JAIL AND FINE FOR LAND MEN.

Fifteen Hundred Dollars and One Year for Richards and Comstock.

Omaha, March 19.—Judge W. H. Munger overruled the motion for a new trial in the cases of Bartlett Richards, Will G. Comstock, Charles C. Jameson and Aquilla Triplett in the United States district court and sentenced the accused as follows: Bartlett Richards, a fine of \$1,500 and one year in the Douglas county jail; Will G. Comstock, \$1,500 fine and one year in the Douglas county jail, and Charles C. Jameson and Aquilla Triplett, \$500 in fine and eight months each in the Douglas county jail.

The attorneys for the defendants at once gave notice that they would file a petition in error, which is equivalent to an appeal to the United States circuit court of appeals for the Eighth circuit. The appeal bond was at once fixed at \$5,000 in the case of each defendant, which was promptly given.

In the prosecution of Richards and Comstock the government centered its forces. They are considered the wealthiest ranchmen of Nebraska, with an inclosure of 500,000 acres in Cherry and Sheridan counties. A year ago they pleaded guilty to the indictment charging them with unlawfully inclosing the public domain. They were sentenced to six hours in the custody of the United States marshal and were given a nominal fine. Later the United States marshal was peremptorily dismissed for failure to keep the cattlemen in his actual custody—instead of at the Omaha club with an attorney as deputy, and District Attorney Baxter was discharged for perfunctory prosecution. With the assistance of twenty secret service men, L. C. Wheeler, agent in charge, went into the field to get fresh evidence. This resulted in an indictment charging the cattlemen with conspiracy to defraud the government of the title and use of public land. Subornation of perjury and conspiracy to suborn perjury were other charges of the indictment. After a vigorous prosecution by Special District Attorney Rush and District Attorney Goss, the jury brought in a verdict of guilty.

Lillie Case to State Court.

Omaha, March 18.—Judge Munger of the United States circuit court remanded the case of Mary Lena Lillie against the supreme tribe of Ben Hur back to the Butler county district court. Mrs. Lillie was pardoned from the state penitentiary Jan. 1 by Governor Mickey.

Three Complaints Against Callahan.

Omaha, March 19.—County Attorney English filed three complaints in police court against Daniel C. Callahan, superintendent of Prospect Hill cemetery. They accuse Callahan of removing dead human bodies willfully, unlawfully and feloniously, by directing Samuel Adamson to dig up, exhume and disinter the remains of three bodies without knowledge or consent of relatives and without proper authority.

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