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## FUNERAL OF VICTIMS

### FUNERALS OF MANY VICTIMS OF SCHOOL FIRE HELD.

Janitor, Blamed by Grief-Crazed Parents, Buries Three of His Own Children Under Police Protection—Developments at Coroner's Inquest.

Cleveland, March 9.—Collinwood has come to a full realization of her woe. Slowly and solemnly the processions of death began to wend their way toward the cemeteries, bearing the battered and charred remains of some of the hundred and sixty-seven children whose lives were snuffed out in Wednesday's catastrophe in the Lakeview school.

There was no cessation in the funeral corteges. Those who had no dead to mourn as a personal loss stood in the streets with bared heads as the grim processions passed.

There was scarcely a dry eye in Collinwood. One of the saddest funerals was that of the three children of Janitor Hirter, held jointly with the services for three other little ones. Mutterings against the janitor could be heard about the village as grief-crazed parents sought an object upon which to wreak vengeance, forgetting, as they did, that Hirter himself was walking with bowed head and broken heart behind the biers of three of his beloved.

A detail of police was placed about the Hirter home when the hour for the funeral came. Fully five hundred persons had gathered, but when the coffins were carried to the doorway the crowd spread and opened the way for them without protest or expression of hostility.

Memorial services in honor of the nineteen unidentified dead were held in the six Protestant and two Catholic churches of Collinwood. A cortege of twenty funeral cars then started for the burying ground.

Testimony describing the mad rush to death of the school children was given at the continued session of the coroner's inquest. Stories of heroism on the part of the women teachers were recited. F. P. Whitney, superintendent of the Collinwood schools, stated his belief to be that no fire department could have done any effective work after the fire had started. Two of the teachers told of their unavailing attempts to open one of the double doors at the rear, which they said was locked. The inquest also developed the fact that after the first crush at the door it was beyond human possibility to aid those whom the tongues of fire were devouring.

### ALIA ON TRIAL AT DENVER

Alienists for Both Sides Will Observe Defendant in Court.

Denver, March 9.—Giuseppe Alia, the priest killer, was placed on trial in the criminal branch of the district court this morning. The shocking nature of his crime—the shooting down of Father Leo Heinrichs at the altar in St. Elizabeth's Catholic church on Sunday morning, Feb. 23, when he was giving the sacrament—aroused thinking people throughout the country and caused them to speculate as to the origin and purpose of the plot, if any existed, that made Father Leo a marked man. Alia's conflicting statements regarding the shooting have led many people to believe he must be insane. However, four of the most expert brain specialists in this city have given it as their opinion that Alia is perfectly sane.

Notwithstanding public announcement through the press of the results of the observations of the specialists appointed by the district attorney, the defense has engaged three alienists to be present during the trial. They will sit in the court room and observe the defendant for the purpose of detecting any sign of insanity. Should they be successful, no doubt the defense will be quick to grasp that as a means of saving the life of Alia.

On the other hand, the prosecution has summoned eight alienists to be present, whose expert knowledge will be used to offset any claim of insanity that might be raised by Alia's attorney.

### Fifth District for Taft.

Hastings, March 10.—The Fifth district Republican congressional convention met here last night and selected W. A. Stern of Grand Island and A. C. Gambol of Curtis as delegates to the national convention. They were instructed to vote for Taft.

### Chamberlain Granted New Trial.

Lincoln, March 6.—C. M. Chamberlain, sentenced to serve five years in prison on a charge of embezzling funds of the Chamberlain Banking company of Tecumseh, was granted a new trial by the supreme court.

## NEBRASKA AIDS BRYAN

State Convention Names Delegates and Adopts Platform.

Omaha, March 6.—with the Democratic state convention as a nucleus, party leaders from every county and practically every primary district in the commonwealth gathered here to pledge allegiance to the presidential aspirations of Mr. Bryan and to consider means for furthering his interests before the Democratic national convention at Denver next July.

Enthusiasm was prevalent throughout the day. It broke loose early and gradually gathering volume, broke out in tumultuous vociferations when the platform committee presented this resolution.

"The Democratic party of Nebraska again declares confidence in and admiration for William J. Bryan. In him we behold the ideal American citizen—the ideal Democrat. We rejoice that the principles which he has so ably advocated have been gladly received and are now generally accepted by the American people.

"Resolved, That the delegates by this convention chosen be and are hereby instructed to vote as a unit for the nomination of Mr. Bryan for the presidency."

The platform advanced little that was new. The Fowler and Aldrich currency bills were condemned. Emergency currency, it was declared, should be "issued and controlled by the federal government."

I. J. Dunn of Omaha, D. W. Stephens of Fremont, Mayor Brown of Lincoln and Felix J. Hale of Atkinson were elected delegates-at-large. Dr. Hall of Lincoln was chosen national committeeman.

### THREE BULLETS IN HIS BODY

Wounded Stranger at Omaha May Carry Secret to Grave.

Omaha, March 9.—Though he may be on his death bed, J. B. Preston, the man who limped into the police station, calmly asked for the surgeon and later was found to have three serious bullet wounds in his body, still refuses to talk or to give the police any information about himself.

The man was examined by Police Surgeon Fitzgibbon when he arrived at the station. One side of the body was found to be entirely black from the effect of the bullet wounds, which had evidently been inflicted at close range. One of those was in the groin, one in the upper part of the right thigh and the other in the upper part of the left thigh.

Preston first said he had come here from Texas. He said he had been shot by a negro on Ninth street, between Dodge and Douglas streets, about 3 a. m. Thursday. Later he said one of his associates shot him at Ninth and Farnam.

### Lincoln Ball Players Acquitted.

Lincoln, March 7.—In the district court William Holmes, former manager of the Lincoln baseball club, and the players of the Lincoln and Des Moines teams were acquitted of the charge of Sabbath desecration by playing a game of ball here one Sunday last September. None of the defendants was in court. The acquittal of the players, while leaving the matter practically as it was before, is regarded by baseball devotees as opening the way for Sunday games in Lincoln the coming season.

### Union Pacific Will Restore Trains.

Lincoln, March 7.—The state railway commission was notified by Assistant General Freight Agent Lane of the Union Pacific that the road will on Monday morning next restore its daily freight trains on branch lines in Nebraska. The trains were recently taken off and complaint was made to the commission by shippers on the lines that the curtailed service worked a hardship.

### N. J. Durenberg Kills Himself.

Kearney, Neb., March 7.—N. J. Durenberg, a business man of Elm Creek, reputed to be wealthy, committed suicide by shooting in the Windsor hotel here. In a letter to a sister, Mrs. L. Brandenburg of Fresno, Cal., Durenberg spoke of domestic troubles and his drinking habits. He intimated that he would take his life and said an inheritance due him should go to the sister.

### PRAYERS URGED TO AID CUPID

Bishop Advises Catholic Maidens to Encourage Suitors.

Buffalo, March 10.—As a solution to the problem of the great unwed, the Rt. Rev. Charles Henry Colton, bishop of Buffalo, has recommended that all the unmarried women under his spiritual guidance pray for husbands.

The recommendation is contained in a circular letter addressed to the rectors of parishes in the diocese, and was read in all the Roman Catholic churches.

It is one of the results of the new marriage laws of the church as recently prescribed by Pope Pius and has created a profound sensation.

The bishop impressed on all the unwed of marriageable age that it was the sacred duty of the greater part of the human race to marry, and he asked that they conscientiously consider the matter.

## INCIDENT IS CLOSED

LETTER FROM GERMAN EMPEROR WILL NOT BE MADE PUBLIC.

London Yellow Journals Are Lecturing Thunderer for Its Sensationalism in Exploiting Story—Discussion in Parliament is Brief and Dry.

London, March 10.—The government has decided to keep private the personal letter written by Emperor William to Lord Tweedmouth, first lord of the admiralty, in which it was charged by the London Times that his majesty attempted to influence legislation in the matter of naval estimates of Great Britain. How this decision, which was announced in both houses of parliament, will please the country remains to be seen. Balfour, speaking for the opposition, endorsed the policy of the cabinet, and it may be predicted that the public will consider the incident closed.

The remark made by Lord Rosebery that the nation was making itself ridiculous over this affair finds much support. The discussion was brief and dry. All the participants proceeded as if they were walking on eggs, for criticism of the ruler of another nation is a delicate business. The fact that Lord Tweedmouth consulted Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, before replying to Emperor William's letter, was the only new fact brought out, and it goes far to diminish the criticism of Lord Tweedmouth, because it relieves him of all suspicion of anything resembling disloyalty to the interests of the navy.

The character of Emperor William's letter is now generally understood. The spiciest passage is believed to be the reference to Lord Esher—that he had better occupy himself with drain pipes and keep his hands off the navy. Lord Esher was engaged in improving the drainage system of Windsor castle when Emperor William was there recently.

An amusing feature of the affair is that all the sensational newspapers of London are lecturing the Times for its sensationalism in exploiting the story.

Public opinion with regard to the discussion in parliament yesterday of Emperor William's letter to Lord Tweedmouth, as revealed by the press comment, is not altogether satisfied with the official statement. There are still grumblings, especially from the section devoted to the anti-government campaign in favor of a big navy, at the decision not to publish the correspondence. Nevertheless, both the opponents as well as the supporters of the government agree that the unfortunate affair should now be permitted to drop into well deserved oblivion.

### CHARGES AGAINST DR. DAY

Chancellor of Syracuse University Accused of Defaming President.

Brandon, Vt., March 7.—Charges have been preferred by Rev. George A. Cooke, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church in Brandon, against Rev. J. R. Day, chancellor of Syracuse university, on the ground that Dr. Day defamed the character of President Roosevelt. The charges have been presented to Rev. Dr. R. M. Watters, presiding elder of the New York church conference of the Methodist church, to which Chancellor Day is ecclesiastically attached.

Dr. Cooke said that in a book, entitled "A Raid on Prosperity," written by Chancellor Day, President Roosevelt was severely criticized and that, in his opinion, Dr. Day had violated the rules of the Methodist church in thus assailing the president. Mr. Cooke stated that the specific charge preferred was defamation of character. He considered that "although Syracuse university is under obligations to the Standard Oil people, by reason of large money gifts," Chancellor Day was not justified as a minister of the Methodist church in assailing President Roosevelt.

### French Forces Rout Tribesmen.

Paris, March 10.—General d'Amade, commander of the French forces in Morocco, according to official advices received here, has followed up his previous advantages in his campaign against the warring tribesmen by inflicting a decisive defeat on the Madrakas, and a force of Mulai-Hafid's adherents, who came to the assistance of the tribesmen. The battle lasted from 6 o'clock in the morning until 1 o'clock in the evening. The enemy suffered enormous losses, abandoning everything in their headlong flight. The French losses were very slight, considering the severity of the combat and the nature of the ground.

Boise, Idaho, March 10.—Harry Orsara, charged with the murder of ex-Governor Frank Steunenberg, will be taken from the state penitentiary at Caldwell today and his case will be called. It is probable that a definite date for his trial will be fixed.

### Warden Conley Improving.

Butte, March 10.—Warden Conley of the state penitentiary at Deer Lodge, who was seriously stabbed while frustrating a jail break, is improving and will probably recover.

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## SCHMITZ GOES FREE

CALIFORNIA SUPREME COURT REFUSES REHEARING.

Decision Sustains Reversal of Prison Sentence and Invalidates Four Remaining Extortion Indictments—Nullifies Ruff's Plea of Guilty.

San Francisco, March 10.—The state supreme court refused a rehearing in the case of former Mayor Eugene E. Schmitz, convicted of extortion from French restaurant proprietors and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. This sustains the decision of the district court of appeals, which decreed that the judgment and order of the lower court here void, sustained the demurrer to the indictment and ordered the discharge of the defendant on the ground that under the law no offense had been committed. Abraham Ruff, who was jointly indicted with Schmitz, plead guilty and his sentence is now pending. The decision of the supreme court also applies to him. It is believed that Schmitz immediately will apply for release from the county jail and Ruff may do likewise. The prosecution proposes to bring to trial at once some of the many charges preferred against them.

The court sustained the appellate court in its decision that the indictment upon which Schmitz was convicted was defective in that it did not aver that Schmitz was mayor, that Ruff, his co-defendant, was a political boss practically in control of the city, that as such they were in a position to exercise power and undue influence over the police commissioners and that it did not show that Schmitz resorted to unlawful means in threatening to have liquor licenses withheld. The decision practically nullifies Ruff's plea of guilty, invalidates the remaining four extortion indictments against the former mayor and Ruff and will enable Schmitz to gain his liberty on bail after eight months confinement in the county jail. Counsel for Schmitz announced that steps would be taken at once for the former mayor's release.

"The decision demonstrates," said ex-Mayor Schmitz, "that the highest court in the state believes what I have always claimed, that I was removed from office and railroaded to prison."

Leigh, Neb., March 6.—Perry Brown, a resident of Creston, seven miles west of here, a son of Postmaster James Brown of that town, accidentally, while out hunting, shot himself. He was instantly killed.

### Mind Reader on Olson Case.

Pender, Neb., March 6.—Sheriff Dorsey, Olaf Olson and County Attorney Chase, accompanied by a woman mind reader from Sioux City, left here for Rosalie for the purpose of locating the body of Lillie Olson.

### Jennie Chesmore Takes Poison.

Milwaukee, March 10.—Jennie Chesmore, thirty-six years of age, committed suicide with poison here yesterday. She left a letter for her brother Fred of Mascot, Neb.

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