

MYSTERY IN A CRIME

BODY OF WALTER F. SCHULTZ FOUND IN VIRGINIA.

Pockets of Victim Contain Money, Watch and Valuable Papers Untouched—Card Found Bears a Slough City, Iowa, Address.

The body of a young man believed to be Walter F. Schultz, of 1314 Douglas street, Sioux City, Ia., was found Sunday in the snow near Alexandria, Va., with his throat cut from ear to ear, but no knife was found near the body and the man's money and watch was untouched.

The body was dressed in a neat, black suit, a soft shirt of blue, with a turndown collar, black tie and brown shoes. The victim appears to be 35 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall, weight, 150 pounds, and has brown hair, blue eyes, and is clean shaven.

The police have no clue as yet to solve the mystery of the man's death, but are confident he was murdered. The motive for the crime is puzzling. The detectives, having found his valuables untouched, dismiss the robbery theory. The body was found Sunday morning in a field about 400 yards from the Alexandria depot. The throat was literally hacked apart, and the coroner says it would have been impossible for the man to inflict the wounds himself.

SIXES ELEVEN NIGHT RIDERS.

Tobacco Man Wants \$25,000 for Mental and Physical Woes. Frank Eckler, former tobacco dealer of Harrison county, Ky., but now of Cincinnati, O., has sued eleven alleged "night riders" in the United States court in Covington, asking for \$25,000 damages, said to have been sustained at the hands of the night riders.

In a lengthy bill of particulars Eckler states that on the night of March 25, 1908, the defendants and several others to him unknown surrounded his home in Harrison county at midnight. He says that at the point of a pistol he was attacked and dragged from his home and forced to accompany the defendants to the Pendleton county line, a distance of one mile. He further states that he was kept a prisoner in Pendleton county for some time, but was finally allowed to go with a warning.

He alleges that as a result of the raid he was forced to leave his home and remove to Cincinnati. For his mental and physical sufferings he asks for \$25,000.

WEDDING OF PRINCESS KANA.

Daughter of Japanese Emperor to Marry Prince Kita in April.

The wedding of Princess Kana, a daughter of the emperor of Japan, with Prince Kita Shirokawa will take place about the middle of April. Mr. Nakasaki, of the imperial household department, who recently returned from Europe, where he purchased a number of articles needed for the wedding, had an audience with the emperor recently and gave an account of this trip. It is reported that the clothing was purchased in London, and several pieces of jewelry, including a necklace valued at \$13,000 and a finger ring at \$5,500, in Paris.

BURNED AT THE STAKE.

Texas Negro Pays Horrible Penalty for an Assault.

After having been identified by Mrs. Arthur McKinney as the negro who attempted an assault upon her Friday morning, Anderson Ellis was taken from the Rockwell county, Texas, jail Sunday night, secured to an iron stake driven into the ground and burned to death in the presence of about 1,000 persons. Earlier in the evening Will Clark, a negro, was shot and killed while his father, Andrew Clark, refused permission to a posse to search his premises on the assumption that Ellis was concealed there.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top hogs, \$6.50. Top hogs, \$6.50.

Fire Captain Killed.

Capt. Ernest Pearson, of the Rockford, Ill., fire department, was caught by a falling wall Sunday and killed while fighting a fire at the Rockford paper box factory. The fire loss was \$50,000.

Avalanche Kills Twenty-Seven.

An avalanche has destroyed a workmen's shelter at Sankt Johan, in the Pongau district of Sabbath, killing twenty-seven persons. Fifteen bodies have been recovered.

PATRICK'S DRAMATIC PLEA.

Life Prisoner is Before New York Supreme Court.

In a dramatic appeal before the appellate division of the supreme court in Brooklyn, N. Y., Friday Albert T. Patrick, who was sentenced to death for the murder of William Marsh Rice in 1900, argued for nearly four hours for his liberty. The principal points of his contention were that his conviction was the result of a "colossal conspiracy on the part of the justice at his trial and the authorities who prosecuted him," and that Gov. Higgins had no legal right to commute the sentence of the court to life imprisonment, inasmuch as he had not asked for or consented to such commutation.

Decision was reserved by the court. In the meantime Patrick will be taken back to Sing Sing prison and given all the facilities he needs to prepare his brief.

Assistant District Attorney Robert C. Taylor, who appeared in opposition to Patrick's motion, will file a brief in reply.

The scene in court while the condemned man pleaded his cause with all the mental agility and fervor of a trained lawyer was sensational. Patrick's wife sat just behind him. Patrick declared that life imprisonment was a more severe sentence than death, and asked the court to either give him liberty or send him to the electric chair under the original sentence.

Patrick's plea throughout was impassioned. Much of it appeared to be addressed to the crowd in the court room rather than to the court, and at one time Justice Jenkins reminded him that he should speak to the court.

The prisoner referred bitterly to the manner in which he alleges justice was dispensed "in these modern times." He declared that the prosecuting officers nowadays protect the rich, oppress the poor and pick out the men whom they wish to prosecute.

Patrick closed his appeal by urging the court not to take an "impressionistic" view of the law.

"When you decide this case," he said, "be sure either I am innocent and should go free or else I am a heinous scoundrel and deserve to go down to my fate. Then the people will be satisfied with your decision."

TO AFRICA ON MARCH 23.

Roosevelt Announces Date of His Departure.

Former President Roosevelt announced Friday for the first time that he will sail from New York for Africa March 23 at noon. He will take passage on the steamer Hamburg.

Roosevelt said also that he had received so many letters, telegrams and cablegrams that it would be physically impossible to answer one-tenth of them, and while he appreciated the sentiments expressed in the various communications and would like to answer them, it would be impossible to do so.

He added that he would have nothing to say on any subject, nor would he attend any public functions before his departing on the hunting trip. Except for a few trips to New York City, Roosevelt said he would spend the time at Oyster Bay.

CUBAN AMNESTY BILL.

Passes Congress and Will Now Go to Gomez for Approval.

The general amnesty bill, which was among the first measures introduced in the new Cuban congress, and which was intended to signalize the restoration of the republic, passed the senate Friday. Having been previously acted upon favorably in the house, the bill has gone to President Gomez for his signature. The measure provides for the release of practically all prisoners sentenced since January 28, except those guilty of murder or homicide, in the commission of robbery or crimes of exceptional atrocity.

Foreign Troops in Conflict.

It is rumored in St. Petersburg that there has been a conflict between Russian and Chinese troops near Harbin, but no confirmation is possible. If the reports are true the trouble probably arose out of the situation following the efforts of the railroad authorities at Harbin to control the local administration.

Dual Illinois Tragedy.

Henry Green, of Springfield, Ill., aged 25, a blacksmith, murdered his wife and committed suicide. The double tragedy occurred at Pawnee, at the home of Mrs. Green's parents, where Green had called to see about the withdrawal of the divorce suit which Mrs. Green had filed.

Edward Arrives at Paris.

King Edward arrived in Paris Friday afternoon from London. As he is traveling privately there was no government reception at the railroad station. He was met, however, by Ambassador Bertie and greeted by a large crowd.

Avalanche Kills Fifteen.

News reached Rome Friday night that an avalanche had destroyed the house in the village of Pradel, province of Belluno, Venetia, killing fifteen persons.

Head Blown to Atoms.

David Coffman, of Cleveland, Tenn., aged 60 years, purchased a stick of dynamite, attached a fuse to it, lighted it and lay down on the dynamite. The explosion tore Coffman's head to atoms, and the body almost to the waist was literally torn to shreds. He leaves a widow and several grown children. Family trouble was the cause.

VON BUELOW IS ATTACKED.

German Chancellor Blamed for Imperial Indiscretions.

A severe attack on Chancellor von Buelow and a defense of Emperor William in connection with the alleged imperial indiscretions last year is contained in a book by Rudolph Martin. Herr Martin was formerly attached to department of the interior and is said to be supported by a considerable party at court as a part of an organized plan to force Von Buelow out of office. Herr Martin gives expression to many sensational assertions against Prince von Buelow, whom he accuses of misdirecting the emperor, especially in the matter of the interview published in the London Daily Telegraph. He declares this interview was prepared under Prince von Buelow's instructions and the prince, after its perusal, told his majesty it could be published. Then when the crisis arose after its publication the prince advised the emperor to leave Berlin during the exciting debates in the reichstag.

POLICE CAPTAIN KILLED.

Patrolman Enters Station and Fires Five Bullets into His Body.

Capt. W. H. Matthews, of the Fifth police precinct in Washington, D. C., was shot and killed while sitting at his desk in the station house Friday night by Policeman Collier. Without the slightest warning Collier entered the station and went immediately into the captain's office, where he jerked from his pocket a revolver and began firing into Matthews' body. Five shots were fired, two of them piercing the captain's skull. Collier, it is alleged, had been reprimanded by Capt. Matthews for a breach of the rules, and this at the time angered him. The police say they know of no other reason for Collier's action. Lieut. Sprinkle arrested Collier and placed him in a cell.

CARNEGIE TEACHERS' FUND.

Laird of Skibo Has Been Asked to Amend His Restrictions.

Andrew Carnegie has been asked to amend the restrictions of his pension fund for college professors so as to include in its provisions about 75 institutions now barred as sectarian. Thirteen college presidents whose institutions are among the 75 presented a memorial making this request to Dr. Harry S. Pritchett, president of the Carnegie foundation. The memorial urges that many schools which are originally founded by religious denominations are today free to men of all creeds, and do not touch doctrine or dogma nor any particular beliefs on the part of students or faculty members.

COMBINE GOES TO WALL.

Deering Coal Company is Placed in Hands of Receiver.

The Deering Coal company, of Delaware, a \$5,000,000 corporation operating mines in Indiana and Illinois, was placed in the hands of a receiver Thursday by Judge Kohlsaat in the United States circuit court in Chicago. The bill for the appointment of a receiver was filed by the Witt Mercantile company with a claim of \$2,924, and Jackson K. Deering, owner of \$250,000 worth of the coal concern's stock. R. R. Hammond, president of the coal company, filed an answer admitting that the corporation was in such financial straits as to make a receivership necessary.

Danger of War is Great.

The steamer Hathor, which arrived at Salina Cruz, Mex., from Ajajutla, brings news that war is inevitable between Nicaragua and Salvador and troops are being mobilized by both countries. The battleship Presidente, which comprises the entire navy of Salvador, has sailed under sealed orders, and it is presumed it will bombard Nicaraguan ports.

Stephenson is Winner.

The Wisconsin senatorial deadlock was broken Thursday. United States Senator Isaac Stephenson was re-elected to the United States senate by the joint assembly of the Wisconsin legislature on the twenty-third ballot, having received 63 votes out of 123 cast.

Convicts Heroes at Fire.

With never a thought, apparently, of attempting to break for liberty, a hundred state penitentiary convicts at San Quentin, Cal., fought to save from flames the jute warehouse belonging to the prison. Several prisoners narrowly escaped with their lives.

Breaks Swimming Record.

The crowd at the sportsmen's show in New York Thursday night saw Charles M. Daniels, of the New York Athletic club, beat the world's swimming record for 200 yards. The time was 2:15, while the old record, held by Daniels, was 2:15 1-5.

Village Razed by Quake.

A telegram received from Smyrna, Asiatic Turkey, says the village of Masran, near Jerusalem, has been destroyed by an earthquake. One hundred and fifty persons are reported buried in the ruins.

Shock Hastens Mother's End.

Mrs. Joseph Browning, aged mother of Gideon Browning, victim of the famous Rattle Run church murder, when the Rev. John H. Carmichael killed Browning, dismembered his body, and cremated it in the church stove, died at her home in the village of Adair, Mich., Thursday. Mrs. Browning had steadily declined since the horror and shock of her son's murder.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS INTERESTING HAPPENINGS From Day to Day Condensed FOR OUR BUSY READERS

WOULD HUNT BIG PROJECT.

Scotts Bluff People Wrought Up Over Progress of Measure.

Strong feeling has been aroused at Scotts Bluff by the receipt of a copy of S. F. No. 174, introduced by Senator Raymond and passed by the senate last week. Telegrams were sent by officials of the government irrigation project in an effort to head off the bill in the house. The board of directors of the North Platte Valley Water Users' association in a session attended by all of the nine directors, passed the following resolutions:

"Whereas, We, the members of the board of directors of the North Platte Valley Water Users' association consider that a bill now before the state legislature, namely, S. F. No. 174, dangerous to the interests of the farmers under the government project, and, whereas, we believe and are confident that should said bill become a law it will stop the further extension of the government project or construction of the government reservoirs; therefore be it resolved, that we request and urge our senators and representatives in the state legislature to use all honorable means to defeat said S. F. No. 174."

The resolution was adopted unanimously. The Water Users' association comprises all the settlers under the four million dollars government project. They must pay \$15 per acre on their land under the government ditch to reimburse the national government for the building of the ditch and it then becomes their property. As a part of the government work three reservoirs are contemplated in the Nebraska part of the system. Directors of the association are emphatic in expressing the opinion that the bill would do great injury to the government project, which ultimately will be the property of several hundred settlers. An opinion prevails among the directors that the bill as drawn would operate to the interest of certain private interests.

It is safe to say that a strong effort will be made from the North Platte valley to kill the bill. John Steen, formerly a resident of Omaha and Washoo, commissioner of public lands and buildings for Nebraska from 1888 to 1890, now a settler in the North Platte valley, was elected secretary of the Water Users' association.

MAYOR MILLER AFTER THEM.

Women Charged with Running an Improper Resort.

Armed with a warrant sworn out upon complaint of Mayor Miller, who claimed to have reason to believe that certain persons were conducting an improper resort north of Central City, Sheriff Her, Deputy Diney, Marshal Foster and Constable Mill Solt made a raid of the place Saturday night, and brought in two women described as "Mary Roe" and "Nellie Doe." Judge Peterson convened an extra session of the court Sunday morning and upon the women pleading guilty they were fined \$10 and costs. Upon paying this they were released with the understanding that they were shortly to take up their residence elsewhere.

GUN TOTER ACCIDENTALLY SHOT.

Small Boy Kills Player in Baseball Game.

Sylvester Cozad was accidentally shot and killed at a ball game about a mile north of Freedom, in Frontier county. Young Cozad is a boy about 13 or 14 years of age. While he was making a run during the game a revolver fell from his pocket, which was immediately picked up by a young boy named Bonar, a son of George N. Bonar. He called out to young Cozad "Stop, or I will shoot you," apparently in fun, and then fired the revolver. Cozad turned at the call and was shot through the left breast and died almost instantly. The Bonar boy thought the gun was not loaded, so it is reported.

Nebraskans Congratulate Taft.

The Nebraska legislature, both houses of which are democratic, Friday adopted a joint resolution congratulating President Taft and wishing him a successful administration. The resolution, signed by the speaker of the house and president of the senate, was telegraphed to the White House.

Former Nebraskan Killed.

Mrs. Mary Hanks, a former resident of Beatrice, and wife of Paul Hanks, was killed Tuesday in a railway accident at Fort Worth, Tex. Mrs. Hanks is company with her little son, was driving over a crossing in the outskirts of Fort Worth, when the buggy was struck by a passenger train.

Improvement at Hardy.

Butler & Son have begun the erection of a brick store building for Ole Berg at Hardy on the sight of the frame building destroyed by fire over a year ago. The excavation has been done for several weeks. Work will be pushed on it now as the weather permits.

Postoffice Burglary at Pauline.

The general store of Carl McClery at Pauline, Neb., was entered by burglars and about \$75 in cash and \$170 worth of stamps were secured from the postoffice which is in the store. Merchandise to the value of between \$80 and \$100 was secured. Nothing is known as to how they entered or left the town.

Ossenkop Case is Resumed.

The murder case of the state vs. Fred Ossenkop, who is charged with the responsibility for the death of Charles Byrnes, of Eagle, has been resumed in the district court at Plattsmouth after a vacation since February 9, at which time the case was continued because of a contagious disease which prevented Ossenkop from appearing in court.

GIRL LOSTS LIFE IN STREAM.

Drove Off Bridge That Was Covered with Water.

Swept down stream by an unnamed swollen creek in a large pasture five miles south of Dodge, Minnie Plantz, aged 18, was drowned and her little brother aged 8 was nearly drowned. The two were pulled out of the creek by Charles Harris and Tom Hassan, who worked heroically in their efforts to rescue the pair, but were too late to save the girl, who was in the water. The boy was unconscious when taken out but soon revived. He was in the water about ten minutes.

Charles Harris, in a wagon, was ahead of the two children and had safely crossed the stream, though the bridge creaked under the weight of his team. The girl probably failed to keep the team she drove in the middle of the bridge and the light buggy in which she and the boy rode tipped off.

Thomas Hassan in a wagon was driving some distance in the rear and he saw the accident. He called Harris and the two made a desperate effort to rescue the boy and the girl. The former was soon pulled out, but it was some time before the girl could be found. One of her feet protruding above the water finally indicated where she was.

SHUNWAY IS INNOCENT?

Unknown Man Claims that He Killed Mrs. Martin.

Chief Cooper, of Lincoln, Tuesday received a letter from a man who claims that he killed Mrs. Sarah Martin, for whose murder R. Mead Shumway is under sentence to be hanged. The writer of the letter says Shumway is innocent. He agrees that he will surrender if a promise is given in the Omaha papers to spare him from the gallows. He asserts that he will make public all the details of the crime and surrender to the officers as soon as this assurance is given.

Friends of R. Mead Shumway are making desperate efforts to have the governor offer immunity from death to the author of the anonymous letter received by Chief Cooper Tuesday.

The writer professes to be the man who committed the murder for which R. Mead Shumway is convicted, and he offers to surrender if clemency is granted.

The governor, however, is not greatly impressed with the letter. He thinks that if the writer is sincere he will surrender anyway, rather than see an innocent man suffer.

LEAVITT IS TO FIGHT.

He Will Go to Lincoln to Oppose Divorce Suit.

Further than the tacit admission that failure has attended their efforts to effect an arrangement with William Homer Leavitt not to oppose the divorce proceedings instituted here by his eldest daughter, Ruth Bryan Leavitt, members of William J. Bryan's family refuse to discuss the approaching trial of the case. Leavitt has sent word to Lincoln that he probably will come there in person to oppose the suit with the double purpose of defending his character and of obtaining legal custody of the children. It is said that he will introduce testimony from Denver to show that he gave his wife a good home there, but that she was so given to society that the home was neglected by her.

MAN HURT BY HANDCAR.

Burt Chamberlain Run Over While Working.

With his right leg badly crushed and broken below the knee, Burt Chamberlain, a member of a Burlington bridge gang, was brought to Sioux City from Bancroft for medical attention. Chamberlain was working on a bridge and not noting the approach of a handcar was knocked off his feet by the car, two of the wheels passing over his leg. He was taken to Bancroft and then to Sioux City.

Dog That Climbs a Tree.

E. E. Thurber, of Tecumseh has a bulldog which will climb trees. The dog is good sized, and he goes up a tree as readily as a cat does, though not as sprightly. He will depend upon his momentum to give him a start, and then he will encircle the trunk of the tree with his legs and claw the bark until he reaches the lower limbs. The dog will then climb carefully from limb to limb until he gets to branches which are not heavy enough to hold his weight. It is no uncommon thing to see him climbing a tree after a cat.

Banker Has Narrow Escape.

Capt. L. Emyart, president of the Farmers bank at Nebraska City, had a narrow escape from being killed. He was crossing the street when a runaway team caught him and he was knocked down. He was considerably bruised about the body, but he was saved by a heavy bundle which he was carrying at the time.

Damages for Death of Husband.

The case of Mrs. A. Maggie Marsh, of Grand Island, against the Union Pacific, damages in the sum of \$15,000 being asked on account of the death of her husband, at the Union Pacific shops, was settled by agreement between the parties at bar, the company paying \$5,000 and the costs.

Bond Election.

A special election has been called by the school board at Ravenna to vote upon the issuance of bonds in the sum of \$15,000. The proceeds of the bonds will be used for the enlarging and remodeling of the present high school building.

Clothes Line Thieves.

In Nebraska City clothes lines have been robbed of the family washings, which were left out over night and in one or two instances not only the clothes were taken, but also the lines.

Work of Congress

In the Senate Saturday the river and harbor bill was considered and there was long discussion over the St. Mary's River provision. Packages were delivered in honor of Senator Lattimer of South Carolina and Representatives Brick of Indiana and Granger of Rhode Island. The military academy bill was reported from the Military Affairs Committee. The Committee on Appropriations reports in favor of continuing the secret service investigation. Another partial report of the conference on the naval bill was made. The Senate passed the river and harbor bill, carrying a total of about \$10,000,000. The Committee on Territories, by adjourning without fixing a date for another meeting, practically kills statehood bill this session. In the House the general deficiency bill was reported from the Appropriations Committee. The House considered the bill to restore men involved in the Brownsville shooting affray to the army. The bill was passed by a vote of 210 to 101. The House appropriated \$10,000 for the tercentenary celebration of the discovery of Lake Champlain.

The Appalachian and White Mountain forest reserve bill passed the House Monday, carrying with it the provision that the Federal Government is committed to similar methods of forest protection in every State. The Army, Navy and fortification bills' final conference reports were agreed to and the measures went to the President. The "insurgents" secured the adoption of a rule requiring one day each week for calling on committees for bills. The House refused to recede from its position against raising salaries of President, Vice President, Speaker and Federal judges, and the bill went back to conference. A large number of minor bills were passed. The sundry civil bill appropriating \$130,000,000 and the military academy bill carrying an appropriation of \$2,341,000 were passed by the Senate. Senator Bailey, calling attention to communications from heads of departments in response to Senate resolutions calling for papers and information, stated that such replies received from the Secretary of the Treasury, Commerce and Labor and War and Navy had been sent "by direction of the President," which he declared was inferentially a denial of the right of Congress to demand such information without the intervention of the President. Presenting a resolution by directing that all such communications be returned to the heads of departments from whom they had been received, Mr. Bailey attempted to secure its passage, which was opposed by Mr. Aldrich and other Senators on the ground that the orderly way to dispose of a matter of such importance was by sending it to a committee. After debate it was allowed to lie on the table until Tuesday.

The penal code bill on a conference report was before the Senate Tuesday and was subjected to filibustering tactics on the part of the minority that resulted almost in no progress. Mr. Heyburn, in charge of the measure, declared that the opposition to the measure was the result of antagonism of the legislative provision contained in the measure for the enforcement of the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the Constitution on the part of the Southern Senators. The general deficiency bill was passed, carrying appropriations amounting to more than \$19,000,000. The bill was the last of the general supply bills passed by the Senate. Various conference reports were agreed to, so that substantial progress was made in clearing away much of the urgent business before the Senate. The ship subsidy bill, previously passed by the Senate, was defeated in the House of Representatives by the narrow margin of three, the vote resulting 172 to 175. The opponents of the measure wildly cheered. A dramatic feature of the roll call was the appearance in the hall of Representative Goldfogle of New York in an invalid chair, he having been brought from a hospital, where he had undergone an operation on his knee cap, in order that he might record his name against the bill. Conference reports on the agricultural, rivers and harbors and public buildings bills were agreed to, and the sundry civil bill sent to conference.

SHORT NEWS NOTES.

The business section of Sumner, Miss., was practically destroyed by fire. It is estimated that the loss will exceed \$200,000. The screams of Mrs. V. Alves routed a burglar from her home in Elmhurst, Cal. The woman's husband was not awakened by the cries. The White Star liner Cevic was in collision with a buoy in the Crosby channel and fouled her propeller. She was examined by divers at Liverpool. Governor Hasell of Oklahoma was met by a thousand cheering people and a brass band when he arrived at Muskogee to sign a bond. The Red Star liner Finland will be withdrawn from that fleet and placed in the Mediterranean service as a substitute for the White Star liner Republic, which sank near Nantucket. Students of Mercersburg academy at Mercersburg, Pa., broke the scarlet-fever quarantine and fled panic-stricken through the deep snow to a neighboring city. After a time they were prevailed upon to return.