

MURDERED BY HIS STEP-SON.

A Chicago Millionaire Ruthlessly Shot Down at a Church Door.

A HORRIBLE SUNDAY TRAGEDY.

William Lee Puts Five Bullets Into the Body of Banker Rawson to Avenge the Dishonor of His Mother.

Scandal and Bloodshed.

Chicago, Oct. 16.—In a throng of people at the church door of one of the most fashionable congregations in Chicago, a gray-haired millionaire banker president was remorselessly shot down to-day by his stepson to avenge or shield a woman charged with continued adultery.

The woman was no less a person than Mrs. Meckie Rawson, wife of the banker shot, and the mother of the assassin. The banker is Stephen W. Rawson, president of the Union Trust company of Chicago. William Lee, aged seventeen, is his stepson.

Banker Lee, with five bullets in his body and in an apparently dying condition, was hastily picked off the blood-spattered curb, bundled into one of a score of carriages that had been waiting for the wealthy worshippers and taken home.

Young Lee, with his empty and still smoking revolver in his hand, was as hurriedly thrown into a patrol wagon and taken to the station.

All around on the streets and sidewalks gaped the horror-stricken attendants of the five great churches in the vicinity just pouring out. Young Lee had been seen for a half hour previous pacing the stone sidewalk on Ashland avenue, near Madison, fronting the Third Presbyterian church.

This is the church of which Dr. Withrow, recently from Boston, has been pastor, and which became widely known as the charge of Dr. Kittredge, now located in New York. Of this church Banker Rawson had long been a leading light, and was still an honored member notwithstanding he had been charged by his wife with perjury and other offenses enough to make him, if true, a veritable wilded sepulchre.

He, on the other hand, alleges that she although prominent in society and a beautiful woman in appearance, was really a disreputable, blasphemous, devilish-tempered adventuress who coveted only his money.

For a year or more the two have been fighting each other in the divorce courts and within a week the banker has fled against her additional charges of adultery. Little attention was paid to young Lee as he moved toward and forward. He was lost in the crowd when the congregation began to come out.

Mr. Rawson was about to step to his carriage when there came the sharp crack of a revolver, followed by a deep groan. An earthquake could scarcely have produced more confusion at the moment.

Among the throngs of gentlemen, ladies and children and long tiers of coaches and cabs that lined the sidewalk, the bullet, and found all had looked steady his right hand with his left hand while with his right he again and again pulled the trigger.

With the stifled cry "I'm killed!" the aged millionaire fell prostrate on the stone flags upturning his agonized white face at the cold, st. countenance of his step-son.

Not till the last of the five chambers had been emptied into the old man's body did Lee seem to breathe. The crowd seemed to be held to the stone in horror, helpless, till a policeman came running to the scene. Then began a wild clamor and Lee, turning to the officer, hoarsely whispered, "Take me to the jail, quick."

When the dying banker reached his home six physicians had been called. They probed for the bullet, and found all had lodged in his legs or arms save one that had entered near the small of the back and as nearly as could be judged had plunged through his stomach. If his life was saved it would be little short of a miracle.

A reporter called on Mrs. Rawson, who lived at the Cambridge street, and inquired of the tragedy. She told the reporter she was glad of it, that Rawson deserved it. "What was it done for?" she said, "because Rawson has married a woman who is a public prostitute. I will stand by the boy. He did no more than any boy would do. He is the son of his mother."

When she heard the news and dro over the heavily carpeted floor. "I intended to do it myself," she exclaimed, suddenly stopping in the middle of the room. "Did you see your own intention?" she said sharply, "I do not know. He might have known it. He surely knew he deserved it."

Then she inquired for more details where Rawson was shot. "I am glad of it," she exclaimed, "in front of the church. I saw the bullet go in. It is old hypocrisy. In front of the church, pah!" Again she asked about the details. "Did all the shots hit him?" she asked.

"I am glad of it. He deserved all he got." At this juncture Mrs. Rawson's lawyer arrived and the reporter was promptly ejected.

When young Lee was seen at the police station he said the act was wholly his own and that the mother knew absolutely nothing about it.

"You know well what has been in the papers," said he. "Rawson tried to prove my mother an adulteress. He was a scoundrel. Now he wanted to make out my sister a bastard, and that is all I will say."

The career of Mrs. Rawson is in many respects remarkable. She has been married several times, once divorced, and as a department clerk in Washington is understood to have been concerned in some sensational incidents. Her life has been a series of disputes, the matter finally went to the courts, and on September 20, 1886, Mrs. Rawson's bill for her divorce was granted. The case has been a very unsavory one and has dragged at length in the courts since the filing.

At 4 o'clock this afternoon Mr. Rawson had an attorney called in and made his will. At midnight the wounded man's condition was unchanged, but there is a very little hope of his recovery. General I. N. Stiles, who has been acting as Mrs. Rawson's attorney in the divorce case, says he is not prepared to state just whether or not the mother is innocent. He says, however, he will stand by Mrs. Rawson, as he believes her to have been grossly abused and wronged.

AN INCIPIENT REBELLION.

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London, Oct. 16.—[New York Herald Cable.—Special to the BEE.]—In court circles there is nothing more important than a rebellion on the part of the future emperor. This youngster has now, he thinks, reached a period when a boy is disgraced by being tied to a nurse's apron strings.

Appeals to his father and grandfather were fruitless, so a petition was finally drawn up to the highest authority—the German empire. Old Emperor William read the petition, so the story goes, and was so well pleased with the boy's spirit that he issued a formal order banishing the nurse, at the same time detailing a soldier to attend his great grandson.

When the youngster goes out walking, Berlin is inclined to think the small boy, though scarcely out of dress, is fully capable of keeping his body guard in order, perhaps even at times oppressively in subjection.

Another American girl will soon carry off a title. Miss Luckmeyer, of Kutter, Luckmeyer and Co., New York, this week will November 14 be married in the English chapel at Berlin to Count Johann von Bernsdorf, son of a former German ambassador to London.

The groom's family is distinguished both in court circles and for philanthropy. One brother is a very influential worker in the Young Men's Christian association, and another is an orange grower in Florida.

The bride and groom have both lived in London for nearly a year, and as much as at home. To-morrow the bans are to be given out for the last time in the English chapel, as the bride chooses to be married in Berlin, owing to the groom's army duties, which make Paris impossible and London and New York inconvenient.

The ocean is covered with German singers bound for America. Niemann with troupe sailed Wednesday, and still other minor actors and singers sail to-day. It is curious that a reaction has already begun at the concert house. The music by the Baltimore composer, Oskar Hammerick, was well received this week.

An American violinist is giving successful concerts in Berlin, and I hear of a young American singer being tried for the Berlin Royal opera-house. Beyond this there is nothing except perhaps a revival of the Berlin opera-house, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its founding in the reins. He is poor as well as old, and subscriptions have been started for this relic of early Berlin.

FUNERAL OF MISS MULLOCK.

The Burial Obsequies of the Author of "John Hall's Gentleman."

London, Oct. 16.—[New York Herald Cable.—Special to the BEE.]—I have just returned from the funeral of Mrs. Craik, best known as the authoress of "John Hall's Gentleman," which was held at the corner of Keston church yard and not far away from the grave of Darwin.

The family cortege left the pretty villa, built of red tile and gothic in style and vine-embowered, where she had so long lived with her husband, a partner in Macmillan & Co., there was brilliant sunshine, but when the bier, borne upon the shoulders of six gentlemen in military uniform, entered the old-fashioned church, a shower of rain gently fell, to again be followed by sunshine at the end of the service which the vicar performed.

The grave presented a picturesque appearance, its sides and bottom being in a pure white chalky soil, looking like a piece of sculpture and surrounded with exquisite flowers from wreaths sent by order of the queen and from Lord Tennyson, and other floral designs sent by relations and friends to modest gifts of wild flowers from Sunday school children and rural neighbors.

There was a large attendance—some who came to honor themselves by paying respects to the memory of the novelist, poetess and essayist and of the others in throngs of neighbors who chiefly recognized her as a good friend and benevolent lady, whose all English had been love. Among the mourners were the brother of Macmillan and the family of John Hunt, R. A., and wife; Sir George Grove, the great musical critic; J. Norman Lockyer, the poet; Henry Craik, C. B., and family; Frederick Greenwood, the journalist, and Mary Anderson, who placed upon the bier the basket of flowers.

I must not forget Mrs. Craik's adopted daughter, whose hands were only read in church last Sunday in the presence of Mrs. Craik. During a hedge side walk years ago the authoress had found a babe that had been abandoned. His innocent smiles and coquetish ways had immediately won the heart of her future mother. The village choir, as the coffin was lowered, sang a hymn which it was said Mrs. Mullock had written, one verse of which is:

Earth to earth and dust to dust, Calmly now thy words we say, Left behind we wait in trust, For the resurrection day, Father, in thy grace keeping Leave me now thy servant sleeping.

I learned as the circumstances of her death that Dr. Phillips, of Bromley, a village adjacent to Shortlands, where she lived, had been in the night, and had been for some time, although her name had not been so bad as to occasion her friends serious alarm, but there is reason to believe she herself suspected an affection of the heart. About a quarter to ten on Wednesday afternoon last she was taken suddenly ill in her bed-room and fell down to die in a few minutes. The vicar, in a brief address, seems to have well summed up Mrs. Craik's mental characteristics when he said that "To exquisite charm of style, ingenuity of plot and original power of humor and pathos she added a keen insight into the workings of the human heart and a quick conception of the high ideas of life and destiny."

A Row With Anarchists.

Paris, Oct. 17.—2:15 a. m.—[New York Herald Cable.—Special to the BEE.]—A lively little scuffle occurred in Belleville quarter as an anarchist meeting that had been harangued by Louise Michel was going home two sergeants de ville were slightly wounded by a kick in the stomach. Three arrests were made and Louise Michel ran off unperceived. Two or three faint cries of "Vive Boulanger!" were heard and the only significance of this boggare is its evidence of Boulanger's waning popularity.

McDonald to Dewand the Mormons.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Oct. 15.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—Ex-Senator J. E. McDonald, of Indiana, arrives here to-night one day behind Judge James O. Brodhead, of Missouri. These distinguished lawyers have been retained by the Mormon church to defend the suits instituted by the government for the dissolution of the Church and Immigration association, and the winding up of the affairs of those corporations. The first hearing in court will occur Monday, when a receiver for the church property is to be appointed. It is evident that the Mormons are going to make a legal fight.

WARRING K. OF L. FACTIONS.

Powderly Denies That He Ever Prepared His Resignation.

THE BRIEF HARMONY BROKEN.

Changing the Membership of the Executive Board From Five to Seven the Cause of All the Trouble.

A Red-Hot Row.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 16.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—A publication appeared yesterday of a well-defined rumor that Master Workman Powderly, feeling disgusted and discouraged over the discord among the members of the executive board, had written his resignation. Mr. Powderly denies that he prepared any such document.

However, his denial does not change the facts of the returns. He simply says that he did not tell anybody that he wrote it. It is believed among the best informed delegates that Mr. Powderly, while he might not have written his resignation, was terribly worked up over the state which things had assumed. The row which followed a period of unexpected harmony, really opened Friday evening.

It was started by the introduction by the law committee of an apparently harmless resolution, providing that hereafter the executive board shall consist of five members, including the master workman, who wants the appointing power. The present membership of the board is seven. There are two factions on the board.

Barry and Bailey, the minority, are in opposition to the administration of the order as run by Mr. Powderly. This element of trouble dates back from the Chicago stock yards strike. It might be called a radical minority and a conservative majority. It is now reported that Mr. Powderly has decided to push the fight against the minority and have, if possible, a harmonious executive board.

This resolution was not enough for the anti-Powderly faction. Mr. Barry and some others of his kind undertook to organize a rebellion as one which plainly had for its object the removal of Barry and Bailey from office. They had a meeting, and a cowardly conspiracy on the part of Powderly and his immediate followers to get rid of men whom they personally disliked.

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THE PRESIDENTIAL PARTY.

They Pass a Quiet Day of Rest at Nashville.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 16.—The president and Mrs. Cleveland passed a very quiet day, going out in the morning for a stroll over the great deer park and the famous Belle Meade breeding farm.

After lunch President and Mrs. Cleveland, escorted by General Jackson, drove into Nashville to pay their respects to Mrs. Polk. The affair was made as informal as possible. It was designed merely as an interchange of courtesies between the lady of the white house of forty years ago and the lady of to-day.

The Polk mansion was surrounded by a great throng of people. The visitors were received at the Church street entrance by the lady of the house, and then to the president and Mrs. Cleveland taking that of Mr. George W. Fall, Governor Taylor made the presentation of the president to Mrs. Polk. The latter extended her hand and said: "Mr. President, I am indeed delighted to meet you."

"And I to meet you, Mrs. Polk," replied the president. "I have looked forward to this visit with most pleasant anticipations. Mrs. Polk was presented, and the two ladies conversed cordially for a few minutes. The president then extended her hand to the president and Mrs. Cleveland, after which the conversation became general, the president saying that she had been constantly during the brief residence of her stay to Mrs. Polk.

Their conversation turned principally upon the lady who had been the covering of short, and had resigned from the Northern Pacific board. The Dewey interview, which turned out to be exaggerated, was also made a handle to depress the market just when it showed an improving tendency.

Under the prospective settlement with Reading first series, and the payment of some past due coupons by the Jersey Central receivers, and the favorable traffic statement by the company, there were some sharp rallies on the covering of shorts, but these were, in most instances, quickly followed by renewed depression. At the lowest point a majority of the leading shares showed declines ranging from 2 to 6 1/2 points.

Union Pacific suffered the most and was followed by Duluth, Louisville & Nashville, San Francisco and New England, the Grangers, the Vanderbilts, the Northern Pacific group and the Goulds stocks. Then business was more active and the daily transactions got up to \$30,000,000, Reading again figuring for a very large percentage of the total sales. The movements in railroad stocks were not very marked, but in fact the only approach to activity was in a few issues, notably Erie seconds, Northern Pacific seconds and Texas Pacific. Government bonds were positively scores.

On the other hand, 4 1/2 remained almost stationary and if the government were to start in to buy again it would not doubt be the most likely to be bought. A discussion arose between the gentleman from Virginia and the gentleman from Kentucky, which was not restricted to parliamentary language and terminated by Mr. Burbank slapping Mr. Delaney's face. A stirring scene followed. Mr. Delaney forthwith challenged Mr. Burbank. Seconds were at once named, dueling pistols obtained, and the party stood facing each other in the early morning light.

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A Feverish Six Days.

NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—[Special Telegram to the BEE.]—The week has been a very feverish and unsettled one in the stock market, and, taken together, the advantage has been with the bears, who exhibited great boldness and frequently sold the list with a freedom that looked like recklessness. They made the utmost possible use of the material that came to their hands in the shape of either fact or mere rumor. The railroad situation at the west favored them, as did also for a time the reports, which proved to be unfounded, namely, that Gould was sick and Villard had resigned from the Northern Pacific board.

The Dewey interview, which turned out to be exaggerated, was also made a handle to depress the market just when it showed an improving tendency. Under the prospective settlement with Reading first series, and the payment of some past due coupons by the Jersey Central receivers, and the favorable traffic statement by the company, there were some sharp rallies on the covering of shorts, but these were, in most instances, quickly followed by renewed depression. At the lowest point a majority of the leading shares showed declines ranging from 2 to 6 1/2 points.

Union Pacific suffered the most and was followed by Duluth, Louisville & Nashville, San Francisco and New England, the Grangers, the Vanderbilts, the Northern Pacific group and the Goulds stocks. Then business was more active and the daily transactions got up to \$30,000,000, Reading again figuring for a very large percentage of the total sales. The movements in railroad stocks were not very marked, but in fact the only approach to activity was in a few issues, notably Erie seconds, Northern Pacific seconds and Texas Pacific. Government bonds were positively scores.

On the other hand, 4 1/2 remained almost stationary and if the government were to start in to buy again it would not doubt be the most likely to be bought. A discussion arose between the gentleman from Virginia and the gentleman from Kentucky, which was not restricted to parliamentary language and terminated by Mr. Burbank slapping Mr. Delaney's face. A stirring scene followed. Mr. Delaney forthwith challenged Mr. Burbank. Seconds were at once named, dueling pistols obtained, and the party stood facing each other in the early morning light.

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