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## KILLED THE CASHIER

Fierce and Deadly Struggle in a San Francisco Bank.

## DEMANDS OF A DESPERADO REFUSED

He Wanted Money and Threatened to Blow Up the Bank if Refused.

## OPENED FIRE UPON THE OFFICIALS

Cashier William A. Herrick Killed in the Fight Which Followed.

## HIS MURDERER ALSO BADLY WOUNDED

Escaping from the Building He Takes to Flight, Pursued by an Excited Mob of Citizens—Captured After a Short Chase.

## SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—(Special Telegram to the Bee.)—A serious crime committed in San Francisco since Stock Gambler Ripley shot down millionaire John Mackay has created so much excitement at the cruel murder today of Bank Cashier William Herrick of the uptown branch of the San Francisco Savings Union.

The man who killed Herrick gave his name as Bonnevent, but elaborate tattooing on his arms and breast led to his identification as William Fredericks, a notorious ex-con-convict, for whom a large reward was being offered for nearly a year for shooting Brakeman Bruce of the Southern Pacific last June, and also for killing Sheriff Pascoe of Nevada county while pursuing him. Fredericks is also accused of being an associate of Chris Evans, the train robber, and it is known that he furnished the arms with which George Sontag made his desperate break from Folsom prison last spring.

Fredericks had evidently carefully planned his attack on the bank, selecting an hour when he knew that only the cashier and bookkeeper were present. He counted on getting about \$10,000 which was in the trays, but he did not reckon on the determined resistance made by the cashier, who had a pistol in his drawer, nor on the presence of mind of Bookkeeper Melvin, who pursued him.

## INTENDED TO KILL BOTH.

Fredericks, who is an expert pistol shot, it is believed had planned to kill both men and then escape with the booty. When he presented the letter to the cashier and pulled his revolver and pointed it at both. At the same moment he pulled the trigger. The gun snapped, which gave Herrick time to get his pistol. Fredericks had an extra cap and an extra overcoat, so that the police assume that his plan was to change his identity after the cap, and then other coat, and then escape. If it was his intent near getting away, as no police were in the vicinity and the fugitive intimidated passersby with his pistol.

Fredericks talked freely this afternoon and was perfectly calm and collected. He was asked if he had any friends, and he replied with a fuse, so that it looked exactly like a small dynamite bomb. This he slipped down on the counter in front of Herrick, with a letter written in red ink demanding money. He intended doing this purely as a bluff, and intended to run if he was trouble, but before he could turn Herrick grabbed his pistol and fired straight at him. In the eye and then he became rattled and opened fire on Herrick at the first shot.

## AVENGERS WERE AT HAND.

Cashier Herrick was very popular and the indignation aroused by his murder led to the gathering of so large a crowd about the city hall and such strong threats of lynching that the prisoner will probably be removed to the state jail at San Quentin. Herrick was 35 years of age and resided in Oakland.

Fredericks is a good looking German of more than ordinary intellect. He writes German correctly, but his English is defective. He has had a good education and has read the German books less than sixteen pages, tattooed in India ink on his breast, and it is to his romantic fondness for these sailor decorations that he owes his identification. When first caught it was thought he was some freshly armed anarchist, as his papers contained many anarchist words, and he had threatened the cashier to blow up the bank with nitro-glycerine. As soon as he was identified it was seen at once that he had simply been dabbling in this dynamic literature as a cloak to his real plans, as he had no papers or money in his possession. He has shown repeatedly that he is a desperate man who would commit murder without compunction and his latest crime furnishes ample proof of this.

## KILLED IN COLD BLOOD.

**Refusal to Honor a Demand for Money Costs a Bank Cashier His Life.**

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—A man went into the branch of the San Francisco Savings Union, which is situated at the corner of Market and Polk streets, about 9:30 o'clock this morning. He presented a written demand for money to Cashier William A. Herrick. The demand was refused, whereupon the desperado murdered the cashier and fled, but was captured a few blocks away. The note presented to the murderer cashed read as follows:

"I am compelled to employ my last resource to sustain my miserable existence. Should you not comply with my demand I am compelled to employ my last resource—*Stampede to the New Diggings.*"

**SALT LAKE, March 23.—(Special Telegram to the Bee.)—Great excitement has been created by the discovery of an immense body of gold ore about forty miles south of the city in the Tintic mining district. The ore bodies seem to be almost limitless, and the ore runs about \$20 per ton. It can be treated by the cyanide process at a cost of \$4 per ton. The town nearest the strike are almost depopulated and the whole country is desolate.**

**The discoveries were made a few days ago within fifty yards of the Salt Lake & Western railroad and two miles from the town of Ouray. The vein is a hard rock in stratified veins. The belt, which has been treated for two miles, is thirty feet in thickness.**

## Isham's Irrigations.

**SALT LAKE, U. T., March 23.—A special telegram to the Bee.—The Tribune says: "The state committee on irrigation held a session today at which Hon. W. J. Mills of Pocatello favored the plan of redemption of arid lands by the agency of the general government. He said that the lands in the Snake river valley, if redeemed, would furnish homes for 26,000 people, at a cost to the general government of about \$100,000, an amount which is less than that expended for coast defenses against foreign foes in a single year."**

## Made an Assignment.

**PROVO, U. T., March 23.—The Provost Lumber Manufacturing and Building company, one of the oldest firms in the city, made an assignment today. The firm was unable to borrow money to meet pressing demands. The assets exceed the liabilities.**

## STILL A MATTER OF DOUBT

**President Cleveland's Position on the Seigniorage Bill.**

## BOTH SIDES GET LITTLE SATISFACTION

**Friends and Foes of the Measure Besiege Him with Earnest Pleas and Arguments—Silver Men Still Have Hope of Success.**

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