

SEE STATEHOOD END

Senators Grow Tired of Virtual Deadlock to Chamber's Business.

SUBSTITUTE BILL PROPOSED AS WAY OUT

Some Members Wish to Consolidate Territories into Two States.

DANGER OF SPLIT MAY KILL SUGGESTION

Republicans Seek Assurance of Unanimous Party Vote Before Acting.

QUAY PREPARED TO PUSH AMENDMENTS

Pennsylvanian is Ready to Insist on Tackling Omnibus Bill on Appropriations if Necessary to Settle Difficulty.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—All indications point to the conclusion of the statehood debate during the present week, but no one can tell at this time just when or how the change will come.

If the plans of the republican leaders who oppose the bill are put into effect, the committee on territories will bring in a substitute bill early in the week providing for consolidation and the admission of two states. This will probably not be done, however, unless assurance can be secured that the full republican vote will be cast for the consolidation.

If this plan does not take shape Senator Quay is likely to press his statehood amendment on the agricultural bill and a test of strength will ensue. The vote on this amendment will be close, if taken, and while the omnibus bill advocates feel that they have a majority they realize that it will not be so large as it would be on a direct vote on the statehood bill alone and by itself.

There is some talk now of admitting only Oklahoma, but if this should be undertaken it will be only as a last resort and will be postponed until toward the end of the session. All senators are becoming restless under the present conditions, which, it is believed, cannot continue much longer.

Tomorrow, in accordance with notice given by Senator Allison, the bill making appropriations for the District of Columbia will be taken up. Some clauses will arouse debate, but advantage will be taken of the opportunity to further the efforts to compromise the differences on the statehood bill.

An effort also will be made to secure consideration of the Cuban reciprocity treaty, and a portion of the time next Saturday will be devoted to eulogies on deceased members of the house.

MEETS AGAIN ON SABBATH

House Hears More Sunday Eulogies and Receives Report of Commerce Bill Conference.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The house of representatives today held a memorial session to pay tribute to the memory of the late Senator William J. Sewall and the late Representative Joshua S. Salmon of New Jersey. Mr. Parker of New Jersey presided.

The eulogists of the two departed statesmen were Messrs. Gardner (N. J.), Hull (La.), Syell (Ind.), Stewart (N. J.), Fowler (N. J.), Parker (N. J.), Foster (Vt.), Graf (N. J.), Williams (W. Va.), (Ill.), Randall (Tex.), Lloyd (Me.) and Ball (Tex.).

Chairman Hepburn of the committee on interstate and foreign commerce laid before the house the report of the conference on the department of commerce and labor and it was ordered to be printed. At 2:40 p. m. the house adjourned.

GEORGIA RIVER PLAYS TRICK

Rises Rapidly, Damaging Bridge and Rendering Many Mills Idle.

COLUMBUS, Ga., Feb. 8.—The Chattahoochee river is on a rise and a flood is feared. The water is rising six feet above the normal and still rising.

A bridge which was in process of construction has been seriously damaged and all the mills on the river front will be idle several days. Within six hours the river rose five and a half feet. It is expected to property all along the river is considerable.

MACON, Ga., Feb. 8.—The Ocmulgee river at this point is twenty-one feet above low water mark. All trains on the Southern through Macon have been stopped. The tracks above and below Macon being under water.

People living on the river bottom lands here have been compelled to flee.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 8.—The river is still rising here tonight and it is expected the forty-foot stage will be reached by Monday night.

Tow boats worked all day and are engaged tonight trying to remove corn from along the stream. There are thousands of bushels of corn along the river in crisis and it is feared a great deal of it will be lost.

ERIC CANAL MAY BE CEDED

New York's Attorney General Decides State Constitution is No Bar to Transfer.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 8.—The attorney general has decided that it is practical to cede a small portion of the Erie canal to the United States government for ship building purposes, despite the state constitution. The opinion is given in a letter to Major Thomas W. Symonds, head of the United States engineering corps for the Buffalo district.

The question arose in connection with the proposal to build a deep canal from the headwaters of Niagara river to the navigable parts further down stream. The latter clears away many obstacles that appeared to be insurmountable and assures the saving of both money and time.

DRUNKEN MAN KILLS WOMAN

Kentucky Lass Shot Down by Drunken Man, Who Claims It Was Accident.

MOOREHEAD, Ky., Feb. 8.—Mollie Stogel, a young white woman, was shot and killed here today by Ben Martin. It is said Martin was drinking. He claims the shooting was accidental.

FINNS WOEFULLY STUBBORN

Will Not Join Russian Army and Refuse to Surrender to Social Violation.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 8.—The Finns have invested General Bobrikoff, the commander of Finland with unlimited power for completing a Finnish battalion. The public interpret this step as giving General Bobrikoff authority to accept persons who fall below the medical and physical requirements.

The fact that the 280 men required for this battalion were not secured from 11,500 obedient recruits apparently confirms previous assertions that only those Finns who are nearly certain of rejection or have legal exemption from service offered themselves.

The stubborn resistance of the Finns is further illustrated by the government's inability to find postal officials willing to sanction the opening of letters.

The order to open suspicious mail and confiscate contraband water was prepared last summer. The honored old postmaster general resigned rather than sign the order. After a long interval a complainant applicant was found, whereupon the postmaster's secretary, whose counter-signature was requisite, resigned his post and his successor has not yet been found.

WILL PROBE CASH PROBLEMS

Mexican Commission Called to Deal with Evil of Silver Currency.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 8.—Great interest is taken here in the action of the American government on behalf of silver and President Roosevelt's willingness to aid in the solution of a problem of such vital importance to the country. The attitude of the American government is considered most friendly.

The monetary commission to study the silver question is a local measure which attracts favorable attention here.

The government has won praise by its judicious action, for now it is seen it proposes to act only on advice from representative men.

One of the questions of greatest present interest, and one which the commission will investigate, is the present quantity of silver money in the country. Notwithstanding the existence of many banks, it is pointed out by the finance minister that it is still the custom in many parts among merchants and wealthy private persons to keep large amounts of coined silver in private safes. An effort will be made to ascertain scientifically the amount of currency, both metallic and paper, which the country requires for its business.

FRENCH ARABS GO TO JAIL

Jury Takes More Than Day to Find Verdict in Case Against 106.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—The trial of 106 Arabs at Montpellier for revolting against the French residents at Marguerite, Algeria, after lasting fifty days, ended this morning.

The juryman had been locked up for twenty-seven hours considering their verdict, and when they appeared in court everybody was in a somnolent condition, most of the Arabs being fast asleep, huddled together for warmth. A verdict of guilty was rendered in the case of twenty-eight of the prisoners, the remaining eighty being acquitted.

The four ringleaders were sentenced to imprisonment for life and the others found guilty were sentenced to lesser terms.

DREYFUS PAPERS STILL SAFE

Clemenceau Denies Ever Seeing Alleged Document and Feels Will Not Talk.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—The Temps publishes an interview with M. Clemenceau regarding the statement that he has read the document to be used in the revival of the Dreyfus affair.

M. Clemenceau says he does not remember ever having met Colonel Faurie, who is said to have charge of the papers, and has never seen the document referred to. All the published facts involving him are incorrect.

The Presse has endeavored to interview Colonel Faurie, but he replied that by order of the minister of war he could not make any communication on the matter.

SHIP BRINGS MUTINOUS CREW

Anna Mulford's Men Taken Aboard British Steamer Pass Brow Head.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The British steamer Westhall passed Brow Head today and signaled that the crew of the American schooner Anna L. Mulford was aboard.

On February 4 Mount Royal reported having sighted Anna L. Mulford on January 16, leaking badly, when the captain reported that his crew had mutinied and attacked him.

FREIGHT EMBARGO LIFTED

Baltimore & Ohio Clears Off Congested Traffic and Accepts All Consignments Offered.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 8.—Officials of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad stated tonight that the freight embargo, which had existed for several weeks, had been lifted and that there was no congestion of freight at any point on the line. Freight was now being accepted from all connections.

PRINCESS ENTERS HOSPITAL

Refusal of Saxon Court to Let Her See Child Makes Royal Elopement.

GENEVA, Feb. 8.—The former crown princess of Saxony today entered the sanitarium of Timaterie at Nyon.

It is reported that the refusal of the Saxon court to let her visit her sick child has completely unnerved her.

China Gives Belgium Concession.

ANTWERP, Feb. 8.—The Metropole announced that Belgium has obtained a concession on the Pei Ho river north of Tien Tsin.

PROTOCOLS ARE UNDER WAY

Allied Ministers Spend Day Preparing Papers in Venezuelan Trouble.

ENGLISH DOCUMENT SATISFIES BOWEN

Castro's Envoy Asks Only Slight Changes in Instrument Presented by Sir Michael Herbert for His Inspection.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Representatives of the allies are busily engaged preparing the protocols referring to The Hague. The question of preferential treatment in the settlement of their claims against Venezuela.

There are in constant communication with their governments on this subject, and are anxious to cover every detail which should be in a instrument of the character.

Wishes to Sign All in Day. Mr. Bowen is anxious that the protocols should be identical so far as practicable and is also directing his efforts to get them signed on the same day.

According to instructions from his home government, Sir Michael Herbert has prepared the draft of a protocol, which he submitted to Mr. Bowen today. It was the first of the three which had been prepared by the allied ministers and was most satisfactory to Venezuela's representative, he making only one or two places where he felt called on to suggest any changes. He was convinced that the ambassador had made every effort to bring the vexatious matter to a close and to arrange a protocol which would be mutually satisfactory.

The Italian ambassador, Signor Mayor Des Planches, was at Mr. Bowen's apartments on two occasions today with reference to the terms of the protocol, and Baron Spee von Sternberg worked diligently on the German protocol. He saw Mr. Bowen regarding some feature of the instrument.

Mr. Bowen continues optimistic of an early settlement and the early raising of the blockade. He is confident no perplexing complications will now intervene, and it will not be long until the whole question is settled in its primary stages, the raising of the blockade, the arbitration of the question of preferential treatment and the arrangements for the settlement of the claims themselves, including those of both the allied and of the unallied powers.

Terms of Protocol Announced. The British protocol provides for the reference of the contention of the allies for preferential treatment to The Hague for settlement, for the payment by Venezuela to Great Britain of £2,500 cash and for the immediate raising of the blockade. The adjudication of the claims and the collection of the 30 per cent out of which they are to be paid has been left for the second protocol.

Italy wishes to have inserted in its protocol an article providing for a change in the treaty of amity with Venezuela so as to include the "favored nation" clause such as other powers possess.

Mr. Bowen has expressed the opinion that he is willing to use his influence to secure this, he can do nothing more in the protocol than recommend it, as the matter is entirely irrelevant to the present controversy. There are also other provisions in the Italian protocol which do not meet the approval of Mr. Bowen, and the Italian ambassador has called to Rome for permission to withdraw them.

Regarding the German protocol little is known except that it is along the general lines of the British protocol. Several changes have been made in it since yesterday and other changes are likely. It is understood that the German protocol will be somewhat shorter and more precise than the British and probably will not contain more than eight articles. It will provide for an initial payment of the same amount as those made to Italy and Great Britain. But Italy will agree to receive the cash thirty days after the signing of the protocols.

The fact developed today that some of the unallied powers are constantly offering sharing the expense which Venezuela will be put to in carrying its case to The Hague, since a decision will affect their claims.

WAR MAY STAY CANAL TRAFFY

Colombians Reported Ready to Revolt Again in Opposition to America's Big Ditch.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Feb. 8.—Para, which arrived here today from Colon, brought the news of the suicide on January 30 of General Uribe-Uribe, who lead the late revolution.

The reports brought by Para indicate the possibility of another revolution in opposition to the Panama canal treaty.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The report that General Uribe-Uribe had committed suicide caused considerable surprise here. After his surrender to the Colombian forces he performed valuable services for the government, inducing various guerrilla chiefs to desist in the opposition to the government and surrender. Subsequently he went to Bogota and was cordially received. He was less than 40 years old and was a brilliant fighter.

Colombian officials here are surprised and grieved at reports of a threatened revolution in Colombia. Dr. Herron, charge d'affaires of Colombia in Washington, says he can conceive of no reason why there should be a revolutionary movement. He could not realize how it could be on account of the Panama canal negotiations, as the treaty providing for the construction of that waterway had not been ratified by the American senate, much less by the Colombian congress, which had not even been elected.

Lord Milner to Stay.

BLOEMFONTEIN, Feb. 8.—Mr. Chamberlain, speaking at a banquet here today, expressed the belief that the high commissioner, Lord Milner, would stay in South Africa long enough to see the fruition of his policy. This remark is held to dispose of the rumors that Lord Milner was about to resign.

Bu Hamara Still for Sale.

MADRID, Feb. 8.—A dispatch from Tangier to the Imparcial confirms the news that the pretender, Bu Hamara, is a prisoner of the Riata branch of the Kabyle tribe, which is ready to deliver him to the sultan for a ransom.

Macedonian Proposal Ready.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 8.—The Austrian and Russian embassies will present to the porte this week the plan for the proposed reforms in Macedonia.

Austria Prepares for Trouble.

VIENNA, Feb. 8.—It is persistently asserted that Austria is preparing a partial mobilization of its military forces in view of possible events in the Balkans.

KENTUCKY HOUSES SHAKEN UP

Tables Are Overturned When Earth Grows Uneasy in Owensboro.

OWENSBORO, Ky., Feb. 8.—A distinct earthquake shock was felt here at 6:25 tonight. Houses were shaken and tables in the second stories of many homes were turned over.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 8.—A slight earthquake shock was felt here at about 6:45 tonight. The vibrations caused windows to rattle, but no damage was done.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 8.—Two distinct earthquake shocks were felt in St. Louis and vicinity between 6:20 and 6:25 tonight. The first lasted almost twenty seconds and while it was not so distinctly felt immediately in St. Louis, in Alton, Belleville, Edwardsville and other nearby towns in Illinois it was sufficiently forceful to rattle dishes and swing doors. The second shock followed within two minutes and was slight and of short duration. Both shocks were from southeast to southwest.

CLOVERPORT, Ky., Feb. 8.—An earthquake shock was felt this evening. Preceding the shock a roaring noise was heard. Many persons ran into the street. At the West Side hotel doors were shaken down.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—Slight earthquakes were felt on Saturday at midnight at Brest, St. Brioux and on the Island of Molens.

PADUCAH, Ky., Feb. 8.—A slight earthquake shock occurred here about 6:45 tonight. No damage was done and the duration of the vibrations was brief.

CLOVERPORT, Ky., Feb. 8.—An earthquake shock vibrated a number of Cloverport's citizens about 6:30 tonight. No damage was done and many people of the town did not know the shock had occurred.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Feb. 8.—Earthquake shocks were reported throughout southern Indiana, as well as here, about 6:30 tonight. At Baptistism some of the colored population fell to their knees in prayer during their fright.

GREENCASTLE, Ind., Feb. 8.—Earthquake shocks caused some excitement here about 6:30 tonight, but no damage was done.

MUST ELECT NEW GENERAL

Franciscans Called to Rome, Where Provincials Will Appoint Head of Order.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 8.—The Franciscan fathers have received a call from Rome announcing that a universal chapter of the Franciscan order will be held in that city on Pentecost Sunday to elect a superior general to succeed the late Father Aloysius Lauer.

In this country the Franciscans have five provinces and the following provincials are attending the general chapter and participating in the election: Perry R. Louis Haverbeck, Cincinnati province; Hugulius Torr, St. Louis province; A. Butell, New Jersey province; Edward Blecke, New Jersey province; Stanislaus Jeka, Polish province.

It is probable that the new superior general will be Rev. Peter Papjat Engert, former professor at the Cincinnati Franciscan college, and for six years provincial of the Cincinnati province. Father Engert has been the representative in Rome of all the American Franciscans since the reorganization of the friars minor by the pope about four years ago.

CRUSHER SKULL FOR LUCRE

Murderer Slays Wealthy Man, Takes Watch and Pin, but Misses Cash.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Louis Mandel, a dealer in oil, was murdered today in his office in East Twenty-third street, his skull being crushed by blows struck with a heavy iron bar. He was found in an unconscious condition and died in the hospital.

Robbery was evidently the motive of the crime, as the desk at which Mandel was sitting when he was attacked was rifled and his gold watch and chain and diamond pin were taken. The murderer overlooked, however, a large sum which Mandel had in his pocket. The fact remains, however, that every war office in Europe knows far more about our equipment than we do, and that the American people at large do. Why, then, is it necessary to keep the farthest secrets of our military and naval armaments from the enemy? Especially why need we protect to people who do not in the least believe us that we are building navies and assembling armies merely in a spirit of innocent simularity?

The war which Secretary Root predicted must come may be deferred for a year or two, but it is inevitable. It is inevitable because the administration is taking the very best peaceable course to delay it, for so long as the manufacture of warlike material and the construction of battleships, cruisers and torpedo boats is conducted with so much secrecy, the enemy will be constantly stirring up strife in Central and South America for the purpose of testing the sincerity of the American contention that no European power shall be permitted to obtain additional foothold upon the American continent.

TELLS OF WORK AMONG INDIANS

Bishop Here Claims Dakota Missions Have Proved Most Successful.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—Bishop Hare, episcopal bishop of the Dakotas, preached this afternoon at the Church of the Incarnation on the work among the Indians under his jurisdiction.

Bishop Hare traced the history of the mission among the Indians from the time the missionary work had been successful, and at the present time there were eighty-eight congregations, with both native and white priests.

TEXAS DOCTOR IS MURDERED

Marries Wealthy Indian Woman, Only to Yield Life to Robbers.

ARDMORE, I. T., Feb. 8.—Dr. T. J. Fisher, a prominent physician at Reagan, has been murdered, presumably by robbers. Dr. Fisher, who was 45 years old, formerly resided at Stephenville, Tex. By marrying a wealthy Indian woman he became possessed of valuable land near Reagan.

A patient called at Fisher's house and found him dead, shot through the head. The other members of the family were absent from home.

CLEVELAND GOES FISHING

Leaves Florida Resort for Home of Finny Dentists, Whose Cap-ture He Enjoys.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Feb. 8.—Grover Cleveland, accompanied by Dr. Joseph D. Bryant of New York, arrived here on the New York limited this evening and took dinner at the Venice de Leon.

They spent the evening with General Scofield and other friends and left later for Stewart, on the St. Lucie river, where they will spend two weeks fishing.

General Strike Called in Spain.

BARCELONA, Feb. 8.—The workmen's associations here have decided to commence a general strike tomorrow.

UPHOLD MONROE DOCTRINE

Determination of Administration on This Point Most Conclusive

AMPLE PREPARATION FOR ARMED SUPPORT

Activity at Arsenal and Navy Yards Indicates the Serious Intentions of the President and His Cabinet.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—(Special.)—In spite of the fact that Venezuela will soon be free to resume its commercial relations with the rest of the world and that it has virtually concluded arrangements for the settlement of its indebtedness, the real question at issue between the United States and the European nations has not been settled by any means. That question is the meaning of the Monroe doctrine and the extent to which this country will go in upholding its interpretation of that declaration.

There is a peaceful air today among officials of the War and Navy departments, but notwithstanding this atmosphere, the Springfield armory has received orders to keep on Saturday night drill plants at work eight and day. The excuse given for this extraordinary activity is that the War department is desirous of securing an adequate number of the new Kraig-Jorgenson rifles to equip the National Guard of each state with this modern species of small arms.

"We have enough Kraig-Jorgenson rifles on hand to supply the militia of the various states," said General Crozier, chief of the bureau of ordnance, "but we do not want to break into our reserve supply, and consequently it was thought best to hurry forward the manufacture of enough new rifles for the equipment of the militia under the new law."

It is understood that there are on hand something like 125,000 modern, breech loading, magazine rifles of the pattern in use in the army and navy in the storehouses of the government at this moment. The reserve supply referred to by General Crozier could very readily be made up again after having been depleted by the ordinary methods, but in addition to orders for extra shifts of men at the Springfield armory, preparations are being made for the establishment of a new plant for the manufacture of rifles at Rock Island, Ill., and agents of the War department are known to be quietly at work investigating the facilities of a number of private concerns who may be called upon in case of need to still further add to the number produced.

Hurry Orders for Vessels. The little trouble in Honduras which was reported in the press dispatches early in the week offers a very plausible excuse for the hurry orders which were sent out by the Navy department to Mare Island, Boston, Philadelphia and other points where United States war vessels are under construction or repair. It is known that at the last cabinet meeting a great deal of time was devoted to the discussion of the necessity of preparing to uphold the Monroe doctrine at any cost, and the secretary of war and the secretary of the navy were advised that it would be as well for them to leave no stone unturned toward securing adequate preparations. On Monday came the news that the United States had been active in the last two months and at least one of the banks robbed was a member of the Nebraska association, but it will be impossible for the association to offer a regular reward for the arrest and conviction of the criminals, as the matter is in the hands of the executive council, and it is said by members of the association that the council cannot offer a reward for the apprehension of criminals who have operated before the general scheme of robbery has been adopted.

The Missouri association began offering standing rewards for the arrest and conviction of burglars and bank robbers, that form of crime has decreased in the state more than one-half and it is expected that the same effect will be secured in Nebraska after May.

GOOD NEWS FROM ST. LOUIS

Private Advice to Trainers Confirm Press Dispatches of New Concessions.

The Union Pacific and Burlington representatives of the Order of Railway Conductors and Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen in Omaha have received private advice from their associate officers at St. Louis confirming the Associated Press reports published in yesterday morning's paper to the effect that the Missouri Pacific and the Frisco had finally granted the same increase as was conceded by the Katy road and that in all probability the Corn Belt and Wabash would follow the same course early in the week.

The delegates here are still abiding their time, therefore, pending the settlement of affairs at St. Louis, as they have voted to take no further action until the Missouri case is over. Some of the representatives have left the city for a day or so.

WILL BUILD A NEW CHURCH

St. Patrick's Parish Will Soon Put in Thirty Thousand Dollar Edifice.

St. Patrick's congregation, of which Rev. P. J. Smith is pastor, contemplates building a new church in St. Paul.

The congregation has long since grown too large for the small wooden structure on South Fourteenth and Castell streets. The new church will be of brick, with stone trimmings, and will cost in the neighborhood of \$30,000.

POLICEMAN SLAYS COMRADE

Tennessee Officers Quarrel and One Shoots Other Dead in Tracks.

BRISTOL, Tenn., Feb. 8.—Policeman Carl Walk shot and instantly killed Policeman Childress here today.

The shooting, resulted from a quarrel. Walk escaped.

Movements of Ocean Vessels Feb. 8.

At the Lizard—Passed—Kronland, from New York, for Southampton and Antwerp; Minneapolis, from New York, for London.

At Naples—Arrived—New England, from Boston; St. Michael, from Genoa; and Genoa, Sailed—Vancouver, from Genoa, for Boston.

At Liverpool—Arrived—Etruria, from New York; Laurentina, from New York, via Halifax, N. S., for Glasgow.

At St. Michael's—Arrived—Cambroman, from Boston; Naples and Genoa, from Genoa; and Genoa, Sailed—Vancouver, from Genoa, for Boston.

At Queenstown—Sailed—Lucania, from Liverpool, for New York.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER

Forecast for Nebraska—Fair Monday; Rain or Snow at Night or Tuesday in South Portion; Fair in North.

Table with 4 columns: Hour, Deg., Hour, Deg. showing temperature forecasts for Omaha.

KILLS HUSBAND, BURNS BODY

Monticello Woman Murders Drunken Spouse and Grinds Bones to Powder for Her Food.

MONTICELLO, N. Y., Feb. 8.—Mrs. Lafayette Taylor of Centerville, Sullivan county, today confessed to having killed her husband, Lafayette Taylor, and burned the body on January 25 to escape detection.

Taylor disappeared on the night of January 25 and was supposed to have deserted his family. On February 6 Mrs. Taylor attempted to sell a horse to a Centerville man, who would not buy for fear Taylor might come back and claim it. Mrs. Taylor told him to rest easy on the point, for she had killed him and burned his body.

The 14-year-old daughter of the Taylors was asked about the story her mother had told about having killed her father. She said the story was true. Mrs. Taylor was arrested and today made a full confession.

Her story is that her husband, who was a hard drinker, came home on the night of January 25 drunk and began to abuse her. She secured a revolver and tried to frighten him. He attempted to take it from her and in the struggle it went off, the bullet striking him over the eye and killing him instantly. She was so frightened for fear of being arrested for murder that she decided to cut up the body and burn it.

Her 14-year-old daughter witnessed the shooting and helped her to cut up the body in small pieces with an ax and burn it in the kitchen stove, with all his clothing. The burned bones were ground fine and fed to the hen. The blood spots were covered with paint.

The Taylors lived on a farm a mile from the main road and the chances of discovery were few. Mrs. Taylor is about 40 years old. She says she confessed because the crime haunted her. She was taken to the Monticello jail. The daughter has not been arrested.