

COCKLE BLOVES

FAMILY FEUD MAY BE FATAL

James M. Knapp Shoots His Son and Follows Up by Shooting Wife.

STARTS OUT TO EXTERMINATE FAMILY

Husband and Wife Had Separated and Knapp Was Angry Because the Son Sided with His Mother.

Armed with a double-barreled shotgun and starting out with the avowed intention of killing every member of his family, James M. Knapp, aged 60, yesterday evening shot his wife and son, John M. Knapp, aged 22 years. Both were hurt in the back. The son was removed to the General hospital, where it was stated his chances for recovery depended on whether any of the shot had penetrated the abdominal cavity, while the woman, who was not seriously injured, was treated at her home on Avenue G, Kate, the 11-year-old daughter of J. H. Sherlock, 2810 Avenue D, was struck in the back by one of the stray shot when Knapp fired at his son, but not seriously hurt.

Knapp and his wife had been separated for over three years and the shooting last evening was the culmination of several years of domestic infelicity. Knapp and his son have frequently quarreled because the latter always took the part of his mother, and since she separated from the old man the son has made his home with her. Knapp, who made his escape after the shooting, is said to have been drinking heavily. He was last seen making his way towards the motor tracks on Avenue A and is believed to have crossed the river to Omaha, although it was suggested that possibly he might have thrown himself into the river.

The shooting occurred shortly before 6 o'clock. John M. Knapp, the son, was returning from work in East Omaha and was about to call at the home of his sister, Mrs. Louis Haight, 2835 Avenue L, when he saw his father standing in the roadway near the house. The old man, it is said, called out to the son:

"I'm going to shoot you and kill the whole d-d family."

The son did not pay much attention to the threat, as his father had made similar ones on former occasions, and he did not notice that his father was armed with a gun, and it is supposed the old man hid behind him. The son went into the Haight house, but was no sooner in than his sister, Mrs. Haight, came running in saying his father was outside with a gun and was going to shoot them all. The son, fearing his father intended to kill his mother, dashed from the house with the intention of hastening to his mother's home three blocks south, to warn her. Just as he returned the corner of the house the old man raised the gun to his shoulder and fired the charge of shot striking the son in the back and a few of the stray shot sitting 11-year-old Kate Sherlock, who was in the yard playing with the Haight children. Mrs. Haight ran out at the sound of the shot, and falling on her knees before the old man cried:

"For God's sake, spare my children."

In the meantime the son managed to reach the house.

Starts for Home of Wife.

After shooting the son the old man started towards the home of his wife, but his daughter, Mrs. Haight, reached there ahead of him and called to her mother to fly for her life. Mrs. Knapp started to run across the street towards the home of another daughter, Mrs. Malvern Henry, when the old man fired both barrels at her, the shot striking her in the back and arms, and owing to the distance inflicting nothing but flesh wounds.

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NURSE A VICTIM OF FEVER

Second Death Reported from Glenwood Asylum for the Feeble-Minded

HARVARD STUDENT'S INVITE CUMMINS

State Dairy Commission Investigating Food Supply Found on the Market and Make Startling Discoveries.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

DES MOINES, Nov. 24.—(Special.)—Reports received today by the State Board of Control from the School for Feeble Minded at Glenwood are that one of the nurses has died of typhoid fever, though there are still no new cases since November 12. There have now been two deaths, one nurse and one inmate of the school.

Swords to 'North Dakota.

It is learned that Attorney George W. Swords of Iowa City, who for some months has been in charge of the affairs of the defunct National bank at Grinnell, has about completed his work there and has been notified to go to Minn., N. D., to take charge of a national bank.

Governor to Address Harvard.

Governor Cummins has been invited by the Iowa society of Harvard university to deliver an address and attend the dinner of the society given in his honor on the occasion of his visit east next month.

Investigates Food Supply.

At the request of State Dairy Commissioner H. R. Wright the state chemist has analyzed quantities of hamburger steak, oysters and mince meat purchased in the markets of this city. The analysis was made for use before the legislative committee on the dairy industry.

Home for Ministers.

The Methodist church has made a proposition to the estate of the late Major Sherman to purchase the fine home at Fifteenth and Woodland for a home for persecuted ministers. Charles M. Sherman of Boston, a son, and P. W. Wyborg of Cincinnati, a son-in-law, are here to consider the proposition.

Two Hundred at Dinner.

Hon. Lafe Young, editor of the Daily Capital, was the guest of the Grant club this evening at the regular monthly meeting of the club. There were about 200 present and Mr. Young addressed the club on his trip about the world and to the Philippines.

TRADE WITH THE COLONIES

Bureau of Statistics Issues a Statement Regarding Recent Shipments of Merchandise.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—The commerce of the United States, with its noncontiguous territory in 1905, seems likely to exceed by many million dollars that of any preceding year, according to a statement issued by the Department of Commerce and Labor, through its bureau of statistics. The bureau's nine months' statement, ending with September, shows that the shipments from the United States to its noncontiguous territory amounted to \$28,821,714 against \$29,909,079 in the corresponding months of the preceding year and that the shipments of merchandise to the United States from its noncontiguous territory in the same period amounted to \$66,502,159 against \$71,418,488 in the corresponding months of the preceding year.

OREGON TO BE REPAIRED

Historic Vessel Will Pass from First to Second Line of Defense.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—As soon as the historic battleship Oregon, now under orders to return home from the Asiatic station, reaches American waters it will be sent to a government yard and placed under the commission for a thorough overhauling. Having served in the first line, it will, when recommissioned, be placed in the second line of defense, use being found for it in home waters. The out-of-date battleship Massachusetts, now at the New York navy yard, will be put out of commission. Its place will be taken by the Indiana, which is now undergoing extensive repairs.

WOMAN LAUDS MERIWETHER

Mrs. Goodlet of Nashville Tells Midshipman He Did Right to Fight.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 24.—The venerable Mrs. G. M. Goodlet of this city, honorary president and founder of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, has sent the following letter to her young kinsman, Minor Meriwether, the midshipman who is now undergoing a court-martial in connection with his encounter with Branch:

FIGHTS AGAINST GOING TO ASYLUM

Man Who Stabs Marshal Objects to New Quarters.

NORFOLK, Neb., Nov. 24.—(Special.)—Great difficulty was experienced by Sheriff Jones of Pierce county, and his deputy, in landing Carl Lesmer, the old German farmer who so dangerously stabbed Marshal Crippen at Plainview, in the State insane hospital here. The sheriff drove down with him before noon. Lesmer consented to start on the drive because he believed he was being taken to court for a trial. When the insane asylum door loomed before him he asked if it was the sugar factory. An instant later he realized where he was and began to fight. Several attendants had to come to the rescue and carry him bodily into the institution.

Cemetery Fence Stolen.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Nov. 24.—(Special.)—Considerable complaint is being heard here of sneak thieves, who seem to be getting in their work a great deal of late. Citizens complain of the loss of harness, grain and fuel, but the crowning feat came this week when some one halted their wagon at the cemetery west of the city and loaded in several lengths of iron fence which had been provided for the fencing of that tract. Iron posts and tools with which to set them were also taken and up to this time no trace has been discovered of the thief.

STRANGE CRUISE IS PLANNED

Dry Dock Dewey Goes to Manila Harbor, Towed by Three Colliers.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—J. D. Wood, a tug master of Norfolk, has just signed a contract with the Navy department to go out to Manila on the "D. D. Dewey" on one of the most remarkable cruises of modern times. The "D. D. Dewey" means a big steel floating dry dock, now at Solomons island in Chesapeake bay, which is destined to check the largest ships in the American naval force in the far east if this great structure can ever be successfully piloted through four seas, the 14,000 miles lying between Chesapeake and Manila harbor. It is to be towed by three colliers during the voyage. He anticipates one of the most pleasant experiences of his life. He will receive \$500 compensation per month, his vessel will be so stable in the heaviest weather it might be possible to play billiards aboard, according to some officers, and he will have plenty of good company and solid comfort. There is a permanent crew of eight; machinists engineers, sailors and electricians and firemen, and these people are to remain attached to the dock at Manila. On the voyage they will be relieved by twenty-six sailors, who will be discharged when they reach Manila.

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