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MANACLED MAN IS SHOT TO DEATH

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MOB DOES ITS WORK QUICKLY

Prisoner Was Being Taken to Little Rock for Safe Keeping.

DEPUTY SHERIFF POWERLESS

Revolvers Placed at His Head as He Left Jail with Prisoner.

PROSECUTOR WOOD IS CURIOUS

fficer Wants to Know How M[illegible]bers of Mob Knew Hour A[illegible]cused Man Was to Be Removed.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—Oscar Chitw[illegible] charged with having killed Sheriff J[illegible] Houpt, in Hot Springs, Ark., last Augus[illegible] was taken from the county jail at Hot Springs early this morning and shot to death, according to a message from there today. His head was riddled with bullets.

Chitwood was being spirited from the county jail to the police station when discovered by the mob. He was recently granted a change of venue and was to have been taken to Benton, Ark., today. The mob was made up of twenty men who wore handkerchiefs over their faces.

The lynching took place in an enclosure between the jail and the court house, but for the execution of another prisoner, who was hanged last September. Three men in the mob did the actual shooting, while the others waited outside the enclosure. Chitwood was handcuffed and was being taken out of the jail by a deputy sheriff who was ordered to raise up his hands.

Prosecution Is Curious.

Prosecutor J. V. Wood, said today he would investigate the story told by Deputy Sheriff John Rutherford, who was guarding the prisoner. Wood said he wanted to ascertain how the mob knew Chitwood was to have been taken to safety.

"Chitwood had obtained a change of venue to Benton, Saline county," said Rutherford, "and on Saturday evening the order came to take him to Little Rock, where he would be placed in the penitentiary for safe keeping, until the trial was called.

"We decided to take Chitwood from the county jail to the city jail early this morning, to await the train for Little Rock.

"I handcuffed Chitwood and led him out of the jail door at 1:43 o'clock this morning.

"Just as we stepped out of the jail door, three or four men—I think there were three—stepped into the enclosure from the street door. They wore black handkerchiefs over their faces and each carried a revolver.

Prisoner Shot to Death.

"They aimed their revolvers at my head and one told me to put my hands up. I didn't have time to draw my own revolver, and, anyway, from the way the man spoke, I knew he meant business. So I threw up my hands.

"Chitwood didn't say a word. He was handcuffed, and of course had no chance to make a fight for it. So, while he stood there looking at them and I stood beside him with my hands in the air, the three men shot him to death.

"I believe each man fired once. There were three wounds in Chitwood's body.

"I could see about fifteen men standing in the street, watching us through the open door into the framed enclosure. All seemed to be masked. They were quiet and when Chitwood had been killed, they all walked away without saying anything to me.

"I didn't recognize any of them."

STUDENTS PAY FOR DAMAGE

Boy at DeSmet, S. D., Who Mixed Up Books and Turned on Water Settle With School Board.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—As a joke five students of the public schools of DeSmet forced an entrance to the school building at night and played a number of practical jokes, such as taking the books from one grade to the desks in the rooms of other grades. As a climax to their "fun" they turned on the water in the chemical laboratory and left it running. The running water damaged the school property to quite an extent before it was discovered, and shut off the next morning. The board of education ascertained the names of the students implicated, and the parents of the boys were summoned before the board. After a conference the board decided to drop the matter, upon the parents agreeing to pay damages in the sum of $75, which they were glad to do, rather than have suits instituted against their sons. The offending boys were permitted to continue to attend school during good behavior.

Buried in Her Wedding Dress.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Miss Marion Munn, a popular school teacher of Bon Homme county, who died a few day ago after a prolonged illness, was buried in the dress which she had prepared for her wedding. She was engaged to be married to a young man living at Running Water, who was among the mourners at her funeral.

DEATH RECORD.

Davidson Hart.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Ben Davidson, a leading merchant of Sioux City, Ia., married Mrs. Blanche Hart, a prominent and wealthy widow of Cincinnati, in Chicago today. The wedding was the culmination of a romantic meeting in a summer resort in the White mountains, New Hampshire, last August. They will live in Sioux City.

FIRE RECORD.

Distillery Near Pittsburg.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 26.—Fire of undetermined origin today destroyed the main building of the Sunnyside Distilling company's plant in Elrama, Washington county. The loss is $75,000, covered by insurance. The plant is controlled by Howe Brothers of Cincinnati.

Moran May Fight Wolgast.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 26.—Owen Moran of England this morning announced that he had received by telegram an offer of $15,000 from Hugh McIntosh, the Australian promoter, for a fight between Moran and Ad Wolgast, the lightweight champion, in London at a date in the near future. Moran expressed his willingness to accept the proposition.

Stepping on Man's Toes Not Good Reason For Starting Fight

Number of Suits Grow Out of Trivial Accident at Dance at Aurora, S. D.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—After attorneys had wrestled verbally with the problem for some little time, a jury in a justice court in Aurora county decided, after due deliberation, that to step on a man's toes was not sufficient justification to start a fight. The case arose at Stickney and had its outgrowth when a young man named Edward Buen, while attending a dance, stepped on the toes of another young man named Roy Huett. Huett promptly retaliated by striking Buen a blow in the neck with his fist. Resenting this action on the part of Huett, another young man named Thomas Kinney handed Huett a couple of wallops.

Then the justice court got busy. Kinney was the first to be arrested and he paid a fine of $10. Buen then had Huett arrested on the charge of assault and battery, and Huett demanded a jury trial. Both sides engaged attorneys and the case was conducted with as much spirit as if a sum of $100,000 was at stake. After ominous testimony had been introduced and the attorneys had made prolonged and heated closing arguments the case was given to the jury, which returned a verdict of guilty and Huett was fined $25. The opposing attorneys were R. C. Bakewell and Theodore Imbs.

An amusing incident occurred during the closing argument of Attorney Bakewell, who represented the state. Attorney Imbs had contended that Huett was justified in striking Buen when the latter stepped on his toes. Attorney Bakewell was in the act of vigorously denying that stepping on a man's toes was provocative of a personal assault, when he stepped backward and fell over the feet of Attorney Imbs. The members of the jury do not yet know whether or not Attorney Bakewell was trying to test out Imbs' claim or just stepped on the opposing attorney's pedal extremities accidentally.

STATE FLAG FOR SOUTH DAKOTA

Two Official Banners Ordered by Legislature Two Years Ago Are Delivered.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—The legislative session of two years ago passed an act defining the "state flag" and appropriating $250 for securing two official flags, one to remain in the state house, and the other to be in the keeping of Seth Bullock camp of Spanish war veterans. The flags have been received at the state house, and will be on exhibition at the opening of the legislative session after which one will be sent to the Bullock post at Deadwood. The flags in conformity with the law defining them are of blue silk with the seal of the state and the wording "South Dakota" on one side and on the other the "Sunshine State" with a center representing the sun. The flags were designed by Miss Ida Anding of this city and are a credit to the abilities of the young woman.

INAUGURAL BALL AT PIERRE

FFunction Will be at State House and Will be Open to the Public.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—After considerable conferring between the committee of state house officials and employes with the inaugural reception in charge, and the citizens' committee with the inaugural ball arrangements, an agreement has been reached by which the ball will be given in the lower floor corridors of the state house, and both functions will be absolutely free to the public. The expenses of both functions are to be provided without calling upon the public and there are "no tickets" for either the reception or the ball, both being tendered to the people of the state free, the one by the state house crowd, and the other by the citizens of Pierre.

MONEY FROM FOREST FUNDS

South Dakota Receives Nearly Ten Thousand Dollars from Federal Government.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Governor Vessey today received from the general government a draft for $9,808.95, which is the state's share of the forest reserve receipts for the last year. This money will be divided among the counties of Custer, Pennington, Lawrence, Meade and Harding, the counties of the state in which the forest reserves are located. The money is divided between the road and school funds of these counties under legislative enactment, the roads getting 90 per cent, and the schools 10 per cent.

Permits to Use Waters.

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—The state engineer's office has issued six permits for the right to appropriate water for beneficial purposes from different streams of the state. One to Otto Nordstrom and others from French creek, to Nancy A. Leneryille from Antelope creek, to Thomas W. Bondurant from Cheyenne river, to Albert G. and George G. Putnam from Beaver creek, and to Thomas N. Mathews from Spearfish creek.

FUNERAL OF MARSHAL HORAN

Body of Late Fire Chief Laid to Rest In Chicago Cemetery.

CASKET BORNE ON HOSE CART

Imposing Pageant Representing Official and Private Life Follows Body to the Grave.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Funeral services of public character were held today for Fire Marshal James Horan, who met his death in the Union Stock yards fire Thursday with twenty-two others. Mayor Fred A. Busse rode in the procession in the mourners' section, and Chief of Police Leroy T. Steward and Assistant Chief Herman Schuttler led the platoons of police on foot.

Acting Fire Marshal Charles Seyferlich, who arrived at the blaze Thursday, a moment after his chief had been buried beneath the falling wall, marched at the head of a section of firemen. The casket, borne on a hose cart, was attended by a guard of honor consisting of fire department division heads and was followed by a line of equipages extending back for a mile and a half.

Immediately following the purple draped hose wagon, which bore the marshal's body was driven his automobile, the one in which he made a record breaking dash to Thursday's fire and to his death. Today, the rear seat was occupied only by a fire marshal's helmet. Two hose wagons bore the principal floral pieces, which had filled the Horan home and followed the black draped automobile.

Thousands of persons lined the way over which the procession moved.

WRECKAGE FROM ST. DENNIS

Twentyfive Men on Steamer Long Overdue at Los Angeles Probably Drowned.

VICTORIA, B. C. Dec. 26.—Fears that the 400-ton steamer St. Dennis was lost were confirmed today by the news of the finding of wreckage marked "S. S. Denis" at Cape Scott on the northwest coast of Vancouver island. News of the finding of the wreckage was received in a wireless from the steamer Tees off Cape Scott. The wreckage began coming ashore two weeks ago.

The St. Denis is long overdue at Los Angeles from Victoria, and the sighting of a large mass of wreckage far out at sea by the steamship Aymeric last week, led to the belief that the coaster had gone down. It is likely that all of the twenty-five officers and men were lost.

BLAZE AT BENFORD, IOWA

Drug Store Destroyed, Ban Hardware Store and Grocery Are Badly Damaged.

CRESTON, Ia., Dec. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Twenty-five thousand dollars damage was done by fire which originated in Bivin's drug store at Benford this morning. Mr. Bivin's was injured when a gasoline lamp he was carrying exploded. The Creston fire department responded to a call for aid and went down on a special train. A water famine made it difficult to check the flames. Bivin's drug store was destroyed and the Citizens' Bank, Steven's hardware store and the Swearinger grocery were damaged. The loss on the drug store is $15,000.

HARALIAN STILL IN HARNESS

Retiring President of Illinois Central Retains Place on Boards of Several Railroads.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 26.—J. T. Harahan does not contemplate retirement from an active participation in railroad affairs. This, Mr. Harahan, who is spending the holidays in Memphis today, made plain in outlaying his plans for the future.

My withdrawal from the presidency of the Illinois Central does not mean that I am out of the service," Mr. Harahan declared. "I am still a director of the road and a director in a number of other roads, and shall give them much attention. As to where I shall permanently locate, have refally given but little consideration, as I will probably travel a great deal."

FIGHT AT CHRISTMAS DANCE

One Man Killed and Three Fatally Injured In Mixup in Willoughby County.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 26.—One man was killed, three others probably fatally injured and sever others slightly wounded in a general fight at a Christmas dance in the home of Cradderock Willoughby in Montgomery last night.

Twenty-five persons engaged in the fight which followed a quarrel between two of the men.

W. M. Willoughby was shot and killed, and his brother Cradderock Willoughby and two other men, whose names have not been learened, may die from their wounds.

A posse of officers has gone to the scene to prevent possible further bloodshed, and to arrest the men who participated in last night's fight.

Boys Fight Duel With Rifles.

MOBILE, Dec. 26.—In search of excitement, superinduced by reading dime novels, was the cause of James J. Parks and Frank Tremor, 15-year-old boys fighting a duel here on the outskirts of the city today. Parks was wounded in the left arm, an artery being severed. Tremor escaped unhurt. The boys erected mounds of earth, and using them as breastworks, fired at one another with small caliber rifles.

Chinese Throne Refuses to Meet Demands of Assembly

PEKING, Dec. 26.—The throne has met the situation arising from the almost rebellious attitude of the national assembly with firmness and tact. Its refusal to create immediately a ministry responsible to the assembly and to convoke forthwith a general Parliament was preceded by the issuance yesterday of an edict which, though peculiarly noncommittal, is interpreted as a call to the people to prepare for a program providing ultimately for the establishment of a constitutional cabinet.

This is accepted by the progressives as an imperial pledge that their demands will be granted eventually, and it also afforded the more belligerent delegates an opportunity to reconsider their radical action of Saturday, when the national assembly adopted a defiant memorial denying the right of the throne to reject their demands or bitterly assailing Prince Ching, one of the most powerful of the grand councillors.

Today the assembly voted to withhold the memorial in view of Sunday's edict. It is suspected, however, that the members were privately warned that the assembly would be dissolved if the memorial was presented to the throne.

Another government edict issued today eulogizes Prince Ching, declaring that his long experience has made him most valuable to the empire in the present crisis and declines his resignation, offered for the second time, because of the assembly's attacks upon him.

The government appears to have won the immediate issue, but it is believed that the assembly will renew the fight unless the throne yields in due season.

Mixes With Liquor License Law—Fined

Mistake Concerning Federal and City Licenses Costs Joe Bostolin One Hundred Dollars.

Joe Bartolin, who has encountered the arm of the law several times owing to his mistake concerning the necessity of federal and city licenses for liquor selling, was fined $100 and costs by Judge Crawford yesterday. Bartolin conducts an establishment at 513 South Seventh street. After several arrests he procured a federal license some time ago and resumed the sale of liquor. His final arrest was on the charge that he didn't possess a city license.

Chris Chubas and Pete Ingos, arrested as proprietors of a place at 1401 Jackson street, failed to appear for trial Monday and forfeited a bond of $50 each.

NO CLUE TO BOLD ROBBER

Man Who Took Money from Missouri Pacific Passengers Escapes.

CAPTAIN NEWBOLD'S HURT SLIGHT

Artilleryman, Who Resisted, Forced to Discontinue His Trip to Washington—Loot Over Three Hundred Dollars.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 26.—With no clue save a description of the robber to work on, the police of Kansas City, Kansas City, Mo., and Leavenworth, Kan., were today searching for the cool young man, neatly dressed and obdurate, who last night took possession of a Missouri Pacific train from Leavenworth to Kansas City, Kan., robber passengers and train crew and escaped. It is now believed the bandit obtained at least $300 from about twenty persons, searched. Most of the amounts were small. Two men lost watches. The bandit dropped from the train when it slowed down in the Kansas City, Kan., suburbs, and is believed to have made his way across the line to this city.

Captain H. L. Newbold of the Fourth United States artillery, who was shot and slightly wounded by the bandit, returned to Fort Leavenworth early today.

In a long distance telephone conversation Captain Newbold said that the bandit's bullet knocked his hat off and grazed his scalp. He was on his way to Washington, D. C. A physician who treated his wound in Kansas City advised against the continuation of the trip. Captain Newbold said the wound is not serious.

MAN KILLED AT GRAND ISLAND

Peter Peterson Run Down by Passenger Train at Walnut Street.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Peter Peterson, aged 45, night watchman for the Union Pacific at the Walnut street crossing, was run down and instantly killed last night by the engine of passenger train No. 17, William Bay, engineer, as it was cut loose from the train and was backing down another track. The new engine for the train was at the same time backing down in the direction of the crossing to couple up, and it is supposed that Peterson became confused and stepped in front of the first engine, one pair of the trucks of the tender running over him. The locomotive was going only about four miles an hour and came to a stop within twenty feet. Coroner O'Gorman held an inquest and the jury after examining half a dozen witnesses found death to have been accidental, attributing blame to no one. Peterson leaves a wife and five children.

Both Legs Broken In Runaway.

KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—With both legs broken and other serious injuries, Robert Larimer lies at his home one mile north of Buda, in a dangerous, though not necessarily fatal condition. He was leaving his home Saturday on his way to Kearney, when a team driven by his son became frightened and dashed upon him, demolishing the buggy and throwing him under the wheels of the heavy wagon, which passed over him. He was at once taken to his home and medical assistance procured as soon as possible. He is a man 40 years of age, and one of the well known residents of Buffalo county.

Patrick Cooney Pleads Not Guilty.

KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Patrick Edward Cooney, charged with the killing of Elmer Mercer, a Kinkaid homesteader, in Kearney Wednesday night of last week, pleaded not guilty to the complaint of manslaughter filed against him by the county attorney. He was bound over to the district court in the sum of $5,000, and found bondsmen at once, several men of influence in Kearney and his relatives, who are wealthy, going his bail.

Bradshaw Woman Drops Dead.

BRADSHAW, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Mrs. David Hitchcock dropped dead at her home this morning. She was considered in her usual health. The family is among the oldest and most prominent in this vicinity.

Nebraska News Notes.

BEATRICE—The body of Christian Miller, who died here Friday evening, was taken to Chicago for interment.

BEATRICE—Announcement of the marriage of A. E. Quackenbush and Miss Pearl Eichhorn, both of this city, was made yesterday. The young couple were married on Thanksgiving day and managed to keep the matter a secret until Saturday.

KEARNEY—Complaint of insanity has been filed before the insanity commission here against A. B. Shisler, a stranger, who had forgotten his name and could tell nothing of himself. He worked with the American Telephone and Telegraph construction gang and left the employ of the company at this city.

BEATRICE—Martha E. Bernhardt died Sunday at her home near Rockford after an illness of a few weeks of typhoid fever. She was 15 years of age. Mrs. Bernhardt and three other daughters are just recovering from an attack of the disease. Bernhardt was sent to Lincoln last evening as an inebriate.

BEATRICE—After several unsuccessful attempts to secure bond in the sum of $2,000, H. H. Hoeer of Wymore, who was arrested two weeks ago charged with complicity in the Beattie (Kan.) bank robbery, was lodged in the county jail at Marysville, Kan., to await the action of the district court.

KEARNEY—E. H. Morey, secretary of the Buffalo County Poultry and Pet Stock association, has received letters from hundreds of poultry raisers in Buffalo and neighboring counties asking that they be entered at the show, which will be held in Kearney January 13, 14 and 15. The winners at the county show will be sent to the state show to be held a few days later.

Theater Safe Blown Open.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26.—The safe of the new Heilig theater was blown some time last night and $2,100 stolen. The manager of the theater, who slept in a room above the office was not disturbed. Windows within six feet of the safe were not even cracked.

SPACE FOR THE CEMENT SHOW

Many Manufacturers Are Already Seeking Desirable Locations.

WEST THE PLACE TO EXHIBIT

More Manufacturers Are in the West and President McCord Says Omaha is the Logical Point—More Handy to All.

W. H. McCord, president of the Nebraska Cement Users' association, has returned from the cement show at Madison Square garden, New York, more firmly convinced than ever that the west is the best place for the holding of a cement show and the east is dependent upon the west for its exhibits.

"The cement show in Madison Square garden was a success in every way because the west contributed to it," says Mr. McCord. "I was surprised to find that practically all the exhibits came from west of Ohio, from about the same territory from which Omaha will draw exhibits for the mid-west cement show to be held here the first week in February.

"Of course the east is interested in cement, but the contractors look to the west for the advances being made in the use of concrete and are coming west to see our show with the hope of seeing the very latest in cement products."

Mr. McCord opened headquarters in the Madison Square garden cement show and proceeded to represent Omaha. He had a large number of Omaha key pins furnished by the publicity bureau of the Commercial club. Though souvenirs of all kinds were prohibited during the New York cement show, when Mr. McCord began giving out the Omaha pins, everyone wanted them and the officers forgot to stop their distribution. One policeman came to his room at the Imperial hotel at midnight, pounded on the door until McCord awoke from a sound slumber and demanded one of the Omaha key pins for his little girl. The policeman got the pin and McCord got a scare, not being able to think for a moment whether he was guilty of any misdemeanor or not which would justify an officer in calling for him at midnight.

Both Mr. McCord and Peter Palmer, secretary of the Nebraska Cement Users' association, have been in Omaha for a day or two working with the local committee of the Mid-West Cement exposition. In New York Mr. McCord got rid of a large amount of space on the floor of the Auditorium, where the show is to be held in Omaha. With the space sold in New York to machine manufacturers and the spaces taken by Omaha, Lincoln and out-of-town manufacturers, there remains but a small amount of space to be taken for this latest of Omaha shows.

Dogs Show Speed Chasing Hares During Coursing at Friend

First of Holiday Races Produces Rare Sport of Its Kind at Nebraska Meet.

FRIEND, Neb., Dec. 26.—(Special Telegram.)—Today's coursing races were the best ever witnessed in Friend. The hares were good and the dogs fast. The third round, the semi-finals and the consolation stake will be run off tomorrow.

The following is the result of today's races:

First Round—Easter Polly beat Rose Dunkirk, The Earling beat Okus Pokas, Lady Keenan beat Mr. Evans, Golden Glow beat Sweet Marie, Lady Opal beat Dreadnaught, Bugger Ed beat Seabreeze, May Baden beat Harry K. Thaw, Lucy N. beat Bertha O., Simplicity beat Minden Queen, Water Sprite beat Bell Clair, Lonsome Lady beat Fine Effort, Miss Corelli beat Fir Valentine, Rainy Day beat Honest Hand, Conqueror beat Whitest Ever, May Bailey beat Golden C. and Easter Lily beat Oklahoma Joe.

Second Round—Easter Lily beat The Earling, Lady Kennan beat Golden Glow, May Balden beat Lady Opal, Bugger Ed beat Lucy N., Simplicity beat Water Sprite, Lonsome Lady beat Miss Corelli, The Conqueror beat Rainy Day and May Bailey beat Easter Lily.

FIRMIN BRANDED AS TRAITOR

Haytien Minister to London Will Not be Allowed to Re-enter His Country.

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, Dec. 26.—A government circular issued today and addressed to all the commanders of the army and public officials brands General Antenor Firmin, the Haytien minister to Great Britain, as a traitor to his duties and his friends, and orders that he be prevented from landing on Haytien soil.

Some time ago Firmin, who headed a revolt in 1902, left his post in London on the pretext that his salary had not been paid for six months, and later embarked from Bordeaux for Hayti. He will be due here next week at the time when the election for deputies is taking place and as soon as President Simon became aware of his purpose, it was announced that he would not be allowed to re-enter the country at that time.

It is probable that Firmin will stop at St. Thomas, D. W. I.

Two Girls Burned to Death.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 26—Ellis and Marguerite Bryan, aged 22 and 16 years, respectively, daughters of Mrs. Mary Bryan, a widow, were fatally burned and their brother Andrew, aged 32 years, was seriously injured in an explosion of gas which partially wrecked the Bryan home in Coraopolis, a suburb, early today. The two girls died in the hospital this morning.

Guy Entertains His Thirty-two Children at Christmas Dinner

Big Family Party at Delma, Del., at Which Eight Turkeys Served.

WILMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 26.—The biggest Christmas dinner party on the eastern shore of Chesapeake Bay, was that at the home of John F. Guy, near Delmar, Del. Besides his own thirty-two children, he had all of his grandchildren and great grandchildren around the festive board. It required eight large turkeys to serve them. Guy's young wife, of 25 years prepared the dinner in up-to-date style and will be the talk of the eastern shore for years to come.

Guy has had three wives. His first wife, a farmer's daughter, he married in 1858. To this union seven children were born. His second wife was 21 years, when they eloped and caused a sensation. To this union eighteen children were born. Miss Loela Crockett, a beautiful girl of 16, became Guy's third wife in his sixty-fifth year, nine years ago. To this union seven children have been born, including twins, who arrived a few months ago. Guy, who is strong and hearty, says he expects to entertain the family again next Christmas.

Dynamite For A Nonunion Plant

Llewellyn Iron Works at Los Angeles Partially Destroyed by an Explosion.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., DEC. 26.—The Llewellyn Iron works were partially wrecked by an explosion, presumably of dynamite, early yesterday. The force of the explosion tore out the front of the building, smashed windows for more than a block and awakened people in residence districts for more than two miles away. The night watchman was slightly injured. The police have no clue to the perpetrators.

Who placed the supposed charge of dynamite is unknown, but it is believed they have been the outcome of the general labor troubles of Los Angeles, in which the Llewellyn has been prominently involved. A hole in the ground eighteen inches deep and about six feet in diameter bears witness to the place of origin and probable cause.

The front of the main building, a three-story frame, for a distance of probably seventy-five feet, was "shot to pieces," and its contents of furniture and paraphernalia was piled together in apparent ruin. The big machinery of the building apparently was undamaged.

Watchman Saved by Policeman.

J. E. Asbury, the watchman, was seated in the office within thirty feet from the center of the explosion. He was buried under a mass of debris, but was dragged out by Policeman Cahill, who was in front of the office at the time. With the exception of a cut on the right hand and an abrasion of the scalp and face, Asbury was uninjured.

"I saw a flash and heard a report like the crack of a whip," said Policeman Cahill, "and next the front of the building seemed to crumble and the air seemed full of debris. I called out, 'Is there anyone in the building?' and hearing a cry for help from Asbury, found and dragged him from under the ruins and to the street."

The Llewellyn Iron works has long been prominent in the fight against the recognition of union labor in this city and is one of the concerns involved in the existing metal workers' strike which went into effect on June 1 of this year. The strike has been characterized by great bitterness on both sides.

Blames It on Outsiders.

Officials of the Llewellyn company are of the opinion that the effort to destroy their plant is the outgrowth of their difference with labor and the police are working on this theory. John Llewellyn, secretary of the company, said:

"There is no doubt in my mind that this effort to destroy our property is due to the fact that we are standing on our rights to run our business in our own way. I do not, however, wish to be understood as intimating that the men who were working here in Los Angeles and went out in the metal workers' strike are responsible for it. I do not think they have had anything to do with it. I believe it is the work of men who do not belong here, who for their own malicious ends are willing to commit any kind of a crime."

Fred C. Wheeler, president of the Los Angeles Central Labor council, said:

"The fact that the Llwellyn iron works is in warfare with organized labor is all that our enemies need to endeavor to lay this outrage at our door. Every true friend of the cause of labor knows that violence injures our cause more than those against whom it may be directed.

"To those who would seek to fasten upon us any responsibility for such a crime, we of the Los Angeles Labor council are able to make answer by defying any one to point out any time in our twenty-six years of existence when we have ever advocated other than peaceable measures for the accomplishment of our just ends."

Apparently the police have no definite clue to the perpetrators.

In view of the Los Angeles Times dynamiting outrage last October in which seventeen men were killed today's explosion has created widespread interest. The grand jury is expected at any time to hand in its report on the Times case.

Veteran Prefers Peace and Plenty to Glories of War

A true soldier of fortune, Thomas Ryan, late of his majesty's Royal Fusileers and a member of that famous detachment which tore the evil of mystery from about Lahassa, the "Forbidden City" of Thibet, is in Omaha because he likes to eat.

The rigors and terrible hardships of the invasion of Thibet convinced Drummer Ryon, No. 3,306, of the extreme importance of being close to the commisary. He has left the army life and the adventures of the Indian frontier to be a cook. Ryan is employed as a cook at the Courtney restaurant.

"We were for eighteen days without bread," said Ryan in the discussion of his experiences after enjoying a generously measured Christmas dinner. "I never want to be hungry that long again."

So it has come that Drummer Ryan has thrust aside the glories of war for the comforts of peace. Yet he glories in the recollection of memorable events in the troublous life of the strange eastern provinces of British Asia.

Ryan holds an honorary discharge from the British service. He was given a medal for bravery in action and tells enchanting tales of the pursuit of the half-civilized mountain pirates of northern India.

The pride of all his unusual experience is centered, however, in his service under Colonel Younghusband in the invasion of Thibet.

The big soldier shows the lines of hard service and the marks of real fight. But hereafter he will stay by the base of supplies like a wise soldier, and fight the high cost of living instead of half-clad men with long-barreled guns.

TAFT AIDS NORTH PLATTE FARMERS

President Approves Report of Engineers Recommending Two Million Dollar Fund.

TWENTY MILLIONS TO THE WEST

Vast Sum to be Spent Within the Next Five Years.

AMOUNTS MAY BE CHANGED LATER

Will Submit Message to Congress Urging Needed Legislation.

BOARD'S REPORT COMPREHENSIVE

Standard Designs in Structures Advocated for Minor Projects—Water Most Uncertain Feature of Nearly All Irrigation Plans.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—President Taft has approved the report of the special board of army engineers recommending the apportionment of the new $20,000,000 fund, provided by congress, among the following projects in the west:

Salt river, Arizona, $495,000; Yuma, Arizona and California, $1,200,000; Grand Valley, Colorado, $1,000,000; Uncompahgre, Colorado, $1,500,000; Payette-Boise, Idaho, $2,000,000; Milk river, Montana, $1,000,000; North Platte, Wyoming and Nebraska, $2,000,000; Truckee-Carson, Nevada, $1,100,000; Rio Grande, New Mexico, Texas and New Mexico, $4,500,000; Umatilla, Oregon, $335,000; Klamath, Oregon and California, $600,000; Strawberry valley, Utah, $2,272,000; Sunnyside and Yakima, Washington, $1,250,000 and $965,000, respectively; total, $20,000,000.

The $20,000,000 is to be spent within the next five years and the interest on the loan is to be charged against the projects.

Maintenance and Operation Funds.

The following projects, completed or nearing completion, carry a recommendation for funds from the general reclamation act sufficient only for maintenance and operation:

Orland, Cal.; Carlsbad, N. M.; Hondo, N. M.; Garden City, Kan.; Kittitas, Wapata and Benton, units of Yakima, Wash., project.

For the following existing reclamation projects the board of engineers in the report, approved by the president, recommends allotments from the general reclamation fund:

Missouri pumping, North Dakota; Belle Fourche, South Dakota; Shoshone, Wyoming; Minidoka, Idaho; Huntley, Montana; Sun river, Montana; Lower Yellowstone, Montana; Okanogan, Washington.

In his letter to the secretary of the interior approving the report of the engineers President Taft says, in part:

"I hereby approve the report of the board of engineers in respect of the reclamation projects to which they have made allotments from the $20,000,000 loans; but this approval, so far as the amounts of the allotments are concerned, is not final and absolute, but is intended to be subject to change by adjustment and modification of the amounts as may be necessary for the intelligent and proper prosecution of the work and to the advantage of the service.

"You are authorized to call upon the secretary of the treasury to issue the certificates of indebtedness needed to furnish the funds in accordance with the allotment recommended by the board and approved by me as the same shall be needed from time to time in pursuance of the terms of the act.

Will Report to Congress.

"The remainder of the report of the engineers, which was not responsive to the direction of the law, but was drawn at my request and for information, I hereby approve; and when congress reconvenes in January, I shall submit a message to the two houses, transmitting the report announcing my approval of the same and urging the adoption of the enabling legislative measures recommended by the board."

In its comprehensive report on the reclamation work in general the engineers' board says in part:

"The engineering structures of the various projects are as a whole well designed and well built. Some of them, as the Pathfinder dam, the Shoshone dam, the Roosevelt dam, and the Gunnison tunnel, are monuments reflecting great credit on both designer and builder.

"Modern irrigation being a relatively new art in this country, much freedom was allowed local engineers in the design of minor structures. While this was a wise policy in the early stages of this work, it has resulted in some complicated and unnecessarily expensive structures. With the present knowledge of the comparative merits of the different types it is believed that standard designs of the simplest, satisfactory type should be adopted for all minor structures.

"The most uncertain feature of nearly all of the projects is the water supply. This is under state control and in the prosecution of its work the reclamation service bears the same relation to the state as a private individual or corporation. Where the water rights have been adjudicated the rights of the United States are well defined, but elsewhere they are uncertain and may prove to be materially different from that assumed.

Went Early Adjudication.

"It is recommended that wherever possible, steps be taken to secure an early adjudication of water rights on all projects where such adjudication has not yet been made and that, pending such action, expenditure be kept within the probable rights of the United States. The actual cost of completed work has almost invariably exceeded the original estimates and in the case of some structures has been two or three times as large. This increase in cost has been the cause of much of the discontent among the settlers. It was partly due to a general increase in the cost of labor and materials, partly to underestimates and an insufficient allowance for contingencies and partly to the necessity of doing more work than was originally contemplated."

Under existing regulations the report sets forth the construction charges must be returned to the reclamation fund in ten equal annual payments. This, it is said, is regarded as a hardship by the settlers on some projects, who express a desire for a series of graduated construction payments, increasing from 1 or 2 per cent the first year to 14 or 15 per cent the tenth year. Should this suggestion be generally adopted, it is pointed out, it would mean a delay of several years in the return of the first