

W. S. POPPLETON DEAD IN HIS OFFICE WITH WOUND IN HEAD

Son of Late A. J. Poppleton Believed to Have Come to His Death by Accident. REVOLVER ON FLOOR NEAR HIM Door of His Office Unlocked When Found by Relative. MISSED BY FAMILY AT HOME Search Made by Brother-in-Law, Myron L. Learned. NO POWDER MARKS ON HEAD

Had Become Interested in Firearms Recently on Trip to Colorado, but it Was Not Known He Had Weapon. William S. Poppleton's cold and lifeless body was found in his chair in his office on the third floor of the First National bank building at 7:30 o'clock Saturday by Myron L. Learned, his brother-in-law. He had been shot through the head. On the floor was a .32-caliber revolver.

Accident Occurred Late. The fatal bullet, according to Coroner Crosby, entered Mr. Poppleton's forehead late yesterday afternoon. When he failed to arrive at his home, 391 South Thirty-seventh street, at the usual dinner hour, Mrs. Poppleton became uneasy and telephoned to the home of Mr. Learned.

Mr. Learned found the door of Mr. Poppleton's office suite unlocked. The first two rooms were empty, but in the third, the private retreat of Mr. Poppleton, he found the body. All the rooms were dark. So far as is known the shot was not heard outside the office, the building being practically vacated on Saturday afternoon. No one is known to have visited the office in the afternoon and the hour when the revolver was discharged probably will never be learned.

Victor B. Caldwell, vice president of the United States National bank, a life-long friend of the dead man, was immediately summoned by Mr. Learned. Coroner Crosby was notified and took charge of the body. He announced that he would hold an inquest Monday.

Trip to Colorado. According to Mr. Learned and Mr. Caldwell during a trip to Colorado a number of weeks ago in company with his wife and 5-year-old son Mr. Poppleton became interested in firearms and practiced marksmanship with a rifle with the lad. On his return, they said, he gave it as his opinion that every man should own a gun and know how to use it and announced his intention of acquiring one. That he had done so was not known to them and they agreed that he knew nothing of how to use a revolver.

The weapon was lying on the floor pointing to the east, while the body faced the west and slightly to the north. Mr. Poppleton's coat and hat were in their accustomed place in the office. The entrance of the bullet was in the forehead above the bridge of the nose and the ball described an upward course.

BIG BOOST GIVEN ALFALFA

Iowa Dairy Commissioner Gives Out Result of Tests. MOST VALUABLE OF CROPS

Value of Yield Per Acre Nearly Three Times as Large as Hay and More Than Twice as Corn.

DES MOINES, Nov. 16.—(Special.)—A big boost for alfalfa is given in the annual report of the state dairy commissioner, as one way of aiding the dairy interests of the state by more intensive farming. The report states that experiments conducted for several years have shown that in Iowa, as in states that are less in need of dry farm crops, it has been demonstrated that alfalfa is an excellent crop and unquestionably will produce a greater value per acre than any other crop possible. Statistics are given showing that the value of an alfalfa crop in Iowa is \$51.32 an acre; tame hay, \$11.15; winter wheat, \$15.91; corn, \$14.32 an acre.

The department has been aiding in the spreading of the alfalfa gospel in Iowa and has included a presentation of the matter in the lectures that have been given all over the state. The department gave aid to the special alfalfa trains run through the state last year where thousands of farmers were reached and instructed. The department believes that it is absolutely necessary for the farmer to figure closely and secure the greatest amount of valuable crops from their land in order to place dairying on the highest basis.

At the same time Prof. Kennedy and others of the state college at Ames are in the east attending a meeting where this same subject is presented and where they have concluded that the farmer must plan for producing beef at the lowest possible expense in order to compete with the world in beef production and make it profitable. It is probable that in Iowa there will next year be a much larger acreage of alfalfa than ever before because of the interest taken in the subject by both the dairy cattle growers and the beef cattle interest.

Progress in Road Building. The making of a record speed trip across Iowa the last week by an auto driver running an Iowa-made car over Iowa-made roads has served to call attention to the fact that great progress is being made in preparing the Iowa roads for the ultimate surfaced condition contemplated by the new Iowa highway law. It would not have been possible, so the automobile people say, to have made any such remarkable run across Iowa a few years ago as that of the last week. The fact is that a great many of the roads of the state have been well laid out, the bridges and culverts put into excellent condition, grades changed and improved and much dragging done to prepare a good roadbed. Most of the work in the highway department has been made in the form of a permanent character and will be used when the final road building is done.

Instruct in Road Making. The State Highway commission has arranged for a short course in road building at the college at Ames, commencing December 23, when it is expected that very many of the people of the state who are interested in good roads will attend. The instructor will be A. Marston, chairman of the Iowa Highway commission; A. H. Hurst, state engineer of Wisconsin; A. N. Johnson, state engineer of Illinois; T. H. McDonald, state engineer of Iowa; Lawrence I. Hewes, chief of economics and maintenance office of public roads, Washington, D. C.; J. E. Kirkham, associate professor in charge of structural engineering, Iowa State college; R. Agg, assistant professor in charge of highway engineering, Iowa State college; John E. Brindley, professor of economics, Iowa State college; John Starr Coye, chemist good roads section, Iowa State college experiment station; John H. Ames, office engineer, Iowa Highway commission, and C. B. McCullough, designing engineer, Iowa Highway commission.

Proportion of Local Taxes. Evidence is multiplying that there is a wide-spread feeling of dissatisfaction with the state republican administration and secure the election of a democratic legislature and democratic state officials by sowing misunderstanding as to the actual condition of the state in regard to taxation matters. In southern Iowa it is being generally circulated and is largely believed that the governor and his associates are responsible for an increase in the aggregate amount of taxes that will be paid next year. The state executive council, under direction of the court and following out the plain letter of the law, increased assessment of all property in the state, though not to the extent contemplated by law. But they reduced the state tax levy very much so that for general state purposes less money will be raised next year than last year. But the local taxing boards raised their levies a well some of the local boards of the increase in taxes that will be made. An effort has been made to raise a discussion on the subject and to mislead the people on the subject. It is believed, however, that no great political capital can be made of the situation.

To Enforce New Iowa Law. Dr. G. H. Sumner, secretary of the State Board of Health, today requested Dr. G. Hardy Clark of Waterloo, Ia., the author of the "black plague" law to meet with the State Board of Health November 29 to plan for the enforcement of the measure. Some of the health officers of the state have taken the stand that the law is valueless as it only requires physicians to report cases by number and not by name. The secretary of the State Board of Health declares that the law shall be enforced to the letter and the state board will probably prepare a special bulletin to be sent over the state in a short time, giving the local boards of health instructions how to proceed. The law becomes effective January 1. Report on Iowa Creameries. It is regarded as possible that Paul Stillman, former speaker of the Iowa house, editor of the Jefferson, Ia., Bee, may be a candidate on the republican state ticket for state auditor. He is located in the Tenth district. Several other candidates are probable. The three members of the Iowa supreme court whose terms expire next year will all be candidates for reelection. (Continued on Page Two.)

Waiting for Huerta



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CAPTURED OFFICERS TO DIE

General Villa Orders Execution of Federal Men. SOLDIERS WILL BE PARDONED

Juarez Changes Government for Sixth Time in Three Years, When Rebels Take the Border City. EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 16.—Executions of federal prisoners captured by General Pancho Villa's rebel troops today at Juarez have begun. The order for the execution of many of the prisoners has been issued directly by General Villa, and at different periods during the day the firing squad took out men and shot them. Colonel Enrique Portillo, commander of the federal volunteer troops in the Juarez, was executed at noon today by a firing squad commanded by Major Cornu. Portillo was brought before General Villa and sentenced to death, after which he was taken to the rear of the barracks, where he was shot to death. Among others who were executed during the day were Enrique Ziega, a customs officer; Captain Lopez of the federal army and Commander Buenavides of the Fiscal guards.

All officers of the federal army will be put to death, Captain Cornu of Villa's staff announced tonight. The soldiers, he said, would be pardoned and given an opportunity to join the rebel army. The provisional state government of Chihuahua will be established in Juarez within the next few days and the provisional capital will be located there until the rebels can take Chihuahua. Colonel Juan N. Medina, chief of staff to General Villa, will be named provisional governor of the state, it was stated at rebel headquarters in Juarez.

Sixth Change in Three Years. For the sixth time in the last three years Chudd Juarez changed governments when 2,500 rebels, led by General Villa, attacked and captured the town between 2:30 and 5 o'clock this morning. Taken by surprise, the federal garrison of about 600 men put up a weak resistance. So unprepared for battle were the federal defenders that Villa's troops actually reached the center of town before a single shot was fired. Although an accurate count has not been completed, it is estimated that forty rebels were killed in the fighting. The rebels lost five men. The federal dead is estimated at thirty and four of five non-combatants were killed. Among them was Charles Segerson, El Paso automobile driver, who was on the main street in Juarez in his automobile. "No looting" was the order given by General Villa to his men after the town had surrendered, and not a single case of looting was reported.

GARRISON SAYS ARMY NOT HIGHLY REGARDED

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Secretary of War Garrison, at a dinner given in his honor at the Lotus club tonight, said that the people of the United States as a whole did not regard the army in the proper attitude and did not feel toward it as they should. The secretary made his statement in discussing the effectiveness of the army, even in time of peace. Secretary Garrison cited as convincing proofs of the highly efficient character of the army the numerous instances in which it has been effectively used in times of peace. The relief work at San Francisco, Omaha; during floods in the Ohio and Mississippi valleys, in California forest fires, the administration of executive functions in the Philippines and Cuba, Porto Rico and Santo Domingo, the building of the Panama canal, he pointed out as such instances.

William H. Harrison of Grand Island Dies at Clarkson Hospital

William H. Harrison of Grand Island died at Clarkson hospital, this city, early Sunday morning, where he had been brought for an operation. The body was taken to Grand Island, where the funeral will be held this afternoon. Mr. Harrison was 53 years of age and had been a resident of Nebraska since 1858, his parents settling in Pawnee county, he going to Grand Island in 1851, where he had since been in the lumber business. Since 1885 he had been prominent in Hall county politics. As a republican from that county he served two terms in the Nebraska legislature, one in the house and one in the senate. He was postmaster at Grand Island four years and was active in municipal affairs. He was a Mason, Odd Fellow, Elk and a member of the Modern Woodmen and the Ancient Order of United Workmen. Besides his wife, Mr. Harrison is survived by four sons and one daughter, all grown and all residing in Grand Island. A brother, Frank Harrison, resides in Lincoln.

Foresters' Case as Yet Undecided

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Nov. 16.—(Special.)—What action the Nebraska state insurance department will take with the Independent Order of Foresters, a Canadian fraternal insurance company, which seeks to do business in Nebraska, is not known. Mr. Brian, who has charge of the department at the present time says he does not know much about it and will not act until he has looked into the matter. This is the company which was under investigation at the time State Auditor W. B. Howard was on his way east and had met representatives of other state insurance departments in Chicago, where a conference was held and where they were to continue on to Canada to make an investigation of the company. The insurance commissioner of Wisconsin had refused to recognize the company until they perfected a better plan of insurance which would be a protection to the policyholders. In this action he was joined by Auditor Howard and it was for the purpose of bringing the company to terms that the meeting was held in Chicago.

COURT-MARTIAL ENDS HEARING GUARD'S CASE

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Nov. 16.—(Special.)—The second act in the court martial proceedings against members of the national guard was concluded last night at the state house before a board consisting of the following officers: Captain R. E. Olmstead, York; Captain C. L. Brewster, Beatrice; Captain H. A. Jess, Fremont; Captain R. L. Crosson, Hastings; and Lieutenant W. E. Sanford, Lincoln. The first prisoner, Lloyd Teague, admitted to the charge of selling blankets, but denied that he had impersonated Adjutant General Hall in trying to collect money for them by calling up the party to whom he had sold them and representing that he was the adjutant general and pay for the blankets would have to be made. The other man, John Brewer, pleaded guilty to having national guard property in his possession without authority. Both cases will be placed before Adjutant General Hall and Governor Morehead with the testimony. They will review the work of the board and make a finding some time later.

FALLS FIVE STORIES IN ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Casper Sella, a boy of 12, plunged five stories to his death today in a daring attempt to escape from a proctery in the Bronx. He was descending the face of an outside wall when he fell.

CAR KILLS MAN ON ROAD

Lies Unconscious on Track of the Benson Car Line. IDENTIFICATION NOT COMPLETE

Belief He May Be John McNeil of Fremont, but Coroner is Unable to Ascertain Whether This is True. A man, who may be John McNeil, 1805 Clarkson street, Fremont, was killed by a Benson street car Saturday near Krug park. He was driving a team hitched to a farm wagon toward Omaha, when the horses became frightened and ran away in the 800 block on Military avenue. The man was thrown from his seat to the street car rails and he laid there in the darkness of the quiet road, unconscious. The horses stopped several blocks distant. A heavy car, toward bound, neared the spot. Motorman Walter Lawerson did not see him until it was too late and the heavy wheels passed over him. Identification Unsuccessful. A notebook in one pocket bore the name McNeil, with "1805 Clarkson street, Fremont," and that was all that served as identification. He wore trousers of dark material, with a wide, dark green stripe. His coat was a light tan and he wore a soft blue, coarse shirt. He was a man about 45 years old and his hair was gray at the temples. Coroner Crosby attempted to verify the name found in the book last night, but was unsuccessful. The wagon was a "Crescent" high box farm wagon. One of the horses was white and the other was brown and blind in one eye. Several persons witnessed the runaway, but owing to the darkness, did not see what had become of the driver until the street car stopped and he was removed from beneath the wheels. An inquest will be held Monday morning.

Coroner's Jury Calls Dolph's Death Suicide

WAYNE, Neb., Nov. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The death of R. F. Dolph last evening was today pronounced a case of suicide. He returned yesterday from a trip to Oklahoma and went to his home, which was with Phil Sullivan, where the two men, both bachelors, lived alone together. The position of the gun found near the body gave rise to the suspicion of murder, but the jury could find no evidence of it. Dolph was one of the wealthy farmers of Wayne county and lived a retired life in town. He reiterated today that he continued to be head of the Mexican government and the fact that he took no steps towards preventing the inauguration of the new congress, as demanded by the United States, was construed at the embassy and legations as indicative of what may be expected in the future. Representatives of the majority of the foreign governments appeared to believe that General Huerta has brought affairs to such a point that drastic action may be necessitated. In regard to the demands of the United States that he resign, President Huerta stated: "In view of Venustiano Carranza's repudiation of any form of mediation by or alliance with the United States, Provisional President Huerta can do no more than join him in his expression of patriotic sentiment and maintain his dignified attitude toward Washington."

Fire Extinguished in Burning Steamer

BERMUDA, Nov. 16.—The burning Spanish steamship Baimes, conveyed by the Canadian Pannonia, arrived here this morning. The Pannonia sailed at 10 a. m. for New York with the passengers rescued from the Baimes and their baggage. The Spanish ship anchored in the harbor and the fire aboard was extinguished.

MRS. MAREN JOHNSON, HOWARD PIONEER, IS DEAD

ST. PAUL, Neb., Nov. 16.—(Special.)—Mrs. Maren Johnson, the oldest person in Howard county, died at her home in Dannebrog last night. She was 96 years old. She came to this country from Denmark in 1853 and was one of the many Danish pioneers who settled in this county. Her brother, Lars Hannibal, was the founder and leader of the first Danish colony to settle in this county. Their first settlement was made near Nywest, an inland town, twelve miles northwest from St. Paul.

TWO STATES FIGHT FOR GATES INHERITANCE TAX

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Nov. 16.—The will of Charles G. Gates will be offered for probate in Minneapolis and the Hennepin county probate court will decide whether he was a resident here or elsewhere. The decision will settle the question as to whether Minnesota will be entitled to an inheritance tax according to Assistant Attorney William J. Stevenson. It is said that a controversy exists between this state and Texas as to which will receive the inheritance tax.

VERDICT OF MANSLAUGHTER GIVEN IN CASKILL CASE

WATERLOO, Ia., Nov. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—After being out thirty-three and one-half hours, the jury in the manslaughter case of the State against J. T. Caskill, for the killing of Henry Phillips, returned a verdict of guilty. Eight days were granted by Judge C. W. Mullan in which to appeal the case for a third trial, which the aged uncle of the prisoner, T. J. Tucker of Plantersville, Tex., asserts will be sought. The \$2,000 bail will be continued.

PHILIPPINE ASSEMBLY PASSES ANTI-SLAVERY ACT

MANILA, Nov. 16.—An anti-slavery law was passed today by the Philippine national assembly after a heated debate. The measure, which was framed by William H. Phillips the insular auditor, reaffirms the old Spanish statutes against slavery and incorporates the American laws. The vote in opposition was small in spite of the warmth of the discussion.

HUERTA UNABLE TO BRING NEW CONGRESS COMPLETELY TO LIFE

Chamber of Deputies Meets, but Lack of Quorum Prevents Senate Organization. TWENTY-ONE MEMBERS PRESENT Nearly All of Them Are Generals in the Federal Army. PRESIDENT WILL NOT QUIT Resolved to Continue Attempt to Pacify Country. PRESS HOSTILE TO AMERICA

United States Bitterly Criticized in News and Editorial Columns of Capital City Newspapers. MEXICO CITY, Nov. 16.—President Huerta was unable to bring his new congress fully to life today. The chamber of deputies met and effected temporary organization, but the senate proved recalcitrant and the lack of a quorum prevented organization. General Huerta and his friends, however, profess to believe the greater part of their work is done, because the newly created lower house, formally, and, in their opinion, legally met officially. The senate, they think, can be induced to move into line by Monday, when the senators are summoned to meet again. Long after the hour fixed for the senate to convene today the roll call showed only twenty-one members present, nearly all of these being generals in the army. Twenty-nine are necessary for a quorum. None of the Catholic senators was present. This is understood to have been due to an agreement among them that the Catholic party should not participate in the senatorial session. These senators are regarded as influential, and their refusal to attend is regarded as indicative of the attitude of the church party. Huerta Stands Fast. Regardless of rumors and notwithstanding the insistence of friends, General Huerta appeared more determined tonight than any time during the last week to retain the presidency and carry out his plans of installing the substitute congress.

He reiterated today that he continued to be head of the Mexican government and the fact that he took no steps towards preventing the inauguration of the new congress, as demanded by the United States, was construed at the embassy and legations as indicative of what may be expected in the future. Representatives of the majority of the foreign governments appeared to believe that General Huerta has brought affairs to such a point that drastic action may be necessitated. In regard to the demands of the United States that he resign, President Huerta stated: "In view of Venustiano Carranza's repudiation of any form of mediation by or alliance with the United States, Provisional President Huerta can do no more than join him in his expression of patriotic sentiment and maintain his dignified attitude toward Washington."

Doesn't Mean to Quit

"Oh, no; I shall not quit," General Huerta said tonight. "I shall continue just as I have been doing to put forth my efforts to bring about the pacification of the country and thus fulfill the promise I made on taking office."

It was suggested to the president that conditions might become such that foreigners, particularly Americans, would be in imminent danger. He agreed that this might be so, adding: "In that case I shall do all I can to protect them." The president thought a moment and continued: "True, the rabble of the city might rise, but I would not hesitate to apply the severest methods in my power to restore order and punish the guilty. At any rate I am resolved to continue in the attempt to carry out my program of pacification."

The meeting of the new house of deputies today reflected the chaotic conditions brought about by the dissolution of the old congress. The minister of the interior, Manuel Garza Aldape, was expected to officiate at the opening, but opposition developed among the newly chosen lawmakers and Gonzalo Zugazaga, senator Aldape's secretary, and himself a deputy, appeared in his stead. (Continued on Page Four.)

Gone Are the Corsets of Yesterday

You have heard the expression used a great many times in the last six months, "The corsetless age." Has it struck you that for an age without corsets there are more kinds of corsets being advertised now than ever before? The truth of the matter is that there are not many women who are completely abandoning their stays; but that as fashion decrees that a woman's figure should appear unrestrained, the corset makers have been busy turning out new models faster than they ever have before in their lives. Are you sure that you know just what the very latest designs are in corsets, who are making them, and where they are bought? If you don't know all that you should on this question, you would better begin at once reading the advertisements in The Bee daily so that you may catch up with the times before you find yourself out of style.