

KIN OF MAN SLAIN BY CANUCKS ANGRY

Relatives of Slaughtered American Hunter Call Verdict in Case Ridiculous.

WIRE SENT TO CONGRESSMAN

Message from Members of Smith Family Declare Killing Reckless, Inhuman and Outright Homeicide.

SUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Relatives of Walter Smith, who was killed by an Alaskan militia at Fort Erie, are not satisfied with the coroner's jury verdict of "accidental shooting," and through their attorney have taken steps to bring about a more thorough investigation through the Department of State. Further evidence, it was announced, will be taken immediately by the U. S. consul at Fort Erie within a day or two and this report will be filed with State department officials at Washington.

Wire Congressman

The following telegram was sent today to Congressman Charles B. Smith by the attorneys for the Smith family:

"Testimony of witnesses, Smith-Dorsch matter yesterday shows that civil officer neither called, signalled or attempted to arrest before calling upon soldiers; that repeated volleys were fired after men had thrown up their hands and that officer they were coming to shore; that soldiers fired the shots that killed after civil officer had told them to cease, and in no event to hit; that on account of repeated volleys from soldiers in the face of the offer to surrender, men endeavored to get out of range, but were immediately shot, one fatally, and the other possibly soldiers admit firing without taking aim or sighting gun.

Verdict Ridiculous

"Verdict of coroner's jury of accidental shooting is ridiculous. Have no hesitancy in crowding case. It was reckless, inhuman and outright manslaughter. We will take witnesses before American consul in a day or two and forward further evidence to you."

Although the verdict released the three militiamen as civilians, they are still detained awaiting the official release from the military authorities.

OMAHA BUSINESS SHOWS GAINS IN SPITE OF TIMES

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to a slight depression in the general business for the year. Taken as a whole this decrease is not great, however, as it is in the neighborhood of a 12 per cent loss. The bank deposits show a loss of about 16 per cent compared with the deposits last year. This is based on the October call this year as compared to the October call last year.

Bankers explain this shortage of deposits by the fact that the wheat crop was not marketed as early as usual this year. Last year, they hold the wheat was largely marketed early in the year, and money was flowing into banks before the October bank call. This year when the October call the farmers were still holding the wheat for a dollar a bushel. After the October bank call, wheat went to a dollar a bushel. The farmers marketed it, and Omaha bankers say money began to flow into the banks at once. They estimate that the deposits today show fully \$5,000,000 more than they did at the time the last bank statements were issued in October.

Aside from this fact, the money the regional bank at Kansas City took out of Omaha is estimated at about \$1,000,000. This is not lost, but is simply held in the regional reserve bank instead of in Omaha as formerly.

Grain Shipments More

Grain receipts fell a little below those of last year. This is explained also on the ground that the grain was not marketed as early as usual this year. The vast bulk of the 1914 crop has not yet been marketed.

The shipments of grain this year are greater than they were a year ago by 7,000,000 bushels. The shipments are greater even than the receipts for the year, which is accounted for by the fact that the first of the year much grain was in storage here, and was shipped out during 1914, when as a matter of fact it had been received in 1913.

Though the receipts of live stock during the year were lighter than last year, the packing house output in dollars and cents is greater than last year. This is accounted for largely by the increase in the price of meats which brought the grand total of value of the output above that of last year.

While there is a loss shown in the jobbing business for the year, it is pointed out that this loss is accounted for almost entirely in the coal and coke jobbing. This immediately finds an explanation in the fact that the winter was practically an open one, until two weeks ago, and that little coal or coke was consumed thus far. Last year, on the other hand, winter set in rather early, and some severe weather early in the season caused a rush on the coal and coke products which resulted in the laying in of supplies for the winter before the end of the year.

A little difference was shown in the jobbing in the line of agricultural implements.

Automobiles Increase

The automobile jobbing shows an increase of nearly \$1,000,000, or 30 per cent increase. This is looked upon as one of the best evidences of prosperity in the district, as it shows that money is not so tight as in many places in the country. The automobile business represents, perhaps more fully than any other line, a strictly cash business. A total of over \$12,000,000 worth of automobiles were jobbed out of Omaha during the year.

A gain in manufactured products is shown, especially in the way of those products consumed by the agricultural districts. For example, the very first item in the list alphabetically is alfalfa feed. This shows an increase of \$100,000 in round numbers. The manufacture of art glass and mirrors has doubled.

The increase in the value of beer output is some \$50,000. The output of breakfast foods has practically doubled during the year. The manufacture of candles has increased about 12 per cent. If waters show an increase of \$50,000.

What losses in manufacturing business were sustained are those in the lines where the tightening of the money market is first to be felt.

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Thirty-One Cargoes of Copper for Neutral Lands Seized by British

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Thirty-one ships bearing 13,250 tons of American copper, worth \$2,500,000, destined to neutral nations, have been detained and their cargoes seized as contraband since the European war began, Senator Walsh of Montana told the senate today in a speech reviewing interruptions to American commerce, and highly endorsing the American government's recent note to Great Britain.

Four ships were consigned to Holland, fourteen to Italy and thirteen to Sweden, he said, and at Gibraltar 2,500 tons of American copper "have been piled up."

After giving statistics to show that Italy and Great Britain were among the greatest normal consumers of copper, Senator Walsh said:

"The British government might well avoid a course calculated to make it appear as an offensive act. There is no sentiment of hostility or animosity in the United States toward Great Britain, save in sporadic cases of no consequence, in the sum total of the national disposition."

God grant that our relations may always remain friendly. The feeling engendered by the aggressions complained of is akin to the supine and retreat experience by one who has been cruelly wronged by a friend and who remains confident that a personal explanation and candid conference will wipe out all differences and bring a speedy reparation. It is in this spirit the American people await the result of the well-timed note of the president."

"What is needed now," continued Senator Walsh, "is the release of every detained shipment against which a prima facie case of guilt cannot be made out, carrying with it an assurance to the

Triple Poisoning Case in New York Reveals Double Life

NEW YORK, Dec. 31.—Investigation of unusual circumstances under which Mrs. Ida S. Rogers took poison and gave it to her two babies last Tuesday was begun today by the district attorney, Francis Martin, of the Bronx. One of the children, 8 months old, Loretta, died yesterday.

Mrs. Rogers and John, the 1-year-old child, are now dead in a hospital. At Mrs. Rogers' bedside there sits Loris Elton Rogers, a well-to-do lawyer of this city. Apparently he is distracted by grief. Neighbors of Mrs. Rogers, who lived in the Bronx, knew him as her husband and the father of the children.

Prof. Franklin H. Giddings of Columbia university knew Rogers as the husband of his sister, who was Miss Caroline Giddings. Rogers and Miss Giddings were married in 1906.

Detectives and an assistant district attorney have endeavored in vain to obtain from the sick woman information as to her relatives or maiden name. It is said she is a member of a good southern family.

Mrs. Caroline Rogers and her husband lived until a month ago in a fashionable apartment on Riverside Drive. Mrs. Ida Rogers and her two children lived in a modest house in the Bronx.

Stock Quarantine Placed on Part of One County in Iowa

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—New York City and New York county were quarantined today by the Department of Agriculture because of the foot and mouth disease in cattle.

Federal quarantine also was placed on Jessamine county, Kentucky; Shelby county, Illinois, and that portion of Cedar county, Iowa, northeast of the Cedar river.

An order was issued releasing other localities and modifying other quarantines.

It releases in Montana the counties of Richland and Wibaux, and that portion of Dawson county west of the 108th meridian, and those portions of Custer and Fallon counties south of the forty-sixth parallel.

It permits interstate shipment of live stock after bureau inspection and certification for immediate slaughter to places where federal, state or municipal inspection is maintained from all portions of the quarantined area in Montana, except within five mile radius of infected premises, ranches and trains.

Thirty Warships Are Firing on Austrian Naval Base at Pola

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 31.—(Via London.)—A private dispatch received here from Berlin says that over thirty French and British warships are at present engaged in bombarding Pola, the Austrian naval base on the Adriatic, and also the seaport of Rouigno, about fifteen miles away.

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KAISER'S FORCES HOLD STEINBACH

Berlin War Office Reports that the French Effort to Take Alsace Village is Repulsed.

MANY HOUSES ARE DESTROYED

Entire French Company is Annihilated at North End of Line—Situation in East Prussia and Poland Unchanged.

AMSTERDAM, Holland, Dec. 31.—(Via London.)—What is described as an unofficial telegram, but which, nevertheless, was issued today by the German army headquarters, has been received here. It reads:

"Our troops in Poland are pursuing the enemy. After the battles of Lodz and Lovicz we took more than 67,000 prisoners and many cannon and machine guns.

"The entire booty since the beginning of our offensive in Poland in November totals 128,500 prisoners, more than 100 cannon and over 200 machine guns."

BERLIN, Dec. 31.—(By Wireless to London.)—The German official statement given out in Berlin this afternoon relates that in the village of Steinbach, in Alsace, house after house was destroyed by the French artillery, but that the community is still in possession of the Germans. An entire French company was annihilated on the northern end of the line. French attacks south of Rheims were repulsed; in the Artois the Germans occupied several French trenches and captured 250 prisoners, and their artillery broke down French attacks in upper Alsace.

The situation in east Prussia, north of the Vistula, and on the Pilica river, is described as unchanged, while east of the Bzura river the fighting continues. The text of the communication follows:

"In the western arena of the war yesterday passed comparatively quiet on the coast. The enemy directed their fire on Westende and destroyed parts of certain houses there, but without causing any military damage.

"An entire French company was anni-

hilated when we blew up their line near the Alger farm.

"South of Rheims, strong French attacks north of Camp Châlons were everywhere repulsed.

"In the western Artois region we gained considerable ground, capturing several trenches situated behind one another and taking 200 prisoners. French attempts to attack in the region of Flirey, north of Toul, failed.

"In upper Alsace, in the region to the west of Sennelager, all the French attacks broke down under the fire of our artillery.

"The enemy's artillery systematically destroyed house after house in the village of Steinbach (Alsace), which is in our possession. Our losses are slight.

"It is reported from the eastern arena that the situation in East Prussia and Poland to the north of the Vistula river, remains unchanged.

"East of the Bzura river the battles continue. In the Bzura district our offensive has made progress. On the eastern bank of the Pilica the situation remains unchanged."

Chicago Society's Hotel is to Become Place for Homeless

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—St. Caroline's Court hotel, which forty years ago was the center of many of Chicago's select social functions, will become a shelter next week for unemployed and homeless men, it was announced today.

The famous hostelry is richly decorated in marble tiling and art work imported from France. Marble staircases, a rotunda with art-glass windows, inlaid wood and art work in the ball room still remain to recall the old-time splendor of the structure.

The use of the hotel has been donated to the Christian Industrial league, which plans to provide free lodging to as many men as safely can be accommodated. Mattresses and blankets will be provided for 500. Shower baths also will be installed. Coffee and rolls will be given the men every morning without charge.

The hotel will be maintained by funds given by churches.

Three Men Killed by Dust Explosion in Mine at Flagler, Ia.

KNOXVILLE, Ia., Dec. 31.—Three men were instantly killed and four injured, two of them probably fatally, late yesterday afternoon by a dust explosion in a coal mine at Flagler, a mining town near here.

The explosion, which was caused by a "wiggly shot," literally blew the men from the mouth of the entry and those who escaped death were bruised and burned almost beyond recognition.

The dead: WILLIAM CLARK, JACK COOPER, WILLARD KERSEY. Ernest Clark and Carl Fortner are believed to be fatally wounded. Clark and Cooper leave families.

Monterey Said to Be Short of Food

LAREDO, Tex., Dec. 31.—Food for less than ten days remains at Monterey, Mex., and adjacent territory, where the situation in some respects is as bad as Europe, according to unofficial reports today from American Consul General Philip C. Hanna of Monterey. Relief is furnished twice weekly to the poor, who include once prosperous families which revolutions have made destitute. Flour, shelled corn, beans and rice are the foodstuffs most needed. There is also need for bed clothing. The American consul has given much aid.

Admiral Howson Dies at Yonkers

YONKERS, N. Y., Dec. 31.—Henry L. Howson, rear admiral United States navy, retired, died at his home last night, aged 77 years. About three weeks ago he was operated upon in a hospital for an intestinal trouble and upon his removal to his home he was believed to be recovering. Today he suffered a relapse. He held such important posts as commander of the Pacific squadron, president of the steel inspection and light-house boards, first captain of the battleship Oregon and commandant of the navy yards of Mare Island and Boston.

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THE DAWN OF A NEW YEAR GREETINGS

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Have you ever given thought to its principles and policies, its unique methods and unusual achievements and considered what special interest they should arouse in you?

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Truthful in the advertising of our merchandise, giving back the money or allowing the credit whenever asked.

Lending every helpful service a store can give to all customers and visitors. Always looking for a way to serve you better and make this store come more closely to your individual idea of what your store should be.

And now, as we write down our New Year's resolutions, let us record: We hope to make it the greatest year in the history of the store.

We hope to make the store's service and usefulness bigger, broader and better than ever before. But, at the same time, we take a fresh grip on the Burgess-Nash principle of storekeeping to which we have pinned our faith—which are:

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- The lowest prices consistent with quality.
- Truthful advertising of all merchandise.
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- The greatest service to the greatest number.
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