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PLANNED TO MURDER

SHERIFF AGREES WITH VINDICATOR MINE OWNERS.

Mine Owners' Association Offers \$5,000 Reward for Arrest and Conviction of the Dynamiters—Fifteen Men Arrested.

Cripple Creek, Colo.: Sheriff Robertson, after investigating conditions in the sixth level of the Vindicator mine, where Superintendent Charles McCormack and Shift Boss Beck were killed Sunday by an explosion, coincides with the statement of the officials of the company that a deliberate attempt had been made to wreck the shaft with dynamite.

The active committee of the Mine Owners' and Operators' Association has offered a reward of \$5,000 for evidence leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrators.

In a published statement the committee says:

"The killing of Superintendent McCormack and Melvin Beck was one of the most diabolical crimes that has ever darkened the annals of Colorado, and is another step in the trail of blood which has been made by the Western Federation of Miners in this state.

The time has passed for selecting fine terms in which to speak of these matters, and we do not hesitate to say that this crime was devised and executed by the inner circle of this organization.

This statement is made only after a careful investigation of the facts, which show conclusively that these men met their death through a scheme so cunningly devised and carefully executed as to tax the ingenuity of the most experienced criminal.

Of late the district has been filling up with the class of men who openly boast of what they propose to do. Not a single circumstance surrounding this crime is compatible with the theory of accident, or with any other theory than that of premeditated murder.

The district executive committee of the Western Federation of Miners characterizes the explosion as a "lamentable accident regretted by all," and adds: "But premeditated murder, which has ever anything of what they talk about, have already passed judgment and denounce it as a cold-blooded murder. Experience teaches, however, that these people are not above making capital out of any public misfortune.

In consequence of these outrages Gov. Peabody has reinstated Adjt. Sherman E. Bell in command of the militia in this camp.

In addition to Stephen Adams, the miner arrested Saturday night, fourteen more men were arrested Sunday charged with being accessories to the plot to cause the explosion.

SUICIDE KILLS HIS MOTHER

She is Fatally Burned by Gas Explosion He Caused.

Columbus, Ind.: August Deller, a brother of Frederick Deller of the Reeves Manufacturing company, was burned to death and his mother, aged 60, was fatally burned Sunday morning by a gas explosion at their home. The house was totally wrecked, a part of it being blown into a neighbor's yard. Deller came in late and locked the door leading from the kitchen to the dining room. When his mother arose, finding the door locked, she went outside and entered the kitchen by the outer door. She lighted a match and the explosion followed, throwing her into the yard and burning her terribly.

The house caught fire and a moment later there was a second explosion on the second floor, which was the dining room. When the flames were extinguished Deller's charred body was found wrapped in a feather bed near the natural gas pipe, which had been disconnected.

FIRE AT FORT GIBBON.

Military Quarters Are Completely Destroyed.

Seattle, Wash.: A special from Dawson says: A telegram from Fort Gibbon to the Dawson News states that fire made a clean sweep of the military quarters there. The loss was not mentioned, but probably will run up to \$100,000 or more.

The fire is very unfortunate at this time of the year, as the arctic winter is now on in full vigor and will last five months. The soldiers had nothing with them to fight the flames but snow, which proved useless.

The fire made a clean sweep of the barracks, warehouses and paint shops. The soldiers lost their personal belongings. The commanding officers had to move with rapidity to again house the men and send for more supplies.

REPUBLIC IS GENEROUS.

Will Pay Fare of All Malcontents Who Want to Leave Colon.

Colon: A proclamation published on the street corners of Colon Sunday invites malcontents to leave the country at the expense of the republic.

Gens. Herata and Bustamante returned to Colon Sunday on board the Canada. They will continue their journey to Havana.

The United States cruiser Atlanta and the United States gunboat Atlanta have returned to Colon.

Another Bank Robbed.

Ardmore, I. T.: The private bank of Ravia, I. T., was robbed Saturday night of \$5,000, according to a report received here by the federal authorities. No particulars are given.

Will Stand No Out at Passaic.

New York: Fifteen hundred of the 3,000 employees of the Passaic Steel Company at Passaic, N. J., voted to strike Dec. 1 if the company makes a cut of 10 per cent in wages, as it has announced its intention of doing.

Trics to Kill King's Tutor.

Madrid: An unknown man fired three times with a revolver Saturday at Senor Bristea, one of King Alfonso's tutors, who was slightly wounded. The attempt on the tutor's life is believed to have been the outcome of a private quarrel.

Sheriff Appeals for Troops.

Salt Lake City: Sheriff Wilcox of Carbon County, has appealed to Gov. Wells to call out the state troops to protect the coal mine districts of Carbon County, which are included in the recent strike order issued by the United Mine Workers of America.

Two More Fire Victims Die.

Johnstown, Pa.: Two of the Italians who were burned in the lodging shanty fire at Lily Saturday died at a hospital Sunday. This brings the total dead list up to thirty. The other victims of the disaster in a hospital here are in a critical condition.

EXECUTION OF TOM HORN.

Indian Fighter and McAllister Dies Gaily.

Cheyenne, Wyo.: Tom Horn, scout, Indian fighter and cattle detective, went smiling to the gallows Friday when he executed the murderer of Willie Nickell, aged 14 years, who was shot and killed on July 18, 1901, at Iron Mountain. The trap dripped at 11:08, Horn's neck was broken, and sixteen minutes later he was pronounced dead by the physician.

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MURDERED IN HIS TOWER.

Pennsylvania Telegraph Operator Slain at the Key.

Elmira, N. Y.: W. H. Clendenin, a telephone operator at Brown, Pa., a station on the Beech Creek division of the New York Central Railroad, was found dead in the tower of the telegraph tower early Thursday night. At 9:50 o'clock the operator at Oak Grove, Pa., on the road received this message from Clendenin:

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Cold Weather Disastrous to the Montana Sheep Flocks.

Butte, Mont.: As the result of the deep snow and extreme cold weather, heavy sheep losses will result.

Reports from the Sweet Grass country say the blinding snow has scattered sheep over the mountains and lowlands, into sections where not a vestige of food can be found.

The wild animals driven from the mountains are raising havoc with stock. The temperature is from 20 to 25 degrees below zero.

Deer: A special to the Post from Sidney, Neb., says: Passengers on east-bound Union Pacific trains report 50,000 or more sheep freezing to death in deep snowdrifts north of Cokeville, on the Oregon Short Line. These sheep had been summer grazed in the Idaho and Wyoming mountains north of Cokeville, and were being removed to the winter ranges of the Red Desert in Wyoming when overtaken by the blizzard.

COLLISION IN NEW YORK.

Two Men Killed and Another is Fatally Hurt.

New York: As a result of a rear end collision late Thursday afternoon between a Pullman passenger train and a freight train, two men were killed, one was fatally hurt and a number of others received severe injuries.

The accident was due to the Bay Ridge train running into the empty cars. Immediately after the crash two cars of the Pullman train, containing electric connections to the "L" structure. Many of the passengers on the Bay Ridge train were panic-stricken and made frantic attempts to escape from the cars. Some of them jumped to the street.

WOMAN IS INSANE.

Has Been Sending Threatening Letters to the President.

Chicago: Mary Sullivan, 41 years of age, who secret service men are endeavoring to find the writer of letters threatening the Sullivan woman was insane and imagined that President Roosevelt was a particular friend and was bound to give her assistance. She came from Cedar Rapids, Ia., some time from an insane inmate of the home for the friendless.

NOT COL. IMBODEN'S WIFE.

Lillie Pierce Loses Her Suit for Share in His Estate.

St. Louis: Lillie Belle Pierce lost her suit against the estate of the late Col. Luther E. Imboden. A sealed verdict was opened Thursday declaring she was not the wife of Imboden at the time of his death and was not entitled to the benefits she claimed.

Miss Pierce produced testimony to show she and Imboden entered into a common law marriage in 1898, with her mother as a witness.

OFFICER SEIZES \$20,000.

Collects Judgments for Damages Against a Railroad.

Logansport, Ind.: As Paymaster Snee, of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, was leaving the First National Bank Thursday, Sheriff Buckley took from him a valise containing \$42,000, and carried it to the court. It was discovered that he was seized by the officer.

The sheriff is collecting judgments in favor of two men injured on the Pennsylvania line, and who were awarded damages.

James Lynch Must Be Shot.

Salt Lake City: James Lynch, convicted murderer of Col. Godfrey Proctor, whose petition for a new trial was recently denied by the supreme court, was Wednesday resentence to be shot on Jan. 18, next. The case against L. King, convicted of complicity in the crime and who was granted a new trial, was dismissed, and King goes free.

Hanging in Illinois.

Genoa, Ill.: Antonio Romano, an Italian who murdered Nicholas Tomaso at Aurora last February, was hanged Friday. He showed signs of weakening and almost fell upon the scaffold just before the drop was sprung.

Big Breeder Falls.

Kansas City: T. S. B. Sotham, a Hereford breeder of Chillicothe, Mo., has filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy. Liabilities are \$128,000; assets, \$106,000.

Not Much of a Fire.

St. Petersburg: It has been officially ascertained that the remittances burned on the mail car of the St. Petersburg-Moscow mail train Nov. 10 amounted to only a few hundred dollars. The fire was at the time reported to have destroyed values estimated at \$350,000.

Three Men Killed.

Kalkaska, Mich.: By an explosion of dynamite in a burning store at Sharon, six miles from here, Thursday, three men were killed and another probably fatally injured.

Not to Send Troops.

Washington: The president has denied the request from the governor of Colorado for a supply of troops to preserve order in the Colorado mining district. It did not appear to the president and Secretary Root that the resources of the state to keep the peace have been exhausted.

Schoolkeeper Murdered.

Ironwood, Minn.: Constantin Knecht was murdered in his room at the rear of his saloon in Jessie Villa early Wednesday. A trunk said to have contained \$200 was broken open and the money was gone.

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A BOLD OFFENSE.

Patrick Moharrah Tried to Sell Liquor to an Indian.

Patrick Moharrah, who was arrested at Bristol a few days ago by a deputy United States marshal, was charged with selling liquor to an Indian belonging to the Sisseton agency, as the result of his preliminary examination before a United States commissioner has been held for appearance before the next federal grand jury, which will not convene in Sioux Falls until next April. In default of bonds he has been lodged in the Brown County jail, where he will be a "star" boarder during the winter.

Moharrah's offense was an unusually bold one, he having attempted to sell the "firewater" to one of the several Indians who were at the time in charge of a deputy United States marshal. The prisoner said the deputy had a wallet containing a certain amount of money, and one of the Indians induced Moharrah, who is a typical hobo, to procure the liquor. The deputy marshal became aware of what was going on and arrested the hobo when in the act of giving the Indian the liquor.

IS A FREE MAN.

Fred Stevens, of Plankinton, Found Not Guilty.

In the case of Fred T. Stevens, former Plankinton banker, charged with receiving a stolen deposit, after he received the verdict of the jury at 8 o'clock Saturday night, Stevens was indicted nearly four years ago. Two years ago he was convicted on the charge and sentenced to four years and a half in the penitentiary, but was given a new trial by the state supreme court. The other two indictments will hardly be pushed and the state's attorneys expect to have them dismissed.

When the verdict was announced Mr. Stevens, who has borne himself coolly through the trial, was so overcome he nearly fainted. He returned home to his family at Plankinton in the afternoon as an exceedingly happy man.

EGAN STATE BANK FAILS.

Difficulty in Making Collections Given as Cause.

Upon the order of Public Examiner Hemingway, the doors of the Egan State Bank were closed Tuesday morning.

This was the only bank in Egan. It was capitalized for \$90,000 and as far as can be ascertained had deposits of about \$40,000.

U. G. Struble is president and G. L. Struble is cashier. The direct cause of the failure is said to be difficulty in making collections. Crops have not been first class and farmers have been very slow about thrashing their grain.

A receiver will be appointed.

HAS MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

Brookings Said to Lead State in This Respect.

Brookings was the first city in the state to own and operate its electric lighting, water works and telephone systems, and now has in successful working order a central steam heating system, which furnishes heat for the large public school building and several of the important business buildings of the city, including the National Bank of Brookings, Farmers' National Bank, Hyde-Harris block, telephone building and Dutcher & Breed's printing establishment. There are as many more who will attach the heat to their buildings another year.

AN AGED PAIR OF LOVERS.

Man of 80 and Woman of 72 Married at Yankton.

Judge S. A. Boyles of the county court at Yankton, Saturday night performed the ceremony for the oldest pair of lovers it has ever been his lot to make as one. W. W. Westbrook, aged 80, and Mrs. Elizabeth Handy, aged 72, are the contracting parties. They will spend their honeymoon in Yankton and will continue to make their home in that city through what their friends hope will be a long and happy married life.

It is a rare thing, even in Dakota, to witness a marriage where the combined age of the bride and groom is 152 years.

TEST CASE IS ARGUED.

Can Salaries be Increased During Tenure of Office.

A constitutional test case was argued before the supreme court at Pierre Wednesday on the matter of increasing the salaries of the member of the state board of charities and corrections after their appointment. The last legislature raised the salaries to \$1,500 per year for each member, and the state auditor refuses to draw warrants for the increase. Bartlett Trip and C. H. Dillon appeared for the board, and Attorney General Hall for the state.

Burst a Blood Vessel.

William G. Lott, 18-year-old of Martin Baum and wife, residing on a farm nine miles southeast of Huron, died Friday morning, the result of the bursting of a blood vessel at the base of the brain. He was a student in the commercial department of Huron College, and a young man of great promise.

Charged with Theft.

Aug Meyers, who formerly worked for D. D. Blank, near Virgil, was brought to Huron from Harrison County, Ia., by Sheriff Kirk. Meyers is charged with the theft of a carriage from Mr. Blank, which he shipped to Iowa a short time since.

Prof. James Simpson Dead.

Prof. James Simpson, for nearly twenty years superintendent of the state deaf and dumb school in Sioux Falls and a pioneer resident of South Dakota, died of enlargement of the liver. In addition to a widow, he leaves three sons.

Horse Thief Sent to Prison.

Meade County circuit court has adjourned after being in session at Sturgis a little over a week. Jerry Crowley, on trial for shipping stolen horses, was found guilty and sentenced to one year and ten months in the penitentiary.

Attempted Suicide.

Samuel Mark, living with his son-in-law, Henry L. Meyers, of Canistota, male attempted to commit suicide. He shot himself in the back of the head, but the bullet failed before penetrating the brain.

Former Mrs. Molineux in Vandeville.

Wallace D. Scott, the present husband of the former Mrs. Molineux, has returned to Sioux Falls alone. To intimate friends he admitted the truth of the New York report that Mrs. Molineux will appear in Vandeville in that city. He further stated her engagement will last three weeks, for which she will receive a salary of \$1,000 per week.

Severely Hurt in Runaway.

Mrs. John Vickers, a woman 62 years old, was severely injured in a runaway accident at Mitchell. Her left shoulder was broken, her right wrist was dislocated and she was cut about the face.

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