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MIDSHIPMAN IS LOST

PHILIP BRITTINGHAM DROWNED IN THE SEVERN.

Companions' Efforts to Save Him Proved Futile—Accident Caused by Sailing Launch Being Upset by an Unexpected Gust of Wind.

Annapolis, Md., Midshipman Phillip Brittingham of Wheeling, W. Va., a member of the third class of the naval academy, was drowned about two miles from the naval academy Sunday afternoon. The young man left the academy dock in a sailing launch with Midshipman Anderson, Henderson, Towers and Stevenson, of the third class.

The boat was without centerboard or rudder, and being caught by a strong gust of wind, capsized and sank immediately. The five young men struggled in the water for about twenty minutes before rescuers reached them from another academy boat containing several other midshipmen. As the rescuing sailboat came near, the young men were thrown to the struggling water, but Midshipman Brittingham was unable to grasp his.

Midshipman C. T. Blackburn, who was in the second boat, plunged overboard, and in his heroic attempt to rescue his drowning classmate was dragged under. Both came to the surface and Midshipman R. R. Stewart bravely went to the assistance of Blackburn. Their combined efforts succeeded in pulling the two men up, but the launch sank in seventeen feet of water.

The other four midshipmen were picked up and the rescuers dived overboard in repeated but unsuccessful efforts to find the body.

HANGED HIMSELF IN BELFRY.

Spectacular Suicide of a Man in Chicago.

Chicago: The dead body of a man dangling at the end of a rope in the belfry of the Emanuel Baptist church, 2326 Michigan Avenue, was the gruesome sight that met the eyes of the congregation as it assembled for Sunday morning services. The police were notified at once, and the body was cut down and taken away.

In one of the pockets of the dead man's coat a memorandum book was found bearing the name and address of William Johnson, Pittsburg, Wis., and a leaf of the book were the following words:

"Well, I see that nothing but my death will satisfy the outraged public. Therefore I will give it, but I will be my own executioner."

It is supposed that Johnson had been hanging in the belfry since Friday night, when he was last seen to enter the church.

SLAYS HIS SWEETHEART.

Illinois Young Man Shoots Because She Refused Him.

Peoria, Ill.: Nora Howells, aged 17, daughter of a prominent farmer residing four miles southeast of Yates City, Ill., was shot and fatally wounded shortly after 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon by William Loudon, a young farmer with whom she had been keeping company for some time.

She called for her in the afternoon, while Mr. and Mrs. Howells were at the house of a neighbor, and they drove away in a buggy, and went to a field about a mile distant, where Loudon stopped the horse and dismounted from the buggy. Loudon asked the girl to marry him, and upon her refusal shot her with a revolver, the ball entering the abdomen, penetrating the liver and lodging in muscles of the back. He then placed her in the buggy and drove to her home, where a younger sister gave the alarm.

FATALLY BEATEN BY ROBBERS

Aged Citizen of St. Joseph, Mo., Left at the Point of Death.

St. Joseph, Mo.: Joseph Lilliger, aged 72, a wealthy resident, was beaten by three robbers at his home early Sunday morning, and is believed to be dying. His wife and son, Joseph Lilliger, Jr., aged 25, were also beaten into insensibility by the men, who believed a large sum of money was concealed on the premises.

The robbers got nothing. They have not been located.

MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Fremont, O.: Orrin Parish Saturday night shot and killed his wife and committed suicide. The couple had separated by agreement, and Mrs. Parish had filed a suit for divorce, charging her husband with drunkenness and cruelty. Parish said this was more than he could stand, and the tragedy followed.

AMEES JURY STILL OUT.

Minneapolis, Minn.: The jury in the case of the state against former Mayor Ames, which was sent out before 8 o'clock Thursday night, has not yet reported a verdict. Dr. Ames was tried upon a charge of receiving a bribe from a woman.

BURGARS BLOW BANK SAFE.

Metz, Mo.: The Farmers' Bank here was entered by burglars Saturday. The safe was blown open and the entire contents, \$5,000, carried away. There were three of the thieves, and they left town in a buggy. No trace has yet been found of them.

IRON PIPE CAUSES ELECTROCUTION.

Riding, Pa.: An iron pipe which Charles H. Ramsey was carrying touched a live wire and the man was killed.

EX-POLICEMAN ASSASSINATED.

Denver: Lyle Gregory, an ex-policeman, was assassinated early Sunday morning when he was returning home from a social visit with friends. His body was hidden in a trunk and he died in his tracks. It is believed that the assassin used a repeating rifle.

ATTENDANCE IS INCREASING.

St. Louis: The total attendance at the world's fair for the second week ending Saturday night showed an increase of over 50,000 over the total attendance for the opening week.

FIVE THOUSAND TO STRIKE.

Chicago: A strike by 5,000 machinists, which will make idle 5,000 other workers in allied crafts, was voted for in a mass meeting Sunday night by the machinists' union, to take effect Wednesday unless their demand for an increase of wages is granted by the Chicago Metal Trades Association.

SENT TO PRISON FOR LIFE.

Chicago: Mack Wiley, colored, was sentenced to life imprisonment, and his sister Hattie received an indeterminate sentence for killing Chief of Police Airey of Morgan Park, during a Halloween disturbance.

MUST BE CAPTURED.

Judge Says Dietz Must Be Brought to Justice.

Chippewa Falls, Wis.: By reason of the troubles at Cameron Dam, some of the sawmills in Chippewa valley may have to shut down should Dietz be allowed to hold up the drive much longer. All men employed on the drive by the Chippewa Lumber and Boom Company, arrived here Friday, none desiring to remain as targets for Dietz, after being laid off. Sixty men started from Cameron Junction with orders to capture Dietz, dead or alive.

In an interview Judge Parish said: "It is not now a question of dispute between Dietz and the Chippewa Lumber and Boom Company, but Dietz and the court. Dietz has disobeyed an injunction. Since then he has violated it again. He must be brought to justice at once."

Milwaukee: A Sentinel special from Hayward, Wis., says: "Sheriff Peterson has not as yet made any request upon the governor for a militia to help capture Dietz. Peterson is now on the lower Chippewa making an effort with his own force to make the capture. Responsible citizens here wired the governor in Peterson's name for guns and ammunition, and these were promptly forwarded from Camp Douglas.

"It was the intention to arm some of the employees of the lumber company, but before the guns were fairly out of Hayward on their way to the dam Dietz and his men met on his way with word that the company had let its men go. The guns were returned to Hayward, and are now being held for further orders."

GILLESPIE MURDER TRIAL.

Taking of Testimony Begun at Rising Sun, Ind.

Rising Sun, Ind.: The taking of testimony in the Gillespie murder trial began Friday, after Prosecutor McMullen had presented the case for the state saying there was no direct evidence, but a strong chain of circumstantial evidence. He described at length the arrangement of the other members of the family, Mrs. Gillespie, and the murdered daughter, Elizabeth, to whom all the property had been deeded; spoke of threats alleged to have been made against Elizabeth, etc. He concluded by describing the death of the defendant's sister; neither brother nor sister crossing the street to assist the mother when Elizabeth lay mortally wounded, and not visiting the house during all the days that elapsed before her death.

The defendants are James Gillespie, Mrs. Belle Seward and Mr. and Mrs. Myron Barbour.

SHOTS WOMAN AND HIMSELF

Crime of the Son of a Wealthy Pittsburg Business Man.

Pittsburg: Fred Schuetz, son of Henry Schuetz, Jr., a wealthy business man, Friday night shot and seriously wounded Mrs. Minnie McCormick and then fatally shot himself.

Young Schuetz was named as co-respondent in a divorce suit brought by Mrs. McCormick's husband some time ago, and since then has been attentive to the woman.

The couple met on the street car, and when Mrs. McCormick reached her home in Allegheny she was followed from the car by Schuetz, who said:

"Well, we will end it here," and fired, the bullet entering the woman's left side near the heart. She collapsed, and Schuetz then shot himself in the abdomen twice. He is dying at the hospital. The woman will probably recover.

EVIDENTLY WAS MURDERED.

Body of an Unknown Man Found in Illinois and Michigan Canal.

Chicago: The body of a man who had evidently been murdered was found in the Illinois and Michigan canal Friday. The corpse had evidently been in the water for some time, as it was badly decomposed. The body had been placed across the mouth and two heavy sections of steam pipe were attached by a heavy cord to the right arm of the body. There was a deep knife wound in one leg, the skull had been fractured and the left shoulder was broken.

The police are of the opinion that the man was killed some distance from the canal and then carried to the bank and thrown in. So far there is not the slightest clue to his identity.

CHORUS GIRL SAED FOR VOICE.

Chicago: Here is the latest spring effect in troubles for chorus girls. Bessie Mai Sker, an Indiana girl who appears at a downtown theater, has been used by the National College of Music for \$85, claimed as unpaid tuition for the training of her voice. Miss Sker will appear in Justice McDonald's court, 155 Washington Street, to prove that she has no voice, and therefore is not liable for the bill.

Girl's Scream Stops Bank Robbery. Dexter, Kan.: An attempt to rob the Dexter State Bank was frustrated by a man and his young woman companion, who were driving through the town. They discovered three men trying to get into the bank, the girl screamed and the robbers fled. The safe is in the window and a blanket had been nailed over it.

MILES GETS BRYHOOD HONOR.

Boston, Mass.: Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles has bought the Miles homestead at Westminster, on which he was born, and which has been out of the family thirty-six years. The farm contains several acres, a little wooden cottage, barn, and carriage house. The price paid was \$2,500.

THE SANTA FE STRIKE.

Topeka, Kan.: The feature in the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad strike situation here is the announcement of the officials that the imported machinists will be housed in the shops hereafter. Beds have been arranged in some of the buildings.

FOR FIGHTING IN THE STREET.

Newport News, Va.: Mayor Allen A. Moss, who is a candidate for re-election; William T. Moss, a prominent attorney and a brother of the mayor, and Robert W. Perkins, one of the managers of the campaign for Samuel R. Buxton, the mayor's opponent, were arrested for fighting in the streets.

POWDER PLANT BLOWS UP.

Mahoning, City, Pa.: Cuyler Bros. powder manufacturing plant near Lofty blew up Thursday evening, destroying the plant.

WOMAN DENTIST SERIOUSLY BURNED.

Chicago: Lena Watson, a woman dentist who formerly resided in Chicago, with rooms in the McHie building, Hammond, Ind., was seriously burned by steam in the explosion of a vulcanizer while operating in her laboratory Wednesday night. The physicians think she will recover.

HASTEN JUSTICE TO STOP LYING.

Augusta, Ga.: In order to prevent a lynching a special term of the Columbia County court will be called immediately to try Ben Thomas, a negro, for an alleged attack upon a young white woman.

FINDS HIS DAUGHTER.

Confederate Soldier Discovered His Child After 40 Years.

Jackson, Miss.: J. S. Box of Union County, Miss., just prior to the war between the states, was living in the mountains of northwest Alabama, where he married. When his only child, a girl, was 4 years of age, Mr. Box responded to the call to arms, enlisting in the Twenty-sixth Mississippi. During his absence his wife died and the child was taken to live with a neighbor.

On his return Mr. Box could not find his child, the family having moved away. He spent several years searching for the little one, but as he did not know the name of the family, he never found her.

Mr. Box recently wrote to a newspaper in Alabama and incidentally mentioned his lost daughter. The letter was read around the fireside that night, and a man who happened to be present on a visit jumped to his feet and declared his belief that his wife was murdered. Mr. Box that his wife was murdered. Mr. Box for himself. He had no trouble in establishing the identity of his daughter by a search on her forehead.

SAYS IT WAS SUICIDE.

Verdict of Coroner's Jury in Case of E. L. Wentz's Death.

Bristol, Tenn.: Edward L. Wentz "came to his death by the accidental discharge of his own pistol," is the verdict of a coroner's jury which investigated a coroner's inquest and conditions surrounding the death of the young millionaire, whose body was discovered decayed and buried on a spur of Black Mountain last Sunday.

The verdict was a surprise to many. Of those who heard the evidence and examined conditions surrounding the body as it lay on the mountain, some believe the case to be one of suicide, while others say Wentz was murdered.

Regardless of the jury's verdict of accidental killing, it is certain that detectives will remain in this region in connection with the case. There is little doubt that the Wentz family believe there was crime in the death. Dr. Wentz expressed himself as of the opinion that there had been an encounter before his brother was killed.

THRILLING EXPERIENCE.

Party of Picnicers Have Wild Ride in Burning Wagon.

Boulder, Colo.: While university students were enjoying a picnic near Red Hill, they met with a peculiar accident. The party was composed of S. Homer Underwood, Herbert Dwight, and Misses Harriet Allen and Ivy Campbell. After taking a luncheon on the green sward, the young men hitched the horses and started toward Boulder.

Mr. Dwight, who was driving, had severely reached his seat when he found that the blankets were on fire. The flames flashed up in such a way as to frighten the horses and Mr. Dwight was thrown out. The vehicle and its contents caught fire and the horses ran like mad. The party fled before the fire stopped. They turned out for teams met on the way and the wagon kept upright, but the box, the seat and all the contents were burned away. Another wagon brought the young people to town late in the evening.

SAVED FROM RUNAWAY AUTO

Little Girl Dragged from Harm by Son of J. J. Hill.

St. Paul, Minn.: At the risk of his own life, Louis W. Hill, vice president of the Great Northern railway, and son of James J. Hill, saved a 7-year-old girl from being crushed under a heavy touring auto driven by Mrs. John Ficht, the auto had become uncontrollable.

The incident happened close to the Grand Central station building. Mr. Hill dashed into the street, caught the girl by the skirt, and dragged her out of harm's way, just as the signal lamp of the auto caught his shoulder, inflicting a painful bruise and throwing him to the pavement.

The auto, after running two blocks, was brought under control, and Mrs. Ficht, prostrated, was taken to her home in a carriage.

CAUGHT IN AMBUSH.

American Soldiers Trapped by Band of Moors—Seventeen Killed.

Manila: Lieut. Winfield Harper and thirty men of Company F, Seventeenth United States Infantry, were caught May 8 in ambush by several hundred Moors. Two American officers and fifteen men were killed and five men wounded. The ambush occurred at Simpaton, on the east shore of Lake Liguasan, island of Mindanao.

The officers killed in the ambush were First Lieut. Harry A. Woodruff and Second Lieut. Joseph H. Hall, both of the Seventeenth infantry.

Lieut. Woodruff was born in Indiana and entered the service from New York. Lieut. Hall was born in Alabama and was promoted to his lieutenantcy from the ranks.

SLAYS WIFE AND SELF.

Menominee, Mich.: Wednesday Fred Zieman of Neenah, Wis., murdered his wife by cutting her throat with a razor and then severed his own head with the same weapon. The Ziemanns had not lived together for some time. Mrs. Zieman had lately arrived from Neenah, Wis., and was followed by her husband.

TEN THOUSAND MAY STRIKE.

New York: The wagon and truck drivers of New York, who are affiliated with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters threaten a general strike, involving 10,000 men, to force demands for a new wage scale and recognition of the union.

CARTRIDGES ARE FIRE ALARM.

Terre Haute, Ind.: An electric light wire in the residence of Henry Frommes set fire to a closet in which hung Frommes' shooting outfit. The fire exploded a number of cartridges, awaking the family, who put out the fire.

WILL COMBAT FILIPINO WIFE.

Leavenworth, Kan.: First Lieut. Sidney S. Burbank of the Sixth infantry, U. S. A., has applied for a transfer to the Philippine islands to remain until October, so that he may be present at the taking of depositions in the marriage annulment suit with Concepcion Vasquez, who says she is his wife.

AGED MAN TRAMPLED BY TEAM.

Tekin, Mich.: John Jody, 73 years old, and a prominent resident of Mackinac, was trampled to death by a team of horses Tuesday morning.

DOG HAS DIAMOND EARRINGS.

Rockford, Ill.: Bud, a fox terrier belonging to Dr. E. C. Dunn of this city, appeared on the streets Tuesday with a tiny diamond earring in either ear, and at once became the center of an admiring group of youngsters. The earrings were the gift of a Chicago man who admired the dog for the clever tricks he performs.

TEMPERANCE LECTURER KILLED.

Wooster, O.: The Rev. A. M. Collins, a temperance lecturer of Westerville, O., was killed by a passenger train at Creston. He was crossing the track in an effort to reach the station platform.

WEEK'S HAPPENINGS

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Culmination of a Scandal—Arrest of Mrs. Albert Scheef and George Raschke at Huron—Husband Divided Property and Seeks Divorce.

The recent arrest at Huron of Mrs. Albert Scheef and George Raschke on a statutory charge, preferred by the wealthy husband, who is one of the wealthiest and most prominent farmers of Deuel County, and the holding of the case later by Raschke and a day after state trial in Deuel County, is the culmination of a scandal which has been a matter of gossip for some time at Goodwin, Deuel County, near which place Mr. Scheef resides.

Scheef is everything in his power to talk his wife out of her infatuation for the young man, but without success. When he saw he could do nothing to induce her to mend her ways he divided his property with her, kept his oldest child, and, after giving her a sum of money, sent her her drift.

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JOINT TEACHER'S INSTITUTE.

Pedagogues of Three Counties Are to Meet at Sturgis.

The joint institute for the teachers of Butte, Pennington and Meade Counties will be held in Sturgis in the high school building. The institute will last eleven days, beginning June 7.

There will be something like 200 teachers in attendance, as the state laws provide that all schools shall be closed during the institute. All persons intending to teach in these counties next year are expected to be present.

A special trip to the top of Bare Butte has been planned for the afternoon of June 11. This is given because of its geological and topographical value in Black Hills education, aside from the pleasure. Harney Peak, Bald Mountain, Crow Peak, Owl Butte, Deer's Ears and other places of interest can be seen from the top of this mountain, which has for all ages been held in reverence by the Indians, second only to the Devil's Tower.

ENDS LIFE IN NEW MEXICO.

A Former South Dakota Attorney Commits Suicide.

Information has been received at Sioux Falls of the suicide at Alamogordo, N. M., of C. L. Hartshorn, for a period of about ten years a resident of Sioux Falls and a well known member of the bar. Prior to removing from Sioux Falls to New Mexico a year or two ago he had not done good health and also experienced considerable trouble with his eyes. Nothing has been learned as to the cause or causes which led him to take his own life, but it is supposed that the act was due to the state of his health.

Hartshorn at the time of his death was a member in good standing of both the Workmen and Woodmen lodges of Sioux Falls, in each of which he carried insurance to the amount of \$2,000.