

SOLES ARE TOASTED

FAMILY OF MISERS TORTURED BY A ROBBER GANG.

Mrs. Rebecca Blakesley and Her Daughter and Two Sons are Seized by a Gang of Twelve Men as They Sleep—Toys Stolen into Insensibility and the Mother and Daughter Subjected to the Fire Ordeal to Make Them Tell Where Their Money is—Five Thousand Dollars Secured—News of Crime and Catastrophe.

Friday, Ohio, April 17.—The famous Blakesley family, living three miles from this city, were robbed and tortured at 2 o'clock this morning by twelve masked robbers. The family consists of Mrs. Rebecca Blakesley, Eliza Blakesley, a daughter, and John and Smith Blakesley, sons. They are the possessors of valuable oil fields and are known as misers. Common report, for years they hoarded money in the house. The burglars broke into the bedroom where all four people were sleeping and a desperate fight ensued. Both John and Smith were beaten into insensibility and Mrs. Blakesley and daughter were bound hand and foot. Torches were applied to their feet to make them reveal the hiding place of their treasure, without avail. Some of the robbers meanwhile were ransacking the house and found in a bureau drawer \$5,000 in bills and three gold watches. Eliza was the first to release herself from bondage and summoned help from the city. John Blakesley is in a critical condition and it is feared he will die. Smith's head was cut open and the feet of both women are badly burned.

DONE FOR BY A BURGLAR. Adrian, Mich., April 17.—Lafayette Ladd, one of the most prominent citizens of this city, was shot and fatally wounded by a burglar at 3 o'clock this morning. The robber escaped and there is no clue as to his identity.

SENTENCED TO HANG. Georgetown, Del., April 17.—James M. Gerdy, who was convicted on Thursday of the murder of Mrs. Mary Lewis, was today sentenced to be hanged on June 11 next.

WOODS, THE SWINDLER. Pittsburg, Pa., April 17.—The hearing of C. Linford Woods, defendant in the insurance swindling case, was held before Alderman King, of the South Side this morning. The court room was crowded with interested spectators, who came expecting sensational developments, but in this they were disappointed. At the conclusion of the testimony Woods was held for court in default of \$2,000 bail. It had been asserted that Lieutenant Edward S. Farrow of New York, whose name had been frequently mentioned in connection with the case, failed to put in an appearance. The Mutual Reserve Life association was represented by Superintendent Harper. In his testimony he identified the application of David L. Duffy for \$1,600 insurance and said there were about thirty or forty others, aggregating \$150,000, on file in the home office, all of the same kind, and all making C. L. Woods & Co. beneficiaries. This aroused the company's suspicions and upon investigation it was found that all of these people were debtors of Woods. Three additional informations have been made against Woods, but no new warrants were issued.

"RED CHDIS" IS CAUGHT. Chicago, April 17.—The police department has received word that "Red Chdis" Stock, one of the Chicago bond robbers who forfeited his bail bonds in this city, is under arrest at Port Townsend, Wash. He will be brought back to this city. At Port Townsend he is known under the name of William Gleason and his identity was discovered by accident. Detectives have been searching for Stock for months, but he has managed to evade them. There was a standing reward for his capture.

BOODLING CHARGED. Cincinnati, Ohio, April 17.—John W. Prendergast, health officer of Cincinnati, was today held to answer to the grand jury in the sum of \$1,000 by Magistrate Winkler on a charge of attempting to secure money from the Fraser Tablet company, to suppress prosecution by the pure food commissioner of the state.

WARRANT FOR SPALDING. Chicago, April 17.—James E. Spalding was issued a bench warrant for the arrest of Charles W. Spalding, ex-treasurer of the University of Illinois. The charge is embezzlement. The warrant was issued on complaint of George N. Moran, president of the Chicago club of the University of Illinois. Bail was fixed at \$25,000.

THE FRANK WOODS IS SAFE. Milwaukee, Wis., April 17.—Advice from St. Joseph, Mo., states that the steamer Frank Woods, concerning whose safety grave fears were felt, entered port this morning all right. She weathered the storm in the open lake, her captain deeming it imprudent to attempt to make a harbor.

HACKS HIMSELF TO PIECES. Chicago Physician Uses a Butcher Knife After a Morphine Dose.

Chicago, April 17.—Dr. Elmer E. Prescott, son of the physician of the same name, who was the victim of a murder that developed one of the most famous mysteries in the police history of this city, made a determined attempt to kill himself at his home last night. His condition this morning was such that the attending physician, Dr. Brackett, said that recovery was impossible. The details of the young physician's attempt on his life are sensational. It seems that the doctor swallowed ten grains of morphine and lay down upon a couch. Fifteen minutes later he rushed into the kitchen, where a doctress was at work, and snatched a table knife from her hand and commenced hacking at his throat. The woman attempted to disarm him but he evaded her and rushed through the house, blood spurting from his wounds and dyeing the carpets and walls as he passed through. Throwing open the front door the doctor ran out upon the sidewalk and there commenced slashing at his left arm, seeking to sever an artery. He succeeded in making thirty distinct wounds in his arm before two men, who had been watching him, summoned sufficient courage to interfere. They got possession of the knife and the doctor ran back into the house, declaring that he would find another weapon. A policeman had been called and it required the combined efforts of four men to control the doctor. When Dr. Brackett, who had been summoned, arrived and an attempt was made to quiet Prescott in order to care for his wounds, the latter grew more violent and the attendants were obliged to

HUNTER IS MISSING

TURFMAN DISAPPEARS AT SAN FRANCISCO.

After Having Staked Everything on His Horse Gold Bug, and Lost, James Hunter Takes a Last Sorrowful Look at the Animal, Turns Away and is Seen no More—His Acquaintances Are Apprehensive of His Death by Violence—Story of the Turf Which is Something of a Romance in Its Way.

San Francisco, April 17.—James Hunter, who has followed the turf for many years, is supposed to have staked his life on Gold Bug, his favorite rater. Gold Bug, who started in a race at the Oakland track on Thursday, made a gallant struggle, but there were faster horses in the field. The defeat meant much to Hunter, who is now missing. His friends are firmly convinced that he has forfeited his life because his horse lost the race.

Hunter began his turf career at the Kohos stock farm in Idaho, where he bought the colt Gold Bug and trained him for a racer. Hunter made his circuit in Idaho and Montana and went as far east as Chicago. Two years ago he came to the coast with Jacob Krause and started Gold Bug on this circuit. For nearly eight years Gold Bug made a handsome living for these two men. Of late, however, the horse has been stale from overwork, and purses have been few and far between. Hunter became a heavy drinker, and, owing to lack of money, has been compelled to seek shelter in the stable of his pet.

On Thursday last Henry Shields got a number of the newspapers and found the mount on Gold Bug, who was third at the start, second at the quarter, seventh at the half, sixth in the stretch and fifth in the finish. James Hunter anxiously watched the race, on which he had staked everything. When the race was over he pulled his hat over his eyes and remarked to his friend, Philip Siebenthal, "I staked my life on that race and lost. A few drops will soon put an end to the whole business."

Taking a last look at Gold Bug as the animal was being led from the track, Hunter turned away from the race course and has not been seen since.

MURDER MYSTERY CLEARING. Alex Coddot Tells Who Killed the Spyer Family.

Bismarck, N. D., April 17.—The mystery as to the identity of the perpetrators of the fiendish butchery of the Spyer family at Winona has been partly cleared up. Alex Coddot, the French half-breed under arrest, has made a confession in which he implicates Black Hawk, the negro half-breed who is also under arrest as a suspect. After the confession, Coddot made a vicious attempt at suicide, the wound, however, not being likely to prove fatal. Last Wednesday Coddot admitted that Black Hawk committed the deed, but denied that he had anything to do with it. Black Hawk insists upon his innocence and refuses to believe that Coddot has confessed. The officers have secured other important evidence, but are keeping it from the public, except to admit that others besides these two were concerned in the crime. Feeling in Emmons county is at fever heat. The hearing has been continued until May 8 to allow the collection of more evidence.

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