

WHITECHAPEL MURDERER.

Police Authorities Think "Jack the Ripper" Has Been Caged.

ARRESTED IN MELBOURNE FOR KILLING A WOMAN.

The Attempt to Blow Up the Lobau Barracks at Paris Believed to be a Political Move—The Steamship Indiana, With the Cargo of Flour for the Famined Stricken of Russia, Reaches Libau in Safety, and is Cordially Welcomed by the Population.

Special to the Record-Union.

LIVERPOOL, March 16.—The police have been pursuing an inquiry into the disappearance of a woman and three children formerly lived at Rainhill, a part of Liverpool. The inquiry was started in connection with the arrest at Melbourne, Australia, of a man named Williams, charged with murdering a woman there. This morning the heart-stone of the house at Liverpool where the missing family formerly lived was raised, and the bodies of a woman and three children, partly consumed by quicklime, was unearthed.

A plausible theory has sprung from these discoveries. The further the matter is investigated the stronger grows the belief that Williams is none other than the world-wide known "Jack the Ripper."

Williams, while a resident of Liverpool, made frequent visits to London. The police have traced his movements between the two places, and it is found that his visits to London correspond with the times when the unfortunate women of Whitechapel district were found with their throats cut and bodies mutilated in the shocking manner characteristic of the crimes of the "Ripper." It will be recalled that a description was given the police of the appearance of the man when seen in company with several of the unfortunate women whose bodies were subsequently found lying in pools of blood in the streets of Whitechapel. This description tallies exactly with the appearance of Williams as given by the people of Liverpool well acquainted with him.

The question as to who Williams really is, and how he came to be a murderer when he first came to Rainville he was half fellow well met with the inhabitants, but never gave an inkling of his personal history. After he rented the villa, an unknown woman with children arrived. Nobody saw them arrive or depart, but the same time another woman whom he said was his sister arrived and visited him at the hotel. She was seen twice, and then also vanished. After being absent from the hotel all day he used to frequently return covered with dirt, explaining his untidy appearance by saying he had been putting new floors in the house. After living at the villa a few days, he returned to the hotel, saying he could not stop there; that his sister and children had gone away, and his plans were unshaken. Search for victims will be continued in other rooms to-morrow. The brutality of the murders suggests the ferocity of "Jack the Ripper."

Williams was concerned in an attempt to obtain heavy damages for the injury of a worthless piece of land in a suit from St. Helena. He also unsuccessfully tried to obtain introduction into Louisiana.

LOBAU BARRACKS EXPLOSION, Strict Search Being Made of Known Anarchists' Residences.

PARIS, March 16.—The excitement caused by the explosion at the Lobau Barracks yesterday continues. M. Loubaud, Prime Minister, has ordered that the residences of all anarchists be searched. Whoever arms, explosives or seditions documents are found, the occupants of the place are to be arrested. The police to-day took out twenty search warrants, issued chiefly against foreign agitators, and a close search is being made of their residences and belongings. As a precautionary measure the Government has ordered that in addition to the regular guard a secret guard be placed at all the public buildings, and that the military guards at the Bank of France be increased. The approaches to the Palais d'Industrie, where recruiting takes place daily, are surrounded by anarchists.

Several more prominent anarchists were arrested this morning, but no papers of importance were discovered. Additional search warrants were subsequently issued, and the police are engaged in making a thorough search of houses known to be occupied by anarchists. Thirty-five lodgings have already been closely examined, and five of the occupants have been arrested. The police have discovered a collection of Russian documents intended for use in the manufacture of explosive machines in the suburbs of St. Denis. A bomb fully charged was also discovered in a house occupied by an anarchist.

A POLITICAL MOVE.

LONDON, March 16.—A Paris correspondent says: "A general feeling prevails that the effort to terrify Russia makes a deep political move which prudence forbids me to characterize."

THE FAMINE IN RUSSIA.

The Steamer Indiana, With Supplies for the Poor, Reaches Libau.

LIBAU (Russia), March 16.—Early this afternoon a steamer was sighted off this port, heading in from the westward, and almost immediately afterward the flag of the United States could be distinguished flying from the stern of the vessel. It was known then for a certainty that the approaching vessel was the Indiana, under command of Captain Sargent, which sailed from Philadelphia February 22d with a cargo of flour and provisions for the relief of the famine sufferers in Russia. The Indiana will enter the harbor in a short time.

Soon after the news of the arrival of the Indiana reached Libau, the Russian cruiser Strach, commanded by Captain Davidoff, having on board J. M. Crawford, the American Consul at St. Petersburg; Count Brinskoff, Chief of the Famine Relief Committee; Bornholdt, American Consul at Riga; the President of the St. Petersburg Board, and other notable persons, proceeded out to welcome her.

Flags are flying on all the vessels in the harbor and the wharves are crowded with enthusiastic people. The warship was followed by the steamer Concordia, which had on board the Famine Relief Committee and a large number of guests. As the vessel neared the Indiana the military band played "The Star-Spangled Banner," and a salute was fired. The gentlemen from the Strach and Concordia boarded the Indiana. Speeches of welcome were made and thanks were given.

TWENTY MILLION PEOPLE SUFFERING.

St. Petersburg, March 16.—"If the American people knew the extent of suffering in the famine districts of Russia they would everywhere come to the rescue. Twenty millions of people are af-

fect and in danger of starvation. Typhoid fever is raging in many provinces, and horses and cattle are perishing of hunger. Does this appeal to the hearts of those able to help? Russia is deeply grateful to the American people for what they have done. The distribution of supplies is under the direction of the American Minister and an Executive Committee. Nothing will be wasted. Every particle of food will be properly distributed. Help us."

The above appeal is signed by Rudolph Blankenburg, A. J. Brown, Jr., and Alexander W. Biddle, the committee of Americans sent to Russia.

Coal Miners' Strike.

LONDON, March 16.—The Cumberland and Lancashire men are anxious to resume work Monday. The Yorkshire men want a fortnight's holiday, and the Durham men are determined not to submit to the bosses.

LONDON, March 16.—The Miners' Federation to-day held a private conference here, deferring until to-morrow their decision on the matter. The miners shall resume work, the majority favoring resuming Monday. There promises to be a heavy reduction in prices of coal before Monday.

Irrigation on an Immense Scale.

CITY OF MEXICO, March 16.—It is reported that the United States and Mexico will enter into arrangements for storing up the water of the Rio Grande River as to provide means of irrigation for lands on both sides of the river below Laredo on an immense scale. This scheme has the approval of the United States, and will require a special treaty between the two nations. The effect of this will be to irrigate a large tract of arid land where there is now a wilderness.

Welsh Land Tenure Bill Defeated.

LONDON, March 16.—In the Commons to-day the Welsh land tenure bill was introduced, which provides that the Government will appoint a commission to arrange conditions for tenancy of Welsh farms and fix fair rents. Gladstone details the bill, which has his support of the measure, but at the same time thought that the statements made were worthy of the attention of the House. The bill was rejected.

Trade Relations With Canada.

OTTAWA, March 16.—Governor-General Stanley has transmitted to Parliament documents relating to the recent negotiations at Washington between Canadian delegates and Secretary Blaine, respecting the extension of trade between Canada and the United States. The papers detail the proceedings of the conference, and show that no basis on the trade question was reached.

Schneider's Sentence Confirmed.

VIENNA, March 16.—The Emperor has confirmed the sentence of death passed upon Franz Schneider, who decoyed servant girls to his home, in the suburbs of Vienna, and then, with the aid of his wife, killed, outraged and murdered them. The woman will be imprisoned for life.

Result of a Drunken Row.

VIENNA, March 16.—A dispatch from Wicelicia, Galicia, states that a conflict occurred there to-day between Austrian and Russian soldiers, and two Russians were killed. The affair created the most serious frontier guards, though the result was from a drunken row.

Admiral Walker Favored.

NEW YORK, March 16.—A Buenos Ayres dispatch to the Herald affirms that President Pellegrini and a member of the Cabinet visited Admiral Walker's squadron at La Plata yesterday. They invited the admiral to inspect the Argentine navy.

President Diaz Receives Gen. Howard.

CITY OF MEXICO, March 16.—President Diaz received General Howard this afternoon. The President expressed a hope for a continuance of the friendly relations between the two countries, and the general thanked the President upon Mexico's prosperity.

Suffering in Queensland.

BRISBANE (Queensland), March 16.—The starvation in various industries in this colony has caused much suffering and a number of persons are on the verge of starvation. Four hundred women and children to-day besieged the labor bureau, begging for relief.

Enterprise at Red Bluff.

RED BLUFF, March 16.—The Railroad Committee—R. H. Blossom, C. A. Campbell and George Champlin—has obtained subscriptions to the amount of \$500 to aid the preliminary survey of a railroad from Eureka to Red Bluff. The route is now in the hands of the Eureka company. The surveyors are now in the field, beginning their work.

Stock to the amount of nearly \$3,000 has already been taken in the Red Bluff company. The surveyors are now in the field, beginning their work.

Passenger and Ticket Agents.

MONTREAL, March 16.—The thirty-seventh semi-annual convention of the General Passenger and Ticket Agents convened at the Bell Hotel to-day. The following officers were elected: President, S. Hanson, General Passenger Agent of the Boston and Albany road; Vice-President, F. Chandler of the Wash road; Secretary, J. Smith of the Lake Shore line. Messrs. Franklin Boothby and Whitney were appointed members of the Executive Board. J. Havens was selected to succeed Mr. H. Goodman. The convention will meet at Bluff Point Lake, Vermont, next September. Adjourned.

Irrigation Canal Completed.

TRAVEL, March 16.—The great Alta Irrigation District system of canals under the Wright law has been completed, and running full of water, practically irrigating 120,000 acres of land. The result has been brought about by residents of the district purchasing the bonds themselves. Five hundred miles of canals and distributing ditches are in operation. Some five million feet of lumber has been used in head gates, drops, checks, bridges and flumes.

Petaluma Notes.

Petaluma, March 16.—Court Petaluma, No. 893, of the American Order of Foresters, was instituted here last night with forty charter members. A court of the English branch of Foresters was organized here last week.

The fifth annual convention of the Pacific Endowment Society of Sonoma and Mendocino Counties has been in session here the past two days. The session was unusually interesting.

HIS NECK BROKEN.

Terrible Accident to a Young Carpenter in San Francisco.

FALLS FROM A SCAFFOLD TO THE PAVEMENT BELOW.

The Alta Irrigation System of Canals in Tulare County, Which Comprises Five Hundred Miles of Canals and Distributing Ditches, Has Been Completed and is Now in Operation—Vallejo Defeats the Proposition to Issue Bonds for the Construction of City Water Works.

Special to the Record-Union.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—Stephen Cuneo, a young carpenter, fell from a scaffolding on Vallejo street this morning and broke his neck. He is not only alive, but is fully conscious and able to tell how it feels to have one's neck broken.

Young Cuneo and another man were at work on the residence of G. B. Cavaglia, on Vallejo street, just above Powell. They had erected a small scaffold and were tearing down it, and moving preparatory to building a new one. Cuneo was on the scaffold and stepped upon a rotten piece of scantling which had been used in the old veranda's construction. It gave way and he was thrown violently to the ground, a distance of about twenty feet. He threw out his hands to break the fall, but struck on the right side of his head, and he was thrown forward. He was conscious and said: "I believe my neck is broken. I can't move."

The patrol wagon was summoned and Cuneo was taken to the hospital. An examination verified his statement. His head lolled from side to side. While examining him the physician did not notice that the patient's respiration had completely stopped until the men began to get back in the face. His head was moved a little and he again breathed, but said that something was choking him. An examination showed that the fourth and fifth cervical vertebrae had been dislocated. The man's head was thrown back, obstructing it so that breathing was impossible, except when the head was thrown well back. Cuneo's body, from the neck down, was clocked and he actually seemed amused when the Police Surgeon told him that his body was dead, but that his head was all right.

Cuneo was stripped and bandaged tightly to a board which protruded a foot above his head. His neck was then stretched by means of bandages over his chin and a sand-bag under the back of his neck, and he was left extended on the plank. His head is kept rigid by an appliance that resembles a clock, check on a horse. The chances for Cuneo's recovery are exceedingly small—about one in a thousand.

LODI BREVITIES.

AN OFFER TO BUY THE TRAINING TRACK AT THAT BUREAU.

LODI, March 16.—Dan McCarthy, the well-known turfman, was in Lodi last evening for the purpose of making an offer for the Lodi turf training track.

The directors of the company owning the track held a special meeting, and Mr. McCarthy offered them \$7,000 for the track and buildings. It is not known whether the directors will accept it or not. It is rumored that McCarthy is acting as agent for Governor Stanford, and that if he succeeds in buying the track of the Lodi Alto stock will be removed here.

The rain, which has been falling the past two days, ceased this morning. The farmers say the late rain insures good crops of both fruit and grain.

The Fire in East Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, March 16.—The fire residence of R. A. Brown, in East Los Angeles, was partly burned this morning.

SENATOR HILL'S TOUR.

Cordial Welcome by Citizens of Birmingham, Alabama.

BIRMINGHAM (Ala.), March 16.—The city is filled with enthusiastic Democrats to welcome Senator Hill, who arrived this morning from Jackson, Miss. They cheered him as he proceeded to the city, as a guest of the Hill club of this city. At 11:30 p. m. he was escorted by prominent citizens, and proceeded to the hotel, which was lavishly decorated, when he was introduced by Colonel Hewitt and delivered an address.

The great point is to achieve victory for the Democratic party. To obey laws with praise of the South and to present received at the hands of the Southern. He delivered several sentences to reduce the tariff, to obey laws with praise of the South and to present received at the hands of the Southern. He delivered several sentences to reduce the tariff, to obey laws with praise of the South and to present received at the hands of the Southern.

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gaging in a prize fight with Bell. Young Bell was exonerated from all criminal intent. He will be discharged in the Police Court to-morrow.

Irrigation Company Organized.

PHOENIX (A. T.), March 16.—Articles of incorporation have been filed for the Arizona Land and Irrigation Company. The capital stock is \$5,000,000, paid up, \$1,000,000. The incorporators are Charles W. Tilton, Judge W. H. Barnes of Tucson, and A. L. Pogue of Indiana. The company proposes to construct an immense dam at a place known as Pasten's Buttes on the Gila River, and build 240 miles of canal.

Took Her Money and Decamped.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 16.—Mrs. Herbert L. Mitchell of this city is anxious to know the whereabouts of her husband. She was married to him four years ago and recently took a trip to England. On her return she found her husband had drawn \$4,000 of her money from the bank and left with it, beside carrying away much valuable jewelry belonging to her.

The Bonds Failed to Carry.

VALLEJO, March 16.—An election was held in Vallejo to-day on the question of issuing bonds of \$250,000 for the erection of water works to be owned by the city. The vote was light—92—and the proposition failed to carry. The requisite two-thirds by thirty votes. Another election is talked of. The Australian ballot system worked admirably.

Tug-of-War Challenge Accepted.

LOS ANGELES, March 16.—The American tug-of-war team, which won so many contests here, has accepted the challenge of the San Francisco American team for a tug-of-war match on a side, best two in three. The pull is to take place Saturday night, March 28th, at Hazard's Pavilion, in this city.

Telegraph Line in Lassen County.

ANADIEE, March 16.—A telegraph line, constructed through the enterprise of citizens of Lassen County, was opened to-day between this city and Susanville. Anadiee is the terminus of the Nevada and California Railroad, and until to-day has had no telegraphic communication with the outside world.

New Bank.

BAKERSFIELD, March 16.—A new bank, called the Producers' Savings Bank, was organized to-day. The directors are E. Frisell, H. B. Smith, L. C. Park, F. A. Stewart, S. L. Carter, E. E. Elliott and L. Blankenhorn. The capital stock is \$100,000, divided into 1,000 shares at \$100 each.

Murder Trial in Progress.

FRESNO, March 16.—The trial of J. H. Murphy for the murder of William McKay at Gold Gulch, in this county, last December, is in progress in the Superior Court. The cause of the shooting was a fight over a peach and plum tree in full bloom. Early gardens are probably ruined.

DALLAS (Texas), March 16.—A howling norther, with a heavy rain, swept over the Grand Jurors in the investigation of the murder of Banker Meade. The gun with which the murder was committed has been found, one barrel being still loaded. The jury has learned in whose hands the gun was, and will take up the case to-morrow. It is expected that several prominent citizens will be indicted.

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JEFFERSON (Texas), March 16.—The fall of snow and sleet to-day has caused untold damage to fruit and grain.

IN OKLAHOMA.

GUTHRIE, March 16.—Terrible snow-storm is raging here. There is much suffering among the poorer classes, and it is feared the boomers gathered around the Grand Jurors in the investigation of the murder of Banker Meade. The gun with which the murder was committed has been found, one barrel being still loaded. The jury has learned in whose hands the gun was, and will take up the case to-morrow. It is expected that several prominent citizens will be indicted.

PHILADELPHIA, March 16.—Penny-packer's barrel factory, at Swanson and Reed streets, in the rear of Spreckels' refinery, was destroyed by fire this morning. The flames originated in a boiler used for drying barrel staves. During the fire Robert Solley was knocked senseless by a red-hot slate that fell from the roof. It is thought he will die. The loss on machinery, stock and building is \$150,000, partially insured.

Corbett-Sullivan Match.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Speaking of the Sullivan-Corbett match, the World says: There is no doubt of the sincerity of both parties over the articles of agreement. It can easily be settled. As an example, both parties have agreed to name on the 10th of July (Sunday) as the third deposit. Yesterday both agreed that the date should be changed to July 7th.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

SHAMOKIN, March 16.—The boiler of a locomotive on a branch of the Philadelphia and Reading, at Laclede, exploded this morning, killing engineer Charles Hamann and fireman Frank Brown, and injuring George Benton, a brakeman, and two trainmen, names unknown.

Freight Wreck.

RAHWAY (N. J.), March 16.—A freight wreck on the Pennsylvania road delays all trains to-night. The wreck was caused by the breaking of an axle, and several cars were demolished and their contents scattered. There were no fatalities.

Railroad Bridge Burned.

SAN ANTONIO (Tex.), March 16.—The burning of a bridge on the Southern Pacific, near Sanderson, caused a serious delay to traffic. The burned structure was over a deep canyon, across which it was impossible to transfer passengers and freight.

A Ball-Player as a Burglar.

WILMINGTON (Del.), March 16.—In a desperate fight between the officers and a gang of fleeing burglars on a moving train, one officer was wounded and one burglar killed. The latter proved to be a ball-player of Wilmington.

Cleveland Has the Advantage.

ST. PAUL, March 16.—Ex-Governor Campbell of Ohio said to-day he thought Cleveland still had the advantage of Hill, but could tell more about the latter's strength after his return from his Southern trip.

New York Reapportionment Bill.

ALBANY, March 16.—A bill introduced in the Senate to-day for a Congressional reapportionment provides for seventeen Democratic, fourteen Republican and three doubtful districts.

State Courts Reversed.

LINCOLN (Neb.), March 16.—A certified copy of the United States Supreme Court's mandate in the Boyd-Thayer case was served on the Nebraska court to-day, and the State Court's decision reversed.

Union Pacific Earnings.

BOSTON, March 16.—The Union Pacific January statement for the whole system shows that the gross earnings have increased \$98,751. The net increase is \$15,820.

Mills' Election Assured.

AUSTIN (Tex.), March 16.—A caucus shows seventy-one members of the Legislature are pledged for Mills for United States Senator. This insures his election.

Hotel Burned.

NIAGARA FALLS, March 16.—The Spencer House, one of the oldest hotels here, was entirely destroyed by fire to-night.

Fatally Shot by His Wife.

GHEENTZ (Ky.), March 16.—Charles Dun had been unlawfully killed by a mob, she accusing him of infidelity. The special venire being exhausted, and the prosecuting attorney considering it useless to summon another, a *nois prosequi* was entered in each case and the defendants

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BETTER COME AND SEE.

Foreigners Still Believe America a Wild Congo Country.

BOSTON, March 16.—The Pilot contains an interview between Archbishop Ireland and his correspondent in Rome, from which the following is extracted: "I am glad to say the Roman authorities declare themselves determined to maintain the hierarchical unity of the church in America, and to allow no effort to be made toward retarding the assimilation of the different populations of America and encouraging political and social unification of all citizens of the land. But, strange to say, this determination of Rome does not prevent a constant renewal of these efforts. There are people in America and in Europe who believe the country is a wild Congo, to be partitioned off into so many foreign colonies, distinct from one another as language, ideas and customs can make them."

European Catholic papers are enlisted into the movement. Germany's papers to-day give their statements of the land. But, strange to say, this determination of Rome does not prevent a constant renewal of these efforts. There are people in America and in Europe who believe the country is a wild Congo, to be partitioned off into so many foreign colonies, distinct from one another as language, ideas and customs can make them."

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O'NEILL (Neb.), March 16.—A gigantic attempt to capture 20,000 acres of land in this county is now in progress. One hundred and twenty men, under the leadership of Immigration Commissioner Steward of the Pacific Shore line, appeared this morning at the United States Land Office and attempted to file contests on 120 quarter-sections of land, nearly all occupied, and if the grant succeeds in having the Land Office accept the contest papers bloodshed will undoubtedly follow. When the men went to file their claims they discovered that the land was from thirty to forty miles north of the city, located on the old Ponca reservation. On the train last night Steward told the idea that the land was close to the railroad and first-class