

### SLAIN WITH A CLUB

#### A Terrible Crime Charged Against Dr Scudder.

#### HE IS BELIEVED TO BE INSANE

#### Under Arrest for Beating His Mother-In-Law to Death—A Helpless Invalid Struck Down.

CHICAGO, March 4.—Dr. Henry Martyn Scudder, confined since Wednesday night at the detention hospital on the strength of his brother's assertion that he is insane, and who is said to have murdered his mother-in-law, Mrs. Elizabeth M. Parker Dunton, February 21, was to be examined as to his mental soundness by Judge Brown at 10 a. m. But one friend of the prisoner appeared in the court-room, although there were, perhaps, half a dozen in the building. Dr. Scudder himself was not brought in. All negotiations were conducted by George W. Wilbur, Scudder's attorney. He appeared before Judge Brown and asked for a continuance of the case until next Friday morning, which was granted without argument.

#### The Warrant.

The warrant on which Dr. Scudder is held was sworn out by the venerable F. E. Dunton, proprietor of the Spirit of the Turf, and the father-in-law of the accused. In the complaint on which the warrant was issued by Justice Brayton Wednesday morning, Mr. Dunton alleges that on Sunday, February 21, Dr. Scudder murdered Mrs. Dunton by beating her on the head with a blunt weapon. The warrant was given to officers, who went to the house on Grand boulevard Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock and placed Dr. Scudder under arrest.

#### Story of the Crime.

Mrs. Scudder is the adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Dunton, and was married to Dr. Scudder, who was then a widower, last September. Mrs. Dunton, who, at the time of her death, was 54 years old, was an invalid, and sat up a good deal in a reclining chair, placed near her bed, and did so on the day of her death, which was Sunday, February 21. Dr. Scudder, who was a constant visitor at the Dunton mansion, was there, and in the sick-room that Sunday morning.

#### What a Witness Said.

A witness saw Dr. Scudder and Mrs. Dunton standing together in the room, Dr. Scudder being between her and the witness, who was in the hall, or on the staircase. Dr. Scudder had in the pocket of his overcoat something a foot or more in length, wrapped up in a white cloth, which protruded above his pocket. A moment later Mrs. Dunton uttered a piercing scream, which was heard all over the house. At or about the same moment, a witness saw her on all fours on the floor, and Dr. Scudder striking her on the head with something like a club. The witness was in fear of the scounders, and suppressed the fact until later.

#### Scudder's Story.

When Mrs. Dunton screamed, everyone in the house ran to the room, the first arrival being Mr. Dunton, whom Dr. Scudder gently pushed back, assuring him that he was too ill to see his wife. To the rest of the family he said that Mrs. Dunton had fallen down three times and struck her head against the furniture. When they arrived Mrs. Dunton was lying on her face, with her head, which was near the door, bleeding profusely from several wounds. She was only partly conscious, and said nothing that was intelligible before she died. Dr. Scudder and others started out for physicians. When they arrived they made an examination of Mrs. Dunton's scalp, and found that it had on it five or more wounds, which penetrated to the skull bone if they did not fracture the skull. It was plain also that they were made downward and forward, on the top and rear of the head. Dr. Scudder told the other physicians that he was present when Mrs. Scudder fell three times against the furniture, while he was attempting to hold her up.

#### Mrs. Dunton's Death.

Mrs. Dunton lay unconscious until 2:30 that afternoon and then died. The funeral was managed by the scounders, who, it is said, had the services at the house, and gave no one an opportunity to view the remains, which were immediately removed to Janesville, Wis., for burial. When suspicion was directed to Dr. Scudder is not known, but it did not ripen into certainty until last Sunday, and Dr. Scudder's arrest followed.

#### A Possible Motive.

If Dr. Scudder is guilty of the murder of Mrs. Dunton, the motive is easily understood. Mrs. Dunton was the owner of about \$100,000 worth of property, and disposed of it by will several years ago, the will being now on file in the probate court. In this will she left a large sum to her adopted daughter after her husband's death, but a very small sum previous to that. What Dr. Scudder seems to have desired was to have Mrs. Scudder come into possession of a large fortune at Mrs. Dunton's death, and to have Mr. and Mrs. Dunton die as soon as possible.

#### A Forged Will is Suspected.

It has been found that a forged will had been prepared and substituted for the one signed by Mrs. Dunton on the Thursday preceding her death. The genuine will had distributed about \$100,000 among blood relatives of the maker, in the bogus document the adopted daughter, Dr. Scudder's wife, received the bulk of the estate. It was this discovery that convinced Mr. Dunton that his wife had been murdered for her money. In Wednesday morning he swore out a warrant before Justice Brayton charging "murder with malice aforethought."

#### Chief of the Prisoner's Family.

Shortly after noon Thursday Deputy Sheriff Hawley went to the Scudder residence armed with the writ, issued by Judge Scates, directing that the man in custody be taken to the county hospital. Then the deputy arrived Dr. "Harry" Scudder and dressed himself. When he left the house in company with Deputy Hawley and Officer Deakin his wife broke completely down, screaming and sobbing with grief. The father and other relatives were too much affected. During the afternoon and evening the Scudder home was closed and admission was refused to all callers. It was re-

ported, however, that Dr. H. M. Scudder, Sr., is utterly prostrated by the terrible grief which has come upon him and now lies seriously ill at his home, 291 Grand boulevard. Fear is also entertained for the health of the prisoner's aged mother.

#### WILL KEEP HIS SEAT.

#### The Senate Decision in Favor of Dubois, of Idaho.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—The senate on Friday resumed consideration of the Idaho election contest, being addressed by Senator Gray (Del.) in support of the claims of Claggett, the contestant Senator Higgins (Del.), who signed the majority report, made an argument in justification of it and of Dubois' right to the seat. Further arguments were made by Senator Stewart (Nev.) in behalf of Mr. Claggett's right to the seat, and by Senator Mitchell (Ore.) in behalf of Mr. Dubois' right to it. Finally at 2 o'clock the debate was closed and the voting was begun. The question on the minority resolutions in favor of Mr. Claggett's right to the seat was decided in the negative—yeas, 72; nays, 52.

The vote was then taken on the majority resolutions affirming the right of Dubois to retain his seat, and it was decided in the affirmative—yeas, 55; nays, 5.

The pure food bill was then taken up, and upon motion of Senator Padlock (Neb.), several amendments, mostly of a verbal character, were agreed to. No action was taken on the bill. Several bills were reported from committees and placed on the calendar, including one to establish a military post at Helena, Mont., and one to set aside a tract of land in California for the use of the Lick observatory.

#### IN THE HOUSE.

#### The District of Columbia Appropriation Bill Passed—Other Proceedings.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—On Thursday the house went into committee of the whole. Mr. Richardson (Tenn.) in the chair, and resumed the consideration of the District of Columbia appropriation bill. The unfinished sections were considered without amendment and the committee then rose and reported the bill to the house and it was passed.

In the morning hour the house resumed consideration of the bill allowing railroad companies to give special rates to commercial travelers. Mr. Otis (Kan.) antagonized the measure. It was a stroke directed at the fundamental principle upon which the interstate law was founded.

Mr. O'Neill (Pa.) offered an amendment providing that nothing in the bill shall be construed to prohibit any common carrier from granting reduced rates of transportation to passengers or making reduced rates for freight. Mr. Harris (Minn.) offered an amendment providing that any common carrier may give reduced rates to members of the Grand Army of the Republic when traveling to or from any annual encampment.

The demand for the previous question was voted down—50 to 70—and pending action on the amendments the morning hour expired and the house adjourned. The bill will now go on the calendar of unfinished business.

#### BASEBALL.

#### The National League Championship Season Divided and the Winner of Each Series to Compete for the Pennant—It Will Open on April 15.

New York, March 4.—The national league baseball managers ended their labors at 5 o'clock Thursday, having completed and adopted the schedule for the season. The championship season is divided into two divisions in consequence of the increased number of clubs in the new organization. It was at first proposed to divide the series so as to make the first consist of eighty-six games and the second of sixty-six, but this was found objectionable to many, and consequently each division consists of seventy-seven games. The winner of each series will play together at the end of the season for the championship. The season opens on April 15.

#### MINISTER MONTT RESIGNS.

#### Report That Egan Will Return to the United States in April.

VALPARAISO, March 4.—Minister Pedro Montt has cabled from Washington his resignation of his post on account of his election as a deputy for Petorca, in the province of Aconcagua. Petorca is about 25 miles northeast of Valparaiso. The Chilean government will probably ask him to retain his post until his successor has been appointed. It is stated on good authority that Minister Egan will probably return to the United States in April.

#### KILLED EACH OTHER.

#### A Duel with Halves in Alabama in Which Both Participants Are Killed.

MAKESVILLE, Tenn., March 4.—Just over the Alabama line Thursday morning Ike Russell and Al Robinson fought like sands with knives and killed each other. The row was the result of a family feud of years standing. Their custom has been to ride into Athens occasionally, load up on whisky and make the town wild with their spree. Thursday morning they met, and Russell's mule having thrown him, he went up to Robinson and ordered that worthy to dismount and give him his purse. Upon refusal Russell rushed at Robinson who leaped to the ground, and a hand-to-hand duel was fought, resulting in the death of both the participants.

#### SLEPT AT HIS POST.

#### A Switch Tender at Hinsdale, Ill., Responsible for a Collision in Which Two Men Were Killed.

CHICAGO, March 4.—Through the carelessness of a switch tender two G. B. & Q. freight trains collided at Hinsdale, Ill., Thursday morning, killing two men and injuring another. The wreck was a counterpart of the accident by which seven lives were lost at Milwaukee Tuesday, the collision being between two trains running on parallel tracks between which a switch had been left open. Switch-tender Henry B. Miller confessed that he went to sleep and forgot to close the switch. The dead are fireman John B. Burkholder and brakeman W. P. Bona, both of Galesburg.

#### Charles N. Ayers Is Dead.

DETROIT, Mich., March 4.—Charles N. Ayers, who was shot by his wife Wednesday, died in Harper hospital at 6 o'clock Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Ayers, who is prostrated in her cell in Central station, was visited by a number of lady friends.

### TOOK IT BY FORCE

#### How Famished Prussians Appeared Their Awful Hunger.

#### BREAD RIOTS IN GERMANY

#### Incited to Riot by Agitators They Loot Bakeshops in Dantzig, and Appropriate Their Contents.

BERLIN, March 4.—A dispatch from Dantzig, the capital of western Prussia, says that serious rioting, similar to that which took place recently in this city, has occurred there. As in Berlin, the trouble was caused by the large number of people out of work.

Agitators start the trouble. The troubles at Dantzig, like the troubles at Leipzig and many other places, began by a mass meeting of the unemployed, by fiery addresses made by agitators and by heated suggestions upon the part of socialistic orators. A delegation was then appointed to call upon the chief local magistrate, who informed the delegation that the local authorities, anticipating some such visit, had taken steps to provide relief works upon which the most needy of the unemployed could find work. The delegation then withdrew and later in the day some 200 men from the unemployed masses of Dantzig were embarked on board a steamer, chartered by the local authorities, and were taken up the river to the spot where the relief works were situated.

#### The Battle Cry.

After the departure of the steamer the angry feeling which animated the hungry army of unemployed laborers began to obtain the upper hand of them. There was much shouting and swearing, many bitter things said about the emperor and then the socialist and anarchist orators began to harangue the crowd, telling them of their wrongs, of the oppression of the government, and of the cruel bearing of the emperor, with the result that no sooner was the now familiar cry in Germany of "Bread! Bread! Bread! Give us bread or give us work" raised by the agitators than a mob of about 2,000 men spread themselves in detachments over the neighborhood and pillaged a number of baker and butcher shops, which were completely gutted of their contents.

#### Distributed the Spoils.

Then there was a strange scene. Immense piles of stolen meat and bags of flour were gathered at convenient spots and the work of equal distribution began. Sturdy rioters guarded these stores of provisions, while others measured out the meat and flour to the starving men. Each man was asked how many people he had in his family, and upon the number being given, he was handed a piece of meat and a measure or two of flour, according to the needs of his household.

#### Fought the Police.

While the work of distribution was going on skirmishing parties of rioters were keeping the police at bay by pelting them with stones or charging boldly upon them and driving the authorities from the scene of the riot. Other skirmishing parties emptied wine stores, grocery stores, and other places where food and drink was to be had, until every man among the rioters had laid in a stock of provisions of some kind or another. The mob, in spite of the rioting, was orderly, if such terms can be applied to rioters.

#### TROUBLE WITH JOHN BULL.

#### Lord Salisbury's Reported Action May Lead to Serious Complications—The Behring Sea Dispute May Cause a Disturbance of Harmonious Relations.

New York, March 4.—A cablegram from London says Lord Salisbury has informed the Washington authorities that he is unwilling, pending arbitration proceedings in the Behring sea dispute, to consent to a renewal of the modus vivendi of last year. He is willing, however, to take the necessary steps for putting a stop during the coming season of Pelagic sealing within 30 miles of the Pribyloff Islands. The complications which may result from Lord Salisbury's refusal may prove to be of the gravest nature. The president may see himself compelled to enforce the law which directs the seizure of poachers in Behring sea or he may deem it necessary to cancel, as a measure of reprisal, the valuable bonding privileges now enjoyed by Canadian railroads to the detriment of lines in the United States.

#### Given a Light Sentence.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 4.—Bernard Reina, of the firm of Neuberger, Reiss & Co., who cheated the government out of \$200,000 by smuggling fine silks and woollens as cotton goods, was let off with a fine of \$5,000 and costs, in lieu of \$70,000 paid to the government. Reina pleaded for mercy because he had motherless children depending on him. So Judge Morrow spared him from a penal sentence which would have sent him to San Quentin for two years.

#### Caught Smuggling Jewelry.

JEFFERSON CITY, N. J., March 4.—Custom house inspectors Thursday caught two cooks on the Bremen steamer Lahn in the act of smuggling \$10,000 worth of jewelry ashore. The valuables were taken to the seizure room, and the smugglers, Gustave Kahn and Gustave Westinger, were locked up.

#### Two Feet of Snow in Trieste.

ROME, March 4.—Violent snowstorms are raging in Venice and Trieste. In the latter city the snow is nearly 2 feet high and the roads are blocked in consequence. In the mountains the fall of snow has been much greater and the ground is covered to a depth of 4 feet.

#### Must Make It an Indecentum.

BOSTON, March 4.—John L. Sullivan says he is prepared to fight any of the pugilists but demands a \$25,000 purse, and that his opponent shall put up a side bet of \$10,000.

#### Debated the Champion.

CHICAGO, March 4.—Champion Wing Shot Fulford's colors trailed in the dust at Watson's park Thursday. C. W. Budd, of Des Moines, stripped Fulford of the high honors he recently won in the east and he did not have to work hard to do it. Fulford showed lack of judgment. He killed forty-one of his first fifty and forty of his second batch, showing his nerves does not stand up

him on the home stretch. The score was: Budd, 30; Fulford, 31. Budd grazed his last forty-five birds without a miss.

#### NOT GUILTY.

#### Sam Minton Goes Free in Troublesome Southwestern Kansas.

SPRINGFIELD, Kan., March 4.—The verdict "not guilty" was handed in at 9 o'clock Thursday morning by the jury in the case against Sam Minton, charged with aiding the assassination of Sheriff Dunn. As composed, the jury was supposed by everybody to be favorable to Minton, and it has been stated openly that one or more of them were with the mob the morning Dunn was killed, but a verdict of "not guilty" was not expected by anyone. The first vote was nine for acquittal and three for conviction. After an all-night session the jury reached an agreement. Disinterested parties who live outside the district, but who heard the evidence from beginning to end, expressed themselves as to Minton's guilt, and say they fail to understand how such a verdict was arrived at, except that the jury was chosen with that particular end in view. After the verdict was handed in and read Judge Vanderveer made a long talk to young Minton, in which he said: "You may consider yourself lucky in getting off as you do, when all the circumstances in the case are as they appear from the evidence." The court then admitted Orner and Chase to bail in the sum of \$2,500 each. Court adjourned to March 13, when Judge Vanderveer will return and try the other Dunn murder cases.

#### HE IS BETTER.

#### Representative Springer's Condition Much Improved—Wrapped up in Tariff Legislation.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Late Thursday night Congressman Springer sank into a peaceful sleep, and his physicians are now hopeful of his recovery. It is now thought his disease is under control.

Hardly an hour has passed during Mr. Springer's illness that his mind has not been busy in some way with the tariff question. Wednesday he sent for the assistant clerk of the ways and means committee and told him that he desired certain arrangements made for the coming tariff contest on the floor of the house. He wished Mr. McMillin to make the opening speech and to act as leader of the democratic forces during the debate. He added that he would probably be able himself to get around in time to make the closing speech.

#### BIG ARMY OF PENSIONERS.

#### Nearly 800,000 Names on the Rolls in January.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Gen. Raum, commissioner of pensions, told the subcommittee of the house committee on appropriations Thursday that on February 29 last 642,200 claims were pending for original pensions, and in addition 414,651 applications were pending for additional pensions, making a grand total of 1,056,851 claims. In January 783,123 persons were drawing pensions and the actual money spent on account of pensions during the first six months of the year was \$85,065,073, leaving a balance on hand of \$63,000,000 for the remainder of the year.

#### A Bootblack in Luck.

TEXARKANA, Ark., March 4.—In the district court of Bowie county, Tex., in session at New Boston, the case of Samuel Black, a negro bootblack, against the Texas & Pacific Railroad Company for \$25,000 damages, was tried before a jury, and resulted in a verdict of \$12,500 for the plaintiff. The boy was run over by one of the company's engines and had both legs cut off just above the knees. The case will probably be appealed.

#### Found Dead.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 4.—Stephen P. Hopkins, said to be an congressman from the Seventeenth New York district, was found dead Thursday on the meadows about 1 mile from Pleasantville by an engineer on the West Jersey express. When found his body was lying across the track, the lower part of the water covering the meadows. The body was removed to May's Landing. How he came to his death is unknown.

#### Frenzied in Control.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 4.—Judge Taylor has discharged President Frenzel on the charge of contempt and turned the property of the street car company back to him. President Frenzel will discharge all men who deserted the company during the strike, but the strikers are under obligation to abide by the company's judgment in its discriminations. Another strike is not probable, but is possible. President Frenzel's victory is complete.

#### Pauper Pensioners.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—A statement prepared by the commissioner of internal revenue in regard to pauper bounty shows that 2,523 claims for bounty amounting to \$6,914,054, have been received, and that 953 claims, amounting to \$2,922,026, have been paid.

#### Repealed the Gates Bill.

DES MOINES, Ia., March 4.—The Gates county option bill was defeated in the senate Thursday. Senators Gatch and Brower spoke in favor of the bill and Senator Reisinger opposed it.

#### Uncle Sam Pockets the Loss.

WASHINGTON, March 4.—In the senate the house bill to credit Aquilla Jones, Sr., late postmaster at Indianapolis, with \$3,548, stolen in 1888, was taken up and passed.



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# Great Excitement

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