

GUN PLAYS IN OLD CROTEAU LAST EVENING

PROBABLY TWO MEN ARE DEAD AS THE RESULT OF FIGHTS NEAR MALTA, MONT.

SHOT AT CIRCLE "C" RANCH

W. J. Allen Was Shot Dead at the Coburn Cow Ranch and Big Bob McDonald Badly Beaten at Malta.

(Special to Inter Mountain.)

Have, March 24.—As the result of two gun plays at different points in the eastern part of this county last night, one man is dead and another lies at death's door.

W. J. Allen, an employe of the Circle "C" Coburn ranch, located 60 miles from Malta, was killed by a half-breed, whose name cannot be learned.

Robert McDonald, also a half-breed, residing at Malta, was beaten over the head at that place, with the butt of a six shooter by W. E. Ritchie, and while still alive, may die at any time.

The sheriff, county attorney and coroner passed through this city this afternoon en route to Malta, where they will place Ritchie under arrest.

The coroner and sheriff will drive to the circle "C" ranch and arrest Allen's slayer if he has not made his escape.

Only the most meager report of either affair has reached this city and it is believed from the first report that Big Bob McDonald will die from the wounds he received in his fight with Ritchie.

Ritchie and McDonald had words Saturday night and McDonald is supposed to have provoked the fight.

He Killed a Negress.

(By Associated Press.) Montgomery, Ala., March 24.—E. J. Armstead, former tax collector of this county and at one time one of the wealthiest men in Alabama, today shot and killed Mary Hansen, a negress, and then committed suicide. The tragedy occurred in a house on Tallapahogue street. It is believed Mr. Armstead was temporarily insane, as he had been drinking heavily recently.

A Cutting Affair.

(Special to Inter Mountain.) Dillon, March 24.—"Big" Jim Burden was stabbed twice in the arm last night by Jim Gordon. The latter got into a fracas with the cook of the Kentucky saloon, in a room at the back, and Jim Burden in trying to help the cook received two cuts in the arm from a knife in Gordon's hand. The wounds are not serious. Gordon is in jail awaiting action of grand jury.

Wants Some Gatlings.

(By Associated Press.) Manila, March 24.—Lieut. Col. Frank D. Baldwin of the Fourth infantry, who has been operating against the Filipinos in Cavite province, has, on account of the inaccessible places abounding in that province, sent in a request for two 3-inch guns and a supply of shrapnel shells for use against the insurgents.

He Will Not Resign.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 24.—Secretary Hitchcock has returned from St. Louis, where he was called by the serious illness and death of his brother. He denied that he had any intention of resigning his portfolio or ever had contemplated retiring.

Robber Is Captured.

(Special to Inter Mountain.) Dillon, March 24.—Sheriff Jack Conoley leaves here today having in charge "Boss" Fisher, a darkey wanted at Anaconda for grand larceny.

HEAD-END COLLISION KILLS FOUR AND INJURES OTHERS

(By Associated Press.)

Youngstown, Ohio, March 24.—In a head-on collision between freight trains this morning on the Pittsburgh, Youngstown & Ashabula division of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago road, four men were killed and three injured. The dead:

NORMAN GRAHAM, fireman, lived near Newcastle, Pa.

THOMAS JAMES, fireman, Ashabula.

Brakeman, name yet unknown.

HARRY POOL OF ANACONDA, UNDER ARREST IN SALT LAKE

A young man named Harry Pool, who claims Anaconda as one of his places of hang-out, is under arrest in Salt Lake on a charge of robbery, he having been taken in out of the wet there a few days ago.

Pool told the chief of police that he came from Anaconda, but he was in Butte awhile. It is not known whether he did anything wrong in either place.

His offense in Salt Lake was a bold one and if it can be proved against him he is likely to go to the penitentiary for a long term of years. Entering a house of a well-known physician, he covered the hired man with a revolver, marched him into the parlor where the daughter of the physician was entertaining a gentleman friend named W. A. McMas-

BOERS MAKE PEACE PROPOSALS LORD KITCHENER HAS WITHDRAWN BANISHMENT PROCLAMATION KRUGER'S REPRESENTATIVE GIVEN SAFE CONDUCT

(By Associated Press.)

London, March 24.—There is little disposition in London to regard the news of the Boer governor's visit to Pretoria any too hopefully. Official circles express doubts, held throughout, of the ability of Acting President Schalkberger and other civilian leaders of the Boers to induce such men as General De Wet and General Delany to surrender.

Possibly they think the representatives of the Transvaal government are desirous of suing for peace, but there is nothing to show that they have any authority to impose submission on the commanders in the field.

The most hopeful sign they see is the announcement that Lord Kitchener permitted Mr. Schalkberger and his companions to proceed to the Orange River Colony, the contention being that unless the British commander-in-chief in South Africa, who is on the spot and therefore most thoroughly conversant with the situation, recognized the possibility of fruitful results and believed in the good faith of the Transvaalers, he would not have permitted the visitors to continue their pilgrimage to the headquarters of their Orange River Colony allies.

The same cautious reserve permeates the newspapers' utterances and comment in well-informed circles.

There is no sign, however, that the fighting generals are prepared to recognize the authority of their acting president in negotiate terms of peace, and the best information from South Africa deprecates any belief in the likelihood of a simultaneous surrender of the burghers still in the field on the order of the Boer government.

Almost the best to be hoped for is that the present overtures will also modify the situation as to bring peace.

The Pall Mall Gazette would "like to think that the brave, skillful commanders, De Wet and Delany, have arrived at the height of the moral courage once attained by General Lee, and

have realized that the truest patriotism does not seem consistent in the prolongation of a hopeless struggle."

The paper confesses, however, that the military situation is an auspicious for such a change of mind.

The St. James Gazette extracts from the unilluminative dispatches thus far received from Pretoria the theory that Mr. Schalkberger and the other members of the party have possibly already surrendered and have been put on parole for the purpose of seeing President Steyn and General De Wet.

The news from South Africa had a generally good effect on the stock exchange.

MADE ATTEMPT TO MURDER

JACOB JONES IS NOW LOCKED UP FOR SHOOTING HIS WIFE IN THE NECK.

HE WAS UNDER PEACE BONDS

If the Woman Dies It Will Be the First Murder in the City for a Period of Nearly Three Years.

(By Associated Press.)

Spokane, Wash., March 24.—As the result of a deliberate attempt at murder, Jacob Jones, colored, is in a strong cell at the city jail, while Mrs. Alice Jones, his victim, is delirious from a bullet wound in the back of the neck.

The woman secured a divorce from Jones about ten days ago, telling a story of brutal treatment.

Jones had made repeated threats against her and was under bonds to keep the peace. This morning he went to 210 South Howard, where the woman was living.

When she appeared he pulled a gun and fired three shots, the third alone striking her. Jones gave himself up without resistance and confessed his crime. The woman's chances of recovery are not good.

If she dies it will be the first murder in this city in nearly three years.

Rumors Are Denied.

(By Associated Press.) Rome, March 24.—Rumors to the effect that an Italian expedition against Tripoli was being fitted out at Naples and Spezia have been current for two weeks, but they have been persistently but not categorically denied by the government of Italy.

More Student Outbreaks.

(By Associated Press.) Vienna, March 24.—The newspapers here report a students' outbreak of a revolutionary character at Plock, Russian Poland.

Prussian Princess Dead.

(By Associated Press.) Newwied, Prussia, March 24.—The Dowager Princess Marie of Wles died today. She was born January 29, 1825.

Deaths From Cholera.

(By Associated Press.) Jeddah, Arabia, March 24.—There have been 479 deaths from cholera at Mecca and Medina during the past 10 days.

CLINTON DOTSON MUST DIE ON FRIDAY, APRIL 4, AT DEER LODGE. HE WAS SENTENCED TODAY

(Special to Inter Mountain.)

Deer Lodge, March 24.—To die upon Friday, April 4, is the sentence pronounced upon Clinton Dotson at 10 o'clock this morning by Judge J. M. Clements of Helena who was sitting here instead of Judge Napton.

The courtroom was crowded with those anxious to see how this strange man would take the sentence. They were disappointed if they expected to see him break down for he did not show any more emotion than a stone statue.

In pronouncing judgment the court said: "Clinton Dotson, you may stand up. As has heretofore been said, you were on the 20th day of July, 1901, informed against by the county attorney of this county charging you with the crime of

murder in the first degree. To that information you entered a plea of not guilty. You were given a fair trial before a jury of 12 good citizens and were found guilty of murder in the first degree. From the judgment there entered your counsel appealed to the supreme court of the state where the judgment of this court was affirmed. The duty now devolves upon me to fix a date upon which that judgment shall be carried into execution.

"It is ordered that you be remanded to the custody of the sheriff of this county and that on the 4th day of April he carry out the judgment of this court by hanging you by the neck until you are dead."

Dotson was led back to his cell by Sheriff McMahon, there to remain until the day of his execution.

STRUCK THE MAYOR IS A BOOM IN OIL.

MAYOR PARKER HORSEWHIPPED BY MISS BOISE.

SHE IS MRS. NATION'S PUPIL

Now Proposes to Whip the Governor—She Accuses Mayor and Governor of Responsibility for the Joins Running.

(By Associated Press.)

Topeka, Kas., March 24.—Miss Blanche Boise, a protegee of Mrs. Nation, horsewhipped Mayor Parker in his office at the city building this morning. Three times she struck the mayor and then he sprang at her, tore the rawhide out of her hand and pushed her into the hall. As Miss Boise was thrust out of the office by Mayor Parker she exclaimed: "Thank God I've done it. I've horsewhipped you and now I'm going to horsewhip the governor."

Before beginning her horsewhipping Miss Boise gave the mayor a severe scolding and accused him of being responsible for the fact that the joints are running openly in Topeka and for the murder which was recently committed in a local saloon. She had the whip concealed in the folds of her dress.

Miss Boise is a nurse by profession and is about 35 years of age.

Announced in Parliament.

(By Associated Press.) London, March 24.—Lord Kitchener, in his interview with Mr. Schalkberger, agreed to withdraw the banishment proclamation issued in September if General De Wet and the other Boer leaders surrendered.

In the house of commons the war secretary, Mr. Broderick, announced that a fortnight ago Mr. Schalkberger intimated to Lord Kitchener his desire to be granted a safe conduct through the British lines and back in order to see Mr. Steyn with reference to the possibility of peace proposals.

Lord Kitchener, with the consent of the government, has acceded to the request. The announcement of the war secretary was received with cheers.

Murder and Suicide.

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, March 24.—James Towns, his wife and their 8-year-old daughter were found dead in bed here today. They had been asphyxiated by gas from the kitchen range. A plug had been removed from the range, and the man's arm was thrown over the child, apparently holding her down. These circumstances are cited by the police as evidence of a double murder and suicide.

Boers Are Surprised.

(By Associated Press.) The Hague, March 24.—Acting President Schalkberger's arrival at Pretoria was a complete surprise in Boer circles here. It was surmised that the step taken was connected with the instructions sent to Lord Kitchener to communicate the text of the Anglo-Dutch notes to the Boer leaders.

U. S. Supreme Court Recess.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, March 24.—After announcing a few opinions, the United States supreme court today took a recess until April 7.

CUBAN CONFERENCE HELD TODAY

CUBA MUST HAVE MORE THAN 20 PER CENT REDUCTION.

WILL MEET PRESIDENT PALMA

Change Will Be Made on First of May and Shortly After the Army Will Leave, Except a Few Troops.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, March 24.—An important conference was held at the war department this afternoon between Secretary Root and General Wood, military governor of Cuba, in regard to the Cuban affairs.

It is understood that it related mainly to legislation necessary to put the new Cuban republic on a sound commercial basis at the outset of its career. General Wood has expressed the opinion that the proposed 20 per cent reduction on Cuban imports will not afford the desired relief to Cuba.

He is endeavoring to secure more liberal concessions for the island. The plan for General Wood to meet President-elect Palma in New York next Wednesday has been abandoned.

President Palma will come to Washington and have a personal meeting with General Wood and the president regarding the election of the officers of the republic. It is expected that Secretary Root will be present.

According to the present program, Senator Palma will be duly installed in the presidential office on May 1, and a portion of the United States army will remain on the island after that date as long as their presence may be necessary to preserve peace and good order and perfect the final details of the transfer.

It is not known at this time how long the troops will remain, but it is stated that they will all be withdrawn as soon as the new government is in successful operation and able to proceed without aid.

Want Nine-Hour Day.

(By Associated Press.) Spokane, Wash., March 24.—Pattern-makers in the iron works in this city have decided to demand a nine-hour day after May 5, wages to remain at \$3.50, the same as now paid for 10 hours. It is stated the same demand will be made in some of the principal towns in Idaho and Montana, and should it be refused a walkout is expected.

ENGINE BOILER BLOWS UP NEAR OGDEN, KILLING THREE

(By Associated Press.)

Salt Lake, Utah, March 24.—A 4-hp engine on the westbound freight train No. 296 blew up about 3 o'clock this morning while going up Lake hill, 70 miles west of Ogden. Three men were killed and one fatally injured. The dead:

WILLIAM WILTON, engineer, Ogden.

E. A. UPHOFF, brakeman.

Unknown tramp.

Pikeman Roy Munsa was terribly burned and scalded and will probably die

from his injuries.

The engine was a new compound. The cause of the explosion has not been ascertained. Traffic was blocked for about two hours.

All of the men were badly scalded. The bodies and the injured were brought to Ogden.

The trainmen state that the boiler and upper part of the engine was blown 50 feet from the tracks, while the trucks remained on the roadbed.

OFFICIAL INQUIRY INTO THE DEATH OF SPRINGER BRANTNER

(By Associated Press.)

After Dr. Norcross had examined the remains of Springer Brantner today Coroner Johnson was of the opinion that the man died from natural causes. An inquest will be held on the remains this evening.

Brantner was found dead in a chair in the Senate saloon yesterday and at first it was thought there was something suspicious about the cause of his demise. He had been drinking in the place with a woman who was drinking with Brantner

SEALERS ARE OUT OF LUCK FOR THIS YEAR

THE FIRST SEAL SHIP HAS RETURNED V. THREE HUNDRED JES.

WORST EVER EXPERIENCED

Reports That the Whole Fleet Will Be Compelled to Return Without Any Skins—News Caused Grave Depression.

(By Associated Press.)

St. Johns, N. F., March 24.—The steamer Newfoundland, the first sealing ship to return from the ice floes, arrived in the channel today with reports which indicate that the season's fishery was the worst on record.

She sailed March 10, proceeded up the coast islands, met with no ice or seals, passed in through Belle Isle straits to the Gulf of St. Lawrence and cruised there meeting with the same conditions.

The Newfoundland collided with a small iceberg, damaging her stem and sheathing and was forced to enter the channel harbor near Cape Ray to effect repairs.

She has only 300 sealskins on board, whereas she can carry 40,000. The steamer reports meeting the whole fleet March 15 with practically no seals.

The steamers Algerine and Panther, which were cruising in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, abandoned the fishery there and passed out of the Belle Isle straits, hoping for better fortune in the North Atlantic, but from the Newfoundland's report they are not likely to have any luck there. The news occasioned a grave depression especially after the sealers' recent strike.

Twenty ships and 4,000 men are involved in this failure of the fishery.

BURGLARS RANSACK A HOUSE

Burglars ransacked the home of Oliver Chevrler, No. 519 West Park street, last night and carried away over \$200 worth of jewelry, much of which consisted of heirlooms priceless to the family.

The robbers gained an entrance by means of skeleton keys while the family were at Crystal Springs. The discovery was made about 10 o'clock last night and Captain Everts was immediately notified.

An examination showed that the entire house had been searched from top to bottom.

Among the things taken were three gold rings, a ladies' long neck chain, a gold watch, a brooch and other jewelry. The police are on the track of suspects, and several arrests are expected by tomorrow morning.

BLIZZARD IS FREE ONCE MORE

Justice Libby of Meaderville rendered a decision today in the case of the state against Benjamin B. Blizard, who was arrested by Detective Jerry Murphy a few days ago on a charge of attempting to secure money from the State Savings bank by reason of an alleged worthless draft drawn on one Smith of Boston and indorsed by James Cummings of this city.

The justice turned Blizard loose.

Blizard was given a preliminary hearing last week, but the justice was not then ready to give a decision in the matter. At the close of the hearing, counsel for the defendant moved for a dismissal, but the justice overruled it and took the case under advisement.

Fort Scott, Kan., March 24.—John Lesher held a stick of dynamite under his chin today and deliberately exploded it, the charge blowing off his head and an arm. He had been drinking and told his wife he proposed to kill himself.

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