

FAMILY FOUND DEAD IN BATH

W. L. SEELEY, WIFE AND DAUGHTER ARE DISCOVERED WITH HEADS IN TUB.

MURDER AND SUICIDE?

Indications Are That Husband and Father Killed Other Occupants of Home and Then Destroyed Self—He Had Been National Bank Examiner for Illinois and Was Hard Up.

Seattle, Jan. 17.—W. L. Seeley, an attorney and former national bank examiner for Illinois under Comptroller of the Currency Eckles, his wife, Mrs. Kate M. Seeley, a member of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, and his daughter, Miss Rena Seeley, a student at the University of Washington, and a member of the Delta Gamma sorority, were found dead in a bath room of their home, 307 Eighteenth avenue, in the fashionable Capital Hill district, at 1 o'clock this afternoon. They had been dead since last Thursday. The women, each of whom was clad in nightgowns, had been murdered by being struck in the head, evidently with a hammer. There was no mark of violence on Seeley. He is believed to have been partially chloroformed and then drowned in the bath tub. All three were kneeling at the side of the bath tub with their heads submerged in the water. A steamer trunk was on the bodies of Seeley and his wife.

Murder and Suicide. That Seeley killed his wife and daughter while insane over financial worries and then committed suicide is the theory of the coroner and the police. He was dressed in his underwear, shoes and trousers. His nightgown, which was bloodstained from the bodies of the two women, was found beneath a clean pillow in the room occupied by him and his wife. The pillow on which Mrs. Seeley had been sleeping was saturated with blood.

Came From Middle West. Seeley came here less than two years ago from St. Joseph, Mo. He had lived there two years and had moved there from Ottawa, Ill. He has practiced law for the past 30 years. Seeley was 55 years, his wife about three years his junior and his daughter 22 years of age. The bodies were found by Guy M. Smetzer, affianced husband of Miss Seeley, and E. R. Zibbell, a friend of the family. The family could not be communicated with after 9 o'clock Thursday night, when Smetzer talked over the telephone with Miss Seeley. Efforts to get into communication with them after that were unsuccessful.

Was Down and Out. Although keeping up the appearance of prosperity, Seeley had been forced to borrow money for his last month's house rent from W. W. Wilshire, an attorney, from whom he rented desk room in the New York block. Police detectives searched the house for weapons with which the murders had been committed, but were unable to find any bloodstained implement. No article of jewelry or anything of value was taken from the house. Every window and door was found to have been securely locked.

Had \$8,000. Seeley is an uncle of M. F. Gose of Pomeroy, recently appointed by the governor to the Washington supreme bench. He has a brother, Charles at Pomeroy, Wash., and another, Frank at Hood River. Charles discredited the theory that his brother was in financial straits by saying that recently he had received \$8,000 from the settlement of his father's estate. His brother knows no motive for the crime and thinks the man must have been insane. What has become of this money is not known.

In the House. This morning Smetzer and Zibbell, who discovered the bodies, went to the Seeley home determined to find out what was the matter. They tried doors and windows and finally climbed over a transom of the back door and got

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MAN MURDERED IN HELENA IS KNOWN IN GARDEN CITY

John Hancock, the man who was lured to death in the yard of St. John's hospital in Helena Friday night, is said to be well known to a number of Missoula residents. Hancock was, until recently, employed as foreman at the French Bar mine, located near Helena, which is owned by the Lucasse brothers and several other prominent Missoula residents, including C. M. Van Leuven and A. C. Davis. He was engaged in driving tunnels and sinking shafts for nearly four months, and only a few days ago wrote the proprietors of the mine acknowledging receipt of the last check in payment of his services. Missoula friends and acquaintances of Hancock have no words but those of praise for the man now dead, and say that his character was above reproach. Hancock's wife and one child live in Helena.

Helena, Jan. 17.—Three rewards have been offered in the Hancock murder case. The miners' union, of which the

JOHN C. BLAKE IS DEAD IN CAPITAL

SENATE DOORKEEPER, WELL KNOWN IN MISSOULA AND MONTANA, PASSES AWAY.

STEWARD AT THE FORT

Deceased Was Connected With Local Post for More Than 15 Years and Was Also Veteran of Two Wars—Son, Harold C., Is Secretary of the Spanish War Claims Commission.

Special to The Daily Missoulian. Washington, Jan. 17.—John C. Blake, senate doorkeeper, died suddenly here this morning. Burial will be in Arlington cemetery in recognition of the long army service of Mr. Blake. His son, Harold C. Blake, secretary of the Spanish war claims commission, is the only surviving relative here. Two daughters, Mrs. Bradley and Mrs. Clinton, reside in Anaconda.

John C. Blake was well known in Missoula, where he had a host of friends. He was a civil war veteran and came to Fort Missoula as hospital steward with the Twenty-fifth infantry. He was stationed here for more than 15 years and left with the regiment when it was called to the front at the outset of the war with Spain. A few years after this, he was retired, having reached the age limit, and he returned to Montana to live. His son, Harold C., had in the meantime graduated from the University of Montana and had gone to Anaconda to live. There, with his son and two daughters, Mr. Blake made his home until, about three years ago, he was appointed doorkeeper in the federal senate. He was a man who had wide experience and who possessed many sterling qualities. The news of his death will occasion sincere sorrow here, as he occupied a high place in the esteem of his western Montana friends. It is known here that Captain Blake had often expressed the hope that his last resting place might be the national cemetery at Arlington.

SERENADER WOUNDED.

Cripple Creek, Colo., Jan. 17.—Clinton Wilson, aged 17, son of a wealthy ranchman near this city, was shot and probably fatally wounded by John H. Vivian, a neighbor, last night. Wilson, with a party of merry-makers, had called at the home of Vivian, who was recently married, to charivari him. Vivian fired into the crowd before he was aware of their mission, believing them to be thieves.

SHORT SESSION CRY HEARD AGAIN

HELENA'S LATEST RUMOR IS THAT LEGISLATURE'S MEETING WILL BE BRIEF.

Helena, Jan. 17.—That the session of the Montana legislature may last only 30 or 40 days is the latest rumor heard about the Helena hotel lobbies. But there have been many similar reports regarding other sessions. There has never yet been one that failed to sit the full number of days and no member ever failed to draw his full salary. Many members feel that the work could be rushed through before the 60 days have been consumed, but none desires to be quoted as stating that he would favor a bill limiting the session to the regular number of days. The only work thus far outlined is mostly routine. An employers' liability act will be introduced in the senate tomorrow, and there will be an interesting fight over the primary election law, which will be reported by the committee early this week. The committee appointed to investigate the land sales will commence work this week.

PLANS OFFICIALLY APPROVED FOR THE NEW FORT MISSOULA

Special to The Daily Missoulian. Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—The general plan for the new Fort Missoula has been finally approved by the officers of the war department, and architects and draughtsmen are now busily engaged in the preparation of the detailed plans and the specifications for the barracks and officers' quarters. These will be made ready as soon as possible and the further details will be taken up at once.

The new post is arranged along lines which take advantage of the natural beauties of the site and also adapt the construction to the natural contour, insuring perfect drainage, an unobstructed water supply and perfect sanitary conditions throughout. The plan includes in its scope the scenic beauties of the Bitter Root river and the buildings will be so arranged as to have the majestic peaks of the Bitter Root mountains for their background and setting. When completed, the post will have no rival in the country in point of beauty and convenience.

The new Fort Missoula is to be laid out somewhat up the river from the present post buildings, although the new parade grounds will include the present buildings and parade ground. The general plan is that of a slightly flattened semi-circle of officers' quarters, facing the Bitter Root river, with barracks at each end, running at right angles to the quarters and to the river bank. This scheme leaves the river front open and later development of the plan will include park work with a promenade on the high bank overlooking the river.

The quartermaster's storehouses, the corrals and the quarters of the non-commissioned officers will be at the eastern end of the post, near the present Four-Mile house. Great care has been taken to make each part of this plan harmonious with the whole; it will be a handsome lot of buildings and the effect of the groups will be particularly fine. The new construction will be cement with red-tiled roofs.

Quarters for the accommodation of one battalion will be constructed in the early spring. The plan contemplates the construction of a regimental post, but the appropriation available for present purposes is sufficient only for one battalion. Bids for the concrete work will be opened probably in March or April; these will call for the immediate expenditure of \$200,000.

The government will build its own railway line within the boundaries of the military reservation, so that both the Northern Pacific and the Milwaukee can lay connecting spurs for their own use.

In connection with the new construction work at the fort, the war department will insist upon the complete abandonment of all the saloons now adjoining or lying near the military reservation.

Senator Dixon, asked about the new fort, said to The Missoulian's correspondent: "The new post will be strictly modern, up to date in every particular. The new construction work will include the very latest ideas in military post construction and the new Fort Missoula will be as nearly perfect as skill and experience can make it. The war department experts are enthusiastic over the advantages which the Missoula site possesses."

NEGROES HEAR TAFT TALK ABOUT Y. M. C. A.

PRESIDENT-ELECT TELLS COLORED MEN ABOUT ASSOCIATION ON ISTHMUS.

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 17.—Introduced to a big audience of men, comprising the negro Y. M. C. A. of this city, today, President-elect Taft discussed the Christian uplift of Y. M. C. A. work. Dr. Walker, known as the "Black Surgeon," introducing Mr. Taft, said that the negroes of Georgia owned 1,000,000 acres of land in the state and paid taxes on \$20,000,000 worth of property. This report Mr. Taft regarded as most encouraging. It gave him an illustration for the oft-expressed belief that the race question must be settled by the negroes themselves becoming indispensable to the community in which they lived. This meant industry, information and thrift, acquired by constant individual effort. He dwelt at length upon the advantages of Y. M. C. A. work to bring out this end and illustrated his point by picturing the temptations and depression of Americans in the Philippines and the help which the association is rendering there to afford wholesome ways of entertainment for the leisure hours. It was his belief that the Y. M. C. A. had brought about in this country more tolerance between the various religious denominations. As an example of this he gave a detailed account of the situation in which the government found itself with respect to the friar lands in the Philippines.

Clerical Concurrence. Concurrence, he said, had been obtained from a body of clergymen, representing the various denominations that no protest would be made by them when the government should take up the negotiations necessary to acquire title to these lands. Their purchase for \$7,000,000, he said, had saved what would have been a bloody revolution in the Philippines. "Forty years ago," he said, "it would have been impossible to have obtained this concurrence. There would have arisen among the denominations an objection to it on the ground that it was a recognition of the Roman Catholic church contrary to our traditional principles."

Y. M. C. A. on Isthmus. After he had described the Y. M. C. A. on the isthmus of Panama, where four clubs are running, each under the direction of an experienced Y. M. C. A. secretary, paid by the government, where 10 or 12 ministers are also employed by the government with a plan endorsed to establish two or three more clubs, Mr. Taft remarked: "It is possible we will be charged with having filched that money from the public treasury. But if we have, we have accomplished a good work with it. I think also the expenditure could be defended on strictly legal grounds. We have entered the isthmus of Panama and introduced there some 50,000 souls. Unless we take special pains to have their morality looked after, unless we furnish ministers, churches and Christian clubs, we are going to have such a saturnalia of evil, such demoralization that we will never build the canal. Hence, if we are to be impeached for spending that money it will be in a good cause."

Secretary Arrives. Mr. Taft arrived here from Atlanta at 9 o'clock today. Fred W. Carpenter, who will accompany Mr. Taft to the White House as secretary to the president, got here today from a vacation in California. The statement is authorized from (Continued on Page Ten.)

CORONER'S INQUEST REVEALS SUICIDE OF PIONEER

Boise, Idaho, Jan. 17.—A coroner's inquest held today at the isolated and snow-covered cabin of Beno Solme, the 50-year-old trapper and miner, found dead Saturday, near Idaho City, and probably the first white man to explore what is now Idaho, revealed that the old man shot himself with a rifle that he had carried in the mountains for many years. He had run a pencil through all the January dates on his wall calendar up to and including the 9th, which was probably the date of the suicide. On a slip of paper he had scribbled the words, "Very sick," and below them "Crazy." He left his belongings, including his gold dust, to miner friends. A sister and a brother reside somewhere in California.

SCHOONER FOUNDERS NEAR NEW YORK

"SWALLOW," A NEWFOUNDLAND VESSEL OF SMALL TONNAGE, IS LOST.

New York, Jan. 17.—In the biting, driving snowstorm of Sunday morning off the Long Island shore, another vessel, the schooner Swallow of St. Johns, N. F., and her crew, paid the toll so often demanded of those who go down to the sea in ships. The beaches east of Fire Island, for several miles, were today strewn with wreckage from the ship. Of the crew, probably five or six men, there was no trace.

At 2 o'clock this morning a beachman from the Blue Point life saving station, saw some black objects bobbing about in the tumbling surf close to shore. He hauled some of them in, and finding it was wreckage, hurried back to the station to secure aid. Other beachmen soon were on the scene, hauling in the floats. They finally came to a signboard which told the vessel's name.

The life savers patrolled the beach all day in the hope that they might find some trace of the crew, but nightfall came and their quest had been in vain. It is supposed that the Swallow was bound from Newfoundland to New York with a cargo of frozen herring and that she carried a deckload of lumber. Caught in the storm the members of the crew probably lost their bearings and struck on one of the many sandbars a mile or so off shore, near the Blue Point station. There the wind and heavy seas pounded the vessel to pieces and the men aboard were speedily lost in the sea. The Swallow was a small schooner of 73 tons.

ST. LOUIS EXPRESS JUMPS THE RAILS

Pueblo, Colo., Jan. 17.—The Missouri Pacific passenger train, known as the St. Louis fast express, which leaves here at 6:05 p. m., was wrecked near Boone, 26 miles east of Pueblo, about 7 o'clock tonight. The engine and five or six cars jumped the track, but according to a telephone message received here, no one was killed or seriously injured. The engine and express cars were hurled from a bridge over an arroyo and the engineers had miraculous escapes.

WOOLGROWER DENIES QUOTATIONS BY PRESS

E. S. GOSNEY, PRESIDENT OF BAH-BAH ASSOCIATION, REPUUDIATES CRITICISM.

Idaho Falls, Idaho, Jan. 17.—E. S. Gosney, president of the Arizona Woolgrowers' association, who is stopping here on his way home from the National Woolgrowers' convention at Pocatello, denies having made some of the statements attributed to him in newspaper accounts of his speech before the convention. He was quoted as saying "The unreliability of forestry employees is a byword in the west," and that he "could cite in his own state instances of favoritism, prejudice and graft in the administration of the national forests." "These statements," said Mr. Gosney today, "misquote and misconstrue my address and the spirit of my criticism of forest reserve methods. I urged the necessity of a law giving the forest service additional powers, as well as reforms of methods for the protection of the rights of the people. On forestry and the integrity of the forestry service there was absolutely no attack. Nor was there in my address any charge of definite causes of graft, and I would like to have the impression corrected."

BAD FIRE IN BOSTON.

Boston, Jan. 17.—The most extensive automobile storage and repair plant in the city burned today, destroying 348 automobiles, valued at \$750,000. The fire spread to the old train shed of the Park Square railroad station, formerly used as the terminal of the Providence division of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, and destroyed the bicycle track and a large pavilion used for exhibition purposes. The damage to the building will bring the total loss to about \$800,000. There were six garages in the storage station.

COLONEL TORREY WILL BE BURIED IN ARLINGTON

Special to The Daily Missoulian. Washington, Jan. 17.—The body of Colonel Z. W. Torrey, accompanied by his widow, his son Henry and Miss Grace Huston, sister of Mrs. Torrey, is expected to arrive in Washington on Tuesday from Manila. The trip across the ocean was made in the transport Sherman. Colonel Torrey's body will be interred in the national cemetery at Arlington.

SHOOTS AT OFFICER.

Fort Smith, Ark., Jan. 17.—Entering an Iron Mountain train near here today in which his brother, Grant Quinn, sat handcuffed to Policeman Burgess, who was taking Quinn to Little Rock to be turned over to the military authorities as a prisoner, Lee Quinn shot at the policeman. Burgess returned the fire. Several passengers went to his assistance. Quinn, after emptying his pistol, leaped from the train and escaped. Ira W. Brassfield, a passenger of Mulberry, Ark. received probably a fatal wound. Burgess was uninjured and took his prisoner to Little Rock.

GENERAL VON SCHACK DIES.

New York, Jan. 17.—General George von Schack, U. S. A., retired, died suddenly at his home here today. He was 82 years old.

UNITED STATES FREES CUBA AGAIN

ISLAND RESUMES AUTONOMY ON JANUARY 28 FOR SECOND TIME IN FEW YEARS.

TO INAUGURATE GOMEZ

Newly Elected President of Republic Will Be Formally Ushered Into Office Next Week—American Soldiers Will Not Participate in Inaugural Parade—Legislators Want Raise.

Havana, Jan. 17.—On January 28, at noon, the Cuban people will come into their own for the second time at the hands of the American government. It was on January 20, 1902, that the American flag, hoisted after the war with Spain, was hauled down in favor of the blue-striped, single-starred ensign of Cuba. Then, in September, 1906, a company of marines landed at the palace from the United States cruiser Denver and halted a victorious revolutionary army on the outskirts of Havana and American intervention, which first came against a foreign power, was once more a reality, this time to set things right among the Cubans themselves.

Lazy Legislators. The members of the Cuban congress had become indifferent and for months prior to the revolution it had been impossible to secure the attendance of a quorum. This necessitated government by presidential decree and it was quickly followed by the cry that President Palma was assuming the role of a dictator. The American provisional governor, Charles E. Macgon, has done all that it was possible for him to do to prevent a recurrence of this state of affairs by decreeing that congressmen, who do not attend the sessions shall not receive pay. These rules, however, have already been declared dictatorial by the congressmen and an attempt undoubtedly soon will be made to repeal or amend them.

Would Raise Pay. The congressmen also are even now discussing an increase in their salaries from \$300 to \$400 a month, although the Cuban constitution, like that of the United States, declares that an increase in salaries shall be effective only in succeeding congresses to that amending the law.

Poor Politics. The liberal party, which claims to be the party of the common people, went into power as the result of an almost unanimous ballot. Major General Jose Miguel Gomez, the new president, has magnanimously decreed that although the conservative party vote in the recent election was almost nothing, that party shall have 30 per cent of the appointive offices.

To Inaugurate Gomez. The inauguration of Gomez on January 28 will take place at the palace at noon. Several American warships will fire a national salute, but neither United States soldiers nor soldiers remaining on the island will participate in the inaugural parade, as their presence might detract from the pride of the people in the return of native sovereignty.

MONTANA EXPERIENCES GENERAL WARM WEATHER

Helena, Jan. 17.—A general chinook is being felt over the entire state of Montana. Specials from several points in the state declare that warm waves is being felt in most places and in others rain is falling. At Havre the weather is 50 degrees warmer than it was this morning, having risen from about 12 below to 37 above. At Nicholls the air is balmy and the weather man predicts the warmth will continue at least another day. In Helena the weather is warmer than it has been in several days and the snow has melted rapidly. It is, however, cloudy and indications point to warmer weather and possibly rain tomorrow.

WOMAN IN TROUBLE.

Kalispell, Jan. 17.—Marian Young, alias Dorothy Anderson, answering to the description of a woman wanted in Seattle for highway robbery, was arrested here yesterday morning by Sheriff O'Connell on telegraphic advices from that place. She is also wanted for robbing hotels and pilfering. She is said to have operated on the coast for a number of years.

FLOOD SITUATION IMPROVES IN EMPIRE OF NATIVE SONS

San Francisco, Jan. 17.—With railroad traffic still in a badly demoralized state owing to the breaking of the western levees between Webster and Kobe, two miles west of Sacramento, and the washing out of two miles of track; but with all rivers in the flooded section of the state falling rapidly and the foothill country for the present swept bare of snow, the general flood situation is more promising tonight. Many thousands of acres of grain land have been inundated in Sacramento and Yolo counties, and the newly-sown crop destroyed, but no further damage is anticipated except in the event of a cold snap and more snow in the hills. Warm showers prevail throughout the central portion of the state tonight, but the rainfall is not enough to affect the flood situation. Between Sacramento and Roseville junction the Southern Pacific company is working night and day to connect its tracks at the bridge of the Northern Electric company, the only railroad crossing still standing over the American river. This work is not complete and overland traffic is still being routed from Salt Lake City south via Mojave and Daggett.

SEARCH DEBRIS FOR MORE BODIES

OFFICIALS OF DENVER & RIO GRANDE STRAIGHTEN OUT DOTSERO WRECK.

NO MORE WOUNDED DIE

Day Brings Resumption of Traffic Through Scene of Accident and Hope Is Entertained for Those Seriously Injured—List of Hurt Is Long—Identification Proceeds.

Glenwood Springs, Colo., Jan. 17.—The confusion following the wreck at Dotsero is gradually being straightened out. The track has been entirely cleared and traffic resumed without interruption. The debris resulting from the wreck, thrown to one side while searching for bodies and clearing the track, is to be picked up carefully and nothing will be burned on the ground save the broken splinters and those not until they have been carefully gone through a second time lest a body might still be lying there. The situation is being directed by General Manager Ridgeway of the Denver & Rio Grande, who remains here until tomorrow. Working with him are General Surgeon O'Connor and Claims Agent Rennie and a corps of assistants. Dr. O'Connor is personally supervising the care of the injured, and assisting in the identification of the dead, while Mr. Rennie is preserving all property and possible clues to identification.

Injured Have Hope.

There have been no deaths among the injured since yesterday and more hope is entertained for the recovery of those whose condition is serious. There were 136 passengers on the train and most of these are accounted for. It is known that a number reported on their journey without being reported. Some of the unknown dead have been identified today. All the men have been identified, in nearly every case positively.

George Maham of Princeton, Ind., is missing and it is possible that he may be one of the men concerning whose identification there is not positive proof.

His wife is one of the seriously injured and in no condition to give a description. She insists that her husband and father were on the train. The father, Henry Dunn of St. Louis has been found among the dead. The telegraph office here has been flooded with dispatches from anxious relatives addressed to supposed passengers on the wrecked train. In many instances the railway people are able to give addresses where the persons can be found, but there are a number of names which do not appear among the list of passengers.

List of Injured.

The following list contains the names of the injured, with a report of their condition today: Thomas Cadwallader, Joliet, Ill., scalp wound, abrasion of face, fractured rib; L. J. Ezell, Williston, N. D., internal injuries, multiple contused wounds, condition serious; Margaret Ezell, Williston, N. D., fractured left leg and left arm, contusion of neck; W. H. Jeffrey, engineer, Glenwood Springs, compound fracture left foot, fracture of right thigh, condition serious; Lydia Maham, Princeton, Ind., lacerated forehead, lacerated wound of both thighs, compound fracture of left ankle, contusion of face, condition serious; Charles P. Manoe, Rockland, Cal., general contusion, and Mrs. Charles P. Manoe, Rockland, Cal., shock, will continue journey tomorrow; S. J. Martin, Covington, Ky., dislocation left elbow, fractured rib, small scalp wound; Harvey Mitchell, fireman, Salida, dislocated hip; Gus Olson, engineer, Grand Junction, small scalp wound, severe contusion of left leg; Phil Peters, Jr., express messenger, Denver, general contusions; unknown boy, 2 years old, fracture right thigh; E. F. Robinson, Denver, spinal injury; A. P. Roseau, Holdrege, Neb., compound fracture dislocation right ankle, condition serious; A. R. Chris Rontzania, Fort Worth, Texas, internal injuries; H. B. Shuler, Covington, Ky., contusion of forehead; Clarence Vassau, Middlebury, Vt., slight contusions; W. O. Vlnack, Denver, fracture left leg, extensive lacerated wound right thigh, fractured rib, condition serious; D. E. Wheeler, Grand Junction, wound on left thigh, severe contusion of right knee, lacerated wound of thigh; Sig Olson, engineer, Grand Junction, contusions left shoulder and back; John Rosso, Cleveland, Ohio, contused wounds on forehead, contusions of right forearm; C. S. Burnett, Farmington, Wash., small (Continued on Page Ten.)