

RAILWAY ACCIDENTS HUSBAND CONFESSES CAUSE DELAY AWFUL CRIME

SCHEDULED OPENING OF EXHIBITION OF DRY FARMING PRODUCTS POSTPONED. FREDERICK GEBHARDT CONFESSES HE SHOT GERMAN GIRL HE MARRIED.

Billings, Oct. 25.—Because of several freight wrecks on various divisions of the railways entering Billings, the formal opening of the International Exposition of Dry Farming Products, which was to occur this afternoon, has been postponed until tomorrow morning and will be closed before the first session of the Dry Farming congress.

Governor Norris will deliver the opening address at the exposition and James J. Hill and party will be present, as well as the delegates and visitors to the congress proper. Interest centers in the remarks of Mr. Hill, to whom has been given the credit in a large measure for the development of the northwest. The failure to formally open the exposition was a disappointment to the large crowd of spectators which had gathered to attend the opening of the exposition. These exercises will be carried out tomorrow and immediately following will be the opening of the congress.

With \$10,000 worth of exhibits already set up, the second annual Dry Farming exposition will open tomorrow. Bad luck interfered with the opening day, but it is promised that there will be no hitch in the program tomorrow. The exposition occupies a large warehouse of the Northern Pacific and every inch of the room is taken up with displays.

There are apples from Washington, potatoes from Colorado, wheat from Montana and corn from Wyoming, all grown with a meager allowance of rainfall and which are the finest specimens of their kind to be found. Nearly every western state has a representation, while Canada is allotted an extensive space at the entrance of the building, and the products of that country are attracting much attention.

Every exhibit is attended by men enthusiastic over their particular section of the country and there is much rivalry over the exhibits. While the business sessions will occupy the most of the day's time, there will be plenty of time for the delegates to visit the exposition. Even today, with the exhibits only partially placed, the hall was crowded.

New York, Oct. 25.—A year and a half ago a friendless girl was murdered near Islip, L. I.; a week ago her skeleton was found, with nothing to identify it but her jewelry and a bill of sale from a German shop; three days later through the police of Hamburg, Germany, her identity was established as Anna Luther; tonight her husband, Frederick Gebhardt, confessed over his signature that he is the murderer.

"About December 1, 1907," Gebhardt told the police, "I first met Anna Luther. We married in February, 1908, and went to Europe to live. We returned April 6, 1908. She went to Henry Westrup in Newark, N. J., for a day or two. On the pretense that I was going to rent an apartment, I returned to my home and wife in Astoria, L. I. I met Anna again on April 8 in Newark, and we went to an address in Thirty-fourth street, New York, and then to Jamaica, L. I. We stayed in Jamaica until next day.

"April 9 we went to Bayshore and I showed her some property. I got into an argument with her about some money matters and I turned away and wanted to go back. She followed up, screaming, and I shot her in the head. I did not look at her and don't remember whether I shot her more than once.

Takes Train.

"Immediately after I went to the Islip depot and took a train for home. It was nearly dark. I threw the revolver out of the car window. I did not kill Anna Luther for her money, as the newspapers have stated. My original reason for marrying Anna was that I did not care to live with my first wife any longer, but as she—my first wife—had given me a child, I desired to see my child caused me to want to get rid of Anna Luther and return to my first wife and child. This is why I shot Anna and I told her in Bayshore that I was married and had a wife and child and must leave her.

"She screamed and ran after me and kissed me and wanted me back and I shot her."

From the time of his arrest until he broke down under the questions of detectives, Gebhardt, although he admitted committing bigamy when he married Anna Luther, denied all knowledge of her death.

"How about this letter?" asked Coroner Savage, and he began to read a note, mailed last night to the German consul and signed Otto Mueller. The letter trapped him into confessing.

The Letter.

"I am the husband," it ran, "without doubt, of the woman Anna Mueller. After we arrived in New York from Germany in April of last year we stayed in New York 10 days. Then we went to Florida for the health of my wife and settled there for the time being.

"In Jamaica, where I formerly lived with my wife, she had received a visitor whom she represented to me to be a Mr. Bradley of Denver. From Florida, we went to Denver and this Mr. Bradley called again. In September, 1908, my wife disappeared after I reproached her for seeing Bradley when I happened to be away for two days.

"Bradley is about 6 feet tall, with light hair, smooth face and claims to be a real estate dealer. I, Mueller, will at once go to Germany to see my parents-in-law and will then be at your service."

The same inexplicable impulse which had prompted Gebhardt to write this fatal letter had led him to give to Bradley, who does not exist outside his own imagination, his own personal description. As soon as he saw the letter he grew white and began to shiver, and before the reading was completed, exclaimed: "Oh, what's the use anyway? You have me and I might as well own I killed her."

Most Brutal.

Given verbally, the confession was even more shockingly brutal, the police say, than it appears in the formal language of the police officers, whose version Gebhardt signed.

"I had to get rid of her," he said, "but I did not mean to kill her. I thought first I could get her to give me some money for land I did not own. So I took her down to Long Island near some lots I did own to let her see the land. She would not come to terms, and I told her then that I was already married and had a child. I loved, that I was tired of her and wanted to go back to my wife. She began to cry and plead and scream and ran about. She told me she loved me and kissed me. As she put up her face to kiss me again, I shot her in the head."

Gebhardt told the police he never thought it "worth while" to go back to bury her. Instead, he wrote letters to her friends in Newark and Germany, telling them Anna was in poor health and had gone to Florida. Then he quit "bothering about her."

Police Dogs.

Gebhardt, when he was in Germany, bought two police dogs, and it was by tracing the dogs that the detectives found his home in Astoria. While the newspaper photographer used a flashlight at the dogs, the glare revealed the pale face of Gebhardt peering from a bar. He was run down and arrested. Search of the house revealed a quantity of household effects and woman's finery marked "A. L." Gebhardt had told his wife that he bought them at a sale of unredemmed trunks in Germany. He was married under the name of Otto Mueller.

WILL SHIP REMAINS.

Brief funeral services over the remains of Mrs. George P. Smith, who died at her home in this city Sunday morning, were conducted at the residence last evening at 9 o'clock by Rev. J. W. Tait, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church. The body will be shipped on No. 1 this morning to Detroit, Mich.



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It being one of the truest of truths that "one gets what one gives," especially in the matter of joy-giving to children, let us prepare now for the Hallowe'en festivities and frolicking.

Funmakers, 5c to \$1. All kinds of little favors, novelties and what-nots of jollity. —Crockery Department.

You'll enjoy having the children around with a McDougall Cabinet in your kitchen. It keeps the kitchen orderly and saves worry. \$1.00 a week buys a McDougall on our Club Plan.

Yesterday we placed on sale a special lot of 200 men's high-grade suits at \$10, \$12.50, \$15, \$16.50 and \$18, every suit from \$2 to \$5 less than its actual value. The demand for them opened early, continued through the day, and at closing time less than two-thirds of the lot remained.

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It is one of the Missoula Mercantile Co.'s clothing opportunities which should appeal to every man who wants the most for his money. When you buy one of these suits you are getting the benefit of a great cash purchase at under-market values, and if present values are considered the actual saving on each and every suit would be double what we claim.

Every Suit All Wool or Pure Worsted

When you stop to consider that even the lowest priced of these suits is either all wool or pure worsted you will gain some idea as to what a great chance this is. They are not only all wool or pure worsted, but good winter weights as well, in up-to-date patterns and colorings or plain blue serges or black Thibets or unfinished worsteds. All made in the latest three-button sack coat styles, finely tailored and perfect fitting.

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Few women nowadays buy a suit, a coat, a hat or any article of apparel simply because it is cheap. Style is uppermost in their minds, and unless the article can qualify under this head no price will be low enough to tempt one to buy it. The Alteration-Removal Sale, now in its fourth week, opened yesterday like a brand new sale. Never have Missoula women had such chances to gratify their tastes for dress as this event presents, and they are making the most of it.



20%--One Fifth--20% Less Than Regular Prices For All Our Women's Suits, Coats, Skirts, Etc.

WOMEN'S TAILORED SUITS

Plain tailored styles and elaborate, dressy styles, in every stylish material and coloring, in two alike, coats of various lengths, plain tailored or silk embroidered and beaded, new plaited skirts. A style to suit every woman's fancy.

\$17.50 Suits reduced to	\$14.00	\$25.00 Suits reduced to	\$20.00
\$20.00 Suits reduced to	\$16.00	\$30.00 Suits reduced to	\$24.00
\$22.50 Suits reduced to	\$18.00	\$35.00 Suits reduced to	\$28.00

ALL OTHER SUITS UP TO \$75.00 REDUCED ONE-FIFTH

WOMEN'S STREET AND DRESS COATS

A vast collection of the most stylish coats shown this season, plain tailored and fancy styles, in all lengths, in broadcloth, worsteds and serges, in all colors.

\$15.00 Coats reduced to	\$12.00	\$22.50 Coats reduced to	\$18.00
\$16.50 Coats reduced to	\$13.20	\$25.00 Coats reduced to	\$20.00
\$20.00 Coats reduced to	\$16.00	\$30.00 Coats reduced to	\$24.00

WOMEN'S STREET AND DRESS SKIRTS

Several hundred garments, each one a new style this season, in every popular fabric and stylish coloring.

\$5.00 Skirts reduced to	\$4.00	\$10.00 Skirts reduced to	\$8.00
\$6.50 Skirts reduced to	\$5.20	\$15.00 Skirts reduced to	\$9.60
\$8.00 Skirts reduced to	\$6.40	\$20.00 Skirts reduced to	\$16.00

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Good, practical styles, made from good, serviceable materials for school wear, and the finer, more elaborate styles for dressy wear. Sizes, 6 to 14 years.

\$5.00 Children's Coats reduced to	\$4.00	\$15 Children's Coats reduced to	\$12.00
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No two alike and nearly a hundred of them, so you can imagine what the variety must be. Velvet hats, cut beaver hats, and silk chenille braid hats, trimmed with ostrich feathers, birds, wings, quills and kid bands; not a stylish shape or color is missing.

Special Assortments at \$2.50 and \$3.95

These are hats that regularly sell at from \$4.50 to \$7.00, and are deserving of special notice. The shapes are strictly new and stylish, the trimmings are remarkable for their quality and the making and general effects are good.

DR. DODD OF BUTTE AT SAVOY HOTEL

GOES HOME SUNDAY AND WILL NOT RETURN TO MISSOULA FOR ONE YEAR.

Dr. Dodd wishes to announce that he will be unable to return to Missoula for at least one year. He has been persuaded to prolong his stay for an extra week, but cannot possibly remain longer than Sunday, October 31.

There have been so many out-of-town people in to consult me during the past week that I have been obliged to make several appointments with local people for this week. I have had patients from Sandpoint, Idaho; Wallace, Idaho; Elliston, Hamilton, Stevensville, Montana, and, in fact, it would seem from almost every town within a hundred miles of Missoula," remarked Dr. Dodd.

The fact that Dr. Dodd is the only man in the state who straightens cross-eyes and cures closed throat ducts with glasses explains his large out-of-town practice. Much of his local practice has been nervous diseases, and in curing many chronic cases, where physicians had failed to benefit, he has demonstrated the merit of the method he practices and his ability to apply same.

REVENGE IS CAUSE OF THE EXPLOSION

Indianapolis, Oct. 25.—"Revenge on Albert Von Spreckelson because he hired non-union labor, was responsible for last night's four explosions."

This was the declaration made tonight by Superintendent of Police Metzger after a thorough investigation of the dynamiting that wrecked several buildings in various portions of the city. Spreckelson, fearing further violence, today sent his children out of town. No arrests have been made.

PROTEST IS MADE.

Great Falls, Oct. 25.—A protest against the withdrawal of 1,000,000 acres of land adjacent to the Fort Peck reservation has been wired to Indian Commissioner Valentine, President Taft and Secretary Ballinger.

Among those who signed the petition are Senator Clapp of Minnesota, Twin City business men on their way to the Dry Farming congress, and newspapermen and business men throughout Montana. In explaining his stand Senator Clapp said it would be better to move the Indians to some part of the country where the climate would be more congenial.

LONGERGAN PROMOTED.

Revo, Nov. Oct. 25.—Announcement made here today of the promotion of C. P. A. Longergan, who has been assistant engineer for the Salt Lake division of the Southern Pacific, to that of assistant superintendent of the Montana division.