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Fiercest Football Battle of the Year in Progress on Northrop Field. Shocking Northside Shooting Tragedy; Three Children Killed in Sleep.

SLEEPING CHILDREN MURDERED; MOTHER TELLS QUEER TALE

Mrs. James Brennan Says Strange Man Entered Her Home at Night and Shot Her and Four Children—Three Are Dead, Woman and Boy Will Recover.

An entire family shot down in the night by a crazed assassin. This is in brief the story of the appalling tragedy that occurred at the home of James Brennan, 1622 Fifth avenue N., at 1:30 a. m. today, when three children were murdered in cold blood, a third seriously wounded and his wife, Mrs. Brennan, stepmother to the children, stricken by the same hand.

room, where is the revolver Thomas saw in Mrs. Brennan's hand? The police think that Mrs. Brennan shot herself while in the back room and then ran to her own room and lay down on the bed. The quilt was pulled over her and the general appearance was that she had been shot while in bed. There was no trail of blood from the room in which the revolver was found to the room occupied by Mrs. Brennan.

Father Crazed by Shock. Brennan, the father of the murdered children, was on duty at the salvage corps when the tragedy occurred, and when he went to his home and saw the dead bodies of the two little girls he became as one crazed, and it was all the officers could do to prevent him from taking his own life. He is completely unnerved and altho the police and physicians tried to soothe him, he gradually grew worse, and now is prostrated with grief. He can give the officers no answers to the questions and they are yet in the dark as to the ownership of the revolver.

Mother Told of Burglars. The only word of explanation that Farmer could get was the statement of Thomas that his mother told him that burglars were trying to get into the house and that she was going to shoot them. The police, who were called as soon as Coroner Kistler had ordered the little bodies removed from the scene, detectives commenced work on the case. They at first believed the boy's story, but a hasty examination convinced them that no one had entered the place.

One Unaccountable Fact. The position of the revolver when found by the police is the only circumstance found so far that tends to vindicate Mrs. Brennan, who after she regained consciousness at the hospital, stuck stoutly to her story about the burglars. The detectives have been unable to make her change her story, and she says that all she knows is that some stepped to enter the house, and that later a strange man stepped into the house, and ran from room to room, shooting the children. She cannot describe the man and says she was so frightened that she could scarcely see him.

MAN IS CHAMPION OF ALL TYPEWRITERS. The contest for the typewriter championship of the United States was held in Madison square garden last night. There were nineteen contestants. The winner of the first prize of \$100 was Paul Munter of this city, who wrote 2,099 words in thirty minutes. Miss Rose Fritz, also of New York, won the second prize of \$50 with a record of 2,084 words in thirty minutes. Miss May Carrington of Springfield, Mass., was third with a record of 2,004 words.

NO SUNDAY SALES IN RED LIGHT DISTRICT. Persons who have been thinking that liquor in any quantity could be purchased in disorderly resorts in the segregated district, are doomed to disappointment for Mayor Jones, thru Police Superintendent Doyle, has ordered all these places to observe the Sunday rule. When the Sunday closing order was first given, there were many who predicted a general rush to the red-light district where liquor is sold without city licenses. They even predicted bloody brawls and other dire results because of this rush. But the mayor has foreseen this and has ordered every resort keeper in the city to stop the sale of all kinds of liquor between 12 o'clock tonight and Monday morning, at the time the saloons are allowed to open.

GERMANY AFTER TRADE TREATY WITH AMERICA. Washington, Nov. 4.—Baron Speck von Sternburg, the German ambassador, called at the state department today and formally started negotiations for a new trade treaty between the United States and Germany, submitting the proposition of his own government. Secretary Root has taken the matter under consideration.

OFFICIALS OF OLD N. W. NAT'L LIFE CO. INDICTED

SAY PHILADELPHIA REFORM IS SURE

Foes of Graft Declare the City Party Will Triumph Over the Corruptionists.

Philadelphia, Nov. 4.—After one of the most active political campaigns this city has experienced in years, leaders of the city party, the reform body organized to defeat the republican organization, declare they are certain of victory at next Tuesday's election. More than 450 mass meetings have been held during the past few weeks, under the auspices of the city party, and the leaders say they have been productive of much good.

Claims of City Party. Mayor Weaver today estimated the city party majority at 100,000. Speaking of the campaign, William T. Hilden, chairman of the city party's campaign committee, said: "Our battle has been the battle of the taxpayer against the thug, the honest man against the grafter, the vice hater against the vice protector. John Weaver's manly stand for the people opened, and has kept open, the way for them to fight their battles. They have done so manfully, and I predict an overwhelming majority for reform thru out the city and, into the treasury office in the state."

Concerning the contest in the state, James M. Guffey, democratic national committeeman and state leader, said: "Berry, democratic candidate, will come to the Philadelphia line with 60,000 majority over J. Lee Plummer, republican candidate for state treasurer. Colonel Wesley R. Andrews, republican state chairman, said: "I reiterate what I have said for a month, that Mr. Plummer will come to Philadelphia with 100,000 majority or more."

ANTIGRAFT WAR IN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY. An Arbor, Mich., Nov. 4.—An organization to superintend class elections and investigate graft on the part of the students at the head of college publications or social functions, has been formed at the University of Michigan. All departments of the college elected members to the body, which is to be called the senior council.

DEROULEDE BACK FROM EXILE. Paris, Nov. 4.—Paul Deroulede, the exiled founder of the League of Patriots, crossed the French frontier today on his way to Paris as the result of the recent amnesty law. His arrival in Paris tomorrow will be the occasion of a notable demonstration.

J. J. HILL SAILS FOR EUROPE. New York, Nov. 4.—James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern, sailed for Europe today on the steamer New York.



W. F. BECHTEL, Who Faces an Indictment for Alleged Irregularities, Was Head of the N. W. National Life Ins. Co.

INDICTED. W. F. Bechtel, former president. William A. Kerr, former counsel and director. Dr. J. F. Force, former president Northwestern Life association. Wallace Campbell, former vice president. Held equally culpable by grand jury J. O'Shaughnessy, former insurance commissioner. George F. Getty, former secretary Northwestern Mutual Life and claim adjuster of Northwestern National Life.

POSSIBLY INDICTED. Another former state official, PRESENT MANAGEMENT NOT IMPLICATED. The investigation in no way affects the present management of the Northwestern National Life Insurance company, which was entirely reorganized at the instance of the state executive department the first of the year. All of the men indicted were members of the old management, and were let out at the time of the reorganization.

Grand Jury Digs Into Old Regime. Four Former Officials Are Accused of Irregularities—State Official Implicated. Indictments have been returned against four former officials of the Northwestern National Life Insurance company of Minneapolis. Others have been branded as equally guilty by the grand jury report, but indictments cannot be returned on account of the statute of limitations. After several weeks' investigation and the presentation of facts by County Attorney Al J. Smith, assisted by First Assistant County Attorney John F. Dall and backed up by the attorney general's office, the grand jury today returned a batch of indictments that will charge some well-known men with flagrant violations of the statutes. Indictments have been returned against W. F. Bechtel, W. A. Kerr, Wallace Campbell and Dr. J. F. Force. This fact was made known by the report of the grand jury returned to Judge F. C. Brooks at noon. Bench warrants have been issued, but have not as yet been served. Altho the exact nature of the true bills has not been made known, it is understood that the defendants are charged with a conversion of funds, with bribery and with the illegal suppression of reports.

Several Bills for Some. It is understood that more than one indictment has been returned against some of the former officials. Thirty-two indictments in all were returned by the grand jury today, and altho some of these are against other persons accused of crime, the majority of them are supposed to be the result of the insurance investigation. The reorganization of the Northwestern Life association under the name of the Northwestern National Life Insurance company has been held to be illegal by the authorities, and many of the criminal charges against officers of that company and officers of the present organization are the outgrowth of that transition period. Some charges, those, for example, against J. A. O'Shaughnessy, former insurance commissioner, and against George F. Getty, former secretary of the old and former status of the new company, cannot be prosecuted now because the statute of limitations has run against the defendants. Report Is Vigorous. The grand jury report, one of the most unusual ever returned to a court in this county, reads: "We, the grand jury of Hennepin county for the September term, 1905, respectfully report as follows: "The evidence brought before this grand jury has made it our duty to render indictments against several of the former officers of the Northwestern National Life Insurance company. This community should not in any way inter-

MINNEAPOLIS GOES CRAZY ON FOOTBALL; ROOTERS OWN CITY. Throngs of Visitors, Come to See the Great Game of the West, Swarm Everywhere, and Gridiron Gossip Is Heard on Every Side from Excited Enthusiasts. Minneapolis, with hundreds of visitors, was the scene of a football game today. This was the day of the great event of the west, in football circles, the annual game between the Wisconsin and the Minnesota varsity teams, and Minneapolis was the scene of the game. The preliminary freshman game of the morning, won by the Wisconsin visitors, but added a torch to the flames of enthusiasm in the downtown streets, from early morning throughout the day, looked as tho a great crowd were getting ready to see a circus parade. The constantly moving throngs here and there amid their progress blocked by groups of excited men, young and old, discussing the points of the opposing teams, and in the enthusiasm like caring whether they blocked the sidewalk or the whole street. Crowds everywhere were bedecked with the colors of the opposing universities. The maroon and gold of the home institution was the most conspicuous. The Minnesota colors were to be seen in flaming streamers from the tops of buildings, and in various banners of all sizes and in various forms of badges. The cardinal of Wisconsin was also well represented.

Every Train Crowded. Every train coming into Minneapolis this morning brought hundreds more people, anxious to see the great game of the season. They thronged the streets, filled the hotel lobbies, crowded the restaurants and cafes at noon to overflowing, packed the streets—in short, the sea of humanity seemed to fill every vacant space to be found in buildings of any public nature. At an early hour this morning every hotel was filled to overflowing, and many a visitor will probably be an luck tonight if he can even get a cot to sleep upon. By noon scores were on the waiting lists at all the hostleries for rooms, and many a visitor who had an apartment some transient night vacant.

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BOSS M'GARREN CURSES THE LAW. Brooklyn Democratic Leader Contributes a Remark to the Records of History. Washington, Nov. 4.—"What the hell do you care for carrying the Wisconsin flag?" This remark which may go down in local political history with that of "The public be damned," and other epigrams, is ascribed by competent authority to Senator Patrick H. McCarren, leader of the democratic party in King's county. Citizens had observed that McCarren, copying the issue which made trouble for Tammany, distributed about Brooklyn several banners on which the American flag and a red flag were placed side by side. Borough President Little said he could not interfere as the banners were not over streets or public property, but were on billboards and private boards. An appeal was then made to McCarren, who had ordered the banners up and who had paid the expense. He was told that he was violating the recent flag law. The interviewers of the senator agree that his reply was as above quoted, with the addition "We will catch some of the mob with them." The banners are still up.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL CLAIMS A VICTIM. Chicago, Nov. 4.—Football claimed its first victim of the season here in a game between Oak Park and Hyde Park high school teams at Oak Park. In a tackle, which probably won the game for the eleven, but cost him his life, Verne Wise, left end of the Oak Park team, struck his head against the hip bone of the opposing fullback. A hemorrhage of the spinal column resulted, paralyzing the boy. With the grief-stricken parents at his bedside, the boy struggled against death for almost two hours. At 6 o'clock a hemorrhage of the brain set in and he died.

STRIKE TIES UP GRAIN VESSELS AT AMSTERDAM. Amsterdam, Nov. 4.—Thirty-five steamers here, loaded with grain, are unable to discharge their cargoes because of a strike of the Society of Grain Measurers and Weighers. The strike is due to the introduction of grain elevators, leading to a reduction in the wages of the measurers and weighers. In the absence of the weighers the lighter men are unable to work.



THE DESERTED CITY. Stranger—Why, is this St. Paul? I thought I got off in Minneapolis. The Policeman—No, this is Minneapolis—but there is a football game on today.

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