

FOUR PERSONS ROBBED AND MURDERED

Their Bodies Chopped to Pieces and Thrown Into the Arkansas River.

ITALIAN HELD FOR THE CRIME

Florence, Colo., Chief of Police Says He Confessed to a Murder in Italy.

When Arrested Tony Bovori Had Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars in His Possession.

Florence, Colo., Jan. 9.—That Ercole Buffoni, Dominick Minichello, Joseph Minichello and Mrs. Frank Palmetto, who mysteriously disappeared in this city, were foully murdered and their bodies chopped to pieces is the positive opinion of the police. The disposition made of their bodies is believed to have been partly revealed by the finding of human lungs, a thorax and a piece of a tongue in the Arkansas river.

It is believed that other ghostly remains are being scattered along the bed of the river by the swift current and towns below have been notified to watch for the appearance of any evidence of murder that may come to the surface.

Tony Bovori, who is in jail, charged with the murder of the Minichello brothers, confessed that he killed a man in Italy before coming to America. In his house was found a bunch of letters addressed to Tony Neroni and this is believed to be his real name.

One letter was from his father in Italy, asking him to return to the old country and participate in a fortune. The father offered to use every effort to clear the name of the murder charge in Italy if he would return.

Bovori was engaged in market gardening in partnership with the Minichello brothers, and is accused by the police of having murdered them in order to obtain their money and other property. He had \$350 when arrested. Bovori was an old man employed in the garden. The police believe he was killed because of his knowledge of the other alleged murders. Bovori was added to the list of missing last night.

Mrs. Palmetto was a young divorced woman who disappeared two months ago. She had been home for Bovori and his father, Borgella, died. All her clothes have been found in Bovori's cabin.

A GREAT ROMANCER OR A GREAT PERSONAGE

San Francisco, Jan. 9.—The Examiner says today: Ralph Borgella, who is under arrest for forgery, is either a romancer with a wonderful imagination or, as he says, a connection of aristocratic and wealthy families who had a most amazing career.

Borgella was taken before Police Judge Charles Weller for hearing on a charge of passing a forged check in payment of a hotel bill. After a brief hearing he was held for trial and returned to his cell in the city prison.

He has been an inmate of the prison for two weeks awaiting trial, and last night he decided to gratify the curiosity expressed by the officers who have been watching him. Borgella in this story declares he is a nephew of the late Otto Young, multi-millionaire merchant and capitalist of Chicago, and the son of a noble and ancient Italian family. His mother, who he says, was a sister of Otto Young, married three times, Borgella being her second husband and his father, Borgella, died in London, the widow returning to America, where she met Henri L. Verleye, consul from France to New York, and they were married at Chicago in 1883.

In support of his claims that he is related to the immensely rich Young family of Chicago, Borgella showed the officers of the prison receipts for registered letters he sent to Mrs. Otto Young and Mrs. S. K. Martin of Chicago and Mrs. E. W. Townes of Toronto, Tex., wife of a son of Judge Townes, all of whom he says he has frequently made similar appeals to his relatives in the past.

NO SUCH CONSIL. New York, Jan. 9.—The records of the French consulate in New York show that Henri L. Verleye was never consul in this city or connected with this country. There was a Gaston Verleye who was a clerk in the consulate here during 1903 and 1904.

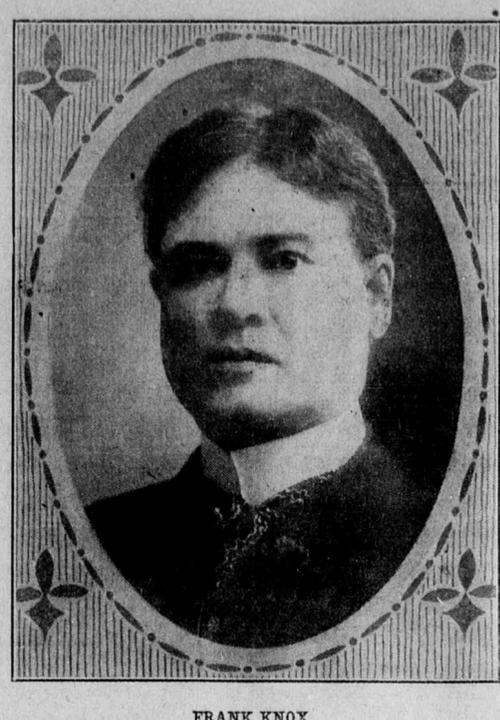
IS YOUNG'S NEPHEW. Chicago, Jan. 9.—Claude Seymour, president of the firm of Otto Young & Co., said today:

"Borgella is a nephew of the late Otto Young, and the story he is said to have told is probably correct." Mr. Seymour said that Borgella had frequently made similar appeals to his relatives in the past.

AD REVOLTING SUICIDE. Coldwater, Mich., Jan. 9.—Vernon L. Nettleton, a haberdasher, 42 years of age, while suffering, it is supposed, from acute melancholy due to business reverses, rose from his bed early today and with a knife severed his throat. He was found by his wife, dying almost instantly, Miss Nettleton may recover.

STEAMER CIRCLES AROUND. New Orleans, Jan. 9.—Communication with the mouth of Mississippi river, where the Southern Pacific passenger steamer "Crook" went aground last night, interrupted early today. Local Southern Pacific officials say that the steamer is in no danger.

The "Crook" left yesterday for New York.



FRANK KNOX. Who Today Assumes the Duties of the President of The Clearing House.

ABE RUEF IN COURT.

The Imposition of Sentence Was Deferred for Two Weeks. San Francisco, Jan. 9.—Abraham Ruef appeared before Superior Judge Frank H. Dunne this morning for sentence in the case of extorting money from a French restaurant proprietor, and to which he pleaded guilty. At the request of Asst. Dist. Atty. William Hoff Cook the pronouncing of sentence was postponed for two weeks.

The trip to court this morning was a comfortable night save for the lack of an extra blanket. He made the trip from jail in his automobile, returning after transacting some down town business.

FOREIGN NOBLEMEN MUST PUT UP GOOD SECURITY.

New York, Jan. 9.—The Hotel Gotham, which is much frequented by foreign visitors to New York, has established a new rule which is aimed at foreign noblemen coming to these shores. Hereafter the clerks will positively inform any nobleman arriving at the hotel that the rooms are all occupied, unless the said nobleman has a sufficient quantity of baggage to insure his hotel bill, or unless he presents a letter of introduction from the diplomatic representative of his country in America. Carl Bergen, manager of the hotel, states that he has sustained some large losses through former noblemen who stopped at the hotel but failed to pay their bills and whose baggage was not sufficient to reimburse the hotel for the meals and lodging furnished. He declined to give the names of those causing the losses.

KANSAS ATHLETE A SUICIDE.

Lawrence, Kas., Jan. 9.—Urban Agney, captain of last year's football team and an all-around star athlete of Kansas university, committed suicide here today by jumping from the dome of Frager hall at the university grounds. Agney left the following note on the window sill from which he jumped:

"Dear Jesus, My life is passed. My pleasure is gone. No pleasure for me. You can know the reason. I was called for what I owe. If I only had done it sooner. Do not hold me responsible. Good bye. May you all live happy."

Agney's home was in Wellington, Kas., and he was 22 years old. He was to have graduated in June. All classes at the university were closed today as a result of the suicide. Agney's mind is believed to have been affected from worry.

ROUND HOUSE BURNED.

Elkhart, Ind., Jan. 9.—The round house of the Lake Shore railroad, together with the machine-shops and oil house were destroyed by fire today. William Shamburger, in charge of the tool room, was burned to death. Loss \$125,000.

WANT CANTEN RESTORED.

Bath, N. Y., Jan. 9.—Resolutions asking Congress to restore the canteen have been passed by the trustees of the Soldiers' home here. Maj. Benjamin McConnell, one of the trustees, said the re-establishment of the canteen was an absolute necessity.

"It will prevent drunkenness among the inmates of the home," said Maj. McConnell.

"At present the old men obtain liquor in other places. Intoxication results. If we could supply them with pure beer and ale they would remain on the grounds and we could have them under control all the time."

GUATEMALAN NORTHERN RY. Gen. Davis Will Represent United States at Opening Jan. 16.

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 9.—Maj. Gen. Davis of the United States Army, who will represent the United States at the opening of the Guatemalan Northern railway on Jan. 16, will sail this afternoon for Puerto Barrios.

Several days have been set apart for the celebration by order of President Cabrera. This is probably the only road in Spanish-America built without a bond issue. The government had not been able to subsidize in any way and its builders, Sir Van Horns and Minor C. Keith of New Orleans, have advanced all the funds for its completion.

CLAIMS HE WAS SHANGHAIED.

New York, Jan. 9.—Joseph Miller, 22 years old, of Chicago, who asserts he was shanghaied on a steamer at Norfolk, and taken to Europe, arrived here today on the steamer "Moskwa" from Rotterdam. Miller says the steamer on which he made an involuntary trip across the Atlantic, discharged him at Hamburg. From that port he went to Rotterdam and appealed to the American consul for aid and through him obtained a chance to work his way home on the Moskwa.

KNOX NOW HEADS CLEARING HOUSE

Charles S. Burton Retires as President at Annual Meeting Today.

NELSON IS VICE PRESIDENT.

While Hyrum S. Young is Now Secretary—Roster of Executive Committee—Work of Past Year.

At the annual meeting, beginning at 11 o'clock today, the Salt Lake banks, in their alliance as the clearing house, selected new officers for the coming year. The election was an important one in that it marks the passing of the administration which has carried Salt Lake finances through the most trying period in their history, and the beginning of a new administration just at the time when the panic year of 1907 is passing into memory with its predecessor in 1903.

Charles S. Burton, cashier of the State Bank of Utah, retired as president, in favor of Frank Knox, cashier of the National Bank of the Republic. This office is not filled by election, but rotates from bank to bank in the clearing house, by provision of the bylaws. The same rule holds for the selection of vice president and secretary. To these places Joseph S. Nelson, cashier of the Utah National bank, and Hyrum S. Young, cashier of the Desert National, were selected respectively.

In the formation of an executive committee a different rule prevails, however, and secret balloting prevails while the men are being chosen. This committee wields the real power of the organized banking interests of the city, and the president acts as its chairman, ex-officio.

On this committee the men selected were W. S. McCormick of McCormick & Co., L. H. Farnsworth of Walker Bros' bank, C. S. Burton of the State Bank of Utah, and L. S. Hills of the Desert National. At regular meetings during the coming year this committee will consider banking problems as they affect Salt Lake and Utah.

When the present crisis struck Salt Lake overnight near the end of October, it was the executive committee of the clearing house that had most deeply to bear the burden of finding out what had occurred, and the resultant problem of finding out what to do, to meet it.

A series of daily meetings which were long and protracted brought out a decision to issue the clearing house guaranteed cashier checks, and their appearance brought a power to local commerce to continue on its way, meeting the monthly and weekly paydays, and purchasing supplies as needed to keep up business.

Holiday trading in Salt Lake was done largely with the "yellow bills" of the clearing house. Now yellow gold is more in evidence.

CASHIERS' CHECKS.

"The final retirement of the cashier checks," said C. S. Burton, this morning, is a matter of only a few days. They are gradually being withdrawn, and as soon as conditions settle in New York, the adjustment of them in other cities will be a matter of only a few days.

STATE ORGANIZATION.

The clearing house is fathering a movement for a state organization of banks, believing that there are now enough small banks in the various towns to make such an organization worth while. Whenever opportunity is afforded a convention of state bankers will be called to carry the movement to completion. In the meantime it is being matured by a special committee, of which Byron Groo is secretary.

In Salt Lake the organization began in 1890, with J. E. Dooley as president, and 12 banks for members. Since then four of the banks have retired, and there are now eight members. Among themselves banks are known by number and not name. Thus a telephone conversation between McCormick's bank and the State Bank of Utah would begin something like this:

"Hello, this is number 3?" "Yes? Well, this is number 9 talking."

THE ORIGINAL DOZEN.

The original 12 in the order of their numbers, were Wells Fargo, The Desert National, McCormick & Co., T. R. Jones, Walker Bros., The Commercial National, the Utah Commercial and Savings bank, the American National, the State Bank of Utah, the National Bank of the Republic, the Bank of Commerce, and the Utah National. The eight surviving still keep their original numbers, while Nos. 1, 4, 8 and 11 are out of use.

The Desert Savings bank, the Utah Savings and Trust Co., Zion's Savings bank and the Salt Lake Security and Trust Co., are not members of the Clearing house, but clear through other banks, with the exception of the last named.

Men who have served as president of the Clearing house since 1890 are J. E. Dooley, 1890; L. S. Hills, 1891; W. S. McCormick, 1892; T. R. Jones, 1893; H. J. Cheesman, 1894; John W. Donnellan, 1895; James E. Jennings, 1896; H. M. Wells, 1897; Frank Knox, 1898; Edward H. Field, 1899; James Chipman, 1900; J. E. Dooley, 1901; L. S. Hills, 1902; W. S. McCormick, 1903; H. M. Walker, 1904; E. W. Wilson, 1905; Hyrum Groo, 1906, and C. S. Burton, 1907.

ACTOR WORTHY ILL.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 9.—Frank Worthing, leading man in the company of Miss Grace George is seriously ill with pneumonia at a hotel here.

TO WELCOME AMERICAN FLEET.

Santiago, Chile, Jan. 9.—The cruiser "Chacabuco," chief of the Esmeralda, is expected to arrive here today to welcome the American fleet under Rear Admiral Evans into Chilean waters.

She will take on board John Hicks, the American minister to Peru and several members of the legation staff, as well as a party of Chilean officials to welcome the visitors. The "Chacabuco" will attend the fleet in Chilean waters.

AN ILL FATED FAMILY.

St. Louis, Jan. 9.—An investigation is being made into the death of Mrs. Katherine Klute, aged 22, who was killed yesterday by falling 115 feet down a freight elevator shaft in the Lincoln Trust building.



CHARLES S. BURTON. Who Was Head of the Association of Local Banks Through the Crisis of 1907.

A GREAT STORM.

Is Raging in English Channel, Along West Coast of Europe. Paris, Jan. 9.—The storm on the English channel, along the west coast of Europe and on the north African coast is still raging and many fishing boats already have been lost.

A dispatch received here from Tangiers says that two native passenger boats, founders of El Arish, Morocco, four persons were drowned including some Europeans.

EDNA GOODRICH SUBPOENAED IN BEHALF OF THAW.

New York, Jan. 9.—The work of securing a jury to try Harry K. Thaw for the killing of Stanford White went forward today before Justice Dowling. Three temporary jurors were secured at the morning session and when the luncheon recess was ordered the box was filled with six permanent and six provisional occupants.

Just before the beginning of the session of the trial of Harry K. Thaw today, Atty. Daniel O'Reilly announced that a subpoena for the defense had been served on Miss Edna Goodrich, the actress, who is playing here this week. Miss Goodrich failed to appear in response to a subpoena last year.

Mrs. Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, on the stand at the first trial declared that it was Miss Goodrich who first introduced her to Stanford White and took her to luncheon with him.

A messenger from Mr. O'Reilly's office set in the audience of Frank Thaw where the young actress is playing all of yesterday afternoon and last night and finally served the subpoena in person. It was intended to serve the subpoena after the matinee, but Miss Goodrich had dinner served in her dressing room.

A new venire of sixteen men reported this morning and three provisional jurors in the box, the attorneys for the prosecution and defense set about filling the vacancies and preparing for another exercise of peremptory challenges.

Young Mrs. Thaw had to make her way through a crowd of several hundred persons gathered outside the criminal courts building when she came down today for the morning session. Several policemen had to be called to clear a passage through the throng. The sixth talesman reached today passed a successful examination for temporary jurors. He was Frank Heine, an insurance man, who said he had been too busy during the first trial to thoroughly read the newspapers and consequently had formed no opinion in the case.

Immediately after recess all of the six provisional jurors were excused, leaving six places yet to be filled.

ORMOND BEACH RACES.

Automobile Club of America Offers a Magnificent Silver Cup. New York, Jan. 9.—The Automobile club of America has offered a magnificent silver cup for the races which will take place at Ormond Beach during the week beginning March 2. The cup will go to the winner in the 28 mile class which is open to all cars but will probably be won by a contest between racing machines. Several foreign cars are expected to compete in the race.

The hand-some ever offered for an automobile race.

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT.

Boarding House Cook Gets Thirty Days for Beating Old Man. A boardinghouse cook named Stanley Racey was today sent to the county jail for a period of 30 days by Justice Kerish of Garfield, for assault and battery committed upon the person of Thomas McGregor. The offense is said to have been a very aggravated one. McGregor is an aged man, upwards of 70 years, and was lying asleep when attacked by Racey. The weapon used was a "jelly" and the meat received by McGregor was most severe.

Racey worked at one of the boarding houses run by George Bond, at Garfield, and McGregor, who was also in the employ of Bond, went to borrow an ax from Racey, and at that time in some way incurred his displeasure. At a later period the assault upon McGregor was made, the affair occurring several days ago. Some persons acquainted with the circumstances of the assault believe that the charge against Racey was made in the hope of securing some other punishment meted out much more severe.

CHINESE RIOTERS BURN PROTESTANT CHAPEL.

Shanghai, Jan. 9.—Rioters at Kia Hsing-Fu in the province of Che-Kiang, have burned the Protestant chapel and school. The official residence of the local magistrate was also destroyed.

The foreigners at Kia Hsing-Fu are safe. There has been considerable unrest recently in this province, but the disorders have been directed principally against the dynamite.

The Presbyterian church south has sustained a missionary establishment. The school has been closed since 1890. There were three missionaries and their wives, one woman missionary, and several Chinese workers at the station which consisted of two places of worship, three day schools, one boarding school and one dispensary.

NO CESSATION OF PROSECUTIONS

Honey Will Prosecute Ex-U. S. Atty. Hall in Connection With Land Fraud Cases.

THE FORD CASE NOT DROPPED

Rumors That There Will Be Long Intervals Between Bribery-Graft Trials Are Denied

Declares That Senator Fulton of Oregon Will Learn More Than He May Wish.

San Francisco, Jan. 9.—Francis J. Honey, special assistant to the United States Atty-Gen. Charles J. Bonaparte in the Oregon land fraud trials, and who as assistant district attorney has had charge of the prosecution of the San Francisco bribery-graft cases, arrived here this morning from Washington, where he went to confer with President Roosevelt at the latter's request. On his way home, he stopped several days at Tucson, Ariz., to dispose of a case in the courts there in which he was the attorney.

After a conference today with Dist. Atty. William H. Langdon and Special Agent William H. Burns, in which he made arrangements for the continuance of the trial of Patrick Calhoun, president of the United railroads, on the charge of bribery, until he returns from the north, Honey will leave tonight for Portland to commence the trial of ex-United States Dist. Atty. Hall of that city, who is accused of being involved in the land frauds.

NEVER DROPPED A CASE. "I have never dropped the prosecution of a case in my life as those who are under indictment in the bribery-graft cases will learn when I return," said Mr. Honey, when told of the reports that T. L. Ford, general counsel for the United railroads, would not be brought to trial on the other indictments against him, and that the prosecution of Patrick Calhoun would be dropped. "Such rumors are always circulated when there are long intervals between trials, but are without the slightest foundation in the San Francisco bribery-graft cases, as well as in similar reports sent out from Portland in regard to the land fraud cases there."

Asked whether the plans of the prosecution are in the cases against Calhoun, Ford and others, under indictment for bribery and corruption, Mr. Honey said:

"When, on the request of the prosecution, Calhoun's trial was continued until Jan. 7 because of the absence of Supervisor James L. Gallagher, an important witness, Calhoun asked for permission to go to New York. This was granted, and it was stipulated that if he was not back on the day set for the trial, his case would not be taken up until Feb. 1. It comes up before Judge Lawlor tomorrow morning, it will be continued until that date or perhaps Feb. 7."

"I am not prepared yet to say whether I shall begin the trial of Calhoun then or first put Ford on trial again, but I will say most emphatically that those who may think that these cases will be dropped, will be much disappointed. The trial of Calhoun and the others indicted, will be resumed with renewed vigor upon my return from Portland. In the meantime, I will dispose of one of the cases in Portland growing out of the Oregon land frauds and place ex-United States Dist. Atty. Hall on trial there. In order to get back to San Francisco by Feb. 1 or 7, I can prosecute Hall but only one or two land fraud cases pending in Portland."

UTAH STUDENT WINS HONOR.

Donald Beauregard Takes First Prize At Great French Art School. Word has just been received at the University of Utah that Donald Beauregard, a Utah student has received distinction in France by obtaining the first prize in the "Technical" at the great art school the Academie Julien. The work of the students in this school is marked, awarding places according to technique or skill in execution, and according to the plan sketched preparatory to the development of a picture. Mr. Beauregard has obtained several numbers of the latter, but the recent and greatest distinction is in the "Technical."

Prof. Evans of the university says his success is especially gratifying at this season of the year owing to the fact that during the winter months many prominent artists are in attendance at the school, and this prize is for relative merit. The work of Mr. Beauregard will be more appreciated when it is known that all of the Utah artists who have attended this institution, he is the first to receive this distinction.

The Academie Julien is foremost in the ranks of French art schools. Jean Paul Laurens, one of the greatest artists of the day, who holds a prominent position in the school, congratulated Mr. Beauregard upon his latest work. In addition to his studies at the art school, Mr. Beauregard is studying at the Sarbonne university.

Several of the principals of the city schools are visiting the university today.

LAST OFFICIAL RITE.

First Baptists Will Vacate Old Building After Election of Officers. The First Baptist church will hold its annual meeting tomorrow evening, with election of officers for the year, in the old church building, which will then be vacated for good, although the Crane company, the purchasers of the property, do not expect to demolish the edifice for a couple of months yet.

The organ and pulpit chairs will be removed to the Jewish Temple, and the seats and other furniture are to be stored in the large basement of the residence now standing on the site of the new church. Until the building is demolished, the auditorium will be used by the Baptists for their religious purposes. The Baptists will use the Jewish Temple for the first time Sunday morning next.

FUNERAL OF L. H. WHEELER.

Impressive Services Over Remains of Young Mining Engineer. The funeral of L. H. Wheeler, the mining engineer, who was fatally injured at the Boston Con. mill, Monday afternoon, was held this morning from the chapel of S. D. Evans on State street, with an attendance by sorrowing friends that more than filled the room. Rev. W. M. Paden conducted the services, and Mrs. N. P. Moore sang a solo. The occasion, especially considering the circumstances, was very affecting. The pallbearers were Ernest Peterson, George W. Hensler, Chas. Senie, A. L. Thomas, Jr., A. B. Scott, J. H. Grass, and the interment was in St. Olivet. There was a profusion of flowers. One large piece was a lyre of white and red carnations, smilax and three dozen of American Beauty roses, from the boys at the mill. There were quite a number of carriages to carry the friends to the cemetery, and the entire occasion being one of marked solemnity and impressiveness. The new home offices in the Dooley block were closed until 1 p. m. today, on account of the funeral. The untimely demise of the young man, who was only 23 years of age, is a great loss to the friends and associates.

WOULD PUNISH PARENTS.

For Not Putting Children in Condition To Profit by School Work. New York, Jan. 9.—That parents who "fall to put their children in proper physical condition to profit by the work of the schools," they attend, should be punished, is the opinion of Superintendent of Schools Maxwell, revealed in his annual report to the board of education. The superintendent favors a department of hygiene to look especially after the health of school children. This department would have its own medical experts with power to prosecute parents found to be willfully neglectful of their children's health.

FIRE IN GREEN BAY.

Green Bay, Wis., Jan. 8.—Fire here early today caused an estimated loss to company of \$50,000. The clothing company was the principal loser.