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"THE CHECKMATING OF THE WIDOW HAND."

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TWENTY-FOUR HOURS FILLED WITH TRAGEDY.

Seventeen Deaths Through Man's Violence Reported to the Authorities.

MISSOURI PHYSICIAN'S CRIME.

Platte County Doctor Killed Three and Was Himself Slain.

FIVE DEAD IN MINNESOTA.

Stepfather Accused of Murdering Wife and Children—Other Tragedies.

Seventeen lives snuffed out by violence have been reported within the last twenty-four hours. At Farley, Platte County, Mo., Doctor Harrington killed his wife's mother, her uncle and Sheriff Dillingham, in revenge for fancied wrongs.

Mrs. Theodore Wallert and four children were stabbed to death at Arlington, Minn. The husband and stepfather is being hunted.

Mrs. Silas Cornwall and Thomas Wheeler were slain by the woman's husband in Tennessee. A Texas suitor shot his sweetheart's father; an Oklahoma cattleman was shot, a Kansas City woman killed and a child and man drowned in Minnesota.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Leavenworth, Kas., Aug. 20.—Four persons were shot dead at the little town of Farley, a few miles south of East Leavenworth, between 7 and 10 o'clock this morning.

Doctor Sturley Harrington, a physician of Farley, Mo., killed three of the persons—James Wallace, his uncle, who was a wealthy farmer; Doctor Harrington's mother-in-law, Mrs. William Wallace, and J. H. Dillingham, Sheriff of Platte County, who attempted to arrest Doctor Harrington. Deputy Sheriff Henry Dillingham, who was with his father when the attempted arrest was made, shot Harrington dead.

Doctor Harrington, it is said, did the shooting while intoxicated. He is said to have been drinking yesterday morning and drove his wife away from home. She came to Leavenworth and remained over night, going to Platte City this morning to the home of Sheriff Dillingham, who is her uncle. Early this morning Doctor Harrington, still under the influence of liquor, went to the home of James Wallace, which is near Farley. Mrs. Wallace came to the door and Harrington asked for Wallace.

When Wallace came out Harrington wanted to know where Mrs. Harrington was. Wallace said he did not know and had not seen her. Harrington became abusive and suddenly drawing a revolver shot Wallace twice, once in the heart and once through the head. Harrington then drove away in his buggy, going directly to the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. William Wallace, a widow who lives less than half a mile from James Wallace.

Murder of Mrs. Wallace.

Harrington demanded to know where his wife was of Mrs. Wallace. She declared she had not seen her daughter, and Harrington for answer shot her dead. Harrington's next move was to come to Leavenworth. He arrived here about 8 o'clock and drove direct to the gun store owned by W. W. Carney. Here he purchased a 41-caliber Winchester rifle, cartridges and 100 cartridges for his revolver.

To Carney he said: "I have an order for the cartridges at the store in Farley, and as I am going home I might as well take them."

Harrington, when in the store here, was under the influence of liquor, though he did not seem excited. He had his 12-year-old daughter with him, having brought her from Farley. He drove back with her in the buggy. On reaching there he went to the general store owned by William Wehee. There were a number of people in the store at the time, and Harrington walked up to the clerk and demanded some money.

"I have only $3, and I cannot let you have that," said the clerk.

"Yes, you can, for I will pay it back," replied Harrington.

The clerk still refused, but Harrington drew a revolver and demanded the money. It was turned over to him, and he started to leave the store. The clerk seized a revolver and fired once, and Harrington turned and shot several times at the clerk and the bystanders, but hit no one. He had started to go out. He was met by Sheriff Dillingham and two deputy sheriffs.

Killed the Sheriff.

Harrington raised his weapon and fired at the Sheriff, the ball entering the officer's forehead. He died a few minutes later. Immediately after shooting the Sheriff, Harrington stepped over his body and started to run. Deputy Sheriff Dillingham, who was a short distance behind his father, drew his revolver and fired several times at Harrington, striking him twice. He fell when he reached the middle of the street, and died in a short time.

Doctor Harrington was shot three times before he was killed. As soon as he entered the store at Farley and received the money from the clerk, Daniel Cannon, he backed out, shooting as he went. He fired five shots, none of them taking effect. Cannon shot twice at Harrington, one shot lodging in his right shoulder and the other striking his revolver and breaking it. Harrington immediately drew another revolver from his pocket, and as he did so Sheriff Dillingham stepped upon the porch.

Harrington raised his gun and fired. Sheriff Dillingham fired at the same time, but his bullet struck the ceiling as he fell. Harrington ran to the street and young Dillingham fired at him as he passed, the bullet going throug Harrington's heart and body and lodging in the door. Doctor McKee of this city was called to attend the wounded, but when he arrived the four were dead.

He found several men who were in the store at the time of the shooting and though five shots were fired at close range by Harrington, not one took effect. James Young, a farmer, had a close call. One bullet went through his shirt and another grazed him arm.

The cause of the shooting is said to be trouble caused by Harrington having been expelled from the Masonic Lodge of Farley. He was expelled some time ago and charged his uncle, James Wallace, and Daniel Cannon with being instrumental in the proceedings. It is said he had made the threat he would clean out every Mason in Platte County for this action.

Daughter Held the Horse.

A peculiar feature of the shooting this morning was the fact that Harrington kept his daughter with him the whole time. While he was doing the shooting, both at Farley and earlier in the morning, she sat in the buggy and held the horse.

This morning Mrs. Harrington went to Platte City and swore out a warrant for her husband, and it was the warrant the Sheriff was about to serve when he was shot. Mrs. Harrington is reported to have said yesterday that she was afraid to return home, lest her husband should kill her.

The Wallaces are among the respected citizens of Platte County. James Wallace owns several hundred acres of land opposite this city, in the bottoms, and is considered wealthy. No reason has been ascribed for Harrington having shot his mother-in-law, except that he was crazed with liquor. After he was dead it was found that he had three revolvers and more than 200 rounds of ammunition in his pockets.

Sheriff Dillingham was highly respected and popular. His body was brought here at noon. The Coroner of Platte County took charge of Harrington's body.

VICTIMS OF ENRAGED MEN.

DEAD AT FARLEY, MO.
Doctor Sturley Harrington.
James Wallace.
Mrs. William Wallace.
J. P. Dillingham.

DEAD AT ARLINGTON, MINN.
Mrs. Sophia Wallert.
Helena Steinborn.
Annie Steinborn.
Reynolds Steinborn.
Justus Steinborn.

DEAD IN TENNESSEE.
Mrs. Silas Cornwall.
Thomas Wheeler.

DEAD AT BLOOMING GROVE, TEX.
H. R. Chipley.

DEAD AT NEW YORK.
Katherine Scharn.

DEAD IN OKLAHOMA.
— Huff.

DEAD AT KANSAS CITY.
Mrs. Anna Tyson.

DEAD AT PINE CITY, MINN.
Rose Frantz.
Antone Paca.

WOMAN AND CHILDREN STABBED.

Five Persons Are Dead and One Is Seriously Wounded—Minnesota Husband and Stepfather Suspected.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Arlington, Minn., Aug. 20.—The most atrocious crime ever committed in Sibley County was perpetrated in this village this morning at 2 o'clock, when Mrs. Theodore Wallert and four children were stabbed to death and another child severely wounded.

The woman's husband, who is the stepfather of the children, is suspected of the crime.

The murderer first set fire to the barn, burning it and its contents to the ground. Also several outlying stacks of grain and outhouses. He then entered the house by means of a barrel placed near a window. The mother and one daughter were sleeping downstairs, and the other daughter, a grandchild and three sons were upstairs.

It is supposed that those downstairs fell first under the assassin's knife, and that the others were killed as they came downstairs, being awakened by the fire and the cries of those below. All had stabs in their chests and abdomens and some in the neck. One boy was struck by the knife three times, but will recover if no complications set in.

Stabbed in the Dark.

As the deed was committed in darkness the only living witness does not say positively that Wallert was the murderer, but thinks it was he. The neighbor boys, Martin and Fred Joel, discovered the fire and ran over to the house, but saw nothing of the murderer. The alarm was spread at once and Doctor M. E. Bushey of this city was called. He dressed the wounds of the boy.

His description of the scene was one of horror. One son and one daughter were lying in the front room, and the mother and the other son and daughter were lying in the adjoining room. When discovered the daughter in the front room was still alive, but soon expired. All were lying face up on the floor, with the exception of a boy about 12, who had fallen upon a lounge. The attitudes of all indicated that they had died in great agony.

Mrs. Wallert, the mother of the family, and who was probably the first to meet with death, had been married to Wallert about six or seven years. Her name previous to this last marriage was Steinborn, and the children all bear that name. The mother was about 53 years old and the children ranged from 12 to 20 years. For a long time the family had been having trouble, according to all that can be learned, until several months ago, when the older Wallert went to live with relatives in the neighborhood. He was seen here in Arlington at 9:30 o'clock last evening. Whether or not he had been drinking, or was in a fit of insanity, is still a matter of doubt.

The whole county is stirred up over the event and Sheriff Gasske has formed a posse to get out and search for the criminal.

Bloody Clothing Found.

Wallert is so well known that it seems unlikely he can escape. The clothes known to have been worn by Wallert were found in a barn on his sister's place, about two miles from the scene of the tragedy. Wallert has engaged in thrashing, and the clothes discarded by him consisted of a jacket and a pair of overalls. They were covered with blood. The find is deemed sufficient to establish the identity of the murderer.

Wallert was seen near Glencoe this morning and the Sheriff's posse of twelve men from this place and a number from Glencoe are in hot pursuit. News of his capture is expected at any moment.

Last night Wallert bought some revolver cartridges at a hardware store in this

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Doctor Probabilities Hyatt: "I think I can safely predict that if it doesn't rain we'll have a long dry spell."

IMPERIAL PALACE IS SURROUNDED.

Chinese Troops Are Making Their Third Defense.

THE LAST STAND.

Are Fighting to Save the Sacred "Forbidden City."

The Republic Bureau,
14th St. and Pennsylvania Ave.

Washington, Aug. 20.—The fall of Pekin has not had the effect of removing the complications of the Chinese situation. To-day there is, if anything, more uncertainty as to the relations of China and the Powers than existed before Pekin was taken by the allies. From advices received last night and this morning, it is apparent that the Chinese troops and the Boxers who opposed the allies have not vacated that part of the Capital known as the Forbidden City, where the Emperor, Empress Dowager and the Imperial Court live.

The Imperial City proper, surrounded by a wall separating it from the Tartar City, by which it is surrounded on all sides, is that part of Pekin in which the officers of the Government not connected directly with the Imperial household and the nobility reside.

American Official Dispatches.

The State Department to-night made public the following:

"Che-Foo, Aug. 20, 1900—To Secretary of State, Washington, Aug. 20.: Ragsdale reports Chinese troops surrounded in palace grounds.

(Signed) "FOWLER."

Ragsdale is Consul of the United States at Tien-Tsin.

The Bureau of Navigation this morning received the following cablegram from Admiral Remey:

"Taku, Aug. 19.—Authentic report from Pekin, 15th, from Lieutenant Latimer. Troops moving on imperial city. Clearing out Tartar City. All Americans who remain in Pekin are well, except one child. Captain Myers, recovered from wound, has typhoid; crisis passed and now convalescing. Assistant Surgeon Lippett was wounded, upper left leg; bone fractured; leg saved; now recovering. The following killed during siege in Pekin:

"Sergeant J. F. Fanning, Privates C. D. King, J. W. Tucher, J. Kennedy, R. E. Thomas, A. Turner and H. Fisher.

"Wounded: Private J. Schrodes, elbow, severe; now dangerously ill from fever; Seaman J. Mitchell, upper arm, severe; now recovering.

"All other wounded and sick returned to duty. Casualties, Major Biddle's command,

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JAPS PURSUING THE EMPRESS.

London, Aug. 20.—The Japanese cavalry has left Pekin in pursuit of the Dowager Empress and her court, according to telegrams from the north received at Shanghai by Chinese officials. These dispatches aver that the Empress and her treasure train, protected by 30,000 troops, have already arrived at Wu-Tai-San, in Shan-Si Province.

LEADING TOPICS —IN— TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

For Missouri—Local rains and cooler Tuesday; Wednesday fair; southerly, shifting to northwesterly winds.

For Illinois—Local rains and cooler Tuesday; Wednesday fair; light to fresh northwesterly winds.

For Arkansas—Local rains Tuesday; cooler in eastern portion; Wednesday fair; southerly winds.

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PRIEST AND CONVERTS SAVED ENTIRE VILLAGE.

SPECIAL BY CABLE

Tien-Tsin, Aug. 17, via Shanghai, Sunday, Aug. 19.—(Copyright, 1900, by the New York Herald Company.)—Father De Hets, a Lazarist missionary, has arrived here.

At a village forty miles to the northwest he, with 6,000 converts, held out for six weeks against Boxers armed with rifles and swords. They numbered 20,000. They intended blinding or killing the whole population.

The village officials sent Father De Hets word that he must leave China, but, with a few rifles and a small cannon, he held on till General Sung sent word that the Christians would be spared, but that they must disarm, and Father De Hets must leave for the coast.

He was escorted to General Ma, at Peitsan, and had been there for three days when Peitsan was taken.

The remaining converts were given one week's food by General Sung, acting under orders from Pekin.

The Boxers obeyed his orders.

Prince Tuan is undoubtedly the head of the Boxers.

ALLIES HAVE TAKEN TWO OF THE THREE PEKIN CITIES.

Outer Town Captured at Midnight, the 14th, and Legations Rescued—Imperial City Fell the 15th.

"FORBIDDEN CITY," ROYAL HOME, RESISTS.

Empress and Emperor Departed Four Days Before Allies Arrived—"They Tried to Annihilate Us the Day Before You Got In," Says Conger.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.

Pekin, Friday, Aug. 17, via Shanghai, Monday, Aug. 20.—(Copyright, 1900, by the New York Herald Company.)—Contrary to the agreement of the allied commanders, the Russians advanced and occupied the first door of the east gate early in the morning of the 14th (Tuesday), but failed to force the second door.

At 2 o'clock on the afternoon of the 14th, the British and Americans entered the gate near the legations and met with only slight resistance. The Japanese met more serious opposition at the upper east gate all day. At midnight on the 14th they blew up the gate and entered the city.

Many Chinese were killed.

The people in the legation were well, but somewhat starved. Minister Conger said:

"THEY TRIED TO ANNIHILATE US THE DAY BEFORE YOU GOT IN. Prince Ching, President of the Tsung Li Yamen, sent word that his officers had received orders to cease firing on us, under pain of death. At 7 o'clock in the evening of the same day THE CHINESE OPENED FIRE, AND THIS CONTINUED ALL DAY. IF THE RELIEVING COLUMN HAD NOT ARRIVED WE WOULD HAVE SUCCUMBED.

"The Americans lost seven marines killed and fifteen wounded and one child died.

"THE WHOLE MOVEMENT IS PURELY A GOVERNMENTAL ONE. THE BOXERS ARE ONLY A PRETENCE, HAVING NO GUNS.

"The confidential adviser of the Empress was the leader of the imperial troops here.

"In eleven days over 2,000 shells fell among us."

The American marines, under Captain Myers, held a position on the wall throughout the siege.

Upon the allies passing the wall, the Chinese retreated.

The imperial family left four days ago for Shan-Si Province.

It is estimated that the strength of the Pekin garrison was 10,000 men.

The legation was urged to leave the city under an escort of Chinese troops, but refused, fearing treachery.

The Chinese in the Imperial City made a stout resistance.

After shelling them the allies succeeded in forcing the gate and entering the city about noon on the 15th.

Ths American loss in this action was the greatest.

Captain Reilly of the Fifth Artillery was killed.

In an interview Sir Claude MacDonald, the British Minister, states: "THE CHINESE BROKE EVERY ENGAGEMENT WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTERS.

"There is no truth in the story that the imperial palace supplied the legations with food. They sent vegetables which were refused.

"The total casualties during the siege of the legations were sixty-seven killed and one hundred and twenty wounded."

(Pekin consists of three cities—the outer, or Tartar, town, in which are the legations; the Imperial city, where reside officials not of the royal household, and, within that, the "Forbidden" city, in which stand the palaces. A dispatch from Consul Fowler, printed elsewhere on this page, states that the imperial palace is surrounded, indicating that the Chinese troops, driven in succession from the Tartar and Imperial cities, are making their third defense—and their last one—in the Empire's capital.)