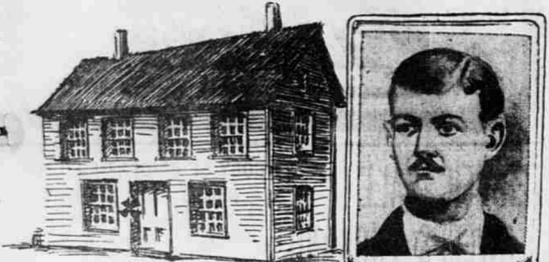


SLAYER OF FATHER-IN-LAW THREATENS TO KILL OTHERS; DEFIES SHERIFF'S POSSE.

William Hoffman Kills William Brandt, and Flees to the Hills Armed With a Shotgun and Two Revolvers, Near Mayestown, Ill., Declaring That He Will Shoot Any Man to Death Who Attempts to Take Him—Neighborhood Is Wrought to Highest Pitch of Excitement.

DESPERADO KISSES WIFE GOOD-BY BEFORE HIS FLIGHT.



William Brandt's home, at Mayestown, Ill., where he was shot to death by William A. Hoffman, his son-in-law. The cross shows the doorway where Brandt fell.

Waterloo, Ill., Sept. 10.—William A. Hoffman, who shot his father-in-law, William Brandt, to death in his own door near Mayestown last night, is now hiding in the woods and defies the officers of the law to take him. A posse has been organized and it is believed that it is only a question of hours until he is captured or killed.

Hoffman is armed with a Winchester repeating shotgun and two revolvers and seventy rounds of ammunition. He is known as a desperate man and he will shoot on the slightest provocation. The woods where he is hiding abound in rocky cliffs, from which it will be hard to dislodge him.

When he fled from home after the killing he kissed his wife good-by, declaring that she would never see him again. He remarked he had two more to get and that the officers would never take him alive. The authorities believe he will make good his threat and the whole neighborhood is wrought up to the highest pitch of excitement. No one knows who is marked by Hoffman, and consequently every one in the vicinity is afraid to stick his head out of the house for fear of being shot.

Mrs. Brandt, widow of the dead man, has offered a reward of \$50 for the arrest of her son-in-law, but this seems to have added little zest to the pursuit, which is fraught with danger to every man who joins in the chase.

Hoffman spent nearly the whole day Wednesday at his father-in-law's demanding money. Hoffman has never earned the reputation of being very frugal and his father-in-law has always helped him with a weekly allowance. In the last few weeks Hoffman had been running through his allowance early in the week and applying to Brandt for further assistance. When Hoffman made his request yesterday, he was refused and it aroused his anger to a high degree.

After finding it useless to insist further Hoffman returned home about 5 o'clock, having taken several drinks. He fed the stock as usual, but after supper he saddled his horse, got his repeating shotgun and started out toward Mayestown.

On the way he stopped at a saloon, where he met Constable Herman Pape. "In thirty minutes you will be hunting me with a warrant, but look out. I am desperate and will kill any one who follows or hunts me."

The constable told him to go home and sober up. He only laughed. At Jacob Meyers' store he purchased fifty cartridges for his shotgun and ammunition for his revolvers, remarking that it was for "his game." His horse rode to the home of his father-in-law, tied his horse to the hitching post and walked to the door, on which he rapped with the muzzle of the shotgun. Brandt came to the door. Hoffman raised the gun.

"Oh, you won't shoot me?" cried the old man, but at that instant there was a deafening report, quickly followed by a second. The old man fell dead in the doorway, having been shot through the heart. Both loads took effect in the chest. Hoffman leaped upon his horse and was soon galloping away to his home.

He told his wife what he had done, tossed her a dollar, telling her to christen his baby girl, 6 weeks old, and to lead an honest life.

"I must go," he said, "I killed the old hound, and Sheriff Ruch and Constable Pape will soon be here to hunt me. I must hurry. I must kill two more men, then I will be satisfied and will leave. If the officers try to get me before I kill the ones I want, I must kill them."

Kissing his wife farewell, he disappeared in the darkness.

At last accounts he is hiding in the woods near his home. Sheriff Ruch and a party of officers have gone to the search, but the Sheriff could not gather a large posse, as the residents are afraid, declaring that Hoffman is too desperate a man.

Hoffman married Brandt's daughter six years ago. At the time it was remarked that he did not love her, but married her for the money he thought the old man would settle upon them. Brandt did not make them a present of any fortune, and it is said that Hoffman has cherished a resentment ever since.

Brandt was a prominent retired farmer, 55 years old.

TO MEET IN ST. LOUIS IN 1904.
Postal Clerks Adjourn at Nashville, Tenn.

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 10.—Fourth annual convention of the National Association of Postal Clerks adjourned to-night. St. Louis was chosen for the next convention, and these officers were elected:

President, Frank T. Rogers, Chicago; vice president, Forest L. May, Dayton, O.; second vice president, P. J. McDermott, Worcester, Mass.; third vice president, William N. McCarthy, St. Louis; secretary, R. C. Liefrier, Milwaukee.

One of the most important actions taken by the convention to-day was the addition of a plan for the creation of a mortuary benefit fund. The plan provides for the issuance of policies for \$500, \$1,000 or \$2,000.

CROW OBTAINS FIFTY SUBPOENAS.

They Will Be Used in Summoning Witnesses Before Grand Jury Next Monday.

PROBE FOR LAST ASSEMBLY?

Conjectured That the Attorney General Will Take Up a New Lead—Mysterious Package to Be Opened.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Jefferson City, Mo., Sept. 10.—Attorney General Crow to-day requested and obtained fifty blank subpoenas from Circuit Clerk O. L. Moore of Cole County, to be used for the summoning of witnesses before the Cole County Grand Jury, which meets here next Monday.

The subpoenas being issued in blank, it could not be learned for whom they would be filled out, as Mr. Crow is at present in St. Louis.

The issuing of so large a batch of subpoenas at this time is causing some surprise, as it was generally supposed that the Grand Jury would be able to complete its work in two days next week.

The previous Grand Jury has dealt largely with the Legislature of 1901, and it is conjectured that the present jury will confine its attention to the last Legislature and that the subpoenas are for members of that body.

At the session of the Grand Jury Monday the mysterious package, which is supposed to contain the Lee-Kelley correspondence and which was sent here to the foreman of the Grand Jury, will be opened.

EARTHQUAKES CAUSE STRIKE AMONG MINERS.

Gem, Idaho, Sept. 10.—All miners employed at the Frisco mine, one of the leading producers of the Coeur d'Alene district, walked out to-day and the mine is closed. The reason given by the men is that they are afraid to work in the mine because of explosions and earthquake shocks.

Some of the explosions are felt in town and are taken by many for earthquakes. Mining engineers say the explosions are caused by cracking rock and that there is no danger.

AVOIDS WRECK BY TURNING PASSENGER TRAIN ON DERAIL.

Towerman Durban Sees Switch Engine Approaching in Time to Save Fast Mail.

Seeing that a collision with a switch engine was unavoidable, Frederick Durban, tender of switches at Mitchell Station, yesterday morning threw a switch and sent the fast Missouri Pacific train, No. 8, onto another track.

The sudden change of track, however, proved to be too great for the train and the engine, baggage, mail and express cars were derailed. They did not turn over. The express messengers, mail clerks and baggage men escaped injury.

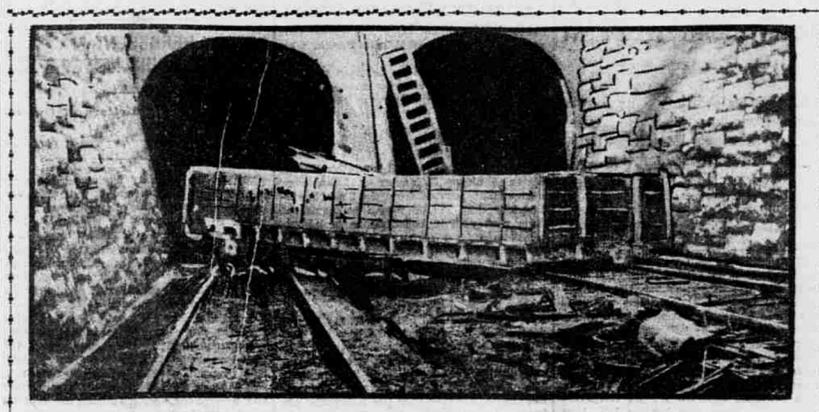
The train was coming into Union Station. It was running about twenty miles an hour. Engineer John Meyers saw the approaching switch engine before his locomotive had been transferred to the other track. He then applied his brakes and his train came to a standstill within a few yards.

The train was due at Union Station at 7 o'clock and passengers were delayed more than an hour in arriving.

The train was in charge of Conductor Samuel Lovick, No. 433 Laclede avenue; Engineer John Meyers, Sedalia, and Fireman A. W. McDonald, No. 391 Caroline street.

Durban has been employed by the Missouri Pacific as switch tender three weeks. He is 21 years old and lives in Clifton Heights.

WRECK AT MOUTH OF TUNNEL PILES CARS IN HIGH HEAP AND BLOCKADES TRAFFIC.



Sand Car which caused the wreck as it appeared after it struck the tunnel pier and caused the derailment of the four flat cars behind it.

With four freight cars piled up to the top of the wall, and another turned across the tracks at the entrance to the tunnel, traffic over the Eads Bridge was suspended on this branch of the Terminal Railway Association's system from noon until late last night.

An odd freak was caused by the wreck. An engine was pulling a train of freight cars through the tunnel to East St. Louis. Half of the train had passed into the tunnel when a car loaded with sand left the track.

Four flat cars were following the one loaded with sand. The sand car jumped the track more than 100 yards from the tunnel entrance. It ran on the ties to the pier, supporting the tunnel at the entrance on Eighth street and Clark avenue.

The sand car struck the pier. The car ahead of it was torn loose and the train went on. The sand car so completely blocked the track that the four cars behind it were piled in a heap. Two cars reared up in the air like a letter "A" and one of them fell over on to the stone wall, which is fully twenty-five feet from the ground. The iron fence on top of the wall was crushed like an egg shell.

No one was injured. The damage was not confined to the wrecking of the cars alone. In running along on the ties the sand car tore a part of the electric switching device away, and this damage cannot be repaired. Terminal officials say, for less than \$1,000. The entire damage is estimated at about \$2,000.

The cause of the wreck is not known, but it is believed that one of the automatic switches is responsible for it; that the switch opened as the train was passing over it, allowing the sand car to leave the rails.

One of the Terminal wrecking crews was quickly dispatched to the scene and began at once to clear the wreckage away. The electric switching devices could not be replaced until late last night, however, and all passenger trains were sent over the Merchant's Bridge.

CONGRESSMAN COCHRAN SAYS FOLK IS GAINING.

When the primaries are held next year, there will be an outpouring of Democratic voters such as has never been witnessed in the State and the result of them will be for Folk for governor.

—C. F. Cochran

LEADING TOPICS TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 5:38 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 6:16.
THE MOON RISES THIS EVENING AT 9:20.

GRAIN CLOSED: ST. LOUIS—DEC. WHEAT, 54¢@55¢; ASKED: DEC. CORN, 41¢; CHICAGO—DEC. WHEAT, 51¢@51½¢; DEC. CORN, 50¢@50½¢ ASKED.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.
For St. Louis and Vicinity—Partly cloudy and slightly warmer.
For Missouri and Illinois—Fair and warmer Friday; showers at night or Saturday. Cooler Saturday.

1. First Dispute Over Islands.
2. Crow Obtains Fifty Subpoenas.
3. Sixteen Millions for Irrigation.
4. Keeper Shot Dead by Saloon Robber. Mother Searches for Her Boys.
5. Railway News. Real Estate Transfers. Weather Bulletin.
6. East Side News. Charter Clause May Kill Improvement Bills.
7. Editorial. Society Happenings.
8. St. Louis Guitars Virtuoso Chosen by American Guild. Garbage Removal in Berlin. Seek to Have New Army Headquarters in St. Louis.
9. The Republic Form Chart.
10. Baseball Scores.
11. Republic "Want" Ads. Birth, Marriage and Death Records. New Corporations.
12. Rooms for Rent Ads.
13. River News and Personals. Cotton Markets.
14. Stocks More Active in New York. Local Securities Dull. Wheat and Corn Weak in Chicago. Bearish Market News Weakens Local Grains.
15. Corn Far Above Ten-Year Average. Attacks Diagnosis of Pope's Disease. Dog Starving at Dead Woman's Feet. No Sweeping Financial Legislation. Are Charged With Perjury. Review of the Iron Trade.

WILD EXCESSES IN MACEDONIA ARE UNCHECKED.

Soldiers pillage and Murder Wherever They Go; With Connivance of Officers.

ROB CORPSES OF CLOTHING.

Consuls at Monastir Are Afraid to Venture on Streets Lest They Be Killed.

GENERAL MASSACRE FEARED.

Turks Scoff at Talk of Reforms and Threaten to Complete Devastation of Country if Powers Try to Interfere.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Sept. 10.—A European merchant, who left Monastir September 8, has arrived at Sofia, and has given the Associated Press correspondent an account of the terrible conditions prevailing in the vilayet of Monastir.

Hilmi Pasha is following the lines of his predecessors, and the greatest excesses that have ever been committed have been recorded since his arrival.

Throughout the vilayet of Monastir the Turkish soldiers are daily perpetrating almost inconceivable atrocities.

They dishonor the young girls in the presence of their parents and pillage and murder everywhere.

Even funeral processions are halted and the corpses stripped of their clothes. The priests' vestments are seized, and the soldiers sell all their plunder openly, the officers apparently consenting.

The informant of the Associated Press says the Christian inhabitants are terror-stricken, hourly fearing a general massacre by the Muslims, whose fanatical hatred of the Christians has reached the highest point.

The shops are closed in Monastir, business is suspended and the streets are deserted. Even the Consuls do not dare to venture outside of their homes.

The country people are afraid to come to the city lest they should be robbed and murdered on the way.

Europeans desiring to see the burned villages are prevented by the authorities on various excuses. The British Consul wanted to go to Smilovo, but Hilmi Pasha informed him that he could not guarantee his safety, as the revolutionaries had plotted to kill him.

The informant continues that it is estimated that there are over 70,000 people in the fields without shelter and starving. Hilmi Pasha has promised the Consuls that he will assist the destitute people, but he has done nothing, and even refuses to allow them to enter the town and beg for food.

Many cruelties perpetrated by Christians are attributed to Greek spies, headed by a Greek Bishop, who, with the Greek Consuls, it is said, are paid by the Porte for their services. The Greeks are accused of inventing reports for the purpose of fanning the Muslims' hatred of the Bulgarians.

The Turkish functionaries openly scoff at the idea of reforms or European intervention, declaring that should armed European forces come the Turks would immediately burn, destroy and massacre, leaving only bare fields throughout Macedonia.

CLASH IN THE BALKANS MAY COME ANY MOMENT.

London, Sept. 10.—"Europe is standing on the edge of a precipice," said to-day a diplomat who is participating in the international negotiations for the purpose of fanning the Balkans, "and no one can tell but that to-morrow may see Turkey and Bulgaria plunged in war in spite of all the efforts made to prevent it, and, though the Powers separately have made strong representations to Bulgaria to desist from aiding the insurgents and are on the eve of making a joint demand for the observance of a policy of strict neutrality."

"In the meantime Turkey is becoming encouraged by the attitude of the Powers toward Bulgaria, and there is a strong feeling among the Mohammedans that the opportunity is at hand to take summary vengeance on the Bulgarian people."

"The Porte has been warned against engaging in war, and we believe he hesitates to embark upon a move which may result in the armed intervention of Europe. The only encouraging sign in the situation is the understanding between the Powers, all of which is to uphold Russia and Austria in their efforts to maintain peace."

All the advices, official and otherwise, received here, agree in saying that the Turkish Government has now restored quiet at Beirut, and that the Porte appreciates the necessity for taking action in the matter, as shown by the removal of the Vail of Beirut, as demanded by the United States Minister, Mr. Leshman.

So far as can be learned, though the Powers are prepared to send ships at a moment's notice to Salonica, in compliance with the reported request of the Consuls, no orders for warships to sail have yet been issued. Confidence is expressed that should such action be taken it will be in concert.

No confirmation has been obtained of the report published by Die Zeit of Vienna to-day that Turkish troops have been ordered to cross the Bulgarian frontier of Eastern Roumelia, on the coming full-moon nights, in order to surround all the insurgent bands in the vilayet of Adrianople, but it would not be surprising if, in spite of orders to the contrary, Turkish troops pursuing insurgent bands should cross the frontier, and this would precipitate a conflict between the Turks and Bulgarians.

LEISHMAN'S REQUEST HAS PROMPT EFFECT AT BEIRUT.

Berlin, Sept. 10.—A dispatch received here from Constantinople says Naaim

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FRESH DISPUTE OVER ISLANDS.

British Foreign Office Makes Representations at Washington Regarding Seizure.

London, Sept. 10.—The British Foreign Office has made representations at Washington anent the recent seizure of two or three islands off the northeast coast of British North Borneo by the United States gunboat Quiros.

These islands are not connected with those off the coast of Sandakan, capital of British North Borneo, over which the American flag was recently hoisted.

The Quiros, it is stated, lately visited a part on the northeast coast of Borneo and thence steamed to Darvel Bay, an important center in Borneo, 150 miles southward. There the seizure is said to have occurred.

The islands, which have been under British administration for the last twenty-five years, were originally infested by pirates, who were driven out by the chartered company of Borneo. The action of the Quiros was brought to the attention of the Foreign Office, which then took up the matter.

It is asserted at the Foreign Office that the whole question of the islands is now under consideration at London and in Washington, and that when Foreign Secretary Lansdowne returns, arbitration will be suggested.

SENATOR HANNA ILL AGAIN.

Cancels All His Engagements and Prepares to Take Rest.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Cleveland, O., Sept. 10.—Senator M. A. Hanna was obliged to discontinue his office to-day and summoned a physician, who immediately ordered him taken home.

He said he felt as bad as at any time during his recent illness. The trouble seems to be in the stomach, which is very weak.

All his out-of-town engagements were immediately canceled, with the exception of the McKinley monument dedication at Toledo, which he hopes to be able to attend.

Those close to the Senator say this will be his last political campaign. He will make as determined an effort as possible to gain re-election to the Senate, and then, after his term expires, will retire from political life.

MRS. DELMONT SEEKS DIVORCE ON GROUNDS OF DESERTION.

It is said to be clerking in a State street store. In the petition Mrs. Delmont declares she has received no support from her husband for many months and that he has deserted her.

She asks for a decree of absolute divorce from the man who gave her a \$100,000 life insurance policy for a wedding present.

The history of the courtship and the married life of this couple is as romantic as the financial rise of the husband was dazzling.

Married when Delmont was at the height of his prosperity, starting St. Louis by the reckless and lavish expenditure of his money, which seemed to be inexhaustible, the couple attracted the widest attention. Soon reverses followed and they came to Chicago, where Delmont lost the rest of his fortune. The divorce proceeding is the last chapter in this interesting tale.

Miss Mulhall, as one of the dazzling beauties of St. Louis, was a friend of the late Jack Cunningham, who was painting a mural decoration for the Planters Hotel. She consented to sit as the central figure. No sooner had Delmont seen the picture than he sought out the artist.

"Who is the girl?" he asked.

"Miss Mulhall," was the artist's reply.

"I must meet her," said Delmont.

"She is the daughter of one of the most exclusive families in the South," said the artist.

"I will marry her," declared Delmont.

It was at the time that the Delmont dinners and entertainments were dazzling St. Louis. He won the girl and their marriage was one of the events of which St. Louis society still talks.

In 1886 Delmont came to Chicago and operated a branch of Arthur R. Jones & Co., until the firm was expelled from the Board of Trade. Then he gave up his Michigan avenue home and gradually sank out of sight.

Mrs. Delmont is now on the stage. Her husband, who formerly lived in Cincinnati,



WILLIAM A. HOFFMANN.



MRS. ALBERT R. DELMONT.