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## J. A. TAYLOR'S DEADLY WORK

### Killing of Phoenix Fireman For a Fancied Wrong

### GUY C. KILGORE MURDERED

### Fatal Bullet Fired in the Engine House While Victim Was Taking a Drink of Water. Taylor's Checkered Career.

James Augustus Taylor, a printer, better known by the nickname of "Chippie" Taylor, shot and mortally wounded Guy C. Kilgore, who lives at 614 South Second avenue, a paid member of the Phoenix fire department, in the fire engine house about eleven o'clock yesterday morning. Kilgore, who was shot in the left side, was removed to the Sisters' hospital as quickly as possible, operated upon by Doctors Plath and Sargent, and died about 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Taylor was taken into custody at once by A. Delgado, a member of the fire department, gave up his weapon without protest and was escorted to the city jail, where he was turned over to Jailor Perrin. Taylor claims that his victim was the despoiler of his home and defends his action by the unwritten law. The allegation is denied by Mrs. Taylor who resides at his home, 1501 West Jackson street, and was further emphasized by the statements of the dying man, both at the time of the shooting and in a sworn antemortem statement, according to the best information.

Immediately after the shooting, Policeman Hosmer went to the home of Mrs. Taylor and secured a number of letters she had received from her husband while she was living in Tucson, months ago, the letters being turned over to District Attorney Bullard. They are unfit for publication. In some of them she is urged to pursue a life of shame, in others she is reprimanded for such alleged conduct, and in others the admission is made that the husband was in error. Concerning these letters Taylor says that if there be such in existence they are "frame-ups;" that he did not write them. Mrs. Taylor claims to have witnesses of their receipt by her and her surprise at getting them.

Kilgore was about 28 years old, and is survived by a wife and four children. He has been for many years a member of the Phoenix fire department and was the driver of the hose wagon. He was a member of the Knights of Pythias and the Owls. The



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funeral will be held under the auspices of the Knights of Pythias, at a date not yet settled, but probably Friday forenoon.

**Taylor's Record**  
Eleven years ago Taylor married Lulu Lansdon. It has been eleven years of domestic infelicity. There have been dozens of separations, of periods varying from days to months, and when Taylor and his wife were not separated, they were quarreling almost constantly, getting ready for another separation.

Who, if not both, were to blame, the acquaintances of the family were never able to determine. In the first place, there was a fatal disparity of years, Taylor being about thirty years older than his wife, and being now in the fifties. For a quarter of a century he has been a consumptive. He consumed large quantities of drugs, which had such an effect upon his mind, that for the last dozen years he has been regarded by his associates as "nutty." His mental faculties were not strengthened by vast quantities of liquor which he consumed.

He had threatened the lives of half

the men he had worked with. He has been disarmed a dozen times in the mechanical rooms of The Republican and the weapons of which he has been divested, would make a respectable arsenal. He had a mania for guns of different types.

Several years ago he tried to shoot a young man, named Ed Reed, but was prevented, and has had other "incipient shooting scrapes."

He frequently threatened suicide, after conflicts with his wife, and several times he attempted it. Once he so nearly succeeded that the police and fire departments and the entire force of the Republican worked over him in relays from eight o'clock at night until daylight the following morning, to combat the effect of enough morphine to kill a horse.

One thing to be said in favor of Chippy was that he always desired to have a home and several times he acquired property, which he began industriously to improve and convert into a beautiful garden. But about the time things got well under way, there would be a recurrence of family troubles and everything would be sacrificed.

Formerly the Taylor and the Kilgore families were on the most intimate terms and those who knew of the intimacy did not know that it had been broken until the tragedy of yesterday.

Taylor came to Phoenix about eighteen years ago from California, and he has been here ever since, except for a period of about one year, when he worked in Tucson, and other towns in the southern part of the territory. He has a son, Roy Taylor, by a former marriage, who lived here for a time, but returned to California, where he attained some prominence as a pianist.

**The Shooting**  
There were but two witnesses of the shooting, which occurred just inside the north door of the engine house. One of them was a boy, about twelve years old, a son of C. D. Barnett, a Washington street merchant. The other was Lou Morgan, an unemployed bookkeeper, who spends some of his idle hours at the engine house. Kilgore was in the act of taking a drink from the water cooler and Morgan was waiting to succeed him. Taylor entered unobserved, and it is said, with an oath, uttered the words "I've got you now" and immediately fired two shots in rapid succession, but one of which took effect. Kilgore staggered to a chair and sat down. To those first to reach him he said, "I guess I'm done for." A. Delgado, a fireman, was sitting just outside the building. As soon as he heard the shots he entered it and disarmed Taylor, who made no resistance, and led him to the city jail. A bystander is said to have heard him say as he was taken across the plaza, "If I did not get him it was not because I did not try." Dr. Sargent, city physician, was summoned at once to attend Kilgore, who was removed as quickly as possible to the hospital, where he was operated upon, but to no purpose, and died in a couple of hours.

**Taylor's Statement**  
When Taylor was brought into the city jail, Marshal Moore inquired of (Continued from Page Four.)

## ONLY TWO "BIRD HOPS" TO END OF JOURNEY

### AVIATOR ATWOOD WILL MAKE THEM FRIDAY.

### Last Night he Was 134 Miles From New York.

Castleton, N. Y., Aug. 23.—With his biplane perched on the top of a hill eight miles south of Albany tonight, Harry N. Atwood expects tomorrow to cover the 134 miles to New York in what he calls two "bird hops." The first hop will be from Castleton to West Point, eight-four miles. He expects to start from here at 7 A. M. He hopes to reach the army school at 9 o'clock. He will rest there until 2 p. m. and then complete his flight down the Hudson by circling Governor's Island before landing at Sheephead bay.

He expects to reach Rhinecliff at 8 A. M. This point marks the breaking of a country flight, by thirteen miles. If he reaches New York he will have covered 1265 miles or 192 miles over the record.

Atwood's flight today was 66 miles, completed before noon. He left Fort Plain in a heavy fog at 7:25 and landed at South Albany at 9:12.

He stopped fifteen minutes enroute for gasoline, making his actual flying time one hour 32 minutes. He landed in the apple orchard of an irate farmer, who protested in vain against trespass by the aviator and the consequent curious crowd who soon denuded the trees of fruit.

Tonight Atwood's mechanics are attaching aluminum pontoons to his biplane in anticipation that tomorrow's flight may incur his forcible landing in the Hudson river. His total time in the air is 25 hours and 8 minutes.

**YUKON STRIKE.**

**Wild Stampede to a New Placer Find.**

Skagway, Aug. 23.—Col. Conrad Carieros, arrived at Caribou Crossing last night and reports a great placer gold strike on McClintock creek, Yukon. The stampede started from Caribou. Skagway. Many, unable to get railroad or river transportation are "mushing" overland.

## CONFIDENCE IN FUTURE

### President Believes National Problems Will Be Solved

### BUT NOT BY DEMAGOGUES

### They Will be Conquered As Surely as the Greater Problem of '61. His Address to the National G. A. R. Convention.

Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 23.—At his best public appearance, before his swings around the circle on which he is expected to define the issues for the 1912 campaign President Taft tonight announced himself as unalterably opposed to the "nostrums" of reform which he declared demagogues and theoretical extremists had advanced for a solution of the problem of concentrated wealth in this country.

The president spoke to the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, and found in their struggle of fifty years ago an analogy to the one which, he said, now confronts the people of this nation through the struggle today, he said, will be bloodless.

"Higher aims for the betterment of society and these new evils growing out of the concentration of wealth and these combinations which, properly controlled, are of great good in the reduction of the cost of production," he said, "have invited from the active minded of today suggestions of the medicine to many of us seems worse than the disease. Those of us who are charged with responsibilities and sobered with difficulties, find ourselves in the middle of the road, resisting the tendency to socialism on the one hand and the inertia of reactionary contentment with the present evils on the other; but we are gradually solving the problem."

The present difficulties are not so great as those of '61. It may be a longer struggle because it involves no fighting, no bloodshed; but it will be solved peacefully by the earnest effort of the level headed, practical and courageous among us and by reducing the influence of demagogues and theoretical extremists on the one hand and reactionary ancient institutions of personal liberty and private property under the constitution. The message you bear with your experience and your success to those of us struggling now with problems, is, that however dark at times the situation seems, so long as we retain in this country a God-fearing, sober, intelligent people, we count in the long run upon their working out safely and sanely the problems set before them no matter how many mistakes in the form of "nostrums" they may be led into by the speciousness of half baked theories of progress, no matter how often they may be defeated in their purpose by the temporary success of the undue and corrupt influence of concentrated wealth.

Peace was really the text of the president's speech tonight, but he said he would not miss an opportunity to draw an analogy between the contests of the past and those of the present and future. He discussed briefly the arbitration treaties with England and France, which a part of the senate on foreign relations committee had labelled "breeders of war." In this connection the president said "I do not come before you in any opposition to the senate. I am only anxious to promote as full a public discussion of the question now arising with respect to the confirmation of the treaties as possible, because I feel confident that a public discussion of the matter followed by expressions will aid to convince the majority of that body of the wisdom of a prompt ratification of the treaties as signed."

"Those opposed to the treaties have suggested that the organization of a high joint commission to which either party may secure a reference of a controversy, for arbitration, will make it a breeder of war. I confess myself unable to follow the force of such an argument. Objection is made, that under the treaty, we might be called upon to submit to arbitration the Monroe doctrine, our right to exclude foreign peoples from our shores or the question of the validity of southern bonds issued in the days of reconstruction."

These suggestions have nothing in them. The Monroe doctrine is not justifiable policy. It is purely a governmental policy which we have followed for a century and which is accepted generally by the countries of Europe. Sir Edward Grey, British minister of foreign affairs, announced

publicly that the Monroe doctrine would not be disputed under the terms of this treaty, nor come within its term.

"With respect to the exclusion of immigrants it is a principle of international law that each nation may allow those to come to its shores whom it chooses, may reject others, and this is a subject of domestic policy by treaty. In the absence of a treaty it is not a matter for arbitration."

The president stood on the reviewing stand more than two hours this morning while thousands of old soldiers, many of them tottering along by the aid of friends, filed past. The president left for Beverly at 9 o'clock tonight.

## THE TENNIS DAY

Newport, August 24.—The third round of singles in the all-comers tennis championship was completed today. There were no upsets. Bundy, Long and McLaughlin, the three Pacific coast experts won games, defeating Mathey, Waldner and Cole respectively. The fourth round will be played tomorrow.

## WEATHER TODAY

Arizona—fair in the south, showers in the north Thursday, fair Friday.

## BEATTIE JURY COMPLETE

Testimony in Wife Murder Case Will Begin Today

Chesterfield, Va., Courthouse, Aug. 23.—The jury to try Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., charged with wife murder, was completed today. The state will call its first witness tomorrow.

All the jury except three are farmers. In the charge, Judge Walter A. Watson told the jury that the defendant, under the indictment, might be found guilty of any degree of homicide, manslaughter, or murder in the first degree.

## STOLEN MASTERPIECE REMAINS A MYSTERY

### Police Believe Thieves Concealed It in the Louvre

Paris, August 23.—The mystery of the disappearance from the Louvre of Leonard Davinci's great painting "Mona Lisa," called by the French "La Joconde," is still unsolved. The only thing definitely established is that the picture disappeared between 7 and 8:30 on Monday morning.

Search for the portrait continues by the picket Paris detectives. The police believe the picture has not left the building but is hidden in one of the innumerable recesses. All the gatekeepers are positive that no such package as the picture would have made, left the grounds. It will require a week to search every cranny in the great building.

## IF EVER INSANE HE ISN'T NOW

### Harry Thaw's Answer to Wife's Petition for Lunacy Commission.

Pittsburg, Aug. 23.—An answer was filed today by H. K. Thaw, through his attorney, former Governor Stone, to the petition of his wife, Evelyn Nesbit Thaw, in which Judge Davis is asked to appoint a lunacy commission to take charge of Thaw's income in this state and provide for the support of his wife. Thaw's income is said to be \$60,000.

The second part of the answer states, "Your affiant is not at present insane. He is quite capable of attending to his own affairs, and does attend to them. He transacts his own business. If there ever was any mental derangement, the affiant is entirely recovered and is now in possession of his mental faculties."

## THEFT IS THEFT

### Earl Will Probably Have to Stand Trial for Printing Stolen Aerogram.

Los Angeles, August 23.—Judge Bordwell today denied a motion to quash the indictment against E. T. Earl, owner of the Express and Tribune on the charge of publishing an intercepted aerogram. The day was spent in argument by counsel on the demurrer.

Counsel for Earl maintains that the statute drawn in 1872 mentions "telegraphic" messages, and not air messages, while the state contends that it means the same thing.

## ARMY'S NEEDS

### Slightly Increased Estimates This Year.

Washington, August 23.—Estimates for the army for the next fiscal year it was announced today would aggregate about the same as the current year, \$49,000,000. The only item of increase will be for field artillery and ammunition. Officers state that there is a sorry lack of field artillery in the present year, so that in order to remedy this an increased appropriation will be necessary.

## LITTLE LESS THAN ROBBERY

### Methods of Many Accident Insurance Companies

### LEGISLATION IS ADVISED

### Report in Strong Language of Special Committee Appointed by Association of State Ins. Commissioners of the United States.

Milwaukee, August 23.—Important legislation for the control of insurance companies doing industrial, accident and health business is proposed in the report of a special committee of state insurance commissioners of the United States made public today. The basis for the legislation proposed is given in reports on the examination of fourteen companies, in which nearly two thousand settlements effected by these companies are discussed and criticized. The report says: "Of specific claims examined, where the amount involved is considerable, the percentage of scaled or rejected claims is high, very high, too high to be explained as an error of judgment or carelessness. The committee feels warranted in concluding that when dealing with companies doing industrial accident or health business, the policy-holder public has too frequently been the victim of unaccountable practices in the claim departments of these companies classified in this report. Promises of reform are not enough. This conclusion should take action to guarantee just treatment of policy-holders in the future."

"The companies under examination were the Standard Accident Company of Detroit; the United States Health & Accident, of Saginaw; the Massachusetts Accident, of Boston; the Great Eastern Casualty of New York; the Federal Casualty, of Detroit; the Equitable Accident, of Boston; the Continental Casualty, of Hammond, Ind.; the North American Accident, of Chicago; the National Casualty, of Detroit; the Fidelity Accident of Saginaw; the General Accident, Fire and Life Insurance Corporation, of Philadelphia; the Phoenix Preferred Accident, of Detroit; the German Commercial Accident, of Philadelphia.

The report of one company says: "It is impossible in language fitted to be an official document to aptly characterize what seems to have been the methods and practices of the industrial department of this concern in settling with policy holders. It appears to have resorted to every possible means to cut and shave down claims apparently without conscience and certainly without right." The report further says that only two or three companies examined were found to have been substantially undeserving of any criticism.

## BELL BOY'S CONFESSION BEFORE THE JURY

### Young Paul Geidel Alleged Slayer of New York Broker.

New York, Aug. 23.—The prosecution scored a point today in the trial of Paul Geidel, the seventeen year old bell boy accused of the murder of William H. Jackson, and aged broker, when a part of the verbal confession alleged by the police to have been made by the boy, was placed before the jury.

Detective Jeremiah H. Barber testified that Geidel identified a bloody handkerchief found in his room as his, saying he had "used it to wipe his hands on."

Indications today point that the possible line of defense will be an effort to show that Jackson died of heart disease.

## TOGO IN CANADA

### Moved by the Attention Shown Him

Regina, Sask. Canada, August 23.—Admiral Togo arrived at ten o'clock tonight, after a run through the wheat fields of Canada. He said: "The United States government made me its honored guest through the states as far as Niagara and now I am enjoying the hospitality of one of Great Britain's greatest colonies."

"On account of my indifferent health I shall not be able to accept the courtesies extended by the Canadian government, but nevertheless I am deeply touched that other nations than my own feel that I have done the tasks allotted to me."

## LOOTERS MUST DIE

### Madero's Vigorous Way of Restoring Order

Cuatis Morales, Mexico, August 23.—That Madero's methods of restoring peace are not lacking in vigor was indicated today when, as a result of his visit to Juchitán, notices were posted stating that looters and loafers would be given one day to restore stolen property and that failure to do so would result in trial by court-martial, with death as the penalty.

In Juchitán most of the larger stores have been looted. Already a number of looters have been arrested and one man executed.

## IN FEAR OF BANDITS

Brownsville, Tex., August 23.—Persons arriving from Colombrast, Mexico say that the inhabitants have deserted the city in anticipation of an attack by bandits. All the women and children have been sent across the river either to Santa Maria or Matamoros.

## MRS. EDISON LOST.

### She is Not Where She Told R. R. Officials She Would Be.

Minneapolis, Aug. 23.—While Thos. Edison, the inventor, is discussing aviation in Paris, Minneapolis officials of the "Soo" railroad are endeavoring to find Mrs. Edison. Edison desires to communicate with his wife, and letters sent here and forwarded to Mrs. Edison at Detroit, where she told the railroad officials to send her mail, were returned, marked "not here." Vigorous efforts on the part of officials of the road to find Mrs. Edison have failed so far.

## MOTHER AND DAUGHTER DIE

### Final Fulfillment of Suicide Pact at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Aug. 23.—Grief over fear of a nervous breakdown that threatened to destroy her daughter's mind, it is believed, preyed upon the mind of Mrs. Lydia Garber to such an extent, that she and her daughter entered into a suicide pact. The bodies of the two, clasped tight, were found today in a tightly closed bathroom, with all the gas jets turned on full. The daughter, aged forty-one, recently left her employment at the county recorder's office, because of illness. Mrs. Garber is believed to have been wealthy. She left a note giving all her belongings to another daughter, Mrs. Regina Tillet, of Pittsburg.

## SPANISH WAR VETERANS.

Oklahoma City, Aug. 23.—Maurice Simmons of New York City, today was elected commander-in-chief of the United States Spanish war veterans. Atlantic City gets the next convention.

## DEMOCRACY WAITS ON TARIFF REVISION

### DOESN'T WANT TO ALARM BUSINESS OF COUNTRY

### Yet Tells New York Audience That President Prevented Alarm

"I come with a message to the democracy of the country. We have kept our pledges, we have obeyed the will of our constituency."

Such was the declaration of Oscar W. Underwood, chairman of the house ways and means committee, at a banquet of the National Italian democratic league tonight. Underwood delivered the principal address.

"The president signed the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill," he continued "and praised it as the best tariff ever," but hardly three months had passed before the republican senators were apologizing and begging on bended knees for a chance to revise their own handiwork. We have presented the president five great bills expressing our view as to what the tariff should be in the interests of the American people and they would be the law today if it were not for his veto. We have temporarily closed our books. We do not propose unduly to agitate the business of the country. We will wait with patience for the president's message in December next.

"The president failed to keep the pledges of the republican party to revise the tariff downward. He vetoed a bill needed for the relief of the people, and I say to you candidly, we do not propose to compromise this great issue. If the president is willing to give honest, fair and just relief to the American people, the democratic congress is willing to uphold his hands as we did in the instance of the reciprocity pact. But if we are to be told to pass restrictive, prohibitive tariff bills, that are only makeshifts and not revision downward, we will carry this great question to the people and confidently await their verdict at the next general election."

## TARIFF FIGHT THREE-SIDED

### Will Likely Be No Coalition Next Session

### THE TARIFF BOARD REPORT

### Will Determine the Final Attitude of the Democrats and Regulars. The Former Would Use Law For Campaign Purposes.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 23.—The democrats, progressive republicans and regulars will each have their own program for tariff revision when congress convenes in December. This was made clear today. All three elements of the senate will be engaged in a great battle on the general subject of revision. The trend of the fight will depend largely upon the report of the tariff board and the recommendations of the president in connection with that report.

The regular republicans do not expect much tariff revising at the coming session because of the wide divergence of opinion in the senate. They predict failure as the sure outcome of an attempt to bring together the progressives and the regulars, or the former and the democrats.

Neither the progressives nor the democrats are willing to predict a renewal of the alliance formed in the extra session. Mr. Martin, the democratic senate leader, said that if the president's recommendations were for larger reductions, and the staunch republicans failed to support his recommendations, then the chances of the coalition of progressives and democrats would be much brighter. The regulars express a fear that the tariff board's recommendations will be far too radical for their acceptance. They contend that most of the measures resulting from the alliance of the democrats and progressives are likely to fail in conference on the ground that the democrats desire to fight the next national campaign on the Payne-Aldrich bill. The regulars also depend upon a presidential veto to put a quietus on any measures adopted through an alliance of democrats and progressives.

## JOHNSON DISAPPROVED TOM HUGHES' PITCHING

### Baseballist and Chicago Artist Fight It Out.

Chicago, Aug. 23.—Tom Hughes, pitcher of the Washington Americans and Edward Johnson, a local artist, fought in an alley behind a big downtown building tonight until arrested. Both were severely beaten and bleeding freely. The trouble started in a cafe. Johnson criticized Hughes for pitching in Tuesday's game against Chicago and Hughes is said to have suggested that they settle the matter with the fists.

"You're on" said Johnson. "If you can't fight any better than you can pitch, I'll win easily." Both men went into the alley where they removed their hats, coats and neckties and the fight was on. Johnson was forced to spend several hours in the Harrison street station, but Hughes was released by cash bail and departed with his team tonight for Detroit. Before he left Hughes shook hands with Johnson and both declared the incident closed.

## PEACE AMONG EAGLES.

### Hering of Indiana Will be Head of the Order.

San Francisco, Aug. 23.—Frank E. Hering of South Bend, Ind., will be elected Grand Worthy President of the Fraternal Order Eagles tomorrow without opposition. William J. Brennan of Pittsburg will be made vice president. J. J. Cusack of San Francisco, withdrew today from the race for the presidency in view of concessions made to a demand for legislation affecting the order and peace now reigns in the camp of all factions. One rule adopted prevents any grand officer from seeking re-election.

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