



GOVERNOR GOODING SAYS ORCHARD CONFESSED ALL

GIVES AN OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF STEUNENBERG MURDER

Orchard Relates Complete History of His Life Giving All Details of Twenty-Six Murders and Names of Parties Involved.

CONFESSION MADE TO DETECTIVE McPARLAND

DETECTIVE APPEALED TO ORCHARD'S EARLY TRAINING AND HIS CONSCIENCE SMOTE HIM, SO THAT HIS ONLY THOUGHT WAS TO MAKE PEACE WITH HIS MAKER—FEDERATION OFFICIALS ARE TREATED WELL.

BOISE, Feb. 25.—Governor Gooding tonight issued the following statement regarding the Steunenberg assassination case:

"I want to state officially that Harry Orchard made a full confession as to the manner and motive of the assassination of Steunenberg, telling the plans made and giving the names of those who made them. The assassination on December 30th was the third attempt Orchard made against Steunenberg's life. This statement was made to Capt. James McParland and it includes a history of Orchard's life from boyhood to the date he was arrested.

"In his confession Orchard implicated all those now under arrest and others including J. L. Simpkins. It is a story of twenty-six murders, the result of conspiracies in which all the accused parties were interested. When the story is given to the public I believe it will be the greatest narrative of crime which the world knows.

"There has never been any doubt of the truth of Orchard's confession among those familiar with the crimes committed in Idaho and Colorado."

The statement goes on to say that McParland did not promise clemency or reward to Orchard, but got it by appealing to Orchard's early training. In Orchard's boyhood the Bible was read every morning by his parents. Orchard's conscience smote him, and it is his only thought of making peace with his Maker.

The statement asserts the finding of the bomb at Judge Goddard's gate and many other things which prove the truthfulness of Orchard's confession. After saying the state desires only to secure justice, Governor Gooding says: "There is no thought of punishing the innocent or making war on any labor organization. Assassination was the grave offense and as I was the chief executive I felt it my duty to bend every energy toward discovering the guilty parties and their fitting punishment."

The Governor says all rewards have been withdrawn except \$1000 for the

apprehension of Simpkins. This was done because Orchard was arrested previous to the employment of any detective agency, and the Governor does not believe the detectives are entitled to any reward offered by the State.

The Governor gives assurance of a fair trial for the accused and says the people of Canyon county have no prejudices against any class, be they capitalists or laborers.

He concludes by saying that Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone are given as much leniency as the penitentiary rules permit.

They are not given prison garb, and eat the same food as is provided for employees of the prison. With the exception of the state papers, they are allowed any papers they desire and are allowed access to the prison library which the Governor says equals any in Idaho.

PANIC AMONG SCHOLARS.

ALTON, Ill., Feb. 25.—Fifty children, pupils of the Cathedral orphanage, Ursuline Convent and St. Mary's school, were hurt this afternoon, none seriously, in a panic following the ignition of a roll of films being used at an entertainment.

OLD FEUD BREAKS OUT.

WOODBURY, Tenn., Feb. 25.—The Johnson Motley feud broke out afresh last night and as a result Sam Blair, Bob Motley and Richard Johnson are fatally wounded. The trouble originated ten years ago over the operation of an illicit distillery.

STEAMER FOUR HOURS LATE.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 25.—The steamship Noordland arrived here today four hours late. The steamer encountered several heavy gales.

BISHOPS CONSECRATED.

ROME, Feb. 25.—Pope Pius today consecrated nineteen French Bishops, who were created Wednesday. Several thousand were present.

NO STRIKE PROBABLE.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 25.—In a statement issued tonight to the Associated Press, Vice-President Lewis of the United Mine Workers, declared that there would be no strike of mine workers on April 1st, saying that the operators will restore the reduction accepted by the miners two years ago and perhaps more. He said that F. L. Robbins and H. A. Taylor, leaders of the operators, recognized the untenability of their position and gracefully submitted to the inevitable.

SILVER WEDDING EX-SPEAKER DIES

German Emperor and Wife Observe Anniversary

RECEIVE MANY PRESENTS

On Tuesday Anniversary of Their Wedding Will be Observed—Statesmen Offer Congratulations—Wedding Next Tuesday

BERLIN, Feb. 25.—Emperor William and Empress Augusta Victoria received deputations from the Reichstag, Prussian diet, Prussian House Lords and other governmental bodies at the palace today who tendered their congratulations on the silver wedding anniversary of their majesties which is next Tuesday. Deputations from many German cities also presented written addresses. The Emperor also received deputation from the United German Veteran Societies of North America, constituting the soldiers who fought in the war with Denmark, Austria and France. This delegation presented a huge silver bowl resting on an onyx column, the whole of which was five feet in height.

The wedding of Prince Eitel Fritz and the Duchess Sophie Charlotte of Oldenburg is on Tuesday and will be a replica of that of the Crown Prince last June. Hotels are already filled with members of the minor German royal families who have arrived to attend the wedding.

WALLACE WRITES.

Ex-Chief Engineer of Canal Advocates Sea Level Canal.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—John F. Wallace, former chief engineer of the Panama Canal has contributed an article to an engineering magazine, recounting his observations and experience during the year in which he was in charge of the construction work in the canal zone. Wallace declares his belief that "it will require time and money to construct the high level canal on the eighty-five foot plan under the present methods of government control, that it will be constructed a sea level canal provided the work is accomplished by modern and efficient methods."

He advocates either placing control of the construction in the hands of one man, a practical engineer, and giving him unlimited authority or letting the work to a contracting firm.

SOLDIERS DELAYED.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 25.—A trainload of the soldiers of the Eighth Cavalry which are being rushed across the country to catch a transport at San Francisco were delayed several hours yesterday by the derauling of a passenger train at Buick Station, and will not pass here until tomorrow morning. The soldiers are being sent to the Orient, it is stated, with the expectation of seeing active service in the near future.

OBTAINS INFORMATION.

JEFFERSON CITY, Feb. 2.—After a conference with Attorney-General Hadley, secret service Agent Marchand stated he had obtained valuable information regarding the freight rates paid by the Standard Oil and alleged subsidiary companies. The information will be used by the Inter-State Commerce Commission.

EX-SPEAKER DIES

David Henderson, Former Speaker of House, No More.

FAMILY AT HIS BEDSIDE

Distinguished Man Passes to Final Reward—Had Been Sick for Last Nine Months of Paresis—Funeral Next Thursday.

DUBUQUE, Feb. 25.—Former Speaker David B. Henderson, of the National House of Representatives, died at 2 o'clock this afternoon of paresis, which has attacked him several times during the last nine months. He began to sink Friday, rallied Saturday morning, but today lapsed into unconsciousness and failed rapidly until the end. All his family, except one son, were at the bedside. Colonel Henderson has been unable to recognize anyone but his wife since a week ago, except on Friday, when he partly regained his faculties. Henderson was stricken with paresis in May and his condition became so grave that he was removed to the hospital in September. His condition remained unchanged except for the usual progress of such disease until a week ago Friday when he suffered another stroke, which resulted in total blindness. The former speaker failed both physically and mentally until Friday, when his mental powers returned for a few hours, followed by a relapse ending in death. The funeral will be next Thursday, with services in the Episcopal church under the auspices of the G. A. R.

NO CHANGE IN DISPUTE.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 25.—F. L. Robbins is not in the city tonight, but earlier in the day stated that there was no change in the dispute between the bituminous operators and miners since the joint conference. He added that there can be no compromise or offer made without meeting the operators, and no such meeting has been called for or held.

BODIES RECOVERED.

GAMBIER, Ohio, Feb. 25.—The charred bodies of Cadets Bunker, Henderson and Fuller were found in the ruins of Delano Hall this afternoon. There is no explanation of what caused the fire. It may have been spontaneous combustion.

RUSSIAN GIRL TREATED TO TERRIBLE TORTURES

Arrested for Shooting Chief of Police and Stripped Naked--Subjected to Revolting Indignities by Cossacks and Officers.

NEWSPAPERS DEMAND VENGEANCE FOR CRIMINAL

SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD GIRL, AFTER BEING STRIPPED BY CAPTORS, IS CONFINED IN DAMP CELL—TWO OFFICERS AMUSE THEMSELVES BY KICKING HER BACK AND FORTH ACROSS THE CELL—BODY IS MASS OF BRUISES.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 25.—Great wrath in Liberal circles was aroused by the publication of a letter of Mlle. Spiridonova, a 17-year-old girl who shot Luzhenoffsky, the chief of the secret police at Tamboff, which describes the indignities and brutalities to which she was subjected.

The letter says that after the shooting of Luzhenoffsky she was knocked down and beaten by the whips of the Cossacks and their rifle butts. Then she was dragged downstairs by the hair to a sleigh and taken to the police station where she was undressed and thrust into a damp cold cell, where she

was subjected to eleven hours of torture in order to force her to reveal the names of her accomplices.

The girl says two officers took brutal pleasure in kicking her back and forth across the cell, tearing her hair, and burning her flesh with cigarettes and threatening her abandonment to the Cossacks unless she confessed.

She is now in a hospital in a serious condition. Her skull is fractured in two places, one eye injured, and her body a mass of bruises.

The newspapers demand the punishment of the two officers, but vengeance of the revolutionists will probably anticipate official action.

WEEK'S FORECAST

Tillman Reports on Rate Bill Today.

Expected That the Introduction of Measure Into Senate Will Provoke Heated Discussion.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—The following is a forecast of the events scheduled for this week:

From the time Senator Tillman presents his report on the railroad rate bill today, until that measure is finally disposed of by the Senate, the bill will actually, if not technically, occupy the foremost place on the calendar. There is no immediate prospect of its immediate displacing the statehood bill, but intimations are that such a course will be pursued, when a few weeks later, the Senators find themselves entering what all believe will be the real conflict of the session.

Aside from the statehood bill, measures to be considered this week include a bill for the settlement of the affairs of the "Five Civilized Tribes," the fortification appropriation bill, the delayed

consideration of the army appropriation bill and District of Columbia legislation. In the House the Indian appropriation bill and the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill will probably be considered this week.

The feeling of unrest so apparent at the deliberations of the Algerias conference during the past week seems at least temporarily supplanted by a more hopeful and conciliatory attitude on the part of the delegates. The sessions of the special committee on banks will continue this week and dispatches indicate that with the disposal of this subject the problem of policing Morocco will come to the front again and with a better chance of settlement. Advices from European capitals show that none of the more important powers interested, have given up hope of an ultimate agreement.

FIGHT AT PRAGA.

WARSAW, Feb. 25.—Another encounter between the National Democrats and Socialists, the latter being bent on breaking up the meetings held by the former, took place at Praga today. One person was killed and fifteen wounded by revolver shots. The troops surrounded the hall where the meeting was held and many were arrested and a large quantity of arms confiscated.

CASTRO WILL DRIVE ALL FOREIGNERS FROM COUNTRY

WILLAMSTAD, Feb. 25.—Advices from Venezuela are to the effect that Castro says he will humble France, break the Monroe doctrine, clear out the French from Venezuela and then start on Americans, Englishmen and Germans, who, he declares, are worse than Chinese. He is reported as say-

ing that he will clear the country of foreigners. He is very bitter against Americans, who, he says, are after his country. The populace are yearning for an American protectorate and the better class of Venezuelas are reported as saying the situation demands immediate intervention by the United States.

BATTLING NELSON HEROICLY STOPS DANGEROUS RUNAWAY

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Feb. 25.—Batting Nelson, champion lightweight pugilist, was painfully, but not seriously injured in stopping a runaway at Blue Sulphur Springs today. A horse attached to a buggy containing a woman and two children became frightened,

bolted and ran. As the runaway neared Nelson, the pugilist leaped for the horse's neck and succeeded in stopping it after he had been dragged a considerable distance. Nelson was taken to the hospital where he received attention.