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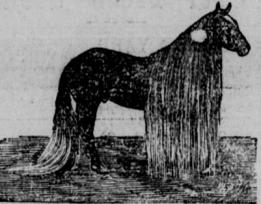
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THE PITZEL MYSTERY.

It Deepens as the Days Roll By.

The Alleged Murdered Man Still Alive.

Seen in Chicago Less Than Two Weeks Ago.

Swindler Holmes' Trail of Crime—He Was Off in Indianapolis—A Third Woman Victim Discovered.

By the Associated Press.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 21.—The Pitzel mystery deepens as time wears on. Today many theories in regard to the mystery were knocked in the head by the announcement that B. F. Pitzel, the supposed murdered man, was seen in Chicago less than two weeks ago.

President Fozz called on Mrs. Pitzel and her daughter at the Central station today, and received valuable information from the daughter in reference to her father. The daughter said she remembered while walking with her father one Sunday in Chicago that latter had said to her: "If you ever hear through the newspapers or any other way that I have been found dead, do not believe it. I will be all right."

Later on, while in Boston, she read the story of her father's death in a newspaper. As soon as she had finished the story, Holmes said to her: "Do you remember what your father told you the afternoon you were walking in Chicago?"

During Mr. Fozz's interview with the daughter, Mrs. Pitzel grew excited and exclaimed: "This has all deceived me, even my own daughter."

Mrs. Pitzel said she remembered receiving a letter from her daughter Alice in which she related her experience while coming east for the purpose of identifying her father's body. Alice stated that Howland and Holmes accompanied her and both were sociable with each other on the trip east. This sets at rest the claim of Howland that he never met Holmes until introduced to him by President Fozz on his arrival in this city.

AT INDIANAPOLIS.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 21.—It developed here today that H. H. Howard, the insurance swindler, known as Holmes and Mudgett, has been here often. On September 24th he brought a young girl with him, whose name he wrote on the register of the hotel as Etta Pitzel of St. Louis. Howard explained to the clerk that he was the daughter of an old friend of his who had just died, and he was taking her home. The clerk says he believes he has seen her on the streets since the time she was supposed to have left. She was about 13 years old.

Another woman victim. CHICAGO, Nov. 21.—Following close on the story of the mysterious disappearance of the Williams sisters at the hands of Holmes, the life insurance swindler, comes a third woman victim, namely Miss Kate Durkee. Documents representing the property came into the hands of H. H. Holmes by theft. The woman mysteriously disappeared, and Holmes showed title to the property. Miss Durkee was not Miss Williams; she had dark eyes and hair, while Miss Williams was a blonde. A year ago today 25 creditors of H. H. Holmes met at the office of George B. Chamberlain and made a desperate effort to find out who and where Miss Durkee was. It was supposed she was an accomplice of Holmes; that property illegally obtained was being transferred to her name. The creditors wished to reach it. Suddenly Kate Durkee dropped entirely from sight, like the Williams sisters, and left no trace behind.

"I believe she was murdered," said Chamberlain today. "I believe also

that both Williams girls were murdered."

Mr. Chamberlain, as proprietor of the Lafayette Mercantile agency, began an investigation of Holmes a year ago.

MISS DURKEE FOUND.

Miss Durkee has not been murdered. She has been found in Omaha. A dispatch from that city tonight says: Miss Kate Durkee, lives here in this city with her brother, who is assistant auditor of the Burlington railroad. She expressed surprise when asked concerning her connection with Holmes' family in Chicago. She never heard of but one wife, the recently visited Mrs. Holmes and made Holmes transfer a piece of property in Chicago for her. She refused to explain what property this was, but declared that Holmes' Chicago lawyer was familiar with the deal.

Attorney Duncome of this city said: "Holmes employed me to attend to some business for him, and in the course of the action for which I was retained it became necessary to take the deposition of Miss Kate Durkee. In her evidence she said she was related to the wife of Holmes."

Mr. Duncome said he had frequently seen Pitzel in company with Holmes and that he would know whether the corpse in question was the body of Pitzel if he saw it.

PITZEL'S OLD HOME.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Nov. 21.—B. F. Pitzel, who is the central figure in the Philadelphia insurance swindle, for which offense H. H. Holmes is under arrest, is former resident of this city, and left here about three years ago under a cloud.

FATHER DUCHEY'S APPEAL.

Archbishop Corrigan's Authority in Civil Matters Defied. NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—It is announced by the friends of Father Thomas J. Ducey, pastor of St. Leo's, that Father Ducey has appealed Mr. Sewell for liberty to attend the sessions of the Lexow committee which Archbishop Corrigan has forbidden him to attend. Father Ducey has confirmed the story of his being forbidden by the Archbishop and the situation has become grave in view of the probability that Father Ducey will rebel against the Archbishop's order. It is also possible that both the Archbishop and Father Ducey will be summoned before the Lexow committee. Archbishop Corrigan is said to be in possession of a copy of the letter which he has written to Father Ducey on the subject of the Lexow committee. It is said that Father Ducey has consulted with Archbishop Ireland and Dr. Burtzell about the matter.

"Do not recognize that the Archbishop has any right to forbid your presence at the committee meetings?" was asked Father Ducey. "I do not recognize that a bishop or any other man has the right to interfere with the liberty of an independent citizen, whether he be a priest or a layman, unless that man is violating the law of God, some defined law of the Christian religion, or some law of the state or nation," replied Father Ducey.

Gold at a Premium.

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—The general interest in the bond issue and the possible purchasers started a number of rumors today that gold was being sold at a premium. It was stated that there was no knowing where it would go. In fact, Heislage, Colgate & Co., dealers in money, did sell one eighth of one per cent advance, calling a premium. Other dealers in money said inquiries had been made for gold by several customers, but no price had been quoted. They declared, however, they were willing to furnish gold to a moderate amount at one-half of one per cent.

Virginia Jockey Club.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—The Virginia jockey club last night formally withdrew from connection with the Jockey club and will hereafter be independent from it. It was agreed to permit any and all respectable owners to race their horses over the St. Asaph track after Monday. The decision will let in the stakes now running at the Alexandria track. Another innovation will be the one, two, three betting, but foreign books will not be allowed.

A Six-Round Go.

ST. JOHNS, N. B., Nov. 21.—A big crowd saw the six-round go last night between Jack Power of this city and "Mysterious" Billy Smith. Both men were in fine condition. The conditions of the match required a knockout or a decision. The fight was expected to find an easy man in Power, but was just able to hold his own. At the end of the sixth round both men were fighting hard and both in good condition. No decision was rendered.

Burning of the San Pedro.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.—The government inspectors yesterday filed their report on the burning of the San Pedro at Point Conception on November 4th. They enumerated all officers and found that the fire was first discovered at 11 p. m. Engineer Harley was justified in ordering all hands to the lifeboat, for dynamite was aboard.

Capture of Hui Yen.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—The Japanese here received the following cable: A portion of the army under Marshal Yamagata attacked Hui Yen, where the enemy's force was reported, to be 20,000, at 6 a. m., Nov. 18, and succeeded in taking the place by 9 a. m. The enemy fled northwest. Five cannons were captured.

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Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder Awarded Gold Medal Midwinter Fair, San Francisco.

FIRM BUT COURTEOUS.

Japan's Rejection of Uncle Sam's Offer.

The Reply Couched in Friendly Language.

China Must Treat Direct With Her Enemy.

Minister Dun, However, May Act as the Medium of Communication.

Japan Closing in on Fort Arthur.

By the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—The state department has received a cable reply from Japan, through Minister Dun at Tokio, to the United States, suggesting mediation. The Japanese legation at Washington has also received from the foreign office in Japan a cable stating a reply had been made and giving its terms. Both were received here Sunday afternoon. The fact that they had been sent first became known through a dispatch to the Associated Press from Tokio. This much having become known, officials here made no further concealment of the details of the reply.

The cable to Secretary Gresham is accompanied by unusual dignity and formality, having the imperial sanction of his majesty the emperor of Japan. It is rarely an emperor speaks in diplomatic negotiations, so his action in this case is an evidence of Japan's desire to express its approbation of the United States. The message is in two parts, the first giving imperial expression to good will, and saying the success of the Japanese army had been such that China should approach Japan directly. The second part is more directly from Minister Dun, and expresses the view of the Japanese foreign office that China, having no objection to mediation, should submit a direct proposition through Minister Dun. The cables to Minister Kurino are substantially the same as the foregoing.

The replies were decided on at a special meeting of the Japanese cabinet on Saturday night, but the transmission delayed them until Sunday. The tone of the reply and the expressions of imperial good will give much satisfaction to the officials here, and now that the facts are known, no further reserve is maintained as to the terms of the negotiations which have hitherto been withheld.

It appears that at the outset Secretary Gresham consulted Minister Kurino as to whether he desired to take action which would be otherwise than agreeable to Japan. At a conference between the secretary and the minister, at which Secretary Caffie was present, the entire purpose of this country was made clear to the Japanese. Mr. Gresham had sent his message to Japan suggesting American mediation. It was clear that President Cleveland had no desire to mediate the trouble, but on the contrary felt that the exercise of the good offices of the United States might entail serious burden and responsibility and possibly excite feeling by one party or another. Under these circumstances no action would be taken if Japan thought it would create an awkward situation. Particular stress was laid on the fact that Japan would be entirely free to act as she saw fit; that there was no pressure to have her accept American mediation, and that the entire project was due to the belief that this country was in a position to render a service to both belligerents.

The sentiments were cordially reciprocated by Minister Kurino, so that Mr. Gresham had the co-operation of the Japanese minister before the message was transmitted to Japan through Minister Dun.

Since then the minister has further co-operated with the secretary and the kindly reply with imperial sanction was the result.

A new and important situation is now presented by Japan's proposition that China make a direct offer through Minister Dun at Tokio. This makes Mr. Dun the interesting center of negotiations from this time forward, unless the United States should decline to allow him to act as the direct representative of China in submitting an offer. This is not anticipated, however. It is said that the best course would be for the state department to notify Mr. Dun and also Minister Denby at Peking that they are at liberty to transmit from China or Japan such direct peace overtures as the former might desire to make. It will then be for China to formulate its offer to Minister Denby. In turn he would transmit it to Minister Dun at Tokio and not as an intermediary through the United States. The state department undoubtedly would be apprised of the action of Messrs. Denby and Dun, but would not be the channel of their communication, as it is the basis of Japan's new proposition that the offer must come direct from China and not through the mediation of the United States.

The reply of Japan is so conciliatory and receptive that it is pointed out that Minister Dun's skill as a diplomat has been so conspicuous in service in terminating the war. The action of the European powers upon the new phase of the question is now awaited with much interest.

Japan's suggestion that Minister Dun would be an acceptable medium of communication from China, in effect eliminates Great Britain, France and the other powers from being a factor in the negotiations. It is believed, however, from official information received here, that Russia, Italy and Germany will certainly look with favor on China's negotiating through Mr. Dun. The same sources indicate that Austria probably will give her adherence, as her membership in the triple alliance makes her foreign policy similar to that of Germany and Italy. The position of Germany has been so closely analogous to that of the United States, that it has been a question of doubt within the last

AN INDEX TO YESTERDAY.

BY TELEGRAPH—Japan's report courteous. The Pitzel mystery. Mount Kanier in a state of eruption. Fruit growers' and miners' conventions. Attorney Montelli's ambitious project. Sporting events. Political gossip. General news gleanings.

LOCAL. Prof. Swift discovers a new comet. Election of officers of Associated Charities. Fire commission meeting. Annual report of the superintendent of schools shows a great increase of pupils. The city health officer says he will expose dairymen who use the pump too much. The city council demands better street sprinkling. Local officers of the A. R. U. found guilty of conspiracy to obstruct the United States mails. Alexander Docter appears in court. Police justice. Chamber of commerce. San Joaquin valley people want a railway to this city. New m. m. m. m. The pavement of Figueroa street accepted. Weather bureau's report on the crops. The arguments in the Craig murder case. Hotel men in session at the Hollenbeck. Attorney Shinn's house burned. Non-Partisan club selects a city ticket. Democratic rallies. How Billy Manning hypothesized Captain Ducey. The Norton's claim against Manager Benson.

NEIGHBORING PLACES.

PASADENA—The weather. Reception to Rev. Ward. BURNABY—Local notes. MOJAVE—Progress of the railway extension. SAN PEDRO—Shipping notes. Social events. ANAHEIM—Sugar beet matters. Death of Theodore Reiser. SAN DIEGO—Action about the Nicaragua canal. COLTON—County clerk's appointments. SAN BERNARDINO—Tramps and highway robbery. First National bank matters. SANTA ANA—Officials file their bonds. POMONA—City trustees meet. Fill Stein married. RIVERSIDE—A dead man robbed. An attachment.

POINTERS FOR TODAY.

BENSON'S OPERA HOUSE—Through Shadows of Death. PAVILION—Exposition. BURBANK—Harbor Lights. IMPERIAL—Vaudeville. MUSIC HALL—Brazil, St. John's church.

few days whether Germany might not be substituted for the United States in the offer of mediation. As there is to be no mediation, Germany's proposition still remains favorable to an adjustment along the lines suggested by Japan. Italy has already notified the allied powers that she cannot consent to forcible interference, which is equivalent to a declaration in favor of a peaceable settlement, such as would come through China's offer to Minister Dun. It can also be stated positively that Great Britain has favored the diplomatic offer of mediation by the United States, on the ground that it is presumed that it would save China from utter destruction and thus preserve the British trade with China. Under these circumstances, it is believed by officials and diplomats who are familiar with all the correspondence that the European powers cannot, with propriety, interfere with any offer which China wishes to make directly through Minister Dun.

AN IMPORTANT WITNESS.

Convict Dowdle Will Help to Convict the Other Robbers.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.—United States Postal Inspector George H. Waterbury of Denver will leave the city tomorrow with W. E. Dowdle, a Folsom prisoner, who will be taken to Florence, Ariz., on habeas corpus, for the purpose of giving important testimony in cases against John Fishlaw and Leslie Webb, charged with robbing a stage of \$3500 and letters on the 6th of January.

It is believed that Dowdle, who was convicted for the Angels' camp robbery, and who has been in prison for several months, will be able to give very important testimony in several stage robbery cases now pending in Arizona.

It is supposed that Dowdle was present during some of these robberies," said Inspector Waterbury, "and that he will divulge some valuable facts concerning the robbery trials now pending in the Arizona courts. The courts at Florence are very busy with federal robbery cases. We have on hand just now six stage and three train robberies, most of them of quite recent occurrence. Dowdle testifies freely, I think he will do much toward convicting several of the defendants now in custody."

BUDD'S PLURALITY.

Nearly Complete Official Returns Make It 1270.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 21.—Official returns from Humboldt county, completed this morning, give Estes a plurality of 625. These figures, however, as compared with estimates previously made, increase Budd's plurality 57. This again is offset by revised figures received from Los Angeles county where corrected figures of the official canvass give Estes a gain of 30 votes over the figures reported yesterday. San Francisco is the only county now to be heard from. Including the estimated returns from San Francisco, the result is: Budd, 111,526; Estes, 110,256. Budd's plurality, 1270.

American Tariff Congress.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 21.—The American tariff congress met in annual session here today with every member represented. The present agreement between the Jockey club and the turf congress was declared annulled after December 1st this year. The resignation of the old Louisville Jockey club was accepted and the new Louisville club takes its place. The resignation of the Washington Turf club was not accepted. Saratoga was elected a member of the congress, beginning January 1, 1895. A resolution was adopted prohibiting races after January 1, 1895, during the months of December, January and February. This is a sanction of racing in December in the present year. Adjourned until April 2, 1895.

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THE TRANSPORTATION EVIL.

Southern Pacific Representatives Give Their Side of the Controversy.

The Fruit Growers' Convention.

By the Associated Press.

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 21.—At the opening of the morning session of the Fruit Growers' convention, Edward Berwick read a paper on the question of transportation. He began by saying that competition was a failure. Thirty-four years ago M. Rose of Belgium declared that the government should be allowed to monopolize the railroads. The politicians fooled the people all the time as to the real issues, and at the last conventions they pinned the voters by a pledge to vote for party candidates whom they had never seen.

The president interrupted the speaker at this point by suggesting that he should refrain from making allusions to political matters. Abram Blook of Santa Clara said that he had been informed that fresh fruit had been shipped from Portland to Minneapolis at a much less rate than that charged by the railroad from California points.

Mr. Kellogg said the rate on fresh fruit from Portland to Minneapolis was \$150 per car cheaper than in California, and the charges for refrigeration were less.

Prof. T. D. Fowler, in an impassioned speech, complained that the railroads required from two to four days to bring a carload of fresh fruit from Fresno to Sacramento. He said: "It is a material injury to fruit and we cannot expect, under the conditions, to put our fruit in eastern markets in good condition. He has, in addition, excessive rates of transportation on fruit. This year in Fresno our apples are successfully competing with the railroad. The railroad rate on lumber from Butler station, five miles from Fresno, is 85 per cent, and the rate on green fruit is 86 per cent. I want to Division Superintendent Fraser to complain about it and was informed that my request for a reduction of the rate on fresh fruit could not be allowed. I wrote to Agent Smurr at headquarters and Smurr replied that it could not be done, because it would interfere with the rate on green fruit elsewhere. Since that time 300 tons of fruit have been handled from that station to Fresno by mule team and not one pound by rail. [Applause.]

The railroads should be forced to bear its share of the responsibility for fruit ruined by delays and accidents while en route. As it is now, the producer must foot the whole loss and he can get no redress."

Mr. Brickford of Placer county spoke about a neighbor who had not been able to pay advances made him by the shipper, nor the interest, nor the money borrowed to pay his hired help, because he had not been able to realize enough on his fruit to pay his expenses.

Mr. Wilcox of Santa Clara believed that the remedy was in the producers' hands.

He said: "It is true that you can send from Minneapolis to Seattle, Tacoma and Portland cheaper than they can be sold in San Francisco, because of the cheaper rates of transportation. Ten years ago the railroad charged \$800 per carload for fruit to the east, and Abram Blook of Santa Clara made more money then at that rate than he can now at a lesser rate, because his fruit brought higher prices. Since that time the railroad company, by its high rates in California, has built up the Puget sound country as against the interests of the state of California."

Mr. Berwick offered a resolution urging upon congress the importance of the speedy completion of the Nicaragua canal.

C. F. Smurr, agent of the Southern Pacific, was then introduced and addressed the convention. He began by saying that the railroad had as vital an interest in this question of a profitable market for green fruits as the producers themselves. It has regarded the fruit industry of California in the same light as it regards the iron industry of Pennsylvania. It had been asserted, he said, that the fruit grower of California has made plenty of money in the past. He believed that that might be said truly of each and every industry of California—the wool, lumber and other industries along the railroads of the state.

"My capacity as freight agent," continued Mr. Smurr, "there is not a single day that passes that I am not interviewed by some representative of some of these industries, urging upon me the consideration of the depressed state of industry. Intelligent market-ing and distribution of your fruit strikes me as being much more important than the question of freight."

The speaker denied that the Southern Pacific had ever charged \$10 a ton on wheat from San Luis Obispo to San Francisco, as has been charged, in re-