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## MEXICAN MURDERS WOMAN

### Monrovia Mob Pursues Slayer but He Evades All

### Posse, It Is Feared, May Make Short Work of Fugitive

**Alfonso Albitre Ends Francisca Ramirez' Life After Course of Brutal Treatment That Arouses Foothills Town**

Another brutal murder of woman took place yesterday afternoon at Monrovia when Alfonso Albitre shot Francisca Ramirez to death.

The Mexican shot the woman first through the right cheek as she fled from him through the door to the shack where the couple have been living as man and wife for several months. He then took deliberate aim at her prostrate body and fired another shot through her brain, killing her instantly.

Albitre has been disliked by his neighbors ever since his arrival in Monrovia about a year ago, and on account of his brutal treatment of the woman whom he yesterday killed, it has been threatened several times by enraged citizens to run him out of town.

Until recently Albitre was employed at the Pottenger sanitarium near Monrovia, but was discharged, it was stated, on account of being drunk.

There were no witnesses to the murder, although several persons saw the fleeing Mexican a few moments after he committed the revolting crime.

It is thought that the crime was committed in a fit of drunken rage.

**Fifty Men Pursue**

As soon as Albitre fired the shot that killed the woman he fled through the wash of the San Gabriel river, which extends from Monrovia to Irwindale, and although fifty men and boys were on his trail within an hour after the murder was discovered, he was not found up to a late hour last night.

The posse which went after the murderer was heavily armed and if he had been found last night he would have undoubtedly been lynched, as the men were wrought up to a fever pitch of indignation by the dastardly crime.

His trail was found in a walnut orchard several miles from the starting point, but was soon lost in the chaparral.

Deputy Sheriffs Goodman and Gilbert worked all yesterday afternoon searching for Albitre, but beyond the one trace found they accomplished little.

Gilbert remained at Lemon all last night in the hope of intercepting the man when he left the wash.

**Goes Toward Whittier**

It is known that the Mexican has relatives in the vicinity of Whittier, and it is believed that he will try to gain shelter there.

Coroner Trout went to Monrovia yesterday afternoon as soon as he was informed of the murder and the verdict arrived at him was willful murder.

The Mexican, it is stated, served a term at San Quentin for attempting to kill a laborer at Whittier, from which place he went to Monrovia.

## ROOSEVELT TO REVIEW NAVY

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—Tomorrow, Labor Day, what probably will be the greatest assemblage of war vessels in the history of the west hemisphere will be reviewed by President Roosevelt in the waters of Long Island sound, off Oyster Bay.

In the fleet will be the newest and best of the vessels of the American navy, including all that is most efficient in the various classes of battleships, cruisers, torpedo boats and torpedo boat destroyers and submarines.

In the fleet commanded by Rear Admiral Evans there will be 15,000 men to cheer President Roosevelt as the Mayflower steams through the lines of warships.

When the review is over the ships will proceed to different stations, according to previous assignment. At the close of the review there will be a reception on the Mayflower at which the president will greet the commanders with a speech.

William J. Bryan during the week will proceed to his home in Lincoln, Neb. On the way he probably will make an address at Detroit and in Chicago he will be the guest of the Iroquois club, where he is to make an address.

On Wednesday at Bath, Secretary Taft will deliver what is expected to be an important speech in the Maine campaign. On Saturday at Oyster Bay, President Roosevelt will be present at the ceremonies in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Christ church, Oyster Bay, and will deliver an address.

The German-American races for the Roosevelt cup off Marblehead, Mass., under the joint control of the Kaiserlicher Yacht club of Kiel, and the Eastern Yacht club of Boston, will begin Monday.

One of the most important events in the prize ring in recent months will be decided Monday when Joe Gans, the negro lightweight, will meet Battling Nelson at Goldfield Nev.

## MOROSCO'S PLAY SCORES A SUCCESS

Special to The Herald.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—"The Judge and the Jury," Oliver Morosco and H. D. Cottrell's new play, opened at Wallack's theater Saturday evening and the success the piece scored in Southern California was easily duplicated.

After twenty spontaneous curtain calls Mr. Morosco was called upon to make a speech and he responded, to the credit of Southern California in general and Los Angeles in particular.

The five Los Angeles players—William Desmond, Harry Lewellyn, Rose King, Bennett Southard and Harry Gnin—made distinct hits in the special roles they were taken east to play.

"The Judge and the Jury" seems destined to a long and exceedingly prosperous run.

## DRAWING NET TO CAPTURE F. COOK

### CORDON OF POLICE SURROUND ASCOT PARK

**Alleged Wife Murderer Seen at Two Places Inside City Limits and Officers Are Hot on His Trail**

In the belief that Fred Cook, alleged wife murderer, was on the eve of capture, a cordon of deputy sheriffs and policemen surrounded the district near Ascot park early yesterday morning, where Cook was seen by at least two persons.

It is said he called at one home and demanded to be admitted. The owner of the house said his wife was ill and shut the door in his face, following a long conversation with Cook.

A telephone message was sent to the police station and within half an hour a number of patrolmen from the University sub-station and several deputy sheriffs seacrched the vicinity where Cook was seen, but in vain.

Cook also was seen at a little all night lunch wagon near the car barns in East Fifty-sixth street. He purchased a meal and is said to have displayed considerable money.

Following the rumor of his appearance near the city limits, Captain Broadhead harnessed his horse and drove about the outskirts of Los Angeles, while Patrolmen Home and King searched every street, road and path within several miles of the park.

**Mounts Chief's Horse**

Later in the day George Home mounted "Billy," Chief Auble's saddle horse, and rode for miles in the country in search of the fugitive.

It is believed that Cook purchased a weapon at Redondo and now is armed. Others theorize that he carried two revolvers at the time he is said to have shot his wife and still keeps one of the weapons. The other was left in the car.

Whichever theory is correct, the police belive Cook is armed and ready to battle for his life.

They say he will never be captured alive but will either commit suicide or else try to shoot the men who endeavor to arrest him.

**Marks of Identification**

Cook should be easily identified. He is said to have a cut in the chin, several lacerations on the nose and wears a stubby black beard. His black hair, dyed red, is already showing the darker hair at the roots. He walks lame.

The police believe some of the persons who claim to have seen Cook were mistaken but it is certain the alleged murderer was seen near Ascot park and was concealed in the underbrush near the park or along the river bank all day.

Late in the afternoon Detective Ingram went away on a fresh clew and Patrolmen Home and King went hot after a report Cook was sleeping beneath an abandoned barn not far from Florence.

With all the contradictory rumors and reports, it is positive, say the police, that the cordon is slowly being drawn about the wanted man and that he cannot escape detection much longer.

## BIG SHIPS GO TO AID THE SHERIDAN

By Associ ted Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 2.—In an effort to free the army transport Sheridan from her position on a coral reef at Barber's point, near Honolulu, the war department today issued orders for two of the big ships in the transport service to proceed at once to the assistance of the disabled vessel.

The transport Thomas will leave here at daybreak today for Honolulu, having on board a corps of expert wreckers and salvage gear from the Mare island navy yard.

A few hours later the Buford, which has been laid up at Seattle, will sail under rush orders for Honolulu. She is scheduled to arrive there about the same time as the Thomas.

The Buford will pick up the freight and the passengers from the Sheridan and after rendering any assistance will return at once to this city.

## TRANSPORT SHERIDAN MAY BE TOTAL LOSS

By Associated Press.

HONOLULU, Sept. 2.—Efforts to pull the transport Sheridan off the rocks have been abandoned and it is now believed that the vessel will be a total loss.

The people aboard the Sheridan spent the night in darkness, the lighting machinery being disabled.

It is reported that there is now water in the vessel above the fire rooms.

The transport appears to be pierced amidships by the rock on which she hangs. Inter-island steamers are now removing cargo from the Sheridan's cold storage, and valuables.

It is planned to anchor the Sheridan and cable for further assistance.

**Rosewater Laid to Rest**

By Associated Press

OMAHA, Sept. 2.—The funeral of Edward Rosewater, late proprietor and editor of the Omaha Bee, occurred this afternoon with Masonic honors from the rotunda of the Bee building.

## STRIKE BREAKERS REACH THE COAST

### SIX HUNDRED SMUGGLED INTO SAN FRANCISCO

**So Far, However, Not a Wheel Has Turned and Neither Employers or Employes Show Signs of Yielding**

**STRIKE BREAKERS DESERT AT FRESNO**

By Associated Press.

**FRESNO, Sept. 2.—Two trains of strike breakers, about 1000 men, passed through Fresno this evening on the Santa Fe on the way to San Francisco.**

**The trains stopped here only a few minutes.**

**Four of the men left the train here, claiming they were union mechanics.**

By Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 2.—There was practically no change today in the strike of the motormen and conductors of the United Railroads and not a wheel has turned on the entire system since last Sunday morning when the men walked out.

The prospect of an early settlement or resumption of car service does not appear very promising. Both sides to the controversy are as far apart as ever despite the strenuous efforts put forth by Mayor Schmitz to bring about a settlement.

Although many rumors were flying thick that the company would endeavor to take out a car today on one of its many lines and the union pickets were almost doubled, no attempt was made to take a car out of any of the car barns. It is said that the United Railroads succeeded in smuggling into the city about six hundred strike breakers before daylight this morning despite the vigilance of the union pickets.

These men, however, it is asserted, are not motormen and conductors, but track workers and construction men, who have been held for several days at Port Costa, Antioch and other bay towns for an opportunity to bring them into the city without being observed by pickets of the construction workers of the United Railroads, who struck some time before the platform men did.

President Calhoun of the company says he is waiting patiently until he has all the men necessary to run the cars, in readiness, when he will endeavor to restore car service on his lines.

"Just when the cars will run I do not know," he said tonight, "but I can say that it will be this week. When I have enough men to operate the cars I shall put them in motion, not before."

**Is a Friend of Unions**

President Calhoun said he wanted it understood that he was not fighting organized labor, that he was a friend of unions and had always been; he declared he is not fighting the Carmen's union but the policy of the union. He believed that the unions intended to raise the standard of the labor and fit them to be a better citizen.

He held, however, that contracts with a union should be sacred and that the union should voice the highest sense of honor. He considered the action of the carmen inexcusable and declared that the present strike was the most disgraceful one that has ever occurred in the relations between employer and employe in this country, because of the carmen's violation of their contract.

"The issue is one of principle," said he, "and I might as well meet it now as some time in the future. I cannot see why the people of San Francisco should object to the men I am bringing here to run the cars.

"They are trained in the service and are peaceful and law abiding citizens. My men have refused to work for me and I have secured other capable men who are willing to work at my wages."

In reference to the alleged statement of Mayor Schmitz that the ordinance requiring motormen or conductors to have one week's experience before they can be given cars, would be enforced, Mr. Calhoun stated that no attention would be paid to that ordinance.

It is said that only a few carmen reported to the company this morning in compliance with the notice posted yesterday by President Calhoun, that all who did not return for duty this morning would be discharged. President Calhoun stated that some of the men had reported for work but refused to state how many.

President Cornelius of the carmen said that about half a dozen men returned their punches and badges and received their deposits in return, but that none of the men reported for work.

Mr. Calhoun this afternoon posted a second notice informing his former employes that those who had not returned their badges or reported for work would not be allowed to ride free on the cars either in uniforms or on their badges.

**Strike Breakers Arrive**

Fifteen strike breakers, electricians and linemen, recruited in Tampa, Fla., arrived here at 10 o'clock this morning. Edward Benson, one of the party, deserted at Third and Townsend streets and was taken to the Carmen's headquarters by some union sympathizers.

Benson stated that he and the others were hired for the United Railroads by an agent of James Farley, who provided them with railroad and Pullman transportation. Benson declared that he was promised $6 a day, but that Farley's agent did not inform him that there was a strike on the United Railroads. Not until they entered California did he learn of the strike from the trainmen and he decided to desert.

He did not know what became of the rest of the men. According to Benson there was no one in charge of the party, but none was engaged who did not have considerable baggage, the checks for which were kept by Farley's agent, who instructed the men to report at the office of the United Railroads for the baggage.

President Cornelius issued a statement tonight in which it is stated that there is no change in the situation, that the members of the union remain

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## BRYAN STARTS FOR HIS NEBRASKA HOME

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2.—Escorted by the Nebraskan "home folks," more than 100 strong, W. J. Bryan started on the home stretch of his trip around the world in a special train of five cars which left Jersey City at 5:30 this afternoon.

There was no demonstration, but passengers in the waiting room introduced themselves to Mr. Bryan and shook hands with him.

The special is expected reach Detroit tomorrow morning and after a day and night reception will start at midnight for Chicago, where another reception will be held Tuesday.

The train is scheduled to reach Lincln, Neb., on Wednesday, when a rousing reception is promised by Bayor Brown, who headed the delegation of Nebraskans.

## YOUTH BURIES VICTIM ALIVE

### CHICAGO BOY CONFESSES TO CRIME

**Hits Eight-Year-Old Playmate With a Brick and Dumps Him Into Hastily Made Grave**

By Associated Press.

CHICAGO, Sept. 1.—Robert Gordon, aged 16, today confessed that he struck Joseph Reed, 8-year-old, with a brick, stunning him, and then buried him alive beneath the sidewalk in front of his father's home, 2878 Archer avenue.

The boy's body was found where Gordon said he had buried it. After an investigation by the police, Gordon was taken into custody. The absence of the Reed boy from his home was noticed at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon and search was immediately begun.

Gordon led the father of the Reed boy through the streets in the neighborhood for several hours. Finally at 10 o'clock last night he took him to where the body was buried and assisted in digging it up.

When taken to the station and questioned by the police, Gordon broke down and confessed that he enticed the boy to the basement of the Reed home, mistreated him and when he atempted to escape, struck him on the head with a brick.

He then buried him alive.

Five other boys ranging in age from 15 to 20 years old who had been drinking with Gordon at the rear of the Reed home before the murder became known, were taken into custody.

The Reed and Gordon families live near one another and have been friends for years.

## GOLDFIELD SUN DEFIES ENEMIES

**Latter Declare Any Attempt to Sell Papers Today Will Result in Employes Being Run Out of Town**

GOLDFIELD, Nev., Sept. 2.—It is probable that tomorrow's fight carnival will not end with the Nelson-Gans contest, but that there will be a fight of another kind between the Goldfield Sun and the Industrial Workers of the World.

This organization, which is composed of cooks and waiters, saloon employes and kindred workmen, has declared a boycott on the local daily paper, the Sun, and has notified the staff of the paper to join their union or leave town.

The Sun is owned by Lindley C. Branson, who also owns the Tonopah Sun. In this latter paper Branson in an article headed "Come On, You Cowardly Curs," defies the union and offers its members any kind of a fight they want.

Yesterday the Sun was sold on the streets of Goldfield by husky men connected with the paper, but beyond some rather plain spoken comments on the part of the boycotters there was no demonstration. Tomorrow, however, will be a holiday and there will be a big crowd in town.

Threats have been made that if the Sun is published tomorrow every man connected with it will be run out of town. The Sun people say they will publish and that they will put up a fight if any attack is made on them.

The boycott on the Goldfield Sun was declared, not because of any offense committed by the Goldfield paper, but because the Tonopah Sun criticised the policy of the I. W. W.

Efforts have been made to purchase the Goldfield paper from Branson and he is reported as being willing to sell. The union will not remove the boycott, even if the paper changes hands, as they do not want Branson to benefit by the purchase money.

It is stated that the miners' union and other industrial unions here are not in sympathy with the doings of the Industrial Workers of the World.

Tonight Frank Horton, a printer and a member of the typographical union, was kidnaped by four members of the I. W. W., and escorted out of town. Horton's brother is a prominent banker here and no time was lost in getting the sheriff and a force of deputies after the men.

They were overhauled and Horton was brought back to town. The pickets of the union have been taking snap shots of every person visiting the Sun office and the photographs have been posted on a bulletin in front of the union headquarters.

Men bearing placards are parading the streets and warning people that any one who patronizes the Goldfield Sun will be boycotted.

The mine owners and merchants of the camp are not in sympathy with the I. W. W., but as yet they have taken no action.

Tonight the Western Union Telegraph company was notified by the walking delegation of the union that no more telegraph messages should be delivered to the Sun. The office of the paper is under guard day and night.

## YOSEMITE STAGE AGAIN ROBBED

### TRICK TURNED IN THE USUAL MANNER

**Lone Highwayman Appears, Rifle In Hand, and Passengers Donate Liberally—Nickel Watches Returned**

By Associated Press.

WAWONA, Cal., Sept. 2.—At 12:30 p. m. today three miles from Ahwahnee, a Yosemite stage was held up. The first was driven by Bright Gillespie, who took President Roosevelt and his party through the park on their visit here three years ago.

The robber appeared at a bend in the road and told the driver to come on up. The driver drove until he was within a few feet of the robber, then stopped. The robber ordered the passengers out.

The driver was told to go on some fifty feet more. The bandit then lined the passengers up in the road. Mr. Wertemer Bishop of New York, was first searched. The robber saw to it that no small change was left in his pockets. Mr. Bishop lost $7.50. Mr. Bishop snapped the robber's picture. He says the robber's voice was very low and calm. He worked carefully and no chance was given the driver to shoot him had he had a gun.

A. Formsbee, a friend of Mr. Bishop's from Brooklyn, N. Y., lost $13. He took two snap shots of the robber. Two of the passengers were women.

They took the hold up as though it was a part of the trip. One of them, Miss Maud Smythe of Merced, who was on her way to Wawona, was very much surprised to see the robber. She showed presence of mind and coolness, and asked the robber if he wanted her valuable papers. He said: "Wait until I come to you." She was relieved of $7.

R. A. Tuttle of San Francisco, with his wife, was relieved of $15. Mr. Bishop was ordered to keep his hat off and put his money and jewelry in it. He showed his watch, which was a nickel cased one to the robber, and was told he could keep it. Mr. Ormsbee, next in line to Mr. Bishop, had a nickel watch also. The robber did not trouble any of the others for jewelry after this. He said he wanted to make the most of his time and wanted cash only.

**Passenger Wants Picture**

He asked Mr. Tuttle to tie the cash, which amounted to $42, into a handkerchief and throw it to him. Mr. Tuttle wanted his picture and asked to be allowed to take it along with the group of passengers. He left his card on the ground for the highwaymen and when he saw the name he seemed a little surprised. He took a step backward and when Tuttle offered to shake hands the robber refused.

The robber wore a white felt hat, turban cloth that reached to his knees, short sleeves, his trousers were a checked brown and on his feet he had black cloth tied. He had hob nails in his shoes which made tracks in the dust through the black cloth. He seemed to be a man between 45 and 50. His voice was low, calm and rather deliberate. The gun he had was a Winchester which he had suspended by a stout string.

A soldier passenger was not disturbed any more than asked to get out of the stage. He had a loaded 38-rifle and as the bandit was rather careless in his manner of facing the passengers the soldier took aim but was prevented by his fellow passengers who feared his aim might not be true and that the robber might have more accomplices.

After the passengers had gotton back in the stage the driver asked the robber not to fire until he had gotton out of the way. This wish was complied with. The Wells-Fargo treasure box was taken out, rifled and the contents burned.

It is not known how much this box contained. The United States mail was taken out in search of another treasure box but not disturbed. The man is, without a doubt, the same one who held up the stage last year in August and this year in July.

The sheriff and posse are out for him and the stage company has offered a reward of $250 for his arrest and conviction.

## SHOOTS TWO AND ENDS HIS LIFE

By Associated Press.

OAKLAND, Cal., Sept. 2.—William Wells, a negro teamster of San Francisco, this afternoon shot his wife several times, inflicting mortal wounds, fired three shots into the abdomen of Edward D. Jones, a colored stevedore, and then sent a bullet through his own brain.

The tragedy took place at 759 Campbell street, the home of John Austin, where Well's wife was boarding.

Mrs. Wells recently left her husband and refused to live with him. Shortly after 1 o'clock today Wells called at Austin's home and asked for his wife. She not being in at the time, he waited for her to return. She arrived half an hour later accompanied by Jones.

Wells requested his wife to step into the parlor, where he asked her to return to him. She refused and her husband shot her, the ball taking effect in her breast. The woman ran screaming to the kitchen, followed by Wells, who fired three shots at Jones, all taking effect.

The infuriated man then turned and again began shooting at his wife. After she fell unconscious Wells reloaded his revolver and with insane fury fired shot after shot into her body. Then placing the gun against his left temple, he sent the last bullet in the revolver through his brain.

Jones and Mrs. Wells were taken to a hospital, where the attending physicians stated that neither could recover. The woman stated that she had married Wells in Stockton and left him because of his continued abuse and cruelty.

**Uprising Not Confirmed**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 2.—A telegram received at the state department from Sleeper, American charge at Havana, today stated that the reported uprising in Santiago province had not been confirmed and added that it was believed that the report was due to the crossing over of a small band from Santa Clara province.

## ELUDES OFFICERS BUT FINALLY SURRENDERS

By Associated Press.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Sept. 2.—After eluding the efforts of a large number of officers throughout the night Guiseppi Semi, the 22 year old murdered of Thomas Hassett, surrendered himself this morning.

He admitted firing the fatal shot, but claimed it was in self defense. Beyond a few minor details his statement did not conflict with those made by his two companions, Louis Bianchi and Ruby Moore, now locked up in the count jail.

After firing the shot in the rear room of Hassett's saloon on Saturday night, Semi went to his room, placed the revolver in his trunk and changed his clothes. He then went to the home of a friend on San Carlos street and went to bed, and, as he claims, not even dreaming that he was a murdered until this morning when he first learned that Hassett was dead.

## DISCUSSES NEW CODE OF SPELLING

### PRESIDENT SAYS PUBLIC IS TO BE THE JUDGE

**In Letter to the Public Printer Roosevelt Declares Experiment Will Decide Fate of the "Three Hundred Words"**

By Associated Press.

OYSTER BOY, L. I., Sept. 2.—In a letter to Charles A. Stillings, public printer at Washington, made public today, President Roosevelt wrote that if the changes in spelling advocated by the simplified spelling board and put into use in public documents meets popular approval they will be made permanent.

If not, he wrote, they will be dropped. The president's letter follows:

"Hon. Chas. A. Stillings, Public Printer, Washington, D. C.

"My Dear Mr. Stillings—I enclose herewith copies of certain circulars of the simplified spelling board which can be obtained free from the board at No. 1 Madison avenue, New York City. Please hereafter direct that in all government publications of the executive departments the above 300 words in circular No. 5, shall be spelled as therein set forth.

"If any one asks the reason for the action refer him to circulars 3, 4 and 6, as issued by the Simplified Spelling Board. Most of the criticism of the proposed step is evidently made in entire ingorance of what the step is, no less than in entire ignorance of the moderate and common sense views as to the purposes to be achieved, which views are so excellently set forth in the circulars to which I have referred.

"There is not the slightest intention to do anything revolutionary or initiate any far reaching policy. The purpose simply is for the government, instead of lagging behind popular sentiment, to advance abreast of it and at the same time abreast of the views of the ablest and most practical educators of our time as well as of the most profound scholars—men of the stamp of Prof. Lounsbury and Prof. Skeat. If the slight changes in the spelling of the 300 words proposed wholely or partially meet popular approval then the changes will become permanent without any reference to what public officials or individual private citizens may feel; if they do not ultimately meet with popular approval they will be dropped, and that is all there is about it.

"They represent nothing in the world but a very slight extension of the movement which has made agricultural implement makers and farmers write "plow" instead of "plough," which has made most Americans "honor" without the somewhat absurd superfluous "u" and which is even now making people write "program" without the "me" just as well as people who speak English now write "hat," "set," "dim," "sun," and "fish" instead of the Elizabethian "batte," "sette," "dimme," "summe," and "fyshe," which makes us write "public," "almanac," "era," "fantasy," and "vagon," instead of "publick," "almanack," "aera," "phantasy," and "waggon," of our great grandfathers.

"It is not an attack on the language of Shakespeare and Milton, because it is in some instances going back to the forms they used and in others merely the extension of changes, which, as regards other words, have taken place since their time. It is not an attempt to do anything far reaching or sudden or violent, or indeed anything very great at all.

"It is merely an attempt to cast what slight weight that can properly be cast, on the side of popular forces which are endeavoring to make our spelling a little less foolish and fantastic. Sincerely yours,

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT."

## ABOLISH TONNAGE AND NAVIGATION DUES

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1.—All tonnage and navigation dues in the Philippines have been abolished by an act of the Philippine commission passed August 31, of which notice has just been received.

By this act of the Philippine commission Manila becomes in fact the only free port, in so far as tonnage and navigation dues are concerned, in the Orient. Hongkong, which is usually referred as a free port, imposes a tax, designated "light dues" of 1 cent, Mexican, per ton.

The vessels most favorably affected by this will be those from the United States and ports or places remote from the Philippine islands.

## PASSENGER TRAIN CLAIMS A VICTIM

SACRAMENTO, Sept. 2.—Miner S. Mead, an old deaf gardener, was run down by a passenger train this afternoon and injured so that he died.

He was slightly of disordered mind and was walking on the track when a train struck him.

He was hurled down the embankment and died thirty minutes later.

He had lived here some three years and came here from Los Angeles, where he resided fifteen years

## ITALIANS KILL TWO TROOPERS

### A Bloody Battle Is Fought at Dusk

### Six Hundred Shots Fired at Florence Mine Io Pennsylvania

**Murderers Surrounded in Abandoned House and Further Hostilities Are Expected at Break of Day**

By Associated Press.

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa., Sept. 2.—In a bloody battle this evening between foreigners and the twenty members of Troop D, State Constabulary, 600 shots were fired, two troopers were killed and one fatally wounded, while three other persons received bullet wounds.

The murderers are tonight surrounded in a house at the Florence mine, seven miles from here, and at daylight the attempt to capture them will be renewed.

Further trouble is feared, for the besieged Italians are well supplied with arms and ammunition.

The dead:

PRIVATE F. HENRY, aged 26.

PRIVATE FRANCIS ZEHRINGER, aged 30.

Fatally wounded:

Private William Mullen of Harrisburg.

First Sergeant Joseph Logan of Dubois and George Felitzsky, aged 12, received minor wounds.

The trouble began when Sergeant Logan went to Florence to search for Leopold Scarlett, who is charged with shooting his brother-in-law. Salvatore Waltzoch, who is said to be one of the most desperate members of the Black Hand society, started a street fight with a countryman and Logan placed him under arrest.

An Italian made an ineffectual lunge at Logan with a stiletto, when another Italian opened fire upon him with a magazine shotgun.

**Logan Returns Fire**

Logan returned the fire and the two men emptied their guns at each other. Logan received one buck shot wound in the foot and one Italian was perhaps fatally wounded. Logan, believing that he had a Black Hand man to deal with, telephoned to the barracks at this place, and a detachment of seven privates was detailed to go to his assistance.

The detachment arrived at Florence at 4:30 o'clock. Private John Henry immediately started for Waltzoch's house, where the trouble had taken place, but when about twenty feet from it was shot down.

Chambers and Mullen, in attempting the rescue of their comrade, were shot down before they reached him. A telephone call was then sent in for the entire force, and fifteen additional troopers were hurried to the scene.

When the second detachment arrived at 6:30 o'clock and while twelve of the constabulary kept firing into the windows and front doors six policemen made a rush for the side door, which they battered in.

Three of the officers, Zehringer, Gross and Cummings, dashed up the stairs, but were confronted by three of the desperadoes, who opened fire. Zehringer fell at the first volley, but the other men escaped.

The gang immediately closed the door and the house was riddled with bullets. Realizing that lives were being sacrificed uselessly and a storm and darkness coming on, the troops sent for carbines and prepared to keep the house surrounded until morning. The wildest excitement prevails in Punxsutawney and nearby towns. Fif-

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## THE DAY'S NEWS

**FORECAST**

Southern California: Fair Monday; light north wind. Maximum temperature in Los Angeles yesterday, 81 degrees; minimum, 61 degrees.

1—Mexican murders a woman.
2—Famous church to be rebuilt.
3—Owl car news pleases many.
4—Editorial.
5—Sermons of the day.
6-7—Sports.
8—Southern California news.
9—Classified advertisements.
10—Railroad news.

**EASTERN**

Chicago youth knocks eight-year-old boy down with a brick and buries him alive.

Thousands of fight fans reach Goldfield to see the lightweight championship contest between Battling Nelson and Joe Gans.

President Roosevelt in a letter to the public printer declares it is up to the public to either reject or accept the new code of spelling.

**COAST**

Strike breakers reach San Francisco, but so far not a car has been moved.

Oakland man shoots wife and companion and commits suicide.

Sacramento citizen kills adversary during saloon fight, eludes the police for hours and then gives himself up.

**LOCAL**

Police expect to capture Wife Murdered Cook.

Gypsies quarrel over girl queen.

Boss Panker returns from San Francisco with an expansive smile.

Catholics celebrate feat of St. Vibiana.

Los Angeles gratified over news that owl cars would soon be operated.

Cantor holds rehearsal at Simpson auditorium.

Bogus bill passers are flooding city