

POISON IS POURED IN THE WELL

Brother and Sister Are Mysteriously Slain at Dixon.

DEADLY MIXTURE IN THEIR FOOD.

Louis and Susie E. Belew Succumb to the Secret Work of Assassins.

BOTH WERE ENGAGED TO BE MARRIED.

Future Investigation May Reveal That Jealousy Prompted the Crim.

Special Dispatch to THE CALL.

DIXON, CAL., Nov. 9.—A tragedy was enacted in this place which has resulted in the death of two persons, and a third is lying at death's door with little hope of recovery.

Louis Belew, who is the proprietor of the Arcade livery and feed stables here, has resided for some time past with his sister, Miss Susie E. Belew, in the southern part of town, the sister keeping house for the brother. Bruno Klein, a young man whom Mr. Belew employed in his stable, boarded with them. Mr. Belew was in the habit of going to his meals and then returning to the stable to allow Klein to take his meals.

Belew and his sister partook of their breakfast yesterday morning. He returned to the stable as usual, and Klein went to his breakfast. When Klein arrived at the house, which was about three blocks from the stable, he found Susie Belew lying down, apparently very sick. He partook of what the brother and sister had eaten of, and hastily left for the stable to apprise the brother of the sister's illness. Upon arriving at the stable Klein found Belew suffering from what appeared to be Miss Susie's ailment—that of purging and vomiting and complaining of intense pain in the stomach.

Only a few minutes later Klein began to experience the same symptoms. A physician was summoned, who at first thought that they had eaten something poisonous, but on examining the ingredients of what they had vomited he found that the vomit contained sarsaparilla, of which they said they had eaten the day before. This led the physician to believe that the patients were suffering from nothing more than an attack of what is termed acute indigestion. He administered remedies in accordance with his diagnosis of the cases, but they still suffered intense pain, for which he administered something of a soothing nature. Under this treatment the victims seemed to be getting along very well during the day, but shortly after dark they began getting rapidly worse and the symptoms became much more alarming.

Belew succumbed about 12 o'clock last night. His sister died at 5 o'clock this morning in a dead agony. Mrs. Eugene Ferguson and Mrs. George Ehmman, two intimate friends of the young people, who had been at the home administering to the wants and doing what they could to relieve the sufferings of the girl, the brother being confined to bed at the stable, were also taken quite sick during their stay in the house with the same symptoms of the other three sick people.

They had made some beef broth for the sick girl, and in making it had used the water from the well and some salt that was in the house. They tried to induce Miss Belew to drink of it, but she said she was too sick to drink of it, in order to demonstrate that the drink was palatable, each of the women took a teaspoonful of the broth and both were soon attacked and vomited copiously, but to-day are apparently all right. Miss Belew was to have been married on Thursday of this week to Charles Ehmman, a well known young man of this place. Ehmman had just secured a divorce from his former wife, with whom he had led a very unhappy life, and is now heart-broken over the loss of his prospective bride, whom he is said to have fairly worshipped.

Louis Belew was engaged to be married to Miss Clara Ferguson, a worthy young lady of Dixon, and she is prostrated with grief over her bereavement. Strangely enough, this is the second time that she has been bereft by accident of her sweetheart. The case is surrounded by considerable mystery, there being several clues to the mysterious poisoning, which the officers are working up. The coroner held an inquest to-day, but the jury will be unable to arrive at a verdict until an analysis of the stomachs of the two dead people is concluded.

The theory is being advanced that the poison was administered to the family by poisoning the water in the well or depositing it in some article of food. The town is excited over the sudden taking off so violently of two of the most respected young people of the place, and everything possible is being done to ferret out the perpetrator of the awful deed.

INTENTIONAL POISONING. But There is Yet No Clue to the Perpetrator of the Dastardly Crime.

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 9.—District Attorney Frank Devin of Solano County, who is at Dixon investigating the Belew poisoning case, in an interview with a Bee reporter at Dixon this afternoon, said that, in his opinion, the case was one of intentional poisoning.

"There is, as yet, no clue whatever to the perpetrator," Mr. Devin said, "but the matter will be thoroughly investigated. One thing is certain, and that is that the poison did not get into the well of its own accord. Some one put it there, and what the officers are to find out of course, is who it is that put it there. The organs and a sample of the well water have been sent to San Francisco for analysis, and when the chemist's report is received we will know, I hope, what sort of poison was used. When this is ascertained the next step will be to find out where and by whom that poison was purchased."

Charles Ehmman, who was to have been married to Susie Belew, is nearly crazed with grief over the death of the girl he loved and has joined with the officers in attempting to unravel the mystery of the poisoned well.

A few years ago Thomas Belew, a well-known citizen of Solano County, died, leaving a fortune of several thousand dollars. This fortune was left by his will to his wife and children, Frank, Arthur, Louis and Susie. Another son, Thomas, failed to get any of the estate, he having been provided for during his father's lifetime. Louis, being a thrifty young man, took good care of his portion and engaging in the livery business added considerably to his little nestegg.

Arthur, on the other hand, was a wild sort of fellow and instead of settling down to business went through his money in short order. His actions aroused the indignation of his brothers Louis and Frank and for a long time there was a strong enmity between them. Of late, however, this enmity had been patched up and Arthur had been given work on a ranch about five miles out of Dixon belonging to his brother Louis, who died last night from the effects of the poison. The boys were all well liked and as far as is known had no enemies whatever.



THE THREE VICTIMS OF THE DIXON POISONER.

YELLOW PLAGUE IS ON THE DECREASE

New Orleans Expects to Be Soon Rid of the Dread Disease.

Only Six New Cases Reported at the Crescent City, but There Were Four Deaths.

Special Dispatch to THE CALL.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 9.—Yellow fever continues on the decrease, as to-day's record indicates, and the Board of Health is elated over the prospects of an early termination of the scare. The health board's working forces have been reduced to a minimum, but there is an abundance of work for those retained. The business situation continues to brighten.

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MOBILE, ALA., Nov. 9.—The report to-day shows a slight increase in the number of new cases, the result of unusually warm weather experienced since the 4th of the month. Six new cases were reported and two deaths, John Curran and George Halloman. The report from Whisler is that there are sixteen new cases there.

SAN PEDRO SPECIFICATIONS.

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—Secretary Alger said to THE CALL correspondent to-night: "The San Pedro specifications will be brought before me to-morrow. They were received by the engineer department to-day. If they meet the requirements the bids will be advertised for immediately."

HAS GOOD SEA QUALITIES.

Satisfactory Reports to Be Made on the New Gunboat Nashville.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—The members of the naval trial board, just returned to Washington, in the sea trial of the gunboat Nashville make a favorable report on the good qualities of the vessel and particularly of her sailing qualities. With her propeller dragging under sail she made, with a wind of four degrees strength, a speed of about six knots, she tacked on a breeze of three, something not expected at all of such craft, and satisfied the board that she can make more than ten knots under sail alone in a good wind. This is a combination of good cruising qualities which has long been the aim of the construction corps.

SINKING FUND BONDS.

Arrangement for Their Transfer to Union Pacific Reorganization.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 9.—The Union Pacific reorganization committee has arranged with the Treasury Department for the transfer to them of the cash payment sinking fund and the cash payment therefor on the 22d of the present month. These bonds, which were purchased at their face value by the committee at the time of the sale of the road amount to \$13,945,000, and this amount in cash, which will be covered into the treasury, will increase the available cash balance to approximately \$218,500,000. The exclusive balance in the treasury to-day of gold, was \$50,001,861.

FORCED TO FLEE FROM RANDBURG.

Non-Union Men Driven From Camp by a Miners' Committee.

Special Dispatch to THE CALL. RANDBURG, Nov. 9.—Labor troubles have been expected here for some time, owing to the fact that many men engaged in development work were not upholding the union schedule, which is \$3 for a day of eight hours. No attention has been paid by the mine-owners to remonstrances and murmurs, and the men have been working underground for \$1.50 and \$2 a day, until the camp has become known as a cheap one, and the better class of miners have no desire to come to Randburg.

In order to remedy the evil, the Miners' Union, which is very strong here, has decided to take heroic action and clear the camp of all non-union men as rapidly as possible. To this end a meeting was held last night, attended by about 100 members. After a session lasting an hour the meeting dispersed, the miners leaving the hall singly and in pairs, to meet again at an appointed place on the hills back of the town.

When all arrived they proceeded in a body to the Roxie mine, where Superintendent C. M. Clark, who is also part owner of the property, was working five men. All were abed, but were awakened by the committee of 100. Just what transpired cannot be learned, as no member of the union will tell; but certain it is that Clark and four men took a moonlight walk down the gulch in the direction of Mejoave and have not been seen in this neighborhood since. The men were Charles Couch, Levi Richardson, F. E. Nutting and Lewis Butler. A young man named Anthony Daly prepared to join the union, was sworn in and left in charge

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BETRAYED BY THEIR GENERAL

Prospero Morales Tells of Rebel Defeat in Guatemala.

HE CALLS FUENTES A TRAITOR.

Says the Insurgents Were Sold Out, but the Fight is Just Begun.

HEROISM OF OLD COLONEL VALENCIA.

Continued to Fight After He Had Lost Both Arms and Both Legs at Quetzaltenango.

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SAN DIEGO, Nov. 9.—Prospero Morales, the leader of the revolution against a President Barrera of Guatemala, was a passenger on the steamer Albion from San Benito to Salina Cruz. From passengers on the Albion, which arrived to-day, Morales' story was learned, and it contains much that has not yet appeared in print. Morales was accompanied by Colonel Lima, one of the heroes of the battle of Quetzaltenango, where he was wounded four times, and by ten other officers of the revolutionary army. Three had been at Tapachula since their retreat over the Mexico-Guatemala border after the terrible rout at Quetzaltenango.

Morales is a small, quiet, cultured man of about 50. Colonel Lima impressed the American passengers as a man of superior education. These two officers as well as all the others had bags of gold with them. They thought their cause did not lack for the sinews of war. Morales tried to charter the Albion before her arrival at San Benito to carry the 2000 Guatemalan soldiers now at Tapachula down the coast to Acjutina, in order to attack Barrios' army from the south. The steamship company's agent declined to charter the vessel. The soldiers are now starving at Tapachula.

The chief of the revolutionists was not dependent at that. He said he would get another vessel. With his staff he was on his way to the City of Mexico, and their plans were to proceed to the Atlantic coast and join the revolutionists on that side. All insisted that they developed had barely begun and they recalled that more men and money would be devoted to the cause than ever before. All the refugees agreed in describing the retreat from Quetzaltenango as a disgraceful rout, and they said that the treachery of General Daniel Fuentes and a Bishop was at the bottom of their defeat. Fuentes is a brother-in-law of Barrios. Morales was very bitter against him.

"Fuentes misled us, deceived us and betrayed us," said Morales, bitterly. "The man was admitted in our councils and he played the traitor's part. He was to have been made President of the republic. He disposed of our forces at Quetzaltenango and, after twenty-three hours of fighting, in which all seemed to be well, he ordered a retreat toward the Mexican territory. We did not know where the frontier line was. We fell back, fighting every inch, but overwhelmed by re-enforcement of the enemy.

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"But there was one man, a hero, who did not retreat. His name was Colonel Valencia. The man was a Roman Catholic that will live in history. A cannon ball took off both his legs and he dropped, but he was quickly assisted upon a horse. He directed the movements of his comrades. A bullet dropped his stomach. He was a hero. With his teeth he grasped the reins and drew his sword for the attack. He was covered with blood, but fought like a demon. A flying shell struck his upraised right arm and threw the sword to a distance away. Then it was seen that the colonel's arm was broken, but even that did not turn him back.

"Adelante, adelante?" he cried, keeping the head of his troops and directing the operations with the bleeding stump. It was a glorious bravery that filled his men with a mad daring. They plunged into the deadly fire and fell almost to a man. Colonel Valencia lies on that battle field.

The passenger who repeated these words of General Morales said that one of the soldiers stood near by on deck listening and that he broke down and sobbed like a child. He had been in the heroic column during part of the fight.

General Morales and his officers said they expected to get financial assistance from the brother of the multi-millionaire banker, Arrivolo, who was shot by Dictator Barrios for complicity in the revolution. Arrivolo was president of the Banco del Occidente and his friends were counted by the thousands. His brother, also a millionaire, is said to be willing to spend his fortune to avenge the death of the banker.

"Our hopes are now centered in the south and east of Guatemala," said General Morales to one of the American passengers. "The rule of the despot is doomed. We have money and patriots and no traitor will betray us next time."

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CHARGE OF SHOT FOR HIS NEPHEW

Frank Gross Shoots and Kills a Namesake Relative at Tuttle town.

Tuolumne County Tragedy Resulting From a Dispute Over Property.

Special Dispatch to THE CALL.

JAMESTOWN, Nov. 9.—Frank Gross, a well-known business man of Tuolumne County, who resides at Tuttle town, today shot and killed his nephew, Frank Gross, who is known as "Little Frank." The cause of the shooting was a quarrel over valuable mining ground. For over five years there has been trouble in prospect. The man who is charged with murder raised the families of four of his dead sisters, and after his nephews and nieces became of age, it is said, they entered into a plot to defraud Gross of his valuable mining ground.

Some years ago Frank Gross deeded his property at Tuttle town on account of business complications. When he demanded the property back "Little Frank" refused to deed it. The nephew has resided in Nevada City for a number of years. A short time ago he came home on a visit. This afternoon he went to his uncle's so on, which is across the street from the family residence, and was tampering with the water.

His uncle told him to get it alone and to go away and mind his own business. Little Frank went to the house, got a pistol and returned, entering the saloon and going to the rear, where his uncle was. The elder Gross saw him coming with a pistol and picked up a shotgun. "Little Frank" fired two shots, and the uncle returned the fire with the shotgun, the charge taking effect in the young man's stomach, killing him almost instantly.

Joe Gross, a brother of "Little Frank," armed himself and started into his uncle's saloon. Frank Gross called to him, ordering him out, and bystanders took him away. Deputy Sheriff Price was soon on the ground and placed the elder Gross under arrest.

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RICH ORE UNCOVERED IN ORA ANNA MINE

New Shaft Penetrates a Ledge Glittering With Precious Metal.

Last Blast Touched Off by Workmen Brings the Quartz Lead to Light.

Special Dispatch to THE CALL.

CRESCENT CITY, Nov. 9.—S. O. Christenson in the completion of a contract with the Ora Anna Gold Quartz Mining Company for the sinking of a shaft upon its lead to a depth of 100 feet, with the final blast brought to light a quantity of ore that fairly glittered with the precious metal and disclosed a prospect as flattering as even the most extravagant hopes dared. Free gold streaks and splashes intersperse the rock to the extent of making each separate piece of it appreciably of value. Several pounds of the rock will be sent to San Francisco for assay.

The quartz lead now known as the Ora Anna was discovered many years past when the adjacent grounds were being worked for their rich yield of silver. At that time a snug sum was taken out of the vein, the rock being crushed with a hand mortar. Later, when the lead seemed to be exhausted, work was suspended. In 1887 the Ora Anna Quartz Mining Company located and commenced operations upon the mine, doing considerable work, but with no positive results as to the determining of the extent of the extent. It was reserved for the present company, organized three years ago, to discover a well-defined lead and to make the recent important development.

ELECTRIC POWER FOR REDDING. Project of Vast Importance to the People of Shasta County.

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SPAIN IS NOT READY FOR WAR

Premier Sagasta Makes a Declaration of Friendship.

THE MOST AMICABLE SENTIMENTS.

Hopes That America Will Foster the Feeling at Present Existing.

WARFARE YET GOES ON IN STRICKEN CUBA.

However, Captain-General Blanco is Trying to Encourage the Grinding of Cane.

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MADRID, Nov. 9.—In response to a cable message from a non-official American source Senor Sagasta, the Premier, has sent the following cabled declaration through Senor Dupuy de Lome, the Spanish Minister at Washington: "So far from seeking a pretext to declare war against the United States Spain would regard it as a great misfortune to be given the occasion for such an unhappy resolution. Animated as she is by the most amicable sentiments toward the great republic Spain hopes of America that the latter will do its utmost to foster sentiments of friendship for the sake and welfare of both countries, while at the same time respecting the rights of Spain."

LONDON, Nov. 10.—The Rome correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says: The Papi nuncio at Madrid has been called to Rome by the Vatican and instructed to exhort the clergy and people of Spain to do their utmost to support the present dynasty. News has reached the Vatican that the situation in Spain is extremely grave. Carlist risings are imminent in the principal towns of Spain, and the Queen Regent is continually receiving menacing letters from the Carlists. I understand that Spain's situation is subject of negotiations between the European cabinets.

HAVANA, CUBA, Nov. 9.—An official dispatch from Antonio XIII, province of Matanzas, announces the surrender here to the Spanish authorities of an insurgent force consisting of three officers and fifteen privates, who delivered up thirty carbines. The insurgent officers who have surrendered are Colonel Evaristo Leon, Major Guadeloupe Herrera and Captain Carlos Cepero.

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