

TERRIBLY BITTEN BY A MAD DOG

Santa Monica Child Nearly Torn to Pieces.

Only Saved From Death by a Neighbor With a Club.

The Little One's Throat, Cheek and One Eye Shockingly Lacerated.

FEARS FOR THE RESULT.

The Cur, a Family Pet, After Biting Other Dogs, Is Run Down and Killed.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SANTA MONICA, Jan. 10.—Lucy Olivera, the pretty seven-year-old daughter of Ande Olivera, an old resident of this place, was horribly bitten by a supposedly mad dog yesterday. The dog, a large mongrel, was the child's pet. It had been acting strangely for two or three days and had been tied up to await developments. Little Lucy went near to the dog and it made a vicious lunge toward her. Unfortunately, the collar that he wore was a trifle large and he jerked his head from it. Instantly he was upon her, tearing her tender flesh. He seized her first by the throat, then the cheek. The left cheek was badly punctured, while the right received two jagged tears. One eyelid was torn, and the eye is swollen and completely closed. It is believed that the child is uninjured. The interior part of her tongue was also badly bitten.

By this time a neighbor, hearing the child's cries, ran to her rescue, and with a large club beat the dog off its victim, when the beast, skirting the town, ran across the fields in the direction of the Soldiers' Home, biting a young man named Charles Rutledge. These dogs were killed and Marshal Dexter gave orders that all canines should be chained up for ten days. After that period had passed no danger was apprehended. Some people contended that the dogs were not mad, but were simply attacked with a species of craziness. It was claimed that dogs seldom go mad in California and never at this time of year, but in view of the symptoms and the results their position hardly seems tenable. Hydrophobia usually develops in from nine days to three weeks, although cases have been known where the patient has lived for years and forgotten the cause before it developed.

The Olivera child will be closely watched, and it is hoped nothing of the kind will result, yet the fact of its being bitten on the face and throat, where there was no covering of clothes to protect it from the deadly virus, gives additional cause for alarm. She will undoubtedly be badly scarred for life, but if the little one is spared the parents will be thankful. In all Santa Monica today the usually beloved family pets of the canine race are looked upon with suspicion.

WILL SURELY INVOLVE A MIX-UP WITH SPAIN.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—A morning paper says: Vice-President Thomas F. Clark of the Western Union Telegraph Company returned yesterday from Washington, where for the last few days he has been laying before the administration facts that will surely involve a complication with Spain. Mr. Clark is now at the head of Western Union affairs. President Eckert is on sick leave in the far West, and Mr. Clark has taken his place. Long before General Eckert went away the directors of the company had decided that they had a cause for complaint against the Spanish Government for the manner in which the authorities in Havana had interfered with the workings of the cable between Havana and Key West.

IS NOT AFFECTED BY ANY ORGANIC MALADY.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 10.—Drs. Hatch, Ross, Briggs, Cartwright and Sweeney held a consultation this morning regarding the condition of Secretary of State Brown. The result showed that the patient was in no manner affected by any organic malady. The trouble lies in the weakened condition of the stomach, and from now on a change will be made in administering nutriment. It is hoped that a permanent improvement will follow.

THE AWFUL CRIME OF A MURDERED MAN

Murder of a Farmer, His Wife and Daughter.

Victims Slain With an Ax and Left on Blood-Soaked Beds.

Robbery the Motive of the Most Fiendish and Wanton Slaughter.

TRIES TO BURN THE HOUSE

Plans of the Assassin to Cremate the Bodies of His Victims.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 10.—F. D. Newton, a prosperous farmer, his wife, Sarah, and their 10-year-old adopted daughter, Ethel, were butchered in their house about two miles from Brookfield Centre, on the road to Sturbridge. The crime was discovered by neighbors, who heard the howling of the cattle and made an investigation. The three members of the family were found in their blood-soaked beds, having been horribly killed with an ax. A hired man, who has been employed by Newton, is missing, and the authorities are making a sharp search for him. He was known only by the name of Paul. He was last seen Friday night just before midnight by neighbors who were returning from a grange meeting. He was then more than a mile from the Newton house and was going in the direction of Brookfield. From this it is believed that the murder was committed between 10 and 11 p. m.

When Newton did not appear, the neighbors made an investigation. As they passed the parlor windows one of the men noticed that a pane of glass had been broken. They opened the window and crawled into the room. As soon as their eyes rested upon the apartment they saw that some one had thoroughly ransacked the place. Following their search the neighbors entered a small bedroom at the rear of the house. On a blood-stained bed lay the bodies of Mrs. Newton and the little girl. They were dressed but their clothing was torn and blood-stained. Near the bed was a blood-stained ax, which evidently was the weapon used. Upstairs in the chamber usually occupied by Mr. Newton, which connected with that occupied by the hired man, Paul, lay the body of the farmer on the bed. All about were evidences that he had been dead some time. The covers of his family. He was also dressed. The coverings of the bed had been drawn at his head so as to conceal any wounds which might be thereon. The bed in Paul's room had been occupied, but there was no other trace of the hired man.

Paul is a foreigner but his nationality is not known. He was about 30, short and compactly built, and has been employed on the Newton farm for about two months. The motive of the crime is not known. Robbery has been referred to as a probable cause, but that it is thought, does not account for the slaughter of the whole family. Moreover, Mr. Newton's gold watch was found in his vest, which hung over a chair-back in his chamber.

During the forenoon it developed that the hired man, Paul, had been heard to call himself Miller, but whether that is his true name or not it cannot be ascertained at present. All trace of him as far as the officials could learn was lost after he passed George Pike and Arthur Rice, who were the young men who saw him Friday night. Both of these men recognized Paul and spoke to him, they say, but he seemed to wish to avoid recognition and, turning away his head, did not respond to their greeting.

An attempt was made to conceal the murder by setting fire to the house. Kerosene was discovered on the floor since the fire and a lamp was found so placed that it would have set fire to the wood. One stick was burned through, but for some unknown reason a blaze was averted.

HIDDEN SECRET COMES TO LIGHT

The Late Joseph T. Middleton of San Jose Left a Daughter.

After Many Years She Is Heard From in Scotland and Claims Half the Estate.

SAN JOSE, Jan. 10.—Some interesting hidden history in the family life of Joseph T. Middleton has come to light since his death and will soon be aired in court. This was brought out by a petition filed by Attorney Scheller in the estate proceedings to-day for the purpose of determining the heirship of Mrs. Isabel Martin of Dundee, Scotland, who has advanced an almost indisputable claim to being a daughter. Middleton died a couple of months ago, leaving an estate worth \$16,000. At that time it was not known there was a foreign heir, but since then an interesting story has come out. Middleton was twice married. His first wife died in Scotland, and thirty-five years ago he came to the United States, leaving behind him a girl child, the issue of his first marriage. Thirty years ago he married the woman who survives him. In this time he accumulated about \$16,000 of property. There were no children by the second marriage, and as Middleton never told his wife that he had a married daughter she believed herself to be the sole heir until Mrs. Isabel Martin proclaimed herself a child of Middleton and claimed half of his estate.

YANKEE FISHERMEN ARE LOST AT SEA

Two Boats and Their Crews, Consisting of Thirty-Six Men, Are Given Up for Dead.

BOSTON, Jan. 10.—A special from Gloucester, Mass., says: After hoping against hope that the passing days might bring some tidings of the overdue schooners Hustler and John E. McKenzie, their owners have been forced to the conclusion that the vessels have foundered and that their crews of thirty-six men have perished. The Hustler was owned by James E. Tarr & Brothers and left her August 28 to engage in the bank cod-fishery under command of Captain Alexander J. McFadden. On the 9th of October the Hustler put into Harbor Maine, N. F., and procured a supply of bait. Captain McFadden wrote home that he had 140 tubs of fish on board and would return to the southern part of the banks to complete his trip.

Since leaving Harbor Maine absolutely no tidings of the vessel have ever been received, and it is thought she foundered in the great gale which swept the Grand Banks on October 19 and which created such havoc among the fishing fleet.

The Hustler was a stanch craft of 92.7 tons, built at Essex in 1883, valued at \$7000 and insured for \$4571 on the vessel and \$1700 on outfits. She carried a crew of eighteen men, two of whom were married and the owners state they were as fine a set of young men as they ever had in one vessel.

Messrs. Hugh Parkhurst & Co., owners of the schooner John E. McKenzie, give up all hopes of that vessel ever returning to port. Twelve weeks ago the vessel sailed from this port on a bank halibut trip under command of Captain Andrew McKenzie, and from that day to this not a single word has been heard from her, and as she was intending to fish on grounds directly in the line of ocean steamship travel her owners are led to believe that some trans-Atlantic iceberg crashed into and sank her. The McKenzie was one of the finest vessels of the Gloucester fleet. She was 139 tons register, built in Essex in 1883 and owned by Hugh Parkhurst and Captain McKenzie. She was valued at \$10,500 and was insured for \$7000 on vessel and \$2000 on outfits.

STRUGGLE WITH A WIFE-BEATER STOPPED BY A HIGHWAYMAN

After a Desperate Battle the Drunken Wretch Is Subdued.

The City Marshal of Salinas Has His Hand Badly Bitten.

A Shocking Case of Neglect and Destitution Developed by the Occurrence.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SALINAS, Jan. 10.—A severe wife-beating affair has come to light, happening in this city last evening. The wife, it is claimed, has been left destitute and with two small children. The husband has been on a protracted spree for some time, and yesterday afternoon he returned home. His wife was not well, anyway, and the children, it is said by neighbors, were crying on account of the cold, there being no fire in the house to warm them, and no fuel to build one. The wife remonstrated with her husband at his conduct and told him impudently of his family's wants. He became angry and attacked her first by slapping her face. She attempted to defend herself by several means, but her husband being much more powerful, easily silenced her into submission. When she could stand the mistreatment no longer she screamed loudly. The woman's cries were heard by a man who lived near, and he immediately ran to the house. Taking in the situation quickly he pounced upon the wife-beater. The rescuer, however, was no match for the husband and received many bad blows from the now thoroughly infuriated man.

As soon as the husband ceased beating his wife in order to attend to the other man she ran from the house and to town as fast as possible. She found the City Marshal Joyce and told him in few words the trouble. He could easily imagine the necessity of his services by the woman's condition and he lost no time in reaching the house where the disturbance occurred. The marshal found things in a bad state, and he forthwith attempted to arrest the man. But the man resisted the officer very forcibly. There was another struggle, which proved to be quite a bloody affair. The officer was finally taken to a time to place a pair of handcuffs on his man, but could not do so. The fellow would strike the officer again and again.

Although quite an old man Joyce was very active, and would not give up. The fellow seeing he could not beat the officer by striking him, tried to bite him, and succeeded in horribly lacerating the officer's hand. The frenzied man was finally taken prisoner and lodged in jail to await trial, which will be on Wednesday before Judge Brown. The only charge brought thus far against the brutal husband is assault, and his wife is the complaining witness.

FUGITIVE TOM SAWYER TURNS UP IN IDAHO.

One of the Three Ruffians Who Murdered Old Man Tullis—The Other Two Hanged.

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 10.—Sheriff Frank T. Johnson is in receipt of a telegram to the effect that Tom Lawton, one of the gang that murdered old man Tullis in 1878, has been seen in Idaho, and can be arrested as soon as requisition papers are received.

Lawton is the third of the gang of Tullis murderers, of which Troy Dye, the public administrator, and Edward Anderson, both of whom were hanged for the crime, were the other two. In their confession Dye and Anderson implicated Lawton, but Lawton skipped, and the officers were never able to locate him.

It is believed that there will be greater difficulty in convicting Lawton, even if he is found, as the crime was committed nearly twenty years ago, and the evidence which could be marshaled against him at this time is very meager.

SOLDIERS OF THE ARMY OF FRANCE

Court-Martial Trial of Major Count Esterhazy.

It Is Evident That the Retired Officer Will Be Whitewashed.

Blame for the Celebrated Boredereau Fastened on Colonel Picquart.

MUCH TESTIMONY TAKEN.

But It Is Already Indicated That Imprisoned Captain Dreyfus Will Not Be Aided.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

PARIS, Jan. 10.—The trial by court martial of Major Count Ferdinand Walter Esterhazy, the retired officer of the French army who came into prominence in the latter part of November through the publication by Figaro of a number of letters which the Count is alleged to have written reflecting in strong language on France and the French army, was opened this morning under the presidency of General De Laxer.

Among those who filled the hall were Major Dreyfus, wife of Albert Dreyfus, the former Captain of the French artillery now undergoing imprisonment for life for having been convicted of selling important French military plans to agents of a foreign power, with which affair Esterhazy is said to have been connected, also the brother of Mme. Dreyfus, Senator Traux, the former Minister of Justice and Deputies.

Count Esterhazy appeared in uniform and was escorted by Republican guards. The clerk of the court said the court martial was held in order to end the contradictory rumors which had been spread by the excited public. Thereupon Maitre la Borie, counsel for Mme. Dreyfus, asked permission to take part in the argument. The counsel for Captain Dreyfus also asked to appear during the proceedings. The court rejected both applications, and the taking of testimony commenced.

Counsel for the Government said that a public trial might be inimical to the interests of the national defense and demanded a secret hearing.

The court having thus yielded to public opinion, the report of the investigating officer, Major Ravary, was read. It completely whitewashed Count Esterhazy and was generally regarded as a masterpiece of an indictment of Colonel Picquart, whose arrest when this trial is finished is anticipated.

Colonel Picquart, according to the Intelligencer, was in the latter part of November sentenced to thirty days' detention in a fortress. He was an officer summoned from the United States to Paris in connection with the Dreyfus affair, and his statements were reported to be the basis of the accusation brought against Esterhazy.

The report of Major Ravary does not adduce much evidence except the declaration of the experts that the famous boredereau (note) was not written by Count Esterhazy. It contains the initials of Esterhazy, but the calumnious imputations made by Colonel Picquart, who, it appears, without authority, caused him to be shadowed.

Colonel Esterhazy, observes the report, is the soul of the present agitation, and declares the necessity of serious shortcomings and indiscretions.

Upon one occasion, it is pointed out, when his superiors urged him not to persist, he exclaimed: "Oh, they won't do anything against me, but I will come down on them."

The report continues with the statement that Colonel Picquart, in 1896, was surprised while examining secret documents belonging to the general staff and cordoned off.

Every step taken in this sad affair, which caused so much anguish to all really French hearts, is intended to obtain a reversal of a judgment legally and justly pronounced. No tangible benefit is to be expected from the calumnious imputations made by Colonel Picquart to support the charge of high treason.

SNOWFALLS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Novel and Beautiful Sight in Many Places.

San Diego Recalls but One Similar Visitation.

Orange Groves for a While Are Clad in Fleecy Mantles.

RAIN IN OTHER SECTIONS.

No Injury Will Result to Deciduous Fruits and Other Crops Will Be Benefited.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 10.—The storm that has prevailed in this county for the past three days reached its height to-day, when copious showers fell in city and country. Snow covered the mountains around about, making the beautiful and novel sight. The temperature is normal, in spite of the predictions of a dangerous frost to-night. Lyons Peak, the bold headland that stands out from the smaller mountains east of the city, is covered with snow. This is the second time that snow has fallen there in the memory of the oldest inhabitant, Indian or white. The peak is high, but only twenty miles from the coast, and within ten miles of it are thousands of acres of land that have never felt the touch of frost. Lemons and oranges are flourishing and ripening there, with the snow's cold breath menacing them, but unless the weather turns completely upside down there is no danger. In the highest mountains, within view of the city, ranging from a few miles from the coast, the snow fall has been quite large, reaching a foot at Cuyamaca, in the Laguna mountains.

Even at Morena Dam, 3100 feet above sea level, eight inches of snow fell to-day. The rainfall previous to the snowfall was over two inches, insuring an immense catchment in the new reservoir, Cuyamaca Lake, the feeder of the city, contained only a few hundred thousand gallons before this storm, but it is now rising and the danger of a water famine is believed to be past.

Four-fifths of the barley and wheat of this section is in the ground and was starving for rain before this storm. The rainfall means prosperity instead of hard times. The deficiency of precipitation in this city is still two inches below normal, but the experience of former years indicates that it will be made up, and even surpassed during January and February. The present downpour is worth hundreds of thousands of dollars, but it will not be enough to place crops beyond the need of more moisture in due time.

The view from the city of San Diego was marked by strangers as being the most superb they had ever seen. Palms, lemon groves, and all kinds of green growth, roses and violets blooming everywhere, covered the lowlands far as the eye could see, while the white mountains, brought much nearer, apparently, by the snow, stood in the midst of summer. The novel sight was witnessed by thousands of people who had never before believed the paradisiacal view of old California's wonderful climate.

RIVERSIDE, Jan. 10.—There was a big surprise in store for Riversiders this morning when they peered out of doors. Lawns and roof tops were everywhere covered with snow, and orange trees had added to their burden of golden fruit a considerable weight. The hills and mountains, of which glimpses could be obtained when the clouds lifted, had their rugged outlines softened by a coat of snow several inches deep. The snow fell between midnight and morning. A heavy rain followed and melted the snow in town by 10 a. m., but the adjacent mountains were still covered. The snow did no damage to either fruit or trees in this valley. Reports from Moreno, Alessandro, Perris and San Jacinto are to the effect that over two inches of snow fell at these places last night. It disappeared by daylight, but the sun did no damage.

SAN BERNARDINO, Jan. 10.—The orange crop which is now being harvested throughout the county is in prime condition and the large trees produced. Deciduous fruit trees are in a dormant state and will bear heavily next year, unless the warm weather starts the buds too early in the spring. About an average acreage of grain has been sown and the larger part is up. The recent rain will place the entire acreage in first class condition. Two inches of snow fell this morning, but it soon disappeared from the effect of the warm rain.

Tremendous Exodus to the Klondike. Despite the warnings of those who have been on the spot, and predict suffering in the Klondike region, thousands of adventurous Americans are venturing their way thitherward. All of them should be provided with that medicinal safeguard, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which warms and rouses the kidney, and prevents malaria, rheumatism, kidney trouble, besides remedying liver complaint, dyspepsia and constipation.

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HERZ SEEKS INDEMNITY

His Claim Argued Before the State Department at Washington.

Efforts to Cause the United States to Compel the Payment.

But the Whole Question Hinges Upon the American Citizenship of Dr. Herz.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—The Herald's Washington correspondent sends the following: Another chapter in the great Panama canal scandal was inaugurated to-day by efforts set on foot to have the United States compel France to indemnify Dr. Cornelius Herz to the extent of \$5,000,000.

Solicitor of the State Department Penfield heard arguments submitted in behalf of the claimant by his attorneys, Edward Lauterbach, A. J. Dittenhofer and Herbert R. Limburger of New York. The department declined some months ago to press the claim of Dr. Herz on the ground that he was not an American citizen, but the arguments made by his attorneys to-day seem to show he is a citizen, and if his citizenship is proved the probabilities are that the matter will be laid before the French Government.

Dr. Herz's claim for indemnity was based upon the arbitrary arrest he suffered as a result of the action of the French republic, his detention, prolonged prosecution, and alleged extortion, blackmail and confiscation of property.

In support of Dr. Herz's claim of the protection of the United States, his counsel said he was brought to this country by his parents when 4 years old, was educated here, and the French Government recognized him as an American citizen. Dr. Herz was in England in 1892, when the Panama canal scandal first began to attract the public attention of France. He was urged to appeal to the United States, and the French Government recognized him as an American citizen. Dr. Herz was in England in 1892, when the Panama canal scandal first began to attract the public attention of France. He was urged to appeal to the United States, and the French Government recognized him as an American citizen. Dr. Herz was in England in 1892, when the Panama canal scandal first began to attract the public attention of France. He was urged to appeal to the United States, and the French Government recognized him as an American citizen.

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