

# ZELTNER BROTHERS SURRENDER TO THE BLOOMDALE RIFLES

## Militia Captures the Ohio Murderers at Their Barricaded Home.

TOLEDO, Ohio, March 26.—The Zeltner brothers, the murderers of E. H. Westenhaver, are in jail at Bowling Green. Peaceable methods finally prevailed, although it is doubtful if the capture would have been effected except for the fact that the Zeltners were heavily out of ammunition, and they knew surrender was the only way of saving themselves from an inflated mob.

The militia had planned to make a stand about daylight, and strict picket duty was maintained by the Bloomdale Rifles all night, the men being stationed around the house to prevent the Zeltner picking the men off. There were several narrow escapes from bullets during the night, for the Zeltners, being German sharpshooters, were picking out and shooting at every one venturing within 500 yards. Ex-Sheriff Riggs of Bowling Green went to Hoytsville during the night to see Attorney Hood, whom the Zeltners wished to consult. Hood promised to go to the house at daylight, but when the time came he refused to go, evidently fearing the Zeltners would shoot any one approaching the place.

At 5:30 o'clock this morning ex-Sheriff Riggs, accompanied by a neighbor named Brown, started toward the house. The Zeltners offered no resistance to their approach and they were admitted to the house. Mr. Riggs told them the militia were ready to make an attack on the house and they would be compelled to surrender peacefully. The Zeltners seemed not to be at first to give up and said they feared the mob, some of which remained without the militia lines. They tried to induce the militia to accompany them through the timber, but he refused and they were told they would not be molested if they gave up their arms and accompanied him to jail. After a few minutes' talk the Zeltners agreed to surrender and a special train was ordered to Custer to convey the men to jail.

The Zeltners gave up their arms. Each was provided with a repeating rifle and a revolver. There were seven to five rounds of rifle ammunition and ten boxes of revolver cartridges left in the house. The Zeltners were very reticent and did not care to talk of the matter, only saying that they regretted the death of Clarence Westenhaver, who was killed during the attack on the house.

Mrs. John Zeltner, who was in the house with her three children during the trouble, was not molested.

### FIRED UPON NEIGHBORS. Throughout the Night the Zeltners Kept Up a Fusillade.

BOWLING GREEN, O., March 26.—Developments since the capture to-day of John H. and Paul Zeltner in Wood County indicate that they not only deliberated over the bloody defiance of a large stock of ammunition in their residence, twenty-seven miles from Hoyts Corner, E. H. Westenhaver, ex-Solicitor of North Baltimore, had been their attorney in numerous cases and sued them for a fee. The jury and witnesses had been sworn yesterday before Justice E. Burgoon in the town-

ship house at Hoyts Corners in Westenhaver's suit to recover fees, when Zeltner donned his cap and coat and Westenhaver attempted to take them from his pocket. John Zeltner then joined in demanding the papers, and immediately fired the fatal shot that killed Westenhaver.

As the Zeltners had their horses ready for mounting and escape, it is thought that they had arranged to get Westenhaver into a fight for the purpose of "doing" him, although they did not give the victim time to make any demonstrations toward them. The Zeltners kept up their firing till they mounted their horses and rode off. Hundreds of citizens pursued them for two miles to their residence. After they reached their house they kept up constant firing the rest of the day and during the night. They not only went to the trial fully armed, but they had ammunition at home for continued fusillades and still left a large stock on hand.

While the feeling is intense around North Baltimore on account of the murder of Westenhaver, it is equally intense around Hoyts Corners on account of the killing of Clarence Westenhaver, who was with the Sheriff's posse last night. When Westenhaver fell volley after volley was poured into the crowd from the upper part of the Zeltner house and the Zeltners knew that they were firing on their neighbors as well as on the Sheriff and his deputies. Before the arrival of troops during the night the Zeltners used fire and a quantity of nitro-glycerine had been secured, so that there would have been trouble after sunrise if the Zeltner brothers and their families were not doubt saved by the prompt arrival of troops under the orders of Governor Bushnell. The troops advanced between the Zeltner house and the enraged crowds, and not only captured the desperadoes, but also protected them from violence all the way from the south boundary of this county to the jail here, a distance of over twenty miles, with excitement at the highest pitch all along the route.

In connection with the participation of the two women and four children in the Zeltner barricaded house, it is stated as further proof of deliberation that the Zeltners transferred their farms and other property to Friday to Mrs. John Zeltner.

Ex-Sheriff Briggs told the following interesting story:

"I will acknowledge," he said, "that I had some misgivings when I heard the men unbolt the door, and as I stepped into the house both men had their rifles in their hands and the door was banged behind me and I saw a flash. Empty shells and a smell of sulphur prevailed. John's wife was weeping, and the two little children were huddled about her knees. I said, 'Now, boys, if you have it in for me, just give me a chance. It is all I ask; I finally persuaded them to lay aside their guns. They both appeared to be badly scared, but did not seem to realize the seriousness of their situation.'

Late to-night the elder brother, Paul, said: 'I am glad I killed him' (meaning Westenhaver).

"I will all acknowledge," John refused to say anything.

The town is quiet to-night, and while there has been some talk on the street nothing has been or will be done. The whole afternoon and early part of the evening the jail was crowded by visitors, who were permitted to see the prisoners.

# DENMARK WILL SEND A WARSHIP TO LOOK AFTER PROJECTS IN CHINA.

LONDON, March 27.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The Danish Government will ask Parliament to vote a credit to send the cruiser Fyon to China in connection with Denmark's projects there. Prince Waldemar will command the expedition, and Princess Waldemar will follow in one of the steamers of the East Asian Company. It is probable, however, that the negotiations for commercial advantages in China will be conducted at St. Petersburg through Russia."

# AN EXPEDITION PLANNED TO SEIZE LIQUOR IN HIS CARE

SEATTLE, March 26.—The steamer Humboldt, arriving late to-night from Skaguay, brings important advices. A United States inspector conveying a lot of packages of liquor was stopped at the White Pass summit on March 20 by the Canadian police. The liquor was confiscated.

The seizure has aroused intense feeling at Skaguay. This action is a repetition of that perpetrated on February 2 by Canadian officials at the summit, when they arbitrarily refused to allow American liquor to pass. The American deputy collector submitted the matter to the authorities at Washington.

Information is also brought that the steamer Tees is ashore on Thorbourne Island, on the Alaska coast. Her bow lies on the rocks of the beach, while her stern rests in the deep water, with a hole in her hull about the forward part. Her position is dangerous. No lives were lost.

# CHINA WILL RESIST ARMED INVASION

LONDON, March 27.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The Dowager Empress has ordered the Government to resist forcibly any landing of armed foreigners.

According to a dispatch from Shanghai to the Daily Mail it is reported that there is a Mohammedan rebellion has broken out in the province of Kan-Su, the most northwestern province of China, between the provinces of Shensi and the desert of Gobi on the other.

# CHILEAN PRESS BITTER DENOUNCES AWARD OF MINISTER BUCHANAN AS UNJUST.

SANTIAGO, Chile, March 25.—The opposition press bitterly criticizes Minister Buchanan's award and blames the Government for it, but the great part of public opinion accepts it as just and inevitable.

There is a feeling in Santiago against the Chilean Commissioners and a hostile demonstration is now preparing to greet them when they come back from Buenos Ayres.

# OUR LADY MURPHY PLANNED THE ANGELS STAGE HOLD-UP

ANGELS CAMP, March 26.—As the attempted hold-up of the Angels-Valley Springs stage on Friday night is talked of, many actions of Robert Murphy during his residence here are recalled and show his naturally vicious character. Living in a cabin in a secluded spot with a partner who was completely under his influence, he concocted many schemes by which he gave play to his criminal instincts. Peddlers making periodical trips were accustomed to stop over night at the Selkirk place, near which Murphy's cabin stood, leaving their wagons laden with merchandise unguarded. On numerous occasions these wagons were pilfered. On searching the cabin after the desperado's latest escape a quantity of stolen articles was recovered and identified by the rightful owners. The carcass of a goat was found prepared for use as food. Fred Antolia identifies the hide of the animal, which was in the cabin, as that of a goat which disappeared from his place a few days ago.

Both Murphy and Westfall were seen in town but a few hours previous to the attack on the stage, and the former's nervous appearance was noted by several persons. He purchased a bottle of wine and they returned to the cabin, where Murphy evidently plied his



weak-minded and apparently unwilling partner with the liquor until Westfall was in a condition to be easily persuaded. Then they went to the scene of the attempted robbery, which Westfall says they had previously selected.

Westfall made a statement last night in which he said Murphy wanted him to join in a hold-up of the Milton stage about two weeks ago, but he refused. Since then Murphy has been continually at him to commit the crime which ended so disastrously to them. Westfall was in trouble over the stealing of a case of whisky while teaming for a gross year. Murphy will probably die in Murphy's hands, and is undoubtedly feeble-minded. He grins in an idiotic manner when addressed.

Both youths are held under \$5000 bonds. Murphy will probably die as two ribs were practically shot out and he is internally injured. He was removed to the County Hospital to-day.

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The Ingalls did not land, saying that he preferred to remain on board the transport. He expects to stay here two days at least and he may go to Pinar del Rio. The transport will be made overland, the transport going around the west end of the island, so as to be able to take the Secretary from Cienfuegos to Santiago.

General Alger says his trip is partly for report and partly for purposes of inspection. He desires to get information at first hand with regard to Cuban affairs and administration.

# GEORGE BIDWELL FOUND DEAD IN A BUTTE HOTEL

## Bank of England Forger Survives His Brother but a Few Days.

BUTTE, Mont., March 26.—George Bidwell and Austin Bidwell of Bank of England forgery fame, came here about a month ago. On March 7 Austin Bidwell, the younger of the two brothers, died of grip in his room in the Mantle block. The body has been in charge of an undertaker ever since, awaiting advices from relatives. A few days ago George Bidwell took to his bed with a severe cold which developed rapidly into pneumonia. Some time during last night he died in his room in the Butte Hotel. No one was with him at the time, as he had told his attendant he needed nobody. He was found dead when his room was opened this morning.

The famous Bank of England forgeries were committed in 1873. The Bidwells, by means of forged securities, got \$5,000,000 from the Bank of England. Previously they had victimized other European concerns by means of forged letters of credit. It was their intention to obtain \$50,000,000 by fraud and then compromise with the bank. Austin Bidwell succeeded in disposing of \$50,000 in stolen bonds on a commission in London. Success in this venture emboldened him to attempt a greater crime. The story of the affair is told in Bidwell's reminiscences as follows:

Finding myself in London in 1872 with a very few pounds, I resolved to tackle the Bank of England, believing that the lightning ought to strike where the balances are heavy. We figured the matter out to our satisfaction that the Bank was a fossil institution and specially open to attack if one had that very rare combina-

tion outside of the law of capital, determination and financial knowledge. I determined to go to the front myself. Now I knew the English have an ordinate idea of the ability of their own police, and I never counted on their employing the American Bull after their own had failed. I was mistaken. John Bull had his back up and determined to have me in his clutches, no matter what I did, so escaped. The English police failed to find me the bank employed the Pinkertons, with orders to spare no expense. The Pinkertons put twenty of the best men on the case and soon let daylight into the whole matter.

In the end I was arrested in my own house, I settled down and faced an English jury in the famous old Bailey court. Of course, I was perfectly willing to pay justice her due, and felt that I had no right to protest, if I should receive a sentence of even ten or fifteen years, but when the Judge asked me to plead, I felt that justice was weighing me in her balance with pretty good effect. My English lawyer, who was a first-class lawyer, but I thought that anything would be possible if I only had courage to endure. I resolved I would endure the peltings of the pitiless storm I knew was ahead of me. This I did with more or less fortitude for over twenty years. I never lost my faith here, but my corn and wine in Egypt for me still.

George Bidwell was caught in France and Austin Bidwell in Cuba. They were tried and given life sentences. After two years they were released.

# MR. M'KINLEY SPENDS A RESTFUL SUNDAY

Presidential Party Will Start on the Return to Washington This Afternoon.

THOMASVILLE, Ga., March 26.—President McKinley spent a restful Sunday, attending to no business save a few arrangements for the return trip to Washington to-morrow afternoon and listening to what Postmaster General Smith had to say of his observation of conditions in Cuba. The weather was very warm, but thermometer registering 85 degrees, but a breeze was blowing.

The President and Miss Hanna were driven to the Methodist church, where a special car from the station had been sent, and the President, on coming out, smilingly returned the salutation of many of his congregation. In the afternoon he, with other members of the household, went driving and later received Postmaster General Smith, who had been sent to the special car from Tampa and will journey north with the President to-morrow. He was driven first to the station and then to his home, stopping long enough to say to an Associated Press reporter that his views on Cuban affairs had been fully stated in an interview sent by the Associated Press just before he left Havana. The Presidential party will leave here late to-morrow afternoon and reach Washington after the close of office hours Tuesday.

President Hobart has decided to go north with the President. He has not been feeling as well the last three or four days as during the early part of his trip. He believes a cooler and more bracing climate will prove beneficial. His attack of grip took time and the best of care to rid his system of its effects. He caught a fresh cold Wednesday night and this, with the cold he had contracted in Cuba, was necessary for him to keep quiet and observe his doctor's directions. He has been able to move about his house, however, and this afternoon was feeling slightly better.

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