# RELATES STORY OF THE ESCAPE

## Woman Who Aided the Biddles Makes a Statement.

### Says One of the Pursuers Prevented a Detective From Killing Her.

PITTSBURG, Feb. 3.—The remains of Edward and John Biddle, the dead bandits, arrived at the Pittsburg railroad station at 11 o'clock this morning. A thousand or more people had gathered at the station. When the train drew in there was a rough scramble to get to the platform of the depot, during which several were bruised by being crushed against the stairway. The morgue wagon was waiting and the bodies were quickly driven to the morgue for identification. An immense crowd soon gathered, but a large detail of police prevented them from entering the building. The remains of the murderers were turned over to their brother, Harry Biddle, who will give them proper interment in the Southside Cemetery.

The only matter now of anything like absorbing interest in connection with the Biddles is the fate of Mrs. Soffel and anything she may say concerning the escape and subsequent capture of the trio. Mrs. Soffel is lying in the Butler Hospital and will recover. She made a statement to-night to some newspaper men in the presence of Dr. Bricker, in which she said:

**Won by Ed's Entreaties.**

"I had not intended going with the Biddle boys on the night of their escape, but Ed's entreaties won me over." She told of how she remained in the library on Thursday awaiting the signal for the outbreak. It was her intention to let the boys go and she would meet them later. While sitting in the library, she said, she was almost paralyzed when the two brothers came crashing through the door. In their excitement they had lost the key to this door and had to break it down. Continuing her story, she said:

Ed asked me to come with them. "Come with us," he said to me. I resisted and told them to go. They told me they had not an instant to lose and if the officers got away I would be discovered. I tried to persuade them to go. Then I felt myself giving way to Ed's persuasions and yielded. We all dashed out on Ross street. We then passed along the court alley. Ed and Jack went along Grant street and crossing the river we met in Allegheny at their friend's house. Well, we could not remain there and we were soon out on the road again. We secured a sleigh and drove through the country all night. The night was bitter cold. There was no robe in the sleigh and I suffered terribly. When daylight came I was nearly perished by the cold. The next day brought us to the terrible scene. We drove through Butler and knew that we had been suspected.

Then we soon reached Mount Chestnut, and getting something to eat, started out again. I was feeling ill and was frightened. The boys learned that the detectives were after us and they consulted about defending themselves. Ed said to Jack, "It is a life for a life; let's shoot them down." The boys drove on. They were bewildered about the whereabouts of the detectives. They thought the Pittsburg detectives were behind them. When they saw them appear Ed told Jack to get ready. He recognized Detective Roach. Detective McGovern got out of the sleigh and was followed by the other two. I saw McGovern fire. The shots were returned by Ed and Jack. Then there was a fusillade of bullets. I saw Ed and Jack fall out of the sleigh. I was shot. The horse took fright and ran away.

**Detective Saves Her Life.**

Detective McGovern said, "Kill all the —— rascals" and pointed his gun at me. Detective Swinehart called to him to have mercy on me; that I was only a woman and not to shoot me. The horse turned into the field and made a circle into the road again. That was all I remember. Detective Swinehart ran to me and, calling to me, he asked if I was hurt and I said I was shot. He raised me up and held my head on his knees. Then I felt myself fainting and the next thing I knew I was in the sleigh.

We were forced to leave the jail before our arrangements were complete. I learned on Wednesday that the bars on the doors on the cells on that range were to be inspected on Thursday. I knew the sawed bars on Ed and Jack's cell would be found. I gained admittance to the jail and conveyed this information to the boys. We then agreed to go that night. I did not intend to go with them. They were to make their flight alone. I intended to go to the country for a few days and then meet them.

To prevent the demolition of the coffins and the mutilation of the bodies of Edward and John Biddle, which in all probability would follow their burial if the spot were generally known, Harry Biddle has arranged a secret plan to dispose of his brothers' remains without letting the public know when or where the interment will take place.

LAS VEGAS, N. Mex., Feb. 3.—News has been received here that seven bandits entered the Pecos Mercantile Company's store at Fort Sumner, N. Mex., and shot Felipe Beaubien dead, beat Francisco Zamora senseless, stole $800 worth of goods, robbed the postoffice and escaped.

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# TOPPLING WALLS THREATEN LIVES

## Police and Militia Hold Throngs in Check at Waterbury.

### Sufferers by Big Fire Try to Force Their Way Into the Ruins.

WATERBURY, Conn., Feb. 3.—The sun rose this morning on a blackened and smoldering mass of ruins that marked the main business section of the city. The scene about the city to-day was only a little less remarkable than that of the previous evening. Thousands of people stumbled around the icy streets, and with the greatest difficulty were restrained by the militia and police from venturing within the danger lines.

There was more or less disorder, but the police have been very active, and the militia has been of great service in handling the crowds. The streets were piled with household goods and strewn with small articles thrown from the windows. Some of this property was confiscated by passers-by, but the amount of thieving was small compared with the opportunities offered by the confusion.

A tangled network of wires on Bank and South Main streets greatly hindered the work of extinguishing the last flames and clearing away the wreckage. However, the streets are rapidly being cleared and the trolley service will soon be resumed.

The city's telephonic communication, lighting facilities and electric powers were restored before nightfall.

A revised list of losses and insurance is very difficult to obtain at this time. It is believed that when the truth is known the loss will amount to more than $2,000,000. There was no loss of life.

There is strong suspicion that the fire which destroyed the Scovil House was the work of an incendiary. The fire originated in the pool and billiard room in the basement of the house on the further side from the burning district. The room was locked and no one was supposed to be there, nor was any fire kept in the room. The fire came so close on the heels of the big conflagration that the thousands of spectators who witnessed it were thrown into a more complete panic than the original fire caused. The flames had only begun to die out along Grand, Bank and South Main streets at 4 o'clock when flames leaped upward as if by magic and people feared the city was doomed after all. The engines that hurried to the scene turned their attention mainly to preventing the spread of the flames. It was evident that the hotel was doomed, and if the fire had reached the adjoining buildings there would have been very little hope of saving the center of the city. The fire burned far into the day and was not extinguished entirely until evening.

### STOCKTON THUGS LURE VICTIM BY TELEPHONE

**George Maracci, Assaulted for the Second Time, May Succumb to Injuries.**

STOCKTON, Feb. 3.—George Maracci, who was robbed within a block of the police station several nights ago, was assaulted again to-night and his skull fractured. Maracci received a telephone message asking him if he could describe the man who first robbed him. He gave a fair description of the thief and was told by the man at the other end of the line to meet him on American street and he could further enlighten him. Maracci did so and two men jumped out of an alley and struck him down with a club. He is in a precarious condition in St. Joseph's Home, but the physicians hope to save his life. The police have no clew to the thugs.

### TO ASSUME THE MANTLE OF COLONEL INGERSOLL

**Trustees of the Agnostic Church Select Rev. J. E. Roberts to Head the Organization.**

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 3.—The Rev. J. E Roberts, pastor of the Church of this World of this city, it is said, is to be the head of the Agnostic church and assume the mantle of Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll, if the plans of the trustees of the organization here are successful. They have decided to expand the local church so that agnostics all over the world will be included in its membership and Dr. Roberts is to be sent to every part of the United States to organize churches. Dr. Roberts was a close personal friend of Colonel Ingersoll.

### REMOVING THE DEAD FROM THE HONDO MINES

**So Far the Bodies of One Hundred and Nine Victims Are Removed.**

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 3.—A dispatch from Sabinas, Mexico, says the work of removing the dead from the Hondo coal mines has been progressing all day. Some of the chambers have not yet been entered owing to the fact that they are blocked and filled with debris. The total number of dead bodies so far removed reaches 109. It is thought there are but few more dead in the mines. The state and federal authorities have ordered an investigation as to the cause of the disaster.

### GASOLINE EXPLOSION CAUSES FOUR DEATHS

**Bakery at Boyerton, Pennsylvania, Is the Scene of a Disaster.**

BOYERTON, Pa., Feb. 3.—Four persons were killed and one fatally injured by an explosion of gasoline to-night in the bakery of George Carver. The dead:

HENRY SHANER, 38 years old.
FRANK SHANER, his son, aged 13 years.
GEORGE GORMIN, aged 35 years.
CHARLES HOUGH, aged 13 years.

The injured: George Fry, injured internally.

**Chess Masters' Tournament.**

MONTE CARLO, Feb. 3.—Round 16 of the Berger tables served for the pairing of the first round of the International Chess Masters' tournament, which was begun here to-day.

At the first adjournment, at 1 o'clock this afternoon, the following results had been recorded:

Marozcy had beaten Pillsbury (Petroffs defense, 33 moves); Janowski had disposed of Gunsberg; Napier had the better game against Eisenberg; and Wolf had a superior position in his game with Reggio.

In the afternoon and evening sessions these results were scored:

Tschigorin defeated Tarrasch; Marshall and Albin drew; Wolf disposed of Reggio; Meises beat Mortimer; Schlechter and Teichmann drew; Popielde defeated Marco; and Napier won from Eisenberg.

It was announced that both Blackburn and Taubenhaus had withdrawn from the tournament.

GRATZ, Austria, Feb. 3.—An avalanche from Mount Hohtrich has partially overwhelmed the village of Bielberg, near the town of Villach. A number of persons have been killed.

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# GREAT BRITAIN'S REPRESENTATIVE CONFERS WITH THE DUTCH OFFICIALS

## Sir Henry Howard Meets Minister of Foreign Affairs Van Linden and Premier Kuyper to Consider the Notes Exchanged Concerning the Overtures of Holland to Bring About Peace in South Africa

BRITISH MINISTER WHO IS ACTIVE AT THE NETHERLANDS CAPITAL.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 3.—The British Minister to The Netherlands, Sir Henry Howard, had a long conference to-day with the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Baron von Linden, and the Premier, Dr. Kuyper, at the latter's residence, on the subject of the notes exchanged between the Dutch and British Governments.

In the First Chamber to-day Baron von Linden, replying to a question, said nothing could yet be divulged regarding the contents of the Dutch and British communications on the subject of peace in South Africa, the British Government having expressed a desire for a simultaneous publication in London and The Hague. The governments were then discussing the time of their publication.

LONDON, Feb. 3.—In the House of Commons to-day A. J. Balfour, the Government leader, announced that he hoped the Dutch communication regarding South Africa and the British reply would be laid on the table Tuesday.

A South African casualty list published this evening includes the name of the Earl of Munster (Geoffrey George Gordan Fitz-Clarence), who was accidentally killed at the Lapo mines February 2. The Earl was a major of the Third Battalion of Royal Scots, Lothian Regiment. He was born in 1859.

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Feb. 3.—A thousand Maoris have volunteered to do garrison duty anywhere in the British dominion with the object of relieving a like number of British troops for service in South Africa.

# MOUNTAIN LION PURSUES WOMEN

## Glenn County Ranchers' Wives Have a Race for Life.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

GERMANTOWN, Feb. 3.—Mrs. F. M. Le Forgee and Mrs. A. Houseworth were pursued by a mountain lion as they were returning to their homes in the western part of Glenn County on Friday. They had been to Germantown to do some trading and on their return, just as they entered the low foothills, something frightened their team. Both women turned at the same instant and saw emerging from a gulch not many rods distant a huge California lion. The horses saw the animal at the same time and it was with extreme difficulty that the team, as it dashed away at the top of its speed, could be managed at all or kept in the road, which at that point is very rugged.

It was a good mile and a half to their home and as the women saw the lion start after the buggy they let the horses run. The lion followed until the barking of the house dog frightened it away.

Mrs. Le Forgee had some fresh meat in the buggy which she had purchased in town, and this is probably what caused the beast to become so daring. During the last few days a heavy snowfall on the Coast Range has caused lions and coyotes to quit their mountain fastnesses for the more agreeable temperature on the lower slopes.

### RANCHER CHASED BY LION.

**Mountain View Resident Wins a Thrilling Race.**

SAN JOSE, Feb. 2.—John Morgan, a rancher in the foothills south of Mountain View, was attacked by a large mountain lion last Friday, and the beast pursued him to his cabin, a distance of 100 yards. The rancher was hunting for small game, when he noticed a large lion making its way through some thick brush toward him. Morgan raised his shotgun and fired at the animal. The birdshot struck the lion in the body, but this only made it the more furious. It sprang at Morgan, who dodged and then ran for his cabin. The lion followed him, and when Morgan reached a place of safety the beast was almost upon his heels.

Later in the day Morgan went to Mountain View and with Constable Martin organized a party and started a hunt for the lion. They were unsuccessful.

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# FUNSTON AGAIN OPERATED UPON

## Submits to the Surgeon's Knife at Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 3.—General Frederick Funston to-day was subjected to the surgeon's knife. The operation was performed at Scarrit's Hospital under the direction of Dr. E. F. Robinson of this city, with whom the general has been in correspondence since his landing at San Francisco from Manila a month ago. After General Funston arrived here from the West last week and had sought a consultation with Dr. Robinson, it was stated that another operation would not be necessary. Within a day or so, however, the wound of the original operation for appendicitis had not healed as the physicians believed it should and the second operation was decided upon. Before the operation was performed to-day Dr. Robinson stated that it would prove a minor affair. Later he stated that the general had undergone the ordeal in a satisfactory manner and that he believed the outcome would be what had been desired. It would be necessary, however, for the patient to remain at the hospital for probably two weeks.

"I anticipate no serious complications," said Dr. Robinson, "and believe that General Funston will be fully recovered within two weeks. The operation involved the reopening of the old wound, its free drainage and partially closing it."

The operation was made necessary by the presence of an abscess, the result of the operation for appendicitis performed at Manila, September 25, 1901.

### YOUNG WOMAN STUDENT TAKES HER OWN LIFE

**Shoots Herself Near the Heart After Having Successfully Passed the Examination.**

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Feb. 3.—Miss Agnes Inglis, a sophomore student in the medical department of the University of Michigan, committed suicide here this afternoon. She was a daughter of Dr. David Inglis, a prominent physician of Detroit, and was 25 years of age. The young woman was an unusually bright and promising student, and had already made a name for herself among her professors. She was prominent in athletics, being coach of the freshmen basketball team, and taking great interest in gymnasium work. No motive for the deed has been discovered, but it is known that she was subject at times to great mental depression. At such times she has often threatened to take her life. Worry over examinaton does not seem to be the cause, for she passed with high marks all she had taken up to this time. After examination she went downtown, returned to her room and shot herself, the bullet penetrating near the heart. She then opened her door, walked out into the hall and fell in a swoon. She died half an hour later, without recovering consciousness.

**Accused of Poisoning Her Husband.**

BOZEMAN, Mont., Feb. 3.—The trial of Mrs. Lucy Black, who is charged with poisoning her husband, a wealthy ranchman of the Gallatin Valley, was commenced in the District Court here to-day. Few cases in the criminal history of Montana have furnished more of a sensation than this one. Mrs. Black is charged with having administered poison to her husband October 4, and for each day from then until and including the 10th day of October, 1901. John Black, the man alleged to have been murdered, was one of the best known ranchmen in Central Montana and was reputed to be worth over $100,000.

**Succeeds to Wells' Former Post.**

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 3.—The vacancy in the operating department of the Santa Fe, caused by the promotion of Arthur G. Wells to the position of general manager, has been filled by the appointment of F. J. Shepard as general superintendent of the western end of the Santa Fe system. The appointee is at present confidential clerk to Third Vice President J. W. Kendrick and was formerly private secretary to Mr. Kendrick during the latter's connection with the Northern Pacific. Shepard has left Chicago for this city to assume the duties of his office.

SANTA ANA, Feb. 3.—Andrew Carnegie has offered to donate $15,000 for the erection of a public library here.

# SENATORS TALK OF JUDGE NOYES

## Actions of the Alaskan Official a "Crying Shame."

### Amendment to Increase the Salaries of Congressmen Defeated.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—In the Senate to-day the measure providing for an increase in the salaries of United States Judges was under discussion for an hour. In the course of debate the case of Judge Arthur H. Noyes of the District Court of Alaska was drawn upon to show why some Judges should not be given the increase.

The pending amendment was that offered by Stewart, increasing the salaries of Senators and members of the House of Representatives to $7500 annually, beginning on March 4, 1903. After a brief discussion the amendment was rejected by the following vote:

Ayes—Burton, Clark (Wyoming), Dubois, Gallinger, Gamble, Hansbrough, Hawley, Heitfeld, Kittredge, Quarles, Quay, Stewart, Turner, Warren, Wetmore—15.

Noes—Bacon, Bard, Berry, Blackburn, Burnham, Burrows, Carmack, Clapp, Clay, Culberson, Cullom, Deboe, Dietrich, Dillingham, Dolliver, Fairbanks, Frye, Gibson, Hale, Harris, Hoar, Jones (Arkansas), Keane, Kearns, Lodge, McLaurin (South Carolina), McMillan, Mallory, Martin, Mitchell, Money, Morgan, Nelson, Patterson, Pettus, Platt (New York), Pritchard, Proctor, Simmons, Spooner, Taliaferro, Teller, Tillman, Wellington—44.

Taking advantage of the latitude of debate offered by the Senate rules, Tillman directed attention to an article in the Washington Post, published to-day, relative to the case of Judge Arthur H. Noyes of the District Court of Alaska, who was fined $1000 recently by the Circuit Court at San Francisco, and of associates of Judge Noyes, who were involved with him.

Tillman read the article, which indicated that Judge Noyes and his associates are drawing large salaries from the United States while the case against them is pending in the courts. One of the men, according to the article, who is serving his sentence, continues to draw his salary.

Tillman made running comments upon the statements in the article, directing all his sarcasm, ridicule and invective against Judge Noyes, finally inquiring:

"By the way, whose business is it to remove this man?"

Foraker of Ohio believed it might require impeachment proceedings to remove Judge Noyes, but Teller contended that the President had ample power to remove a territorial Judge. He believed there was no question about it. He declared the actions of Judge Noyes had been a "crying shame," and asserted that "a recital of his outrages would startle the American people."

### OF INTEREST TO PEOPLE OF THE PACIFIC COAST

**Several Changes Made in the Postal Service and New Pensions Are Granted.**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Postoffices established: Washington—Kanaskat, King County, Walter P. Parsons, postmaster. Postmasters commissioned: California—David J. Ritchie, Fields Landing. Washington—Josephine Depuy, Aguarium; William L. Richards, Beech. Postmasters appointed: California—M. A. Stokes, Florence, Los Angeles County, vice J. A. Wright, resigned.

These pensions were issued to-day: California—Original—C. Herrman Rodig, Elcajon, $8. War with Spain—Walter R. Hanna, San Francisco, $8; John P. Dimond, Fresno, $6; John D. Jones, Newhall, $8; Edward England, Los Angeles, $12; James S. Kline, Los Angeles, $15; Charles E. Beach, dead, Dows Prairie, $12.

Washington—Original—William Johnston, Bothell, $6; John H. Atwood, Dayton, $6. Widows—Minors of David M. Simmons, Earl, $16.

Army orders—Captain James C. Bush of the artillery corps is assigned to duty with the recruits from Fort Slocum, N. Y., en route to the Philippines via San Francisco.

### CHICAGO POLICE ARREST A "SILK HAT" BURGLAR

**Averts Suspicion for Long Time by Dressing Stylishly and Traveling in Closed Carriage.**

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—A man giving his name as Edward P. Fake, also known as William Gibson, said to be engaged to marry the daughter of a Cleveland millionaire and whose mother is said to be the owner of property in New York, Chicago and California, is under arrest here, charged with burglary. The police claim to have discovered his identity through a letter dated last October at Los Angeles, Cal., from the young man's mother.

Fake, with eight others, is charged with committing numerous "silk-hat" burglaries. The police say he has admitted some of them. Fake and his comrades, it is said, worked in silk hats and dress suits and traveled in a closed carriage to avert suspicion.

### GENERAL BOOTH OPENS A TEMPERANCE CAMPAIGN

**Relies Upon the Saloon-Keepers of London to Aid Him in His Work.**

LONDON, Feb. 3.—At a mass-meeting held in Exeter Hall to-night General Booth, the leader of the Salvation Army, opened a special temperance campaign as a feature of the work of the army during the present year. General Booth said he relied confidently upon the co-operation of saloon-keepers in this work through their indicating the habitual drunkards, insomuch as the supplying of habitual drunkards with liquor endangered the publicans' license and that he intended to compile a drunkards' directory in each town and follow the habitual drunkards home and reform them there.

**Water Rates Question Comes Up.**

SAN RAFAEL, Feb. 3.—At the City Trustees' meeting to-night the question of reducing water rates brought up a pointed argument between President Foster of the water corporation and W. T. Sale of this city. The company was requested to present within two weeks an itemized account of its expenditures and receipts so that the question of rates could be passed upon.

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# CARMACK'S PLEA FOR FILIPINOS

## He Declares They Are Fighting to Gain Absolute Freedom.

### Says Aguinaldo Was Assured He Could Trust in Our Honor.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Another spirited debate with the Philippine tariff bill as the text was precipitated in the Senate to-day, as the result of some statements made by Carmack (Democrat) of Tennessee in the course of an extended speech on the general Philippine question. It was the Tennessee Senator's first speech in the Senate and he was given notably good attention on both sides of the Senate. Carmack said the bill had been framed by the Philippine commission, a body 10,000 miles away, and not a change in it had been made by Congress.

Referring to the Republican supporters of the present Philippine policy Carmack said:

"You lift your hands in holy horror at the lynching of a colored man in the South and yet you are engaged in lynching 10,000,000 people who recently were your allies and your brothers in arms and who have committed no crime except the crime upon which this Government was founded."

With great earnestness he declared that if the President of the United States had properly characterized Aguinaldo and his associates as bloodthirsty Apaches then Admiral Dewey and those who secured Aguinaldo's help and assistance could not escape the charge of deliberately violating the laws of civilized warfare and he hoped the charge against Admiral Dewey would be investigated.

"From the beginning," said Carmack, "we know that Aguinaldo was fighting not for a change of masters, but for absolute freedom, and General Anderson had assured Aguinaldo that the American people never had established colonies and that he could trust in the honor of the American people. These facts constitute a binding obligation upon us to give them their independence."

He would, he said, haul down the American flag wherever it waved as an emblem of force and despotism. He charged that the United States had been holding a false and delusive hope to the Filipinos and that we were killing those people for the satisfaction of their souls and building up the church of God out of human bones.

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