

PRISONER KILLED BY THE JACKET

Convict Succumbs to Injuries at Folsom.

Authorities Careful to Keep Facts of the Case Quiet.

Benjamin Littleton Does Not Long Survive Terrible Punishment.

Special Dispatch to The Call. SACRAMENTO, Sept. 29.—Benjamin Littleton, a convict at Folsom, died at the prison Monday from the effects of punishment in the straitjacket. The facts in the case have just come to light, although there was no inquest and Littleton, according to the official records, died from "natural causes." Littleton had refused to work and Warden Yell ordered that he be put in the jacket. After he had been laced in the case but a short time the prisoner fainted from the agonizing pain. He was immediately unbound and taken to the prison hospital. After lingering for a few days he died last Monday. He had been internally injured. The attending physicians pronounced uretic poisoning of the kidneys the cause of death.

Two years ago, when a great outcry was made against the use of the straitjacket, an order was issued by the Prison Directors, limiting the time the wardens might keep a prisoner in the case and providing that no convict was to be subjected to it unless the regular prison physician first passed on his physical condition and certified that he was able to stand the ordeal. Warden Yell maintains that he observed these conditions, but the fact remains that some one erred, if such a word may be used. The fact that Littleton fainted shortly after being placed in the jacket, testifies to the fact that he was not physically able to stand the ordeal.

The case has not yet come before the Prison Directors, but it is safe to say that as soon as the facts are known an investigation will be ordered.

Littleton had been sent to Folsom from Los Angeles for a convict. He had been a troublesome convict.

WARDEN YELL'S VERSION. "Littleton was an incorrigible prisoner," said Warden Yell to-day. "I had ordered his punishment in minor ways several times for infractions of the rules, and finally I was obliged to tell him that the next time he was sent to me it would be the straitjacket for him. He was sent to me again for misconduct and I felt obliged to keep my word. So he was ordered confined in the straitjacket. It is the practice in all such cases to examine the culprit carefully as to his physical ability to stand the punishment, and this was done in Littleton's case by Charles F. Gladding, the prison physician. Littleton revealed no weakness, and in the presence of the physician and the turnkey he was accordingly placed in the jacket.

"It is usual to confine an offender two hours in the straitjacket, but Littleton had undergone the punishment twelve or fourteen minutes when he fainted. He was immediately taken out and brought to the prison hospital, where he was treated for several days before his death. On Monday last Dr. Gladding and the assisting physician performed an autopsy, and reported that Littleton had died from uretic poisoning of the kidneys. Littleton was buried on the prison grounds after the manner of other convicts who die there."

NO INQUEST PERFORMED. Warden Yell was asked if the punishment to which Littleton was subjected may not have caused death by compressing the kidneys so they would not perform their functions. "I do not think that possible," said the Warden, "for the inside of the straitjacket is padded at the waist to prevent undue pressure on the part of the body where the kidneys are located."

"Had Littleton had any kidney complaint while a convict, or received treatment for any such disease?" "No, he had not," replied Warden Yell. "Littleton was a very compact, hardy-appearing fellow of probably 30 years of age."

Asked if the County Coroner had been notified so that an inquest might have been held, Warden Yell said this was not done for the reason it was not considered necessary, as the physicians performed an autopsy and had returned a report that death had resulted from natural causes. Warden Yell said Littleton's body bore no signs of injury from the straitjacket punishment.

ROCKEFELLER FINDS FRIEND IN ST. LOUIS

Unitarian Declares Oil Magnate Made Money in Honorable Business Ventures.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 29.—In the Unitarian Congress here N. O. Nelson of St. Louis ridiculed the belittling of John D. Rockefeller, who, he said, "made his money in honest business ventures." The congress went on record concerning divorce by the adoption of a resolution urging upon the ministers and people of the churches the duty of married life.



SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, WHO IN AN INTERVIEW YESTERDAY SCORED THE MARYLAND DEMOCRATS WHO FATHERED PLATFORM DECLARING NEGRO SUFFRAGE THE SOLE ISSUE OF COMING STATE CAMPAIGN.

WOMAN BURNED IN ORDER TO HIDE MURDER

Body Found in Ruins of Her Home Near Redding.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

REDDING, Sept. 29.—The home of Mrs. Ida Bowen, in Scotts Valley, in Siskiyou County, was burned to the ground this morning, and in the ruins was found the body of Mrs. Bowen, with marks upon it which indicate that she was murdered. The belief is the house was burned in an effort to hide the crime. The authorities are making every effort to locate A. O. Bowen, the divorced husband of the woman, who recently came here from his home in Medford, Or., in an effort to effect a reconciliation, and has since disappeared. An examination of the premises showed marks of a violent struggle, and several pools of partially dried blood were on the ground near the back of the burned house. A heavy oak stick lying in the bushes, covered with blood and with several long hairs clinging to it, told how the deed had been done. Marks showing that a heavy body had been dragged across the yard to the house were plainly evident. Even the tracks of the murderer could be traced, showing that he had walked entirely around the house, probably awaiting a good opportunity for the execution of his purpose.

According to the evidence found upon the scene Mrs. Bowen was attacked about ten yards from her house, and after being beaten to death or into insensibility was dragged into the house and a match applied to the building. It is believed that the killing occurred on Thursday evening while the woman, who lived entirely alone, was attending to her duties about the place.

Suspicion was at first attached to her son, George Bowen, who lives about two miles away and who was known to have visited her Thursday afternoon, but the young man is able to prove his entire innocence.

The officers are now seeking A. O. Bowen, former husband of the victim, from whom the unfortunate woman had been divorced. Bowen, who resides at Medford, Or., came to Scotts Valley about two weeks ago and attempted to effect a reconciliation with his divorced wife, but she refused to have anything to do with him. Enraged at this, he is said to have threatened her life. He remained about the place for several days, after which he suddenly disappeared and was not seen again until Wednesday, when he appeared again at Etna, in Scotts Valley.

George Bowen, his son, saw him on Thursday walking along toward his mother's home. The elder Bowen, however, avoided a meeting by turning aside into the woods and was seen no more by his son, who was at that time puzzled at his actions. Every officer in Siskiyou County is on the alert and several posses are scouring the country with the hope of effecting Bowen's capture. Mrs. Bowen was well known and highly respected, and the people of Scotts Valley and Etna Mills are very much aroused over the tragedy. Talk of a lynching party is general.

YOUTH GROWS TOO FAST AND DIES AT 14

Unable to Assimilate Food Enough to Nourish Body.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

DENVER, Sept. 29.—Because of too rapid growth, Berthold Weinhagen Jr. of Milwaukee died Wednesday at the Metropolitan Hotel. The boy was but 14 years old and was six feet one inch in height. So rapidly did he grow that his stomach was not able to assimilate enough food to nourish the body.

The young man was the son of Berthold Weinhagen, a wealthy resident of Milwaukee, and the boy, with his father, mother and sisters, were on their way to New Zealand for the benefit of his health. Funeral services were held last evening and the body was taken East.

Eminent specialists in all parts of the country sought to help him without success and they all were puzzled by his rapid growth. In the last year he had grown two feet one inch and his stomach, it seemed, could not do the work it was called upon to perform. He was very thin and probably was the tallest boy of his age in the country.

ROCKS ALMOST OF SOLID GOLD

Mine of Fabulous Richness Said to Have Been Opened Up in State of Nevada

Special Dispatch to The Call.

TONOPAH, Nev., Sept. 29.—Gold ore running \$150,000 to the ton has been found at Manhattan, fifty miles north of here, on the Humphrey claim. Samples of the rich ore were brought into Tonopah today by J. C. Humphrey and Tony Stanton. The ore fairly drips with flakes of pure gold, and one specimen, no larger than a fist, contained between \$40 and \$50 worth of free gold.

On the property are twenty-four leases, employing about seventy-five men. On Stanton's lease, No. 11, the richest ore has been struck, and though the men have gone down but a few feet and have not yet encountered the main ledge they have taken out forty-two sacks of ore running \$150,000 to the ton. In lease No. 12 the miners claim to have a \$40,000 body of ore in sight. Stamp mills will be built at Manhattan to handle the output of the claim.

Falls to Remove All of Wreck. PORT SAID, Egypt, Sept. 29.—The fore part of the wreck of the British steamer Chatham, which was blown up yesterday, has disappeared, but the stern must be further demolished by dynamite. There is a hole 110 feet deep at the spot where the wreck rested.

MARYLAND DEMOCRATS ARE SCORED

Negro Vote Discussed by Secretary Bonaparte.

Disfranchising Baltimore Platform Is Not Worthy.

Asserts Backers Are Men Who Would Use It to Further Own Ends.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

BALTIMORE, Sept. 29.—Secretary of the Navy Charles J. Bonaparte gave an interview to-day criticizing Senator Gorman's statement in the Democratic Convention that negro disfranchisement is the only issue of the State campaign, and that the Senator will retire if the Democrats win. When asked what he thought of Gorman's promise that if the Poe disfranchising amendment should be passed he would again be a candidate for public office, Bonaparte laughed and said:

"To my mind that leaves the situation just where it stood before the statement was made. Now it is simply trifling with a serious subject to pretend that the source of this platform commands confidence. It comes from the very men who in 1876 and repeatedly during the years which followed failed or attempted to falsify the people's will at the polls. From men who are universally believed to have profited by gross frauds at the polls and shameful perjury by election officers."

"When they deny that they wish or propose to disfranchise white men they are contradicted by what they have done since they began to tamper with the honest election law of 1836. Thousands of white men are disfranchised by the law of special session on the trick ballots of 1901, as the Wilson bill applied to counties where not one voter in a hundred is a negro."

"Their record shows that they wish and mean to disfranchise any white, or black, who will not do as they dictate, and the amendment they offer us enables them to disfranchise anybody at pleasure. To ask people to believe that if such men have such powers, these powers will not be exercised to insult people's memory and common sense."

"SCOTTY" WILL BRING OUT A LOAD OF ORE

Intends to Prove That His Mine Is Not a Myth.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

SAN BERNARDINO, Sept. 29.—Walter Scott, the Death Valley miner, is coming out of Death Valley with several burros laden with gold ore from his mine. This is the report of two of his scouts, who have arrived from Barstow, some distance ahead of "Scotty," and nobody in Barstow doubts the truth of the report. "Scotty" left for Death Valley a couple of weeks ago, taking with him several burros and much ammunition, the party being heavily armed. They said then that they would give a warm time to the party of prospectors who left for Death Valley some days before if they were found in the neighborhood of the mine, for which the strangers were looking with Indian trappers.

"Scotty" was incensed at the reports that his mine was a myth, and swore he would prove its reality when he came back. The scouts say "Scotty" will hardly enter Barstow with all of the gold he is bringing, in spite of the fact that his party of prospectors are all well armed. He will catch some of the treasure and bring in enough to convince the skeptics.

CARNEGIE ARGUES IN FAVOR OF A NEW TRIPLE ALLIANCE

Says America, France and Great Britain Should Safeguard the Peace of the World. PARIS, Sept. 30.—The Echo de Paris this morning prints an article signed by Andrew Carnegie, in which the writer argues in favor of an alliance of the United States, France and Great Britain for the safeguarding of the peace of the world. The author designates the countries named as "the three republics, two uncrowned and one crowned."

SOUTH AFRICAN TOWN REDUCED TO RUINS BY A TORNADO. CAPE TOWN, Cape Colony, Sept. 29.—A tornado last night struck Malmesbury, a town of 3000 inhabitants situated thirty-five miles from here, and reduced it to ruins. A number of persons were killed.

MILLIONAIRE SENDS BULLET CRASHING THROUGH HIS BRAIN

Brother-in-Law of W. K. Vanderbilt Sr. Is a Suicide.

W. B. Travers, Man of Leisure, Found Dead With Revolver by His Side.

NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—William B. Travers, a millionaire, man of leisure, son of the celebrated Wall street operator, William A. Travers, committed suicide to-day by shooting himself through the head in his apartments in Madison avenue. The suicide is inexplicable, Travers being in the prime of life, in fair health and the possessor of a large fortune.

Travers married Miss Lily Harriman, a sister of Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt Sr. The couple separated three years ago, Mrs. Travers going to Paris to live. Travers was an uncle of Mrs. Clarence Mackay. He had two sisters, Mrs. James Wadsworth of Geneva, N. Y., and Mrs. Walter Gay, now living in Paris. Since his separation from his wife he had lived entirely alone, with the exception of his valet, Martin Moon.

When Travers arose this morning he appeared to be in excellent spirits, and after breakfast told his valet he would not require his services during the day. Shortly after noon a maid found Travers lying dead on his bed with a revolver by his side. He had placed the muzzle of the weapon in his mouth and sent a bullet through his brain. He left several letters, all relating to business affairs and giving no clue to the cause of the suicide.

Travers never engaged in any business except when, about six months ago, as an experiment, he became a partner in the banking house of Hugh Wiley, the affairs of which, however, engaged little of his time. Travers, who was 49 years old, was a member of the Knickerbocker, the New York A. C., the Tennis and Racquet and many other clubs.

Newport Society Surprised. NEWPORT, R. I., Sept. 29.—News of the suicide of W. B. Travers caused great surprise here, where Travers was well known. He was prominent socially and in a business way in Newport for many years.

MISSING HEIR IS SEEN HERE

Frank Quay, for Whom There Is Wealth Waiting in England, Once in San Francisco

Special Dispatch to The Call.

DENVER, Sept. 29.—A legacy of \$100,000 awaits Frank Quay. His brother, Frederick Quay of 14 Stratford place, W. London, England, is anxiously searching for him. The money comes from his mother's estate. The search led relatives to Denver and here they learned that Quay was in business here several years. While here he was a partner of Mart Watrous, one of the best known saloon men in Denver. To-night Detective William A. Renett stated that he saw Quay in a saloon in San Francisco September 9 and there is little doubt that Quay is there, probably in business. He did well in Denver and left here with about \$10,000.

He went to Kansas City and thence to Los Angeles, Quay told friends of his wealthy relatives, and there is no doubt he is the man wanted. Although a saloon keeper he never drank.

PRESIDENT HARPER IN GRAVE CONDITION

Nothing Will Save His Life but a Difficult Surgical Operation.

CHICAGO, Sept. 29.—It has been decided by the physicians in attendance upon President Harper of the University of Chicago that nothing will save his life but a surgical operation of heroic character. It is admitted that there is practically no chance of saving his life unless the cancer which is killing him can be checked by the removal of a portion of the large intestine. It is proposed by the surgeons to make an examination in a few days to decide upon the advisability of the operation. It is, however, admitted that the chances are greatly against the permanent relief of the patient if the operation is performed.

Body of Dead Explorer Arrives. MARSEILLES, Sept. 29.—The body of Count de Brazza, the explorer who died September 18 at Dakar, Senegambia, arrived here to-day on the steamer Alpes and was landed with impressive military honors. The funeral will take place in Paris on Monday.

GROVER CLEVELAND MAY GO TO HAGUE

Ex-President, It Is Said, Will Be Chosen to Represent the United States.



Special Dispatch to The Call.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 29.—Ex-President Grover Cleveland will go to The Hague as one of the representatives of the United States Government at the second peace conference called by the Czar if he will accept the honor. While a formal invitation from Russia to the United States has not been received, President Roosevelt is already considering the personnel of the representatives of this Government. There will be five. In addition to Cleveland other persons considered in this connection were General Horace Porter, Joseph R. Choate, President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University, Brigadier General William A. Crozier, U. S. A.; Captain A. T. Mahan, U. S. N., retired, and General George B. Davis, U. S. A., retired.

No time has been set for the meeting of the next conference, but it probably will be held early next summer.

WILL LYNCH NEGRO IF GUILT IS PROVED

Colored Youth Suspected of Having Killed Woman and Children.

HOUSTON, Tex., Sept. 29.—The bodies of Mrs. A. J. Condit, her 13-year-old daughter and three sons, aged 6, 8 and 10, respectively, who were murdered yesterday near Adna, Tex., by a negro, were buried to-day. The discovery of a bloody adze with which the crime was committed and a bundle of discarded clothing found by bloodhounds a short distance from the scene are the only clues left by the murderer. However, as a result of suspicion against Hank Gibson, a 17-year-old negro boy who was working in a nearby field and who gave the first alarm, his home was searched and a tablecloth with a bundle of bloody clothing was found concealed between the covers of a bed. If Mr. Condit, the husband, is able to identify the articles the negro probably will be lynched.

TURKEY DELIVERS REPLY TO COMPLAINT OF SERBIA

Espresses Regret and Promises to Punish the Officials Who Made Unwarranted Arrests. BELGRADE, Sept. 29.—The Turkish Minister to-day delivered to the Serbian Government the reply of Turkey to Serbia's complaint on the subject of the arrest of Serbian subjects in Turkey. The Turkish Government expressed regret and promised to punish the officials responsible and adopt strict measures for the prevention of similar incidents in the future. No reply was given to Serbia's claim for pecuniary damages.

DUCHESS OF MARLBOROUGH LEAVES PRIVATE HOSPITAL

Completely Recovers From an Operation Recently Performed to Relieve Her of Deafness. NEW YORK, Sept. 29.—The Duchess of Marlborough, on whom an operation for a slight deafness was performed a few days ago, was able yesterday to leave the private hospital where the operation took place.

GAYNOR AND GRIGNE COMING MONTEREAL. Sept. 29.—G. F. White, United States Marshal for the Southern District of Georgia, and Joseph W. Doyle, District Attorney, arrived here to-day to take Colonel Gaynor and Captain Grigge back to Savannah for trial.