

SHOT DEAD.

Murder of A. C. Nutt, Cashier of the Pennsylvania State Treasury.

Instantly Killed by N. L. Dukes, a Member Elect of the Legislature.

The result of a Bitter Quarrel Growing out of Duke's Attention to Nutt's Daughter.

The Shooter Surrenders Himself--An Exciting Day at Uniontown.

Special Dispatch.

UNIONTOWN, PA., Dec. 24.—About 10 o'clock this morning Uniontown was shocked by the report of the most terrible tragedy that has ever occurred here. When the names of the parties were announced people could hardly credit the report, on account of their high standing, and the fact that no trouble was known to exist between them. Capt. A. C. Nutt, long a resident of this town, well known as a lawyer, republican politician, writer for the press, cashier of the national bank of Fayette county, and assistant cashier of the Pennsylvania treasury department, under State Treasurer Bailey, was shot and

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by N. L. Dukes, a prominent lawyer of Uniontown and member elect of the Pennsylvania legislature. Capt. Nutt came home from Harrisburg yesterday and expected to return to-morrow, after paying his family a brief visit. This morning, in company with his nephew, Clark Breckenridge, he went to the Jennings hotel to have an interview with Dukes about some trouble which he told Breckenridge he was having. He stated that he held in his possession

TWO INFAMOUS LETTERS

from Dukes, and he wanted to see the latter. On going up to Dukes's room, on the second floor of the Jennings hotel, they found him in. Nutt entered the room, and Breckenridge remained out in the hall, conversing with J. I. Feather, son-in-law of the proprietor. Nutt had scarcely closed the door behind him when Feather and Breckenridge heard a sound within, as if men in violent struggle. They also heard the cry, "murder," and rushed in, when they found the two men engaged in a desperate encounter. They separated them, and while Feather held Dukes back in the corner of the room, Nutt was standing against the mantelpiece, some ten feet away. Dukes pulled a Smith & Wesson revolver out of his pocket and fired, the ball entering Nutt's face, below the left eye, and passing upward into the brain. The victim fell to the floor, and was

NEVER CONSCIOUS AFTERWARD,

dying in about ten minutes. Feather, fearing that the murderer was also preparing to shoot Breckenridge, made his best effort to get the revolver away from Dukes. When the latter saw that he had killed Nutt, his muscles seemed to relax; he gave the revolver up, and walked out of the house and down the back street to the short residence where he is now in custody. A coroner's jury was empaneled, and a verdict rendered "that A. C. Nutt came to his death by a pistol in the hands of N. L. Dukes."

THE CAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTY,

was not brought out at the inquiry, but the talk on the streets is all of the same tenor, that Nutt went to have an interview with Dukes in regard to his daughter, to whom Dukes was paying attention. One story is that Nutt had tried to break off the intimacy, being opposed to it, and that he went to Dukes for that purpose; and another is that the difficulty is of a more serious nature, and that Nutt sought the interview for the purposes of vindicating the honor of his daughter. At any rate a sharp correspondence had been passing between the two men and each seemed to have

EXPECTED AN ENCOUNTER.

Dukes's revolver had just been purchased, and one was found also on the person of Nutt. No event that ever occurred has produced such a widespread sensation and such profound grief. Both men stand high in political and social circles, and their character has been above reproach. Both were well educated and of good families. Capt. Nutt owned an interest in the Harrisburg Telegraph, and was a forcible writer. Mr. Dukes, at the late election, was chosen as one of the democratic representatives in the state legislature, and was

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—Mr. T. B. Conroy, of the New York Herald, has been granted an extended leave of absence—from six to twelve months—on account of falling ill.

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for the reception of emigrants. The object of the British government is not to send people out against their wills, nor to stimulate emigration, but to help those who are determined to go, but do not possess the means. The instructions of the government are that none shall be sent out until the committee is satisfied that there is a fair prospect of employment upon arrival. Care will be taken of them if it is necessary for them to remain at the place of landing.

THE KILLERS' BATTALION.

Men Stabbed to Death--Have With the Dick Knife.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—A dispatch from Dallas, Tex., says: Bent Elam, a wealthy farmer, but lawless man, got into an altercation yesterday with Henry Daniels about payment for some drinks, and stabbed him to death. Elam escaped. Daniels's friends offer a reward of \$1,000 for Elam's capture.

New York, Dec. 24.—During a quarrel this morning in Williamsburg, Matthew Ryan, aged 22, stabbed Patrick McNulty so that he will probably die.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—George Denaster and Jerry McCarry, convicts in the penitentiary at Jefferson City, quarreled yesterday and the latter stabbed the former several times with a shoe knife, and struck him with a hatchet, inflicting mortal wounds. Both are desperate criminals, being confined for murder and the other for highway robbery.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 24.—Leonardi Gioiella quarreled with Tommaso Vasso to-night, stabbed him, probably fatally, and escaped.

WHEELING, Dec. 24.—Mike Lane fatally stabbed John McLaughlin to-day. They were friends out on a drunk.

PHOENIX, ILL., Dec. 24.—Frank Anderson and Charles Smith, both colored, quarreled to-day, and Smith stabbed Anderson, killing him.

He Killed Three Men.

ATLANTA, GA., Dec. 24.—Yesterday at Covington, this state, William Smith, aged 18, shot and killed James Banks and Alexander Hendricks. He subsequently shot and killed a negro who attempted to arrest him. Smith is in jail. Intense excitement exists. Whisky led to the murders.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Alexander Jefferson, the Brooklyn negro murderer, recovered consciousness this afternoon. He expressed surprise that Anna Jackson was still living, and said he did not intend to kill Mrs. Jackson, or Hicks, but as they were there, he could not help it. The physicians say that he will probably die.

A Council of the Cheyennes.

LEAVENWORTH, KAN., Dec. 24.—John Volz, of this city, who has a cattle ranch in the Indian territory, near the cantonment, has just received information from there that a council has been called by the head chiefs of the Cheyennes. The propositions to be discussed are: First, the organization of a government similar to a territorial one; second, the election of a governor and council or legislature, and third, the laying of taxes upon cattle raisers and herders. Mr. Volz favors the scheme, and thinks it will tend to shut out the larger cattle dealers who are trying to freeze out the lesser.

A Solid Muldoon.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—The wrestling match, Green-Roman, between William Muldoon and Theodore Bauer at the Coliseum last night drew an immense crowd. In the first round Bauer went down at the end of twenty-five minutes. In the second round Bauer floored Muldoon hard in sixteen minutes. The third round resulted in Muldoon putting Bauer down in six minutes. In the fourth round Muldoon put Bauer on his back in three minutes, and was declared winner. Bauer protested against the decision of the referee in the last fall. The crowd sustained the referee.

Ocean Steamer Arrivals.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Baltic from Liverpool, Orinoco from Bermuda.

HAVRE, Dec. 24.—Canada from New York.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—Illinois from Liverpool.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 25.—Germanic from New York.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Raglin from New York for Hamburg.

MOVILLE, Dec. 24.—Sardinian from Boston.

Complaints of Bad Treatment.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—A dispatch from Newport, R. I., says: "The boys of the training ship Portsmouth complain bitterly of their treatment during their European cruise. Officers of the ship have stated privately that the boys are not being treated as they should be. One hundred boys deserted the ship during her stay in this port. An investigation will probably be ordered."

Mr. Herr Arrives.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Herr Most, the socialist, arrived here to-day, and was warmly welcomed by a small band of German socialists.

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SENSATION IN PHILADELPHIA.

A Big Textile Manufacturing Firm, With Two Mills, Suspends.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—James Smyth & Co., manufacturers of ginghams and cotton goods, have been running two large mills in this city, one at 1902 Pine street and the other, known as the Berkshire mill, at Church and Oxford streets, Frankford. The announcement on yesterday that their paper had gone to protest caused quite a stir among the textile manufacturers. The firm is composed of James S. Smyth, formerly a prominent brewer, and William D. O'Brien, who is well known as a very successful business man. The mills are variously estimated at between \$100,000 and \$200,000, and it is understood they will make an assignment to Mr. William Arrott. Speaking of their financial troubles, Mr. Smyth said: "We are in a very unfortunate extension of their business, incurring liabilities which the stringency of the money market and the depressed condition of the cotton trade prevented them from meeting. They felt warranted in taking the Frankford mill property, upon which they spent thousands of dollars. To do this they negotiated loans, and as they fell due they have to meet them by securing other loans. Then money grew tight, making their responsibilities a burden, and finally, to make things worse, they found that their income for the past nine months had been cut down some \$50,000 below what it should have been. Mr. Smyth thinks their creditors will allow them to continue business. The property is valuable; it represents a business system which, if properly managed, will be worth \$500,000 below what it should have been. There is scarcely any demand now for cotton goods, dealers not being ready yet for the spring trade. Until this year Smyth & Co. always had orders ahead, but at present they have but a few orders on hand. A meeting of the creditors will be held on Thursday, when it is probable the sentiment will favor an extension of time."

THE REAPER DEATH.

The President of the United States of Colombia and Others Pass Away.

John Thompson Robertson, the oldest editor in Virginia, died at his home in Petersburg Saturday.

Leonard P. Hines, one of the members of the Susquehanna (Pa.) county bar, is dead.

KNOXVILLE, Dec. 24.—An elderly man, J. H. J. Hines, president of the Tennessee asylum for the deaf and dumb, died at his place from congestion of the brain after a brief illness.

ANAMA, Dec. 24.—The president of the United States of Colombia, Senor Zaldua, died at Baga on the 23d instant. The vice president has assumed the presidency.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The Rev. Alexander Frederic Arends, the distinguished Russian stenographer and inventor of a system of shorthand writing, is dead.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Mr. William J. Lambert, died to-day of pneumonia, aged 84 years.

Famine, Discontent, and Coercion.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Mr. Davitt, in a speech at Wolverhampton last evening, summed up the present condition of Ireland as one of famine, discontent and coercion. He considered the prevailing distress to be owing to the unjust system of land laws, back rent and the discouragement of every form of trade revival. The remedy consisted in the turning of a great part of the land into a common, and the introduction of a system of loans to the oppressed tenants in order to enable them to tide over the coming winter.

Death on the Rail.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—An east bound passenger train on the Washburn road last night collided with an engine and caboose on a curve near Carpenter. Both engines were knocked off the track. George Silbush, the engineer of the passenger train, and Hank Dresser, conductor, on the engine and caboose, were killed. Capt. Hugs and Ed Bramble were dashed against the postal boxes in the mail car, receiving severe injuries, and several passengers were reported injured. The cause of the accident was