

COMEDIAN COMMITS MURDER

"Samuel of Boston" Paints San Francisco in Somewhat Lurid Colors.

POLICEMAN GRANT KILLED IN THE MELEE

Curtis Evidently Too Drunk to Know What He Was Doing.

He Protests His Innocence of the Crime, But His Guilt Is Self-Evident.

AUTOR SHOTS POLICEMAN.

Arrested While Drunk, He Frees Himself By Shooting His Captor.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 11.—M. B. Curtis, "Samuel of Boston," has been arrested charged with having killed Policeman Grant while drunk.

The arrested comedian was a most pitiable object as he sat in the southern police station, wringing his hands in despair, running from officer to another to protest his innocence and telling in an incoherent way the doings of the night. He was intoxicated and as he staggered up from his seat some one would push him back again. Time and again he started to his feet. "My God," he said, "I could only recall the last four hours of my life. I'm no murderer, gentlemen. I had no pistol. I shot nobody. I haven't an enemy in the world. Vainly he protested his innocence of any offense and wanted to go home to his wife. In a rambling way he told the story of his business and his affairs. He came to the city from his home in Berkeley on the 7:30 o'clock boat with his wife and Dr. Cook and his family of Berkeley. He had purchased a box for the Bernhard performance and left his wife and those with her at the Grand opera house. Then he went to the Tivoli, where he met William Kreling and a person whose name he could not recall, but who spoke French and represented himself to be a drummer for a liquor house. The trio remained in the Tivoli until the end of the performance. After leaving the Tivoli he went to the Grand Opera house to meet his wife. While on Mission street he was caught in the crowd. Someone struck him in the back of his neck and he fought his way out to the street. There he found himself in the hands of Officer Grant. Why he was arrested he did not know, but though he protested he went with the officer without opposition. "Why did you draw your pistol on him?" was asked.

"I had no pistol," he exclaimed "and I did not shoot any one. I am so sorry it happened. I wanted to have a good time and never harmed a man in my life. I am no train robber, gentlemen." Over and over again he reiterated his ignorance of the affair until he was handcuffed and taken off to the central station. The only known witnesses of the shooting were two young men, Thomas Muller and Wm. Rooney, who were directly across the street and heard the policeman say "come along now." There was no reply but almost at the same instant the young man saw a flash, a pistol shot rang out in the quiet street, followed in quick succession by two more reports. The officer fell to the sidewalk without a groan and Curtis, who had been a moment before his prisoner turned and fled up Folsom street.

The scene of the shooting was not more than 250 feet from the station. Just inside a number of police officers were sitting. Hearing shots, Officers Allen and Bodie ran out and found a crowd gathered about the prostrate form of the dead policeman. He was lying face downward in a pool of blood and life was already extinct. Curtis had not yet gained the corner of Folsom and Fifth streets. The officers gave chase, accompanied by half a dozen men who were attracted to the spot. Curtis ran around the corner of Fifth street, closely pursued, and he was not overtaken until he had turned down Shipley street. There two policemen seized and handcuffed him and walked him back past the place where the shooting had been done. The nippers which Policeman Grant had twisted on Curtis' wrist were still there to evidence that he was the man who had been in custody. The weapon with which Grant was killed was not in the shooter's possession, but was found afterward near the corner of Fifth street, where he had thrown it as he ran.

GLOVE FIGHT.

Police Interference in the Sixth Round of the McAuliffe-Gibbons Scrap.

NEW YORK, Sept. 11.—The light-weight championship match between Jack McAuliffe and Austin Gibbons was contested tonight before the Granite association of Hoboken. The big building will seat 3,200 persons and it was filled before 8 o'clock. The Granite association gave a purse of \$4,000 and there was a stake of \$1,500 a side as well. The whole amount was to go to the winner. When they weighed in McAuliffe tipped the beam at 135 pounds while Gibbons weighed 130½ pounds.

Police Captain Hays and a dozen officers surrounded the stage and Referee Jere Duan was notified that in case of any disorder the mill would be stopped.

Yells for McAuliffe showed that he was favorite with the populace. Ike Thompson offered to bet \$1,000 on McAuliffe to \$700 on Gibbons and then \$1,000 to \$750 but there was no taker for either.

Thousand to \$800 offers went begging. At 9:27 the men were ordered to shake hands. They both wore knee breeches but were bare from waist up. The gloves weighed good four ounces. The clock was set in motion and when the red light first came out with a bang the fight began. From the very outset of the battle McAuliffe forced matters. He showed great speed and power but Gibbons countered a couple of times on the Brooklynite's face and body and when the first round was over it was about even.

He cut Gibbons badly under the left eye. Gibbons did not stop and he returned a fine right hander on Jack's cheek. When Gibbons came out for the third round he was looking all right, but one more dash at his left cheek reopened the cut. Mac's shiftness of tactics was here shown to great advantage. His right went out with viciousness and it could be seen that he wanted to end the battle briefly. There were several clinches in the fourth round and McAuliffe had decidedly the best of the round.

In the fifth round McAuliffe had his man fairly dazed. He delivered two right handers on Gibbons' jaw and Austin tottered a little. McAuliffe thought he had him then but as McAuliffe came at him over in his own corner, Gibbons let go his right in a swinging blow and caught McAuliffe full on the jaw. McAuliffe fell back two steps.

Jack had apparently intended to finish his opponent at just about that juncture, but the obstruction he met made him alter his project. When time for the sixth round was called Gibbons came up with surprising freshness. His left cheek was looking badly and when McAuliffe hit it again the wound opened anew.

While he had been in his corner he talked with his seconds quite easily. He missed a crack at McAuliffe's head, but missed and then Jack went at him once more. McAuliffe got in one more on the bruised cheek and a clinch followed. They were pounding each other at close quarters at a vigorous rate, when Police Captain Hayes made his way through the ropes and said the fight must end. Everybody hoped peace might be patched up with the authorities, but the captain said it must stop. Then the referee shouted that "McAuliffe had won." When the news was communicated to Gibbons he ran over to McAuliffe's corner and cried that he had been cheated.

The Paterson man jumped to the ropes, near several reporters. "This decision is given against me," he cried, "because I have a little blood on my face. It's an outrage. I am not defeated. I could keep on fighting this way for two hours, and I'm ready to do it."

Precipitates a Crisis.

LONDON, Sept. 11.—It is reported that the British formally took possession of the island of Mitylene in the Hellespont yesterday when a troop of marines landed. Late this evening another and still more startling dispatch comes by telegraph from Athens. It is, that the Greek consuls at Mitylene and at Smyrna have wired the Greek government that thirteen British men-of-war landed their ships and guns at Sigris Friday and that they have already strongly fortified that place. Lord Salisbury's chief private secretary has returned unexpectedly to London and is busy at the foreign office.

The St. James Gazette this evening says the startling news concerning the island of Mitylene obviously possesses political significance of the first importance. Continuing, the same paper adds that the island of Mitylene has a position of considerable strategic importance although possessing little in the way of fortifications.

Official Confirmation.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 11.—It is stated that the French and Russian ambassadors here have received telegrams from their respective consuls at Mitylene announcing the occupation of Sigris and stating that guns have been landed and that the islet has been surrounded with torpedoes.

Later Reports.

LONDON, Sept. 11.—Intimation of the intention of the British Government to occupy an island giving a point of vantage near the Dardanelles was first heard of in the inner diplomatic circles of Vienna and Berlin soon after White's audience with the Sultan on Friday last. Nothing about it, however, appeared in European newspapers till Constantinople cables startled the houses and the public today. The reports were at first treated as incredible and are still held to be of doubtful authenticity or at least exaggerated.

In the absence of the foreign office there can be no confirmation of the reports and until details of the action of the British war ships are known the full significance of the movement cannot be revealed. It can be stated on high authority, however, that Sir William White asked the sultan to assent to a British occupation of some point within striking distance of the straits and offering good harborage for a fleet. Tenedos and Besika bay where the fleet rendezvoused from 1876 to 1878 have been surveyed recently and were reported to the admiralty adversely. An offer made to the sultan revived the request which the British government made in 1877 prior to the acquisition of Cyprus and to the purchase of an island near the Dardanelles. This project was long a subject of negotiation and was abandoned on the signing of the Anglo-Turkish convention in June, 1878. The seizing of Sigris, therefore, cannot have occurred without the connivance of the sultan. An official announcement issued in Constantinople yesterday stated that a complete entente had been arranged between Sir William White and the sultan, but the terms of the restored harmony were not mentioned. It is thought no permanent occupation is designed, but that the movement is rather a demonstration to checkmate the Franco-Russian game. The movement accentuates a diplomatic crisis. Admiral Hoskins in command of the British Mediterranean squadron is about to be replaced by Admiral Tryon, who hoisted his flag in 1857 on the Nile and who sailed from Portsmouth for Gibraltar on Friday to take over the command.

Blaine About to Leave.

BAR HARBOR, Me., Sept. 14.—Secretary Blaine and family will probably leave Bar Harbor on Saturday the 19th for Augusta, where they expect to remain about a month.

CAUSED BY ROTTEN ROPES.

A Bridge Scaffold Gives Way, Precipitating Nine Men into a River.

FOUR OF THEM ARE FATALLY INJURED

Miraculous Escape of a Little Boy Who Was Upon the Scaffold.

He Clings to the Iron Girders and Then Climbs Upon the Bridge.

RAVELED ROPES.

Cause a Terrible Fall to Nine Workmen.

SALTSBURG, Pa., Sept. 12.—A terrible accident occurred here last night at the railroad bridge. A swinging scaffold under the bridge was crowded with nine workmen who were about quitting when the rope broke, precipitating the entire party into the river bed fifty feet below. The river is very low and the men fell in a confused mass on sharp stones, four of them being fatally injured, while the rest were more or less bruised. Those who were fatally injured are:

J. C. Repergle, several ribs broken and breast crushed and badly bruised, injured internally.

S. W. Reed, terrible gash on head and fatally injured internally.

W. D. Wilson, neck sprained, bruised and injured internally.

George Flemming, back seriously hurt, injured internally.

James Cunningham, badly bruised and back injured, but not fatally.

Little son of Foreman Joseph Artley, who stood on a scaffold, made a miraculous escape. When the scaffold gave way he grasped an iron girder of the bridge and clinging to it desperately climbed to the bridge and was rescued a few minutes later by his father, who was among the first to strike the river bed. Artley, senior, was badly but not seriously hurt, while the others received slight bruises. The swinging ropes were old and dangerously weak for such a load.

DIXIE AND ALLIANCE.

Col. Polk Pushing a People's Party in the South.

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 12.—Col. Polk, national president of the alliance in company with Frank McGath, the Kansas president, returned from Holton last night. President Polk this morning talked freely of the political situation. "If southern farmers are driven into the peoples party," he said, "no power on earth can prevent them from carrying every southern state but the question is will they be driven into a third party? Two months ago," answered Col. Polk, "I would have said that a new political party was not likely to follow. It now seems impossible to prevent it. The alliance with us is in such a condition that it can be changed in one day into a political party. It was organized as a non-partisan institution and has been conducted as such. We do not look for any more concessions from democrats than from republicans."

"Will the supreme council which meets in Washington in February be a third party?"

"That I cannot tell, but a third party seems inevitable, and southern organizations are prepared for it. The south is a unit on the sub-treasury plan. Whether the supreme council in February decides that a third party must be placed in the field or not, it will be a go anyhow, and it will receive thousands of votes in the south."

"The democrats have it in their power to stop the movement by acceding to St. Louis demands. Nothing short of that will avail, and if it is not done the south is lost to them."

Taking Donnelly's Advice.

ST. PAUL, Sept. 14.—Railroad officials in the general office of the Northwestern lines say, so far as they can tell, that the several circulars issued by differing authorities of the Farmers' alliance to the farmers instructing them to sell or hold their wheat are having little or no effect. It is probable that local circumstances will generally determine the question and that a vast majority of the farmers will follow Donnelly's advice and use their judgment regardless of circulars. In Kansas and Iowa, where the farmers are more independent financially, it is thought they will have a tendency to hold their grain. But in the Dakotas and western and northwestern Minnesota, where several poor seasons have obliged the farmers to borrow freely and thus to practically mortgage their crop in advance, grain will move as usual and has already begun to do so. The railroads say they are taking care of it easily, although the movement is greater than last year in proportion as the crop is heavier.

The Elevator Case.

FARGO, Sept. 14.—In the case of the Great Northern and the Northern Pacific against the railroad commissioners, Judge Caldwell sustained the injunction now existing restraining the commissioners, substantially on the ground that the statutes conferred on them no authority to stop cars in transit for inspection. The court, however, held that the state had undoubted power to inspect all property exported from the state.

Brooklyn Jockey Club.

GRAVESEND, Sept. 14.—The opening day of the fall meeting of the Brooklyn Jockey club resulted in the following winners: Dr. Hasbrouck, 1:01½; Bellevue, 1:44; Yorkville Belle, 1:16; English Lady, 2:08; Tringle, 4:0½; Airplant, :50; Virgie, 1:49¾.

A Sensational Case.

TACOMA, Sept. 14.—The case of R. B. Alberton, a Seattle attorney, accused of concealing stolen property in connection with the Fidelity bank robbery, was called in court this afternoon. He is a cousin of Edward Alberton, the defaulter, who has not yet been caught. Before the hearing commenced the original complaint against R. B. Alberton was dismissed and one of grand larceny substituted. The hearing lasted all the afternoon and will be continued tomorrow.

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ESTRAYS.

The following horses are estrays held at St. Clair, Mont., to be identified by owners:

No. 1, 1 gray horse, S left shoulder, J left thigh, ES right shoulder.

No. 2, 1 blue Indian pony, star in forehead, saddle-mark; no brand.

No. 3, 1 gray horse, E on left shoulder.

No. 4, 1 brown mare, ON left shoulder; right hind foot white; white snip on nose.

No. 5, 1 yearling mare colt with ON mare

No. 6, 1 brown mare, E on left shoulder.

No. 7, 1 bay mare, W on right shoulder.

No. 8, 1 sucking horse colt with W mare.

No. 9, 1 bay mare, J on left shoulder.

No. 10, 1 2-year-old bay horse colt, J on left shoulder.

No. 11, 1 brown yearling horse colt, J on left shoulder.

No. 12, 1 brown mare, J on left shoulder.

No. 13, 1 roan mare, J on left thigh.

No. 14, 1 blue roan yearling horse colt with mare no brand.

No. 15, 1 white Pinto horse, 95 on right shoulder.

No. 16, 1 Pinto roan mare, 2M on left shoulder, TP on left thigh.

No. 17, 1 roan yearling mare colt, 2M on left thigh.

No. 18, 1 bay horse, J on left thigh, J on right thigh.

No. 19, 1 black mare, star and white stripe in face; 2 on left shoulder, NV on left thigh.

No. 20, 1 Pinto roan horse, C on right shoulder.

No. 21, 1 bay horse, 2M on left thigh.

No. 22, 1 white pony, X on left shoulder, J on left thigh.

No. 23, 1 brown pony, white stripe in face, left foot, two hind feet white, J on left thigh.

No. 24, 1 flea-bitten gray mare, D on left shoulder.

No. 25, 1 gray mare, 2M on left shoulder.

No. 26, 1 sorrel horse, four white feet and white face, 2M on left shoulder.

No. 27, 1 sorrel horse, JL on right shoulder, KS on left thigh.

No. 28, 1 bay horse, 2M on right shoulder.

No. 29, 1 bay horse, 2M on left shoulder.

No. 30, 1 bay horse, 2M on right shoulder.

No. 31, 1 brown horse, 2M on left shoulder, 2M on left thigh.

No. 32, 1 flea bitten gray mare, 2M on left shoulder.

No. 33, 1 sucking colt with 2M mare (f. b. gray.)

No. 34, 1 2-year-old bay horse colt, 2M on left shoulder.

No. 35, 1 iron gray mare, 2M on left shoulder.

No. 36, 1 sucking colt with 2M iron gray mare.

No. 37, 1 iron gray yearling horse colt, 2M on left shoulder.

No. 38, 1 bay roan horse, white face, no brands.

No. 39, 1 black mare, O on left shoulder.

No. 40, 1 brown mare, 2M on left shoulder.

No. 41, 1 chestnut sorrel horse, 2M on left shoulder.

No. 42, 1 chestnut sorrel horse, 2M on left shoulder.

No. 43, 1 sorrel horse, 2M on left thigh.

GEO. COULSON, Estray Agent.

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Bidders will be required to inclose with their proposal a certified check on some known solvent bank, payable to the secretary of the Board of Stock Commissioners for ten (10) per cent of the amount of his proposal, to be forfeited to the Board of Stock Commissioners in case the bidder fails to conform to the conditions of his bid.

Said stray animals will be on exhibition for inspection of bidders at or near said Cascade for two days preceding day of sale.

Blank proposals and forms for bidding will be furnished on application by the secretary of the Board of Stock Commissioners, W. G. Prentiss, Helena, Montana. Said bids must be on blanks furnished by the secretary and conditions of same fully complied with. Board of Stock Commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids offered. All unclaimed stock will be sold. Bids will not be entertained for any less than the whole number of stock offered.

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