

### GIRL WAS KILLED BY POWDER EXPLOSION

#### "Wizard" Tried to Draw Blood to Cure Sick Woman and It Was Expected Shock Would Only Wound Her.

HAVANA, Dec. 26.—The murder of the six year old girl, Eugenia Hernandez, on Nov. 25, at Artemisa, in the province of Pinar del Rio, in connection with the practice of "voodooism" is attributed to two Negroes, Joe De La Cruz and Eugenio Cardenas, now under arrest.

According to those who investigated the crime, the Negroes obtained the consent of the parents to draw blood from the child's body for the purpose of curing a sick woman named Salvadora Arjona. They went through the usual weird ceremonies in the presence of the parents preparatory to taking the blood. The little girl was seized but managed to free herself and ran to her mother, clinging to her skirts. This was repeated each time she saw the knife in the "wizard's" hands. The Negroes then decided to wound the girl by an explosion of powder but the explosion proved so violent that it killed the child.

### HAS NO FRIENDS; NOW READY TO DIE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26.—"I have no friends, I will plead guilty, I am ready to hang." John Bostick, confessed train robber and slayer of Horace E. Montague a Southern Pacific traveling passenger agent, made this statement, shortly after he arrived from San Francisco, in custody of Sheriff Hammell. Bostick held up the Sunset Limited near El Monte, Dec. 1 and killed Montague, who was a passenger.

### CHAUFFEUR HELD.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Louis Kantour, a chauffeur, was arrested late Thursday and held in connection with the killing of James W. McDermott, a bank teller, who was run down here Thursday night. Kantour declares he did not drive the car that killed McDermott.

### TWO AVIATORS PULL STUNTS UP IN AIR

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 26.—Oscar Bider, a Swiss aviator, made a successful flight across the Alps Thursday though for several hours he was unable to see his way because of the heavy fog which hung over the mountains. The aviator arrived here at 2:15 o'clock Thursday afternoon after a journey from Buc, from which place he started at 9 a. m.

Bider said that after leaving the French aerodrome he was forced to maintain an altitude of 6,500 feet almost constantly in order to avoid the fog. He passed over the Jura, the chain of mountains separating France from Switzerland, without being able to see any landmarks, but recovered his bearings on sighting the Jungfrau, one of the most famous mountains of the Swiss Alps, about half an hour before he came to Berne.

### BEACHY IS BUSY.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Lincoln Beachy celebrated Christmas Thursday by breaking a world's record, looping the loop five consecutive times from a height of 750 feet and landing in a narrow street on the Panama-Pacific exposition grounds. Beachy turned a double loop at a height of 300 feet which, he says, is a record as Pegoud, the originator of this particular freak of aviation always has performed from a greater height.

### CROUP AND COUGH REMEDY.

Croup is a terrible disease, it attacks children so suddenly they are very apt to choke unless given the proper remedy at once. There is nothing better in the world than Dr. King's New Discovery. Lewis Chamberlain, of Manchester, Ohio, writes about his children: "Sometimes in severe attacks we were afraid they would die, but since we proved what a certain remedy Dr. King's New Discovery is, we have no fear. We rely on it for croup, coughs and colds." So can you. 50c and \$1.00. A bottle should be in every home. At All Druggists. Advt.

### DIVORCE COURTS BUSY.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Eighty-three divorces were granted in two days of this week by six judges of the circuit courts. Three courts granted 50 decrees in contested cases.

### WOMAN COP NABS MAN.

CHICAGO.—Tosel Wendt, a janitor, was fighting—and whipping—a street car conductor, when Police-Woman Mary Boyd yanked him off the car and arrested him.

### BERRIEN SPRINGS.

Mrs. Ellen Dester is spending the week at the home of her son, A. T. Dester, in Laporte.

Mrs. E. J. Webster has gone to Peoria, Ill., for a two weeks' visit with her son, Prof. E. E. Webster.

Mrs. Flora E. Davis is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. Charles Koontz, in South Bend. The Men's Personal Workers' league held their regular meeting in the reading rooms Wednesday evening. Rev. T. W. Bellingham of Benton Harbor gave an excellent address on "The Marks of Christian Manhood". The league will hold a watch meeting in the reading rooms Wednesday evening, Dec. 31.

Gordon Gaugier and family are visiting Mrs. Gaugier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Kuntzler in Chicago. Dr. W. E. Brown left Tuesday for Vellville, Can., to visit home people during the holidays.

Mrs. W. F. Reiber is spending the holidays at the home of her son, John A. Reiber, in St. Joseph. J. W. Perrell, who suffered a stroke of paralysis on Saturday last, is improving.

Mrs. G. A. Eldson is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Will Judd, in Kalamazoo. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Taylor went to Stevensville Tuesday for a week's visit with their daughter, Mrs. Clarence Sullivan.

Miss Edith McCullough was a South Bend visitor Wednesday. Miss Mary Graham, a student at the Agricultural college, is at home for the holidays.

E. F. Garland was a business visitor in St. Joseph, Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Harrington were South Bend visitors Monday.

Mrs. Warren P. Mason, who has been ill the past week, is improving. Dr. G. W. Hill has returned from a visit of several weeks in Canada.

Mrs. William Shuler and sons, George and Thurlow, were St. Joseph visitors Tuesday. Miss Lillie Taylor of Stevensville and Miss Ada Taylor of Millburg are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Taylor.

Ed. Judd and family have returned from a two weeks' visit in Florida, and have moved into the house owned by Myron Murphy across the river. Mr. and Mrs. Murphy have gone to South Bend for the winter.

### CLARK TO LECTURE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Speaker Clark left Thursday for New York and New England for a week's lecture tour, during the recess of the house. It is the first time the speaker has left Washington to lecture during the last two sessions.

### TUMBLES FROM BRIDGE; SAVED

Dudley Hicks, Bertrand, Mich., Reaches Safety Despite Extra Weight of Overcoat.

That the St. Joseph river was robbed of a Christmas victim only by a miracle Thursday night is the opinion of the police. With the temperature around the 20 degree mark, one of the coldest nights thus far, Dudley Hicks of Bertrand, Mich., clad in a big heavy overcoat fell into the river from the Grand Trunk bridge and managed to reach the shore in safety. Hicks' safe swim from the icy waters is regarded in the miracle light from the added fact that he was in the final stages of intoxication according to the police. Two men whose names were not learned helped drag Hicks on shore when he reached it exhausted. The police were called and took Hicks to the station.

Here he was stripped and given dry clothing and warmed up. He recovered slightly from his stupefaction and attempted to explain. He said he was trying to walk across the bridge when he stumbled and struck his nose, which was badly skinned. The blow stunned him slightly and before he could recover himself he rolled into the river. The sudden plunge revived him, he said and he struck out lustily for shore. How the man ever reached it in safety is a mystery to the police.

The drop from the bridge is estimated to be between 40 and 45 feet and it is believed the man must have plunged under the water several feet. When he came up he at once struck out for the Howard park shore where the two men appeared, presumably attracted by his cries.

When the police first received the call at 7:55, it was reported that a man was lying on the Grand Trunk tracks seemingly hurt.

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### ONE MAN KILLED IN HUNGRY MEN RIOT

Police Try to Clear Streets at Los Angeles and Unemployed Use Clubs and Stones.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 26.—Rafael Adames, a Mexican, was killed and five policemen were injured Thursday in a riot at the Plaza when the officers started to break up a meeting of several hundred unemployed and hungry men. Twenty of the rioters were arrested.

When the police arrived on the scene and began to clear the streets, stones were thrown and clubs used by the men who had been listening to speeches. Adames was one of the leaders in resisting and was shot by an officer.

Although the rioters put up a vigorous, none were armed and the police suffered injuries from clubs and stones only. The Plaza finally was cleared and the disturbances ended.

Don't wait until your blood is impoverished and you are sick and dying; take Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea now; it will drive out the germs of winter, make you well and keep you well. 35c, Tea or Tablets. Cooney Drug Store. Advt.

### HOLD UP MEN FOILED.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Frank P. Dickson, president of the Kansas City, Lawrence and Topeka electric railroad, had the augh on two men who held him up and demanded money. He had given his last cent of cash to a poor family.

### STOMACH TROUBLES DISAPPEAR.

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### LOSE CHRISTMAS GIFTS WHEN RESIDENCE BURNS

Mr. and Mrs. Berat Smith Away From Home When the House Catches Fire.

ELKHART, Dec. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. Bert Smith, 1014 Monroe street went to Goshen early Christmas morning to meet their parents and when they returned they found their home and all their Christmas gifts destroyed. A fire had attacked their residence during their absence and before aid could arrive the home was burned. It is believed it started in the basement. Smith's loss is heightened by the fact that he is out of work being one of the many laid off by the Lake Shore recently.

### CONSTIPATION POISONS YOU.

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