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The London Butcher

A Description of Jack the Ripper.

THE FIRST ONE PUBLISHED.

How He Appeared to a Young Man Who Saw Him After His Unsuccessful Attack on Dark Sarah—One Attempt Made Which Did Not Prove Successful—The Excitement in Whitechapel Gradually Dying Out.

LONDON, July 23.—Curiously enough, an accurate description of the Ripper has never been published. He was seen by two persons who know him as the Ripper, and the information given by these to the police the latter have kept until yesterday, when it was secured by the writer from one of the pair.

The Ripper's first botched job was accomplished November 21, at 19 George street, Whitechapel. There he attempted to murder Dark Sarah, but only succeeded in cutting her throat, as the woman was unusually strong. Dark Sarah met him at a public house, and remembers him well. She was kept out of sight by the police until the case was overshadowed by the Ripper's successful efforts at murder.

The other person who saw the Ripper is Frank Ruffell, driver of a green grocer's wagon. He is a level-headed young man of 25. His identity is closely concealed by the police. Ruffell said yesterday: "On the morning when the trouble took place at 19 George street I was out with a van delivering coals to lodging houses. I furnish coals to nearly all the lodging houses about here. I was standing on the sidewalk in front of the house next to No. 19, on the Thrope street side. I was about ten feet from the door.

"A man came out of the door and walked rapidly toward me. He was about 30 years old. I could not tell what kind of business he did. He did not look like a workman, but he did not look like a gentleman. He had on a black, diagonal suit of clothes; his hat was a black round felt; he had a light mustache, cut off square at the ends; it was neither very thick nor very thin, about medium. He was about three inches taller than I am. I am five feet, four. He had a straight nose, of the medium size. It did not turn up. It was just an ordinary nose.

"I did not notice his eyes particularly; but I should think, from the color of his mustache, that they were blue. When he came out of the door he was buttoning the top button of his coat. It was a cutaway coat. He had no collar on. He put his hand up to his mouth, which was bleeding on the right side. As he passed me he looked at me with a sort of smile, and uttered a vile remark. I said nothing. Just after he passed me he began to run. Then I heard a cry in No. 19 and saw the woman come down. She said to stop the man, and I started after him. By this time he had turned the corner and was out of sight. It was at least three minutes after he went away before I started after him.

"When I got to the corner I could not see him. He had time to reach Brick lane and turn the corner, but when we got there two policemen standing there said they had not seen anybody. I think he must have turned down the court or he would have been seen. That is all I know about it. Two detectives came for me after the woman had been taken to the hospital, and questioned me closely about the matter. I would know the man if I saw him again, and could identify his photograph, as I had a close view."

Whitechapel is gradually resuming its every-day appearance. Its denizens, generally speaking, are a callous lot. Even the women, who now walk in pairs for protection, will soon recover from their fear and reach a condition of mind that the Ripper seems to understand so well and that makes his dreadful work so easy of accomplishment.

POOR SHOW FOR HARPER.

Apparently no Reason to Doubt an Adverse Action on the Pardon Petition.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—What is now known of the character of the adverse papers in the Harper case, sent here by United States Attorney Herron, of Cincinnati, justifies the statement that no pardon can be expected.

There has been no time for formal official examination of the case, but the papers are known to show so much that weighs against the pardon, and so little that constitutes an argument for it, that there seems to be no doubt of the decision being adverse, when final action is reached.

Drowned in Sight of 500 Persons.

ANDERSON, Ind., July 23.—Stephen Bilby was drowned in White river, five miles west of here, last evening, while assisting in dragging the river for the bodies of Scott Todd and Charlie Hosier, two boys drowned on Friday evening. Fully 500 persons, including his wife, saw Bilby, who was a farmer, drown.

Johnstown's Relief.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., July 23.—The commissaries have all been closed but one, and it will also be closed in a few days. The very needy will be given orders on stores. An affiliation has been made with the Red Cross society by which all clothing will be distributed by that society.

Murat Halstead in Ill Health.

CHICAGO, July 23.—A special to The Mail from Cincinnati says: It is reported here that Murat Halstead has been informed by his physician that his disease is incurable and that death is a question of only a short time. Mr. Halstead is now in Europe.

THE BOSTON SLUGGER.

He is Still in New York—Sullivan's Money.

NEW YORK, July 23.—John L. Sullivan is still in town. Editor Arthur Lumley, of The New York Illustrated News, said to a United Press reporter that the big fellow was not likely to leave for Boston for at least a couple of days. "The \$20,000 stake money," said Mr. Lumley, "will not be paid to him to-day, but he will probably receive it during the week."

Al. Cridge, the stakeholder, is now at Long Branch, as is also Muldoon. Cridge was anxious to pay over the money on Friday, but those most interested in the disposal of the stakes said there was no need of hurrying. "Sullivan has already received \$4,600," said a representative of The Illustrated News. "Of this sum \$1,000 was his bet with Kilrain on entering the ring, and \$3,600 being his share of the excursion money and gate receipts. Of this sum he has in all probability paid out fully \$2,000.

When the stake money is disposed of Sullivan will receive \$10,000 which will bring up his total receipts to \$14,600. His backers will receive the other \$10,000, which will be divided as follows, after paying at least \$2,000 to Billy Muldoon for his trouble and labor in training the slugger. To The Illustrated News one half, to Charlie Johnston one quarter, to Jim Wakeley one quarter. Sullivan will also make Muldoon, to whom, in a great measure, he owes his success a present, which, it is said, will be nothing less than a \$1,000 bill.

A Pleasure Yacht's Boiler Explodes.

THOUSAND ISLAND PARK, N. Y., July 23.—The boiler of the fleetest yacht of the St. Lawrence, the Lotus Seeker, was blown up at about 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon while lying at the private dock of the owner, Mr. E. R. Holden, of New York, vice president of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, who has a cottage at the Park. The boiler was under a pressure of 350 pounds, its limit, and was blowing off when the accident occurred. One end was blown out. The two occupants, the engineer and fireman were unharmed. The yacht was built two years ago by Herreshoff, and could easily make twenty miles per hour. Its cost was \$9,000. The damage will amount to about \$1,000.

Making a Test Case.

PITTSBURG, July 23.—The Pan-Handle Railroad company is repairing their bridge across the Ohio river at Steubenville, O., which obstructs the river for coal shippers of this city. Yesterday the towboat Advance, bound for Cincinnati, headed straight for the channel, and when within 200 yards off from the bridge she put on a double pressure of steam and crashed through twenty piles as if they had been pipe stems. The Pittsburg coal shippers heard the news with great satisfaction. The railroad officials refuse to talk. It is probable, however, the next move will be in court.

That Cleveland Shooting.

CLEVELAND, O., July 23.—The man who broke jail here Saturday night has not yet been recaptured. Deputy Sheriff Goldsoll, who was thought to have been fatally injured in a shooting affray with parties supposed to have been the escaping criminals, is now in a fair way to recover. The body of the young fellow who was killed by the deputy sheriff's posse has been identified as that of Michael Holland, of Rochester, N. Y. He was a crook but not a member of the jail breaking party.

After Bishop's Property.

NEW YORK, July 23.—Helen G. Mick, the former wife of Mind-reader Bishop, who obtained a divorce from him last March, has presented for probate a will made by Bishop in Liverpool some years ago, before he married her, by which he bequeathed her all his property and made her his administratrix. Letters of administration were recently granted to Bishop's second wife. The first wife asks that these be revoked. It was not hitherto known that Bishop left a will.

Will Protect Themselves.

NEW YORK, July 23.—It is reported that the brewers of the country who have not sold out to the English syndicate, are forming a trust to protect themselves against the operations of the syndicate brewers. It is understood that many of the largest brewers in the country are in the movement. The plan involves purchase of raw material and sale of finished product through a common agency so far as practical.

Conviction Impossible.

NEW YORK, July 23.—District Attorney Fellows said to a Star reporter that he will bring no more "Boodlers to trial unless some new evidence not available on the trials already had can be procured. The result of the trial thus far, he says, is to show that conviction is impossible, and to prosecute under such circumstances is to waste the public money."

Those Bells, Those Bells.

NEW YORK, July 23.—The peal of bells which has been placed in the tower of the new cathedral, 180 feet from the ground, was tested last night. The effects produced were highly satisfactory. The height is fifty feet greater than that of any other peal in the country, and some doubts had been felt as to the success of the experiment.

A Lost Snake.

NEW YORK, July 23.—The fourteen-foot python, which escaped from its cage on the steamer Denmark is still secreted somewhere about the vessel. An unsuccessful effort to find the snake was made last night.

Bucke's Papers.

WINNIPEG, Man., July 23.—A writ of habeas corpus will be applied for in the case of Martin Burke next Wednesday, on the ground of informality of the depositions and insufficiency of evidence.

Lynched by Cowboys

James Averill and Queen Kate Maxwell.

BOTH HUNG FROM ONE LIMB.

A Lawless Deed of Midnight Raiders Near Cheyenne, Wyoming Territory—A Brief History of the Noted Outlaws.

CHEYENNE, W. T., July 23.—James Averill and the notorious cattle queen, Kate Maxwell, were lynched by cowboys Sunday night. The bodies of the "rustlers" and range queen dangled from the same limb of a big cottonwood yesterday morning. The scene of the lawless but justifiable deed of the midnight riders is on the Sweetwater river, in Carbon county, near Independence Rock, a land mark made historical during the rush over land to the California gold fields. Averill was postmaster at Sweetwater. Kate Maxwell was the heroine of a sensational story which appeared in the newspapers throughout the country three months ago, when she raided a gambling house and recovered a large sum of money won from her employes.

Stockmen of the Sweetwater region have been the victims of cattle thieves for years. On account of prejudice against the large outfits it has been impossible to convict on this charge, and the rustlers have been very bold. Averill and his remarkable partner have been very active in thieving. The woman could hold her own on the range, riding like a demon, shooting on the slightest pretext and handling the lariats and branding iron with the skill of the most expert vaquero. Fifty freshly branded yearling steers were counted in the Averill and Maxwell's herds Saturday morning. A stock detective, whose suspicions were aroused, was driven from this place when he was noticed viewing the stolen property. This circumstance was reported to the ranchmen, who determined to rid the country of the desperate pair.

Averill and the woman have several times been ordered to emigrate or cease appropriating Mavericks, but had disregarded all warnings. After her celebrated gambling house escapade, Mrs. Maxwell degenerated from a picturesque western character into a reckless prairie virago, of loose morals, and lost most of her following, but continued partnership with the postmaster. Word was passed along the river, and fifteen to twenty men gathered at a designated place and galloped to the cabin of Averill and Kate without unnecessary noise. The rustlers were at home, and a peep through a window disclosed the thieves and a boy in their employ sitting beside a rude fire place smoking cigarettes. As half a dozen men rushed into the room, a Winchester was poked through each window and a demand to throw up their hands given with unmistakable earnestness.

The trio sprang for their weapons, but were quickly overpowered. Averill begged and whined, protesting his innocence. Kate cursed. Her execration of the lynchers was something terrible in its way. She cursed everything and everybody, challenging the Deity to harm her if he possessed the power. An attempt was made to gag her, but her struggling was so violent that this was abandoned. She called for her own horse to ride to the tree selected for a scaffold, and vaulted astride the animal's back from the ground. Averill did not resist, and the boy, who had been told that he would not be harmed, followed. Either end of the same rope was fastened about the necks of the rustlers as they sat in their saddles. The boy made a pass with a knife at the man who was preparing Kate for hanging. He was knocked insensible by a blow with the butt of a revolver. The lad was a nephew of the banditto queen. When preparations for the execution had been completed Averill and the woman were asked to speak.

The man spoke only of his office, saying he did not wish a certain man to be his successor. He was promised the influence of the party for a certain candidate. Kate made quite an address. She wanted the affair kept as quiet as possible, desiring that her mother be kept in ignorance of her disgraceful career and tragic death. It was useless to deny that their herd had been stolen from the ranchmen of that section, but if they did not wish to divide it among themselves she would like to have it sold and the money given to a home for wayward girls. Kate bade her nephew good-by and commenced to deliver a blasphemous harangue. The horses were led from under the pair while Kate was still cursing. Both kicked in lively style for ten or fifteen minutes. A few bullets were fired into Averill's body, and the lynchers rode away. It is doubtful if an inquest will be held and the executioners have no fear of being punished. The cattlemen have been forced to this and more hangings will follow unless there is less thieving.

Wanted for Forgery.

MEADVILLE, Pa., July 23.—The St. Cloud hotel was destroyed by fire at midnight to-night. The guests escaped without injury but several servants were badly injured by jumping from the third story window. Mrs. Maggie Ebrick, of Youngstown, O., jumped from the third floor, striking on her back. She will probably die. Susan Derby had both legs broken. Barbara Hollman had her back badly burned before jumping on an awning, which probably saved her life. Archie Carman, a fireman, fell from the second story and sustained injuries of the spine. He is in a critical condition. The hotel was surrounded by wooden buildings and for a time the whole block was threatened.

LABOR IN AUSTRALIA.

Proceedings of the Executive Committee at Chicago.

CHICAGO, July 23.—A delegate representing the Knight of Labor executive board, has been at work for some time in Australia, and as a result of his exertions the board in session has received formal application for the establishment of a Knight of Labor district in that country.

The petition showed that six assemblies had been organized with a total membership of about 500 and asked that a district assembly be formed that local delegates might continue the organization. The petition was granted. This was the principal business transacted by the board during the morning session. In the afternoon no session was held.

HANGED BY A MOB.

A Negro Murders a Constable Who Attempted to Arrest Him, and is Lynched.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., July 23.—Last Saturday Constable Reynolds attempted to arrest a negro at Hinton, who was charged with having robbed a store at Sewell station, some time ago, and, while reading the warrant, the negro, whose name was John Carter, shot the constable through the right breast, the bullet penetrating the lung, from which the constable died yesterday.

The negro was taken away and placed in Greenbrier county jail for safe keeping, but yesterday morning at an early hour a mob of 200 friends of Reynolds went to the jail and took the negro out and hanged him. Reynolds was a brave officer and very popular.

A Battle With Horse Thieves.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., July 23.—Several days ago a number of horses were stolen from Sam Dedrick. A posse started in pursuit and when they met the thieves a battle took place. The leader of the band was killed, two others being captured and taken to Kelly, Socorro county, and confined in a house. Last night a gang of masked men surrounded the place and took the men from the guard, hanging them to a tree and riddling the bodies with bullets. The men lynched were Mexicans and desperate.

A Dusky Duster in Custody.

PITTSBURG, July 23.—Charles Robinson, the negro employed in the barber shop at the Hotel Anderson, as a coat duster, was arrested last night, charged with appropriating a pocketbook from the coat pocket of T. A. Allison, which contained \$700. Mr. Allison is a stranger in the city. After getting shaved Robinson dusted his coat and handed it to him. Shortly after leaving the place he missed his wallet. He informed the police of his loss, and the dusky duster was at once taken into custody.

Struck by a Train.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., July 23.—Three boys, sons of Charles D. Kaiser, of Mahanoy City; Mr. Wadlinger, of Mahanoy City, and J. A. Reilly, of Shenandoah, respectively, while attempting to cross the track of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, near Mahanoy City, this morning, in a buggy were struck by a train and the Wadlinger boy was instantly killed. The other boys were terribly injured and may die. The buggy was smashed into splinters and the horse was killed.

Labor Trouble Compromised.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 23.—Between 600 and 800 carpenters struck yesterday for a nine hour working day instead of a ten and eleven hour day. No advance of wages was demanded. In the afternoon about twenty of the different contractors compromised with their men at nine hours with wages proportionate to their hours, and the men went to work again. The refusal of a few contractors who are confident of finding plenty of men willing to work ten hours, affects about 150 men.

Preached His Last Sermon.

NEWARK, N. J., July 23.—The Rev. Edward E. Rankin, D.D., one of the best known Presbyterian ministers in the country, died this morning of heart failure, aged 70 years. He was a graduate of Yale and was at one time preacher of the Forty-second Street Presbyterian church, New York, and later had charge of a church in Fairfield, Conn. He has for some time past been secretary of the Essex Bible society, also of the Newark City Tract society. He leaves six children.

Barely a Quorum.

OLYMPIA, W. T., July 23.—Many members were absent when the convention met yesterday and a bare quorum answered the roll call. The report of the committee on county and municipal government was read. An effort was made to get a vote on a report favoring prohibition but it was postponed until next Monday. It has no possible chance of passing in any shape. A petition was received from Unitarian preachers asking that church property be taxed.

Forming a Constitution.

SHOUX FALLS, S. Dak., July 23.—There was a small attendance at yesterday's session of the constitutional convention. On the call for reports of standing committees the only report made was that on county and township organization, which was referred, as was also a resolution instructing the joint commission now in session at Bismarck to come to some amicable understanding in regard to the uncertain seventh standard boundary line.

Shut Down.

PITTSBURG, July 23.—Joseph Walton & Company, large coal operators in the lower pools have shut down till next winter. The poor condition of southern markets and obstructions on the river by bridges being built by the Pan-Handle Railway company, making double tripping necessary, is given as the cause.