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INDIAN MURDERER ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

After a Sleepless Night he Tries to Hang Himself in his Cell in the County Jail

After a night of remorseful brooding over his awful crime, Jacky Smokalem, the Indian murderer, attempted to kill himself in a cell of the county jail this morning. He was prevented from robbing the scaffold of another victim or the penitentiary of another ward by the timely arrival of the jailer and the frailness of his improvised rope.

Since killing his wife on Saturday night Indian Jack has been taciturn and gloomy. No sooner had the effects of the white man's whisky left him than he was sorry for what he had done.

For 24 hours he sat by the side of his dead victim taking neither food nor sleep, after he had committed the murder. Since his arrest and incarceration in the county jail he has been very solemn and has said but little. The weight of his crime kept him depressed. Yesterday he said that he wanted to die for his crime, but before doing so would like to see that his children were well cared for.

All last night the Indian rolled and tossed in his bunk in the tank at the county jail. He could not sleep. He said this morning that the figure of his dead wife was always before him. He could not get her out of his sight, no matter how he tried. Sleep was out of the question with the crime haunting him.

At 2 o'clock this morning he got out of his bunk and prepared to end it all then and forever. He was half crazed from the visions he had seen and was prepared for anything. All that he wanted was to die, and by the quickest way he could use under the circumstances.

One arm of his heavy shirt he tied about the bars at the top of the cell. The other sleeve he tied about his neck. The knot about his neck was tied in a slip noose so that it would tighten and choke him to death.

After he had tied the rope as tight as he could he let all of his weight rest on it, raising his feet from the floor. He tried his best to strangle himself to death, but before the work was accomplished the shirt gave way and allowed his now semi-conscious form to drop to the floor.

The jailer heard the fall and rushed into the cell to find the old Indian murderer breathing what appeared to be his last breath.

As quickly as possible the jailer loosened the rope from about his neck and allowed the breath to pass into his lungs again. It was nearly an hour before the Indian was resuscitated. He said after he had been brought back to consciousness that he wanted to die, and that the best way he knew was to hang himself. He told the other prisoners that there was nothing for him to live for after he had killed his wife and would have to serve a long term in prison for the terrible crime, suffering all the time from the presence of the hated specter that last night kept him sleepless.

To answer the charge of murdering his wife Jack Smokalem was brought before Judge Snell yesterday afternoon. Through his interpreter, Tommy Santiago Howard, also charged with murder, he pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree. When asked whether he would carry out his original intention of pleading guilty to murder in the first degree, he said that he would not. He said his wife was dead and that he preferred death now to anything else, but that he wanted to see his children provided for first. In the conversation following this statement he was told that by pleading guilty ample time would be given him to arrange affairs for the benefit of his children. After the different degrees were explained to him he announced himself ready to plead guilty of murder in the second degree.

Since the effect of the whisky has worn off Smokalem has brooded considerably over the killing of his wife Saturday afternoon. He is crushed in spirit and appears to be more troubled at the responsibility for his wife's death than with fear of the punishment he knows he shall receive.

Several times yesterday in his broken English he was heard to say, "Me no wife. Wife dead. Too bad, too bad. Whisky, all come from whisky."

When the charge was read and interpreted to him before the court, Smokalem said that he was drunk at the time and could not remember, but supposed he killed his wife and would plead guilty. Judge Snell asked him what made him think that he had killed his wife, if he could not remember anything about it. Through the interpreter he said that when he woke up Sunday morning he found her dead, and since everybody told him it was his fault he concluded that it was so.

To further inquiries he stated that he and his wife had driven home from town in a drunken condition and that on the way his wife had fallen from the buggy, badly injuring her face. With much difficulty he had lifted her back into the buggy and driven on home. When they reached home, he continued, she was still alive and he removed her clothing and put her to bed on the mattress on the floor, covering her as well as he could. When he awoke the next morning he shook his wife to rouse her and found that she was dead.

When asked if he had any trouble with his wife or had beaten her, he said that he remembered nothing about it.

He insisted that none of the children were at home when he and his wife reached there Saturday. This contradicts the story told by Mary Smokalem, who claims to have seen her parents quarreling and that she saw him strike her mother with a club.

Deputy Sheriff Warren, who made the arrest, was questioned in regard to the appearance of the body, as to evidence of blows, and replied that there was only one mark which could have been caused from a buggy wheel, and that was over the eye, and that the face and body was otherwise badly bruised, mostly caused by the fist.

Judge Snell said that the plea of guilty would be entered against Smokalem, but not accepted until further investigation. Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Harvey was advised to have all persons best acquainted with the case appear in court as early as possible. If the evidence brought out by such witnesses justifies it the plea of guilty will be formally accepted.

Smokalem's forgetfulness as to what occurred is not given much credence.

Harris Smokalem, held as a witness against his father, will be turned over to the Indian school superintendent in order that he may return to his studies.

No inquest will be held. A post-mortem examination was performed yesterday afternoon. Coroner Brown, who assisted in making the examination, said, concerning the results, that death was undoubtedly caused by a blow on the head. Marks of strangulation and other evidenced that the woman had been choked were revealed. Bruises on the chest and face indicated that repeated blows were struck. There is no doubt, however, about the blow on the head causing death. This caused a severe concussion of the brain, followed by a hemorrhage, which resulted fatally.

The remains were buried this morning in the Hill Indian cemetery on the Puyallup road.

The question of whether the case came under the jurisdiction of the state or the United States court was discussed between Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Harvey and Assistant United States Attorney Cushman. It was decided finally to prosecute in the state courts. The federal law provides that when a crime is committed upon a reservation by a tribal Indian the United States court has jurisdiction in the case. The question of whether the old Puyallup reservation is a reservation any more came up. The state proceeded on the supposition that the reservation no longer existed since the restrictions were taken off by an act of congress.

JAPS VOTE WAR CASH

TOKIO, Dec. 29—Practically unlimited credit for military defense was voted to the government last night.

Three other ordinances passed provide for closer official control of the Seoul-Fusan railway, revision of the military headquarters in war time, and the creation of a war council.

Japan is now prepared for all emergencies.

BURGLARS

Burglars entered the bicycle and cutlery establishment of F. P. Fentress Sunday night and stole about $100 worth of knives, razors and revolvers. They made their entrance through an unused trap door in the roof. They then broke through the ceiling to the floor below. Next door to the Fentress store is a hallway, at the end of which is a closet. From the closet a trap door leads to the roof. The thieves found a step ladder in the closet, by which they made their way to the roof; then, prying open the trap door of the store, they probably lowered themselves by means of ropes. Securing the things which appealed to them most ,they retraced their steps and got away safely.

When Mr. Fentress opened his store Monday morning he found a hole in the ceiling and at once suspected robbery. The police were notified and detectives were put to work on the case. The plunder must have filled a gunny sack or tele-
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scope, as it consisted of fourteen razors, seven revolvers, twenty-one pocket knives, razor strops and other articles.

PAINTINGS TO BE EXHIBITED

A collection of paintings of scenes in the state of Washington, painted by Mrs. Frank R. Hill of this city, will be on few days, before they are shipped to the World's fair at St. Louis. There they will be part of the big exhibit that is being arranged by the Great Northern railroad. The pictures are of Index mountain, Mt. Perseus, Sunset Falls, Gorge of the Chelan, Chelan Lake, sunset and day-Stehelsin valley. wk
Stehelsin valley, Bridge Creek, Peaks of the Agnes, Horseshoe Basin, sunlight and storm on Glacier Peaks, Tumwater Canyon, and snow and natural scenes in the forest reserve.

The object in placing the paintings on exhibition at this time is to give the teachers of the state who are here in convention a chance to view them before they are sent away.

COMMITTEES ANNOUNCED

President Everett G. Griggs of the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' association has announced the standing committees of the association. The chairmen are as follows: Freight rates and railroads, Fred H. Baker, Everett. Legislative, George H. Emerson, Hoquiam. Grades and values and inspection, N. H. Hamilton, Seattle. Insurance, George S. Long, Tacoma. Labor and statistics, C. F. White, Cosmopolis. St. Louis exposition, R. P. Thomas, Anacortes. Cargo branch, price list and inspection bureau, R. H. Alexander, Vancouver, B. C. Membership, Paul E. Page, Buckley.

A FATAL WRECK

GALESBURG, Ill., Dec. 29.—A Burlington freight ran into an open switch at Denrock this morning.

Fireman Banger and Brakeman John Long were killed and Engineer Healy seriously injured.

The engine and 15 cars were demolished.

UNSOPHISTICATED STRANGER GARROTED IN OWL THEATER

During the early hours this morning an unsophisticated stranger in Tacoma, who says his name is Johnson, wandered into the Owl theater to watch the show and incidentally to flirt with the short-skirted soubrettes he knew he would find. One black-haired girl appeared to fall in love with Johnson as soon as he entered the place. The word was passed that he was a "live one," and he was promptly taken in hand by two of the drink tempters, who are hired for the express purpose of working unwary suckers to buy drinks.

Johnson bought until the girl with the picture hat and the short velvet skirt soared away into space and the myriads of lights danced before his vision in kaleidoscopic splendor.

He was doing very well, he told the police this morning, until about 2 o'clock a. m. Then he says he had a faint recollection of a strange man entering the place. There was a choking sensation at his throat, everything turned to a greenish blue and he was just conscious that someone was going through his pockets. When he came to he had lost 90 cents, all the money he had. Chief Fackler has men working on the case.

WASHINGTON—THE REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVEN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING SPAIN, HAVE ADVISED GENERAL REYES TO RESTRAIN THE GOVERNMENT OF COLOMBIA FROM ANY WARLIKE ATTITUDE.

THE TEACHERS IN ANNUAL SESSION

The Washington State Teachers' association assembled at the First M. E. church at 9:15 o'clock this morning. The registration of the members was in progress all morning and the list is not yet complete. The convention this year is the largest that has ever been held in this state.

The music at this morning's session was furnished by the Annie Wright seminary. An instrumental and a vocal solo were rendered.

The first speaker on the program was Hon. R. B. Bryan of Olympia. He spoke on "Educational Conditions and Progress in Washington." His speech was very lengthy, but was nevertheless interesting. The speaker told of the development of the Washington schools. He traced the school work from the early territorial days down to the present time, giving in detail each step taken to make the system more complete.

Professor E. A. Bryan, president of the Agricultural college at Pullman, was the next speaker. His subject was "Teaching of Elementary Agriculture." Professor Bryan firmly believes that he who makes two blades of grass grow where two grew before is a great benefactor.

H. B. Dewey of this city spoke on the "School Lands of the State." His address was carefully prepared and well delivered.

The convention opened with the session of the educational council yesterday at 2 p. m. in the Central school building. The agitating question before the council was that of examinations.

The following are clauses which were adopted by the council yesterday from the report of the committee appointed last year to make a report upon examinations:

"County examinations should consist of three classes: High school, grammar grade, primary. Other subdivisions to be made at the discretion of the state superintendent.

"High school examinations should comprise the branches taught and a series of related branches; grammar examinations, the branches taught; primary examinations, primary branches and methods, including ability to sing, play, sketch, read aloud and tell an educational story.

"All teachers, without respect to grade, should present evidences of at least a strong high school course.

"Teachers who have proven their fitness should be granted life certificates under proper conditions. The same grade of diplomas issued by other states should be recognized in Washington."

The session in the evening at Whitworth college was largely attended and was greatly enjoyed. The evening was opened an invocation, followed by a violin solo by Professor Olof Bull. Mayor Campbell then delivered the address of welcome. An interesting paper entitled "Tracks, Fundamental and Progressive," was given by Miss Marie de Jarnet Norris. Miss Norris dealt humorously with the early history of art. In speaking of present art she dwelt at length upon cloth tapestries.

Two vocal solos by Professor G. M. Schutz were warml encored. President Hartranft of the association then delivered his address. The president made a strong plea for higher salaries for teachers, and for a bettered condition of the country schools. The program was concluded with a vocal selection rendered by Professor Schutz and Mrs. Roberts. All then retired to the "Residence," where a reception was held until 12 o'clock.

POPE ASKS FOR PEACE

ROME, Dec. 29.—The pope is addressing all Catholic crowned heads, asking them to use their utmost endeavors to prevent war in the Far East.

HE OBJECTED TO A TRIAL

NORWICH, Conn., Dec. 29.—Abbott Stoddard of Ledyard, who is under arrest, charged with stealing $32,000 worth of securities from the Norman estate, broke jail last night, cutting the bars, and escaped.

GOMPERS TO THE FRONT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in the American Federationist urges all unions to resist a reduction of wages.

FORGOT HIS NECKTIE

With a white sheet his only covering, J. W. Potter was found wandering about the streets during last night. Patrolman Hubbell found him and took him to the police station. After he had been at the station a few minutes a telephone message was received that Potter had escaped from the county hospital. It is believed that the man is, temporarily at least, insane. He is being held in the city jail until he can be examined by the insanity board.

FRIGHTFUL EXECUTION

AUBURN, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Frank White, colored, was electrocuted this morning for the murder of his employer, George Clare, a farmer, September, 1901. Six shocks were necessary to kill him. The first one carried 1,700 volts. The head electrode emitted sparks and there was an odor of burning hair.

Just as the sixth shock was being given Dr. Stein of Buffalo fainted and pitched forward from his chair almost into the electrical box.

TYRANNY

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—Solokoff, a leading Russian lawyer, and son of the czar's chaplain, has been arrested on orders of the Russian minister of the interior, Plevne, because Solokoff represented the Jews at the Kishineff trial.

Plevne has decreed that Gentile lawyers shall not be permitted to represent Jews in the law courts.

A QUESTION

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—A case involving the right of railways to charge demurrage on private owned cars was filed today by the Clarke Oil company of Cleveland against the Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis railway, with the interstate commerce commission.

The plaintiff was charged $20 per car demurrage on two private tank cars. The decision will settle a question which has been disputed for many years by shippers.

PREPARE FOR WAR

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—On good authority it was stated this afternoon that secret orders had been issued to the commanders of troops in various sections of the Pacific coast to prepare their men for instant service at Panama in case necessity arises. Orders were sent at the instance of the general staff, which believes fighting will occur.

Three transports, the Sherman, Crook and Buffalo, have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness at San Francisco to carry soldiers.

Preliminary to the news is an order to Lieutenant Shalor, an expert on fortifications, to proceed to Panama to select strategic points that can be speedily occupied by American forces.

The forces ordered to prepare to leave for Panama are the First, Fifty, and Thirty-fourth batteries of field artillery, now at the Presidio; Eighth battery of field artillery, at Vancouver; four troops of the Ninth cavalry, colored, now at Monterey; Nineteenth infantry, Vancouver; one battalion of the Thirteenth infantry, at Fort Marion, Fort McDowell and Benicia barracks.

General MacArthur's recall from Honolulu is said to be in preparation for the Panama campaign.

DIPLOMAT IS CRAZED

MADRID, Dec. 29.—The Cuban minister to Spain, Senor Merchan, became suddenly insane today and is under constant supervision.

Arrangements have been made to take him to Havana direct.

HIS BOARD CAME HIGH

MANCHESTER, N. H., Dec. 29.—Preliminary papers in a sensational suit were filed here today. Miss Delana Curtis, a prominent society woman, enters a claim against the estate of the late Frank Jones for $400,000, the principal item being for the board and entertainment of Curtis and his friends for a period covering 30 years prior to his death.

Jones was a brewer, who left an estate valued at $10,000,000. He was an ardent admirer of Miss Curtis up to the time of his death.

IN TURMOIL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 29.—Minister Powell cabled to the state department today that there are now three separate revolutions in progress in San Domingo and the warship Newport is inadequate for the protection of American interests.

The navy department immediately instructed the commander of the South Atlantic squadron to send one more ship to the scene.

FLOUR BY SHIPLOADS

STOCKTON, Can., Dec. 29.—The Japanese government has been buying flour from Stockton and other Pacific coast mills since last August.

J. M. Welsh, president of the Stockton Milling company, is the authority for the statement that shipload after shipload of flour has been shipped from the Pacific coast to Japan during the last four months and Japan now has a stock on hand sufficient to supply her army and navy for one year's war at least.

The buying has been done quietly, but has been by the Japanese government direct.