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Is the World Growing Better? Many things go to prove that it is. The way thousands are trying to help others is proof. Among them is Mrs. W. W. Gould, of Pittsfield, N. H.

ABOUT THE STATE

News of Especial Interest to Minnesota Readers.

CONFESSES DOUBLE MURDER

James Dygart, Under Arrest for Anoka County Crime, Coolly Recites Details of Affair.

In a full confession to Sheriff John Casey of Anoka county, James Dygart told of the manner in which he murdered Mrs. Amelia Bolton and Frank Edward Rhodes on the Bolton farm near Stacy, Anoka county, on Sept. 12, according to the Anoka county officer.

But little of the confession was made public by the officials. They explained that Dygart told them that on the morning of Sept. 12 he had been out hunting with Bolton's rifle, he having been in the field where Rhodes was working and reaching the house about noon.

Dygart said he entered the front door of the Bolton farmhouse, went through the rear and left the gun standing behind a kitchen door. Then he went out again. Later he entered by way of the kitchen door, where Mrs. Bolton was churning butter.

Going back to the house he shoved the body of Mrs. Bolton to the cellar, which he opened, and threw the body downstairs. He went downstairs and straightened out the clothing. All this, he says, was done during the noon hour.

Dygart was asked as to the motive for the Anoka county crime. "I don't know why I did it," he answered, "I just did it because I felt like it. I really don't know why."

Sheriff Casey said that Dygart told him later that two hours before the crime Dygart had asked Mrs. Bolton to live with him and that she had refused.

Confesses a Third Murder. Scarcely finished with the shocking details of the Anoka county tragedy Dygart confessed to a third murder.

According to the Minneapolis police, in whose custody Dygart is, "Jim" said he killed John Hofstedt, a farmer, at Poplar, Wis., June 27 last, because he had been repulsed by Mrs. Hofstedt.

"Jim" said, according to the police, that he had also planned to kill Mrs. Hofstedt and her twenty-year-old son, but did not because he could not find them alone at an opportune time.

Sheriff Edward McKinnon of Douglas county, Wis., and Archibald McKay, county attorney, who went to Minneapolis as soon as they heard of Dygart's arrest, were present when the confession was made.

DR. DUMAS IS FOUND GUILTY

Verdict of Conviction Against Mayor of Cass Lake.

After being out an hour and a half the jury in the Dumas arson case at Bemidji brought in a verdict of guilty. After a strenuous trial and more strenuous argument, nothing but a successful appeal to the supreme court will save Dr. Delbert F. Dumas, mayor of Cass Lake, from serving a term in the state penitentiary at Stillwater, on the charge of having attempted with Mike Davis and Martin Behan to burn the Puposky postoffice building early on the morning of June 17.

When the jury announced that it had reached a verdict but few persons were in the court room, none having expected that an agreement would be reached so early.

Dr. Dumas was allowed his liberty on his original bond.

MINNESOTA AWARDED PRIZE

State Takes First on Butter Exhibit at Milwaukee.

The National Buttermakers' association, in session at Milwaukee, officially declared Minnesota butter to be the best made in the United States and awarded this state the silver cup, valued at \$500.

The decision of the judges, who are federal inspectors and who have no interest in any state, places Minnesota buttermakers in a class by themselves, although they have won banners and prizes for eleven years with the exception of two years, when the championship went to New York and Illinois respectively.

VANISHED GRANDEUR.

Glories of the Thames When London Roads Were Markets.

In Tudor times royal residences were situated along the Middlesex bank of the Thames, and splendid barges manned by oarsmen in liveries were constantly coming and going between them.

"The city companies," says the London Times, "all had their state barges and liveried watermen. Great river pageants traveled down to their death on the ebbing tide. Ambassadors and other envoys of foreign powers were met at Gravesend by the lord mayor and his aldermen and taken by river in a stately progress to Tower stairs. The regular route westward was by river to Putney, thence by road across Putney heath.

"That way went Wolsey when deprived of the great seal, traveling from York House to Escher in disgrace, until he fell in with the king's messenger on the beach and knew he was his master's man once more. In a later age the entry into London of Catharine of Braganza, the consort of Charles II., was a memorable example of the river pageant.

"In old days the city roads were markets rather than thoroughfares, so that even if anybody wished to go from one part of the city to another he went by river, for the roads were quagmires in bad weather and at all times haunted by highwaymen and footpads. Pepys, that type of the patriotic permanent official, always used the river. Such phrases as 'by water to Whitehall' and 'so by water home' constantly occur in his diary.

"In Queen Anne's reign there were 40,000 watermen plying for hire on the Thames and over a hundred 'stairs,' or landing places, in London proper. These watermen were the 'cabbies' of that age. The really curious thing is that the Thames was still a main thoroughfare less than a century ago. Not until 1857 did the lord mayor's show proceed to Westminster otherwise than by water."

WOULDN'T BE TAMED.

End of a Wild Stallion That Resented the Touch of Man.

In "Mustangs, Busters and Outlaws of the Nevada Wild Horse Country," in the American Magazine, Rufus Steele writes of the capture of a splendid wild stallion that had long eluded capture. He was an "outlaw." Writes Mr. Steele:

"Until we saddled him we did not realize his desperation. We fastened the riata to his front feet. When he tried to run away we jerked his feet from under him, throwing him heavily. As he attempted to rise we threw him again and repeated the maneuver until exhaustion necessitated his capitulation. But his surrender was only temporary. For three years we tried to break him, using every artifice known to us. As quickly as one man gave up the task another would try to conquer him, but every time a human being approached or tried to bridle or saddle him he would bite viciously, while his eyes, protruding from the sockets, blazed fiery red with hate. As the cinch was drawn tight the outlaw, if upon his feet, invariably reared straight up, poised upon his hind legs, then hurled himself backward to the ground. We always mounted him while he was tied down, and to 'stay' after he gained his feet called for action which boiled a day's work into thirty minutes of struggle.

"His end was tragic as his career. In making an attempt at escape by jumping out of a stockade corral he misjudged the distance and became impaled on a jagged post, and a 44 was turned loose upon him to end his suffering."

Cautions.

A lawyer happened to be acquainted with a juror in a petty civil case, and he met him during a recess of the court. The lawyer was just "lighting up," and under ordinary circumstances he would have offered the other a cigar unhesitatingly, but it occurred to him that it might not look right.

"I suppose," he said guardedly, "that a cigar would not influence your verdict?"

"The juror was equally cautious. 'A good one wouldn't,' he replied. 'but a poor one might prejudice me.' He got a good cigar.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Nature's Protection For the Ear. The membrane lining the canal of the ear contains a great number of little glands which secrete a waxy substance having an intensely bitter taste. The purpose of this is to prevent the entrance of insects and to keep the ear clean, as the layer of wax dries in scales, which rapidly fall away, thus removing with them any particle of dust or other foreign matters which may have found entrance to the ear.

Softer.

"I have no doubt you have heard some stories to my discredit," he said. "I don't like to put it in that way," she quietly replied.

"How then?" he hopefully asked. "I have never heard any stories to your credit," said she.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

He Knew.

Mrs. Caller Down.—You needn't think that I'm going to fix your trousers at this hour of the night. Caller Down.—Tut, tut! It's never too late to mend.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The Pedometer.

A patent was granted Nov. 4, 1799, in England to Ralph Gout for a pedometer, an instrument that numbered the steps taken by a pedestrian.

PEKING ITSELF NOW MENAGED

Rebel Activity in China Rapidly Gaining Ground.

FOR DEFENSE OF CAPITAL

Autumn Maneuvers Have Been Abandoned and Troops Ordered to Entrain for Peking.

Peking, Oct. 14.—China today faces an unprecedented crisis. With the spread of revolutionary activity the opinion is gaining ground that the fate of the ruling dynasty hangs in the balance.

The revolution is no longer confined to the central provinces, a thousand miles away from the capital. Peking itself is threatened.

Members of the cabinet admitted that the garrison here is known to be honeycombed with the revolutionary sentiment. The same condition exists in the two great military posts which guard Pootungfu and Tientsin.

There are official attempts to minimize the gravity of the situation, but the reports reaching the capital gave little basis for hope. Latest news included reports that Chungking was in danger, that Lichang had been taken, that Yochow had fallen and that communication between Hankow and Changsha, the capital of Hunan province, was interrupted.

The government has followed up its act cashing the viceroy of Wuchang by extending the same treatment to General Chang Piao, the commander of the troops in the Wuchang district, where this week's outbreak began.

For Defense of Peking.

Every effort of the authorities for the present will be concentrated in an attempt to provide adequate defense for the capital of the empire. The program for the autumn maneuvers in Kaffong, 400 miles south of Peking, where 30,000 troops were to have participated in extensive drills, was cancelled and the Sixth division of the army was ordered to entrain for Fong-tain, a suburb of this city.

The government, in its reports on the situation, is attempting to convey the impression that the revolutionists are without trained leaders or adequate organization. But the revolutionaries have a reliable chief, well versed in military affairs, in General Li Quan Hon. Secret advices received here indicate, moreover, that Dr. Sun Yat Sen, whom the revolutionists hope to elect president of a Chinese republic, was at Shanghai last week and may by now be on the scene of operations at Wuchang or Hankow.

SCORES OF DEAD IN STREETS

City of Hankow Desolated by Fire and Sword.

Hankow, China, Oct. 14.—Following a night of terror, with death stalking through the streets and lurking in every shadow, this city presents a scene of desolation. All night long incendiary fires burned throughout the native quarters. With no effort made to stay them the leaping flames would lick up everything which they came in contact and to add to the horrors of the night all the prisons were opened and the inmates liberated. Many of these are desperate criminals. Scores of dead were left lying in the streets.

The revolutionary army is strongly entrenched in Wuchang and Hanyang with guns mounted in commanding positions. Since the capture of the Hanyang arsenal the leaders declare confidently that they are in a position to cope with any opposition, being now provided with ample ammunition.

GIVEN ORDERS TO DISSOLVE

Court Renders Decision Against General Electric Company.

Toledo, O., Oct. 13.—In the United States district court, Northern district of Ohio, Judge John M. Killits rendered a decree in favor of the government in the case brought by the United States attorney general last summer in Cleveland against the General Electric company and about forty subsidiary companies controlled by the General Electric company under the Sherman anti-trust law.

The decree in effect orders the General Electric company to conduct all its business under its own name and the dissolution of the National Electric Lamp company and about thirty-five subsidiary corporations. The petition was dismissed as to the Kentucky Electrical company.

NEW YORK GETS THE FIRST

Defeats Philadelphia in World's Championship Series.

New York, Oct. 15.—The New York National league team defeated the Philadelphia American league players in the first game of the world's championship by a score of 2 to 1. The score by innings follows:

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