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CAREER OF CRIME

BLACK RECORD OF MAN WHO CAUSED WOMAN TO JUMP FROM WINDOW.

RAN THE WHOLE CRIMINAL GAMUT

BIGAMY, ABDUCTION, EMBEZZLEMENT AND POCKET-PICKING AMONG CHARGES.

HAS HAD A NUMBER OF WIVES

CHICAGO POLICE HOLD HIM ON THREE CHARGES—VICTIM IS IMPROVING.

Chicago, May 16. — Beginning as a pickpocket in Dayton, Ohio, ten years ago, John Lepper, alias Harold C. Mills, Harold C. Reed and Homer C. Reed, to escape whom Miss Laura Stieckler jumped out of a third-story window in the Newport hotel, has run the gamut of crime. He is now confined in the Harrison street jail under charges of abduction, attempted criminal assault, and wife abandonment. Bigamy and embezzlement will undoubtedly be added to the charges today.

From Miss Florence Beale, who married the man last October, supposing his name to be Mills, his true name was learned and also a number of facts concerning his criminal career. It has been established beyond a doubt that he served a term in the Ohio penitentiary in 1894.

For Picking Pockets, being sent up from Dayton, and that he has married women in various parts of the country without going through the formality of securing a divorce.

"The man whom I supposed to be Harold C. Mills and my lawful husband is John Lepper, an ex-convict of Ohio," said Miss Beale. "He has been married to three women besides myself to my certain knowledge. I only know the name of one of these wives. He married her in St. Louis in July, 1899, and deserted her in September of the same year after securing about \$3,300 of her money. She learned of his convict record and secured a divorce. I am under promise not to divulge her name or address at present. He also married a young woman in Detroit in 1902.

And Deserted Her in less than six weeks. A trifle over six months afterward he married me. A few months ago he went through a marriage ceremony with a young

woman in Pittsburg. His marriage to me and the Pittsburg marriage were both bigamous. Whether he has any more wives throughout the country I do not know."

From another source it is learned that Lepper, under various aliases, formed enterprises in a number of places, principally in Ohio. In most cases he absconded with the funds, victimizing stockholders and investors.

Laura Stieckler, the young woman who jumped out of the hotel window, saying that Mills threatened her with a revolver in an attempt at assault, was resting easily yesterday at the county hospital and in a fair way for speedy recovery from her injuries.

LADIES IN A WRECK.

Three Royal Neighbors Are Seriously Injured.

Indianapolis, May 15. — Two street cars, the second and third in a series bearing officers and delegates of Royal Neighbors convention, collided at Seventeenth avenue and Seventh street. A number of women were injured, three of them seriously. They were Supreme Recorder Mrs. Winnie Fielder of Peoria, Ill.; Deputy Organizer Miss Ada Lawson of Anoka, Minn., and Mrs. J. Briggs of Sheldon, Iowa. The front car suddenly stopped at a crossing and the rear car crashed into it. The ladies in the rear car were hurled forward, many of them being bruised about the faces and chest by striking the backs of forward seats. Mrs. Lawson was carried to a house near the accident, while the other injured were taken to their hotels. The front end of the rear car was crushed.

REGGY DODGES ARREST.

Jerome Was After Him, So He Sailed for Europe From Boston.

Boston, May 16.—Fearing arrest or at least detention in New York on the old Canfield gambling house charges, Reginald C. Vanderbilt and his bride sailed from this city yesterday on the steamer New England for Liverpool. District Attorney Jerome has been watching for a chance to arrest Vanderbilt and force him to testify against Canfield. It was because of this that the young millionaire was married at Newport. The couple made the journey from Newport in Mr. Vanderbilt's racing automobile.

HELD UP A SALOON.

Robbers Get About \$3,000 From the Till and the Inmates.

Helper, Fla., May 16. — Four men entered Rooney's saloon early yesterday morning and at the points of revolvers held up the proprietor and a number of men in the place. William Rooney, a boilermaker, was shot and slightly injured. The robbers then went through the till and the pockets of everyone present, rifled the slot machines and fled. The robbers secured between \$2,500 and \$3,000.

TO DESTROY SHIPS

LEAGUE OF DYNAMITERS HAS BEEN AT WORK FOR TEN YEARS.

CONCLUSION REACHED BY BOLIN

RESULT OF DEVELOPMENTS IN REGARD TO ATTEMPT ON UMBRIA.

DISAPPEARANCE OF THE NARONIC

LETTER FOUND WHICH REVEALS FATE OF THAT VESSEL — OTHERS LOST.

New York, May 16.—That there is a band of dynamiters leagued to destroy ships with infernal machines, and that it has carried on its work for at least ten years, is the conclusion reached here by members of the detective bureau as a result of developments in regard to the infernal machine sent to the Cunard pier. Among the effects of the man who sent the infernal machine to the Umbria last week has been found a slip of paper on which was written in French: "The destruction of the Naronic was complete. Mr. Lohrun, who made the box, has this moment gone to Chicago."

The detectives also have good reason to believe that the recent infernal machine was made in Chicago and that the maker is on mid-ocean on some steamship.

Sailing lists of half a dozen trans-Atlantic steamship lines have been found in the room of G. Rosseau, who is alleged to have

Sent the Machine,

and G. Rosseau is believed to be G. Russell who was at work on a mysterious machine in Chicago.

It is believed the Rosseau sailed for Europe on Saturday, and on board instructions from the police here, each of the steamers which sailed East-bound on Saturday will be searched on arrival for the dynamiter.

A trunk belonging to Rosseau is thought to have been purchased in Chicago. A trunk similar to the one the police have was bought there by a man answering the description of Rosseau, and it was sent to a boarding house where it has been learned a man giving the name of G. Russell took a room and worked on a mysterious machine.

Chief of Detectives McCluskey reached Chicago yesterday and he sent word here that he believes Russell is no other than Rosseau. He also said he was convinced that the infernal machine was made at the Chicago house where Russell stopped.

Naronic's Fate Never Known.

The Chicago police have discovered three men who unsuspectingly assisted Russell in the manufacture of his device. One is a carpenter, the other a blacksmith and the third a machinist. They have shops near where Russell boarded. They say that he told them that he was manufacturing a gambling machine.

The Naronic, which was the largest freight steamship afloat in 1893, left Liverpool on the morning of Feb. 11, 1893, with 4,000 tons of freight, a crew of fifty-five men and fifteen passengers, who had gone to England on the previous trip in charge of a cargo of cattle. She was never seen after she left Mersey, and to this day no word of her has reached the owners of the life.

1,200 KISSES FOR \$3,000.

She Kept Account of Them and Then Sued for Breach of Promise.

Albany, N. Y., May 16.—Miss Frances Pettit of Galway has recovered a judgment from sixty-year-old James P. Tittmore, the village blacksmith, for \$3,000 for breach of promise. Tittmore had courted her fourteen years and, according to her memorandum book, kissed her 1,236 times. The first entries in her book were as follows: "Mr. Tittmore came to see me to-night. He is a nice fellow, but he is married and I guess mother won't like to have him come."

"James was here to-night. He kissed me. It was the first time I was ever kissed by a man."

Tittmore looks upon the judgment as excessive and has decided to appeal.

REVOLUTION IS OVER.

Steamer Victoria Taken With Big Bunch of Nicaragua Rebels.

New Orleans, May 16.—T. M. Solomon & Co., financial representatives of the Nicaraguan government here, have received the following cablegram from that government:

"We have captured the steamer Victoria and all the revolutionists. Peace reigns throughout the republic."

BUSY DAY FOR ROOSEVELT.

Californians Give Him Everything But Sleep.

San Francisco, May 16.—President Roosevelt bade farewell to San Francisco last night, his last day, like the others here, being so taken up that it seemed to verify the smiling remark he made that the City of the Golden Gate had given him everything except sleep. Early yesterday morning the presidential party with an escort of sailors and marines, left the Palace hotel and participated in the dedication of the monument commemorating the victory of Commodore Dewey and his fleet at Manila bay. Here the president dwelt strongly upon the necessity of a stronger navy and practical training at sea. Then a trip was taken across the bay to Berkeley, the home of the University of California, where the president spoke at the commencement exercises. The citizens of Oakland next claimed Mr. Roosevelt's attention. The next trip was to Vallejo, where the cornerstone of the Y. M. C. A. was laid. A trip was made to the Mare Island navy yard and last night was spent at the Union League club banquet. Shortly after midnight the party left for the Yosemite valley.

GEN. MILES' REPORT.

It Was Given to the Press in Full by Acting Adjt. Gen. Hall.

Washington, May 16.—Secretary Root and a number of other officials in the war department yesterday received a circular letter from Mr. Herbert Welsh of Philadelphia, which has also been mailed to a number of private individuals in reference to the report of Lieut. Gen. Miles. The latter desires that the letters be addressed to the president, Secretary Root, Adjt. Gen. Corbin, Judge Advocate General Davis, Assistant Adjt. Gen. Hall and Assistant Adjt. Gen. Davis, asking them to publish for the information and guidance of the country the full report of Gen. Miles regarding affairs in the Philippine Islands. The war department yesterday made public the letter of Adjt. Gen. Corbin to Gen. Miles answering one sent to the secretary of war Wednesday regarding the publication of Gen. Miles' report. The adjutant general says that the full report was given to the press by Acting Adjt. Gen. W. P. Hall.

NO MORMONS ARE WANTED.

Mayor Low Revokes Permits to Street Preachers.

New York, May 16.—Mayor Low has stopped the preaching of Mormonism in the streets of the city. All permits formerly issued to Mormon elders to preach in the streets have been revoked and no more will be issued. Several months ago a number of Mormons came to this city and obtained such permits. The elders were not known as Mormons when they obtained the permits, but a short time ago some one complained to the mayor against the preaching of Mormonism in the streets. An investigation was made and the permits revoked.

WIFE IS ACCUSED.

Charged With Murdering Husband Found Dead in Kitchen.

St. Louis, May 16.—Henry Wellsman, thirty-two years old, a motorman, was found dead early yesterday morning in the kitchen in his wife's residence with a bullet hole in his head. His wife claims her husband committed suicide, but she, together with Minnie Meyer and John Meyers, who reside about 1/2 Wellsman, are under arrest pending an investigation. Wellsman died on his wife Wednesday night. He attempted to effect a reconciliation and a quarrel followed in which Meyers became involved.

SENATOR BEFORE GRAND JURY.

He Emerges Trembling and With Flushed Face.

Jefferson City, Mo., May 16.—Former State Senator C. W. Schweickard of St. Louis, who made a complete confession to Circuit Attorney Folk of his connection with the hoodlum deeds in the Fortish general assembly, was before the grand jury for two hours yesterday. While in the jury room he was confronted by ex-Senator Busch, also of St. Louis. After being examined at length Schweickard emerged trembling and with flushed face.

MANY CHRISTIANS KILLED.

But Reports of Massacre at Monastir Were Exaggerated.

London, May 16.—The under secretary, Lord Cranborne, in the house of commons, read a telegram from the British consul at Monastir, European Turkey, saying that while several Christians had been killed during the recent disturbances, there had been no further disturbance during the last few days, and adding that business is proceeding as usual. The consul also reported that the loss of life was exaggerated.

WILL BE NO STRIKE

AGREEMENT REACHED WHICH IS SATISFACTORY TO BOTH SIDES.

EACH SIDE MAKES CONCESSIONS

EFFORTS OF TWIN CITY BUSINESS MEN WERE CROWNED WITH SUCCESS.

GRANTS A LIBERAL INCREASE

DOUBLE-HEADER AGREEMENT IS SATISFACTORY TO THE ROAD AND THE MEN.

St. Paul, May 16. — General Manager F. E. Ward of the Great Northern railway and the committees of the Order of Railway Conductors and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen signed an agreement yesterday afternoon which is satisfactory to both, and there will be no strike. Nothing now remains but to work out the details, which will be done by General Superintendent George T. Slade and the committees. A meeting for that purpose will be held in the office of Mr. Slade to-day.

Both sides made concessions in response to the appeal of representatives of the commercial interests of St. Paul and Minneapolis, after negotiations had been broken off and a strike seemed almost inevitable.

Full details of the settlement have not been made public, but enough is known to indicate that the Great Northern was not behind any of the other transcontinental lines in generosity to its men. It is said, in fact, that the agreement just made by the Great Northern is more generous in some respects than that granted by some of the other Western lines.

Double-Header Agreement.

The settlement of the "double-header" question gives both the general manager and the committees of the men the greatest satisfaction, as it was the one that came so near precipitating a strike. The salient points of the settlement on the double-header proposition are as follows:

General Manager Ward's original proposition was that he would agree not to run double-headers in excess of 3 per cent of the total train mileage, the percentage which now obtains on the system. Under the agreement the company, on the line east of Minot, will not run double-headers in excess of 12 of 1 per cent of the train mileage. On that part of the system, however, none of the grades, except that between St. Paul union depot and Hamline, is in excess of 6-10 of 1 per cent. West of Minot the company may employ double-headers on 23 per cent of the gross mileage. Double-header districts will be designated. The use of helper engines will be figured in the percentage.

New Wage Scale.

All concessions in wages and all agreements will be dated as of March 1. The yardmen in all yards will be paid

the Chicago scale, which is 44 cent an hour more than the so-called St. Paul scale. The Chicago scale is as follows: Night foremen, 43 cents an hour; night helpers, 39 cents an hour; day foremen, 31 cents an hour; day helpers, 28 cents an hour.

The new schedule of pay for conductors and trainmen is as follows: Conductors of through freight trains, \$3.50 a hundred miles; brakemen, \$2.33. The former pay was \$3 and \$2 respectively. The new schedule, it is said, allows the conductors 5 cents a hundred miles and brakemen 3 cents a hundred miles more than the wages paid the same class of employees on other lines in this part of the country. Local freight conductors will receive \$3.50 a hundred miles, and local freight brakemen, \$2.55. This increase is said to be in excess of 15 per cent of the increase allowed by other lines. On the mountain divisions of the line the conductors will be paid \$2.00 and the brakemen \$2.70, the rate of increase in this case also being in excess of 15 per cent.

Passenger conductors will receive \$10 a month on all divisions, brakemen, \$8 a month, and brakemen, from \$67.50 to \$75 a month. In the case of the passenger brakemen an increase is allowed after one year's service instead of after five years' service as proposed by the schedule offered by the company.

WILL SUE FOR REWARD.

Has to Retain Lawyer to Have Promise Fulfilled.

New York, May 16.—If a settlement is not made with Miss Harriet Schade, who found Mrs. Colgate Hoyt's \$25,000 pearl necklace, for the return of which a reward of \$5,000 was offered, although only \$100 was paid to her, suit will be begun for the recovery of the remaining \$4,900. John Schade, the girl's father, has retained Edgar H. Rosenstock, after having written Mr. Hoyt that unless the remainder of the reward offered was paid he would resort to this remedy through the courts. Hoyt declined to make an explanation of the matter.

Stage Held Up.

Boise, Idaho, May 16.—The stage running from Wallace to Boise was held up yesterday near the half-way house. Three passengers were relieved of their valuables and the baggage and registered mail rifled.

Governors Warned.

Constantinople, May 16.—The sultan has warned the governors of the provinces of European Turkey that they will be held personally responsible in the event of massacres occurring in their jurisdiction.

Old Resident Killed.

Cedar Falls, Iowa, May 16.—Prof. Samuel Freeman Terry, of the faculty of the Iowa State normal school, has been summoned to Earlville, Iowa, by the message that his father had been killed by being thrown from a carriage. He was a prominent citizen of that place.

Run Down and Killed.

Sioux City, Iowa, May 16.—Thomas Coleman, an old resident of McCook, S. D., who owned a summer resort at McCook, was run down last night by a Milwaukee & St. Paul freight train and cut to pieces. He was walking home on the track.

Booie River on the Rampage.

Webster City, Iowa, May 16.—The Boone river at this point has overflowed its banks, and many of the residents on the East side have been compelled to remove from their homes.

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