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TEN CENTS PER WEEK.

## TO KILL PRESIDENT

**RADICAL SOCIALIST IS ARRESTED AT WALLA WALLA, WASH.**

## RIFLE HIDDEN ON LINE OF MARCH

**BOASTED HE HAD ONE BULLET FOR ROOSEVELT, ANOTHER FOR KAISER.**

## TRAGEDY NARROWLY AVERTED

**EPISODE KEPT QUIET UNTIL AFTER PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE.**

Walla Walla, Wash., May 28.—Joseph Becker, a radical socialist, is in the city jail here on suspicion of having intended to kill President Roosevelt Monday. The episode was kept quiet until after the president's departure.

Becker is accused of having remarked in Pendleton, Or., last week that he had one bullet for President Roosevelt and another for Emperor William of Germany.

He left for Walla Walla with a Winchester, and his Pendleton partner, Pat Kine, followed him here, notifying the police. Becker was located, working in a butcher shop.

He was arrested, and on being sweated, disclosed the location of his rifle, which was cached away in a farmer's barn along the line of march. Becker is a Swiss. The police here think that a tragedy was narrowly averted.

## WARFARE IS FEARED.

**Situation in Breathitt County Is Very Critical.**

Jackson, Ky., May 28.—Curtis Jett and Tom White, indicted for the murder of J. B. Marcum, were brought here yesterday. One squad of soldiers brought Jett from the Winchester jail and another squad found White forty miles in the country. There was no demonstration when the prisoners were brought in, but if Jett confesses, as he has threatened to do, it is believed that there will be serious trouble. The mountaineers Monday night attacked the soldiers and there was a council of war yesterday to ask for more troops. It is reported here that Curtis Jett has made a confession that implicates prominent persons. Commonwealth Attorney Byrd says he will call the case against Jett today and try him not later than Friday.

may. A constitution among officers was held yesterday, but further than ordering another Gatling gun from Louisville there is no indication that reinforcements will be requested. A suspicion has been general that the feud will be traced to high officers and startling developments are expected. The jail is heavily guarded.

## PERSECUTING THE JEWS.

**Strict Orders Issued to the Chief of Police.**

St. Petersburg, May 28.—The chief of Police of Kieff has ordered the police commissaries within his jurisdiction to institute a fresh inquiry into the legal status of the Jews and to forcefully expel those who have no legal right of residence and who refuse to leave. A Jewish deputation from Kishineff recently had a long audience with Minister von Plehwe. The latter denied being a Judophobe, and said he had not opposed taking proceedings against the former governor of Kishineff, Gen von Raaben, and the local administration of Kishineff. The minister promised sympathetic consideration of the facts set forth in the petitions of the Jewish population for future protection. The Jews in St. Petersburg are in fear that similar outrages to those which occurred at Kishineff may occur in the Russian capital during the celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the foundation of St. Petersburg, which will be held May 29.

## KILLED THREE SCORE.

**American Forces Rout an Army of the Moro Insurgents.**

Manila, May 28.—Lieut. Javier, commanding a force of constabulary and volunteers, has defeated 200 fanatical insurgents in the island of Cebu, killing 68 of them and capturing 29. The fight occurred in the mountains near Tabagon. No details of the engagement have been received and the government losses are not known.

## Militia Protects a Negro.

Kaufman, Tex., May 28.—Two companies of Militia from Terre and Dallas have been ordered here to protect a negro who is charged with assaulting a white woman. Yesterday morning a mob formed with the avowed purpose of lynching the prisoner, but the presence of the soldiers will probably allay all disturbances.

## Section Foreman Killed.

Lamont, Iowa, May 28.—G. H. Kelley, section foreman, was killed by the east-bound passenger train. The body was mangled and ground to pieces. Kelley had worked for the company for sixteen years.

## Killed by Explosion.

Foley, Minn., May 28.—An explosion of a cream separator bowl resulted in the death of Frank Konoveich, and seriously injured Frank Kujawa. The accident was due to defective machinery.

## AS TOLD BY RYAN

**GET-RICH-QUICK TURF INVESTOR MAKES A CONFESION.**

## AND TWO MEN ARE ARRESTED

**MILLER, THE POSTOFFICE OFFICIAL, AND ATTORNEY JOHNS IMPLICATED.**

## RYAN AGREES TO BE A WITNESS

**FURNISHES THE DEPARTMENT ALL INFORMATION IN HIS POSSESSION.**

Cincinnati, May 28.—John J. Ryan, whose confessions caused the arrest of D. V. Miller, assistant attorney general of the postoffice department at Washington, and of Joseph M. Johns, prosecuting attorney of Parke at Rockville, Ind., operated his "get-rich-quick" turf investment concern from here and from St. Louis and ran winter races at Newport, Ky. Other warrants have been issued as a result of the investigation of the postoffice inspectors. Ryan is here now and says: "I was sore because I heard others doing business like mine stood in with the postoffice department by getting up \$25,000, and I felt that those who were standing in with the department were behind the investigation so as to get me out of their way."

After returning from Washington to St. Louis last November Ryan says he got a telegram from Attorney Johns of Rockville, Ind., that Johns could be of service to him with the department at Washington, and later Ryan and Johns met in Terre Haute. There, Ryan says, Johns explained how close he was to Miller and how Miller had accepted a \$2,000 job in the postoffice department at Washington with the idea that the job

## Had Certain "Trimblings."

Ryan declared Johns asked \$5,000 to get from Miller a letter from the attorney general's office showing Ryan was entitled to the use of the mails. After a little dickering Ryan says Johns came down to \$2,500 and the proposition was accepted. A proposition to pay \$2,000 for literature so worded that it would pass muster if it was ever taken up in the mails was later accepted.

Ryan asserts that Johns delivered the letter and literature to him Dec. 16. Ryan says he gave John \$1,100 cash and checks dated Dec. 17, one for \$2,000 and one for \$1,400.

Then Ryan says everything went along smoothly until the trouble on Feb. 9. A week later a fraud order was issued against him and Ryan says an effort for another shake-down was put on foot. He says that he received more telegrams from Johns. Ryan says he preserved all the telegrams and letters. He has agreed to be a witness for the government. He has furnished the department with all the information in his possession, including the documents. Miller left yesterday for Terre Haute, Ind.

## RELIANCE AGAIN LEADS.

**Defeats Constitution by About Three Minutes.**

New York, May 28.—In a gamely contested race the Reliance again led the way across the finish line, winning her second victory over the Columbia and her first over the Constitution. Two minutes and fifty-one seconds later the Constitution finished, and the crew of the new boat gave her such a cheer as she deserved. The Constitution had sailed a plucky race and had a right to shore in the honors. From the start to the finish she had fought out every mile over the thirty-mile course, and on two of its legs had actually out-sailed the new boat, a performance which restores her prestige imperilled in her disappointing showing in the drifting match last Saturday, and makes her a factor to be reckoned with in the selection of a cup defender. Columbia was, for the day, outclassed. From the very start she was never for a moment in the race. While the Reliance and Constitution were having it out between themselves all the way around the course the former cup defender was dragging along miles astern of them, and when the Reliance sailed across the finish line the Columbia was more than two miles almost dead to leeward. The Reliance beat her by fifteen minutes and fifty-two seconds, actual sailing time. The wind held true at 9 to 12 knots during the race and favored none of the racers.

## Had Lived a Century.

Elmira, N. Y., May 28.—Dennis Connelly, a native of County Cork, Ireland, is dead here, aged 103 years. He read without glasses up to the time he was 100 years old. He married at forty and reared three sons and two daughters.

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## DRUGGED AND ROBBED.

**Man Loaded With Money Takes Drink With Stranger.**

Fergus Falls, Minn., May 28.—Joseph Ballanch of Bluffton has notified Sheriff Sawyer that he was drugged and robbed of \$700 at New York Mills. He gathered up \$300 in currency and \$400 in checks and went to town to transact some business. A painter who had been in the village a day or two met him and introduced him to another stranger and they had some drinks together. He knew nothing more until 4 o'clock the next morning, when he found himself out on one of the country roads, robbed of his pocketbook, watch and chain and other valuables. The sheriff has been investigating, but the men have disappeared.

## KILLED IN A SCRIMMAGE.

**Man Who Did the Shooting Claims It Was Accidental.**

Florence, Wis., May 28.—Oscar Frederickson was shot and instantly killed at Homestead, this county, by Louis Nelson, who was arrested and brought to this city, where he is now in confinement, awaiting the verdict of the coroner's jury. The weapon was discharged during a scrimmage. Nelson claims the affair was an accident, but it is how believed evidence will be presented to the coroner warranting holding Nelson on a charge of manslaughter.

## BULLET NEAR HEART.

**Two Small Boys Play With a Revolver That Is Loaded.**

Long Prairie, Minn., May 28.—William Martin, aged ten years, whose parents live two miles south of this village, was shot and almost instantly killed. The parents were away at the time, and William and an older brother got a revolver from an uncle's trunk. A bullet in the region of the heart was the result of fooling with the gun.

## FINAL ORDER IS FILED

**Restraining the Big Beef Packers From Forming a Combine.**

Chicago, May 28.—Judge Grosscup, in the federal court, yesterday entered the final order in the so-called "beef trust" case, restraining the packers from combining to regulate the trade. The order covers all the points of the previous decision, and is regarded as a complete victory for the government. An appeal will be taken.

## BOLD MAIL ROBBERY.

**Regular Carrier Is Forced to Give Up His Rig to the Thief.**

Morris, Minn., May 28.—Word has reached here that the driver of the star mail route from here to Patchem, in Grant county, was held up by a robber who made him give up his cart, and who drove off with the rig and mail sack. Night Watchman Stanley Ryan has started out in pursuit of the thief.

## Split on Holiday Closing.

Eau Claire, Wis., May 28.—A great stir is on among business men and clerks on account of the publication by the clerks' union of an agreement signed by the merchants last winter to keep the stores closed all day the 30th of May and other holidays, and the publication of advertisements by some of the merchants that they will close the 30th from noon to 5 p. m. only. Both sides are determined.

## Reinstatement Denied.

Helena, Mont., May 28.—Without assigning any reason, the supreme court has denied the application for a reinstatement of E. D. Weed, who was disbarred for two years because of practices held to be questionable. Weed was United States attorney here for four years, and also mayor of Helena. The petition was liberally signed by members of the bar and legislators.

**Italians Flocking to Argentine.** Of 90,000 European emigrants to Argentina last year 58,000 were Italians.

## Military Prisoner Killed.

San Francisco, May 28.—Charles A. Hurd, a military prisoner serving a sentence for desertion from the coast artillery, was shot and killed by Private Charles M. Hew, while attempting to escape from the guard at Ft. Mason.

## Fishing Vessels Suffer.

St. John's, N. F., May 28.—The severe gale which swept the coast Sunday did much damage to the fishing vessels on the Grand Banks. One vessel reports having lost twelve men during the storm.

## St. Paul Flyer Is Wrecked.

Sioux City, Iowa, May 28.—The Kansas City and St. Paul flyer on the Chicago & Northwestern railroad was wrecked at Whiting, twenty-eight miles south of here, by a box car which blew off an elevator siding and stood on the main line. The engineer was killed and five others injured.

## Root River Dam Goes Out.

Spring Valley, Minn., May 28.—The large mill dam at Stewartville gave away under the pressure of the immense floods filling Root river, and the rushing waters washed out a piece of the Chicago Great Western track, preventing the passing of all trains.

## Guilty of Kidnapping.

Fargo, N. D., May 28.—William Rea, the man who was caught with a five-year-old girl, was convicted on the charge of kidnapping. The child had not been injured and a more serious charge could not be brought.

## Suicide by Drowning.

Melrose, Minn., May 28.—While suffering from religious dementia Mrs. M. T. Mickels, wife of a retired farmer, threw herself in the millpond and was drowned. She was fifty-five years old. Her body was recovered.

## Took His Own Life.

Milwaukee, Wis., May 28.—Alexander I. Blade, superintendent of agencies of the Equitable Life Assurance company, committed suicide yesterday at the Hotel Pfister by shooting. No cause is known.

## HUNDREDS ARE HOMELESS.

**Fire at Laconia (N. H.) Burns Nearly One Hundred Buildings.**

Laconia, N. H., May 28.—Nearly one hundred buildings in this city have been burned, 350 persons made homeless and a loss of between \$50,000 and \$100,000 has been caused by a fire in the Lakeport section, the area burned over being about 150 acres. The city fire department was helpless to stay the progress of the flames and the destruction went on until the fire actually burned itself out for want of material.

## MRS. MCCORMICK INDICTED.

**Grand Jury Holds Her for Sending Poisoned Whisky.**

Memphis, Tenn., May 28.—The grand jury has returned an indictment against Mrs. Lizzie McCormick, charged with murder in the first degree. Mrs. McCormick has been under arrest here for some time, charged with sending a bottle of poisoned whisky to a woman in Cincinnati and which caused the death of the person.

## Missing Man Found in Lake.

Iron Mountain, Mich., May 28.—The body of Neis Nelson, who mysteriously disappeared from his boarding house on Saturday, May 16, was accidentally discovered in Bass lake, two miles north of here, by a cruiser who was searching along the banks for a boat. Nelson committed suicide.

## Senator's Pocket Picked.

Everett, Wash., May 28.—A great actor W. E. Harrington of Hutchinson, Minn., lost \$200 to pickpockets here at the president's reception.

## How They Achieved Success.

The famous men of history who have possessed energy and decision were silent men. When things went wrong they did not air their grievances in public and grumble, growl and become pessimists. They simply changed their tactics. They did not relinquish their purposes. They knew what they wished to do and they kept at it until they were successful.

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