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HORRIBLE DISCOVERY.

The Corpse of a Murdered Englishman Found in a Trunk at St. Louis.

The Crime Committed in the Southern Hotel—Detectives Seeking to Unravel the Mystery.

Determined Suicide at Cleveland Union Depot—Many Children Injured in a Falling Platform in Toledo.

Big Blazes at New York and Montreal—Two Thieves Summarily Lynched at Union City, Tenn.

A Hotel Horror.

St. Louis, April 14.—A sensation was created at the Southern hotel this morning by finding in a room a trunk containing the headless body of a man with a note within the trunk saying "So perish all traitors to the great cause." The room was assigned March 3, to Walter H. Lennox Maxwell, M. D., London.

Maxwell is described as a very girlish-looking blond young man, wearing a dark woolly cutaway suit of English stuff. His face was clean shaven, and he wore his hair in a pompadour, not parting it at all. He was frequently seen in company with

gentleman about five feet ten inches in height. The latter wore a dark mustache and had dark hair. This gentleman registered as C. Arthur Preller, London, England, and was assigned to room 184. Four days after Maxwell had registered, a telegram was received from Preller asking whether Maxwell was a guest at the house. He was answered in the affirmative. He soon came on and was assigned to the room above given. Both men occupied room 184 in common a considerable part of the time, each of them calling for the key at times and the clerk giving it out to each indiscriminately, as they seemed to be good friends and old acquaintances. The men were much remarked about the hotel for their dash.

Maxwell left the hotel a week ago Sunday night, but he had paid his full week's board promptly and it was supposed he would return any day. No suspicion attached to his absence until the attention was called to the room and led to the opening of the trunk. When the trunk containing the body was opened in the corridor to-day, it was found to contain the body of a

face and breast, and a doublet about the hips and knees that it filled the trunk. On the side of the trunk over the head of the corpse was printed in large letters: "So perish all traitors to the great cause."

The trunk and its contents were immediately hurried to the Four Courts. The appearance of the body in the trunk is as follows: The head and neck were doubled up on one end of the trunk, the face was smooth, the hair black and as far as one could judge the dead man could not have been more than 30 years of age. The body was that of a common sized man in height and build. The only

presented as the body lay in the trunk was a note pinned to the breast. The trunk was a medium sized, common zinc trunk, bound with wooden strips, and the most mysterious and sensational feature of the trunk was the inscription posted on the inside near the head. The second trunk, which was found near the freight elevator. The whole corridor of the hotel was filled

with a horrible stench, which failed to disappear when the corpse was taken away. As soon as it became evident that the stench was very strong, and was emitting a fetid smell also, attempts were made to open it, but it was found to be securely locked. It was also carted off to the morgue, where it was opened, and found to contain numerous articles. It also contained

as 14 Paper building, Temple, London. An envelope addressed in his handwriting to Rev. D. G. A. Lewis, B. A., curator of St. Paul's, Morley, Leeds, Yorkshire, England. He came over on the steamer Cophona, from London, Eng., known to us by several visits he has paid to New York. Hoping you

may be mutually profited by this friendship during his stay in your city. I am yours,
RICHARD W. OWENS.

To Rev. Dr. James H. Brooks, 212 North Fifth Street, St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Brooks is a member of the Montgomery street, San Francisco, Mr. A. Gais, San Francisco; Ed. Mojca, (Evangelist, care W. L. Lees, New Zealand; John McGill, care of A. Campbell, Napier, New Zealand.

P. S. This friendship was awakened by my bringing him to a tea meeting for young men at which dear H. G. Grammes spoke from "Wishes which shall a young man cleanse his way."

Dora Olson, 842 Valencia street, San Francisco, is well known to Mr. Mojca.

Among many other things in Maxwell's trunk were found some prescription blanks from Ferron's drug store, corner of Fourth and Market streets in this city. On being questioned Mr. Ferron said this afternoon that he knew Maxwell, the latter had been in his store often; that he saw him last on Easter Sunday, when he called about 1 o'clock, and got four ounces of chloroform. He also had been in and got two ounces more. He seemed to be in a hurry but not excited. A partly filled bottle of chloroform was found in Maxwell's trunk to-day. It has also been learned that the Monday following, Easter Sunday, Maxwell went to Hickman's barber shop, corner of Fifth and Chestnut streets, and had a full beard, which he wore, reduced to a mustache and small imperial and at the same time he purchased a small colored

with a crease crown and marked on the inside "Herald, Harland Doff." Putting these things together it is believed by those who have studied the case most closely that Maxwell was killed by Preller on Sunday April 5, and it is known that he has not been seen in the city since Monday April 6. Some of the detectives were at first inclined to believe that the body had been placed in a trunk by some medical students with a view of playing a

upon the community, but this theory of the case has now been abandoned by all. Chief of Detectives Burke said to a reporter, "It is a foul murder and nothing less. The man in the trunk was killed in the room. Marks of blood are there yet. Here is a trunk strap with blood on it. The idea that it could be a hoax is absolutely absurd."

"What do you think of the placard in the trunk? 'So perish all traitors to the great cause?'"

"That may or may not be a clue. It may be a deliberate attempt to make us believe that the murder was a political assassination, while it is a murder for money."

"Of course that is the one to run the case?"

"Surely. The man must not escape. Everything that can be done will be done to capture him. The public may depend on that."

Chief of Detectives, Burke, after making an examination of the rooms at the Southern hotel, said, "I think that the dead man is C. Arthur Preller, who arrived at the hotel on the 30th of March. He was killed by Maxwell, who registered there on the 31st March. The murder took place in Maxwell's room, No. 144, and the trunk in which the body was stored was one which Maxwell

from the East. On last Tuesday he bought the second trunk found in his room at a store on Broadway, near Walnut street. Into this he transferred the books, clothing, papers, instruments, photographic views, etc., of the trunk, and a few other things which were found in confusion. He also placed the tray of his old trunk in this to give him more room to

His intention there was probably to remove this trunk, which could be put out of the hotel with the least suspicion. There was danger of discovery, of course, at any minute, and on this account he probably changed his plans and decamped. To avoid discovery he was taking his effects with him. I have no idea what prompted the murder. I found a black stiff hat with a large break in it as if it had been

It is certain that the men were intimate and Preller spent a good deal of his time in Maxwell's room. In examination of the trunk left by Preller and marked C. A. P. were found samples of furniture, tapestry, rugs, etc., a bundle of letters from Preller to the Rev. Dr. James H. Brooks, Bradford, Yorkshire, on business matters was also found as well as addresses of several carpet companies in this city. A card plate reading C. A. Preller, 11 Abchurch Lane, London, Eng., was also found.

The corner made an autopsy of the remains this afternoon, which disclosed the fact that the stomach contained poison, but which particular kind was not discovered. The analysis has been given to a chemist for analysis. An inquest will be held to-morrow.

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DEVASTATED HOMES.

The Indians Laying Waste the Whole Country About Battleground on Both Sides of the River.

Hundreds of Homes Destroyed and Signal Fires Burning on Hills and Prairies.

The Garrison Can But Remain in the Barracks and Depend on the Settlers There for Protection.

Gen. Middleton Expects to Strike Riel's Camp on Sunday at Duck Lake Battle Again.

Special to the Globe.

WINNIPEG, Man., April 14.—A Battleground dispatch received late last night says the country north of there was burned yesterday for miles by the Indians traveling westward. All of the farms on both sides of the river are raided and the horses and cattle driven away. Signal fires are seen all around, but the garrison is powerless to do anything but keep itself in readiness in the event of an attack. Col. Morris has done everything possible to make the settlers comfortable. They are all patiently waiting for the arrival of the troops. It is rumored that the Indians are to be treated with peace before punishment, but public sentiment will revolt. There is no time for temporizing when 1,000 farms are desolated and fifty people killed.

Gen. Middleton's Movements.

WINNIPEG, April 14.—A dispatch from the Hudson Bay officials at Battleground, received this morning, states that no definite news has been received from Ft. Pitt. A messenger, dispatched from Battleground to Ft. Pitt to bring in intelligence from the latter point, was captured by the Indians, in whose hands he now is. No news is in sight about Battleground, and it is supposed that they have gone to Ft. Pitt. Col. Morris sent a dispatch to this city last night stating that Riel's force was a very considerable one, and consequently he did not deem it wise to leave Prince Albert, as the garrison and citizens needed protection. Gen. Middleton's force reached Humboldt last night, and will camp at that point to-morrow morning, waiting to gather supplies. The Toronto Grenadiers and Maj. Boulton, with sixty mounted rifles, are about two days behind him. It is understood that when the latter come up Middleton will advance to Batocoo Crossing. Riel's scouts are scouring the country in every direction, and Middleton's troops report seeing them on the hills near them yesterday. Troops will probably

MEET THE REBELS.

who are encamped on both sides of the river, either on Saturday or Sunday. Col. Morris will probably make a sortie from Prince Albert with 300 men and will attack the rebels on the north side, while Middleton's command will fight a larger force on this side of the river. Riel's force, who was with Gen. Middleton for the past week or so, returned to the city last night to make arrangements with the banks to have money placed at his disposal at Qu'Appelle for the purpose of buying the troops, as he is paymaster of the forces. Col. Forrest reports that Gen. Middleton is in the best spirits and, to use his words, "is just dying for a fight." He is confident that he may now be able to meet the rebels and may have to return without accomplishing the object of his mission. If the general once gets his eyes on the rebels there will be a big fight, for the general is determined to strike a blow which will be felt for all time to come. The Midland battalion, under command of Lieut. Col. Williams, M. P., arrived this morning about 4 o'clock. The battalion numbers 366 men and 35 officers. They received rather sudden orders to start west and left.

SPECIAL TRAIN FOR QU'APPELLE.

It is supposed that they are to be sent to join Middleton's command. Col. Scott's battalion received orders to proceed to join Middleton and will probably leave Thursday. Col. Smith has instructions to the effect that his troops and his battalion is expected to leave tomorrow morning. The Ninth battalion is still in camp here. A Toronto body-guard of cavalry will arrive through to-night and the London battalion will arrive to-morrow. It will be known when Gen. Strang's force will be ordered to start from Calgary to Edmonton. It is believed that preparations are not making much advance at Calgary, both teams and supplies wanting. Strange's force is unopposed, and he will probably volunteer to serve under him. Col. Quimett of the Sixty-fifth battalion returned from Calgary to-night. His men are not properly equipped to march north, and there are no animals ready to go with him, and it will be some days before Strang is in a position to undertake the journey. A Swift Current dispatch says Col. Otter received instructions to abandon the river expedition and to bring his force to the relief of Battleground, which he promptly did. The column marched fifteen miles yesterday and to-day reached Saskatchewan ferry, twenty-eight miles distant. At this point there is a score of capable of taking the whole expedition in a day. From the river to Battleground is about one hundred and seventy miles, nearly all through open country. Otter's force should reach Battleground

THE DUCK LAKE STRIKE AGAIN.

A Clarke's Crossing dispatch says: The following particulars of the fight at Duck Lake are furnished by a volunteer who took part: The rebels, numbering 300, were concealed in a house and in the woods and were not discovered by the white police until within fifty yards of the house. An Indian attempted to wrest a rifle from a policeman and was shot. This was the opening of the fight, which lasted forty minutes. The house where the rebels were concealed was not discovered until after the fight commenced. Cannon were immediately brought to bear, but unfortunately in loading the police put in the shell without powder, thus rendering the guns useless. The volunteers remained standing while the police fought lying down, but so much slaughter among the former. The Prince Albert detachment remained on the field for seven days. Riel sent a messenger to the police to come for them, but the latter refusing, the messenger himself removed them. The rebels captured fifteen rifles and about 500 rounds of ammunition. The Indians robbed the dead of two gold watches, but Riel has promised to have them returned.

Peace Payover.

OTTAWA, April 14.—Mr. Royal returned yesterday and immediately after his arrival a rumor was set afloat that an arrangement had been made by which a conflict with the half-breeds under Riel could be avoided. It is reported to-day the negotiations looking to peace were opened by telegraph yesterday between Gen. Middleton and Louis Riel and that such negotiations are still proceeding.

A Vote of Money Asked.

OTTAWA, April 14.—In the house of commons this afternoon a message from the governor general was read, asking parliament to grant immediately \$750,000 to defray the expenses entailed in putting down the Northwest rebellion.

Meeting of the Royal Legion.

CHICAGO, April 14.—The order of the Royal Legion began a session to-day at the Grand Pacific. To-morrow evening will occur the grand annual banquet, at which 200 guests will be present. Gen. W. S. Hancock, president of the national organization; Gen. Sheridan, president of the state department, and a number of distinguished soldiers are expected to be in attendance.

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