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DEVIL'S OWN AT WORK

Diabolical Deed of an Alleged Black Butcher on a Mississippi Farm.

MOTHER AND FOUR CHILDREN DEAD

One Little Girl Also a Victim, but Revives Enough to Put the Officers on the Track of the Fiend Who, It Goes Without Saying, Will Be Lynched If Caught—Bastard of Philadelphia Murderer Was Bullet Proof and Killed.

Women, Miss, Dec. 10.—One of the most atrocious murders on record in the south was committed Wednesday night in Simpson county, this state, twenty miles from Lenoir. Bruce Smith, a farmer, and a son of ex-Representative Edward Smith, left his family at his home in the country to go to town for shopping purposes, thinking of no possible danger for them. Yesterday morning when he returned he found his wife and five children writhing in their blood, and apparently all dead. An alarm was raised immediately and the entire neighborhood turned out to hunt for the perpetrator of the foul and bloody crime. There being no telegraph connections details of the murder came in slowly, but it is reported that one of the little girls, supposed at first to have been dead, has revived enough to tell what she knew of the occurrence. She said she knew the man who committed the deed, that it was a negro, and described him. A posse is now on the track of the murderer, and there is great probability that he will be apprehended, and there can be but little doubt of his meeting speedy vengeance when caught, without waiting for the formality of a court. It is learned that Mrs. Smith and the other four children are dead. Sheriffs McNair, of Lincoln, and Thompson, of Copiah counties, have gone to the scene of the murder, each with a pack of trained bloodhounds.

In the Quaker City.

Philadelphia, Dec. 10.—Antonio Tucci, an Italian, yesterday shot and probably fatally wounded G. Tompkins because of the rejection of his affections by Tompkins' 18-year-old daughter, Theresa. He followed this up by setting fire to the clothing of Tompkins' 11-year-old son Michael, and when an attempt was made to arrest him he successfully held a squad of policemen and firemen at bay until he had twice fired his revolver at them and slightly wounded Policeman Simpson and a citizen named Caschino. Finally driven into a corner he set fire to his room, and until securely bound and defended himself with a large knife. Tucci is about 45 years old. He lived with Tompkins, and for long time showed affection for Theresa. Wednesday he pleaded for her love and was rejected. Yesterday afternoon Tompkins was working in the yard when Tucci opened fire upon him. He put three bullets in Tompkins' back, two in his legs and one in the head. The boy Michael saw the shooting and called for help. Tucci plucked up an oil can, emptied its contents over Michael's coat and applied a match.

Shots Off the Police and Firemen.

The boy ran screaming into the street and an alarm of fire was sounded, while Tucci took refuge on the second floor of the house. The police and firemen attempted to dislodge him, but shots from his revolver held them back and forced them to retreat the fire. After a succession of attempts, during which his ammunition became exhausted, he was driven to his room on the third floor. Before the police had decided to make an attempt to arrest him smoke was seen coming from the window. A rush was made for the place and the door was burst open. The carabinieri and fire were on fire, and to bind this bundle of flames Tucci stood brandishing a dangerous folding knife. A determined rush was made on him and he was overpowered after a desperate struggle, during which several of his captors were slightly scratched. Tompkins is in a very critical condition, but his son was only slightly hurt.

CASE OF MURDER OR ACCIDENT.

But Looks More Like Murder—Foot Spiked to the Tie.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Evidence of a startling nature which indicates that murder has been committed somewhere between Chicago and Denver on the Chicago and Alton railroad, was found yesterday on top of the front truck of the Pullman sleeping car Milwaukee shortly after its arrival in Chicago. It was a human foot, apparently that of a man, and a long, slender spike penetrate the large toe. The foot, which had been torn off above the ankle, was bare and maimed. The basement which had been torn from the upper portion of the limb and remained attached to the foot were twisted around the blood-stained tracks of the sleeper, the police saying that the man had

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been tied to the railroad trucks, his foot spiked to the tie, and that he then had been left to meet certain death under the train. Or this theory inquiries are now being made at every point on the road between Chicago and Denver. The spike, which was in the center of the great toe, is about five inches long and of the kind used in certain parts of railroad construction where a delicate yet strong piece of metal is used to hold wood together. There is no blood on the engine, which railroad men say proves that the accident, or murder as the case may be, occurred west of Illinoisan, on the change of engines is made at that point.

Mexico, Mex., Dec. 10.—The mangled remains of a man supposed to be Sam H. Mayes, of Princeton, Ia., were found near this city yesterday morning, strewn along the Chicago and Alton railroad track. The remains were not discovered until after the train had passed. The head would appear to be that of a man about 35 years old. The supposed identification of the body is from papers found in the dead man's clothing.

Governor Who Talks Plain Facts.

Carson City, Nev., Dec. 10.—Governor Badler of Nevada, denounced the work of the mob at Goldfield in punishing Adam Ullman an ex-mug of Nevada libertines. He says that upon proper application from the authorities of Douglas county, he will offer a reward for the apprehension of the leaders and participants in the crime.

BE THE SHERIFF NEXT, SURE.

Akron—Men Who Lynched Coalminers Now Do the State.

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 10.—The report received here from Jenny Lind Sebastian county, that the miners at Eureka have acknowledged their participation in the lynching of Coalminers Murphy. It is said they have just word to Sebastian effect that they planned to arrest any of their number to come down into the shafts of the mines and not all they want. They are well equipped with dynamite and it is known that their persons is to blow up the mine if an effort is made to apprehend them.

The mine is surrounded by a steep slope, the sheriff being in command. He says he will force the miners to capitulate even if he has to fire the mine. There are about 1,000 miners believed to have got in touch with the miners, and a regular plot of blood and fire is to be expected.

DUBLIN, Dec. 10.—The Evening Telegraph says that the war office has sent an order to Dublin for the sharpening of all sword-hangers in the possession of the regular troops in Ireland. The order is unexplained and a perfect mystery to both officers and men.

Inference of Great Britain's Army.

London, Dec. 10.—The Marquis of Lansdowne, secretary of state for war, speaking last night at Edinburgh, outlined the military policy of the government. Lord Lansdowne, after remarking that the country had been confronted during the past few months with difficulties in every part of the globe not of her own seeking, specially mentioning the Boiling sea and Venetian controversies, said that three army corps were required, adding that two must be available for offensive purposes abroad. He asserted that he was still of the opinion that only a moderate service with the colors was expedient, but he hoped to be able to increase the establishment of each home battalion, thus securing a larger margin of seasoned soldiers by contracting with small numbers of reservists who, for extra payment, would agree, if necessary, to retain the colors during the next year of rest.

Proposed Coalition Against Uncle Sam.

Berlin, Dec. 10.—During the debate in the Reichstag yesterday on the naval proposal Herr Hammacher said: "The most important thing is the policy of England and the United States. England's policy is evidently directed toward the formation of a confederacy with her colonies. The United States also undoubtedly wish to protect themselves against our exports; but matters are coming to such a pass that other American republics are joining the United States in order to form a confederacy. Pan-Americanism is for Germany still more momentous than Monroeism. The United States are not to be considered as the same footing as a single European state, but rather as an entire continent with regard to producing and my opinion, which is shared by eminent statesmen and has also been expressed recently by Count Gorchakov, is that European states will in the coming century be obliged to co-operate in order to support each other in this struggle for existence with America."

UNREST IN RUSSIAN ASIA.

Moslems May Give the Bear Much Trouble in the Year to Come.

Moscow, Dec. 10.—Hon. W. J. Bryan, of Nebraska, is here. His visit aroused great enthusiasm, and the distinguished American was the recipient of high municipal, state and federal honors.

Tate Robbs Neatly Defeated.

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 10.—Particulars are received of a holdup on the Southern Pacific. The "Sunset Limited" had just left Stein's Pass, N. M., when the engineer noticed a danger signal and stopped the train. Five heavily armed men appeared. One covered the engineer and the others approached the express car, firing their guns to intimidate the passengers and trainmen. Then the guards in the express car opened up, killing the leader of the robbers, a man named Culkin, and wounding another of the gang, who was carried off by his comrades. The robbers got nothing.

THE RACE Scores.

New York, Dec. 10.—The score in the bicycle race at 2 p. m. was: Miller, 1,761; Rice, 1,699; Riviere, 1,676; Schneiders, 1,611; Hale, 1,567; Hale, 1,567; Waller, 1,551. The best previous record was 1,515.

WILL DINE IN THE CASTLE.

London, Dec. 10.—United States Minister Hay and wife will dine with the queen this evening and sleep at the castle.

ADMITTED EARLY MONDAY.

Springfield, Dec. 10.—With houses without transacting any business, admitted early Monday afternoon.

Elliott and Gilbert Shoot a Tie.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—J. A. Elliott, of Kansas City, and Fred Gilbert, of Spirit Lake, Ia., shot to a tie in a match for the Dupont trophy yesterday. Each dropped ninety-three birds. Elliott apparently had the match, but lost a "flushed" bird at the ninety-fourth round.

ATTEMPT ON THE SULTAN'S LIFE.

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ABBREVIATED TELEGRAMS.

Rev. Dr. John Atkinson, author of "We shall meet beyond the river," is dead.

Before sailing for Europe George W. Vanderbilt took out \$1,600,000 insurance on his life.

Gertrude Prince, daughter of a Hayes, Wis., farmer, eloped with a negro employed by her father.

Jacob E. Stinger, a well-known importer of pianos, died at Milwaukee, from a stroke of apoplexy.

Harry Poole, a well-known young man of Charleston, Illa., picked up a live wire. He is dead now.

Sergeant Gage will inaugurate the plan of giving revenue cutters the names of Indian tribes instead of prominent men.

After Jan. 1 wages for miners at Creede, Colo., will be \$3 a day instead of \$2.50. The increase was made voluntarily by the mine owners.

The British troop ship Avoca, with about 1,000 men on board, from Jamaica to Cape Town, has arrived there safely. It was reported that she had founded.

Charles G. Kreischmer, 49 years principal in the Burlington, Ia., public schools, one of the oldest and best known educators in the northwest, is dead, aged 76 years.

The board of directors of the St. Louis Merchants' Exchange held a special meeting and declared disappearance of the railroad pooling bill now pending in Congress.

Letters engraved on a slab of quartz, with veins of gold prominently showing, will carry California's invitation to President McKinley to attend the golden jubilee of the discovery of gold.

It is expected that Emperor Francis Joseph will shortly issue decree prolonging for a year the status quo between Austria and Hungary regarding the sharing of imperial expenditure budgetary and other essential matters.

Chairman H. Hanna, of the monetary commission, the result of the Indianapolis convention, has sent a circular letter, asking them to endorse and advocate the commission plan for financial reform.

IMMEDIATE RELEASE.

Springfield, Illa., Dec. 10.—Both houses of the legislature have adjourned for the balance of the week. Senator Dwyer introduced a bill, the object of which is to tax sleeping car and fast freight cars, car trustee and corporations, and individuals other than owners of railroads who own and operate cars.

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Ladies' Kangaroo Calf Shoes that sell the world over for \$2.50, our closing price..... 1.69	Gents' Satin Calf Shoes, O'Meara's price \$2, our closing price..... 98c
Ladies' Dongola Shoes, all styles, very stylish, regular price \$1.75, closing at..... 98c	Men's Satin Calf Shoes, O'Meara's price \$1.75, our closing price..... 98c
Ladies' Heavy Grain Shoes, closing price..... 98c	Men's Working Shoes, closing out price..... 98c
Ladies' Warm Lined Shoes, closing at 45c, 60c and..... 75c	Men's Working Shoes