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AN IS HELD MURDER CHARGE

o Jail to Await Grand ury Investigation.

FENDANTS SET FREE

Says There Is Not Yet Evidence to Convict Mrs. But Enough to Warrant Investigation.

Jan. 2.—After a thorough of the evidence against Stamper, R. A. Jordan, Garay and Miss Addie by order of the coroner's investigation as to the mur- Dodges, Judge Rosa on ered Mrs. Stamper re- pending an investiga- grand jury, while the defendants were released. ants in the case have arrest since the morning when Dodges was found rear porch of Mrs. Stam- Marietta street with a his head. The hear- Rosa was the re- for commitment attorneys for the de-

Mrs. Stamper held, the to the opinion that for the investigation There is a dead and it should be The fact that being held, however, the case against more much more evi- a conviction by a jury secure an order to be tion. In the for- should be remov-

of the bloody gar- the house after the blood spots on the to another source, evidence adduced it is they have any con- matter.

which consumed entire morning in the little from that at the only ma- difference being about pistol shots fired on was killed. Mrs. Miss Addie Goss were two pistol that Mrs. Stamper At the coroners' testified that fired.

Solicitor Hill why mind as to the num- if she had been did change, Mrs.

told us she wanted for her and said she trouble if we did not. swore there was more might make it hard-

may she would "make" inquired Solicitor say," the witness re-

who was the first wit- stated that she of Mrs. Stamper on of the killing for the the night with about 1 o'clock they if some one was try- way into the door back porch. Mrs. who it was and, re- plied, declared she would the party or parties dis- identity. According to the knocking continued, shot fired through the walked to the door weapon in a hole, effort was made to house as the in- robbers were or

the mur- the scene

stated that the only position which his son could have assumed in order to have been struck in the back of the head was to have mounted a sill in front of the door and stood very close to the door with his back against it. Otherwise had he been standing on the floor of the porch, the bullet would have passed over his head. He testified, further, that on the Saturday night in question his son had on his person $16.75, which was missing when his body was found.

SMALL BOYS BLOWN HIGH,

Accident at the New Year Celebration in Savannah, Ga.

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 2.—While a party, consisting of the young son of Fire Chief J. E. Maguire, two sons of Richard Cooley, and a son of Henry Boden, and two small negro boys, were engaged at midnight in the celebration of the birth of the new year, through the agency of a small cannon, a spark flew into a can of powder from which they were securing their ammunition.

Small boys were blown in every direction. When they emerged from the smoke they were all more or less injured. The results may prove serious for two or three, who were reported from the drugstore, to which they were all taken by the police that hurried to the scene, as being in some danger of permanent afflictions from the severe burns they received.

Hours of Workmen Too Long.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 2.—Secretary Goldsmith, of the Ohio Federation of Labor, has announced that arrangements were being made to hold in this city a meeting of representatives of the blast furnace and coke workers employed in the mills of the Mahoning and Shenango valleys, at which time demands will be formulated for an eight-hour work day. The men are now working 12 hours a day. They made a demand for a shorter day four years ago, but finally compromised on a 10 per cent increase in wages, with the same hours as before. According to Secretary Goldsmith, the sentiment among the men strongly favors a strike unless a shorter working day is granted.

Attempt to Assassinate Woman.

Houston, Tex., Jan. 2.—A supposed attempt to assassinate Mrs. T. H. McGregor, the wife of Representative-elect McGregor, and the announcement that members of the family of F. Charles Hume had been poisoned, has led many Houston householders to discharge their negro servants. A negro man, who had been a servant in the McGregor home, is under arrest, charged with shooting into the dining room of the McGregor home. The bullet narrowly missed Mrs. McGregor's head. The shooting followed a rebuke to the negro's wife, who was employed as cook for the McGregors. The police are now investigating the alleged poisoning of the Hume family.

Cut His Wife

Mt. Carmel, Pa., J William Whittager murdered his w by cutting her throat with a razor in the presence of his own mother and that of his victim. The two mothers and wife were conferring in the home of the wife's parents when Whittager entered the parlor, and, after addressing his wife, drew the razor across her throat from ear to ear. Whittager has been arrested. Three weeks ago the couple quarreled and the wife returned to her father's home, alleging that her husband treated her cruelly.

Lumber Falls on Street Car.

New Orleans, La., Jan. 2.—Two heavy timber piles crushed the side of a Tulane street car, killing William Grant and slightly injuring half a dozen passengers. The piles were loaded on a wagon with which the car collided on a dark street. The motorman and wagon driver were arrested and placed in jail.

A Wife's Revenge.

Sandusky, O., Jan. 2.—Learning that a girl to whom, it is alleged, he had been paying attention, gave him a watch for a Christmas present, his wife caused t William J.

RAIL HORROR STILL GROWS IN MAGNITUDE

52 Dead at Washington and About 60 Injured.

MORGUE SCENES HEARTRENDING

Investigation Seems to Fix the Responsibility on the Engineer Who Disregarded Danger Signal—Engineer is Under Arrest.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—The Baltimore and Ohio wreck at Terracotta, grows in magnitude as the hours pass.

The most conservative estimate of the dead is 52, with three scores of injured at the hospitals or at their homes, suffering from wounds and fractures sustained in the rear-end collision, which completely demolished the two day coaches and the smoker attached to the local Frederick, Md., train No. 66. Several of the most seriously injured are expected to die, and the death list may yet reach sixty or more.

Heart-rending and pitiful were the scenes at the city morgue, where hundreds of persons flocked to assist the police in the identification of the dead. Women, girls and even men with iron nerves, sobbed aloud and fainted as their relatives or friends were found among the corpses strewn about the floor.

Officials of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad are conducting an investigation of the wreck in Baltimore for the purpose of placing the responsibility for the disaster.

General Superintendent Toll exonerated Milton V. Phillips, the operator at the Takoma block station, the last signal station that the equipment train passed before crashing into the passenger train at Terracotta. The superintendent declared that Phillips was obeying instructions when he went home at 6:30 o'clock, leaving the double green signal burning. While making no positive charge, Superintendent Todd intimated that the burden of the blame would fall upon the engineer and crew of the extra. The five members of the crew who were arrested shortly after the accident, are now being held to await the result of official investigation.

Gazing vacantly between the iron bars of his cell at the police station, Engineer Hildebrand is too full of emotion to make any definite statement. "It will all come out at the investigation," he said. "I don't believe that there is anything for me to say and I could not say it if there was."

Before he was arrested, the engineer made a statement, in which he declared that if the danger signal was displayed at Takoma, he failed to see it, owing to the dense fog.

Milton W. Phillips, the operator, who is also held a prisoner at the Tenth precinct, said Tuesday that the equipment train ran past his danger signal board at a speed of 50 to 60 miles an hour. He said there was a heavy fog, but not enough to hide the red light. He declares that he immediately notified the operator at University station that the train had taken the block against orders. His statement is corroborated by the University station operator, who says he received the message. Policeman J. T. Kennedy, stationed at Takoma Park, will testify that he saw the signal light in its proper place and that Hildebrand drove past the signal. Fred Lamkum, gatekeeper at Takoma, makes a similar statement.

C. W. Galloway, general superintendent of transportation for the Baltimore and Ohio, exonerated the company from all blame and put the responsibility on the engineer of the equipment train or the operator at Takoma block.

If the coroner's jury fails to hold the engineer or the block operator," he said, "we shall not consider the matter settled. We shall go to the bottom of the wreck. This horrible catastrophe could have been avoided. Some one is responsible, and we intend to leave no stone unturned until the responsibility has been fixed. The block system was installed two years ago and is the safest known to railroad men.

Chairman Knapp, of the interstate commerce commission, tonight said that the commission considered the advisability of making a special investigation into the cause of the wreck. No decision has been reached, he says, as to when the investigation will be made. A member of the committee, in discussing the proposed investigation, said:

"It has been suggested that we ought to have an expert at the coroner's inquest, and that may be done, though he could not take any part in asking the questions.

"But it is probable under the joint resolution instructing us to investigate and report on the operation of the block signal system we could make a special inquiry in this, and the commission will take up as soon as posible the question of doing so."

RELATIVES REFUSED CORPSE.

Because of Charges, Was Re-Shipped and Buried in Original Grave.

Boonville, Ind., Jan. 2.—The remains of William Seitz, a former Boonville tobacco buyer, which were sent from Louisville, Ky., to Boonville only to be returned by the express company because relatives would not pay the charges, amounting to $203, including the cost of the casket, will arrive in Boonville later. Burial will take place immediately at Maple Grove cemetery.

Seitz died of pneumonia at Louisville, according to the death certificate, although it was first given out that he died of erysipelas. Recently Seitz divorced his second wife in Boonville, and a few days later he married Lizzie Lockhart, of Louisville. It is said that their wedded life was unhappy. They parted. A telegram was received from her in New Mexico saying: "Is Will's policy good? Bury him at Boonville."

Seitz held a $1,000 life insurance policy in the Court of Honor, made payable to his second wife. As he divorced her, she cannot be his legal beneficiary, the fraternal society holds

Seitz was once a Boonville city councilman and a prominent business man.

Determined to Die.

Columbus, O., Jan. 2.—Louis Miller, a butcher, was found dead in the rear of a slaughter house in which he worked, with his knees drawn almost to his chin. It developed that he had tied a rope to a beam in the barn and jumped to the floor. The rope was too long, and, determined to end his existence, he drew his legs off the floor and remained in that position until he had succeeded in strangling himself.

King Oscar Passes Good Night.

Stockholm, Jan. 2.—King Oscar passed a good night. The bulletin issued by his physicians Monday morning says his sleep was disturbed and that his temperature is about the same. His condition otherwise is unchanged.

Lightfoot Succeeds Agent March.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 2.—Circulars have been issued announcing the appointment of W. I. Lightfoot to succeed the late W. F. March as assistant general passenger agent of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railway company.

Unable to Attend Inauguration.

Farmington, Mich., Jan. 2.—Unless Governor Warner makes unexpected progress toward recovery from bronchial trouble, with which he has been suffering for several days, he will be unable to go to Lansing for his inauguration.

Equitable Life Official Dead.

New York, Jan. 2.—Word was received Sunday of the death of Alexander Munkittrick, associate manager of the British branch of the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States, at his home in London, England.

Sleepless for Ten Days.

Bourbon, Ind., Jan. 2.—Clifford Toff was found dead in bed, having cut his throat with a razor. He died with some secret trouble preying on his mind. He had not slept in ten days, and this drove him to do the deed.

5,000 CHILDREN FREED BY LA

Second Section of Child Lab Bill In Effect.

TO BELL IS DUE THE PRAI

Law Was Passed by the Efforts Hon. Madison Bell, of Fulton, With the Assistance of Oth Fought Down Opposition.

Atlanta, Jan. 2.—The second tion of the child labor bill, which passed last summer, went into ef Tuesday, and it is estimated that least 5,000 children, now workin who are under the age of 12, were moved from the factories and places where children are empl in the state of Georgia.

The first section, which took children from work who were the age of ten years, went into fect when the bill was approved the governor.

The third section, which children working who are under age of 16 will go into effect the of next year. This section prohib a child under 14 from working tween the hours of 7 p. m. and a. m.

Section 4 goes into effect the of next year, and it prohibits child under 14 years of age from work unless such child can write his her name and simple sentences, shall have attended school for tw weeks of the preceding year.

Other sections made provisions the carrying of the law into and for punishing those who vi it.

The section which went into Jan. 1, and freed 5,000 working dren in Georgia, is as follows:

"Section 2. Be is further enac by the authority aforesaid. That and after Jan. 1, 1907, no child der 12 years of age shall be ployed, or allowed to labor, such child, be an orphan and other means of support, or unle widowed mother or an aged or abled father is dependent upon labor of such child; in which before putting such child at bor, such father shall produce file in the office of such factory manufacturing establishment, ticate from the ordinary of the ty in which such factory or manu turing establishment is located, tifying under his seal of office facts required to be shown as prescribed; provided, that no ary shall issue any such certi except upon strict proof in and under oath, clearly showing necessary facts; and provided furth that no such certificate shall be ed for longer than one year, nor cepted by any employer after one from the date of such certificate."

To the Hon. Madison Bell, sentative in the legislature from ton county, is due the praise for passage of the child labor bill in state of Georgia.

Mill Men and Child Labor.

Covington, Ga., Jan. 2.—T being a comparatively small nu of children under the age of 12 ployed in the manufacturing ments of this community, the child labor law will not result appreciable inconvenience to them.

The cotton mill men claim that operation of the new law will work hardship on them, and that they in full sympathy with the provisions the new act.

More than 1,000 operatives are ployed in the two cotton mills but at each of the plants an up-to public school is maintained, children of the factory employes given as good chance to procure common school education as can found in the best regulated com ties.

Farm Hand Kicked to Death.

Russellville, Ky., Jan. 2.—A feeding stock John Roberts, aged employed on the farm of Eugene Clerndon, was kicked on the by a mule, his skull being fractu death ensuing. McClerndon and son found his body at daylight.