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SHOT WIFE AND SELF

Sensational Tragedy Occurs at Milwaukee, Wis.

DYING MAN TELLS STORY

George Willoughby, Prominent Member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Shot His Wife Dead and Then Shoots Himself.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 21.—Geo. Willoughby, manager of the Jewett & Sherman company, coffee and spice mills, Friday shot and killed his wife, Florence Willoughby, at their home on Prospect avenue. Willoughby then fired two shots into his own breast and is not expected to recover.

Willoughby confessed to the police.

The couple last evening attended a social at the Park Place Methodist Episcopal church, where both were prominent workers, and where Mr. Willoughby also taught a Sunday school class.

Upon their return home they quarreled.

While Mrs. Willoughby was asleep the husband chloroformed her and then shot her behind the left ear, casuing instant death. He then shot himself twice in the breast, the bullets piercing his lung but missing his heart.

Tells Story to Police.

Willoughby told this story to the police:

"I married my wife in Ludington, Mich., twenty years ago," said he. "I did not love her but I married her mostly out of sympathy, she being a poor woman. We frequently quarreled. Mrs. Willoughby was insanely jealous of me.

"Four years ago while I was on my way to New York I met a woman on the train. Our acquaintance ripened into love. Then for the first time I realized I had met a woman I really loved. This woman also was living an unhappy life. Her husband was cruel to her and soon after I met her he deserted her and her two small children. I then began to support her. We became intimate and have been so for several years. Two years ago she obtained a divorce and since that time I have been providing for her and her children. She is now living in Chicago.

Planning for Many Months.

"For many months I have been planning. I began to collect chloroform. I bought it in small lots and began to keep it until I had a large bottle of the drug.

"I decided to end it all this morning. After my wife had fallen asleep I obtained the chloroform and rose I shot her. I then fired two shots into my breast, intending to shoot myself in the heart, but I failed."

Willoughby was fifty years old. His wife was three years his junior.

Vessel Went Ashore.

Jewfish, Fla., March 21.—The English tramp steamer Verbena, Captain Mann, bound for Vera Cruz, Mexico, and coal laden, ran ashore on the rocks off the Florida reefs off Rodriguez Key at 3 p. m. on March 15, and got clear Tuesday at 8 a. m. Captains Stickney and Sayer, with a wrecking crew, lightened her by throwing overboard about 500 tons of coal, after which she floated and proceeded for her destination. Damage to the hull, if any, could not be ascertained until a survey is had.

Regarded as Favorable Move.

Washington, March 21.—The supreme court of Germany in several decisions recently handed down has held bankers liable for advice given their clients as to investments. This is regarded in a report to the state department as a decided step forward in placing the banking business on a solid and responsible foundation.

British Steamer Overdue.

Plymouth, Eng., March 21.—The British steamer Acora from Sierra Leone March 2, with 156 men and women, including a detachment of a West Indian regiment on board, is three days overdue. Much anxiety is expressed.

MICANOPY NEWS ITEMS.

Hon. J. N. C. Stockton Addresses Large Crowd of Citizens.

Micanopy, March 21.—Hon J. N. C. Stockton, candidate for Governor, spoke here Thursday night at Feaster's Hall to a large crowd of citizens of this place and surrounding country. Dr. L. Montgomery introduced Mr. Stockton as the next Governor of Florida. Mr. Stockton held the close attention of the crowd for about an hour. He very clearly stated his position on the questions involved in the campaign and came out squarely on the prohibition question, as he did on the question of corporate control. He urged the people to be especially careful in selecting their county commissioners and members of the Legislature, and promised, if elected, to give the people a clean and economical administration. He asked that the records of the candidates offering for the Governorship be carefully investigated, and when such investigation had been made for them to vote for the man best fitted to serve them. He made a favorable impression and it is safe to say Mr. Stockton will get a large vote at this place. This was Mr. Stockton's first visit to Micanopy and he said he was especially proud to see so many ladies present.

J. B. Simonton is installing a waterworks plant in his residence. Several others here are going to follow suit at an early date.

J. E. Thrasher is having his house on Main street thoroughly repaired and repainted. When completed it is going to be up-to-date in every respect.

Mrs. Sue D. Feaster has had her residence on Seminary street repainted. Dr. H. C. Crawford, on the same street, is following suit, while Capt. B. W. Fontaine, on Main street, is also remodeling his already elegant home. These improvements, with others that are contemplated, will help the general appearance of our little town.

The protracted meeting closed at the Presbyterian church Wednesday night. The services were conducted by Revs. Way and Sample. The meeting was well attended and the sermons very instructive. There were several additions to the church. The friends of Rev. Mr. Way were glad to have the privilege of hearing him again.

The New Tuscawilla Hotel will be ready for business about the 15th of April. A formal announcement will be given later.

Dr. L. Montgomery is hauling brick to have a brick block built where his wooden buildings now stand on Main street.

Mrs. Pitts' music class gave an entertainment Friday night at Feaster's Hall.

HIGH SPRINGS NOTES.

High Springs, March 21.—Postmaster Glass of High Springs has just received a cable message from his son, Charles, machinery of the U. S. S. Monongahela, recently burned in Guantanamo bay, Cuba. He reported all safe. Young Mr. Glass was reared in this town and has hosts of friends who have noted his career in the navy with much interest. They are delighted to know of his safety.

M. Pingree of High Springs carried on the Monongahela forty-five years ago and is acquainted with sailors who sailed the old ships. In her day she ranked every ship afloat of her class. She was designated a sloop of war. She was nimble and easy to handle and was a crack sailer, notwithstanding as a small sailer she was. Her hull her remarkable appearance. Her hull was more like a thick and as hard as iron.

Reduction in Expenditures.

St. Petersburg, March 21.—Although the estimates of the budget has not been finished, the finance committee of the duma is in favor of a net reduction of the expenditures of 121,000,000 rubles, leaving a deficit of only 161,000,000 rubles, so far as the report of the committee goes. The report also is for the reduction of the army and obligations to Germany. The actual deficit in the running expenses of the state is 538,000,000.

FLOOD IS THREATENED

Ohio Valley May Have One Equal to That of 1884.

MUCH DAMAGE ALREADY DONE

Heavy Rains Have Fallen Almost Equal to Water Spouts and Side Streams Are Pouring Great Volumes of Water into the Ohio River.

Gallipolis, O., March 21.—The indications now are for a disastrous flood in the Ohio valley. The Baltimore and Ohio railway officials predict a freshet equal to that of 1884.

All traffic will be tied up.

Heavy rains equal to waterspouts have fallen throughout the valley and great damage has already been done.

All the side streams are pouring great volumes of water into the Ohio river.

INDUSTRIAL PROGRESS.

Interurban Electric Railways Planned With Augusta as the Center.

Baltimore, Md., March 21.—At different points in the south are indications of reviving activity on a number of lines. Plans are underway looking to making Augusta, Ga., an important center of interurban electric railways. Contract has already been awarded for the Atlanta end of the line of the Atlanta and Augusta Electric road, which is to run through one of the most resourceful sections of the state.

The route of the Augusta and Columbia has been survered and work has been taken up between Aiken and Columbia, S. C., cars being now operated on a stretch of more than 20 miles between Augusta and Aiken. The plans now under consideration may result in a consolidation of these lines and the local line fn Augusta and the construction, also, of a line between Edgefield and Augusta.

Congress has granted a right to contruct two dams across the Savannah river above Augusta, and the power to be thus developed electrically will supply a number of factories and small cities with light and power.

UNINSTRUCTED DELEGATION.

So Advises the Democratic State Committee of New York.

New York, March 21.—The democratic state committee Thursday voted almost solidly in favor of an uninstructed delegation to the national convention.

But one voice was raised in opposition, that of Charles P. Williams, of Lyons, who subsequently explained that he stood for William J. Bryan.

The prevailing sentiment was expressed in a resolution which after setting forth that the interests of the country and party demand the selection as presidential candidates of men who at the time and place of the national gathering shall appeal most strongly to the justice and judgment of the whole body, calls upon the democratic electors of the state to choose as delegates the strongest and ablest men in the ranks, and send them to the national convention, pledged and uninstructed as to conditions.

Japan Invites Fleet.

Washington, March 21.—The Japanese government has extended an invitation to the American government to have the Atlantic battleship fleet to visit any port in Japan on its homeward cruise around the world. This invitation was received at the Japanese embassy here and was at once transmitted to Secretary Root by Ambassador Takahira.

Wants $10,000 for Three Fingers.

Columbus, Ga., March 21.—Ten thousand dollars is the value placed upon the last three fingers of the left hand of Robert Newsome, the eighteen-year-old son of Barney Newsome, who has filed suit for damages for that amount in Muscogee superior court. The defendant is the Columbus School Desk company, in whose factory the accident is alleged to have happened.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY AT MELROSE.

Melrose, March 21.—St. Patrick's Day was duly celebrated in Melrose by a large gathering invited for this occasion to meet the O'Whitehead's and the McRemmel's at the "McRemmel Shanty." As the invitation stated that the parade would start at 12:30 p. m. sharp everybody came on time, and when the drum and fife (Mr. Remmel and Mr. F. P. Moore) struck up the "Wearing of the Green," all hands, with Mr. E. J. Whitehead as marshal of the day, who was adorned with a bright green scarf across his shoulders and a tall stove-pipe hat with ribbons, leading off, fell in by twos and with the pretty badges and flags waving, the parade started for the oak grove on the lake shore. Many more flags, both American and Irish, decorated the trees and added much to the beauty of the scene.

Three large tables were arranged for the sixty odd guests present, who soon were busy enjoying the fish and 'taters and other good things provided.

Mr. J. A. Remmel enlivened the occasion by one of his witty speeches, followed by Mr. Whitehead who gave a very interesting talk on the "Life of St. Patrick."

During the afternoon potato races and other games were played and the winners received pretty candy boxes in the shape of Irish hats and harps.

On a side table Irish dudeens and tobacco were set out for the use of the men, but most of them were eagerly secured by the ladies as souvenirs of this very pleasant function.

The launching of the new motor boat is now definitely set for Monday, the 23rd (skiddoo) of March, and a large crowd is expected to see the novel sight.

The W. of W. propose to give Melrose a treat in the shape of a "turtle supper," when turtle soup, stew, etc., will be served. The date will be announced later.

LUMBER PLANT BURNED.

Loss of Company at Lumberton, Miss., Will Reach $75,000.

Lumberton, Miss., March 21.—The dry kilns, machine shops and lumber sheds of the Camp & Hinton company were destroyed by fire Wednesday evening.

Locomotives belonging to a lumber road owned by the same company were also burned. The main mill is still intact, but was saved after a hard fight by the employees. The loss is estimated at $75,000.

The company? which is one of the largest in south Mississippi, is now in the hands of receivers.

The operation of the plant will continue uninterruptedly as it has large orders for export shipments.

Grew Desperate and Took His Life.

New York, March 21.—Herbert Kremer, son of President William R. Kremer, of the German-American Insurance company, Thursday night shot and killed himself in the apartments of Mrs. Lafayette B. Gleason, who was formerly the wife of the clerk of the state senate and secretary to the republican state committee. Mrs. Gleason said that Kremer had become desperate following the termination by her of their wedding engagement. Kremer was thirty years of age, and had been employed as a clerk in the office of an insurance broker.

Gold Output of Transvaal.

Washington, March 21.—The gold mines of the Transvaal produced in 1907, $134,000,750 worth of gold, which, with the exception of $5,000,000, was obtained along the reef upon which is situated the city of Johannesburg. This information, which comes to the state department from the United States consul at Victoria, South Africa, adds that prospecting and new mining enterprises outside of Johannesburg district have yielded practically no results.

Many Persons Sentenced.

Riga, March 21.—Fifty-nine persons have been sentenced to terms of imprisonment up to five years, and thirty-four have been acquitted in connection with the attacks upon the estates of the barons in the provinces of Livonia and Courland.

WOMAN IS ON TRIAL

Mrs. Morasch Charged With the Murder of a Child.

POISONED CANDY WAS SENT

Handwriting Experts Will Be Called ot Testify that Box of Candy Sent Was Addressed in the Handwriting of Mrs. Morasch.

Kansas City, March 21.—Taking of testimony in the case of Mrs. Sarah Morasch on trial in the circuit court of Kansas City, Kans., charged with the murder of four-year-old Ruth Miller, who died from the effects of eating poisoned candy intended for her fourteen-year-old step-sister, Eva Miller, began Friday.

The testimony of handwriting experts will, it is expected, play an important part in the case.

The prosecution asserts that Mrs. Morasch addressed the fatal box of candy and will produce a number of authorities on handwriting to prove its assertion.

BECOMES SOLE OWNER.

Vast Property Interests Go to Capitalist and Iron Magnate.

Burlington, N. J., March 21.—For the sum of $607.43, Andrew H. McNeal, capitalist and iron magnate, has become the sole owner of all the Pennsylvania railroad property within the city limits, including freight and passenger stations, round houses, trackage and equipment.

The railroad refusing to pay the tax assessment by the city, Clerk Thomas S. Mooney offered its property among others sold for unpaid taxes and declared it "too good a bargain to miss."

McNeal is known as one of the most aggressive fighters who has figured in the courts of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and those who know him well expect to see trouble when he makes his ultimatum to the railroad.

It is said that McNeal will demand that the road vacate his property that he may tear down the unsightly passenger station which has been an eyesore to the city for years.

COTTON CROP OF 1907.

Census Report Shows an Aggregate of 11,261,163 Bales.

Washington, March 21.—The census report, issued Friday, shows that the cotton crop grown in 1907 aggregates 11,261,163 running bales, counting round as half bales, and including linters, and showed a total of 27,577 active ginneries for 1907.

This is against 13,306,265 bales in 1906 and 10,662 in 1905.

The statistics include 127,646 bales returned as remaining to be ginned after the time of the March canvass. The total number of running bales as given is equivalent to 11,303,372, 500-pound bales.

The average growth weight of the bales for 1907 is 501.9 pounds. The items for the crop of 1907 are 10,728,596 square bales, 192,549 round bales, 96,792 sea island bales, linters, 276,500 bales.

Broken Rail Caused Wreck.

San Antonio, Tex., March 21.—Two men were killed and seven other persons were badly injured Thursday when an excursion train on the International and Great Northern railroad, hauling a party of homeseekers from Kansas and Oklahoma, enroute to Las Pulteneas, New., was wrecked at Pearsall, fifty-two miles south of this city. The engine and tender, baggage car and four day coaches left the track, the derailment being caused by a broken rail.

Feared Mob Violence.

Henderson, Ky., March 21.—The seven negroes arrested of complicity in the Webster county race riots, which resulted in the death of J. B. Barry, were brought to Henderson Friday for safety. They have been in the Webster county jail at Dixon and fear of mob violence caused their removal under cover of darkness.