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## MURDER MYSTERY MAY BE SOLVED

## CORNELL STUDENTS MEET DEATH IN FLAMES

### KILLED DONA GILMAN

David Curtis Confesses to Choking Her to Death

NO DOUBT CURTIS' STORY AS HE IS OF WEAK INTELLECT AND SOMETIMES IMAGINES HE IS A GREAT DETECTIVE.

David Curtis, O., Dec. 7.—David Curtis, 27, was arrested this morning, and was traced by the Cincinnati post, and confessed to the assault murder of Dona Gilman. He formerly worked in the shops of the Cash Register Company. "I saw the girl," he said to Coroner. "I rode with Dona on the boat and when she got off I did also. I followed her to death, while dragging her into the commons. When I saw she was dead I fell upon my knees and cried. I knew I had done a dirty trick, and vowed never to see the girl again."

David Curtis, O., Dec. 7.—The police believe Curtis is insane, but he sticks to his statements, varying with details of the murder. Two years ago he confessed a crime, and was pronounced innocent.

David Curtis, O., Dec. 7.—Curtis is a well-known newsboy, and is known

### SEVEREST GALE OF SEASON.

Wind Blows 74 Miles an Hour at North Head Station.

Astoria, Or., Dec. 7.—By far the most severe gale of the season reached here Thursday afternoon, and at a late hour last night continued. At 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the wind at North Head was blowing from the southwest at a 74-mile rate. During the afternoon the barometer dropped from 30:25 to 29:50, and it is still going down. So far as reported no damage of note has been done. Some of the vessels in the lower harbor dragged their anchors, and the barkentine Wrester drifted to the sands in the middle of the river, but she is in a safe position.

The bark Formosa which arrived yesterday evening reports sighting a ship and a four-masted bark on Tuesday evening about 30 miles off the mouth of the river. The Formosa stood inshore and picked up a pilot, but the other two vessels stood off-shore. The ship is thought to be either the Wavetree or the Halewood, and the bark is thought to be the Muskoka from Hamburg.

### Killed Over Woman.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Dr. Benjamin Harris, a prominent physician, was shot five times and fatally wounded this afternoon by A. C. Campbell, of Polar, Wis. Campbell denounced Harris as having ruined his family.

### FRAT HOUSE BURNED

Three Students and two of the City Firemen Perish in the Flames

CHI-PSI HALL IS DESTROYED, ENTAILING A LOSS OF \$200,000—FRATERNITY WAS ONE OF THE RICHEST AND MOST EXCLUSIVE AT CORNELL.

Ithica, N. Y., Dec. 7.—Fire destroyed the Chi-Psi fraternity house this morning. It is reported that A. S. Robinson, John Rumsey and F. D. Landrum were killed.

Ithica, N. Y., Dec. 7.—The five dead in the Chi-Psi fire are the following: W. N. Nichols, student, Chicago; O. L. Schmueck, student, Pennsylvania; A. S. Robinson, attorney, Ithica; John Rumsey, Ithica; Esty Landrum, clerk, Ithica. The three latter were volunteer firemen. James McCutcheon, Jr., of Pittsburgh, the varsity full back, and Clarence J. Cope, of New Jersey, a student, were fatally hurt. They tried to run the gauntlet of fire in the hall, and fell unconscious outside. The fire was controlled, and all brought out except Nichols and Schmueck. All the firemen, except the three, Robinson, Landrum and Rumsey returned to town. They were caught when the wall fell, crushing all beyond recognition. The Chi Psi is one of the richest and most exclusive fraternities of Cornell. The loss is \$200,000.

Ithica, N. Y., Dec. 7.—The body of S. W. Corelle, of New Jersey, was taken from the ruins burned almost beyond recognition.

Ithica, N. Y., Dec. 7.—James McCutcheon, injured in the fire, died this afternoon at the Cornell infirmary.

### Special Jury Called.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—A special federal grand jury has been called for the 17th to consider the evidence of John Walsh, indicted as the result of the failure of the Chicago National Home Savings Bank, the special examiner having completed his work.

### RIVERS HARBORS AND SUCH

Washington, Dec. 7.—The rivers and harbors convention today adopted a resolution asking congress for \$50,000,000 to improve waterways. This afternoon the delegates were received by the President. Francis was made chairman of the committee of eighteen to present the resolutions to the President and both houses.

### Business Block Destroyed.

Holyoke, Mass., Dec. 7.—Fire this morning destroyed the McAuffan and Wakelin block. Loss \$300,000.

### Chicago Markets.

Chicago, Dec. 7.—Wheat 74 1/2 @ 75 1/4, corn 42 1/2 @ 42 1/4, oats 33 1/2 @ 33 1/4.

### Good Indians Now.

Carson, Nev., Dec. 7.—Two Indians, one known as "Johnny," and the other as Joe Ihapah, were hanged here today for the murder of a tramp named Fred Foreman. Foreman, who had but one leg, was attacked at Elko a year ago, and stabbed to death. His body was afterwards horribly mutilated, and then placed along a log fire, being partly cremated. Robber was the motive.

### CHANGED NAMES AT WILL.

Nebraska Landgrabbers Had No Respect for Affidavits.

Omaha, Dec. 7.—Samuel P. Mann, a notary public and real estate dealer of Quincy, Ill., gave the most interesting testimony of the day in the hearing of Richards and Comstock, wealthy cattle owners, and seven alleged accomplices, charged with conspiracy to defraud the government of thousands of acres of public land. Mann, who is an old soldier, filed on a claim and also procured declaratory statements from a half dozen other soldiers at the request of B. Todd, one of the defendants. Mr. Mann arrests that in the statements sworn before him the name of W. Wolcott, of Cherry county, Nebraska, was originally entered as agent for the soldiers making the filings. After they left his hands the name of Wolcott was erased and that of R. C. Noleman, of Box Butte, Neb., substituted in some and that of Thomas M. Huntington in others. Witness said he knew no such man as R. C. Noleman.

Two other witnesses of the day were old soldiers, who filed at the solicitation of Todd or other agents of the cattlemen, and their testimony was similar to that of others.

### SEEKING EVIDENCE OF MURDER

Chicago, Dec. 7.—The court this morning ordered the exhumation of the bodies of the four Vrsal children and their mother for examination for evidence of murder. The body of Anna, aged 12, who died Thanksgiving day, will be the first. The police have been informed that Billak, the hypnotist and clairvoyant had traveled extensively. He pled his avocation in San Francisco for a long time.

### DR. JUDD ENTERS HIS DEFENSE.

Believed Peter Iredale Abandoned When He Helped Himself.

Astoria, Or., Dec. 7.—The information recently filed against Dr. W. C. Judd, of Warrenton, charging him with larceny in a ship, was changed Thursday to a complaint charging him with larceny, and the case was set for trial before a jury in the justice court this afternoon. The defense makes no denial of having taken certain articles from the stranded bark Peter Iredale, but alleges the defendant thought the vessel had been abandoned that he had a perfect right to the articles. The contention is also made that as soon as he ascertained the correct status of affairs he returned every article taken, and he at no time had any intention of stealing anything.

### TREATY NOT TO BE CHANGED

Washington, Dec. 7.—Assistant Secretary of State Bacon, while in the house this morning, after a conference with the President, announced that no treaty or modification of the treaty with Japan was contemplated. He said the President wished this announcement made as strong as possible. He said the President also wished to state that the visits of the Japanese minister, Aoki, were not for the discussion of possible changes of the present treaty.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Senator Culion, chairman of the senate committee on foreign affairs, says a new treaty with Japan is not contemplated.

### GRAND JURY AT WORK

Examining Closer Into Ruef's Connection With the License Graft

JURY GOES DEEPER INTO THE BELVEDERE AND CITY BROTHEL CASES AND TAKES UP RUEF'S ATTENDING SUPERVISOR'S CAUSES.

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—The motion for the examination of members of the grand jury was quashed, and the indictment against Supervisor Nicholas, accused of accepting a bribe, was completed this morning. The case of Peter Duffy, accused of bribery in connection with the Nicholas case, was called and proceeded on the same motion. The defense excepted to the examination of the grand jurors in the Nicholas case as applying equally to the case of Duffy. The court fixed Monday as the day for pleading.

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—The grand jury reconvened this afternoon, and the part Ruef took in the Sunday night caucuses of the board of supervisors, the Belvedere, municipal brothel and printing deal cases were taken up, and the supervisors subpoenaed. In the Belvedere case, if Eddie Graney withholds certain facts his arrest for contempt is likely to follow.

### OLD STYLE SPELLING TO BE USED

Washington, Dec. 7.—The legislative judicial and executive appropriation bill, when reported, contained positive requirements that the old style of spelling be used in all printing authorized by congress.

### Pope's Doctor Dead.

Rome, Dec. 7.—Lapponi, the pope's physician, died this morning.

### FRANTIC APPEAL FOR COAL

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 7.—Stimulated by the heavy fall of snow throughout the Big Bend, Palouse, Walla Walla and Coeur d'Alene counties last night, local coal dealers were today flooded with frantic appeals from Lewiston, Colfax, Davenport, Pullman, Wallace and other cities for coal.

In reply to this demand six wholesale coal dealers, who supply the entire territory affected, issued a signed statement declaring they had coal here in sufficient quantity to supply the entire inland empire, but that the O. R. & N. and Northern Pacific railways refused or were unable to furnish cars with which to deliver the coal. They criticized the railways for placing them in a false light by advertising reduced rates on fuel and announced their intention of appealing to the railway commission for an investigation.

### Dr. J. F. COOK MOVED TO 340 LIBERTY STREET, WHERE HE WILL MEET ALL OLD AND NEW PATIENTS. FOR ANY DISEASE CALL ON DR. COOK. CONSULTATION FREE.

### CAUGHT BY QUICKSAND.

Mayor McAleer, of Los Angeles, Nearly Perishes.

Los Angeles, Dec. 6.—Only the timely arrival of a rescue party at a critical moment saved Mayor Owen McAleer from death by suffocating in a bed of quicksand in the Los Angeles river yesterday afternoon.

The mayor was buried to his armpits in the sand, and the two horses he had been driving were almost submerged when he succeeded in attracting attention by his shouts. Two men, who were on the bank, procured ropes, and, after an hour's effort, extricated the mayor and the horses.

### KILLED THIRTY NATIVES

Manila, Dec. 7.—A column of constabulary and troops encountered a band of Pulajanes between La Paz Terragona, on the island of Leyte, December 5. In the battle that followed four soldiers were killed and eight were wounded. Among the wounded was Lieutenant Ralph P. Yates, Jr. His wounds are not serious.

Thirty Pulajanes were killed and many wounded and captured. No details of the fight have been received.

Manila, Dec. 7.—Details of the fight with the Pulajanes on the American island of Leyte, December 5th, have been received. Five Americans and 30 natives were killed. The dead Americans are Sergeant Joseph Clark, Sergeant Provan, Privates Daffern, W. Hadley and Edward Keogh. Lieutenant Yates is wounded seriously. A detachment of the Eighth Infantry and a force of constabulary, under Yates, were rushed by the Pulajanes, and a hand-to-hand fight followed.

### Another Race Riot.

Greenville, Miss., Dec. 7.—In a race riot here today five men were killed. The town is under martial law.

### Cement Plant Burned.

Elizabeth, Pa., Dec. 7.—The plant of the International Cement Company was destroyed by fire this morning. Loss \$200,000.

### Killed Negro Murderer.

Pleasant Plain, O., Dec. 7.—Dogs trailed the negro, white, murderer of Marshal Bashers, of Franklin, to a thicket this morning, and the posse killed the fugitive.

### A Slight Earthquake.

San Francisco, Dec. 7.—A slight earthquake of 30 seconds' duration was felt at San Louis Obispo and vicinity at 10:30 last night. No damage was done.

### Oregon Gets There.

Private Secretary W. N. Gaten received a dispatch from Governor Chamberlain, from Washington, D. C., this morning, stating that the party had reached its destination yesterday morning, all well, and that Oregon is represented by nine delegates, not including the congressional delegation.

### Yankee Wants the Money.

A complaint was filed this morning in department No. 1 of the circuit court by C. W. Yankee against R. McFarlane and Mrs. W. D. Chaggett, to collect a \$200 note that is stated to have been executed and delivered to the plaintiff by the defendants on the 27th day of October, 1906. It is stated that \$50 was paid on the note in May of this year. The plaintiff demands judgment for \$200 and interest and \$50 for attorney's fees.

The Dallas football team will play the Chemawa Indians New Year day at Chemawa.

## CHICAGO STORE

PEOPLES BARGAIN HOUSE

### PRICES CUT TO THE QUICK

New up to date merchandise at the lowest prices that was ever noted by any house on the Pacific Coast. We do this to make room for our Xmas display. Note the prices carefully.

1.00 Fancy Dress Goods, yd 25c	1.00 Fancy Suiting, yd 49c	1.00 Fancy Dress Goods, yd 69c	1.50 Swell Dress Goods, yd 55c	1.00 Black Taffeta silk, yd 49c	1.00 India Silk, all colors, yd 25c	1.00 Colored Taffeta Silk, yd 49c	1.50 yard wide Black Taffeta Silk, yd 95c	1.00 Fancy Waisting Silks, yd 49c	1.35 Black Peau de Soie Silk, yd, 85c.	Remnants of Silks, Half Price.	Remnants of Dress Goods, Half Price.	100 yards best Indigo blue Call-cot, yd 5c.	100 yards of Muslins, yd 5c.	100 yards Outing Flannel, yd 5c.	1-1-3c and 10c.	Table Linens, Towels and Napkins all going at sale prices.	Comforts and Blankets all reduced for this sale.	Swans' down dressing sacques 9c.	Umbrellas out down 49c, 65c, 85c and \$1.00.	Wool Shawls, 25c, 35c, 49c and 75c.	Corsets, a pair, 25c, 35c, 49c, 75c and 98c.	Standard patterns on sale.	1.50 long silk gloves, pair, 98c	1.00 golf gloves, pair 25c.	1.00 5c handkerchiefs, each 2c.	1.00 1/2 silk ribbon, yard 3c.	1.00 1/2 wide all silk ribbon, yd 12 1/2c.	1.00 10c black stockings, pair 5c.
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Ladies' 18c fleeced lined heavy stockings, pair 12 1/2c.

Ladies' 29c wool stockings, pair 25c.

Ladies' 18c fancy collars, 10c.

50c chiffon, all colors, yd 29c.

New dress trimmings, yd 3c, 5c, 8c, 10c and 12 1/2c.

Children's hose, pair, 5c, 10c, 12 1/2c and 15c.

Ladies' 39c heavy warm vests 25c

Best Sans silk, ball 2c.

Best darning cotton, ball 7c.

Full count pins, paper 1c.

10c white pearl buttons, doz 4c.

Best 200-yd spool cotton, spool 2c

10c Frill garter elastic, yd 5c.

Best spool silk, all colors, spool 3c

15c horn hair pins, doz 9c.

Men's heavy underwear, 35c, 45c and 49c.

Men's \$1.00 felt hats, price 49c.

\$2.50 felt hats, price \$1.49.

Ladies' \$2.25 fine dress shoes, \$1.49.

Children's shoes, 35c, 49c, 65c and 75c.

Men's dress pants, 98c, \$1.49, \$1.98.

Men's \$15.00 Overcoats, \$8.50

Men's best Overalls, price 49c

Ladies' heavy working shirts, 39c

Ladies' \$15.00 long coats, \$8.99

Ladies' \$18.00 long coats, \$10.50

Ladies' \$35.00 silk rubber coats, \$22.50.

Ladies' trimmed hats, \$1.49, \$2. and \$2.50.

Ladies \$5.50 silk petticoats, price \$3.99.

\$5.00 plaid silk shirt waists, price \$3.75.

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