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AWFUL CRIME OF NEGRO BRUTE

Prisoner on Farm Kills Mother and Shoots Three Small Children to Hide More Vile Offense

Cannonsburg, Pa., July 30.—Orr Dempster, a 19-year-old negro, returned here this morning with the body of Mrs. Samuel Pearse and two children, and of shooting a third child. Dempster was employed as a laborer on the Pearse farm. He was first person seen about the scene of the tragedy.

Blood stains were found on the grounds for holding him. It is believed that the police have obtained a confession. The police say the negro told them that he was ashamed to abusing the 4-year-old daughter of Mrs. Pearse, and that she told her mother, and the enraged woman tried to shoot him. He wrested the revolver from her, and then killed her and her daughter, Margaret, aged four years, the little son, Robert, aged three, and then shot the infant son, Samuel, in a cradle.

When Samuel Pearse, a well-known resident of Washington county, returned to his home from a drive he found his wife and two children dead and a third child dying from bullet wounds. Who fired the shots has not yet been learned. The authorities point to robbery as the motive. An attempt had also been made to break into the house, but Pearse ar-

rived in time to extinguish a blaze that had been started in a bedroom. Mrs. Pearse, who was 25 years old, had been shot through the breast; Margaret, 5 years old, and Dwight, 11 months old, had been shot through the head, while Robert, still living, had a bullet through the lungs.

Narrowly Escaped from Lynching.

Washington, Pa., July 30.—The officers brought Dempster from Cannonsburg this morning to prevent lynching. A mob of 20 boarded the train just outside of Cannonsburg, dragged the officers and the prisoner from the car. In the struggle the officers were victorious, without killing anybody. Three hundred men met the party here and surrounded the court house, crying "lynch him."

Eluded All Detectives And Then Surrendered.

Patterson, N. J., July 30.—Ex-Mayor Belcher, who absconded over a year ago with \$200,000 funds of his friends, and of firms with which he was connected, and who has been a fugitive since, returned this morning and surrendered to the jailer. The detectives never found a trace of him.

GENERAL REVOLT CALLED

Radical Russian Appeal Says Country Is Divided Into Two Irreconcilable Parts

(Four O'clock Edition.)
St. Petersburg, July 30.—The full text of the radicals' appeal to the army and navy was made public through underground sources. It denounced the emperor, and says Russia is divided into two inimical parts, a vast majority being peasants, workingmen, poor and oppressed educated, best officers, and soldiers, who see clearly, opposed to these led by Trepoff and associates. Manchurian generals and dependents upon the despotic government. It calls for a general revolt.

Trepoff Still Alive.

St. Petersburg, July 30.—There is no truth in the report that Trepoff was assassinated. Solypin still believes the people will accept his plan for Agrarian reform. He declares the continued quiet is not ominous, but indicative of the people's faith in the government, despite the attempts of terrorists to cause an upheaval.

AGAIN AT OUTS.

Harry Thaw's Mother Refuses to Speak to Evelyn Nesbit.

(Four O'clock Edition.)
New York, July 30.—Mrs. William Thaw and Evelyn appeared at Thaw's cell this morning. Both seemed in excellent health, refuting the story that the older woman had suffered a nervous breakdown. The conference was evidently exciting, however. The younger woman hurried, noticeably agitated, to the warden's office, and upon a declaration that the matter was of utmost importance, secured a suspension of the prison rules, used the prison telephone, called up Hartridge and Aomara, who responded hastily, joining the family conference in the cell. When the older woman left she showed traces of tears, and wouldn't speak to Evelyn when she passed her in the office.

John D. Rockefeller Grew Talkative.

(Four O'clock Edition.)
Tarrytown, N. Y., July 30.—A reporter met Rockefeller driving through his estate at Pocantico Hills today. Rockefeller drew rein, shook hands and said: "Glad to see you. I remember you. Hope you enjoyed the drive through the estate. I am going to leave it open to the public. I used to do the same with my home in Cleveland, but the city crept up, and vandals overran it, and because of a few ungrateful I had to close it all, depriving deserving people of the pleasure. The same is true in all walks of life. Good newspaper men suffer for the vandalism of the unscrupulous few. But I never despair. Some time the cruel things they say hurt. I believe in the brotherhood of men, and am confident everything will be right in the end. Take my word, young man, you can always believe in real men. Sorry I can't take you to the house for a long talk, but I am hurried. I will make an inspection of the place, and will take the train for Cleveland at 6:18 tonight."

Took Letters From Trunk.

Pittsburg, July 30.—Detective Staub testified in the Hartje case this morning that he obtained the letters used as evidence in the divorce trial from Madine's trunk, at the time Madine reported to the police that his trunk was located. Other detectives corroborated Detective Straubb's story, and told of collecting other evidence. The police scattered an angry crowd which awaited Straubb outside the court room, to punish him for looting Madine's trunk.

Will Call Off Strike.

Tacoma, July 30.—J. O. Belger, president of the International Shingle Weavers, arrived today. A conference will be held tonight, when, it is said, the strike of the weavers in this state will be called off. Much dissatisfaction exists among the weavers over the strike is admitted.

AGAINST SAILORS' UNION

Injunction Granted Restraining it From Interfering With Lumber (Business)

(Four O'clock Edition.)
San Francisco, July 30.—Judge Morrow, of the circuit court, this morning granted an injunction against the sailors' union, restraining its members from interfering with the business of the Hammond Lumber Company. It is alleged that the union, in whose action the strike was called, was injuring the business of the company. The decision is expected to aid vessel owners in their fight against the union.

By noon the men working on the Sutter, McAllister, Hayes, Polk, Haight and Valencia lines had quit work. Pickets were sent to San Mateo county for the purpose of stopping recruiting there. This strike, reinforcing the linemen, who were holding out for better conditions, completely paralyzed the rebuilding of lines on the streets named. Nearly 3000 laborers are idle, who are prepared to enforce their demands against the Street Railway Company.

WOMAN'S BODY IN ASHES.

Husband Has Been Arrested on Suspicion.

Chicago, July 30.—The body of Mrs. Ernestine Voss, 43 years old, was found burned to a crisp in the ruins of her home in the northwestern part of the city early this morning. The circumstances of the case have led the police to arrest her husband, John L. Voss, and he is being held pending the result of the coroner's inquest.

A post-mortem examination of the corpse revealed 15 small pellets of metal in the body near the backbone. The body was found in a summer kitchen, and neighbors told the police that when the fire broke out Voss searched all other parts of the house before directing his attention to the outbuilding, which was the last part of the residence to take fire. Voss is said to have asserted that his wife was away from home and in no danger from the flames. Neighbors told the police that the couple had quarreled frequently over money matters.

CHASE OUT GRINGOES.

American Machinists Driven Out of Mexico by Native Railroad Men.

El Paso, Tex., July 30.—Nine American machinists arrived today from Chihuahua, where they were employed in the shops of the Mexican Central railroad. The report is that they were forced to resign because their lives were threatened by Mexican machinists employed on the same road. Seventy Mexican workmen quit last week, stating they would not return to work unless given the same wages as Americans.

Overland Reported Wrecked.

(Four O'clock Edition.)
Salinas, Cal., July 30.—It is reported that the second section of the overland train, No. 10, which left San Francisco last night, was wrecked near Paso Robles at 10 o'clock this morning. No one was injured. The train was delayed 30 minutes.

Denver, Col., has started a campaign to secure the Democratic national convention for 1908.

Sixteen Hundred Go Out on Strike.

San Francisco, July 30.—The local street car situation was further complicated today, when about 1600 track layers and pavers struck for an eight-hour day, a wage of \$2.50 for laborers and \$3.50 for pavers. They have been working ten hours for \$1.50 and \$2.50, respectively. Although the strike seriously hampers converting the old cable lines into a trolley system, still a large force is employed, which the union expects to win over later.

JURY FOUND HEMBREE GUILTY

After Wrangling More Than Twenty-Four Hours Brings in Verdict of Manslaughter

Tillamook, Or., July 30.—After a deliberation of more than 24 hours the jury which heard the testimony in the Hembree murder case Sunday afternoon returned a verdict of manslaughter against the defendant. The verdict of the jury comes as a surprise, as it was generally expected by this community and others who have followed the developments of the trial that the accused would be adjudged guilty of murder in the first degree.

The testimony was all circumstantial, but was of such a nature as to lead to the belief that Hembree would either receive the heaviest penalty of the law or that he would be acquitted. Hembree was given the benefit of a doubt by several of the jurymen, who were reluctant to sentence their neighbor to death, notwithstanding the hideousness of the charge against him. The jury retired Saturday and Sunday afternoon it returned the verdict. The jury wrangled all night, and it is said that it looked for a time as though no understanding could be arrived at by those who composed the body. It was learned that when the first ballot was taken that nine stood for a verdict of murder in the first degree and three for acquittal, and the outcome is what is known as a compromise verdict.

The crime with which Hembree was charged, and for which he was found guilty of manslaughter, was unusually revolting. The defendant was charged with having murdered his wife and 16-year-old daughter, whose bodies, it is alleged, he tried to dispose of by cremation in a stove. Finding that he could not hide all traces of his infamy, he is alleged to have set fire to the home and spread the news that his wife and daughter had been unable to escape from the flaming dwelling and had met accidental death.

Locked Up at Midnight.

At midnight the jury trying Abram Hembree for the murder of his wife and daughter on December 28, 1905, was locked up for the night, having failed to reach a verdict after having been out over an hour.

Explanation of the discovery of human bones in front of an old stove in the ashes of the burned house of Abram Hembree, which he is accused of having fired to cover the evidence of having murdered his wife and daughter on the morning of December 28, was offered by the defense this afternoon in the testimony of his two little sons, who swore that they placed the charred fragments of the human skeletons upon the spot where they were later found while gathering up the remains of their dead mother and sister.

It was a pathetic picture, the little fellows called to the stand to testify in an effort to save their father from the hangman's noose, he accused of the slaying of the children's mother and sister. The court room was crowded to the doors and among the whole crowd of men, women and children there was not a soul who was not deeply touched by the pathos of the situation.

Heaped Bones Near Stove.

In their testimony the Hembree boys showed that after the fire, which ended the lives of their mother and sister and destroyed their home, their father told them to search among the ruins of the house and gather up the fragments of what had once been the bodies of Mrs. Hembree and Ora. While engaged in this task they heaped a small portion of the bones near the old stove, which has figured so prominently in the present case. Upon the same day the arrest of their father on the charge of murder occurred and they were taken from their task. Later the bones were discovered by Thompson and Eldridge.

ant upon the calling of the accused man to the stand to testify in his own behalf, his story being of the occurrences on the morning of the fire and the explanation that ill health accounted for his seemingly indifferent attitude toward the fate of his wife and daughter when he arrived at the Hoyt home. Nervous when he took the stand Hembree soon regained his outward calm a mask he has worn throughout the trial, covering completely the emotions which have been tearing him within the innermost recesses of his heart to the extent that he is haggard and pale despite his apparent indifference.

Hembree Tells Story.

On the night before the tragedy, according to the story of the prisoner, his wife, daughter and himself ate supper, then sat around the kitchen fire until 9:30 or 10 o'clock, when they retired to their rooms on the second floor of the house. Everything was soon quiet and nothing unusual occurred until between 1 and 2 o'clock the next morning when the smell of smoke awakened him. Discovering that his house was on fire Hembree quickly awakened his wife and daughter and they ran down stairs.

Seeing that no time was to be lost if the house was to be saved from the flames Hembree seized a large tub and calling to his wife to follow he rushed to the creek. Hembree and his wife attempted to carry the water back to the house after the tub had been filled, but the weight proved too much for Mrs. Hembree, who stumbled and fell. There being little chance at that time of saving the structure, the members of the family began to work to rescue what few of their possessions they might.

Warned Women of Danger.

Mrs. Hembree and Ora were instructed by the accused man to carry some things off the porch while he went around to the kitchen to secure some of the most valuable articles in that portion of the building. Ora wanted to enter the blazing house and try to save her trunk but was ordered to stay on the outside by her father who warned the women of the danger of going inside.

When he returned to the front of the house, after remaining some time in the vicinity of the kitchen, Hembree discovered that his wife and daughter were missing. He hastily searched the barn and outbuildings and failing to find them concluded they had started for the home of some neighbor. From later developments he believes now that they attempted to go upstairs to get Ora's trunk.

Defendant Was Ill.

Hitting upon the Hoyts as the most probable place to find his dear ones Hembree started for that place. Upon his arrival he found that they had not arrived, but his physical condition made it impossible for him to proceed farther in search of them. For years he has been troubled with his head and from a rupture. His head under the stress of the excitement, had become dazed and the rupture precluded further walking. Entering the Hoyt home he had Mrs. Hoyt bathe his head with wet cloths and then laid down to sleep to regain his strength.

In the morning he drank a cup of coffee and returned to the site where his home had stood and searched the ruins for trace of the missing ones.

Natural Tooth Found.

An important point in the testimony was brought out by Carl Atkinson, who was called by the de-

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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.

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