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WAS THE CORPSE PITZEL'S?

Mystery Concerning an Attempt to Swindle an Insurance Company.

HOWARD ACCUSED OF MURDER

It is the Opinion of Detectives That the Supposed Bogus Cadaver Was That of the Policy Holder Who Was the Victim of the Conspiracy.

By the United Press.

Philadelphia, Nov. 18. H. H. Holmes, alias H. H. Howard, the man arrested in Boston charged with swindling the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance association, of this city, out of \$19,000 by palming off a bogus corpse as the body of B. F. Pitzel, a policy holder of the company, will be brought here tomorrow and arraigned on the charge. The charge of swindling may not be the only one Holmes will have to answer, for the more serious crime of murder may be laid to him.

When the body of the supposed Pitzel was found in the room of 1316 Callowhill street, on Sept. 3 last, it was stretched flat upon the floor and was perfectly rigid. The coroner's physician claims that the body could not have been brought here in a trunk from another city, as confessed by Holmes, for the reason that it was stiff, and a body once bent does not again become rigid.

Furthermore it had been in the trunk it would have shown marks of where it had been doubled up, and no such marks were upon the body. The theory is advanced that the body found was really that of Pitzel and not of any one else. As a basis for this theory it is argued that Pitzel and the other conspirators plotted to disguise the former by burning the face with some chemical and then calling in a physician to prescribe for his injuries. A body was then to be procured and similarly disguised as Pitzel was, and then it was to be given out that the man had died of his injuries, and it was trusted that the attending physician would not discover the fraud, and would give a certificate of death in accordance with the facts told by the conspirators.

The Various Theories. It is supposed that Pitzel had his fellow conspirators administer chloroform to him so that he would not feel the pain of the burns when they were inflicted, and that he was either given an overdose and died from the effects or was killed while unconscious by his treacherous friends. Another theory in support of the belief is that a man resembling Pitzel was decoyed to the room, chloroformed and killed, and his face disguised so as to render identification more difficult.

Another suspicious circumstance, as viewed by the detectives, is that Mrs. Pitzel was home on a visit about a month ago to her parents in Illinois and she said nothing about the death of her husband. In the neighborhood of Thirteenth and Callowhill streets, nobody could be found today who remembered or knew anything about Pitzel.

FREIGHT TRAINS COLLIDE.

Serious Wreck Follows a Lehigh Valley Flagman's Neglect.

By the United Press.

Tunkhannock, Pa., Nov. 18.—By the mistake of a flagman two freight trains collided near Homets Ferry, on the Lehigh Valley railroad, at 2 o'clock this morning. Engineer Freeman, of the west bound train, was badly injured, and his fireman, George Smith, had a leg broken while jumping from the engine.

An east bound freight train had pulled over on the west bound track to let the United States express, which had the right of way, pass. The engineer of the west bound freight train saw no flag, hence the collision.

GRESHAM DOUBTS IT.

The Latest Eastern Horror Tale Doesn't Receive Much Credence.

By the United Press.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Secretary Gresham says he has heard nothing official of the rumored atrocities in Asiatic Turkey, whereby it was claimed 10,000 Christians, men, women and children, were massacred in cold blood by Armenian unbelievers, and he does not think they are trustworthy. The United States consulate at Sivas is but 250 miles from Bitlis, and our agency at Trebizond is only 200 miles away.

It is thought most improbable that such widespread atrocities could occur without these consular officials hearing of it and reporting upon it.

MERCHANT AND COW MAN.

They Carried Guns and Quarreled and Now Both Are Dead.

By the United Press.

Albion, N. M., Nov. 18.—Last night at Magdalena, south of this city, E. D. Horn, a merchant, and Scott Reed, a cow man, got into a quarrel and commenced shooting at each other. Both are dead.

Horn was a peaceable man and Reed was quarrelsome and had killed several men.

FAMILIES ARE STARVING.

Destitution Caused by the Blacklist Against Railroad Men.

By the United Press.

Denver, Col., Nov. 18.—After a careful canvass a committee has reported that 25 families of the American Railway union are on the verge of starvation, and 400 unmarried men destitute.

This is in consequence of the blacklist enforced by the railways against the men who struck last summer.

POSTMASTERS' WAIL.

Unpopular Officials Appeal for Legislation to Prevent Boycott.

By the United Press.

Washington, Nov. 18.—As a result of First Assistant Postmaster General Jones' request in his annual report for legislation to prevent the boycotting of minor post offices, the post office department has received a large number of letters from postmasters, who say they have suffered to a great extent by the system. The compensation of postmasters of the fourth-class is based mainly upon the cancellation of postage stamps upon matter actually mailed at their offices.

Coxey says his "army" will go to Washington in greater numbers if the thirty-fourth congress doesn't please him in its legislation.

ACTIVITY IN MOUNT AETNA

Southern Italy Suffers from Severe Earthquakes.

PEOPLE ARE BURIED IN RUINS

Sicily Involved in the Catastrophe, Which Destroys Much Valuable Property. Panic Reigns Everywhere and Thousands Are Camping in Open Air.

By the United Press.

Rome, Nov. 18. Reports of disasters caused by the earthquakes in Southern Italy are still meagre, but they suffice to show that there has been great loss of life. Protopo, a village of 1,500 inhabitants in Reggio Di Calabria, has been obliterated.

Virtually all the buildings were thrown into ruins. The number of deaths is not known, but in church forty-seven persons were buried alive under fallen walls. The last authoritative report was that the list of dead was well above sixty. In another village of the same province eight persons were killed outright by falling buildings. The damage has been enormous. Troops and officials are going to the help of the suffering districts. King Humbert has sent several donations from his private purse.

The province of Reggio Di Calabria has suffered most from the earthquakes, although several towns in the adjacent province of Catanzaro Di Calabria were shaken severely. In Tribarni, for instance, twenty buildings were laid in ruins and several persons were killed. In Miloto, also in Catanzaro, many were injured. A school house was shaken to the ground, but the teachers and pupils had escaped a few minutes before it fell.

At 10 o'clock this evening reports of deaths, injuries and the demolition of buildings had been reported from several southern communities. In Bagmara seven persons were killed outright. In Cupido Mameritina four, six in Santa Euphemia eight. Scores of others were injured in these towns. In Milazzo, near Hessina, a sharp shock was felt today. Many walls were cracked, but nobody was killed.

In Messina, where the shocks were almost as violent as across the strait, the convicts in the penitentiary were panic-stricken. Two hundred mutinied and tried to escape by overpowering the guards, but they were overpowered.

First Shock Most Violent. The earthquakes were felt in southern Italy and Sicily. The first shock in Messina was the most violent. It lasted twelve seconds, and was accompanied with loud rumblings. The inhabitants fled shrieking with fright from their homes, and filled the streets with their clamor.

The hospital, although but slightly damaged, was shaken so violently that many patients became hysterical and had to be removed. Most of the inhabitants decided to pass the night in the streets and open squares.

After two hours the rumblings began again, and the former scenes were reenacted. Men and women ran aimlessly in all directions. Hundreds dropped to their knees and prayed aloud for deliverance.

Today many streets are entirely deserted. Dozens of persons have taken refuge on ships in the harbor. There have been six shocks in all.

In Reggio many houses are cracked and threaten to fall at any moment. The panic-stricken inhabitants are camping in shelters erected by soldiers. Patrols distribute food and other necessities. It is known that six persons were killed and several injured in Bagmara, but details are wanting owing to the demoralization of the railroad and telegraph services.

Signor Tacchini, chief of the Rome observatory, believes that the shocks were confined to the Lipari islands and the provinces of Messina and Reggio, and were connected with volcanic activity in Mount Aetna.

Premier Crispi has sent funds to the prefects of the provinces to supply the most urgent needs of the distressed inhabitants.

CURTIN MEMORIAL FUND.

Preliminary Steps Toward Procuring a Statue for War Governor.

By the United Press.

Bellefonte, Pa., Nov. 18.—At a regular meeting of Gregg post last night with General J. A. Riker as chairman, John H. Miller, H. Williams, James Harris and William T. Fitzgerald were appointed a committee on the Curtin monument.

The Center County Veteran club starts the fund with a subscription of \$500, and the committee is now ready to receive aid from any and all soldiers' organizations in the state that wish to assist in memorializing the "Old War Governor" in marble.

RIORDAN'S FUNERAL.

The Young Pugilist Laid in a Vault at Syracuse.

By the United Press.

Syracuse, N. Y., Nov. 18.—The body of Con Riordan, who died from the effects of a blow received while sparring with Robert Fitzsimmons, was laid in a vault at Oakwood cemetery this morning. The funeral services were held in Illinois' morgue by Rev. A. S. Durston, secretary of the local Young Men's Christian association, and were attended by members of the company with which Fitzsimmons is traveling.

Fitzsimmons and the rest of the company left later in the morning for Boston, where they will fill an engagement.

BOILER HOUSE BURNED.

Fire of Unknown Origin Consumes \$20,000 Worth of Property.

By the United Press.

Wilkes-Barre, Nov. 18.—The fan and boiler houses connected with the Delaware and Hudson Coal company breaker near Parsons were destroyed by fire late this afternoon.

The loss on buildings and machinery is estimated at \$20,000. The origin is as yet unknown.

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Will Visit the Pope. Rome, Nov. 18.—The state department of the Vatican learns that Cardinal Gibbons, of Baltimore, will embark for Europe on Dec. 2, and immediately after landing at Genoa, will visit the pope. He will remain in Europe two months and will attend the consistory.

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JUKA COMMITS SUICIDE.

The Hazleton Wife Murderer Hangs Himself in Jail.

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Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Nov. 19.—Andrew Juka, who attempted to hang his wife in Hazleton on Nov. 13, and who was arrested at Treskov the next day, committed suicide in the county prison here at 1 o'clock this morning by hanging himself.

He was still alive when cut down, but died before the prison physician arrived.

A MYSTERY EXPLAINED.

Emerson Osborne Confesses Having Assaulted Mrs. Jack, Whom He Left for Dead in a Hollow Log.

By the United Press.

Sharon, Pa., Nov. 18.—The mystery surrounding the recent assault on Mrs. John Jack, of Kilgore, has been partly solved by the confession of Emerson Osborne, a prominent member of the Sandy Lake United Presbyterian church. Mrs. Jack, about three weeks ago, disappeared from her home and was found three days later in a hollow log half dead. She said she had attempted to take her own life by beating her head with a stone.

This did not satisfy the authorities and they arrested Osborne. Yesterday he broke down and confessed all, saying he had hit her on the head and thinking Mrs. Jack was dead, had placed her in the log to cover up his crime.

Osborne is a brother-in-law of Mrs. Jack, and it is alleged, she is making every effort to shield him. Her object in so doing cannot be surmised, unless it be a desire to save the family from disrepute through further investigation and publication of the outrage. Mrs. Jack is the daughter of ex-Sheriff Fleming Smith, and all parties are prominently connected.

OPENING THE REICHTAG.

It Will Meet on Dec. 5 in the Famous New Building.

By the United Press.

Berlin, Nov. 18.—The programme of the opening of the reichstag on Dec. 5 has been completed. After divine service the imperial deputies will assemble in the ritual hall of the Old Castle to hear the emperor read the speech from the throne. From the castle the deputies will go with the procession to the new reichstag building. The emperor, members of the federal council, reichstag officials and provincial grandees will swell the numbers of the great parade.

The solemn inauguration ceremony the deputies will go to the old house and in the afternoon will hold their farewell sitting there. The address will be given by Herr Von Levetzow, president of the reichstag.

CRUSHED BY BUMPERS.

Shocking Death of an Actor Who Rode on the Platform.

By the United Press.

Chester, Pa., Nov. 18.—Charles Smith, a member of "The South before the War" dramatic company, was killed this morning on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad as the company were leaving for New York. He was standing on the rear platform of the car and when a connection was being made he was jostled off and crushed between the bumpers.

He was 35 years of age and lived at Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Gladstone Will Attend.

London, Nov. 18.—Mr. Gladstone has forgiven the Duke of Westminster for the latter's abuse of him and his desertion of the cause of home rule, and in token of his forgiveness will attend the marriage of the daughter of the duke to Prince Adolphus of Teck, and at the marriage breakfast will propose a toast to the duke.

POLITICS CONDENSED.

It is said Chairman Gilkeson has his eye on Cameron's seat.

Amos Cummings is to be pilloried, next session, for alleged misrepresentations in his Carnegie armor investigation report.

William L. Wilson is regarded at Washington as slated for the first big vacancy that occurs within range of presidential appointment.

The Woman's Christian Temperance union national convention at Cleveland, O., will censure Mrs. Cleveland for spilling champagne instead of water when she christened the St. Louis.

"Obdurate" Holman says hard times, tariff delay and Cleveland's blundering foreign policy did it. He thinks free silver will be the issue in '96, and that the Democrats will nominate Adlai for president.

A conservative compilation credits the Republican party with a net plurality of 1,253,000 votes at the recent election. In the north was 1,389,500 and in the south, 62,500. From this is subtracted Democracy's estimated 399,000 plurality in the only nine states it carried.

CABLE CULINGS.

French Radicals and Socialists will oppose the \$12,000,000 loan for the Madagascar car.

A splendid present was sent by the kaiser to the king and queen of Roumania for their silver wedding.

An earthquake shook Catanzaro and Reggio, in southern Italy, and Messina, Sicily, but did little damage.

President Barrios, of Guatemala, says there is no prospect of war with Mexico on the boundary question.

Slam's king is in good health, despite recent rumors, and gave his first audience to Mr. Carrott, the new American minister.

For insulting the prince regent and inciting class hatred, William Bernhardt, a New York anarchist, was arrested at Brunswick.

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