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O'DONNELL'S PLEA.

Efforts Made to Save the Avenger's Life.

What Sullivan Says Will Be the Line of Defense—O'Donnell Ready with a Statement That He Was Sent to Do the Deed—Egan Sails From New York to Render What Assistance He Can.

LONDON, Oct. 4.—O'Donnell, the slayer of Carey, is said to have made a statement emphatically denying that he was sent to murder Carey. He says he and Carey were sitting together in the cabin, and Carey began to fasten a quarrel upon him, when O'Donnell remarked about the rumor that Power (by which name Carey shipped) was Carey, whereupon Carey and he started up, each with a pistol drawn. O'Donnell gripped Carey's collar with his left hand, but being paralyzed, lost his grip. Carey then crushed him down against the end of the table, putting his pistol in O'Donnell's face. O'Donnell grabbed the pistol and fired his own. Carey's weapon falling on the floor, six feet away. Carey ran partly stooped to pick it up, when O'Donnell fired again, not deliberately, but to save his life. According to O'Donnell's statement the story of Carey's son, that he took his father's pistol from his bag after the shooting, is untrue. He took it off the floor.

Sullivan, counsel for O'Donnell, gave the following summary of O'Donnell's defense: Till the day after he reached Cape Town O'Donnell says he never for a moment suspected Power to be Carey. Seeing him to be an Irishman like himself he chummed with him and was kind to the children because they seemed to be in misery. He was further attracted to Carey by his occasional moody, mysterious manner, and thought he was possibly a political outcast escaping. The day after they left the Cape it was rumored that Carey was aboard. O'Donnell says he was overcome by the idea that he had been giving his hand to and chumming with such a villain, and he lay awake all night moaning and groaning at the thought, unable to believe or disbelieve. He had had, as the crown witness, Greenbough, not forthcoming here, testified at the Cape, plenty of opportunities for throwing Carey overboard on the way out, had he suspected his identity. In order to draw Carey out, and contrary to his usual abstemious habits, he drank rather freely the next morning (Sunday) with Carey. The informer, suspecting something, changed his manner to O'Donnell, and on going into the saloon for beer said: "What have you done with your pistol, O'Donnell? It made me nervous when you fired at those flying fish." O'Donnell replied, lying: "I sold it. But why are you afraid? Only a man with something on his conscience would be afraid of that," or words to that effect. Meanwhile Mrs. Carey, not wishing to be dragged into the row, had left them. Carey took a heaving tone, and as some men, who had been previously sitting, sprang to their feet, he said, "O'Donnell, you are both ready to go off at half cock," and grappled O'Donnell, who took Carey's collar by his left and paralyzed hand. Carey and he then each put their hands in their pockets and drew out their pistols. "I came from a part of America; where people don't wait to inquire into a man's intentions when his pistol is against your forehead," I said, relates O'Donnell, "and I fired with my right hand. Carey's revolver went off and dropped on the floor. Its owner staggered forward, stooping to pick up his weapon. Seeing this I fired again. Tom Carey then picked up his father's pistol." Sullivan is hopeful of convicting Tom Carey of perjury on the point and in regard to his utterance to O'Donnell after the shooting.

New York, Oct. 4.—General Roger A. Pryor has sailed for England to become one of the counsel for O'Donnell. He thinks it will require stronger evidence than has been given to secure a conviction, if there is a fair trial.

A Hunter Accidentally Shot. WHITE HALL, Ill., Oct. 4.—Near Detroit, Pike county, three boys, named Edward Densmore, Ralph Phillips and Heavener were out hunting with shot-guns. Not having very good success they proposed to shoot at a mark. Phillips and Heavener started in advance of Densmore, and had gone but a short distance when hearing a gun fired, they turned and found that young Densmore had received a shot in his left breast just under the collar bone. He lived but a few minutes and could give no account of the accident.

Hutton Will Not Resign. WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 4.—In reply to the question as to whether he was going to resign, Assistant Postmaster General Hutton replied, "Not by a—sight." A gentleman in rapport with the administration says, "Mr. Hutton will not resign but Mr. Hutton will not be where he is very long."

"He will be kicked out, you mean?" "That is the inference, I believe. He is not of the resigning kind. He worked too hard to get in to go out of his own accord."

A Tramp's Death From Starvation. JOLIET, Ill., Oct. 4.—The dead body of a tramp was found in a sidetrack old box car at Hampton Station, fifteen miles south of this place, on the Chicago & Alton road. The body was frightfully decomposed and alive with vermin. The coroner's inquest developed the fact that he was found there six days ago sick and nearly starved to death by some people residing near by. They gave him food, but he was so sick too eat and died from neglect and starvation.

Snow in the Wasatch Range. SALT LAKE, Oct. 4.—The first snow of the season shines bright and clear on the Wasatch range.

KILLING THE OLD MAN

A Woman Gashes Her Husband's Throat in a Drunken Quarrel.

New York, Oct. 4.—Inhabitants residing in the tenements on Lewis street, between East Houston and Stanton, were startled by cries of "Murder! Murder! She's killed me!" An instant later a man in his stocking feet rushed out of 89 Lewis street with blood streaming from wounds in his throat and head. He fell to the ground from loss of blood and was then conveyed to Bellevue Hospital. He was Christopher Farley, an ice-wagon driver, residing with his wife and two children on the top floor of 89 Lewis street. The police entered and found Mrs. Farley washing up the pools of blood upon the floor. "I guess that'll fix him," she said. "We only had a little quarrel, and he stuck a knife in his throat," she said to the officers.

It was learned, however, that the couple had been drinking and quarrelling. Mrs. Farley then used a dishpan to punctuate her remarks. Then they clutched each other and Mrs. F. seized a table-knife. Mr. and Mrs. Button, neighbors, rushed in between them, but the knife had done its work, and Mr. Farley rushed from the room with a deep gash in his throat and stab and other wounds over the face and body. The wife then coolly threw down the knife and began to clean the floor. Farley's throat is gashed near the jugular vein, and it is feared that he can not survive. The wife was arrested and held on a charge of felonious assault at the Eleventh Precinct Station-house. She lay there in a drunken stupor moaning out: "He killed himself. He killed himself."

The two little children sat in the middle of the floor crying as if their hearts would break. The little girl sobbed out, "Mamma and papa fit and mamma killed papa." People residing in the house say that the couple became constantly involved in quarrels, but the wife generally came off victorious. The couple have been married about one year. He is the stepfather of her children.

TARDY TAXPAYERS.

Rich Washingtonians Who Are Badly in Arrears.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—The Collector of Taxes for the District of Columbia is now engaged in selling property for the payment of real estate taxes of 1882, which takes were due in November, 1882, and May, 1883, and yet remained unpaid. He has published a list of names of persons in arrears. One of the first to strike the eye—the names are arranged in alphabetical order—is that of Wm. E. Chandler. As the directory gives no William E. Chandler except the Secretary of the Navy it is fair to suppose that that gentleman is the one referred to. The name of J. A. J. Creswell as one of the commissioners of the late Freedmen's Bank is also prominent. William F. Chaffee is another name of note, and near it is that of Thomas T. Crittenden. The name of W. W. Corcoran, Washington's millionaire, appears in several places, that of Zachariah Chandler follows. Howard University, the freedmen's school, is in arrears on several hundred lists in various parts of the city. The Hon. Wm. Walter Phelps is also on the list. A long list, some twenty or thirty lists, follows the name of "Boss" Shepherd. Three other names of prominence included in the list are Walter Evans, Washington McLean and Colonel Enoch Totten. In the "R" list appears the name of George R. Robeson, and in the next list appears the name of John Sherman.

Beginning Life as Burglars.

TROY, N. Y., Oct. 4.—Detectives Flynn, O'Hairn and Campbell arrested Edward Burns, aged sixteen years, and Frank Tobin, aged seventeen, on suspicion of having committed the burglary at the store of Carter & Saunders, on River street, Sunday night. When locked up Tobin confessed the crime and implicated other boys, who will be arrested. Two boxes of stolen knives were recovered on Green Island, where they had been sold. The youthful prisoners were in the morning brought before Justice Jenness, who remanded them to await the action of the Grand Jury. Tobin states that two other boys broke into the place and that two men removed the property, a portion of which was given the prisoners, who buried a number of knives, a pair of club skates and a harmonica in a lot on Eighth street. The detectives visited the lot, but the booty had been disintegrated and taken away. Tobin also declares that articles of value which they could not carry were thrown into the river.

SHAKESPEARE'S BONES.

Final Settlement of the Question of Their Exhumation.

SPRATFORD-UPON-AVON, Oct. 4.—It August last Dr. Ingley, one of the life trustees of the birthplace of Shakespeare, and author of "Shakespeare's Home," proposed that the remains of Shakespeare should be exhumed in order to compare the poet's skull with the monument bust in the church, as well as to set at rest the question of the correctness of many conflicting portraits of the poet in existence. The proposition received the indorsement of Rev. G. Arbutnot, vicar of this place. Upon reference to the terms of sepulture, however, it was ascertained that the remains could not be exhumed or disturbed without consent of the mayor and officers of the city corporation. The mayor refused assent, and the matter has now been finally settled by the city council, which passed a resolution condemning any disturbance of Shakespeare's grave.

Coming Home to Vote.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 4.—A number of department employes who have residences in Ohio leave Washington this week and go home to vote. Those who go, however, will not be allowed any time by the department except such as is taken from their annual leaves of absence.

M'STEEN HANGED.

A Pittsburg Wife Murderer Gets His Deserts.

An Extraordinary Wild Beast Who Loved Children, Did Not Drink, and Yet Abused His Family and Chopped His Wife Up With an Axe—His Last Hours and Final Taking Off.

PITTSBURG, Oct. 4.—James McSteen was hanged in the yard of the county jail. The execution was conducted quietly and was witnessed by 200 persons. The doomed man retired early and slept all night. At 5 o'clock in the morning he arose, and after making a careful toilet partook of a hearty breakfast. He was visited later by two Sisters of Mercy and his spiritual adviser, Father Ward. None of his relatives put in an appearance. At 11 o'clock he left his cell for the scaffold attended by Father Ward and the Sheriff. He walked erect and ascended the scaffold with a firm step. When asked if he had anything to say he replied: "No." The cap was then placed over his head and his hands tied. At 11:05 the drop was sprung and in the fall his neck was broken. In eight minutes he was pronounced dead. The crime for which he suffered the highest penalty of the law was uxoricide. On the evening of June 9, 1882, he sent his little boy out of the house on some pretense, and when the little fellow returned he found his mother lying on the floor with her skull crushed in and a bloody ax on the floor beside her. His father had died, but was arrested the same night. When the trial came up it was clearly shown that he had committed the deed, and he was accordingly convicted. As the last hours of McSteen's life passed he seemed to be more composed and more ready to meet his fate bravely and resignedly. Father Ward, as he emerged from the doomed man's cell, said: "I never saw a man who seemed to possess so kind a nature, nor a man who could be further from doing any one ill. He loves children, and has a refinement of nature that very few illiterate men like himself possess. I think," said Father Ward, "that he will die as he now is and has been, bravely, and without saying a word. He has nothing to say to the public, nor do I yet know of any statement that he will make. He has refused to have his picture taken," said the reverend gentleman, "on very good grounds, I think. He objects to having his picture hanging on the walls of the jail office and have people come there and say in the presence of the public, 'there is the picture of a murderer.' Besides, it is his desire to pass from the recollection of the people as soon as possible after the execution."

OVER NIAGARA.

A Case of Criminal Brutality to a Horse.

NIAGARA FALLS, Oct. 4.—There has been considerable excitement here about the sending of an old horse over the Niagara Falls. The animal was probably forty years old, and had been used in the service of the Cataract House for at least twenty years. One night this week D. R. Jerraud, one of the proprietors of the hotel, Pat McCoy, and two others, drove the horse to the river midway between Goat Island Bridge and the lower entrance to Prospect House. A piece of railing was knocked off and an effort made to induce the animal to enter the water. The old horse lay down and could not be induced to get up. He was finally pushed off the bank into the water, eight feet below. The water was three feet deep and the current very slow. The brute stood for an hour under a pelting of stones. He grew weak, and was slowly carried toward the cataract. At Prospect Park he regained his feet, and with a sudden display of energy gained the bank. Again he was pushed into the stream. A leg was broken and he was scratched and bruised, a little trail of blood marking the place where he stood in the park. A policeman was notified, and several bullets were fired into the horse. After having been in the water nearly five hours the animal gave up the struggle and was carried over the falls. The case was brought to the attention of the Buffalo Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and Officer Lobstein arrested the four men for cruelty to animals. They were taken before Justice Clark and demanded a jury trial. The jury found a verdict of "Not guilty," on the ground, as one of the jury expressed it, "that the cruelty was not premeditated." The case may be taken before the grand jury at Lockport.

The Great West India Hurricane.

New York, Oct. 4.—A resident of the Island of Nassau, West Indies, who has arrived here, says it is seventeen years since Nassau has been visited by such a storm. Some seventy vessels are now piled up on the shores of the island, and eighty lives were lost. Over 100 barns were demolished and the crops all ruined.

Wind and Rain at Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 4.—A severe storm of wind and rain burst upon the city, flooding the streets and cellars [and doing general damage, estimated at \$3,000. Two bridges over creeks in the city were swept away. Five thousand dollars worth of damage is reported from Wyandott, where the water works suffered greatly. The storm is reported general in the West.

Choked to Death.

FORT WAYNE, Ind., Oct. 4.—Mrs. Sothern, an elderly lady, mother of an engineer on the Southern & Fort Wayne road, choked to death by getting a piece of meat lodged in her throat.

A Heavy Snow in Canada.

MANITWASK, Que., Oct. 4.—Snow has been falling fast since 10 a. m., and the weather is cold and disagreeable.

THE NEWSPAPER WAR.

Establishment of the Herald News Stands.

New York, Oct. 4.—The Herald announces that as soon as possible the Herald would have its own news stands in different parts of the city, at which the Herald and other city papers would be sold at the price printed upon them, and not at the price which the retail newsdealers might consider proper. An advertisement for 500 men and women to sell the Herald appeared in the same issue. According to the manager of the business department more than 400 persons made application, most of them available candidates for the positions offered. Carpenters are now making stands. It is the expectation to have the stands opened for business Monday morning. The Board of Aldermen adopted a resolution, giving Colonel George F. Williams, manager of this new department of the Herald, permission to place during business hours a stand on the sidewalk within a distance of fifty feet of each stairway leading to the stations of the Manhattan Railway Company, for the sale of newspapers.

THE RED MEN.

The Confession of a Ringleader of the Gang.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Oct. 4.—The mysterious mail robberies and other daring depredations, which for the last year have been terrorizing the neighborhood of Philippi, this State, have been explained by the confession of the ringleader of the gang. An order known as the Red Men, whose ostensible object was to promote law and order did the deeds. Several of the members were quite prominent citizens, including among them Noah Kittles who for years bore an excellent reputation and who was the leader of the gang. Several members were arrested and have been on trial, Kittles among others. Wednesday night Kittles made a clean breast of the whole affair, giving the names of all the members of the gang. Great excitement prevails and there will be no let-up until are in the penitentiary.

FREE TRADERS.

Meeting of the Great St. Louis Conference.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 4.—The free trade conference concluded its labors with a long debate between some members who insisted on absolute free trade and others who favored an attempt to eliminate protection as a first step. The latter opinion prevailed. An address to the people of the country was adopted, declaring that protection was a ruinous measure, and that all possible means should be taken to abolish it immediately. Most of the gentlemen declared they were straight out free traders in theory, but thought it wise to strike at protection. As a preliminary step a literary bureau was agreed upon to furnish free trade matter to the press generally, especially to the country papers.

STANADARD OIL.

Meeting of the Pennsylvania Legislative Committee.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 4.—The Legislative Committee, consisting of three Senators and five Representatives, appointed to investigate the character of the testimony taken in the Standard Oil Company investigation, is in session here. The committee is empowered by the legislative resolution to "inquire into the legal relations of the Standard Oil Company to the state, into its conduct as to the payment of taxes to the state, and into the right and power of the state to require by statute payment of taxes by said company or any foreign corporation."

Tumble in Boots and Shoes.

BOSTON, Oct. 4.—Hill & Rowe, boot and shoe manufacturers, No. 2 Hight street, have failed. Their liabilities are not stated. The firm is an old one and well known, and considerable surprise is expressed at their failure. They have a factory at Stoneham.

Boston, Oct. 4.—Canterbury & Haskell, boot and shoe manufacturers, have suspended, with liabilities of about \$190,000, of which \$34,000 is accommodation endorsements on paper of F. Shaw & Bros. The assets are nominally about \$220,000. With two years' extension the firm think they can pay their indebtedness in full.

The Trade of Smuggling Chinamen.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 4.—Smuggling Chinese across the border from British Columbia has become a thriving business. A Victoria colonist confirms the statement that notwithstanding the representations of the treasury agent sent to investigate the matter, Chinese smuggling is so largely carried on that Victoria has become a rendezvous for Chinese who seek to cross over into the United States; that a large number of sawmills on Puget Sound employing Chinese is the immediate cause why so many are smuggled over in that section.

The Debt of Tennessee.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 4.—The board appointed to fund the bonded indebtedness of the State, under the act passed by the last session of the Legislature, have about concluded their work, having funded only one-twenty-sixth part of the debt. The bondholders have not sent in their bonds to the extent that was anticipated by the Legislature, and considerable disappointment is felt by those who were most active in bringing about the refunding of the debt.

A Tale of Tails.

BOSTON, Mass., Oct. 4.—A novel sight was witnessed in the City Hall when Dr. A. L. Watts presented to the Mayor the tips of 342 tails of stray dogs that he had killed, in accordance with the city ordinance, during the past three months. Homeless curs in Boston are killed by a process that takes but a minute and a half.