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## CRAZED HUSBAND SLASHES WIFE IN BRUTAL MANNER

### Cuts Her from Ear to Ear and Kicks Prostrate Body

#### REALIZING TERRIBLE DEED, OLD DOMINION EMPLOYEE PLUNGES HEADLONG INTO WELL IN VAIN ATTEMPT TO SUICIDE—IN JAIL PENITENCE PROSTRATES ASSAILANT

Crazed because his wife would not return to him, his mania heightened through the ravages of consumption, M. Fisher, a carpenter employed at the Old Dominion sawmill, slashed his wife from ear to ear across the back of the neck last night, and leaving her for dead, jumped into a well, in an attempt to end his own life.

At the Old Dominion hospital Mrs. Fisher is in a critical condition, weak from loss of blood, but with better than a fighting chance for recovery. Fisher, who was rescued from the well just in time to save his life, is a prisoner in the county jail, badly bruised about the head and body as the result of his attempt at self destruction.

The gory affair occurred near the home of Barney Rice, near the Mountain View hotel, at 8 o'clock last night.

About a month ago while the Fishers were living in a house belonging to Barney Rice, near the Mountain View, Mrs. Fisher became seriously ill. At the solicitation of her husband, she took a room on Cottonwood street near Broad, where she could receive the assistance of friends in caring for their child, a four-year-old daughter.

Yesterday afternoon, having sufficiently recovered to leave her room, Mrs. Fisher went to her home in North Globe. Her husband met her at the house and an altercation ensued.

At about 6 o'clock, Fisher went to his wife's room, and induced her to return with him to their home, where Mrs. Fisher wished to secure articles of wearing apparel. What happened in the house, no one knows. As they were leaving, however, and proceeding toward the home of Barney Rice, the husband attempted to end both their lives.

With the words "Here's where we both die," he drew a razor and made a vicious lunge at his wife. The keen edge took effect just at the base of the brain. It opened a gash from ear to ear and to the bone in depth, severing all of the muscles at the back of the neck.

A terrible struggle ensued. Stunned by the shock of the wound, but mindful of her own peril, Mrs. Fisher grasped the blade of the razor. Although its keen edge cut her hands to ribbons she clung to the weapon and finally succeeded in breaking the blade. Overcome by loss of blood, she collapsed and as she fell, the brutal husband kicked her.

With the prostrate form lying before him, with the life blood of the woman he had sworn to protect staining his own hands, while she lay apparently dead at his feet, a realization of the crime which he had committed came over the husband and with that realization came an appreciation of her place in his life and of the love which he had once borne for her. Without her, his own life was nothing, and suicide was his next thought.

He clutched the handle of the razor with which he had so brutally attacked his wife, but that weapon had lost its murderous power. In a desperate attempt to destroy himself, he leaped headlong into a nearby well.

The bloody affray had by that time attracted the attention of the neighbors and they rushed to the scene of the murderous assault to investigate the terrible affair. They arrived just in time to see the half-demented husband leap into the well. Fortunately the fall had not rendered him insensible and he was rescued after a struggle.

"Take me to jail," he moaned as he was lifted from the well. Without resistance, almost eagerly in fact, he accompanied Jack Maryin, a neighbor, to the county jail and gave himself up.

The Old Dominion ambulance was called at once and the woman rushed to the county hospital. The medical staff of that institution gave her surgical aid at once and staunching the flow of blood. It was found that the wound, although horrible in its appearance, was not necessarily fatal. The severed muscle and tissue was stitched together. Later the woman regained consciousness and told of a part of the terrible experience.

"Where is she? Is she dead? Has she a chance to recover?" cried the anguished, half-crazed husband through the bars at the county jail, when interviewed by the Silver Belt later in the evening.

"Please tell me she is not dead and that she will recover," he almost shrieked as his nails clutched the palms of the hands until the flesh was almost bleeding. "I was wrong. Why did I do it?"

"Yes, I tried to kill her. She left me. She would not return to me. I was sick with consumption. When she told me she would never live with me again, I must have lost my mind. Are you sure she will live?"

Even though assured that his wife would recover, Fisher would hardly believe that he had not murdered his wife.

"It don't matter what becomes of me," he sobbed as he staggered back to his bunk. "It wasn't drink—I was crazy. Why did I try to kill her?" With sobs shaking his frame, Fisher was helped into his bunk by a fellow prisoner. The realization of the awful crime which he had committed was upon him.

The Fishers were married five years ago. Both had suffered from ill health. Fisher was insanely jealous. Those who know the family say he treated his wife cruelly and that it was the combination of all these things which led up to the gory assault which came so near costing two lives.

Fisher will be detained in jail pending the outcome of his wife's injuries. What action will eventually be taken by the authorities remains to develop.

## TWO RESCUED FROM OCEAN WAVES

OCEAN PARK, Cal., March 24.—J. A. West and Miss Martha Hunt, his sister-in-law, both of Snowflake, Ariz., were rescued from certain death in the waves today by Harvey White, a life guard, and J. S. Wilson of Los Angeles. The man and woman were in bathing when they were caught by the dreaded rip tide and carried seaward. Both West and Miss Hunt were splashing in the surf only a short distance from shore when a heavy surfer swept them off their feet. Both struggled desperately to regain their feet

hold, but were unsuccessful and had practically given up when White and Wilson hastened to their aid.

## SUSPECT LOBBY ON SHIP SUBSIDY BILL

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—A resolution declaring in substance that a lobby exists in behalf of the ship subsidy bill, and asking the appointment of a committee of investigation, was today adopted by the house committee on judiciary. Ex-Governor Herriek of Ohio, John Hays Hammond and R. P. Selwyn of the Pacific Mail, are named in the resolution as members of the Merchant Marine league, organized to secure the passage of the subsidy bill.

## STRANGE BEASTS SUGGESTED FOR STEAK MATERIAL

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—The introduction of the hippopotamus, camel, eland, spingbok, trekbok, dikdik, coonoo, giraffe, and other African animals into America, was a suggestion of the meat problem by speakers in the house committee on agriculture today. Ex-Boers, agricultural experts and many familiar with African fauna, declared that all the animals named really made excellent steaks and roasts and should be imported and raised in America under the terms of the Broussard bill now pending.

## BIG RAILROADERS WILL INSPECT DISTRICT

### R. S. Lovett, Head Whole Harriman System, Will Reach Here Today

## WILL COME IN ON SIX SPECIAL CARS

### Accompanied by Randolph, Kruttschnitt, Stubbs and Others

Headed by R. S. Lovett, chairman of the board of directors of the Harriman interest, and the successor of E. H. Harriman, one of the most powerful delegations of railroad officials ever in this part of the country will visit this city today.

The delegation will arrive here early this forenoon on a special train made up of six private cars, according to advices received here last night. Superintendent C. C. Mallard of the Globe division of the Arizona Eastern, left for Bowie at 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon with a special engine, which will haul the train into this city. It was thought last night that the party would arrive here about 7 o'clock this morning, although the exact time is not definitely known.

Aside from Mr. Lovett, the party will be made up of Julius Kruttschnitt, director of maintenance and operation of the Harriman lines, at the head of the Southern Pacific lines in Arizona; J. C. Stubbs, vice president and traffic director of the Southern Pacific; R. S. Stubbs, assistant general freight and passenger agent of the Randolph system; W. H. Wahlen, superintendent of the El Paso division of the Espee, and other well known men.

This is Mr. Lovett's first visit through the southwest, since he succeeded E. H. Harriman as the head of the great Harriman system. In company with Mr. Kruttschnitt and other well known railroad officials, he is touring the entire Harriman system, making one of the most general inspection trips ever attempted by the head of any transportation system at one time.

On the arrival of the special train in this city, the local yards and shops will be inspected, after which the visitors will proceed to Miami and inspect the recently completed extension of the Arizona Eastern line. It is hardly likely that the visit will be of any great length, as so many thousands miles of track are being covered by Mr. Lovett and his party that no extensive stops are being made.

The party will come here direct from the El Paso and will proceed through the territory, later inspect the Mexican lines and in all probability, head directly for the coast.

## CHANCE TO RECOVER FOR AGED SENATOR

DAYTONA, Fla., March 24.—Senator Daniel had a satisfactory day. Dr. Chowing says that he now feels the senator has a chance for recovery.

## BIG TREE FINDER DIES AT RIPE AGE

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March 24.—Galen Clarke, discoverer of the Mariposa Big Trees, and for twenty years guardian of the Yosemite, died tonight, aged 96.

## BRIBE TAKER HAS FAINTING FIT IN COURT

### Collapses When Asked If He Ever Received Money for His Vote

## SIX MORE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL SQUEAL

### Other Accused Grafters of Pittsburg Give Bond and Will Fight

PITTSBURG, Pa., March 24.—The confessions of six men who appeared before Judge Fraser today caused sensations. The climax came when George B. Anderson, a former select councilman, fainted as the court asked him if he had ever received money for his vote.

Before the judge could finish his question, Anderson had fallen backward, striking his head on the floor of the courtroom. Attendants and attorneys rushed to his aid and when he was revived he answered the judge's question.

Robert K. Cochrane, formerly a member of the council, admitted receiving \$600 to vote for the bank depository ordinance and \$500 for the ordinance vacating South Seventh street. Judge Fraser wanted to know how it came that he received so much more than the other councilmen for voting on these measures.

Cochrane was unable to make a satisfactory explanation. He insisted that he had distributed none of the money. Judge Fraser reminded Cochrane that this was a serious matter and that he would have to take the case under consideration. No suspension of sentence was granted and Cochrane left the courtroom.

William Brand, former president of the common council, whose statement to the district attorney was so unsatisfactory, had his liberty cut short. He was sent to the penitentiary to begin serving the eighteen months sentence for bribery, on which he was convicted some months ago.

District Attorney Blakely insists that Brand did not tell the whole truth and was shielding someone else. The district attorney had the names of the persons Brand is charged with shielding, but Brand would not give up the desired information. The confessions of Wasson and Klein cover this point, however.

Former Councilman John Taylor, who was implicated in the graft scandal by Dr. W. H. Weber, brought suit against Weber today for \$25,000 damages. Taylor has made a public denial and says Weber's statement is untrue. Indicted councilmen today began to come forward and give bonds in court for their appearance, signifying that they would put up a fight for their freedom.

## GARFIELD DECLARES BIG PARTY MUST PROGRESS

### Says People Are Tired of Inactivity and Make-shift Business

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 24.—The administration was sharply arraigned tonight before the Tippecanoe club by Ex-Governor Herriek, who charged gross extravagance and asserted that the high tariff was necessitated by unbusinesslike methods of government. Herriek, former secretary of the interior, Garfield, in his speech, declared that unless the republican party continued to be progressive, the people, unsatisfied with inaction or makeshift legislation, would certainly express their displeasure decisively at the polls. They must provide adequate regulation of corporations, safeguard public interests, make more show of enforcement of the law against illegal and unfair business combinations and fully protect corporations that obey the law.

"The Americans of today are demanding a party that will strive first for the public good," he said. "We are again preparing for a general election. Parties and men responsible for the conduct of national and state affairs will be called to give an account of their stewardship, and they will be judged by what they have done for or against the public welfare. There is a wide difference between

## SICILY TREMBLING AS ETNA BELCHES OUT LAVA STREAM

the present-day 'standpatters' and the 'progressives.' The republican party has already recognized the new order of things and has taken the first steps in the progressive movement. The great majority of our people believe in this new order of things and demand that the republican party continue to be the progressive party."

## DELEGATE THOUGHT HOGGATT WAS A GENTLEMAN

### Alaska Officials Tell What They Think of Each Other in Lower House

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—There was a hot clash again today between former Governor W. B. Hoggatt of Alaska and Delegate Wickersham from that territory in the meeting of the house committee on territories engaged in the consideration of the Alaskan government bill.

The former favors President Taft's plan of a government by commission and the latter wants a territorial form of government. For some time there has been a dispute between the two. Today they pointedly interrogated each other on their respective positions.

Delegate Wickersham asked Mr. Hoggatt if the latter's opposition to him had not begun about the time Wickersham, then on the Alaskan bench, had decided the Cobb mining case at Fairbanks.

"Yes," replied Hoggatt, "because then I was convinced you were not a proper person to be on the bench."

Mr. Wickersham accused the former governor of making puffles a letter which he had written to him in a confidential capacity. Hoggatt admitted the charge, whereupon Delegate Wickersham declared that at the time he wrote the letter, he thought "Governor Hoggatt was a gentleman."

## COMPANY TO BUILD RAILROAD IN ARIZONA

### PHOENIX, Ariz., March 24.—Articles of incorporation of the Inter Mountain, St. George & Grand Canyon railway have been filed with the territorial auditor, under the Arizona laws. The capital is placed at \$24,000,000.

Directors—M. T. Burgess, J. R. Walter, A. E. Bykert, J. H. Woodmansee, Charles Bead, A. Hanauer, Jr., and E. F. Kimball. It is proposed to construct a main line from Thermo on the Salt Lake road, to a connection with the Santa Fe at Kugman, a branch from Kanarra, on the proposed main line, to the scenic crater of the Grand Canyon, and from another point on the proposed main line to a point near Mesapi. The total mileage is approximately 400 miles.

## READY TO ORGANIZE LABOR PARTY

### Unionists in Philadelphia Would Drown Troubles in Politics

PHILADELPHIA, March 24.—Interest in the labor situation here centered today in the convention held by members of labor unions to form a new political party. About five hundred delegates attended and reporters were barred.

## Peasants Rush to Prayer in Wild, Superstitious Fear

### WORST ERUPTION OF HISTORIC VOLCANO SINCE 1906 TERRORIZES NATIVES—HOUSES BURIED AND METEOROLOGICAL STATION IS DESTROYED—TWELVE NEW CRATERS

CATANIA, Sicily, March 24.—Mount Etna is again in a state of violent activity. Her violence is rapidly increasing and tonight the gravest fears are felt as to the results.

From Catania the Associated Press correspondence motored toward the mountain. Beyond the village of Mascalfina, twelve miles in a direct line from the crater, a thick curtain of smoke was encountered which entirely concealed Etna.

At Nicolosi, ten miles from the crater, the entire population had gathered in the square to watch the volcano. A deep roaring was heard and detonations resembling artillery followed one another in quick succession, while the earth shook.

One of the guides cried: "An earthquake," and could hardly be induced to continue. The hot cinders covered the ground like a thick carpet.

A peasant was encountered coming down. He said: "The fire is rushing down, burning everything. The lava is like a red hot river."

Proceeding a little further, four colossal columns of black smoke could be observed. Occasionally they were cut with flashes of fire, presenting an awe-inspiring spectacle. The wind opened the clouds for a moment and a wide strip of fire could be seen in the distance advancing with monstrous contortions. It fell like a torrent from Mount Caprioli, spreading out in the valley below.

The lava flow had already reached

the vineyards above San Leo and Rinazzo, seven miles from the crater, and had buried many peasant hordes. It came in several streams and united in one great mass about twenty feet high and 1,500 feet wide.

Its velocity was estimated at three to four feet a minute. This mighty wall of red hot lava tonight was not more than five miles from Belpaso and Nicolosi.

The meteorological station in the mountain side had been destroyed and the village of Borrello is in serious danger.

The populace is terror stricken and are fleeing. Fifty earth shocks, continuous vibration and trembling for many miles.

Everywhere the villagers are carrying images in procession and are imploring for mercy. Twelve new craters have been opened up. Help for people in the devastated district is being organized here and a large number of doctors and engineers have been sent.

The prefect, after a visit to the scene, said: "The spectacle of desolation is comparable only with the destruction in the wake of the eruption. Prof. Ricco, director of the Etna observatory, said: "The eruption is very grave. The lava has covered five miles in sixteen hours. If my calculations are correct the eruption will not be short."

Crowds of tourists, Americans being conspicuous, are flocking to view the spectacle.

## DEMOCRATS SELECT COMMITTEE ON RULES

### Sims Faction Fails to Prevent Selection of Fitzgerald

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—With scarcely the semblance of a struggle, the democratic members of the house tonight named the following four minority members of the new committee on rules.

Champ Clark of Missouri, 125 votes. Oscar Underwood of Alabama, 102.

Lincoln Dixon of Indiana, 99. John J. Fitzgerald of New York, 98.

The expected fight on Fitzgerald for his attitude on the rules question at the beginning of the present congress, when he with twenty-three other democrats, left the leadership of Clark and voted with the republicans, materialized early in the meeting, but failed of any definite result. The faction strength against him mustered 69.

Sims of Tennessee headed the faction opposed to the selection of Fitzgerald, and introduced a resolution to instruct the democratic members to support a resolution to provide for the election by the house of a committee to select all of the standing committees. This did not come to a vote.

Sims, displeased with the action, declared his intention to force the party to show how it stands. Clark and Underwood expressed satisfaction at the caucus selections. The choice was made by written ballot.

## MOTOR CARS BIG FEATURE IN TRADE

### Last Year's Output Showed \$41,000,000 Increase

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—Automobiles entering the world's markets in the year 1909 had a value in excess of \$50,000,000, as compared with an aggregate value of \$9,000,000 for the year 1902, striking evidence, ac-

## M. O. BICKNELL HAS RESIGNED FROM COMMISSION

### Will Accept Position With Transcontinental Scrip Bureau at Frisco

M. O. Bicknell, chairman of the territorial railway commission, has tendered his resignation from that position to accept the chairmanship of the Transcontinental Scrip bureau at San Francisco, according to advices received by Attorney George Stoneman of this city, yesterday.

Mr. Bicknell's resignation will take effect on April 1. Mr. Stoneman, who is a member of the railway commission, was notified of Mr. Bicknell's resignation in a communication requesting him to be present at a meeting next Thursday, at which the matter will be acted upon.

As to who will succeed Mr. Bicknell, no one seems to know. It is probable, however, that his successor will be named at the coming meeting of the commission. The question of selecting a chairman is also undecided. George J. Stoneman is the only remaining member of the original commission, but as he has been the legal adviser of the board, it is doubtful as to whether he will accept the position.

Mr. Bicknell is recognized as one of the best railroad tariff men in the southwest and to secure a man to take his place on the commission will probably prove to be something of a difficult task.

According to the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor, that the automobile is an important and rapidly increasing factor in international commerce.

The value of automobiles exported in 1908 from France, the United States, the United Kingdom, Italy and Germany—the five leading countries in their manufacture and sale—was more than \$45,000,000, a growth of 400 per cent since 1902.

France leads the world as an exporter of motor cars, with the United States second.