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CONFESSES MURDERS

Cantrell, the Grave Robber of Indiana

NAMES SIX OF HIS VICTIMS

Killed People Merely for the Sake of Selling Cadavers to Medical College.

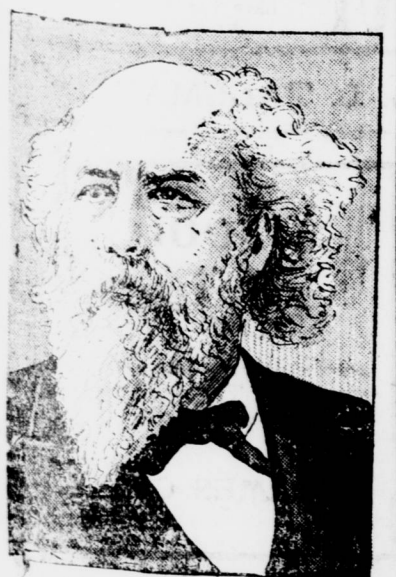
Indianapolis, Aug. 8.—Cantrell, the grave robber now serving time has confessed under oath to six murders. The local police are investigating his story and believe it entirely true. The evidence is being collected and will be placed before the grand jury. The alleged victims were William Watterson, of Indianapolis; Walter Johnson, of Newark, murdered and robbed of \$300; a Pittsburg man, whose first name was Claude and last name forgotten, also robbed of \$300; Carrie Solvage, of Indianapolis, whose death was also a mystery; Charles Jordan, a negro of Indianapolis, and Kenneth French, of Bellefontaine, O. All the bodies were sold to medical colleges.

To Observe His 103d Birthday. Vandalia, Ill., Aug. 8.—Francis Binnon, familiarly known as "Uncle Frank," will tomorrow celebrate the one hundred and third anniversary of his birth in the midst of a gathering of his friends and relatives at his home in Vernon a little village about ten miles from this city. Mr. Binnon was born near Lynchburg, Va., on Aug. 9, 1799, was married at the age of 24 to Miss Horsa Walton of Tennessee and in 1842 came with his wife to Marion county, where he has since resided. Mrs. Binnon died in 1850 and her husband never remarried. He has living forty-two grandchildren, thirty-five great-grandchildren and a dozen great-great-grandchildren. He has living forty-two grandchildren, thirty-five great-grandchildren and a dozen great-great-grandchildren. He has living forty-two grandchildren, thirty-five great-grandchildren and a dozen great-great-grandchildren.

TURNERS IN DES MOINES. Des Moines, Ia., Aug. 8.—Numerous delegations are arriving in Des Moines for the turnfest of the Upper Mississippi Turnbeizirk, which will be held here during the next three days. Social features will have a conspicuous place on the program in addition to the usual athletic contests and drills. Monday evening Governor Cummins will address the societies. Tomorrow there will be a reception and the following three days will be occupied with contests. It is expected that the competition will attend the exhibition contests by not only the athletes, but by the women and girls' classes. Burlington, Clinton, Davenport, Waterloo and Ottumwa are some of the places that will be well represented in the meet.

AN INFORMAL SPIN. Highlands, N. J., Aug. 8.—There was an informal spin today after which Shamrock Third was towed into Erie Basin to be put into condition for the cup races.

CANADIAN BOAT WINS. Toronto, Aug. 8.—The Canadian cup race today was won by the Canadian defender, Strachcona, gamely defeating the American yacht, Irondequoit.



Rear Admiral George W. Melville, Chief of the United States bureau of steam engineers, who goes on the retired list today.

CHAMPION SWINDLERS OF THE WHOLE WORLD

The Humberts on Trial in France for Buncing Bankers Out of Millions.

Paris, Aug. 8.—The trial of the Humberts, the famous swindlers opened today. The court room was crowded with fashionables. Shortly after noon the prisoners were escorted into the court room by guards. Madame Humbert came first, dressed entirely in black, pale but composed. Her husband followed; then came Romain and Emile Dauringa, brothers of Mrs. Humbert, jauntily arm in arm. All gave their place of residence as Conciergerie prison.

Madame Humbert maintained her previous attitude of bravado and continually interrupted the proceedings with protests. During the examination she frequently turned and plied the judge with questions in an angry tone. She denied all the charges and assuming a dramatic attitude cried: "We are the most honest people in France. We are suffering under false accusations. I never slept in the prison but always stood clinging to the bars of my cell." She repeatedly asserted that the Crawford millions exist and declared that their only error was in losing their heads for a moment and fleeing from France. The spectators greeted each declaration with roars of laughter. The crowd wishing to enter was so great that sextuple lines of military guards were ordered. Many prominent people were turned away, including the actor Coquellin, who as he left said it would be the most dramatic scene of recent years.

The railways are treating the Humbert trial as a national holiday and running big excursions at low rates. Public interest is intense, as Madame Humbert has promised to produce at the trial the Crawford brothers, American millionaires, on whom was based the story of a \$20,000,000 inheritance on which she borrowed \$10,000,000 from Paris bankers.

Jersey's Salt Water Day. Setgirt, N. J., Aug. 8.—This is "salt water day" on the Jersey coast, and the farmers of Ocean and Monmouth counties, who have observed the custom for years, began to arrive in farm wagons with their families soon after sunrise. They had come for a day's outing and for their annual bath in Old Neptune. Guests from neighboring summer hotels turned out in large numbers to view the picturesque scene. The bathing outfits, as usual, worn by the farmers and their families were remarkable for variety and originality.

RACING STABLES BURNED. New York, Aug. 8.—Incendiaries attempted to burn the stables of the Empire tracks at Yonkers early this morning. Thirty valuable horses were rescued with difficulty.

GIBBONS IS BETTER. Rome, Aug. 8.—Cardinal Gibbons passed a restless night, but shows some slight improvement.

LIKE DARIUS GREEN LANGLEY'S AIR SHIP

Wavers and Wobbles and Coming Down Suddenly Sinks in the Sea.

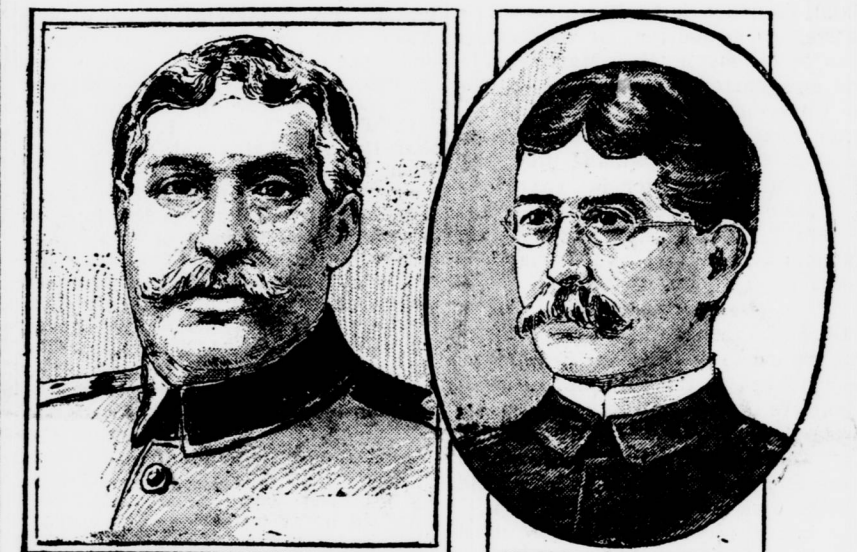
Tidewater, Aug. 8.—The initial test of Prof. Langley's airship was made this morning. The track on which the launching car ran pointed toward the Maryland shore. At a given signal the car was drawn back 30 feet by powerful springs and then released propelling the model into space at a velocity of nearly 80 feet a second. After leaving the track the airship sailed on a level with the house tops about 100 yards toward Maryland, when a sharp turn to the right was made. Not over 500 yards in this direction was made before the model struck the water and immediately sank. For fully 50 yards before she finally disappeared the model pursued an uneven, wavering course.

When this became noticeable to the watching scientists they immediately dispatched a tug and small boats to the rescue. In order to recover the car when it sank a fine wire had been attached to the model and retained on a house boat. By following this wire they were enabled to raise the machine with the aid of hooks. When brought to the surface the machine presented a dilapidated appearance. The wings were torn from the body, the fine steel framework was badly bent and the engine was out of place and badly indented. The propeller and steering gear suffered the smallest injury. The model was hauled aboard and was not returned to the house boat. Prof. Langley's assistant who was mainly in charge of the experiment was greatly chagrined at the failure and declined to make any statement. Langley was not present.

MAJOR GENERAL YOUNG SUCCEEDS GENERAL MILES

And Will Have the Rank of Lieutenant General for One Week When He Will Become Head of The General Staff Under the New Law.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 8.—Although Americans who started in life as day laborers have become president of the great republic, no man who shouldered a musket as a common soldier has ever attained to the position of commander of the army of the United States until today. Major General Samuel Baldwin Marks Young, who today succeeds to the command of the army on the statutory retirement of Lieutenant General Miles, began his career as an enlisted man in the Twelfth Pennsylvania infantry. All of his twenty-one predecessors as commander of the army began their military careers as commissioned officers. It has been stated frequently that the chief objection to General Miles on the part of his brother officers was due to the fact that he was not a West Point man. The same cause for complaint is to be found in the case of the new commanding



Major-General Young, who becomes Chief of Staff of the United States army today. General William H. Carter, who with Major-General Henry C. Corbin, will constitute the general staff is also shown. He is said to have the enviable distinction of having more enemies than any other officer in the American army, because of his close relations of the Secretary of War, Elihu Root.

general. General Young is the third man who has come from civil life, as distinguished from those who have gone through the academy, to attain the command of the army. The first, after it became possible to appoint a West Point graduate to achieve that position was General Winfield Scott, who became commander in 1841, thirty-nine years after the establishment of the academy. He entered the army from civil life as a captain of artillery. Since Scott all the commanders of the army except Miles have been West Pointers.

But the new commanding general is a soldier from the ground up, without any fuss or feathers. He is not a medal of honor man, but one who quietly and faithfully performed his duties at all times, and is recognized as a tireless fighting general who is ready for duty day or night. He emerged from the civil war with the respect of all his comrades, and performed excellent service during the Spanish war, later distinguishing himself in the Philippines. Five months after he entered the Pennsylvania regiment as a private, April 25, 1865, he was made captain of volunteers. One year later he was promoted to the grade of major. In October, 1864, he had reached the grade of lieutenant colonel, and two months later was placed in command of his regiment. April 9, 1865, he was brevetted brigadier general of volunteers for conspicuous gallantry, and was honorably mustered out of the service July 1, 1865.

A year later he was appointed in the regular establishment, with the rank of second lieutenant of the Twelfth regular infantry. July 28 the same year he transferred to the cavalry arm of the service with the rank of captain and was assigned to the Eighth regiment. He was not promoted again until August 16, 1892, when he was commissioned as major. He held this rank until August 16, 1892, when he was promoted to a lieutenant colonelcy, and was transferred to the Fourth cavalry. In 1897 he was given another promotion, this time to the colonelcy of his regiment.

Upon the outbreak of the Spanish war Col. Young was given the rank of brigadier general of volunteers and was assigned to duty at Las Guasimas, Cuba, where there was a lively battle in which Sergt. Hamilton Fish

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JAILBIRDS ESCAPE FOUR TOUGH CASES

A Murderer, Two Horse thieves and a Forger, Saw Their Way Out of Prison.

Columbus, O., Aug. 8.—Lewis Harmon, convicted of first degree murder, Kelleer and Spifflet, horse thieves, and Eying, a forger, escaped from the county jail this morning by sawing the bars with tools presumably smuggled in by friends. Harmon a few days ago attempted suicide by cutting an artery with broken glass. Harmon, Eying and Kelleer, escaped prisoners, were captured by a large posse near Winchester canal this afternoon.

Opening of Wagner Festival.

Munich, Aug. 8.—A large number American and English visitors are here for the Wagner festival, which opened today and will continue until September 14. The works to be performed this year under the personal direction of Prof. Ernest von Possart are "Der Ring des Nibelungen," "Die Meistersinger von Nurnberg," "Tristan und Isolde," "Tannhauser" and "Lohengrin." The artists to be heard include Mesdames Lillian Nordica, Ernestine Schumann-Heink, Josephine von Artner (Hamburg), Charlotte Huhn (Dresden), and Ada Robinson (Wiesbaden), and Herren Dr. Otto Briesemeister (Stockholm), Ernest Kraus (Berlin), Theodore Betram (Frankfurt), Emil Gerhauser and Leo Slezak (Vienna). The conductors are Herron Hermann Zumppe, Franz Fischer and Hugo Rohr.

Typists Meet in Convention.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 8.—Nearly three hundred delegates coming from all parts of the United States and Canada have arrived in Washington in anticipation of the opening next Monday of the forty-ninth annual convention of the International Typographical Union. Tomorrow the visitors will take an excursion to Baltimore in response to an invitation from the local typographical union of that city. The business sessions to begin Monday will probably last ten days or two weeks as a large quantity of business demands the attention of the delegates.

Methodist Elder Becomes an Indian.

L'Anse, Mich., Aug. 8.—The annual Oblivious Indian Methodist camp meeting which has been in progress on the grounds at Pepuening this week, concluded today with an interesting ceremony. This was the adoption of Presiding Elder U. M. Thompson of Marquette into the Oblivious tribe. The event was consummated with imposing rites that included the christening of the presiding elder with an Indian name.

STEAMER STRIKES A ROCK.

Montreal, Aug. 8.—The steamer Hamilton, running Soo rapids, stove a hole in her stern on a rock this morning, but succeeded in beaching, thus saving her passengers.

DEFENDERS CAPTURE ATTACKING FLEET

Result a Triumph for Wireless Telegraphy—The Battle Lasted Fifteen Minutes.

Bar Harbor, Me., Aug. 8.—Admiral Sands attacking fleet in its maneuvers attempted to strike last night and came into Bar Harbor technically captured. Admiral Barker's fleet is now coming in from the sea.

The maneuvers were a distinct victory for wireless telegraphy. After a night spent in patrolling with all men at their stations the fleets cleared for action. The fog shifted and at 4:40 this morning the enemy was sighted from Mount Desert. A general alarm was sounded and orders being issued by wireless telegraph. A mimic battle followed with continuous volleys for 15 minutes. The defenders used a natural draft while the enemy was compelled to use a force draft. The enemy which was tactically captured, was ordered to follow the blue squadron into Frenchman's bay.

Rev. Reginald Campbell Sails.

New York, Aug. 8.—Rev. Reginald J. Campbell pastor of the City Temple, London, who has been making a tour over a large section of the United States and has been heard in many pulpits during the last few months, sailed on his return trip home today. He is enthusiastic over his reception in this country and says he intends to make another visit next summer.

Mrs. Maybrick Still in Prison. Manchester, Eng., Aug. 8.—Florence Maybrick today entered the 15th year of her imprisonment. The Manchester Guardian commenting on her case says that it is not at all certain that she will be released in 1904. If so it will be distinct concession on the part of the government.

IDAHO TOWN BURNING

Coeur d'Alene City May Be Blotted Out.

LUMBER MILLS CAUGHT FIRE

Spokane Fire Department Went to the Rescue—Pumping Water From the Lake.

Spokane, Aug. 8.—The lumber mills of Coeur d'Alene city are aflame and the entire destruction of the town is threatened. Assistance has been asked for from Spokane and a special train has left with the fire department.

The fire broke out in the Coeur d'Alene lumber yards this morning and the planing mills and dry kiln office were destroyed. At noon the flames threaten the entire town unless the wind changes.

Spokane engines are endeavoring to save the town by pumping water from the lake. Bartlett, a carpenter has a leg blown off by an explosion of an engine and two others were seriously injured, while fighting flames. The loss will probably be \$100,000. Ten acres of stacked lumber have been destroyed.

CONVICTS STILL AT LARGE.

San Francisco, Aug. 8.—The police at 3 this morning arrested a man supposed to be Convict Howard. The suspect proved to be Dr. Stagg, a Jesuit of Ukiah here on a spree. Pedestrians thought him a convict on account of his suspicious actions and notified a policeman. The police admitted their error and released him today.

Stockton, Aug. 8.—Local train officials report that two heavily armed men were taken off a freight from Sacramento at Brighton early this morning by constables. The men are believed to have been Fahey and another convict. Nothing of the arrest is definitely known here.

FRANCO-SPANISH ALLIANCE.

Madrid, Aug. 8.—Former Premier Silveira, in an interview today denies that an alliance has been formed between France and Spain, although their extreme friendliness leads to the hope that it soon will be.

Killed by Premature Blast.

Bristol, R. I., Aug. 8.—While a gang was blasting old slag at a Bristol furnace this morning there was a premature blast and two men were fatally and six less seriously injured.

COMING TO SEE CUP RACES.

Liverpool, Aug. 8.—A large number of prominent Clyde yachtsmen sailed today on the Campana to witness the cup races in America.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY FOR DUBLIN.

Dublin, Aug. 8.—J. Andrew Carnegie today offered \$100,000 to build a library here.

Chicago Wheat Market.

Chicago, Aug. 8.—Wheat opened at 73½; closed at 80½.



Capt. Charles W. Rae who succeeds Rear Admiral Melville as Chief of the Bureau of Steam Engineering, with rank of Rear Admiral, today.