

Democratic Watchman

Bellefonte, Pa., March 20, 1908.

Man Out of Work and Jealous Shoots Woman and Himself.

FEARED SHE'D LEAVE HIM

York, Pa., March 18.—Made despondent by his inability to secure work, and insanely jealous of the woman he called his wife, George Benz, of Boyd Station, Md., shot and killed himself and Flora Benz, about thirty-five years old.

Benz came here last week with the woman, who was handsome. After the shooting Charles O'Brien, with whom the couple were stopping, said he had doubted that the woman was really Benz's wife, and said he thought she had a child in Maryland.

All the members of the household, with the exception of Benz, were at the dinner table, when the latter came down stairs and threw himself upon a couch in the next room. He was downhearted over his failure to get a job. O'Brien called to Benz to join the family at dinner, but Benz replied that he did not care for any, and O'Brien then turned to the woman, Florence, and asked her what was the matter with Benz. "O'Brien," said the woman, "I'm not going to live with him."

At her words Benz came striding out into the kitchen with a revolver in his hand. Going behind the chair in which sat the woman, he threw his left arm about her neck.

"Oh, don't shoot me!" she cried. Mrs. O'Brien, springing up, seized the barrel of the weapon, but Benz jerked it away, pressed the muzzle against the cheek of the helpless woman and fired twice. Mrs. O'Brien fell in a faint, and her husband and three children, aged from four to twelve years, ran from the house.

When O'Brien and a policeman returned Benz pressed the weapon to his right temple and blew out his own brains.

Eloped From Frederick, Md.

Frederick, Md., March 16.—The woman shot and killed at York, Pa., by George Benz, of this city, was Mrs. Florence Kind, wife of Rufus Kind, also of Frederick. Mrs. Kind left her husband and a young daughter to elope with Benz, who deserted his wife and seven children. Benz has lived practically all his life here.

ACTOR NOT GUILTY

Judge Orders Jury to Acquit Raymond Hitchcock.

New York, March 17.—A sensation occurred in the trial of Raymond Hitchcock, the comedian, when Justice Blanchard ordered the acquittal of the defendant on the indictment against him growing out of the charges of Ellen Von Hagen, a young girl.

The action of the justice was taken upon motion of Assistant District Attorney Garfield that the narrative she told before the grand jury was false.

Several other indictments in similar charges are still pending against Hitchcock.

Flora Whiston swore on the witness stand that an agent of the Gerry Society had frightened her into making the charges against Hitchcock. "He threatened to take me away from my home—to separate me from my mother. If I did not tell that story," said the girl in a sobbing voice, when asked why she had made the charges against Hitchcock before the grand jury.

The girl said the only person to whom she had told the truth concerning her relations with Hitchcock was her step-father. It was after the step-father had been called to the witness stand and testified that the girl had assured him that Hitchcock never had ill-treated her that Mr. Carvan moved for the dismissal of the case.

Flora Whiston was arrested on a charge of perjury as she was leaving the court room.

KILLED BY A BLAST

Farmer Struck by Rock on Chest as He Alighted From Train.

Allentown, Pa., March 17.—Charles Lichtenwagner, of Macungie township, was struck by a rock from a blast fired by men at work on his farm and instantly killed. Mr. Lichtenwagner, who was fifty-five years of age, and member of a prominent family in Lehigh county, had just alighted from a train to inspect his place when the blast was fired. A large piece of rock struck him on the chest crushing it and rupturing internal organs.

Attempt to Steal \$240,000; Foiled.

New York, March 17.—An attempt to steal \$240,000 from C. B. Richards & Co., bankers, of 31 and 33 Broadway, this city, was revealed at police headquarters, following the receipt of news of the arrest of one of the alleged forgers in Paris. The man under arrest is Gustavo Bozzo, formerly a stenographer employed by the bankers. The police say he has confessed, and that he has implicated two confederates. The alleged thieves had realized \$35,925 of the big stake they were after before their forgeries were discovered.

Restores Motto on Coins.

Washington, March 17.—Under suspension of the rules, the house of representatives passed the bill providing for the restoration of the motto "In God We Trust" on gold and silver coins of the United States.

FLEET IN MAGDALENA

Ivans' Warships Have Made 13,000 Miles of Journey.

San Diego, Cal., March 13.—When the American battleship fleet under command of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans steamed into Magdalena bay several days ahead of time, the history-making naval cruise of more than 13,000 miles, begun at Hampton Roads less than three months ago, practically came to an end.

There remains to be made the trip from Magdalena bay to San Francisco, the destination originally announced, and a matter of some 1100 miles, but it will not be begun until after target practice is concluded and fleet drills are done. This last stage of the journey will be a tour of holiday making, with stops at San Diego, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara and Santa Cruz, where reception committees are planning all manner of entertainments for officers and men, the latter especially coming in for the greatest amount of attention. The sailors will find themselves heroes, every one, in the eyes of their western admirers, and are promised a series of fetes, which will include features ranging from gala balls under the patronage of exclusive social sets to prize fights refereed by Champion James J. Jeffries himself.

ORCHARD WANTS TO DIE

Confessed Murderer Says He is Ready to Take His Punishment.

Boise, Idaho, March 16.—On the morning of his forty-second birthday, next Wednesday, Harry Orchard, confessed murderer of former Governor Frank Steunenberg, who was killed by the explosion of a bomb at the gate to his residence in Caldwell on the evening of Dec. 30, 1905, will face Judge Fremont Wood, prepared to hear the death sentence meted out to him.

Harry Orchard of his own volition and against the urgent pleadings of his attorney and others, refused, when arraigned on March 10, to let his previous plea of "not guilty" stand. He also refused to plead to a lesser degree of murder than first degree. He said:

"I am guilty and am ready to take my punishment. I have told the truth. I understand fully what must be the consequences."

It is the general belief that Orchard expects to die, and that he wishes to suffer the extreme penalty for his crimes.

SHOT ON A TRAIN

Ex-Judge Buchanan Probably Fatally Wounded in South Carolina.

Augusta, Ga., March 17.—Ex-Judge O. W. Buchanan, of Winnsboro, S. C., whose wife is a niece of Senator B. R. Tillman, was mysteriously shot and probably mortally wounded while on his way from Columbia to Augusta, to see a niece who is ill here.

Judge Buchanan was seated by an open window in the day coach of a Southern railroad train when the train pulled out of Wards, S. C. The train had proceeded but a short distance when a shot was fired through the window by an unknown party, the bullet grazing the window ledge and entering the judge's right side. He is in a critical condition.

It is believed that the shot was fired with murderous intent.

GILLETTE MUST DIE

Governor Hughes Won't Stay Execution of Grace Brown's Slayer.

Albany, N. Y., March 17.—Governor Hughes will not interfere in any way with the execution in the week beginning March 30 of the death sentence upon Chester Gillette of Cortland, convicted of the murder of Grace, or "Billy" Brown, of South Otsele, Chenango county at Big Moose lake in the Adirondacks in July, 1906, and now in the "death cell" at Auburn prison.

The governor would not talk about the matter for publication, but it may be stated with entire confidence that he has carefully read not only the unanimous opinion of the court of appeals affirming Gillette's conviction, but also the evidence in the case, and entertains no doubt of Gillette's guilt.

Dropped Dead In Court.

New York, March 17.—John Maguire, election commissioner of Brooklyn, and a well-known lawyer of that borough, met death suddenly in the county court while making a plea for a client on trial for larceny before Judge Fawcett. He was earnestly expressing to the jury his belief in the defendant's innocence, when he suddenly paused, sank into a chair, gave a gasp and was dead almost before the startled spectators in the courtroom realized it. Death was due to apoplexy.

Church Abolishes Creed.

Augusta, Me., March 16.—Announcement was made from the pulpit of the South Parish Congregational church that by unanimous vote of the society the church creed has been abolished. As far as known, this is the first church in the denomination to take such action. A new form of covenant, based on the discipleship of Jesus Christ, has been adopted as the test for membership.

Expressman Gets a House For a Dollar
Newark, N. J., March 17.—The dollar Bernard Satsky, an expressman, of this place, intended for charity, brought him a, three-story house in Prince street, unencumbered. He took the dollar to the Congregation Anse Russia temple to be used for charity, and was told to go to the charity ball of the congregation that night and it would be just the same. As he left the ball he learned the coupon on the ticket had drawn the house in a raffle.

Double Tragedy in School.

Suffering from melancholia, due to overwork, Miss Sarah Chamberlain Wood, of Philadelphia, shot and killed Miss Elizabeth Bailey Hardee, of East Savannah, Ga., and then committed suicide at the Laurens school at Boston. The bodies were found in bed by Mrs. Page, matron of the school. The Laurens school was established last fall by Miss Hardee and Miss Wood. On Oct. 1, the day the school opened, Miss Wood broke down as a result of overwork and was committed to a sanatorium in Newton, to be treated for nervous prostration.

Miss Wood escaped from the sanatorium and made her way to the school. She appeared to be badly deranged mentally. Miss Hardee succeeded in getting Miss Wood to go to bed in Miss Hardee's chamber. Miss Hardee retired with Miss Wood. From the nature of the wounds Medical Examiner Stedman decided that Miss Wood had committed suicide by shooting herself through the right temple, after having shot Miss Hardee through the base of the brain.

Killed His Father.

Angered because his father scolded him for not seeking employment, Matthew Kraschewsky, aged seventy-two years, deliberately shot and killed his father, Louis Kraschewsky, at their home in Wilmington, Del. The boy had been a constant reader of dime novels and would not go to work despite the protestations of his parents against his idleness. His father called him to his room and told him that if he did not get work by Monday he would have to leave his house. Father and son were alone in the room at the time, with the other members of the family down stairs. The mother heard sounds of a struggle, then two revolver shots, and on rushing to the room found her husband lying dead on the bed, with a bullet wound under the heart and one under his left arm. The boy escaped from the house and later gave himself up to the police.

Fainted on Scaffold.

Charles Warzel was hanged at Pottsville, Pa., for the murder of his sixteen-year-old sweetheart, Mattie Bollinski, at Shenandoah, May 25, 1907. He walked bravely from the prison to the scaffold attended by Sheriff Evans and his deputies and by his spiritual adviser, Rev. A. Ziebur, of Minersville.

Upon the scaffold he made a short address in broken English. He declared that he was not conscious of wrongdoing when he committed the murder.

After speaking for about five minutes, he collapsed, fell to the floor of scaffold and fainted away. He never recovered consciousness. His prostrate body was lifted up to the noose with a rope under his arms. The noose was adjusted, the trap was sprung, and he dropped to his death.

Harry Orchard Pleads Guilty.

Harry Orchard, before Judge Fremont Wood, at Caldwell, Idaho, was allowed to withdraw his former plea of not guilty, which was entered at his first arraignment by the order of the court when he stood mute, and entered another plea of guilty to the charge of murder in the first degree as charged in the indictment.

Judge Wood will sentence Orchard on March 18. Orchard pleaded guilty to having killed former Governor Steunenberg by the explosion of a dynamite bomb at the side gate of his residence here early in the evening of Dec. 30, 1905.

Two Meet Fiery Death.

The bodies of Lydia Carter, of Bordentown, and William Fleck, of Roeboling, were found in the ruins of a farmhouse between Florence and Roeboling, near Burlington, N. J., which was destroyed by fire Sunday night. The burned building was on what is known as the English farm and had been unoccupied for some time. A farmer who looked into the ruins saw the body of the Carter woman and later the coroner in making an examination found the body of Fleck. The pair were seen together Saturday.

Burned to Death in Her Home.

By upsetting a lamp while dozing in a chair in her home, at Hollidaysburg, Pa., Mrs. Martha Cartwright, fifty-nine years of age, was burned to death. When the lamp exploded the fire spread so rapidly that the woman's two sons, who were asleep upstairs, were unable to escape the stairs and had to descend by jumping out the window.

Horse Imprisoned For Fifteen Years.

A horse kept a prisoner in its stall fifteen years was liberated and sold to a drayman at Altoona, Pa. His hoofs were a foot long, and eight inches had to be cut off for shoes. The horse ran away and upset a buggy fifteen years ago. It had since been fed and watered regularly, but never let out of its stall. It can hardly walk.

Three Children Burned to Death.

The farm house of John Donthitt, near Medford, Wis., was destroyed by fire while Mrs. Donthitt was outside. The stove exploded and her three small children were burned to death.

Shot to Death While He Slept.

Fred Dolph, of Clinton, Ia., was shot to death while he slept. His head was blown off with a shotgun, placed against his cheek. Mrs. Dolph is under arrest.

Dependent Girl Kills Herself.

Margaret Burton, aged fifteen years, shot and killed herself at her home at Trenton, N. J. The girl had become dependent over the care of her mother, who is seriously ill.

Proving His Motto.

"Well, sir," exclaimed the millionaire, "what do you want this morning?" "I've come again to ask for your daughter," said the poor but ambitious young man.

"Haven't I told you six times over on as many different days that it is out of the question? What do you mean by bothering me in this way? You are making a nuisance of yourself!"

"If I seem to be more persistent than circumstances warrant, I must insist that you, sir, are to blame."

"Me!" shouted the indignant old man. "I don't understand you."

"There," said the man who loved his daughter as he pointed to a motto over the banker's desk, "is my excuse for coming here day after day. If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Do you believe in that sentiment, or have you put it up there simply to deceive people?"

After he had scratched his head awhile the mean old plutocrat said: "Yes, I believe in that. I haven't succeeded yet in making you understand that my daughter shall not become the wife of a fool, but I am going to keep on trying till I do! Good morning!"

And that time he did it.—Strand Magazine.

What the Cat Had.

The teacher of the Sunday school class was telling the little boys about temptation and showing how it sometimes came in the most attractive form. She used as an illustration the paw of a cat.

"Now," said she, "you have all seen the paw of a cat. It is as soft as velvet, isn't it?"

"Yessum," from the class.

"And you have seen the paw of a dog?"

"Yessum."

"Well, although the cat's paw seems like velvet, there is nevertheless concealed in it something that hurts. What is it?"

No answer.

"The dog bites," said the teacher, "when he is in anger. But what does the cat do?"

"Scratches," said a boy.

"Correct," said the teacher, nodding her head approvingly. "Now, what has the cat got that the dog hasn't?"

"Whiskers!" said a boy on the back seat.—Home Magazine.

Bible Blunders.

Some curious errors have crept into the Bible at various times, giving names to the editions containing them. Here are some instances: The "Tripartite" Bible, from the misprint "righteous" shall inherit the kingdom; the "Placemakers" Bible, "blessed are the placemakers" (peace-makers); the "Printers" Bible, "the printers" (for princes) have persecuted me; the "Trencie" Bible, "Is there no trencie" (balm in Gilead); the "Vinegar" Bible, "the parable of the vinegar" (vineyard); the "Bug" Bible, "thou shalt not be afraid of bugs" (bodies) by night; the "Breeches" Bible, "they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves breeches"; the "Idle" Bible, "woe to the idle" (idol), and finally the "Wooden Leg" Testament, so called from the frontispiece depicting Satan limping with a wooden leg.

Just a Fish Story.

We cannot refrain from recording the most curious capture of a fish that has come to our notice. The circumstance was retailed many years ago by Mr. Heathcote, one of the great authorities on the fish. A Mr. Richardson of Peterborough was skating on the dikes when the ice was very clear, and he noticed a large pike swimming in front of him. The fish was terrified by the apparition and swam in front of the skater until it stopped from sheer exhaustion. The skater broke the ice and took out the fish with his hand, which proved to be a pike weighing twelve pounds. It is a story difficult even for a fisherman or a local historian to cap.—London Outlook.

Not Disturbed.

Nassau William Senior, the English political economist, was a frequent guest of Lord Lansdowne at Lansdowne House and on one occasion was busily writing, quite abstracted as usual, in a room full of company when Tom Moore was singing. The scratch of his pen was not an agreeable accompaniment, and at last one of the company asked very politely, "You are not fond of music, Mr. Senior?" "No," he replied, "but it does not disturb me in the least. Pray go on."

Careful About Worry.

A physician was recently attending a patient whose husband came to see him concerning her condition and greeted him with the words, "Mr. Irving, do you think there is any need for any unnecessary anxiety about my wife?"—Argonaut.

Guessed It.

Guest (suspiciously eyeing the flattened pillows and the crumpled sheets)—Look here, landlord, this bed has been slept in! Landlord (triumphantly)—That's what it's meant for!

Renovated.

Puffer—What's happened to my meerschaum pipe? Mrs. Puffer—Why, dear, I noticed it was getting awfully brown and discolored, so I put a coat of that white enamel on it.

Variety.

Visitor—Why do you make some of your pies round and some of them square? Wife—Because my husband has been complaining of sameness of his diet lately.

Jesters must be content to taste of their broth.—Latin Proverb.

Bellefonte Shoe Emporium.

Dissolution of Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between E. E. Davis and H. C. Yeager, under the firm name of Yeager & Davis, has this day been dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Yeager will continue the business, assuming all the liabilities of the firm and collecting all accounts due it.
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