

# A DOUBLE MURDER

## Two Farmers Killed by Their Brother, Near Pottsville, Pa.

**The Fratricide, Who is Believed to be Insane, Also Shot at His Sister and Sister-in-law—He was Finally Captured after a Fierce Struggle.**

Pottsville, Pa., Nov. 3.—Worked into a frenzy as a result of an altercation with one of his brothers, Benjamin Franklin Weissinger, living on a farm several miles from this city, on Monday afternoon shot and killed his two brothers, attempted to kill his sister and a sister-in-law, and held a large posse of policemen at bay for nine hours before he was captured.

The tragedy occurred on the farm of the father of the men, the dead men are Louis Weissinger, aged 27 years, single, and Frederick, who leaves a widow. The fratricide is 45 years old.

Benjamin and Frederick had a quarrel early in the afternoon over the cleaning of a horse. During the altercation Benjamin fired four shots at Fred without any of them taking effect. Frederick fled to the attic of the farmhouse and was followed into the house by the enraged brother. The latter secured a Winchester repeating rifle and as he was leaving the house he encountered another brother, Louis, at the kitchen door. Without a word of warning Benjamin fired at Louis, the bullet striking him in the side. The victim died in half an hour without uttering a word.

The murderer then walked down a path and caught a glimpse of Frederick, who was looking out of the attic window. Benjamin quickly raised his rifle and fired. The bullet entered Frederick's cheek and penetrated the brain. He fell dead across the window sill. His wife, who had gone to the attic with him, attempted to drag the body into the room. She succeeded in this, but not before Benjamin had fired several shots at her without effect. The double murderer's attention was then attracted by his sister, Mary, who had come out of the house to persuade him from doing any more shooting. She persisted so strongly that he turned his rifle upon her and fired twice, but his aim was bad. The young woman escaped into the house.

Having realized what he had done and fearing arrest, Benjamin decided to barricade himself in the barn. He went into the house, secured a shotgun, several revolvers and ammunition and then took up his position in the barn. The women of the house notified neighbors who, in turn, summoned police assistance from this city. Every attempt the authorities made to approach the barn was met with several shots from Weissinger, and reinforcements were sent for. Towards evening, after a parley with the murderer, he permitted David Wertz and Samuel Lovett, farm hands, to enter the barn and feed the horses and cattle. Weissinger in the meantime kept the men covered with his firearms.

When Sheriff Smith appeared on the scene a ruse was planned to capture the man. Another parley was held with the murderer and he agreed to let two farm hands bring him his supper. These men were instructed to watch their opportunity, seize him by the arms and shout, which would be the signal for the deputies to rush in. This they did and a terrible struggle took place. The murderer is a powerful man, but the force of numbers was too much for him and he was tied hand and foot before he could further use his weapons. He was brought to this city and will be given a hearing after the funeral of his brothers.

Weissinger is believed to be insane. He had nothing to say regarding the tragedy except that he exclaimed: "I am bewitched."

# DASHED INTO A CURVE.

**A Trolley Car Is Wrecked—One Man Killed and Several Injured.**

Cincinnati, Nov. 3.—Car No. 32, of the Cincinnati & Toledo traction line, due in this city at 12:15 Monday morning, was split open like an egg shell at Hamilton avenue and the Old College railroad junction shortly after 12. One man was killed almost instantly, another's hand was cut off cleanly at the wrist, and ten others were more or less seriously injured.

It had been raining, and dead leaves crushed upon the rails caused the car, which was going at a moderate rate of speed, to slide before reaching the abrupt curve at the junction, and Motorman Burt Johnson lost control of it. It dashed into the curve, veered, and striking the iron trolley pole, was cut in two.

An unknown man was standing on the rear platform when the car came and was hurled with terrific force to the ground. His head struck the iron post, crushing his skull and completely cutting off the left side of his face. Death was instantaneous.

Charles W. Shafer, of Cincinnati, was hurled from the car and, as it fell, its framework cut his left hand off cleanly above the wrist.

# Will be Double Tracked.

Pittsburg, Nov. 7.—The Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railway Co. has awarded to Contractor E. C. Lauer, of Rochester, N. Y., the contract for rebuilding about 19 miles of the main line in two sections of the middle division. The estimated cost of the improvement is \$1,400,000. The specifications call for a double track from Punxsutawney to Stanley, a distance of 11 miles, and from Carmen to Ridgway, a distance of eight miles. The object of the construction is to eliminate curves.

# On Trial for Naturalization Frauds.

St. Louis, Nov. 7.—The trial of John P. Dolan, chairman of the democratic central committee; Thomas E. Barrett, former marshal of the St. Louis court of appeals, and Policeman Frank Garrett, charged jointly with participating in naturalization frauds, began Friday in the United States district court. Dolan, Barrett and Garrett are being tried on practically the same charge of which Adolph Fein was convicted. Each of the defendants is under indictment on the same charges, although all relate to the same general allegation of fraud.

# NINE LIVES LOST.

**The Men Were Suffocated in a Burning Gold Mine Near Virginia City, Mont.**

Butte, Mont., Nov. 7.—A Virginia City special to the Miner says five men in the Kearsarge mine, six miles from Virginia City, yesterday killed nine men. The damage to surface buildings is slight. Among the dead is Superintendent R. B. Turner, of Butte, one of the best known mining men in the northwest. Four bodies have been recovered up to last night. The dead: R. B. Turner, superintendent of Kearsarge mine. George Allen, stationary engineer. John Tobin, a miner. James Powers, a miner. Edward Lahredy, a miner. William Donnelly, a miner. Two unknown men, miners.

All the dead miners are from Butte and were single men. The Kearsarge is one of the principal gold mines of the state and is considered valuable. It is operated by the Alder Mining Co. At about 5 o'clock Friday morning fire was discovered issuing from the tunnel house on tunnel No. 1.

At the time the flames were discovered the timbers in the tunnel were ablaze. How the fire originated is not known, but at the first alarm all the miners, carpenters and laborers, some 170 in all, hastened across the gulch to aid in subduing the flames. Superintendent Turner, whose temporary quarters are high on the hill across the right fork of the Alder gulch and a short distance from the burning tunnel house, at once went to the scene and assumed the direction of affairs. He entered the tunnel through the fire and smoke to give warning to the entrapped miners and to aid in their escape.

Turner was acknowledged as the leading authority on cyaniding in America. His father was formerly state auditor of Colorado. Turner had a foreboding that he would die before he was 36, as a brother, Frank Turner, met a violent death in Arizona some years ago when just 33, and other members of the family have been killed at that age. Turner was within three months of 36. He leaves a widow and one child.

# DUN'S WEEKLY REVIEW.

**Many Idle Furnaces and Mills are in Evidence and Building Operations are Less Active.**

New York, Nov. 7.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade says:

Unseasonably mild weather is making it possible for farmers to secure much late grain and cotton that seemed doomed by early frost, but, on the other hand, trade is dull in heavy wearing apparel, fuel and many lines that should now be vigorous. While in the long run this business may be made up and the nation will be benefited by the increased crops, the immediate effect is unfavorable.

Manufacturing activity has increased at cotton mills and several minor industries, but in iron and steel there are more idle furnaces and mills. Building permits are decreasing, and structural work is not prosecuted with the vigor that was seen last year. The railways continue prosperous, earnings for October surpassing last year's by 6.2 per cent.

With the extensive restriction of blast furnace activity, there is reason to look for steadier markets in the near future, and throughout the industry it is believed that large contracts will be placed whenever buyers are satisfied that no better terms can be anticipated.

There were 246 failures this week in the United States, against 188 the corresponding week last year. Failures in Canada this week number 22, against 21 last year.

# More Pay for Glass Workers.

Philadelphia, Nov. 7.—The joint conference of plate glass manufacturers and skilled workers held here has resulted in the adoption of a uniform wage scale whereby nearly 10,000 workers will receive an advance in wages of from 1 1/2 to 2 1/2 per cent. To meet this increase the price of glass will be advanced 15 or 20 per cent. There are nearly 4,000 pots in the United States, employing 2,500 expert blowers. The others who will benefit by the increase are gatherers, flatteners and cutters. Under the new scale the wages of the blowers will average \$180 a month for single strength glass and \$400 a month for double thick plate.

# A Fatal Explosion.

Columbus, Nov. 7.—While students of the agricultural college at the Ohio State University were witnessing the harvesting of a field of corn for ensilage purposes by a machine operated by an old traction engine yesterday the boiler blew up and pieces of iron tore through the crowd of students. The force of the explosion was terrific and was felt through all the university buildings. The killed: Charles Pepper, engineer; body terribly mangled. Fatally injured: John Delgarn, assistant engineer, thrown 100 feet by explosion. Seven others were injured.

# Decided Against Bryan.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 7.—Judge Livingston W. Cleveland, of the probate court, handed down a decision Friday in the Philo S. Bennett will case, holding that the secret letter directing Mrs. Bennett, the widow, to pay William J. Bryan \$50,000 was not part of the will. The effect of this is to prevent Mr. Bryan from obtaining the money mentioned in the letter unless the present decision is reversed by a higher court, or unless he should be successful in legal proceedings against Mrs. Bennett. In the event that the \$50,000 should be paid under clause 12 of the will.

# PANAMA REPUBLIC.

**It Has Been Recognized by the United States Government.****Colombia Will Not Be Allowed to Attack It—Admiral Coghlan Ordered to Proceed to the Isthmus to Protect the Interests of Our Country.**

Washington, Nov. 7.—The events of Friday as they developed here relative to the situation on the isthmus were the recognition of the de facto government at Panama; the receipt of dispatches from Commander Hubbard, of the Nashville; the arrival in Washington of Consul General Gudgeon, of Panama, and the issue of orders to Admiral Coghlan to proceed forthwith to the isthmus with the consul general.

Commander Hubbard cabled that the Colombian government troops under Gen. Torres and Tovar, 450 strong at Colon, had departed on a merchant vessel. He stated that the isthmus from one side to the other was in the hands of the revolutionists. This statement is of the greatest importance.

The United States government being bound by treaty to maintain order and preserve free traffic across the isthmus is now under the obligation to prevent any hostile collisions either along the line of the Panama railway or at the termini, Panama and Colon. Thus, the future attitude of the Colombian government towards the new republic of Panama becomes of little importance, for it is practically impossible for it to go to war with Panama. Officials here familiar with the country declare that it is impossible to move a Colombian army overland to the isthmus, owing to the character of the country.

On the other hand, if an attempt is made to bring troops either to Colon or Panama by water the United States naval officers at those points would interfere. Thus by force of treaty obligations requiring the maintenance of order across the isthmus as a necessary condition to free transit, the United States government practically has been placed in the position of a protector to the new republic of Panama and that, too, regardless of any bias on the part of the United States government towards either party to the strife in Colombia.

A report was current that the Colombian government very bitterly resented this attitude on the part of the United States government, holding that it had infringed Colombia's sovereign rights on the isthmus and had interfered without allowing Colombia to itself quell the revolution, but Dr. Herran, the Colombian minister, emphatically denied that he made any such representations, while the state department officials asserted that nothing of this character had so far come from the Colombian government, directly or indirectly.

It was authoritatively stated that, though the recognition of the new republic is of a business character at first, consisting of an authorization to our consular officials on the isthmus to do business with the new government as they did with the Colombian government, this will in due time be followed by full political recognition. This latter form of recognition will be deferred until the government at Panama has taken more regular form.

It is presumed here that the junta will very soon issue a call for a convention which will adopt a constitution and provide for the selection of a president. Then it will be in order for ministers to be appointed between the two countries, the United States and Panama, which will constitute full political recognition of the new state. That condition will enable the conduct of negotiations that may be necessary to the successful execution of the project of the United States for the construction of the isthmian canal and it is certainly that existing concessions will not suffer.

Panama, Colombia, Nov. 7.—Gen. H. O. Jeffries, a graduate of West Point, who was appointed commander of the Pacific flotilla by the provisional government of the republic of Panama, has left here on board the gunboat Padilla with orders to capture the Bogotas.

Nearly all the municipalities of the isthmus have now joined the republic. Col. Nov. 7.—The avoidance of bloodshed in Colon following the proclamation of the independence of the isthmus, the maintenance of perfect order and the withdrawal of the Colombian troops from the city are looked upon as in great part due to the courage and ability displayed by Commander Hubbard, of the United States gunboat Nashville, to the bravery of his officers and men and to the tact of Col. Shaler, superintendent of the Panama railroad.

Col. Black, of the United States engineer corps, and Senor Melendez, the newly governor of Colon, also rendered signal service during the critical situation, which found its peaceful settlement in the embarkation of Col. Torres and his troops on the Orinoco. The embarkation took place just prior to the arrival of the United States cruiser Dixie, whose marines guarded the town Thursday night. All of the Dixie's marines have now returned to their ship.

# Parks Is Sentenced.

New York, Nov. 7.—Sam Parks was yesterday sentenced to two years and three months in Sing Sing prison. This sentence was passed on the charge of extorting \$500 from the Tiffany Studios.

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# HE TOOK PIE IN HIS.

**Kentucky Senator Had to Keep in Line with the Soft Drinks.**

When it comes to story telling, Congressman Samuel L. Powers, of Newton, can hold his own with any of them. The other night he related one which was much appreciated by those who heard it, says the Boston Post. The story is about Senators Blackburn and Fairbanks and Secretary of the Treasury Shaw. When the latter first came to Washington Senator Blackburn had some business with the secretary, and while in the office met Senator Fairbanks. After the business was concluded Senator Blackburn invited the other two out to have a libation, and they accepted.

All hands lined up against the bar of the Riggs house. Turning to Secretary Shaw, Senator Blackburn said: "What will you have, Mr. Secretary?" "Well, I guess I'll have a glass of lemonade," was the reply. The gentleman from Kentucky then turned to Senator Fairbanks and said: "And what will you have, senator?" "I'll have a glass of Moxie," was the reply. The bartender raised over the counter and said to Senator Blackburn: "And what's yours, senator?" "Oh," said the distinguished gentleman from the blue grass state, "I guess I'll have a piece of squash pie."

# AN ERRAND TO DO.

**Traveler Asked to Stop in Texas on His Way from Chicago to New York.**

One brother is a rich merchant in the Straits settlement on the Malay peninsula. The other brother was, until a few weeks ago, the cook in a cheap restaurant on South Clark street, says the Chicago Tribune.

The merchant sent to the cook a draft for sufficient money to pay his expenses out to Asia, and the cook gave up his job and started for his brother's home. The interesting thing about the whole incident is the letter, written by the wealthy merchant, which accompanied the draft.

In the first place the draft was made payable in New York. "I send you the money in a draft payable in New York," wrote the brother from far-off Asia. "You can go over and get it cashed there. On the way I wish you would stop at Texas and see brother Thomas. I haven't heard from him for two years now, and I'd like to know how he's getting along."

# Enterprise and Caution.

"I shall get there," quoth Enterprise, confidently. "Where?" asked Caution. "Here Enterprise bestowed a withering look upon her laggard sister. "As to that I know nothing," she replied, haughtily, "further than that when I get there it will be somewhere else."—Detroit Free Press.

# The Teacher Won.

Hinton, Ky., Nov. 2.—For over two years, two of the best physicians in this part of the State have been treating Mr. E. J. Thompson, a popular local school teacher, for Diabetes. They told him that but little could be done to help him. He made up his mind to try a new remedy called Dodd's Kidney Pills, and says: "They saved me when the doctors held out no hope. I took, in all, about ten boxes. I will always praise Dodd's Kidney Pills for the great good they have done for me."

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Our duty is to be useful, not according to our desires but according to our powers.—Amiel.

A thankful man owes a courtesy ever; the unthankful but when he needs it.—Ben Jonson.

Happiness grows at our own firesides, and is not to be picked in strangers' gardens.—Douglas Jerrold.

When it comes to stepping into a fortune no man objects to putting his foot in it.—Chicago Daily News.

He Was Moved.—Jack—"Were you moved when the old gentleman said you could never marry his daughter?" Tom—"Yes, I was moved half way across the sidewalk."—Chicago Daily News.

He—"It's only a week since I met you, Miss Mabel, yet I feel as if I'd known you for years, and years, and years." She—"Well, you needn't pine for me so thick. I'm only 19."—Rehoboth Herald.

"You know, they say money talks," suggested a woman with the subscription paper, cheerfully. "Well, I never was any hand for extravagant speeches," replied the coldest millionaire.—Syracuse Herald.

Teacher—"Why will you persist in striking the A instead of the B string?" Violin Pupil—"I know it is rather trying to the ears, but I do it from motives of economy. The A string does not break so soundfully as the B string does."—Boston Transcript.

Incentive to Early Rising.—"You're up early this morning, Tommy," said the milkman. "Yes," replied Tommy, without looking up from the cheap novel he was reading. "Mom made me go to bed last night just as Handsome Harry was belted to rescue the beautiful maiden."—Philadelphia Press.

Money in Shoes.—Shoe Dealer—"It won't pay me to handle these shoes on such a small margin." Drummer—"I know the profits are small, but, my dear sir, just look at the shoes, and see how they are made." "Humph! They are made very badly, miserable stuff, too—won't last a week." "That's it, that is it. You'll sell five pairs of these shoes to one of any others."—N. Y. Weekly.

Pearl Peach—Here is 10 cents, but I hate to encourage you to drink." Weary Walker—"All I need is de money. De encouragement is not necessary."—N. Y. Sun.

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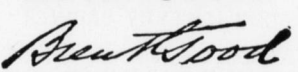
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