

BIDDLE BROTHERS DEAD

After Desperate Battle Murderers Are Recaptured Near Butler.

MRS. SOFFEL SHOOTS HERSELF

The Brothers Fought Desperately, and Were Only Taken After One Was Mortally Wounded and the Other Riddled With Shot.

Butler, Pa., Feb. 1.—Edward and John Biddle, who escaped from the Allegheny county jail last Thursday, aided and accompanied by Mrs. Peter H. Soffel, wife of the warden, was recaptured last Friday by a posse of officers. They were traced to near this place and the authorities at Pittsburg were notified.

The Pittsburg officers were met at Butler by Deputy Sheriffs Rainey and



EDWARD BIDDLE.

Noon and Officers Frank Holliday and Aaron Thompson. The officers were certain that they were on the right trail. It was only a question of time when they would catch up to the escaping condemned murderers and their guilty companion.

The Biddles and Mrs. Soffel ate dinner at J. J. Stephens at Mount Chestnut, five miles east of Butler. They had made a detour of the town of Butler, and after going several miles



MRS. SOFFEL.

east turned north and then west. The Pittsburg officers, only a few miles in the rear, took the wrong road for about eight miles, but when they found out their mistake they made up for lost time by telephoning and telegraphing ahead for fresh horses. They reached Mount Chestnut not less than half an hour after the Biddles and Mrs. Soffel. At this point fresh horses were awaiting them, and the chase for life began anew.

The two sleighs, with the eight officers aboard, started westward, and met the Biddles and Mrs. Soffel at McClure's barn, two miles from Mount Prospect. The Biddles having learned that they were almost overtaken, and, taking what they considered the only chance they had, drove eastward and met their doom. The Pittsburg and other officers were armed with Winchester rifles and revolvers of large calibre. They shot to kill, and their aim was perfect. The Biddles tried to kill to the last of their string, but not one of the eight officers has a wound as the result of the battle.

When the detectives got to within about 60 yards of the fugitives they opened fire. The Biddles promptly answered with shot gun and revolvers. When Ed Biddle fell and Mrs. Soffel saw she was about to be captured she fired a bullet into her breast.

Ed Biddle got a bullet in the breast which penetrated his right lung. John Biddle may recover, his wounds, although numerous, failing to reach a vital spot. The escape of the officers is miraculous. The Biddles have demonstrated on several occasions that they are good marksmen, and why they should have failed yesterday to bring down their men is a mystery.

After the Biddles fell to the snow-covered ground the officers picked up the apparently lifeless bodies of Mrs. Soffel and the Biddles and came back to Butler, bringing the stolen sleigh, patched up harness and worn-out horse that the trio had tried so strenuously to get away with toward Canada and liberty.

John Biddle died at 7.35 on Saturday evening. His brother, Ed, who had been unconscious practically all day, survived until 11 o'clock, when he, too, went over the great divide. Mrs. Soffel, who developed symptoms of pneumonia, has a chance for life, and unless some unforeseen complication sets in, will recover.

The bodies of the brothers were

taken to Pittsburg and turned over to Harry Biddle.

To prevent the demolition of the coffins and the mutilation of the bodies of Edward and John Biddle, which in all probability would follow their burial if the spot were known generally, Harry Biddle has arranged a secret plan to dispose of his brothers' remains without letting the public know where or when the interment will take place.

A great deal of sympathy for the boys is expressed on all sides, and not a few of the female portion of the crowd expressed a desire to see what manner of a man Ed Biddle was that he should exert such a wonderful influence over men, and particularly women. The jail doors were closed, and no one got in but the doctors, who attended the autopsy and the coroner's jury, which organized Sunday morning.

The verdict of the jury was that Ed Biddle came to his death by a revolver shot fired from a 32-calibre revolver by himself, and that John Biddle met his death from a gunshot wound inflicted by the officers in the discharge of their lawful duty.

A lost love letter from Ed Biddle to his sweetheart, Mrs. Kate Soffel, found in the snow near the bloody scene of their capture, reveals the long and careful plot for their escape from the Allegheny county jail. The letter clearly shows the hazardous undertakings of the infatuated woman to secure the escape of the Biddles. Since December 2, 1901, they had been making preparations to escape. The discovered epistle tells how Mrs. Soffel carried the saws to the cells of the Biddles. It manifests the extreme enamoration of Mrs. Soffel for the murderer and burglar. It clearly shows the wonderful influence Ed Biddle had over Mrs. Soffel.

Mrs. Soffel fell in love with Ed Biddle in November. The burglar soon realized his power over her. It was not long until he started to write love letters to her. Mrs. Soffel fell madly in love with Ed Biddle, and about the early part of December he proposed a plan of escape to her. She consented to lend him her aid. Between December 14 and 16 they had completed all arrangements to escape from the jail. Then they learned of the governor's respite. After this Ed Biddle almost persuaded Mrs. Soffel to fly with him and his brother. The contents of the letter show it was originally agreed that Mrs. Soffel was to leave the city for Canada on the eve of the boys' escape.

BRIGGS NAMED FOR TREASURER

New Jersey Contest Won By Present Official By One Vote.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 5.—The Republican joint legislative caucus yesterday afternoon decided on ex-Mayor Frank O. Briggs, of Trenton, to be supported in the joint meeting for state treasurer. Mr. Briggs received 22 votes to 31 for Senator Charles A. Reed, of Somerset county. It was not until the last vote was cast that the contest was decided. The roll stood 21 to 31, when Assemblyman Wright, of Burlington, the last man to be called, announced himself for Mr. Briggs. The nomination was made unanimous. There was but one ballot. Mr. Briggs is assistant treasurer of the John A. Roebling Sons Company and a bank director and is a graduate of West Point.

No time has yet been fixed for the joint meeting of the legislature, when Mr. Briggs will be elected state treasurer. The election will be for a full term of three years. The position pays \$6,000 a year.

Old Man Perished On Mountain.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 5.—John Sagelman, a well-known and respected resident of Red Rock, this county, has been missing from home since January 14, and it is feared that he died on the mountain. Sagelman was the sole survivor of a social organization composed of eight men, the members of which climbed to the top of the mountain on the anniversary of the club each year, which was on January 14, and fired three shots from a gun. It is believed the old man lost his way and has perished from the cold.

Will Rule In Favor of Schley.

Washington, Feb. 5.—The president will decide in the Schley case that Rear Admiral Schley was in command "under orders" of the American squadron during the battle of Santiago. This can be said on the authority of a senator with whom President Roosevelt has discussed the case. The phrase "under orders" is intended to let the navy department down easily, but it is believed that even such a gentle turning down will force Secretary Long's resignation and result in the reorganization of that department.

Poison Suspect Arrested.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 5.—Dominick Zorora, an Italian laborer, died at the Mercer Hospital yesterday afternoon, and the physicians believe that his death was caused by arsenical poisoning. The man before he died, through an interpreter, said that his wife had given him something which made him sick. The wife was arrested last night pending an investigation. She denies that she gave her husband any poison. A post-mortem examination will be held.

Miss Roosevelt Mr. Reid's Guest.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Mr. Whitelaw Reid has invited Miss Alice Roosevelt, eldest daughter of the president, to accompany him to London as his guest when he goes to attend the coronation of King Edward. It is the present expectation of Miss Roosevelt to avail herself of this opportunity to see London, but if she does so she will have no status save that simply of a young American girl, and will not figure in the coronation ceremonies in any manner.

THIRTEEN SEAMEN LOST

Three Coal Barges and Crews Go Down During Storm.

New York, Feb. 5.—There is every reason to believe that three barge, coal laden, from Newport News for Boston, have been lost at sea as a result of the storm of Sunday night, and that 13 people, comprising the crews, have perished. The barges were the Antelope, Belle of Oregon and Mystic Belle. They were in tow of the tug Richmond, and the finding of a piece of wreckage bearing the letters "O. P. E." lends confirmation to other information at hand.

The Antelope was towed to New York by the tug Claverton, and was there transferred to the Richmond, which was to have towed her to Newport. During the height of the blow the Richmond's heavy towing hawser snapped and the barges went adrift off Fire Island.

The tug Richmond belongs to the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad company. Agent Willett, of that company, says that on Sunday afternoon the Richmond, in command of Captain McConnell, left Liberty Island, in New York Bay, with three barges in tow, coal laden. Each barge had on board three men. Besides these there was Captain Miller and his wife, who acted as cook on the barge Antelope; Captain Harding on the Belle of Oregon and Captain Rogers on the Mystic Belle, a total of 13 persons.

Captain McConnell, of the Richmond, said he did not give up the hope of rescuing the men on the barges until it became too dark for him to distinguish them. The tug then made for Newport. Captain McConnell thinks the barges and those aboard of them have been lost.

A body found on the Long Island beach has been identified as that of Captain C. L. Miller, of the Antelope. On one arm of the body the initials "C. L. M." were tattooed. Part of the stern of the Antelope and another barge were found not far from the place where the body was washed up.

THE MINERS' CONFERENCE

Operators Voted Unanimously Against the New Scale.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 5.—The mine operators and mine workers, in the secret session of their joint scale committee, yesterday, disagreed upon every one of the seven propositions submitted by the miners, and the whole matter was referred for discussion to the open joint conference. There the operators voted unanimously against the scale proposition offered by the miners, and the whole matter was finally referred back to the joint committee.

It became plain that the operators will not grant the scale asked by the miners. The failure to agree in joint conference, as well as in the deliberations of the joint scale committee, will lead to the reference of the disputed questions to a sub-scale committee of operators and miners and a prolongation of the conference.

HARRIS-MEEK SUIT POSTPONED

Witnesses Failed to Appear and Court Issued Attachments.

Clearfield, Pa., Feb. 5.—The Harris-Meek libel suit did not come up for trial yesterday, owing to the failure of material witnesses for the defense to obey the summons of the Clearfield court to "be and appear here in their proper persons," etc. Attachments were issued for Thomas Bigelow, Major A. M. Brown, ex-Speaker W. T. Marshall, John McTigue, ex-Lieutenant Governor Walter Lyon, W. W. Nesbitt, John H. Smith and others out of Pittsburgh way; Ward R. Bliss, Clarence Wolf, Philadelphia; Lieutenant Governor Gobin, Lebanon, and several Harrisburg and Philadelphia newspaper correspondents. Trial of the case was postponed until the witnesses appear.

Foundrymen Strike.

Reading, Pa., Feb. 5.—Two hundred and fifty employees of the North Reading plant of the Reading Foundry Company struck yesterday afternoon, and the place was closed down, as there were not enough men left in the shop to keep it going. Several weeks ago the management announced a reduction of 10 cents per day in the wages of every employe of this department. A committee was appointed to call on the management, but the interview was not satisfactory.

Fatal Coasting Accident.

Peoria, Ill., Feb. 5.—Six boys coasting down a hill last night crashed into an electric car, and four of them were injured, two of them fatally. The police were guarding the crossing, but owing to the darkness the coasters were not seen in time to prevent the accident. The injured are: Richard Day, skull crushed and hurt internally; will die; Wallace Markley, hurt internally; will die; Earl Langton, injured internally; Roscoe Coyle, right leg broken.

Bill to Increase President's Salary.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Delegate Wilcox, of Hawaii, yesterday introduced a bill increasing annual salaries as follows: President of the United States, \$100,000; vice president, \$25,000; cabinet officers, \$15,000 each; members of congress, \$10,000. Another bill by Mr. Wilcox fixed the salary of the governor of Hawaii at \$8,000, with a schedule of salaries for various other Hawaiian officers.

Found Dead in the Street.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 4.—The body of John Erie was discovered yesterday in a suburban street, with his body frozen and at the same time badly burned. Erie's clothes were also partly burned. The cause of his death is being investigated, but the police think the man while drinking was smoking a pipe and that his clothing caught fire.



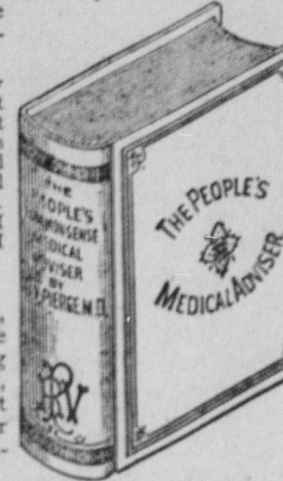
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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

In the Orphans' Court of Centre county. In the matter of the estate of James Spotts late of this county deceased. Letters of administration in the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves to be indebted to said estate, are requested to present their claims duly authenticated to S. Kline Woerling, Attorney. A. S. WILLIAMS, administrator.

CHARTER NOTICE.

In the Court of Common Pleas of Centre County. Term, 1902. Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the said Court on Tuesday, the 4th day of March A. D. 1902, at ten o'clock a. m. of said day, under the Act of Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, entitled, "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations and societies," to incorporate and regulate the "FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST" of Howard, Pa., the character and object whereof are the worship of Almighty God, according to the doctrines, discipline and usages of THE FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST of the United States of America, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of the said Act of Assembly and its supplements. FORTNEY & WALKER, Solicitors.

ANNUAL STATEMENT

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CENTRE HALL, Pa., Jan. 13, 1902. In compliance with the provisions of their charter, the Forty Fourth Annual Statement of the transactions of the Company is hereby presented:

ASSETS:	
Bills receivable, being premium notes due and payable by members for insurance the past year	\$ 25,759 66
Cash premiums	1,600 77
Borrowed money	83 00
Cash in treasury	493 81
EXPENSES:	
Compensation to direct	
loft	\$ 175 80
Salary of secretary	25 00
Printing, office rent, postage and stationery	48 70
Justice services	1 50
Express on blanks	1 50
Election board	3 00
State Insurance Dept. fee	2 25
Making nine duplicates	9 00
J. M. Kepler on barn	4 13
J. M. Kepler on shop	2 25
J. M. Campbell on barn	11 91
R. G. McClellen on barn	788 00
J. E. Lenker	25 00
Jacob Bortoff balance house	8 00
James Lytle on barn	3 00
James Lytle's coat killed by lightning	30 00
David Neidigh small loss by lightning	1 00
Mrs. Jan's fire loss to sue by lightning	1 00
Frank Hockman lightning loss	10 00
D.H. Kustenborder lightning loss	5 00
Isabella Barree loss on house	50 00
Total amount of assets less expenses the past year	31,232 54
Amount of premium notes in force this day	143,702 98
Insurance taken the last year	373,200 00
Insurance in force this day	1,654,588 84
LIABILITIES:	
Hubler heirs	4 73
Mrs. Ellen Hubler	3 93
Susie E. Keller	2 68
Kate Keller	2 68
H. R. McClellen	6 72
H. W. Snyder barn and contents	1,570 00
Borrowed money	800 00
Amount outstanding collection	565 61
Total	2,320 68
Amount outstanding collection	565 61

At a meeting held the same day the following directors were chosen for the ensuing year: John H. Bailey, Frank McFarlane, W. B. Mingle, F. M. Fisher, H. C. Campbell, W. Fred Reynolds, H. E. Dunlap, J. R. Haines, Jacob Bortoff, Fred Kurtz, Z. D. Thomas, J. H. Brungart. The board thereupon organized by electing the following officers: President, Fred Kurtz; Vice President, H. C. Campbell; Treasurer, H. Arney; Secretary, D. F. Luse. Attest: FRED KURTZ, President. D. F. LUSE, secretary.

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