

MURDERED AND ROBBED

Boarding House at Portage, Pa., Blown Up to Hide Double Crime.

TWO DEAD AND TWO INJURED

Finding of Bodies After the Explosion Revealed Mysterious Crime — Between \$500 and \$900 Missing—Many Other Buildings Damaged.

Johnstown, Pa., Feb. 10.—A dastardly attempt to hide robbery and murder resulted in the wrecking by dynamite of an Italian boarding house at Portage, this county, early yesterday morning. Two persons are dead, two are injured and a score of others had miraculous escapes from death when the explosive let go. The concussion broke the windows in all the buildings for nearly a square and did some other damage. The dead are: Tony Grillo, aged 44; Mrs. Tony Grillo, aged 41.

Ralph Tellitido and Joe Destavo were seriously injured. The scene of the affair was an Italian boarding house occupied by Grillo, his wife, three daughters and about 25 boarders.

When the explosive let go the inmates were hurled in all directions, but the most of them escaped serious injury. The bodies of Grillo and his wife were found buried beneath the ruins of the building, which was completely demolished.

The boarders are all employed about the railroad at Portage. They had no occasion to use dynamite, and none of the explosive was known to be in the house, yet persons familiar with its use say that at least 25 pounds must have been put off under the room where Grillo and his three little girls slept. It was stated that Grillo had between \$600 and \$700 and his wife \$200 more in the house, but none of the money has yet been found, and the theory is that it was stolen by some one who killed the couple and then exploded the dynamite to cover the crime. Evidence which developed yesterday afternoon tends to strengthen this theory.

The coroner's examination disclosed the fact that Grillo's head was crushed as if by some heavy instrument, and his ribs were all caved in. Further investigation is being made.

Among the places damaged were the Exchange, Doney's and Yerkerly's Hotels, the offices of Stricker & Coffield, Alexander Wright's jewelry store and Silverman & Goodman's general store. The entire population of the town was aroused. Shortly before the explosion a man was seen running away.

A WOMAN'S AWFUL CRIME

Confessed to Killing Husband and Burning Body in Kitchen Stove.

Monticello, N. Y., Feb. 9. — Mrs. Lafayette Taylor, of Centreville, Sullivan county, yesterday confessed to having killed her husband, Lafayette Taylor, and burned the body, on January 25 to escape detection. Taylor disappeared on the night of January 25 and was supposed to have deserted his family. On February 5 Mrs. Taylor attempted to sell a horse to a Centreville man, who would not buy for fear Taylor might come back and claim it. Mrs. Taylor told him to rest easy on that point, for she had killed him and burned his body.

The 14-year-old daughter of the Taylors was asked about the story her mother had told about having killed her father. She said the story was true. Mrs. Taylor was arrested, and yesterday made a full confession.

Her story is that her husband, who was a hard drinker, came home on the night of January 25 very drunk and began to abuse her. She secured a revolver, which she had purchased a few days before, and tried to frighten him. He attempted to take it from her, and in the struggle it went off, the bullet striking him over the eye and killing him instantly. She was so frightened for fear of being arrested for murder that she decided to cut up the body and burn it. Her 14-year-old daughter witnessed the shooting and helped her to cut up the body in small pieces with an axe and burn it in the kitchen stove, together with the clothing of the victim. The burnt bones were ground fine and fed to the hens. The blood spots were covered up with paint.

Mrs. Taylor says she confessed because the crime haunted her. The daughter has not been arrested yet.

Endorse Slave Pension Bill.

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 9.—At the regular meeting yesterday of the R. E. Lee Camp, United Confederate Veterans, a resolution endorsing Senator Hanna's bill to pension former slaves was introduced by the state historian, Judge C. C. Cummings, and passed by an almost unanimous vote. The resolution urges that Texas representatives in congress support the Hanna measure to the extent of rewarding ex-slaves who remained at home, within the ages set forth in the bill, or those who went with their masters in the war, but that those who were in the United States volunteer service and already are on the pension list.

Earthquake at Owensboro, Ky. Owensboro, Ky., Feb. 9.—A distinct earthquake shock was felt here at 6.45 o'clock last night. Pictures were shaken from walls and tables in the second stories of many houses. The shock was also felt at several other Kentucky towns and by some in Illinois.

Killed While Playing With Pistol. Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 9. — While playing with a loaded revolver yesterday, Louis Reel shot and killed his companion, Thomas Moasip. They were both 17 years of age and well connected. Reel was arrested and placed in the city prison for a hearing.

PASSED ANTI-TRUST BILL

Measure Goes Through the House By Unanimous Vote.

Washington, Feb. 9.—By a unanimous vote, 245 to 0, the house Saturday passed the anti-trust bill. The closing chapter was devoid of excitement. For three hours the Democrats offered a series of amendments designed to place "teeth" in the bill, but they were either ruled out of order or voted down by a strict party vote. On only one vote were the political ranks broken. It was on an amendment offered by Mr. Thomas (Dem.), of Iowa, to make the filing of returns incumbent upon all corporations mandatory. On that amendment seven Republicans voted with the Democrats.

The bill as passed requires corporations "hereafter organized" to file returns covering its articles of incorporation, financial composition, condition, etc., with the interstate commerce commission on penalty of being restrained from engaging in interstate commerce, prescribes penalties for false returns, etc. The commission is given authority in its discretion to call for similar returns from existing corporations doing an interstate business. The commission is given power to compel the answer to questions, and a fine of not to exceed \$5,000 is imposed for failure to obey the commission in this respect. Rebates by carriers is made punishable by a fine of not less than \$1,000, and corporations violating the provisions of this section are forbidden the use of the instrumentalities of interstate commerce. Carriers are prohibited from knowingly transporting articles produced, manufactured or sold in violation of the Sherman act. In cases of prosecutions, no person is excused from testifying on the ground that such testimony would tend to incriminate him, but for such testimony the witness is not to be prosecuted. The circuit courts are given jurisdiction in cases of violation, and it is made the duty of district attorneys to institute proceedings to prevent violations and individuals damaged by violations are given authority to sue.

PRESIDENT DECLINES

Mr. Roosevelt Refuses Allies' Invitation to Act as Arbitrator.

Washington, Feb. 7. — President Roosevelt has declined the invitation of the allied powers to arbitrate the question as to whether they shall receive preferential treatment in the settlement of their claims against Venezuela over the other creditor nations. He reached this decision yesterday afternoon and instructed Secretary Hay to dispatch a note to the British embassy at once, advising the British ambassador to that effect. The matter, therefore, now will be referred to The Hague tribunal. This will result in the immediate raising of the blockade.

Immediately on receipt of Secretary Hay's note announcing the president's declination, the British ambassador addressed a communication to Minister Bowen, stating that he was suffering from an attack of the grippe, and would be obliged if Mr. Bowen would call on him. The Venezuelan envoy went at once to the embassy, where the British ambassador explained that he had been too ill to call for several days, and announced the arrival of his protocol, which he was prepared to submit to Mr. Bowen for signature. Later the German minister, Baron Sternberg, called on Mr. Bowen and announced the arrival of his protocol. Today's program includes preliminary preparations for the signing of the protocols. It developed that two protocols are to be signed by Mr. Bowen with the Italian ambassador, Signor Mayor des Planches; two with the British ambassador, and two with the German minister, Baron Spec von Sternburg.

FILIPINO BANDITS ROUTED

Fifteen Killed in Engagement With Constabulary.

Manila, Feb. 10.—A force of 100 constabulary, under Inspector Keithley, on Sunday defeated a body of 200 insurgents near Marquina, a small town seven miles from Manila City, after a severe engagement, in which Inspector Harris and one man of the constabulary were killed and two other men of the constabulary wounded. The enemy left 15 dead and three wounded. Inspector Harris' home was at Atlanta, Ga.

The body of insurgents formed the main force of the irreconcilable General San Miguel. The constabulary were divided into three detachments, which were scouting in the Marquina Valley. The detachment commanded by Inspector Harris came upon the enemy, who were in a strongly entrenched position. Inspector Harris fell at the first volley, being hit five times. The detachment of constabulary, although outnumbered, held its position until Inspector Keithley with the main force arrived, when the enemy were put to rout. Their headquarters were captured and burned, and the constabulary seized the records of General San Miguel, who claims that he succeeded to the command of the insurrectionary forces when the other generals surrendered. He has only a handful of men under him, and his operations have been of no consequence. The wounded Americans are all severely injured.

A Peculiar Railroad Accident.

Buffalo, Ia., Feb. 10.—F. H. Croft and his wife were seriously injured and their 5-year-old daughter was killed in a peculiar accident here yesterday. As a Rock Island freight train, drawn by two locomotives, was passing, the second engine and several cars jumped the track, and a loaded car plunged through the passenger station in which Croft and his wife and child were

A WEEK'S NEWS CONDENSED.

Wednesday, February 4.

The international convention of the Epworth League will be held at Detroit, Mich., July 16-19. Fire destroyed six blocks in the business section of Middlebury, Vt., yesterday. Loss estimated at \$150,000.

A bill providing for the abolishment of capital punishment was introduced in the New York legislature yesterday.

By an explosion of nitro-glycerine at Marietta, O., yesterday Mrs. John Newell was killed and her two sons seriously injured.

Charles C. Morris a cook aboard the new battleship Maine, now lying at League Island Navy Yard, Philadelphia, fell down an open hatchway and broke his neck.

Thursday, February 5.

About 100 men were caught yesterday by the New York police in a raid on a gambling house in West 31st street.

General Miles yesterday was the guest of Colonel Cody in London, where the Wild West Show is being given.

Senator Lodge yesterday introduced a bill authorizing the erection in Washington of a monument to John Paul Jones, at a cost of \$50,000.

The Pennsylvania legislature yesterday passed a resolution for the appointment of a commission of 32 to represent Pennsylvania at the St. Louis Fair and appropriating \$300,000 for the erection of a building.

Friday, February 6.

Former United States Senator Henry L. Dawes died yesterday at Pittsfield, Mass.

The French cruiser Tage, Admiral Rivet, has arrived at New Orleans and will remain 15 days.

Twelve houses at Norristown, Pa., were unroofed by the violent wind storm of Wednesday night. No one was injured.

The annual convention of the Republican State Editorial Associations in the United States will be held at Washington February 26 and 27.

A resolution was introduced in the U. S. senate yesterday to appoint Senator Quay a member of the board of managers of the National Soldiers' Home to fill a vacancy.

Saturday, February 7.

Secretary Moody yesterday accepted Captain R. P. Hobson's resignation from the navy.

Hardie Henderson, formerly a well-known base ball player, was struck and killed by a trolley car at Philadelphia yesterday.

Burglars dynamited the safe in the postoffice at Mainville, Columbia county, Pa., yesterday morning. They secured about \$60.

The Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company yesterday declared a semi-annual dividend of 2 per cent. on the first preferred stock.

President Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton University, was the guest of honor last night at the 18th annual banquet of the Princeton Alumni Association of Maryland at Baltimore.

Monday, February 9.

The funeral of the late Congressman J. M. Moody was held Saturday at Asheville, N. C.

William Jennings Bryan will lecture in Carlisle, Pa., for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A., on February 23.

The Kansas has instructed its senators in congress to vote for the Cuban reciprocity treaty and the Panama Canal bill.

Sparks from his pipe fell into a powder keg and John Galloway was blown to shreds in a quarry at Hellertown, Pa.

A mob took Lee Hall, colored, from the jail at Wrightsville, Ga., Saturday and lynched him, for the murder of Sheriff Crawford.

Tuesday, February 10.

Colonel Charles B. Davis, of the Fifth Infantry, U. S. A., will be retired at his own request.

Dr. George A. Harris, a well known physician of Bridgeton, N. J., dropped dead in his office yesterday.

San Francisco medical men say there is no case of bubonic plague in that city and that all danger has long been passed.

President Roosevelt yesterday signed the bill appropriating \$1,500,000 for a new Department of Agricultural building at Washington.

One man was killed and three others fatally injured by the overturning of a ladle of molten metal at a steel plant at Pueblo, Col., yesterday.

GENERAL MARKETS

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 9. — Flour was steady; winter superfine, \$2.70@2.90; Pennsylvania roller, clear, \$3.10@3.25; city mills, extra, \$2.95@3.10. Rye flour was quiet, at \$3.15@3.20 per barrel. Wheat was firm; No. 2 Pennsylvania, red, new, 80¢. Corn firm; No. 2 yellow, local, 54¢. Oats were quiet; No. 2 white, clipped, 44¢; lower grades, 42¢. Hay was steady; No. 1 timothy, \$19 for large bales. Beef was steady; beef hams, \$19@20. Pork was firm; family, \$29. Live poultry, 13¢ for hens, and 9@9½¢ for old roosters. Dressed poultry, 13¢ for choice fowls, and 10¢ for old roosters. Butter was steady; creamery, 28¢ per pound. Eggs were steady; New York and Pennsylvania, 20¢ per dozen. Potatoes were steady; choice, 68@70¢ per bushel.

Live Stock Markets.

East Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 9.—Cattle were active; prime steers, \$5@5.25; cows, \$2.75@4; heifers, \$5.50@4.25; bulls, \$3@4; fresh cows, \$50@55 per head. Veals strong; tops, \$9.25@9.75; common to good, \$5.50@9. Hogs fairly active; heavy, \$7.05@7.10; mixed, \$7.05; Yorkers and pigs, \$7; roughs, \$6@6.25; stags, \$5@5.50. Sheep and lambs were steady; top lambs, \$4.55@6.65; culls to good, \$4.25@6.50; yearlings, \$5.25@5.50; ewes, \$4.50@4.55; top mixed sheep, \$4.50@4.75; culls to good, \$2.25@4.40.

East Liberty, Pa., Feb. 9. — Cattle were steady; choice, \$5.15@5.25; prime, \$4.90@5.10; good, \$4.60@4.85. Hogs were active; prime heavies, \$7.15; medium, \$7.10; heavy Yorkers, \$7@7.05; light Yorkers, \$6.50@6.95; pigs, \$5.80@6.35; roughs, \$5.50@6.30. Sheep were higher; best wethers, \$4.80@5; culls and common, \$1.75@2; choice lambs, \$6.35@6.50; veal calves, \$7.50@8.

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A woman who is obliged to be in bed all the time or most of the time because of disease is practically buried alive. This is peculiarly so if she has been an active woman, fond of outdoor sports and pastimes. Life seems all lost to her. If at times she can creep from bed to look on at the sports of others she feels like a phantom revisiting the scene of former joys.



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