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THE CUDAHY MYSTERY

Lantern and Ribbons Used by the Bandits to "Flag" the Father Are Discovered.

A LETTER FROM CUDAHY

Gives Details of the Kidnapping of His Son—The Discovery of Articles Used by the Robbers Locates the Place at Which the Ransom Was Received—Evidence That Horse Was Fed Near Spot—Other Features.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Omaha, Dec. 24.—Seven and one-half miles west of Omaha, on Center street, in McArdle precinct, and about a quarter of a mile west of the big Pappio in the Raddock grove, on the south side of the road, was found Thursday morning the lantern with the white and black ribbons attached which was used to "flag" Mr. Cudahy in his drive. It was found by two sons of a farmer on their way to school. The lantern was placed in possession of a constable, who brought it to Omaha this afternoon.

Today two trouser legs and an undershirt sleeve were found buried beneath the snow near the fence adjoining the road.

The finding of the lantern settles beyond all doubt the exact location as to the point where the kidnappers received their ransom. When the lantern was picked up it was filled with oil and the wick showed that it had recently been used. Near where the lantern was found were a number of ears of corn, a part of the kernels yet remaining on the cob, indicating that a horse had been fed there very recently. Tracks were observable in the soft earth showing that a horse had been tied nearby. On the wire fence was a piece of common white wrapping twine, which had evidently held the lantern in place while being used as a signal to Mr. Cudahy.

MR. CUDAHY'S STATEMENT.

He Endeavors to Correct Conflicting Reports Concerning the Crime.

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 24.—Owing to conflicting reports sent to papers outside of Omaha, E. A. Cudahy this afternoon signed a statement giving the details of the kidnapping of his son the night of December 18. It is as follows:

It has been called to my attention that dispatches are being printed which throw doubt upon the kidnapping of my son. I regret exceedingly that there should be any conflicting reports or any misrepresentations with respect to the crime that would create any doubt or uncertainty. The facts, briefly, are these:

On Tuesday night, Dec. 18, between 7 and 8 o'clock, our son was sent to a neighbor and was expected to immediately return. Failing to return the police were notified. At 1 o'clock on Wednesday morning the coachman found a letter on the lawn fastened to a stick and addressed to "Mr. Cudahy." This was a five-page letter with lead pencil printing and unsigned, stating that they had kidnapped my son and demanded $25,000 in gold coin for his return and with specific instructions as to where the money should be placed. I procured $25,000 in gold coin and delivered the same at the point designated in the letter. I recognized that the leaving of the money was but a chance at best, but a chance under all the circumstances I was compelled to accept. About five hours after depositing the money my son was returned. While a captive he was informed of the fact that he was held for ransom in the sum of $25,000. These are the plain facts, any statements, rumors or assertions other than stated above being without any foundation in fact.

(Signed) E. A. Cudahy.

George K. Barker, president of the National Bank of Commerce, confirms the statement of the $25,000 being withdrawn from that bank, and Melvin L. Sears, Mr. Cudahy's attorney, confirms other details of the statement.

TROLLEY EMPLOYES HAPPY.

They Receive Christmas Offerings from Philadelphians.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—Conductors and motormen on all the electric cars in this city are tonight jubilant over the success of the suggestion made by the Philadelphia Inquirer, that each rider contribute something to-day to be divided between the crew at the end of the day. In many of the car barns, as learned by Inquirer reporters, conductors report receipts in the way of Christmas offerings for the day of sums varying from five to twenty dollars, and conductor and motorman of each car carried home with him tonight a substantial token of the good will of those who use the cars.

It is estimated by the Inquirer from reports received that the voluntary offerings received by the seven thousand employes of the traction company will reach sixty or seventy thousand dollars. Philadelphians enjoyed the novelty.

Popular Conductor Dead.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Susquehanna, Pa., Dec. 24.—William Carter, of Paterson, N. J., a passenger conductor on the Erie railroad, is dead as the result of the loss of one of his legs, which occurred in this place a week ago. He was injured while escorting an Oswego lady who had taken the wrong train at Binghamton to the train which would take her home. He had been in the employ of the Erie railroad for thirty years, and was very popular. He was a veteran of the Civil war and leaves a wife. The remains have been taken to Paterson.

Recess of the Booz Court.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 24.—General Bates, a member of the Booz court of inquiry, has come to this city to spend Christmas with his family. He says that the court has taken a recess until Wednesday and has many more witnesses to examine. The examination will be most thorough and complete and is expected to develop all the facts relating to the treatment of Booz and Brech and the practice of hazing generally.

RESULT OF CHRISTMAS DANCE

Free-for-All Fight at Mamaroneck, N. J., with Fatal Results.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 24.—An Italian dance at Mamaroneck, N. Y., which was started last night as a Christmas celebration, ended this morning in a murderous row, one man being killed outright, another so badly stabbed that he is expected to die, and several others received bad wounds. The scene of the tragedy was the "Foot and a Half House."

From what can be learned, the row was started by Antoni Dori. Veto Maraglano was waltzing around the dance hall with a young woman who had refused to dance with Dori. The latter followed them about the hall, ridiculing their dancing and making himself generally disagreeable to them. Maraglano replied to his taunts, and Dori challenged him to a duel. The dance was stopped immediately. Maraglano and Dori started outside followed by all the revellers and the musicians left their instruments on the floor.

Maraglano drew a revolver, Dori a stiletto. The latter made a plunge at Maraglano and drove his stiletto deep into the man's breast. Maraglano fired twice. One shot tore open Dori's arm, and the other struck Antonio Guiseppe, one of the musicians, in the eye, the bullet penetrating the brain. This immediately precipitated a general fight. When the Italians had fought themselves tired, Guiseppe and Maraglano were helpless on the ground. Dominico Chippi and Guiseppe Cortez were bleeding from many cuts. Guiseppe, the musician, died tonight, and Maraglano is still unconscious.

After the fight there was a general flight of Italians from the town, and as but little information can be obtained no arrests have been made yet.

MAINE BUSINESS MAN IS HELD FOR MURDER

Edwin H. Knight Is Accused of Having Been Instrumental in Death of Fannie Sprague.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

South Berwick, Me., Dec. 24.—Edwin H. Knight was arrested at his home at South Berwick Junction today on a warrant charging him with the murder of Mrs. Fannie Sprague at South Berwick last May.

Mr. Knight is 41 years of age, a native of South Berwick, and a successful business man.

The crime for which Mr. Knight was arrested was disclosed by the finding of the mutilated body of Fanny Sprague in a heap of rubbish in a barn on the Knight farm at South Berwick Junction. An attempt had been made to burn the body, but the smoke was seen and the fire extinguished by two men who were sent to the barn on an errand. After putting out the fire, the men found the body. Knight was arraigned before Trial Justice Lord here later in the day and two doctors told of the condition of the body and witnesses gave testimony as to the whereabout of Knight on the day in question, the intention being to show that there was opportunity for him to have committed the crime and also to show that the stories told by Knight are contradictory.

Counsel for Mr. Knight announced that he would offer no defense and Justice Lord stated that he considered the evidence sufficient to warrant his holding Knight. Accordingly, the prisoner was bound over to the January term of the Supreme court at Saco and ordered him confined in the jail at Alfred without bail.

CURRENCY FOR THE PHILIPPINES

President Taft, of the Commission, Urges Adoption of United States Money at Once.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 24.—President Taft, of the Philippine commission, has come forward with another suggestion for the settlement of the Philippine currency question, which is now pressing urgently for adjustment. He discards the two former plans of coining something like a trade dollar and of maintaining it by the credit of the United States, a fixed ratio between the Mexican dollar and American gold, and proposes to adopt United States money, pure and simple, as the money of the Philippines.

He points out that radical as is this move, it must be made sooner or later, if the islands are to remain under the control of the United States, and that delay only serves to aggravate the evils of the present confusion of system.

SITUATION AT GUAM.

Inhabitants Must Depend on Outside Supplies.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Manila, Dec. 24.—Officers of the United States cruiser Newark, which has returned from the investigation into the circumstances of the disaster that befell the United States auxiliary cruiser Yosemite, off the island of Guam, say there were supplies enough available when the Newark left to last three weeks, and that the inhabitants would then be dependent upon supplies sent from Cavite.

They also report that the soil will produce rice and corn by April.

Insular Cases Advanced.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The United States supreme court today advanced two more cases involving the question of the relationship between the United States and their insular possessions, to be heard on the seventh of January. There are now eight of these cases set for that date. One of the cases advanced today involves the collection of duties on goods imported from Hawaii.

CLOSING OF HOLY DOOR

A Great Gathering of Princes of the Church at St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome.

THE GRAND SPECTACLE

Pope Leo Conducts Ceremonies Lasting from 11 o'clock a. m. until 1 p. m., without Apparent Fatigue. Immense Crowds Attend the Services—Five Cardinals Assist in the Laying of Cement and in Closing the Doorway—80,000 Persons Are Spectators to the Ceremony.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Rome, Dec. 24.—The pope today performed the ceremony of closing the holy door of St. Peter's cathedral with the gorgeous forms usual to great functions of this kind. It was a grand spectacle. There was a great gathering of the princes of the church, who participated in the ceremony, which was witnessed by enormous crowds.

The closing of the holy door took place with the utmost pomp of the catholic church. His holiness descended to St. Peter's cathedral at 11 a. m., and the ceremonies lasted until 1 p. m. The pope then returned to his apartments, apparently not fatigued. He intoned the "Te Deum" in a resonant voice and throughout gave evidence of being in excellent health and spirits. He used the artistic golden trowel subscribed for by the catholics of the world, in mortaring the three gilded bricks which he placed as a first layer on the threshold of St. Peter's door. The whole pontifical court participated in the ceremonies.

Superb Spectacle.

The spectacle inside the vast basilica was superb. The pillars of the central nave were draped with gold-embroidered scarlet cloth, and the porch under which the function took place was transformed into a magnificently decorated hall. On the left of the holy door was erected the pontifical throne, covered with red and gold. On the right hand of the door stood tribunes for royal personages, princes, knights of Malta, prelates, representatives of Roman nobility and other distinguished persons.

Inside the church every inch of space was occupied by the throngs, which gathered early in the morning. A strong detachment of troops, stationed in the square in front of the cathedral, controlled the incoming crowds, who literally raced to secure the best positions.

The pope left his apartments at 11.45 a. m., borne in the sacred chair and preceded by clergy with lighted candles, bishops, archbishops and cardinals and escorted by the pontifical noble guards. On his arrival at the portal of St. Peter's he alighted and entered the church through the holy door. As he appeared on the threshold, the solemn and silvery tones of the trumpet echoed through the edifice. The chapter of the vatican met him and presented to him holy water, which he sprinkled upon the congregation. Applause being forbidden, a religious silence was observed, which heightened the grandeur and impressiveness of the moment.

Borne now on the Seda Gestatoria to the high altar, he stepped to the ground and knelt before the most precious relics of the Catholic church, which were displayed on the altar. Then the procession re-formed and proceeded to the chapel of the sacrament, where the pontiff again knelt for some time, while the choir of the Systine chapel chanted psalms.

Laying the Cement.

The pope was then borne to the holy door, where he alighted from the Seda Gestatoria and awaited until the entire procession had passed out through the door, he leaving the church last and walking to the throne, where he seated himself. A number of sacred songs were sung by the papal choir, after which Leo rose and blessed all the material employed in closing the door. Then he descended from the throne, knelt before the dome and laid with the golden trowel a layer of cement, on which he placed three gilt bricks bearing commemorative inscriptions. Beside the bricks he placed a casket containing gold, silver and bronze medals, and bearing the head of Leo and inscriptions recording the opening and closing of the holy door.

Cardinal Bishop Serafino Vinatelluni, great penitentiary, and four other cardinals performed a similar ceremony of laying cement and three bricks, after which the masons employed by the vatican closed the doorway with a canvas screen, painted to represent marble, with a cross in the centre.

The candles borne by the clergy were extinguished, the "Te Deum" was sung, and the pontiff, having given solemn benediction, was immediately carried back to his apartments.

It is estimated that 80,000 persons were spectators of the ceremony.

"Dynamite" Driscoll Dead.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Boston, Dec. 24.—John D. Driscoll, better known as "Dynamite" Driscoll, died today of cancer of the tongue. Mr. Driscoll was 70 years old and was born in this country. He was a friend of John Mitchell, O'Donovan O'Rossa, Charles S. Parnell, Michael Davitt and all the prominent Irish patriots. During the Civil war he served in the Ninth Massachusetts volunteers.

Roland Reed Improved.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 24.—Roland Reed, the actor, was removed today from St. Luke's hospital to his home on West One Hundred and Twenty-second street. He has improved very much.

OLEO CASES DISMISSED.

Failure of the Armour Penalty Suits Brought About by Neglect.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Justice Frank H. Hiscock, of this city, today handed down an order granting the motion recently made by the defendants in the Armour penalty cases (the oleomargarine suits) brought by the state to dismiss those actions because of the failure of the plaintiff to prosecute the same.

The motion was made a couple of weeks ago by Frank H. Platt in behalf of the defendants. The attorney general and Hon. Fred C. Schraub, former commissioner of agriculture, during whose term the litigation was started and who has acted as counsel in the cases for the people, consented to the granting of the motion.

TROUBLE AT ECUADOR.

American Foremen and Jamaican Laborers Cannot Agree—Bloodshed Has Been the Result.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Kingston, Jamaica, Dec. 24.—Letters just received here from Ecuador report increasing trouble between the American foremen and Jamaican laborers, who are constructing the railroad in that country under the concession obtained by James McDonald & Co., of New York.

As a result of the disturbances several Jamaicans have been shot and one American foreman had to clear out and take refuge elsewhere. The laborers are now arming, and serious trouble is expected.

PEACE PARTY IN THE PHILIPPINES

New Organization Among Filipinos Will Labor for Liberties Under American Constitution.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Manila, Dec. 24.—The Federal party has decided upon a new organization and today published in the Spanish and Filipino papers an address to the Filipinos.

"The number of Filipinos who are convinced that the time for peace has come increases daily," says the address. "The object of the Federal party is the reunion of all Filipinos who truly wish for peace and who are disposed to work for it. It appeals to those who will attempt to attain for the Philippines the greatest number of liberties under the application of the American constitution.

"We call ourselves the Federal party, because under American sovereignty the righteous aspirationns of the Philippines will be to form a part of the American federation as states of the union."

The executive committee has cabled President McKinley, announcing that the organization has been perfected and tendering an expression of good will.

Copies of the address have been sent into the provinces. The new paragraph in the platform, declaring for American recognition of the legality of some acts done by the authorities of the insurgent government, is in conformity with precedents established during the reconstruction period following the Civil war in the United States.

TURMOIL AT LEYTE

No Decided Results Secured by the United States Troops.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Manila, Dec. 24.—The advices to the Associated Press from the island of Leyte show that there is still considerable turmoil on the west coast, but that the east coast is quiet, the leaders having retired to the mountains. Lieutenant Frank E. Lynch and three men of the Forty-fourth volunteer infantry were wounded near Ilongas, on the west coast. Two men of Company L, Forty-third volunteer infantry, were killed, and three of Companies L and K, together with Lieutenant Louis H. Leaf, were wounded Dec. 13 near San Miguel, Northwestern Leyte.

No decided results have yet been secured by the 2,000 United States troops distributed along the coast towns of Samar.

BARR JURY RENDERS VERDICT.

The Boxer's Death Was Caused by Hemorrhage of the Brain.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Philadelphia, Dec. 24.—The coroner today investigated the death of Edward Sanford, professionally known as Joe Barr, who died in a hospital Saturday night after a boxing bout with Joseph Kerrigan at the Athletic club of Philadelphia. The jury rendered a verdict that Sanford's death was due to hemorrhage of the brain.

Kerrigan, who was known in the profession as Kelly, was held to await the action of the grand jury. The referee, seconds and others arrested Saturday night were discharged.

WOMAN IN THE CASE.

Causes the Fatal Wounding of Two Men.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Crawfordsville, Ind., Dec. 24.—Joseph Douglass shot and fatally wounded Frank Parrish and Charles Doyle. The men went to the rear of Douglass' house, and failing to get a response kicked it open. Douglass confronted them and fired through a window with a shotgun, tearing Parrish's face off. A second shot was poured into Doyle's back at a distance of fifteen feet.

It is said there had been trouble on account of Parrish's attentions to Douglass' wife for some time.

Kitchener to Crush Invasion.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Cape Town, Dec. 24.—Lord Kitchener has arrived at De Aar, Cape Colony, and is taking measures to crush the Boer invasion.

NO SIGN FROM GREAT BRITAIN

Not the Slightest Indication Is Given as to Her Purpose on the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty.

UTTERANCES OF PRESS

Are to the Effect That Great Britain Will Stand Firmly on the Clayton-Bulwer Treaty, Yet Do Not Announce a Policy Which is Sanctioned.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The British government has not, up to this time, given the slightest indication as to its purpose on the amended Hay-Pauncefote treaty and it is understood that the subject will not be taken up by the British cabinet until the draft of the amended instrument and the advices of the British ambassador at Washington are received. The general results have been briefly summarized in cables to the London authorities, but in a matter of this magnitude they would not act until they were in possession of all the data by mail.

Under these circumstances, it is evident that today's utterances of the London press to the effect that Great Britain will stand firmly on the Clayton-Bulwer treaty, while indicating the popular and to some extent the official trend of opinion, do not announce a policy which has assumed any definite sanction thus far on the part of the British government.

BENEFICIAL UNION.

To Be Organized Among Motormen and Conductors.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Hazleton, Pa., Dec. 24.—An effort will be made during the next week to organize a beneficial union among the motormen and conductors employed on the Lehigh Traction company, which touches most of the small towns in the Hazleton region. General Manager Alvan Markle is at the head of the movement.

The men recently organized a branch of the National Street Railway Men's union, and it is said they are preparing to present several grievances to the company. The men will neither affirm nor deny that any demands will be made. It is understood that if a beneficial union is organized, Mr. Markle himself will be one of its members.

PROFIT-SHARING PLAN.

Employes of the Bourne Mills Are Made Happy.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 24.—The employes of the Bourne mills, who are entitled to a part in the profit-sharing plan in use by the corporation, today received a bonus of 3½ per cent. on the wages earned from June 9 to December 8 of this year. This is the twenty-third semi-annual dividend that has been paid by the corporation under this plan.

It will net more to the participating operatives than usual, from the fact that a high scale of wages has been in use since December of last year, and steady employment has been given. The amount each participant will receive for Christmas from the profit-sharing plan varies from $2 to $15.

INQUEST IN MORRIS MURDER.

MacDonald, Though Suffering, Has a Chance to Recover.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 24.—The coroner's inquest in the case of Frank H. Morris, auditor of the treasury for the war department, who was killed at the Winder building Saturday afternoon by Samuel McDonald, former disbursing officer of his bureau, was held today. The verdict was that Morris has come to his death by reason of a pistol shot wound inflicted by MacDonald.

MacDonald, who is in a precarious condition at the emergency hospital suffering from self-inflicted wounds after killing Morris, is somewhat improved and has a chance to recover.

STRIKE AT SHAMOKIN.

The Enterprise Colliery Tied Up Completely.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Shamokin, Pa., Dec. 24.—The Enterprise colliery, operated by W. L. Connell & Co., of Scranton, was tied up completely today by the seven hundred employes going on strike, because a number of miners had not paid their laborers amounts the latter claimed were due them in accordance with the ten per cent. increase.

The strikers will not return to work until the company either makes the offending miners settle satisfactorily or discharge them.

Will Test Governor's Veto.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Allentown, Dec. 24.—Lehigh county's twenty-six public schools districts will join to test the governor's veto of a part of the school appropriation, which reduces the county's annual allowance to $7,581.93. Lawyer Edwin J. Lichtenwalner will go to Harrisburg next Thursday to institute mandamus proceedings against State Treasurer Barnett.

Suicide of a Healer.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Greenfield, Mass., Dec. 24.—E. A. Reed, station agent at Northfield Farms, on the New London Northern railroad, fired a bullet through his head, killing himself instantly, rather than submit to arrest. Read had advertised widely as a magnetic healer and the warrant for his arrest charged him with receiving money without giving anything in return.

THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

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TAMMANY COMMITTEE BECOMES ACTIVE

A Statement Scoring Chief of Police Devery Is Issued—Chairman Nixon's Manifesto.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 24.—The Tammany committee of five, at a meeting held today, issued a statement that Chief of Police Devery could rid the city of vice in two hours if he so chose. They further say that they will present facts to the grand jury in the event of no immediate action being taken by the police.

Chairman Nixon presided at the meeting. Several members of the police department appeared before the committee and said that places mentioned in the list given to Chief Devery by Chairman Nixon were closed. The majority of the police raids were gambling dens and disorderly houses.

After an executive session of two hours, Chairman Nixon gave out the following statement:

"The list of suspicious places handed to the police is by no means complete and we shall be guided by developments as to when and how they shall be made public. My object is to close such places; and by closing them demonstrate to their owners that those who have taken money from them for protection, lack the power to protect. No matter what party is in office, about the same sort of men will be found farming out immunity.

"Every department of the city government, except the police department, is doing good work. I am satisfied by what I have found that the chief of police could close every gambling house and pool room in the city in a few hours. Our motive now is to show that these places are not protected by the Tammany organization and further than that to show that a system which has existed during this and the preceding administration, can be stopped if the police department can be induced to act. A single-headed commission, with power, can remedy existing abuses, not only for a time, but permanently. A bi-partisan police commission and the excise department are the sores on the body politic and they should be reformed jointly, and they will be when the people come to a full knowledge of the officers which owe their existing to them."

DEATH OF THE HODGES.

All Perished in Flames Save Two Children, Who Were Decapitated.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Dec. 24.—The first positive and definite details of the tragic death of Dr. and Mrs. Van Rensaeler Hodge, of New York, missionaries at Pao Ting Fu, China, were received here today by Robert Sinclair, a brother of Mrs. Hodge.

Under date of Oct. 22, Rev. J. W. Lowrie, writing from Pao Ting Fu, says:

"They (the Hodges), Simcox family and Dr. Taylor defended themselves to the last in the Simcox house and all perished in the flames but the two Simcox children, Paul and Frances, who, nearly suffocated, ran out of the house and were decapitated by the Boxers and thrown into a well."

FRANK SMITH A PRISONER.

The Clebrated Kruger Messenger Arrested for Throwing Stones.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 24.—Frank Smith, the boy district messenger of Brooklyn who was intrusted with a message of greeting from the Philadelphia school children to President Kruger, at Pretoria, last April, returning to this country in September, was a prisoner in the Adams street police court, Brooklyn, today, charged with hurling a paving stone through a show case on December 15.

Smith told the court that he had been provoked to the deed by an assault committed upon him by the proprietor of the place. He was paroled, after a warning.

COLLAPSE OF MISS ROHRBACH.

Shock of Witnessing the Murder of Morris Too Much for Her.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Hollidaysburg, Pa., Dec. 24.—Miss Juniata Rohrbach, an employe of the auditor's office of the war department, has been brought to her home in this city in an acute stage of nervous collapse that is likely to prove fatal. Miss Rohrbach was near the desk of Auditor Frank H. Morris when McDonald entered and shot him on Saturday.

The shock of the tragedy was too much for the young woman's nerves.

Situation in Cape Colony.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

London, Dec. 24.—"We learn," says the Daily Mail, "that the reports of the serious situation in Cape Colony are confirmed. The invading Boers are receiving much assistance from the Cape Dutch. Railway communication between Cape Town and the north is almost entirely severed, partly by Boer operations and partly by rains.

THE CHINESE NOTE SIGNED

Mr. Conger Affixes His Name to the Agreement Accompanied by an Explanatory Statement.

GOVERNMENT'S POSITION

Agreement Accepted as the Best That Could Be Obtained at This Time—He Indicated That Washington Can Give No Pledge in Respect to the Inhibition of the Import of Arms and Permanent Garrisons.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Secretary Hay received a cable message from Minister Conger at Pekin announcing that he had signed the agreement reached by the foreign ministers, but had done so with a written explanatory statement, setting forth the exact position of his government.

The text of the statement is not forwarded by Mr. Conger, but it is understood to be based on the last instructions received from the department, which, while disapproving the inclusion in the agreement of some of the more severe language, accepted it as the best arrangement that could be made at this time.

It is believed that the United States also, while sanctioning the provisions relative to the maintenance of permanent lines of communication, legation guards and prohibition of the importation of arms into China, indicates clearly that constitutional reasons prevent the executive from making any pledge to take part in the execution of these plans.

The signing of the agreement by the ministers closes what is regarded here as the first, the most important, and the most difficult phase of the negotiations as to China, for it is not doubted that the Chinese envoys will subscribe to the agreement without amendment.

The conclusion of the step has been marked by one of the most curious mistakes in the history of international exchange, for by a cipher error the majority of the signatories found to their amazement that they had contracted to do exactly what they did not intend to do, and, moreover, the error was irretrievable.

Joint Note Criticized.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.—The Novoye Vremya sharply criticizes the joint note of the powers to China as being too long to produce effect. It says the accusations against the emperor and the dowager empress are unfounded and that the accusation that Prince Tuan is alone responsible for the treachery is ridiculous. The paper adds:

"Rulers sometimes betray their own country, but treason towards foreign powers is a new conception. The statement in the ultimatum that the troops will not be withdrawn before the conditions are accepted, cannot mean Russia, whose troops have already vacated Pe Chi Li, whereas Manchurian affairs do not concern the powers. The note will not bring peace. The powers, possibly, repent not having imitated Russia's example."

ENTRY OF FORBIDDEN CITY.

in the Chinese Sacred Precincts. American Marines the First Troops

Washington, Dec. 24.—That American marines are entitled to the honor of having been the first to enter the forbidden city at Pekin appears from the official report just received by General Heywood, commandant of the marine corps. Captain Charles G. Long, commanding Company D, United States Marine corps, in his report dated November 4, dwells upon that incident, to which no reference has hitherto been made. He says:

"Up to the time the forbidden city had not been entered by any of the allied forces. Three of the four gates between the Tartar and the forbidden cities had been forced the previous day by the Americans, but then they halted and finally withdrew to the first gate, which was held. Receiving an order from the commanding officer of the marines to enter the forbidden city and seize such buildings and quarters as might be most advantageous for us to hold and occupy, I moved immediately with my company, forced the fourth gate and entered the city.

"Japanese sentries objected to our entering, but I did not consider their claim to any control at that point. On entering there was no opposition, the Chinese having departed, leaving their tents and banners standing. I put guard on the best of the buildings, and the regimental colors were hoisted on one of the administration buildings.

"To the best of my belief this was the first and only occupation of the forbidden city by any of the allied forces, and the only time that any force hoisted its colors there. We remained there from about 3.30 p. m. to 5.30 p. m., when I received an order to withdraw and to leave a guard at the fourth gate. Captain Matthews and Lieutenant Little, United States marines, were the officers in Company D with me."

Baltimore Bank Closed.

By Exclusive Wire from The Associated Press.

Baltimore, Dec. 24.—Judge Stockbridge in circuit court No. 2 today appointed Daniel L. Brinton receiver for the Economy Savings bank, which closed its doors on Saturday. Mr. Brinton furnished bonds in the sum of $250,000.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Washington, Dec. 24.—Eastern Pennsylvania—Fair and colder Tuesday; Wednesday, fair; fresh westerly winds.