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SHOT IN HER BEDROOM

Bullet Crossed an Area and Went Through Two Windows.

Mrs. Tuckerman of Milton, N. Y., Accidentally Killed in Chicago—Mayor Busse's Brother Was Demonstrating Use of a Revolver to a Housemaid When It Was Discharged—Mayor Busse Present When She Died.

George Busse, brother of Mayor Fred A. Busse of Chicago accidentally shot and killed Mrs. L. C. Tuckerman, 52 years old, wife of a fruit dealer at Milton, N. Y.

The shooting occurred in the Walton apartment building, 395 North Clark street, where she was visiting her father, Brigadier General A. C. Girard, retired, who occupies an apartment in the building.

Shortly before 7 o'clock George Busse, in his apartment across an alleyway from General Girard's apartment, was demonstrating the use of a revolver to Miss Bertha Lambke, his housemaid, so that she could employ the weapon in case burglars came.

The revolver was accidentally discharged, and the bullet went through two windows, crossed the alleyway into the Girard apartment and pierced Mrs. Tuckerman's heart.

CUBA AGAIN FREED

President Gomez and Vice President Zayas Inaugurated.

With the administration of the oath of office at noon on Wednesday to Jose Miguel Gomez, the new president of Cuba, American occupation of the island ceased and the history of that country entered on a new era.

The oath of office was administered to President Gomez and Vice President Zayas by President Barreiro of the supreme court of Cuba in the presence of a great throng of Cubans, Americans and other foreigners.

At the close of the ceremonies President Gomez was congratulated by the foreign envoys, who extended to him the good wishes of their respective governments for the welfare of his country.

EDITOR HURT BY TRAIN

W. L. Woodson, of the American Press Association, Injured at Yonkers.

Trying to board a train at the Glenwood station of the New York Central, near Yonkers, N. Y., William L. Woodson, editor of The American Press, fell and was injured by the moving wheels.

Mr. Woodson's paper, The American Press, is issued from the main office of the American Press Association in New York. He has been connected with the association many years, coming to the main office from the Atlanta branch, of which he was manager.

LAWYER'S CONTINGENT FEE

Subject of Debate by New York Bar Association.

The 32nd annual meeting of the State Bar association was held in Buffalo last week. Adelbert Moot of Buffalo was elected president to succeed Francis Lynde Stetson of New York.

The acceptance by a lawyer of a contingent fee, which has been the subject of debate for years, was the cause of a lengthy discussion.

The canon on contingent fees says that where sanctioned by law they shall be under the supervision of the court "in order that clients may be protected from unjust charges."

BOTH COMPANIES FILE SUITS

Court of Admiralty to Decide Blame For Nantucket Collision.

Just what ship was responsible for the Nantucket collision, in which the White Star liner Republic was sunk and the Italian liner Florida damaged, and which company will pay the damages, will be decided by the court of admiralty.

Both companies have filed suits. That of the owners of the Republic claimed damages of \$2,000,000 and recited, in concise legal form, the story of the marvelous sea disaster.

The owners of the Florida also filed a libel suit and a petition for a limitation of liability against the Florida. The petitioners asked that their liability, in case the suits are decided against them, be placed at \$224,000, the damage value of the Florida.

ALL HIS RELATIVES DEAD

Heartrending Story of an American Visitor to Reggio.

Telling a heartrending story of his experiences in the Calabrian earthquake, in which over two score of his relatives perished, Antonio Strito of White Plains, N. Y., arrived at New York on the steamer Venezia from Marselles.

Strito was on a visit to his relatives in Reggio and awoke from unconsciousness after the shock to find himself in a heap of ruins.

Not one of his relatives was left alive, he said, and he had more than 40 of them in Reggio. Strito himself was practically unharmed. He is 24 years old and had come to this country when a small boy.

War Correspondent Died of Old Age

William Fayal, once a widely known reporter and war correspondent, died of old age at the Memorial Home in St. Louis. He was 83 years old. Fayal was a chum of Henry M. Stanley, who became famous by finding Livingstone in Africa. Fayal was born in Otsego county, N. Y. His wife was Alicia Jackson of Lockport, N. Y.

New Jersey's Last Hanging

The court of appeals having affirmed the conviction of Frederick Lang of Middlesex county, New Jersey will witness its last hanging. Lang was convicted a short time before the new electrocution law went into effect of murdering his niece. Since his conviction Lang has been confined in the Middlesex county jail.

Bill to Punish Insane Murderers

Making a person who, while insane, kills another guilty of murder in the second degree is provided in a bill introduced at Albany by Assemblyman Cuvillier. The punishment is imprisonment for life in a state hospital for the criminal insane.

Switchman Awarded \$30,000 Damages

Haynes Hackett of Chicago, a switchman of the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville railroad, who lost both legs by the sudden starting up of a train which he was switching, was awarded \$30,000 damages against the road.

BRANDENBURG SKIPS

Could Not Be Found When Trial Was Called In Supreme Court.

Bail of \$1,500 Furnished by a Bonding Company Was Ordered Forfeited by Justice Dowling—Brandenburg's Attorney Said That He Had Received No Word From His Client Since Sunday Night and Was Ignorant of His Whereabouts.

New York, Feb. 2.—A warrant for the arrest of Broughton Brandenburg, the magazine writer whose sale to the New York Times of an article alleged to have been written by Grover Cleveland resulted in his indictment on a charge of grand larceny a few weeks ago, was issued by Justice Dowling.

The case against Brandenburg on the grand larceny charge was to have come up before Justice Dowling in the supreme court yesterday, but when the time came for the calling of the defendant to the bar Brandenburg, who had been out on \$1,500 bail furnished by a bonding company, could not be found.

Samuel B. Thomas, Brandenburg's attorney, stated that he had received no word from his client since Sunday night, when he had a telephonic conversation with him, and was in ignorance of the writer's present whereabouts.

The present case grew out of the selling by him of an article purported to have been written by the late Grover Cleveland, in which the former president advocated the election of William H. Taft.

Among those who had been expected to testify in the case were Mrs. Cleveland, Richard Watson Gilder, editor of the Century; John H. Finley, president of the College of the City of New York; David N. Carvalho, handwriting expert; Dr. Joseph D. Bryant, Mr. Cleveland's family physician; George F. Parker, John G. Carlisle, secretary of the treasury during the second Cleveland administration; George R. Sheldon, treasurer of the Republican national committee, and Richard V. Oulahan, who had charge of the committee's publicity work during the past campaign.

CHILDREN THROWN INTO SNOWBANK

Third Child Burned to Death and Mother Fatally Injured.

Gaylord, Mich., Feb. 2.—Mrs. Albert Waunza saved the lives of two of her children when their home near here burned last night by throwing them from second story windows into snowbanks.

The mother, however, was probably fatally burned while rescuing the children and a third child was burned to death, the flames preventing the mother from reaching her room.

Waunza, the father, jumped unharmed from a window. Then the family, barefooted and with the mother almost roasted from waist to shoulders, had to wade half a mile through the snow to secure shelter.

IMMIGRATION DECISION

Secretary Straus Overrules Special Board in Respect to Canadian Nurse.

Washington, Feb. 2.—An important immigration case was decided by Secretary Straus of the department of commerce and labor. Ethel Wright, a Canadian woman of 25 years, applied for admission to the United States in order that she might enter the "nurses' home" at Chicago to study nursing.

In common with other student nurses at the institution she was to be allowed a small compensation. A special board of inquiry rejected her application and denied her admission.

Miss Wright appealed her case to Secretary Straus and he has directed that she be admitted. He holds that the case in no way comes under the prohibitions of the alien contract labor law.

PREPARING FOR INAUGURAL

Work of Erecting Reviewing Stands Begun in Vicinity of White House.

Washington, Feb. 2.—To defray expenditures for fitting the Capitol for the inauguration of William H. Taft, a joint resolution was agreed to unanimously in the senate appropriating \$16,000.

The resolution provides that the inaugural platform to be erected in front of the Capitol shall seat 6,000 people, which is one-third more than four years ago. It also authorizes extra policemen at the Capitol for three days. The work of erecting reviewing stands in the vicinity of the White House was begun today.

TAX LAW CHANGES ADVISED

Auditor Would Relieve Real Estate of Part of Its Burden.

Harrisburg, Feb. 2.—The creation of a commission to thoroughly study the problem of equitable taxation in Pennsylvania, which should seek out the classes of property now exempt rather than increase the burden on those now paying, is the idea of Auditor General Robert Kennedy Young in his annual report on the finances, which has just been laid on the desk of Governor Stuart.

Among the classes now exempt from taxation, but which he mentions as available, are trust funds in the hands of banks, trust companies and savings institutions, personal property which is not returned because of laws which do not strictly hold the local assessor to his duty, the stock of manufacturing corporations and lastly bank deposits.

He proposes readjustment of the methods of taxation whereby relief will be extended to the real estate owners.

The report, which deals with taxation questions in an unreserved manner, is presented about half a year in advance of the best time ever made on a similar report. The fiscal year closed on the last day of November, and in years gone by it took anywhere from six months to a year to get the report in shape for submission to the governor.

General Young hands in the usual statistical table, but he prefaces it with a general discussion of the affairs of his office, in which he calls attention to the fact that it is conducted on old-time and unsuited legislation and that to make it more satisfactory and efficient the enactment of new statutes is necessary.

ROBBERS SHOOT AND KILL FARMER

Visiting Neighbor Escapes With Money in a Kettle.

Lancaster, Pa., Feb. 2.—At 8 o'clock Sunday night, while Alfred Haulman, an aged farmer of Pequea township, this county, was sitting at the bedside of his sick wife, in company with Mr. Kreider and Mrs. Cramer, two neighbors, two masked men entered the room and demanded money.

The sick woman called to Mrs. Cramer to give them what was in a kettle in the room. Mrs. Cramer picked up the kettle containing the money and fled.

The men shot at her, then turned and shot Mr. Haulman in the neck and killed him. They then shot Mr. Kreider twice and dangerously injured him. The robbers fled and have not been captured.

The Haulmans some years ago lost money in a bank failure and have since kept their cash in their house in a kettle. It is supposed that the robbers knew this and were after it.

MONUMENT FOR COL. DRAKE

Marking Site of First Oil Well on Fiftieth Anniversary.

Titusville, Feb. 2.—Colonel John J. Carter has been appointed chairman and Hon. John E. Emerson, Mayor R. E. Dickinson and J. M. Critchlow members of a committee of arrangements for the grand jubilee celebration to be held here the latter part of August for the purpose of celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the striking of oil by Colonel Edwin L. Drake.

The Daughters of the Revolution are taking subscriptions for the purpose of erecting a \$100,000 monument where the well was drilled, and it is to be unveiled during jubilee week.

Recover Lost Jewelry

Harrisburg, Feb. 2.—One of the packages of jewelry thrown into the Susquehanna river on Thursday morning, when an express car caught fire while crossing the Rockville bridge of the Pennsylvania railroad, was discovered at Middletown yesterday. It was found floating on the river by a boatman and contained jewelry worth \$77. Four more packages are missing, but it is declared that none of them is of great value.

Too Much Dynamite

West Newton, Pa., Feb. 2.—Dynamites excavating a cut in the branch railroad being built by the Yonghony and Ohio Coal company are terrorizing the residents of Bells Mills. A rock was hurled 1,200 feet, tearing a corner off the residence of W. P. Bell. Another weighing several tons was thrown nearly a quarter of a mile into one of Bell's fields.

Doverites Are Honest

Canal Dover, O., Feb. 2.—A "Golden Rule" postage stamp box has been in operation at a drug store here since Dec. 19, customers helping themselves and making their own change. The receipts have been but one cent short and more than 1,500 stamps have passed through the box.

Scared to Death by Dog

Philadelphia, Feb. 2.—Albert G. Wimer, a three-year-old child, died here yesterday from fright caused by seeing a dog which had bitten him seven weeks ago. When he saw the animal in the street near his home the child fell unconscious.

THE NEWS SUMMARY

Short Items From Various Parts of the World.

Record of Many Happenings Condensed and Put in Small Space and Arranged With Special Regard for the Convenience of the Reader Who Has Little Time to Spare.

Wednesday

The battleship Maine entered Havana harbor eleven years to an hour after the first Maine arrived.

President Roosevelt declared he would live most of his time in the West after his return from Africa.

The French Riviera football team defeated a team from the American warships, says a dispatch from Nice.

University of Pennsylvania chess players have signed an agreement with the universities of Paris and Amsterdam for an international match.

Leaders of the Republican state organization opened war on Governor Hughes' direct primary plan, and Senator Raines and Speaker Wadsworth outlined their opposition.

Thursday

Wild scenes of merry-making marked the use of the guillotine at Carpentras, a town in Southern France.

Governor Hughes withdrew the nomination of Frederick A. Wallis to be state superintendent of insurance.

Earnings of the United States Steel corporation for the last quarter showed a falling off from the same quarter of 1907.

Captain Sealby and crew of the ill-fated Republic are given an enthusiastic reception when they arrive to New York.

Henry T. Rainey of Illinois, in a speech in the house, charged that Americans were responsible for land frauds in Panama.

District Attorney Jerome, in a letter to Mr. Stimson, announced that he was ready to begin prosecution of World for criminal libel if Mr. Douglas Robinson approves.

Friday

E. H. Harriman was elected a director of the New York Central railroad.

Governor Patterson of Tennessee in his inaugural address denied completely the killing of E. W. Carmack.

Stephen H. Abbey, editor of the Ulster Squaresdealer of Kingston, has been committed to the state insane asylum at Middletown.

Michigan demands a definite fixing of rights to the flow of the St. Mary's river as a part of the Canadian waterways treaty now before the senate.

It became known that persons owning estates near Highland Falls have decided to oppose the construction near Highland Falls of a new state prison.

Saturday

George W. Perkins tells senate committee steel merger of 1907 stopped panic in stocks.

Secretary Straus in a letter to Senator Flint declared Japanese immigration to the United States is decreasing.

Rouben Miller, vice president of the Crucible Steel company, declared a tariff reduction means the sacrifice of the American workman.

Two jurors accepted for the trial of the alleged slayers of E. W. Carmack were dismissed for drunkenness at Nashville, Tenn.

The brown-tail moth is said to have been found in the cocoon state in every parcel of shrubbery and nursery stock imported from France this winter.

Monday

Storm which rages from the Rockies to the East, bringing death and damage, hits Chicago a staggering blow.

Temporary injunction is secured against Trinity church in New York by the congregation of St. John's chapel to prevent the closing of that institution.

An airship race from New York to Albany, a pioneer event of its kind in the United States, has been arranged as one of the features of the Hudson-Fulton memorial next autumn.

The funeral of Consul Arthur S. Cheney and Mrs. Cheney, who died in the Messina disaster, took place Saturday afternoon from Trinity Episcopal church at New Haven, Conn.

All communication with Southern Spain and with Barcelona is interrupted and normal, and the reports emanating from England relative to a disastrous earthquake and a tidal wave are untrue.

Tuesday

France and Germany prepare for tariff reprisals if existing agreements with the United States are abrogated in the new tariff bill.

Washington dispatches stated that President Taft after March 4 would appoint only Taft men and ignore the Roosevelt appointees.

The British steamer Clan Ranald is a total wreck near Melbourne and the captain and 46 of the crew, most of whom were Asiatics, were drowned.

The Westinghouse company at Pittsburgh has restored to its 3,000 employees a yearly salary of \$500,000 which was taken from their annual payroll last March.

Despite the threatening aspect of the relations between Turkey and Bulgaria, diplomatic circles in the European capitals are still convinced that there will be no war.

ACTION AGAINST CASTRO

Charged With Instigating Assassination of the Vice President.

Caracas, Jan. 29, via Port of Spain, Feb. 2.—In accordance with instructions from Senor Alcantara, minister of the interior, the attorney general will bring suit in the high federal court against Cipriano Castro, the former president of Venezuela, on the charge of having instigated the assassination of President Jose Vicente Gomez.

Minister Alcantara's communication with the attorney general was accompanied by a large quantity of documentary proof which, it was stated, "was collected at the investigation into an abortive plot against the life of Vice President Gomez, the constitutional charge of the presidency."

Continuing the minister says in his communication: "The documents show that the black, black conspiracy, which happily was frustrated by the presence of mind of the supreme magistrate, was the result of suggestions, advice and orders of General Castro."

"According to article 95 of the constitution, which gives the federal court jurisdiction in this accusation, the ministry requests the institution of necessary proceedings."

The court already has decided that adequate proof has been furnished for the beginning of the action against General Castro.

STEAMER'S RUDDER BROKEN

St. Louis Reached Port 24 Hours Late Under Own Steam.

New York, Feb. 2.—The American line steamship St. Louis, which lost the two lower sections of her rudder in the heavy seas Thursday, 1,200 miles from Sandy Hook, reached her dock about twenty-four hours behind her schedule. She steamed her way in by her twin screws, at reduced speed, and two tugs acted as rudders for her coming up the bay.

There was no excitement among the passengers following the accident. They were kept in ignorance of the mishap until Friday, when a bulletin was posted in the cabin explaining the cause of the ship's slow progress.

It will be necessary to drydock the liner to repair her rudder. Permission was obtained from the government authorities to use the Brooklyn navyyard drydock. It is likely she will be taken there after her cargo has been unloaded.

MISS KELLER'S FARM HOME

Leaves City So Her Work For the Blind May Not Be Interrupted.

Boston, Feb. 2.—A large farmhouse in Brunswick, Maine, is to be the future home of Miss Helen Keller, the famous deaf, dumb and blind young woman. Miss Keller, who for some time past has lived at Wrentham, Mass., with Mr. and Mrs. Macy, has jointly with Mr. and Mrs. Macy, purchased the estate at Brunswick and the three will move there in May next.

Miss Keller wishes to be farther away from the city in order that her work for the blind may not be interrupted by so many social engagements.

Silver Service For Cruiser Birmingham

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 2.—A handsome silver service and loving cup were presented to the cruiser Birmingham by Mayor George E. Ward of Birmingham on behalf of his city.

MARKET REPORT

New York Provision Market.

WHEAT—No. 2 red, \$1.11 1/2 f. o. b. afloat; No. 1 northern Duluth, \$1.21 1/2.

CORN—No. 2 corn, new, 63c f. o. b. afloat; 7c elevator.

OATS—Mixed oats, 26 to 32 lbs., 54c 1/2; clipped white, 34 to 42 lbs., 50 1/2 c.

PORK—Mess, \$16.75@17.25; family, \$18.50@19.50.

HAY—Good to choice, \$9@85c.

BUTTER—Creamery specialties, 30 @20 1/2 c; extra, 29 @20 1/2 c; process, 18 @21 1/2 c; western factory, 21 1/2 @22c.

EGGS—State and Pennsylvania, 40c.

CHEESE—State, full cream, fancy, 14 1/2 @15c.

POTATOES—Maine, per 180 lbs., \$2.50@2.75; state, \$2.25@2.50.

Buffalo Provision Market.

WHEAT—No. 1 northern, Buffalo, Feb. 1, \$1.16 1/2; No. 2 red, \$1.11 1/2.

CORN—No. 2 yellow, 65 1/2 c f. o. b. afloat; No. 3 yellow, 65 1/2 c.

OATS—No. 2 white, 54 1/2 @55c f. o. b. afloat; No. 3 white, 54 @54 1/2 c.

FLOUR—Fancy blended patent, per bbl., \$6.90@6.75; winter family, patent, \$5.35@6.10.

BUTTER—Creamery, prints, fancy, 30 1/2 @31c; state and Penn. creamery, 29c; dairy, choice to fancy, 25 @27c.

CHEESE—Choice to fancy, full cream, 14 1/2 @15c; fair to good, 13 @14c.

EGGS—Selected white, 35 @39c.

POTATOES—White fancy, per bu., 78 @80c; fair to good, 75 @76c.

East Buffalo Live Stock Market.

CATTLE—Prime export steers, \$6.50 @6.75; good to choice butcher steers, \$4.75 @6.15; choice cows, \$5.00 @5.25; choice heifers, \$5.75 @6.00; common to fair bulls, \$4.25 @4.50; choice veals, \$9.75 @10.00; fair to good, \$9.25 @9.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Choice spring lambs, \$7.90 @8.00; choice yearlings, \$6.35 @7.00; mixed sheep, \$4.75 @5.25.

HOGS—Light Yorkers, \$7.00 @7.25; medium and heavy hogs, \$7.15 @7.25; pigs, \$6.50 @6.75.

Buffalo Hay Market.

Timothy, No. 1 on track, \$13.00 @13.50; No. 2 timothy, \$12.00 @12.50; wheat and oat straws, \$7.50 @8.00.