

PROMOTER IN THE TOILS

Whitaker Wright Taken in Charge on His Arrival at New York.

MANY ARE THE FRAUDS CHARGED.

With Good Luck on the Steamship Was a Tall Good Looking Young Woman, Who Said She Was the Niece of the Prisoner—Her Name Was on the Passenger List as Miss F. Browne.

New York (Special).—Whitaker Wright, the noted London promoter, who is accused of being concerned in colossal frauds in connection with the organization of financial corporations, was arrested here on the arrival of the French Line steamer La Lorraine, from Havre.

The arrest was made by two Central Office detectives at the request of the London police. Wright was taken to police headquarters and later to the Tombs court, where he was arraigned before a magistrate and turned over to the United States authorities. He was then removed to the Ludlow street jail.

Wright, when told that he was under arrest, showed no evidence of excitement and said he was a friend of King Edward. His principal concern was to avoid publicity and he asked that his arrest be kept quiet.

He and his companion were entered on the original passenger list as M. Andreoni and Mlle. Andreoni. That he did not expect to be arrested is shown by the fact that soon after the steamship left Havre he told the purser that a mistake had been made in making out the tickets in the name of Andreoni. His name accordingly was changed and appeared on the additional list as Mr. J. W. Wright, and that of the woman as Miss F. Browne.

Wright is described in the cable message from the London police as "Absconder charged on warrant with fraud to a large amount, Whitaker Wright, manager of London and Globe Finance Corporation of this city; age, 39 years; height, 5 feet 10 inches; complexion florid; hair, small eyes, receding forehead; small chin, with fleshy roll beneath; stout build, and weighing about 252 pounds; wears gold-rimmed glasses, with gold chain attached; speaks with a slight American accent. Please arrest, if possible, and wire Commissioner of Police, London."

Wright and the young woman occupied one of the finest deck suites on the steamship. He was sitting at a desk in his cabin when found by the detectives. When addressed by name he at once admitted his identity. On being told he was under arrest, at the request of the London police, he said: "That was a business transaction. I understood that the matter was all settled in Parliament. This is a surprise to me. I am willing to go with you. All I want is to get away from here with as little noise as possible."

The party went on deck and the woman was told quietly by Wright of his arrest. With an officer on each side of him he was escorted down the gangway.

When taken to court the detectives explained the arrest in a few words. Two United States marshals appeared with a warrant on Wright's arrest, charging him with being a fugitive from justice. He was not called upon to say anything, and in a few moments he was formally turned over to the custody of the marshals, who took him to jail.

LIVED LIFE OF A PRINCE.

How Mr. Wright Has Promoted Companies in England.

The total capitalization of the 11 companies known as the Whitaker Wright group, issued in London in 1907-1909, was \$60,675,000.

Only the bursting of the Hooley balloon has in the recent history of London Stock Exchange companies been comparable with the collapse of the Wright promotions. These companies started with the formation, in September, 1894, of the West Australian Exploring and Finance Corporation, followed by that of the London and Globe Finance Corporation, in April, 1895. Flotations of mining companies, such as the Golden Crown, the Wealth of Nations and the Paddington Consols, occupied the next 12 months. Then Lake Views were recast, and the operators began opening ground in British Columbia, New Caledonia and elsewhere.

KILLED ALL OF HIS FAMILY.

German Murders Wife, Six Children Then Himself.

St. Louis (Special).—August Krauss, a German farmer living 21 miles west of St. Louis, near Bellefontaine, killed his wife and six children with a sledgehammer. He then cut his own throat.

It is believed Krauss suddenly became insane. He had the reputation among his neighbors of being a quiet, inoffensive, industrious farmer, and no cause but insanity has been assigned.

Krauss placed the seven bodies side by side on the floor in one room before cutting his throat. His body fell almost in line with those of his victims.

The dead are: August Krauss, 38 years old, father and murderer; Mrs. August Krauss, 37 years old, wife and mother; Carl Krauss, aged 9; Mary Philip, aged 7; George, aged 6; Mary, aged 4; and a baby boy, aged 3 months.

In his more cheerful moments Krauss frequently told his wife, neighbors say, to keep all weapons out of his reach, as he feared in times of despondency he might use them upon himself or on her.

Honduras Town Captured.

New Orleans, La. (Special).—The steamship Duncan, which arrived here from Ceiba, Honduras, reports the defeat of the Sierra, or Government, forces at that town by the revolutionists supporting Bonilla. The Government forces suffered heavy losses.

The town and fort were captured by the revolutionists. The captain of the Duncan bore a request from Mr. Windt, United States Consul at Ceiba, asking the Government to send a United States man-of-war to Ceiba at once.

They Held Up Drug Store.

Denver, Col. (Special).—Fred Wilson and Carl Remington, both youths of 19 years, are under arrest on the charge of holding up drug stores in this city. A number of bold robberies of this kind have occurred here of late, the guilty ones in every instance being boys answering the same description. It is said that Wilson has made a full confession. Both Wilson and Remington came to Denver from La Junta, Col., where the former was employed as a barber and the latter served as a mailer.

THE LATEST NEWS IN SHORT ORDER.

Domestic.

Judge Elmer, in Waterbury, Ct., granted a temporary injunction, on application of the Connecticut Railway and Lighting Company, to restrain the trolley men's union, individually and collectively and all the other unions in Waterbury from interfering with the business of the company and from making use of the boycott.

A movement has been started to secure the pardon of Euclid Maddon, the motor-man, serving a term of six months for manslaughter in causing the death of Secret Service Agent William Craig in the accident in which President Roosevelt was also injured.

Legal action has been instituted by the striking mill men in Colorado City to define the authority of the military forces called out during the strike.

There has been heavy rainfall in Louisiana, but the levees are still holding and the flood record of 1897 has not yet been quite reached.

The Postal Telegraph Company will construct a line of wire along the Union Pacific Railroad's right of way from Omaha to the Pacific cable, in order to connect with the new Pacific cable.

It is reported in Chicago that in May a concerted demand will be made by the trainmen of all railroads entering in Chicago for an increase in wages amounting to between 12 and 15 per cent.

A. S. Salles, a young chemist of Philadelphia, committed suicide by swallowing a dose of cyanide of potassium to avoid arrest and prevent his domestic troubles becoming known.

The case of Miss Edna McClellan against the estate of Broadway Roush, in New York, and the case was sent to the foot of the calendar.

The Mississippi river continues to rise, and other rivers are still causing damage. The levee at Red Cloud, Ind., gave way and thousands of acres of land were flooded.

Miss Anna Hildebrandt, of Orange, N. J., convicted of an attempt to kill her sweetheart, B. J. McCallan, was found in her room overcome by morphine.

Investigation by customs officers at Seattle, Wash., shows that extensive traffic has been going on in Japanese goods brought here for immoral purposes.

The Buffalo and Cleveland express was derailed by the splitting of a rail on the night of the 20th. A score or more of passengers were badly hurt.

Dr. Frederick Muller, assistant to Dr. Lorenz, was a passenger on the steamer Barbarossa, which arrived at New York from Bremen.

Mrs. Seth T. Paine said yesterday that she intended leaving Buffalo. She is in an apparent state of nervous collapse.

Dr. R. C. Flower was arrested in New York at the instance of Mrs. Isabella Gray Taylor, on the charge of grand larceny.

Engineer Charles Geary was found dead in his cab at Tammany, with one hand clasp the reverse lever and the other on the throttle.

A few hours later Charles Lindeman, another engineer of a fast freight, was found asphyxiated. His fireman escaped a similar fate by keeping his face to the floor of the tender.

\$12,000,000 BOGUS COINS.
An Extensive Counterfeiting Scheme in Spain—Powerful Influence.

Madrid (By Cable).—As a result of complaints recently made by Spanish bankers, Government agents have discovered a gigantic counterfeiting scheme, said to be backed by powerful influence.

The spurious coin is, for the most part, in silver, and it has been distributed throughout Spain. It is estimated that fully 12,000,000 pesetas (\$2,800,000) are already in circulation. They have been coined, for the most part, in Seville. The coins are perfectly made.

A peculiar fact concerning them is that they contain more silver than the Spanish legal tender. Despite this, it is said that the operators have made an average of 30 per cent on their scheme.

Paid \$26,000 for a Picture.

New York (Special).—The portrait of Marie Anne de Scheidt, by Sir Anthony Van Dyck, which was imported last autumn from England by T. J. Blacklee, of this city, has been sold by him to the Boston Museum. The price paid, it is reported on good authority, was \$26,000.

The canvas, one of the most important and best-known examples of the brilliant painter and originally bought by a private collector in England from Edmund Huybrechts, of Antwerp, was exhibited in the Van Dyck exhibition at Antwerp in 1890. It was also shown in the winter exhibition of the Royal Academy at London in 1900.

Golden State Limited Wrecked.

Kansas City, Mo. (Special).—The Rock Island "Golden State Limited" collided head-on with a westbound passenger train near Dwight. Engineer Love was killed and three seriously injured. These are O. B. Blood, express guard, both legs broken; O. V. Thomas, baggage-master, back wrenched and bruised; Engineer Scott. Four others received trivial injuries.

Failure on the part of Scott to obey an order to wait at Dwight is said to have caused the accident.

Treasurer Tries Suicide.

Manila (By Cable).—Bartlett Sinclair, Treasurer of Rizal Province, attempted to commit suicide here by taking poison in the office of the Attorney General, when informed that the Government intended to prosecute him for neglecting his office and permitting the speculation of funds. Sinclair's books were found to be in a muddled state, but it is not believed that he embezzled any money. Four of his subordinates have been arrested on the charge of embezzlement.

ON HERB DOCTOR'S TRAIL.

Geo. Hossey, An Aged Negro, Suspected of Poisoning.

34 GRAVES MAY SOON BE OPENED.

The Authorities Even Declare That They Expect to Trace a Number of Deaths to the Poisons—Detectives Find a Wagonload of Bottles, Drugs and Instruments in the Herb Doctor's House.

Philadelphia (Special).—The police for several days have been investigating the career of George Hossey, the negro "herb doctor" who was committed to prison with Mrs. Catherine Danze on the charge of causing the death of the woman's husband 18 months ago by poison. Mrs. Danze, it is said, is only one of a host of women whose object in consulting this "doctor" was not legitimate.

The authorities admit that they expect to trace a number of deaths to Hossey's poisons.

One official said: "We are only beginning to uncover the case. It may prove one of the greatest criminal events in the history of the department."

The authorities say they have learned that for many months past the herb doctor's headquarters have been patronized by many women, both married and single whose names are now in possession of the district attorney and detectives.

Physicians in all sections of the city have reported cases of mysterious deaths, the reports of which probably led to the opening of many graves and to the holding of as many inquests by the coroner. In each of these cases the patient first appeared with a minor complaint, which grew progressively worse, and which, just before death, manifested the colored man, who is an herb doctor. I cure people, not kill them. My mother was an herb doctor before me. I have made medicines for 30 years. The principal thing I give my patients is a tonic made of sassafras, wild cherry, princess pine, snake root and half an ounce of mandrake. I gather the herbs myself and mix the remedies according to the receipts my mother taught me."

Hossey was interviewed with questions concerning his interview with Detective Gavin, who alleges the doctor wanted to kill his wife, and for a good while a powder containing 10 grains of arsenic, or enough poison to kill a score or more of persons.

Seven of these practitioners were closeted with Assistant District Attorney Shorer, during which time they went over their office records in the mortality general office and stated their suspicions. In each of these thorough investigations was ordered, and the local managers of all life insurance companies were asked for information concerning the policies paid upon the risks in the cases.

The records of the Bureau of Health show that Hossey issued death certificates over his own signature as George Hossey, M.D., and the authorities are doing their utmost to discover how and from whom he obtained the blank forms.

A reporter, through the medium of a third party, secured an interview with Hossey in the cell of City Hall.

"I am no doctor," declared the colored man. "I am an herb doctor. I cure people, not kill them. My mother was an herb doctor before me. I have made medicines for 30 years. The principal thing I give my patients is a tonic made of sassafras, wild cherry, princess pine, snake root and half an ounce of mandrake. I gather the herbs myself and mix the remedies according to the receipts my mother taught me."

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ENGINEER CHOKES TO DEATH.

Found Lifeless From Coal Gas After Leaving Tunnel.

Mahanoy City, Pa. (Special).—The long Mahanoy tunnel, on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, and the use of soft coal were responsible for two deaths by asphyxiation. The tunnel is a mile and a half long.

Brakemen making an investigation to discover why the engineer of a freight train did not answer their signals found Engineer Charles Geary dead in his cab at Tammany, with one hand clasp the reverse lever and the other on the throttle.

A few hours later Charles Lindeman, another engineer of a fast freight, was found asphyxiated. His fireman escaped a similar fate by keeping his face to the floor of the tender.

Consulship Going Begging.

The post of consul general at Guayaquil has been tendered to Dr. William Shaw Bowen, of New York, a newspaper and magazine writer. He had been selected to take the place of consul at Valencia, but the post at Guayaquil is worth nearly \$1000 a year more. This is the place that was declined by Mr. Sawyer upon his arrival there because of the fear of yellow fever, which had been the death of Nast, the cartoonist.

In the Departments.

Major Rathbone, formerly director of the posts in Cuba, has issued a public statement giving the basis for his request for a congressional investigation of his trial in Cuba, which he declares to have been unfair and contrary to law.

Senators Spooner and Dewey spoke at the executive session of the Senate, arguing in behalf of the Panama Canal Treaty.

Senator Hear offered further amendments to the Senate rules intended to limit debate and to provide for closure.

The condition of Justice Day, who is ill with pneumonia, is regarded as encouraging.

Upon receipt of advices that the revolution in Honduras has assumed a serious phase and that American interests are in need of protection, the Navy Department ordered Admiral Coghlan to proceed with the Caribbean Squadron to Ceiba.

The Secretary of the Treasury awarded a gold life-saving medal to Keeper George N. Gray, of Charlotte, N. Y., for one of the most remarkable rescues in the history of the service.

The President is thinking about calling an extra session of Congress, and senators who have campaigns on their hands do not like the prospect.

The President sent to the Senate the nomination of George Uhler, of Pennsylvania, for supervising inspector general of steam vessels.

The government has closed a number of posts on the Chinese border which have heretofore been open to the admission of Chinese coolies.

United States Consul John L. Biting, at Montreal, who talked too freely, has been asked to resign.

The Naval Board of Construction has decided that the Missouri type of battleships is the best, and will be generally followed in the new ones to be constructed.

The Crum nomination was again held up in the Senate Committee on Credentials.

The Department of Agriculture issued a code of rules for the suppression and extermination of infectious diseases among domestic animals in the United States.

The Navy Department has been informed that Commissioner Sewell has relieved Commander Schroeder as governor of Guam.

WITH THE NATIONAL LAWMAKERS.

Consul Has Been Dismissed.

The plenipotentiaries of the powers who are engaged at Shanghai in negotiating trade treaties with the Chinese commissioners have discovered what they regard as flaws in the credentials of the agents, which may make it impossible for them to bind their government in treaty form. The matter already has been brought to the attention of the State Department, and Mr. Conger is asking for advice, he, too, being engaged in the negotiations. It appears that the Chinese commissioners must memorialize the throne before the treaties will have force, and the powers object to this lack of authority on the part of the commissioners.

Because Mr. Conger will have to refer any treaty he may draw up to his own government here for approval, precisely as the plenipotentiaries must do on their side, the United States government is not in a position to protest very strongly against the sufficiency of the Chinese credentials, so that Mr. Conger will go on with his treaty making, while doing his best to have the Chinese credentials enlarged.

Flaws in Credentials.

After an investigation into charges that Victor E. Nelson, United States Consul at Bergen, Norway, had applied to his own use part of a sum of money sent to him to be given to relatives in Norway or seamen killed in the Maine disaster, the State Department demanded Mr. Nelson's resignation. Later the place was declared vacant, and Edwin S. Cunningham, United States Consul at Aden, was transferred to Bergen.

Another complaint against Mr. Nelson was that he had accepted certain commissions from exporters, contrary to the consular regulations.

New Commission for Dewey.

President Roosevelt has transmitted to the Senate the nomination of George Dewey, United States Navy, to be "admiral of the Navy."

Attention was recently called to a slight difference between the wording of Admiral Dewey's commission and the law of 1899, under which it was provided for. The commission of the admiral reads "the admiral of the Navy," where the law has it "admiral of the Navy." Accordingly, a new commission has been made out for the Admiral, in accordance with the letter of the law, and this necessitated new nomination and confirmation by the Senate. The Senate confirmed Admiral Dewey's nomination.

Biluminous to last Till 2203.

In the course of his lecture before the National Geographic Society, Prof. Charles D. Walcott, director of the geological survey, made the statement that at the present rate of consumption the anthracite coal fields of the United States would be exhausted in 60 years and that the bituminous coal fields would be worked out by the year A. D. 2203. When this occurs, he said, the country would be obliged to secure its fuel supply from the practically inexhaustible lignite beds of the West.

Carnegie Institution Appointments.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Ex-President Gilman, of the Johns Hopkins University; Director Walcott, of the Geological Survey, and Commissioner of Labor Wright, the executive committee of the Carnegie Institution, met here. The appointments of research assistants was the principal subject discussed. There are 150 applications for these places, and as there are only 20 vacancies there was a rigid scrutiny of the claims of the applicants, but no appointments were announced. The meeting adjourned subject to call.

Overcome by Morphine.

Orange, N. J. (Special).—Miss Anna M. Hildebrandt, trained nurse, who was convicted of atrocious assault and battery with intent to kill her sweetheart, B. J. McCallan, last July, was found in her room overcome by morphine. By her side was a large hypodermic needle containing a portion of the morphine solution. A vial which had contained 20 quarter grains morphine tablets was in the room. She revived later.

Orders to Wait Disobeyed.

Chattanooga, Tenn. (Special).—Two passenger trains on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad collided, head on, near Shell Mound, Tenn., and five members of the crews were injured. Officials say that the southbound train should have waited at Shell Mound for the northbound train, which was the most seriously injured. No passengers were hurt.

Mad Mullah's Career.

Aden, Arabia (By Cable).—Advices received here from Obita, Somaliland, say that during the recent fight between the followers of the Mad Mullah and the Abyssinian forces co-operating with the British the former lost a thousand men. The Mullah, it is added, is maintaining his authority with ruthless severity, cutting the throats of male malcontents and mutilating women and children.

Mexico Swindled of \$370,000?

Mexico City (Special).—The investigation being made of the charge preferred against Antonio Vidal of defrauding the national treasury has progressed to the point where it is alleged to be known that the accused appropriated \$370,000 of the nation's money.

Tried to Kill the Whole Family.

Huntsville, Ala. (Special).—Joseph Powers, a young man of Newmarket, Ala., attempted to exterminate a whole family near that place. Powers had a difficulty with John Winkle a few days ago. He called at Winkle's home and opened fire upon the family through a window. Five people were shot, including Winkle, a baby and two women. Winkle's son was shot in the eye. After the shooting Powers took a train for Texas.

Pinned Motorman in Wreck.

Lancaster, Pa. (Special).—In a dense fog a head-on collision occurred here between trolley cars. Motorman Thomas E. McFarland was pinned under the wreckage. He may die. There were 23 passengers on the two cars and all were slightly hurt.

Venezuela Ends Blockade.

Caracas (By Cable).—The blockade of the mouths of the Orinoco and of the ports of Guanta and Carupano, recently proclaimed by the Venezuelan Government, has been raised.

RIVERS STEADILY RISING.

Flood Situation Very Threatening in the South—Patrolling Levees.

Memphis, Tenn. (Special).—The Mississippi river is rising steadily at this point, the gauge marking 25.2 feet. This is a rise of five-tenths of a foot in the past twenty-four hours. It is believed that the river will reach a mark of 38 feet at Memphis.

Reports from Mississippi and Arkansas indicate that the gravest apprehension prevails regarding the flood situation. In some districts armed sentries are patrolling the levees. All streams and rivers in Arkansas are overflowing.

In North Memphis the flood has already begun encroaching at certain points, and it will take but a few inches more of water to render work impossible at the lumber industries in that section of the city. At Greenlaw and Second streets the backwaters have reached the latter thoroughfare. The occupants of cabins there have been compelled to flee to higher ground.

The steamer Georgia Lee arrived from Cairo and reports all landings to be in an untoward condition. The steamer's officers say refugees from the lowlands are to be seen everywhere.

The government engineers have augmented their forces and the steamers are carrying sacks of sand and other supplies to the more dangerous places in the levee system.

Vicksburg, Miss. (Special).—A conference of levee engineers and freight officers of the Valley Railroad was held in this city. The levee men urged the railroad men to give a big shipment of sacks and other materials the right of way from New Orleans. This material is badly needed for strengthening weak places in the embankments along the Louisiana side, in the parishes of Concordia, Tensas and East Carroll. E. C. Tollinger, assistant general manager of the Yazoo (Miss.) board, says that all the levees are holding splendidly, the steady rains of the past few days being the most serious cause of alarm. These rains have greatly weakened new work. However, he is confident that, with close watching, all danger points can be held.

The Florence and Columbia, United States snagboats, the Arthur S. Hider, of the State levee board, and the Colonel Potter, have been placed at the disposal of the levee boards for patrol duty. The two snagboats will be held here, with steam up, for dispatch at a moment's notice to any point of danger.

"Nym Crikle" Is Dead.

Nyaek, N. Y. (Special).—Andrew C. Wheeler, better known as "Nym Crikle," a well-known newspaper critic, novelist and playwright, died at his home at Moneys, Rockland county, N. Y. He left a widow, two sons and a daughter. He was born in New York 67 years ago, and had served as dramatic and musical critic on several New York papers. His books include "The Chronicle of Milwaukee"; "The Twins"; a comedy; "The Primrose Path of Dalliance" and "Easter in a Hospital Bed."

Tried For Treason.

Manila (By Cable).—As the result of his capture in Rizal Province, Jose Javier, an irreconcilable and alleged head of the new Katipunan, is being tried for treason and sedition.

Domingo Sakay, the former head of the Katipunan, and others testified that Javier acted as "minister of foreign affairs" in the alleged government maintained by the irreconcilables.

The testimony thus far does not show that Javier contributed money or supplies to the irreconcilables or bore arms against the government.

The Government forces have been engaged in another lachrone drive in Rizal Province, and have arrested a number of bandits after several skirmishes.

A MISCHIEVOUS WOMAN.

Grand Rapids, Mich. (Special).—A woman neighbor, 11 years ago, convinced the wife of Wilson McIntyre, a traveling man, living in Milwaukee, that her husband was leading a double life, and during his absence she packed her effects and returned to the home of her parents, in Buffalo. McIntyre returned home to find his wife gone, the same woman told him that his wife had eloped with another man. He wrote to her parents in Buffalo and his letters were returned unopened. He made no effort to follow his wife and when he heard she was living in Indianapolis he did not go near her.

Recently he discovered that he had been deceived and, communicating with his wife, learned that she was dying of consumption.

Car of Powder Explodes.

Olean, N. Y. (Special).—A bad freight wreck in the yards of the Pennsylvania Railroad, in East Olean, imperiled many lives. A switch engine was backing with several cars, among them a car of powder. An incoming freight collided with the switch engine in a dense fog. The collision caused the car of powder to explode. In the incoming train were three cars of dynamite, which fortunately, did not go off, although seven cars nearby were demolished.

Five Passengers Injured.

Fort Dodge, Ia. (Special).—The Chicago Limited, westbound, on the Illinois Central Railway was wrecked at Pomeroy and five passengers were injured. The chair car and one sleeper left the track, the former being overturned. The train was running at high speed when the accident occurred. The cause of the wreck is unknown.

Whole Family Drowned.

Gadsden, Ala. (Special).—Will Ferguson, wife and baby were drowned in the back waters of Hytop Creek, DeKalb county. A heavy fall of rain during the night had caused the creek to overflow, and Ferguson's house was flooded. In trying to make their escape the family were drowned.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRES.

Miners and operators met in joint conference in Altoona, Pa., to consider the scale.

Two thousand miners of the Massillon (O.) district decided to strike April 1.

Snowfalls along the Great Northern caused much damage and some loss of life.

The funeral of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Pennell was held in Buffalo and the bodies taken to Brunswick, Me., for interment.

Representatives of the Keene interests secured a temporary injunction in Louisville, Ky., to restrain the Harriman interests, which control the Southern Pacific, from diverting the profits for betterments on the Union Pacific.

Judge Zbinskie of Hackensack, ordered the closing of the saloon within the works of the Sugar Trust's glucose plant at Shady de, N. J., as the company did not take on the license, it being held by an individual.

The czar has issued a decree granting religious freedom to all creeds throughout Russia, and declaring for communal improvements and reforms in local administration.

ALL SLAIN BY BANDITS

Murder Attends Hold-Up of American Stage.

WEALTHY RANCH-OWNER IS KILLED.

Just How the Stage Was Attacked Will Probably Never Be Known, As all the Passengers and Driver Were Killed—The Bodies Had Been Rifled of Everything of Value—Horses Allowed to Run Wild.

Tucson, Ariz. (Special).—Mexican bandits held up the stage which runs between Potom and Torin, on the Yaqui river, in the State of Sonora, killing all of the six passengers and the driver.

Among them was Filiberto Alverado, a wealthy Mexican, who owns a number of ranches along the Yaqui river. He was accompanied by his wife, to whom he had been married only two months, and by Senorita Julia Berdo and Senorita C. H. de Gonzales, both daughters of prominent families in Alverado's neighborhood.

Alverado and his wife had taken the stage from Potom to Torin, and the bandits no doubt thought he carried a large sum of money with him, although his friends say he did not have much on this trip. The stage carries very little mail and rarely any money or valuables, so the Alverado must have been the object of attack.

The hold-up took place about half way between the two towns, but just how the stage was attacked probably will never be known, as all of the passengers and the driver were killed. The bodies were rifled on the afternoon of the tragedy and were still warm. The bodies had been rifled of everything of value. The traces had been cut and the horses had been allowed to run wild. The cover of the stage and the body were both shot full of holes.

It is thought by the Guaymas authorities that the perpetrators of the deed were some bandits who had taken refuge in the mountains back of the Yaqui river, but the Mexican officers at Potom are puzzled to explain why the women were killed and are inclined to believe that the outrage was committed by the Yaqui Indians, who, growing bold, ventured down the river.

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