

## DUEL TO DEATH WITH A BURGLAR

### Wealthy Pittsburger Killed in His Own House.

## THE MANY CRIMES ALARM CITY.

### Henry Fifth Smith Shot to Death by Burglar He Surprised in the Act of Robbing His Father's House—Evidence of a Desperate Battle Before the Burglar Got Away.

Pittsburg, Pa. (Special).—Henry Fifth Smith, 26 years old, son of Jos. Smith, a prominent and wealthy business man of this city, was shot twice and almost instantly killed at 4 o'clock Sunday morning by a burglar whom he surprised in the dining-room of his father's residence, in the east end section of the city.

The crime, following a little more than a week after the murder of James A. McMillen, another wealthy business man of this section, has aroused the city, and, with a number of holdups by highwaymen during the past fortnight, city officials have been importuned for 150 more policemen to suppress the wave of crime.

That a desperate battle took place between young Smith and the burglar is evident from the disordered condition of the dining-room and kitchen of the Smith home. In addition to the two bullets which were found to have entered Smith's body, the other bullet lodged in the floor and walls of the two rooms. Three cartridges of Smith's revolver had been discharged.

Neighbors adjacent to the Smith home heard the shots and ran to their windows, but say they saw no one running from the house. Hundreds of dollars' worth of silver plate had been gathered together by the burglar, who apparently had been in the house sometime before being heard by young Smith.

The young man's father and mother were awakened by the sounds of the shots, and rushed down stairs to find their son on the kitchen floor, with two bullet holes in his body.

The entire police and detective forces are working on the case, but so far no clue has been discovered. Every police man in the East End district reported in civilian clothes, Superintendent of Police McQuade issued an order that any person acting in the least suspicious manner was to be sent to the police station for examination.

Another holdup was reported to the police Sunday. Miss Isabelle Livingston, sister of the chief ordinance officer of this city, was held up by a negro near her home, which is a short distance from the Smith residence. The negro held a revolver at her head until he took her purse and then disappeared.

## THE STUDENTS LEAVE

### Centenary College Forced To Close Its Doors.

New Orleans, La., (Special).—Centenary College, at Jackson, La., has closed its doors permanently in consequence of the feuds in the faculty, the resignation of its president, who is still lying in a critical condition from wounds inflicted by a professor of physics in a fight over the withdrawal of all its students.

The college was the oldest in Louisiana, having been founded in 1825 as the Louisiana State College. It failed, and soon afterward passed into the hands of the Methodists, who named it the Wesleyan College in honor of the centennial of Methodism.

The college was prosperous in its earlier days and among its distinguished graduates were Jefferson Davis, president of the Southern Confederacy; John P. Estlin, secretary of State of the Confederacy, and most of the prominent Methodist clergymen of the Southwest. Bishop Keener was for many years its president.

The building will probably be used as an annex to the new law school of the State insane asylum, which is also situated at Jackson, near the college.

## MURDERED AND HOME ROBBED.

### Woman Found With Her Throat Cut And Head Battered.

Stafford Springs, Ct. (Special).—Mrs. Henry Williams, about 50 years old, was found murdered in her home, near here. Robbery, apparently, was the motive, and the murderer is believed to be a tramp. The body of Mrs. Williams was found lying near a stove on the floor of the kitchen of her house, with the throat cut, head battered and a towel twisted around the neck. Near the body lay a knife and a cloth.

The woman died after a hard struggle with her assailant, who, it is thought, struck her down with a club and then cut her throat, after which the towel was wound about her neck.

Following the murder the man made a systematic search for money, for the house was thoroughly ransacked and a trunk in an upstairs room was broken open and about \$100 in money taken from it. Part of the money, later, was found on the lawn in front of the house.

The husband of the murdered woman, who had been away from home, discovered the body.

## The Currency Problem.

Washington (Special).—The currency committee of the American Bankers' Association, appointed in pursuance to a resolution adopted at the St. Louis meeting, will assemble here this week to discuss a plan for a more elastic banking currency. The committee will consider various propositions. It is expected that Secretary Shaw and Comptroller of the Currency Ridgely will address the meeting before the final adjournment.

## Burglars Were Foiled.

Hillsboro, Tex. (Special).—While attention was directed to two fires in the outskirts of the city Sunday morning, the hardware store of Smith & Thomas, in the business center of Hillsboro, was dynamited and partly wrecked by robbers. After an exchange of shots, in which no one was injured, Walter Jeffrey, of Worth, was arrested in the building where the explosion occurred. The fire destroyed the lumber yards of Ole Wilkerson and several small buildings, causing a loss of \$40,000.

## THE NEWS OF THE WEEK.

### Domestic.

The president of the New York Mutual Life Insurance Company secured an injunction from the court at Hartford, Conn., restraining the State Commissioner from revoking the company's license to do business in the Kentucky field.

Frederick Schaffhauser, a civil engineer, was shot and fatally wounded in the City Hall of Philadelphia by Frederick Homberger, a pumping station employee, who accused the engineer of wrecking his home.

Miss Nellie O'Reilly, an opera singer, was awarded \$15,000 damages in a breach of promise suit against Dennis Sweeney, a wealthy resident of Long Island.

An inspection of work on the Panama Canal by the combined mercantile organizations of the United States is proposed.

Five incendiary night fires in the heart of New York caused a panic among thousands and death of a woman from shock.

John Price Wetherill, of Philadelphia, who amassed a fortune in zinc, died in Philadelphia.

New York detectives found a child who had been chained to a corncob for a year and a half.

The Standard Oil Company has raised the pay of all employees from 5 to 10 per cent.

The special federal grand jury convened in Minneapolis, Minn., to examine into the alleged robbing system in use by railroads, and returned 147 indictments. The minimum penalty in each case is \$1,000 and the maximum \$2,000.

In a shooting affair at Money, Miss, L. J. Henderson, a prominent merchant and planter, was instantly killed by J. Money, a brother of United States Senator Money. Money was also shot, but is not seriously wounded.

A powder magazine owned by the E. I. Du Pont Company and situated at Tinley Park, near Chicago, exploded, and such force that window panes were broken in the home of the Midlothian Club, three miles distant.

A receiver was appointed in Albany for the North German Fire Insurance Company of New York, which was crippled by the San Francisco fire.

Proceedings were instituted in Scranton, Pa., against three railroad companies for failing to have the required safety appliances on trains.

Tullie Larrington, Unionist candidate for commissioner, of Porto Rico to the United States Congress, was elected by a majority of 42,000.

The switchmen accepted the offer of the managers of the Western roads for an increase of three cents an hour in wages.

Eighty girls, hemmed in by fire and smoke in a New York factory, were led to safety by the coolness of a policeman.

Watson Ruine, an engineer at Proctor's Theater, New York, refuses to quit work though he has a legacy of \$50,000.

Miss Lucille McCleod, accused in Chicago of killing William G. Newcomb, was married to Fred H. Menhardt.

Herbert G. Squires, the new United States minister to Panama, was received in audience by President Amador.

One thousand coopers went on strike in Chicago, asking for a wage increase of three cents per barrel.

A statue of Gen. Peter Gansevoort, the defender of Fort Stanwix, was unveiled in Rome, N. Y.

A dynamite explosion occurred in Carrick, near Pittsburg, Pa. Two men were killed and seven hurt.

The Unionist party carried all seven election districts in Porto Rico, leaving the Republicans without representatives in the next House of Delegates. The election was very orderly.

### Foreign.

M. Briand, French minister of public worship, announced in the Chamber of Deputies that the government would give the clericals another year for reflection, and that the churches would not be closed next month.

Prince Albert, of Flanders, nephew of King Leopold, has been declared successor of the King as sovereign of the Congo Independent State.

Karl Hans of Washington, D. C., is still held in London on charge of murdering his wife's mother, Frau Molitor, at Baden-Baden.

Count Castellane's creditors are trying their utmost to prevent the granting of a divorce until their case is settled.

M. James, of New York, who is studying trades unionism in Russia, was arrested in St. Petersburg.

King Edward of England celebrated the sixty-fifth anniversary of his birth.

Confidants in Italy against the action of the government in placing an order for armor plate for a warship, valued at \$1,000,000, with the Midvale Steel Company of Pennsylvania has assumed a serious phase.

The Russian government is negotiating with other governments with the view of concluding supplementary treaties covering fugitives accused of the preparation of explosives for bombs.

At a meeting of the leading members of the Liberal party in Cuba it was decided to appoint a committee to press to the governor the party's dissatisfaction with recent appointments.

Prince Joachim of Prussia has been ordered to German Southwest Africa for daring to oppose the Emperor's wishes in threatening to marry Marie Sulzer, the concert hall singer.

A newspaper in Lubeck, Germany, states that a German steamer, Jan Minio, with a cargo of explosives for the Russian government, was fired upon by a Russian cruiser.

Five members of the garrison of Odessa the two revolutionary leaders have been exiled to Siberia, and eight others to hard labor for four years.

Karl Strau, a Washington attorney, was arraigned on extradition proceedings in London, charged with murdering his sister-in-law, in Germany.

Emperor William, is visiting the country seat of Prince von Eulenberg, leader of the court clique opposing Chancellor von Bulow.

Terrists derailed a train on the Vienna-Waraw Road, killed several soldiers and got away with a large sum of money.

Italy is trying to compromise a German-Serbian quarrel which threatens a rupture, involving France and Austria.

## DERAIL MAIL CAR WITH BOMBS AND LOOT IT

### First Kill The Gendarmes and Place Bombs and Loot It

## MARCH OFF IN MILITARY ORDER.

### Three Bombs at the Mail Car While Engines Were Being Changed, Derailed the Car, Robbed It and Fled With a Sum of Money Said to Amount to \$650,000.

Regnow, Russian Portland. (By Cable).—The Cossacks have thus far been unsuccessful in their pursuit of the revolutionist train robbers numbering a hundred well-armed men, who at 9 o'clock P. M., sprung from the station, threw three bombs at the mail car, of a train while engines were being changed, derailed the car, robbed it and fled with a sum of money said to amount to \$650,000.

The station-master declares the revolutionists hid in the neighboring forests and were excellently disciplined, their commander giving orders through bugle signals. When the robbery was completed the revolutionists transported their booty to two wagons and marched off in military order, singing Socialist songs.

Eye-witnesses confirm the statement that the revolutionists were hidden in the neighboring woods, and when the train stopped the men, armed with rifles, sprang up on all sides.

Quickly executing the orders conveyed by the bugle, the gendarmes shot and captured the revolutionists placed sentinels at all the approaches and cut the telegraph wires.

While some of them overpowered the trainmen other attacked the escorts of the mail car.

Of the three bombs thrown, two exploded, causing the blowing of the cars into matchwood, killing five soldiers and mortally wounding 11 others.

Marching Off in Military Order.

The revolutionists then ransacked the mail car, transferred the bank notes, gold and silver to two bags, and, unfolding the red flag, formed up a military order, marched out of the station, entered wagons, which were in waiting in the forest, and drove off.

It was not until three hours later that a detachment of Cossacks hurriedly set out in pursuit of the revolutionists.

Regnow is now occupied by troops.

Tried To Catch A Bomb.

The railroad station was practically destroyed by the revolutionists, who poured in regular volleys, the walls being pitted by hundreds of bullet marks. One of the mail clerks endeavored to catch the first bomb thrown at the car, but it exploded and tore off both his arms.

The authorities officially admit the loss of only \$14,000 in cash besides the unknown contents of the registered letters.

The wounded men have been sent to Warsaw by special train.

A Sad Double Tragedy.

Hatboro, Pa. (Special).—After stabbing his wife nine times with an awl, leaving her in a dying condition at her home, at Fulmer, a small village near here, Walter Yerkes committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a .32 calibre revolver.

The double tragedy occurred a few moments after the family had left the breakfast table, and was witnessed by several children of the couple. The fact that Walter Yerkes is the son of Squire Joseph B. Yerkes, of Hatboro, Pa., was sufficient to turn the entire populace out in order to learn the details of the crime.

Has Not Resigned.

Washington (Special).—Senator Montagna, the Charge of the Italian Embassy here, while at the State Department Thursday denied the story that Ambassador Des Planches had resigned, and stated that he expected the Ambassador to return to his country next month and resume his connection with the Embassy.

Highwayman Holds Up Train.

Kansas City (Special).—A lone robber, heavily masked, boarded the rear sleeper of the eastbound combination, Chicago and Alton-Rock Island, California Limited train known as No. 44, between Slaters and Glasgow, Mo., shortly after midnight, robbed several passengers and escaped in the darkness.

She Found The Leak.

Buffalo, N. Y. (Special).—Miss Catherine Keener, aged 21 years, was awakened by the odor of gas. She lighted a match to investigate. The explosion which followed blew away one side of the house, and Miss Keener received burns from which she died.

Killed On The Track.

Alexandria, Va. (Special).—William A. Fuller, 44 years old, of Washington, who was employed as a car inspector in the Union freight yards here, was instantly killed by a Southern Railway engine a mile north of this city. He was terribly mangled.

Millionaire's Nephew Sentenced.

Worcester, Mass. (Special).—Robert L. Hunter, of Roxbury, Mass., aged 18 years, was sentenced by Judge H. E. Hitchcock in Superior Criminal Court to not less than six nor more than eight years in state prison for stabbing to death his friend, Charles H. LaCrosse, here June 25. He is a nephew of James P. Timilty, the millionaire Boston contractor.

Kissed Dead And Died Herself.

Trinidad, Col. (Special).—Because she kissed the face of her dead father, whom she had nursed until death claimed him, Emeline Martinez, 20 years old, followed him to the grave. Several days ago Isadore Martinez died from blood poisoning. When he had been prepared for burial his daughter would not resist the impulse to kiss him. The next day she fell ill, and her sickness soon developed into blood poisoning and in 12 days from the death of her father she died. They lived at San Miguel, 15 miles from this city.

## DEATH IN TENEMENT PANIC

### Mother and Four Children Die In The Flames.

New York (Special).—Pinned in by fire, four children and one woman were burned to death in a tenement-house fire on the East Side. When finally the blaze had been extinguished and the firemen could penetrate the building the bodies of the victims, charred beyond possibility of recognition, were found in the ruins.

The fire started on the second floor of the five-story tenement at 665 Madison Street. The building is the oldest type of tenement-house construction, with narrow halls and stairs and lots of seasoned woodwork. Beginning in some rubbish near the stairs, the fire spread rapidly through the hall and was soon licking its way through the upper floor.

Most of the 15 families in the building were at supper, and there was the wildest kind of excitement. Policemen were on the scene immediately, and as soon as the firemen arrived helped them in carrying women and children from the upper floors down the fire escapes and ladders.

More than 50 women were taken down the fire escapes by firemen. When the firemen arrived on the scene almost every window of the building was crowded with women and children calling for assistance.

The fire in the lower floors had filled the halls and stairways with smoke and cut off the means of escape.

The fire was very hot, and there were many heroic rescues in the few minutes during which the women were being taken from the building. When the firemen had rescued everyone they possibly could they turned a deluge of water into the upper floors, but a half hour made little headway in extinguishing the flames.

Only on the second floor did the search reveal bodies. There, huddled in a corner of one of the flats, were found the body of a woman burned to crisp, and next to her a group, the remains of four children.

Root On The Lid.

While he is away Secretary Loeb will be in charge at the White House, and Secretary Root will occupy the seat "on the lid," usually held by Secretary Taft when the President is away on an extended trip.

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## THE PRESIDENT OFF FOR CANAL ZONE

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### A Distinguished Gathering at the Navy Yard to See the President Off on His Unique Expedition—At the White House There Was a Contest Among the Roosevelt Children.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—"Good-by. I am going down to see how the ditch is getting along," shouted President Roosevelt as he stood on the after starboard deck of the yacht Mayflower at the Washington Navy Yard as the vessel was leaving the dock with the President for his Panama trip.

Accompanying the President were Mrs. Roosevelt and her maid; Surgeon General Rixey, of the Navy, and M. C. Latta, one of the assistant secretaries at the White House. The Mayflower took the party to Wolf Trap Light, at the mouth of the Rappahannock River, in Chesapeake Bay, where a transfer was made to the battleship Louisiana, which is the coeys of the President to and from the isthmus.

When the President steps ashore at Colon it will be the first instance in the history of the republic where the president of the United States went ashore upon foreign soil during his incumbency of office. The Canal Zone is held to be American soil, but Colon is outside the zone, as is also the City of Panama, where the President and Mrs. Roosevelt will for a few hours be the guests of the President Amador of the Panama Republic. Besides Mr. Roosevelt, the only members of his party on the trip are Rear Admiral Rixey, surgeon general of the Navy, and Assistant Secretary Latta.

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## FAYROT KILLS HIS FRIEND

### Congressman-Elect Shoots His Lifetime Comrade.

Baton Rouge, La. (Special).—Democratic Congressman-elect Judge Geo. K. Fayrot, shot and instantly killed his lifelong associate and schoolmate, Dr. H. H. Aldrich, one of the best-known citizens of Baton Rouge. Hundreds of persons were near the scene of the shooting, but none knew what had passed between the two men. Judge Fayrot refused to talk beyond letting it be known that the matter was a private quarrel.

The shot was fired in the Raymond building, opposite the Lytton Hotel, out of which a crowd of society women was pouring, having just left a reception. Among them were the mother and sister of Judge Fayrot.

Judge Fayrot was arrested in the building where he had held court. Judge Fayrot is 38 years old, and in the recent Democratic primaries he defeated for the nomination S. M. Robertson, who had been a representative in Congress for 20 years.

Shot His Sweetheart.

Carleton, Pa. (Special).—Clarence Igenitz, aged 29 years, shot his sweetheart, Mary Kutz, and then committed suicide. The shooting occurred at Drytown, near here. Igenitz had been paying attention to the girl for several months, but because they were first cousins, Miss Kutz refused to marry him. Igenitz lay in wait for the girl and her grandfather and they were returning home from church. As they passed he shot the girl twice, one bullet entering her head back of the ear and another entering her left thigh.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

A panic was caused by the collision of the passenger steamer Maine and the ferryboat Maryland in Hell Gate, the Maine being run on the mud flats to prevent her sinking.

The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad has won a decision that it may run its trains through villages of Western Pennsylvania at a speed greater than 10 miles an hour.

Directors of the Illinois Central Railroad elected J. T. Harahan president, to succeed Stuyvesant Fish.

United States Senator Dewey is reported to have regained his health and will resume his senatorial duties.

The Pennsylvania Railroad will increase the wages of 165,000 employees 10 per cent, on December 1.

John Adam, of Chicago, recovered his 13-year-old daughter after an illness of four years. He was the father of Dr. W. S. Flower, who several years ago eloped with a daughter of Charles Lockhart, the Standard Oil magnate, who disinherited her.

George W. Haskins, 64 years old, senior member of the 64 firm of Haskins & McClintock died suddenly at his home in Meadville of apoplexy. He was for several years professor of Latin language and literature in Allegheny College and resumed the practice of law twenty years ago. He was widely known.

Battling with her husband, who was evidently insane as the result of a long illness, Mrs. Walter Yerkes was stabbed nine times and seriously wounded at the Yerkes home, at Fulmer Station, Hatboro. When the woman dropped exhausted on the bed her crazed husband believed he had killed her. This morning the muzzle of a .32-caliber revolver in his mouth, fired one shot and dropped to the floor dead.

Mrs. Charles Hagenbuch, her two daughters, Misses Salome and Eva, and her son, Harry, had a narrow escape from asphyxiation from the fumes of a gas stove in the morning. The damper on the stove pipe was closed, allowing the deadly fumes to penetrate the whole house. The barking of a pet dog down stairs awoke Miss Eva just in the nick of time. She was able to open the door that she was scarcely able to rope her way to the window and let in fresh air. She soon revived and then hurriedly ran and opened windows in the rooms occupied by her mother, sister and brother, but found them unconscious. They had worked every one was revived. The