

THE NEWS.

THE ROMANCE OF A COUNTERFEITER

Goes Back to Prison to Win An Heiress.

HE HAS SERVED TWO TERMS.

Leavenworth, Kan. (Special).—In prison at Huntsville, Texas, under the name of Charles L. Tompkins, is a man who has surrendered himself for love of a woman, who is heiress to a rich estate.

He appeared before the warden and stated that he had escaped 25 years before, having still a year to serve. The prison records showed that Charles L. Tompkins has been sent to prison from Bastrop County at the time mentioned, and that the man had escaped before he had completed his sentence.

The warden ordered his visitor to be shaved and put in stripes and he was assigned to a cell. An easy berth was made for him. He was assigned to clerical work, for which he was well qualified.

It is doubtful if the maid is fully aware of her lover's entire history, for during the 25 years he had been outside of the Texas prison he had served two terms in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth, each time having been sent up for counterfeiting, but under different names.

It is said that his decision to surrender to the Texas authorities was brought about by his love for Miss Catherine Cartwright, the beautiful heiress to a million dollar estate in Pecos County, Texas.

The entire story of the 25 years between his escape and return to the Texas prison, is probably known only to himself, but the records at Uncle Sam's penal institution at Fort Leavenworth show that he was received there May 26, 1896, to serve two years for the crime of counterfeiting having been sentenced under the name of J. C. McKibben, alias Will Serrano, in the United States Court at Waco, Tex., sentence having been passed on May 14, 1896. He was released on January 13, 1898.

On October 4, 1899, he was sentenced in the United States Court at El Paso, Tex., to five years in the federal prison at Fort Leavenworth, for counterfeiting, and was received at the penitentiary on October 26, of the same year, and he served until December 3, 1903, when he was released.

During his term at Fort Leavenworth he made an effort to escape, but did not succeed. However, he started a counterfeiting plant in the prison, and had succeeded in making a fair imitation of greenbacks before his rascality was discovered. While in the prison he was employed as a photographer, and, having succeeded in getting hold of a good bill, made a photograph of it, and started to print the bills.

The necessary supplies for doing the work were procured through the assistance of the driver of the wagon which he loaded groceries to the prison from the city.

The driver of the wagon, a man named Welsh, when called upon, admitted having procured various supplies and paper for McKibben, but stated that he was not aware that he was aiding a counterfeiter, and thought that he was doing no harm. As the driver could not be implicated in having assisted in the making of the spurious money, or in passing any of it, he was allowed to go free, and his whereabouts at this time is unknown.

MURDERED FOR THEIR PAY. Two Men Supposed To Be Miners, Found Dead. Pittsburg (Special).—The bodies of two men were found at Gratztown, Westmoreland county, near here, apparently both murdered and robbed.

Two empty pay envelopes were found beside the bodies. The men were believed to have been employed at one of the mines in the vicinity and it is thought were attacked while going home.

At noon a deputy coroner completed his investigation and stated that it is a case of double murder. He also said that a young man of Gratztown had been arrested in connection with the case and will be held pending an inquest.

Creates New Office. Washington, D. C. (Special).—A new office, that of general inspector of navy yards, has been created by Secretary Newberry, and Rear Admiral Caspar F. Goodrich, commandant of the New York Navy Yard, has been assigned to perform the duties.

To Investigate Secret Service. Washington, D. C. (Special).—Claiming that other measures for protecting the person of the President should be provided, if the statements regarding the Secret Service of the Treasury Department made on the floor of the House are true, Representative Bennett, New York, in a resolution introduced seeks to have a special committee of five appointed to investigate the personnel of the Secret Service.

Prison For Former State Treasurer. Jackson, Ky. (Special).—Walter R. Day, formerly State Treasurer under Governor Taylor, was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary here on a charge of forging the name of his uncle, Floyd Day, to a note for \$4,000. Day will appeal.

Another County Votes "Dry." Rushville, Ind. (Special).—Rush County voted "dry" by a majority of 2,009. Sixteen saloons are affected. Twenty-six counties of the State have held option elections so far.

Woman Suffragists Arrested in London while attempting to reach Premier Asquith with a petition were sentenced to short terms of imprisonment.

The French government's project to pension employes of the state railroad has been completed and was presented to a parliamentary commission.

There is a talk of reviving the proposal for a conference of the European powers to take steps to prevent the Balkan crisis resulting in war.

Miss Marie E. Fife swam for seven days at Long Beach, Cal.

TAFT CABINET COMPLETE.

The Taft Cabinet, as now completed: Secretary of State—Philander C. Knox, of Pennsylvania. Secretary of the Treasury—Franklin MacVeigh, of Illinois. Secretary of War—Jacob M. Dickinson, of Tennessee. Attorney General—George W. Wickersham, of New York. Postmaster General—Frank H. Hitchcock, of Massachusetts. Secretary of the Navy—George Von L. Meyer, of Massachusetts. Secretary of the Interior—Richard A. Ballinger, of Washington. Secretary of Agriculture—James Wilson, of Iowa. Secretary of Commerce and Labor—Charles Nagel, of Missouri.

ALL IN HOUSE KILLED.

Mother and Four Children Die in Fire—Murder Is Likely.

Bakersfield, Cal. (Special).—Mrs. Minnie Beekman, widow of W. M. Beekman, who was a prominent resident of Kern County, and her four children were burned to death in their home, four miles south of Bakersfield. The police say they were murdered and that the house was fired.

The children were Verna, Raymond, Annie and Arthur, and were from 6 to 14 years of age. Their charred bodies were found in bed. The half-consumed mattress on which Mrs. Beekman had slept was covered with what appears to be bloodstains, and was sent to a chemist for analysis.

Mrs. Beekman's husband died a year ago. He had two children by a former wife. To these he left \$100 each and bequeathed the remainder of his \$75,000 estate to his widow and her four children.

DRUNKARDS MAY NOT WED.

And Proposed Law Rules That Twice A Year Proves Habit.

Springfield, Ill. (Special).—Young men who frequent saloons will not be permitted to enter into matrimonial relations in Illinois if a bill introduced in the House be enacted into law, and it probably will pass.

The bill was introduced by Representative Groves and amends the marriage laws of the State by declaring an habitual drunkard incapable of contracting marriage and defining an "habitual drunkard" to be a person who becomes intoxicated twice in a year, and it provides also that applicants for marriage licenses shall make affidavit that they have not been intoxicated twice in the preceding year.

BRYAN TO BUILD IN TEXAS.

He Plans To Retire For A Year And Write A Novel And A Play.

Mission, Texas (Special).—William Jennings Bryan, who recently purchased a tract of land near here, is arranging to build a magnificent home thereon. He has written to John J. Conway, of Mission, from whom he bought the land, that he will retire from the lecture platform for a year and spend that period upon his farm here writing a novel. He will also dramatize the novel and put it on the stage.

Red Buttons For Toppers.

Milwaukee, Wis. (Special).—A bill introduced in the Legislature, requires every toper to wear a red button, and none can sell him liquor.

IN THE WORLD OF FINANCE.

Belmont's shaft is to be put down 1,500 feet, making it the deepest one in the Tonopah district.

A tunnel three miles long will be driven at Georgetown, Col., to drain a number of mining properties there. Samuel Bell has been elected a director of Tonopah.

February output of the various Goldfield mills will approximate \$850,000. The tonnage treated now ranges from 5,000 to 6,000 tons a week.

The price of lead was marked down 10 points and it is now an even 4 cents a pound.

George Westinghouse has gone to Europe.

J. Ogden Armour and H. H. Darlington retired as directors of the Central Leather Company.

The Optic mine, of the Comstock group, is now producing ore that averages \$31 a ton. It's weekly output is about \$10,000, which is not so bad for an old timer with half a century of history.

Deposits of all national banks, trust companies and savings banks in Philadelphia are now about \$1,000,000,000 greater than they were one year ago, the total at present being \$444,000,000.

According to the Mining World, the beginning of 1909 witnessed a marked improvement in the earnings of American mines and works, for 52 of these declared dividends in January of \$7,596,667 as against 22 in the same period of 1908, paying out a total of \$4,797,403. These 52 companies are paying dividends during the past month have a total issued capitalization of \$287,549,043, and have to their dividend credit since organization, \$215,268,564, making a return so far this year equivalent to approximately 3 per cent, and since organization, 75 per cent.

EX-BALLPLAYER BILLY SUNDAY HORSEWHIPPED

The Evangelist Attacked By a Religious Fanatic.

MAN WAS ONCE DECLARED INSANE.

The Attack Takes Place At Springfield, Ill. In the Presence of 8,000 Persons And A Panic Ensues.—Sunday Grapples With The Mad-dened Man And A Rough-And-Tumble Fight Follows.

Springfield, Ill. (Special).—Rev. William A. Sunday, better known as Billy Sunday, a former baseball player, who is now an evangelist, was horsewhipped by a religious fanatic at the Sunday Tabernacle, where in the presence of 8,000 persons he was conducting the opening meeting of a religious revival.

The evangelist, after making his opening remarks, was leaning against the pulpit on an elevated platform while a hymn was sung by Fisher and Butler, his choir leaders, and Miss Edith Anderson, a soprano, of Springfield when a powerful man, who later said his name was Sherman Potts, sprang forward with a buggy whip and struck Mr. Sunday several terrific blows.

Sunday leaped from the platform and dashed his assailant to the floor in the centre aisle. The audience was on the verge of a panic, with women shrieking and children screaming, while Potts and Sunday rolled and tumbled in the aisle.

Mr. Fischer directed the choir and the audience to sing, and in a few moments the entire audience was calmed, few leaving their seats. Several men, including Potts and Sunday, held him until policemen came and took him to jail.

Mr. Sunday said he suffered several painful bruises from the buggy whip. The prisoner said that his home was near Lovington, Ill.

According to the horsewhipper's statement, after the attack on Sunday, he was once declared insane and committed to the Jacksonville asylum, whence after a brief confinement he was released as cured. He said he came to Springfield from Decatur to horse-whip Sunday; that he purchased a buggy whip and rode to the tabernacle early in the morning.

He made the attack, he said, in defense of the virtue of women, which he declared had been criticized by the evangelist. The police say that Potts is a religious fanatic.

MANY KILLED BY TORNADO.

Property Damage Of Thousands Of Dollars In Arkansas.

Little Rock, Ark. (Special).—Thirteen persons were killed, several seriously injured and property valued at many thousands of dollars was destroyed by a tornado which originated in Lonoke County, in Eastern Arkansas, moved northward through Lonoke, Prairie, Woodruff and Poinsett Counties. At Fisher, a town of 400 inhabitants, only two buildings remain standing.

A Battle With Gypsies.

Culliacan, Mexico (Special).—Two women and three men were killed and another woman wounded in a fight between mountaineers and a band of gypsies on the road to Mazatlan. News of the fight has just reached here. The mountaineers demanded that the gypsies women attend a dance and when they refused open fire. Two of the women fell dead and another badly wounded. The mountaineers fled, but were pursued by the gypsy men, who succeeded in killing three of them.

Rebate Act Wins.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—In the famous sugar rebate case the Supreme Court of the United States decided against the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad Company and held the rebate provisions of the Elkins Act constitutional. The New York Central was fined \$18,000 and its traffic manager, Fred L. Pomeroy, \$6,000 under the Elkins Act for granting rebates to the Sugar Trust on shipments of sugar in 1902 from New York City to Cleveland and in 1904 to Detroit.

Pass An Antislavery Bill.

Carson, Nev. (Special).—The Nevada Senate passed an antislavery bill, which had already been adopted by the Assembly. It is in the form of a joint concurrent resolution providing that all aliens and foreigners shall be excluded from federal and state grazing lands.

Wages To Be Advanced.

Claremont, N. H. (Special).—The 600 employes of the Monadnock Cotton Mills here have been notified that their wages will be advanced 10 per cent on April 5.

Patent Treaty Is Signed.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The patent treaty between the United States and Germany was signed by Secretary of State Bacon and the German ambassador, Count von Bernsdorff. The treaty provides for mutual concessions in the granting of patents, and it is understood, eliminates the clause in the German regulations necessitating the manufacture of the article upon which the patent is granted in the German Kingdom within a specified time.

Loaded With Death.

Bluefields, N. Va. (Special).—The mail car on Norfolk and Western train No. 16, eastbound, Columbus and Norfolk, while running at 40 miles an hour by Roderfield, W. Va., snatched a mail pouch from a station crane, and on opening it in the car the five clerks were astounded to find that an unaddressed package in the pouch contained 1,000 nitroglycerin cans. The train carried the report of the commission, and today the delegates will sign the new code of naval warfare.

PRESIDENT MAY RECEIVE \$75,000 SALARY

House Slashes Bill Passed By the Senate.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—In a lively debate in the House on the conference report on the Legislative, Executive and Judicial Appropriation Bill Messrs. Underwood, of Alabama, and Clark, of Missouri, criticized the Senate increases in appropriations, especially in reference to salaries. Messrs. Bingham, of Pennsylvania; Gillett, of Massachusetts; and Livingston, of Georgia, the House conferees, strenuously defended their report, which in so far as there was no disagreement, was adopted.

When the discussion turned on the increase in the salaries of the president, vice president, speaker of the House and judges, about which the conferees could not agree, Mr. Clark renewed his criticisms, declaring that instead of \$50,000 the president actually receives \$291,000 per annum.

The vote on each increase was taken separately. By 577 to 102 the House refused to accept the Senate amendment increasing the speaker's salary.

A vote on the president's salary increase resulted: Yeas, 141; nays, 168, which had the effect of rejecting the Senate amendment. Before the announcement was made Speaker Cannon directed that his name be recorded in the roll as "radio thor."

An unusual scene followed. Members were on their feet in a general scramble for recognition for motions of one sort or another. The speaker, untroubled by his besiegers, held that a motion by Mr. Watson, of Indiana, to amend the amendment and to amend it so as to increase the salary \$75,000 was preferential. Mr. Watson sought to shut off debate by moving the previous question, and on that proposition the roll again was called.

The previous question was ordered, and on the voting taken on the adoption of the amendment it was carried, 165 to 149, amid Republican applause. The amendment will make the president's salary equivalent to the present salary, plus the \$25,000 appropriation heretofore given for his traveling expenses, the latter appropriation being stricken out.

A long debate was precipitated by Mr. Bingham offering an amendment to the amendment of the Senate designating the proposed new salary of the president as "radio thor," secretary, and reducing the salary from \$10,000 to \$7,500.

Strenuous objection and ridicule even came from all sides to both the titles. Mr. Fitzgerald, of New York, in defining the word "under," said it meant, among other things, the under dog or rat, and in international usage the nation that had been defeated in an international settlement.

The charge having been made in several quarters that the United States was trying to "ape" foreign powers, Mr. Denby, of Michigan, disclaimed such a suggestion. The idea, he said, was to make the State Department conform to the diplomatic usage of all the world.

ONE CENT TO CARRY MAILS.

New Yorker Gives Government An Advantageous Rate.

Middletown, N. Y. (Special).—Uncle Sam will pay William Decker, of Delhi, Delaware County, 1 cent for carrying the mails between that place and Bloomville, eight miles, twice a day for the next four years.

In previous years the Government has paid big sums for the work, but Decker now conducts a large passenger and express business between the two points and would sooner carry the mail for 1 cent than have another person take the route in competition for the passenger and express trade.

GOES CRAZY OVER STEAK.

Craving For Beef Send Michigander To Insane Retreat.

Marshall, Mich. (Special).—Unable to satisfy an insane craving for beefsteak, which he imagined would be beneficial in athletic training, J. D. Wight Gorbam, one of Marshall's wealthiest men, has been committed to the State Insane Asylum on an emergency call.

Two weeks ago Gorbam developed the craving, claiming he was in training for a race, and devoured from eight to ten pounds a day and demanded more. He seems perfectly sane on other subjects.

Ten years ago Gorbam was stroke of Harvard University crew, and has been prominent in athletics for years.

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CANCER NOW YIELDS TO RADIO-THOR CURE

Chicago Physicians Make a Remarkable Discovery.

APPEARS LIKE FUSED METAL.

The New Substance Found In Large Quantities And Is Comparatively Cheap—Produces Violet Rays And Affects Only Discussed Tissue—Basis Of It Is Pitch Blead—Cures Nervous Disease.

Chicago (Special).—At the session of the Southern Homeopathic Medical Association, at New Orleans, Dr. E. Stillman Bailey, of this city, went into details in explaining his discovery of a substance which he calls "radio thor."

Bailey said he was recently requested by the Chicago Board of Trade to make an analysis of a pitch blend obtained in Colorado. He said he found that this blend contained an element possessing many of the qualities of radium and that when this element was applied to the backs of patients suffering from locomotor ataxia and similar diseases it effected quick cures. He said he was not alone in his experiments, for a chemist attached to the Smithsonian Institution at Washington had analyzed the pitch blend and found that it contained 10 or 12 more or less rare elements.

He then distributed among the members of the Association some of the "radio thor," which had the appearance of partially fused metal and gave out a phosphorus-like glow.

Dr. F. H. Blackmar, of Hahnemann Medical College, told further details of the discovery of "radio thor." Dr. Blackmar was associated with Dr. Bailey in making experiments.

"One of our most curious experiments with the new substance," said Dr. Blackmar, "was the taking of a photograph through a stove lid on which some radio thor had been spread. The powerful rays of this element enabled the light to pass through the iron plate, thus permitting a photograph of a number of pennies and other articles on the other side.

This element is pitch blend, but with this element it is mixed with others whose names I do not care to disclose at this time. Some of them are so rare that we keep them in a safety deposit vault. The new element, while far from being expensive, will be within the reach of everybody who has a means of treatment. Its action is quite efficacious as that of radium. There is not enough radium in the whole world to treat all the people who need its curative properties.

The therapeutic value of our radio thor or the radio-x, has been established beyond a question—that in 14 months that we have been using it for the treatment of disease. It has never failed to give relief and in many cases it has cured. Some of the diseases on which it acts successfully are cancer, tuberculosis of the lungs, ulcers, hemorrhoids and nervous affections. Its rays are as effective as those of radium, although it does not act so quickly. Its moderate action keeps it from being harmfully caustic, as radium is likely to be when in the hands of unskilled persons. It has the same effect on the operation of the human body as that of radium—that is, it seems to act only on tissues which are diseased, having no effect on healthy tissue. This power, which has been well described by Sir Frederick Treves in a recent article, nobody is able to explain."

Pitch Blend In Abundance.

Denver, Col. (Special).—Pitch blend, from which radio-thor is made, is found in several sections of Colorado in considerable quantities. It is an ore that is mined the same as other minerals. Boulder County, in the northeastern portion of the State, and Montezuma County, in the southwestern part, have mines producing pitch blend that have been working for several years. The mineral is a yellowish substance that greatly resembles sulphur in appearance when ground up.

Sausage Made Of Cats.

Montreay, Mex. (Special).—An examination of several samples of sausage which were taken from vendors caused a report to be made that, while some pork was discernible in the makeup, part of the sausage composition appears to be cat, dog or some other unclean meats. Authorities are now said to be making a stringent investigation in Mexico City.

Ochs Buys Nashville American.

Nashville, Tenn. (Special).—Milton B. Ochs and Thomas R. Preston, a banker, have purchased the Nashville American. Mr. Ochs will be the publisher and manager. He is the managing editor of the Chattanooga Times. His two elder brothers, Adolph S. Ochs and George W. Ochs, are publishers of the New York Times and Philadelphia Ledger.

Rich But Likes Army Life.

Portsmouth, N. H. (Special).—Nepoleon Cyres, not yet 21, a private in the One Hundredth and Fifty-sixth Company, Coast Artillery, at Fort Constitution, has inherited \$45,000 from an uncle in Canton, Me. The young man could buy his release for \$120, but he says he prefers to continue as a coast guard at \$15 a month, to see the Army as it is, and that he will re-enlist.

Lillookalani Sued.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—Queen Lillookalani of Hawaii, otherwise Mrs. Lydia Dominis, was sued in the District Supreme Court by Dr. Charles H. English to recover \$11,600 alleged to be due on account of a medical bill. The plaintiff alleges that he accompanied the ex-Queen to the Hawaiian Islands as private physician under a contract to receive \$300 a month and expenses and a bonus and that the defendant broke the contract.

Find Corpse In Fodder Shock.

Lima, Ohio (Special).—After a week's search by a large posse, the body of Eli Battles, aged 75, a wealthy farmer of Allen County, was found in a fodder shock. There is a deep cut on the head. The authorities are working on a theory that Battles was murdered.

More Earthquake Fatalities.

Rome (Special).—There were numerous earthquake shocks in Calabria and Sicily Saturday. At Baginara several houses collapsed and five persons were killed.

CZAR NICHOLAS DEFIES THE ASSASSIN

He Rides Without An Escort in St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg (Special).—Emperor Nicholas came into St. Petersburg from Tsarskoe-Selo and called upon King Ferdinand of Bulgaria at the Winter Palace. It is declared that the meeting between the two monarchs was cordial.

The czar drove again through St. Petersburg without an escort. Fair-sized crowds assembled and saluted him respectfully as he went by, but there was no cheering. The absence of precaution for the safety of the czar was in striking contrast to the measures taken to protect a shipment of currency from the State Bank which made its way through the same streets a few minutes later. The money was heavily guarded by a detachment of cavalrymen, who rode with their carbines and sabres ready for instant use.

Emperor Ferdinand will prolong his stay in St. Petersburg until the end of the week. Before leaving he will place a wreath on Grand Duke Vladimir's tomb. Although the non-political character of the visit has been insisted upon, excellent political results have been accomplished, and there is not the slightest doubt of the de facto recognition of Ferdinand as King of the Serbians, Croats and Slovenes by Russia.

But that the Bulgarian ruler will follow Russia's example within a few days.

Emperor Nicholas and Emperor Ferdinand spent four hours together at Tsarskoe Selo, and the Russian Emperor met the Bulgarian ruler at the station and saw him off on his return to St. Petersburg. The meeting of the two sovereigns at the Winter Palace occupied about an hour and a half. Ferdinand's conference with M. Isolvsky, the Russian foreign minister, was very satisfactory. It's general nature indicated the possibility of a rapprochement between Bulgaria and Serbia, for which the Russian government has been striving. The details of this, however, have not been entered into, as Emperor Ferdinand is not accompanied by a royal guard. The Bulgarian sovereign solemnly stated that he was not bound in any way to Austria-Hungary. His greatest wish was to aid in the preservation of peace.

LIFE TERM FOR 46-CENT THEFT.

Three Men Sentenced In Chicago Court Under New Law.

Chicago (Special).—Three hold-up men, accused of the theft of 46 cents, were sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary by a jury in Judge Kersten's court here.

This sentence was made possible by the passage of a law two years ago providing such a penalty for highway robbery committed with the aid of deadly weapons.

Big Loss In Internal Revenue.

Washington, D. C. (Special).—The monthly statement of the collections of internal revenue show the total receipts for January were \$18,399,561, which is a loss, as compared with January, 1908, of \$1,342,353. For the seven months of the present fiscal year the receipts were \$147,378,894, a decrease from 1908 of \$7,516,474. By far the heaviest decrease is in spirits.

Possum Prices Boom.

Atlanta, Ga. (Special).—From 50 cents each to \$10 is the remarkable rise in the possum market within the past month, as a result of the featuring of this marsupial in the recent Taft banquet here. Atlanta dealers are literally swamped with orders from the North and East, one dealer announcing that he had orders for 300 at \$10 each.

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