WAS HE MURDERED?

Bruised Body of W. J. Lucas Discovered in a Pond.

DEEP CUT FOUND IN THE SCALP.

He Went to a Ball and After Leaving It Was Seen No More

Several Companions Accompanied Him. A Pistol Shot Heard, But Nothing Thought of It at the Time—It is Believed That He Was Murdered—The Police Investigating.

DANBURY, Conn., Sep. 22.—The body of W. J. Lucas of Brooklyn, N. Y., was found in Ball's Pond yesterday. The body was badly bruised and there was a deep cut in his scalp, which was probably caused by a bullet.

Lucas, who was formerly an official in the New York Custom House, has been spending the summer with his sister, Mrs. A. R. Wilkinson, who lives on the shore of the pond.

Last Thursday night Lucas went to a ball at William Durgy's, on the opposite shore, rowing across in a boat. About midnight he started to return and several companions went down to the pond with him.

Shortly afterward those who remained at Durgy's heard shouts and a pistol shot, but thought nothing of it.

It is now believed that Lucas was murdered by those who accompanied him to the pond. The police are investigating and several arests are expected.

THE ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE.

A Convention of Methodists that Will Attract World-wide Attention.

WASHINGTON, Sep 22.—Preparations for the great Ecumenical Conference of Methodism, which is to open here on Oct. 7, are rapidly approaching completion, and all indications point to the greatest gathering of religious brain force ever seen in this or any other country. Hundreds of delegates from two continents will be present; and although already a city of large and important conventions, Washington will regard this as the most important gathering of this decade.

The conference will last from the 7th to the 20th of October, and in the discussion of various topics, such as "The Influence of Modern Scientific Progress on Religious Thought," "Ecumenical Methodism," "The Christian Church," "University Education," "Romanism," "International Arbitration," and many other religious problems by the foremost minds of the day, bids fair to hold for a time the attention of two continents.

OVER A MILLION STOLEN.

A London Bank Robbed—Americans Suspected of the Crime.

LONDON, Sep. 22.—The banking world was startled yesterday by the announcement that the London and Westminster Bank (limited), an important establishment, having over fifteen branch houses in the metropolis had been robbed.

The money stolen consisted of a large parcel of bills remitted from the country banks. The thieves must have watched closely for an opportunity to accomplish the robbery, and to have gained access to an apartment near the main entrance to the bank.

This apartment was easy of access from the street, and the parcel of bills is supposed to have been stolen while the bank officials were busily engaged in another apartment in going over the accounts of last week's settlement.

The amount stolen is not less than $750,000, and it may amount to as much as $1,250,000. Expert American bank thieves are supposed to have engineered the job.

Horses Under the Hammer.

NEW YORK, Sep. 22.—Twenty-three of the finest yearlings ever put under the hammer were sold at Tattersall's last night. They were the cream of Kentucky studs. The total amount realized for the 23 head was $15,125, an average nf $657.60. A brown colt by Longfellow-Gypsy brought the best price, $2,100. Marcus Daly was the purchaser. English Lady, for which Messrs. Buck & Sons paid $10,000 last year, was also sold. She was purchased by Albert Teets for $3,600.

Immigration Commission's Report.

PHILADELPHIA, Sep. 22.—The State Board of Charities, which acted as the immigration commission until last month, have submitted their report for the year ending in June last. It shows that 25,798 immigrants landed at this port during the year. 15,770 were men. Of the number landed 1,117 who were worthy were given assistance. But 68 persons were returned.

Death of Mrs. Elizabeth Borden Biddle.

PHILADELPHIA, Sep. 22.—Mrs. Elizabeth Bordon Biddle who died here Sunday night, aged 93 years, was a descendant of a distinguished family, her father being Judge Hopkinson, author of "Hail Columbia," her grandfather, Francis Hopkinson, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and her grandfather, Thomas Hopkinson, a member of the Provincial Council and Judge of the Vice Admiralty under George II.

Rumor of a Naval Demonstration.

WASHINGTON, Sep. 22.—The dispatch from Rome announcing that England, Italy, Germany and the United States had decided to make a naval demonstration in Chinese waters, and that the command of the combined fleet will be given to the Duke of Genoa, is neither denied or confirmed at the Navy Department here.

He Fished for Money.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sep. 22.—Hosea A. Brooks, a workman employed by the West Haven Horse Railroad, is under arrest charged with stealing money from the company. He used a fish hook and line to draw out the deposit envelopes left in a box by the conductors. The amount stolen is not stated, but it is doubtless quite large.

The Hopkins Will Case.

SALEM, Mass., Sep. 22.—The trial of the famous Searles-Hopkins will case begins to-day. The counsel for both sides are here. It is not unlikely that the case may be compromised before it has proceeded far.

Railroad Securities Stolen.

NEW YORK Sep. 22.—Some $33,000 in railroad securities were stolen from the office of Asiel & Co., a firm of brokers, between Saturday and yesterday. There is no clue to the thieves.

Salvador Minister Recalled.

WASHINGTON, Sep. 22.—Senor Don Benjamin Molina Guirola, the Minister from Salvador, presented his letters of recall to the President this morning. The usual courtesies were exchanged.

Cream and white glace gloves are beginning to be worn again.

The real pearl of great price at this day is the pearl button.

The "coming man" is the fellow who holds your note.

The family tree cannot be depended on for board.

The fruit market is well supplied just now.

It is not what he has that makes the reporter the happiest. It is what he makes others give up.

CATHOLIC CONGRESS.

German-Americans in Enthusiastic Convention at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Sep. 22.—All trains entering Buffalo to-day are crowded with people who come to attend the fifth annual convention of the German-American Catholic Congress. It is estimated that nearly 15,000 strangers are in the city.

The object of the congress is to keep alive the interest of all German-American Catholics in religious affairs; to demonstrate to the world the growth of the Church, and to discuss matters which will affect its well-being. An effort will be made at the present congress to unite the clerical and lay elements of the Church.

The business session will begin to-day. A most interesting feature of the convention was the monster torchlight procession last evening. About 10,000 men were in the line.

HIS ACCOUNTS ARE SHORT,

And Postmaster Melick Has Been Summarily Deposed in Consequence.

DOVER, N. J., Sep. 22.—Secret Service officers of the Postoffice Department have been investigating of Postmaster James S. Melick, of this town, and have brought to light some startling facts. As a result Melick has been summarily removed on the charge of misappropriating funds of the department, and Capt. D. S. Allen has been appointed to the place temporarily.

The amount of Melick's shortage is $1,408.25. This has been made good by his six bondsmen. It is not believed that any further proceedings will be instituted against him. The postoffice authorities knew of the shortage last spring, but through the efforts of Melick's mother the matter was hushed up.

KILLED BY A FALLING ROOF.

Three Men Meet a Horrible Death in a Colliery.

SCRANTON, Pa., Sep. 22.—A great mass of falling roof caught Joseph Horan, a miner, and his two Hungarian laborers, while they were loading cars in the Cayuga Colliery yesterday afternoon.

The three men were in the face of the chamber and were buried beneath the tons of debris, which it required several hours to remove.

When taken out they were dead, their bodies being horribly mangled by the heavy weight of coal and rock that cut and squeezed them.

Trying to Effect a Settlement.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Sep. 22.—Messrs. Barry and Duval of the State Board of Arbitration were here yesterday endeavoring to settle the strike of weavers at the Barnaby mills. They had conference with Agent Ashley but he declined positively to entertain any proposition looking toward a restoration of the wages asked for by the employes. The weavers held a meeting and decided to remain out until to-morrow at least. The Arbitration Commissioners also had a long talk with Secretaries Howard and Whitehead regarding the general situation.

Republican State League Convention.

SCRANTON, Pa., Sep. 22.—The convention of the State League of Republican Clubs to be held here to-morrow, Candidate Robinson, whose chances for the presidency seem very bright, and Mayor Stuart of Philadelphia, arrived in the afternoon. Secretary Lindsay of Pittsburg arrived last evening. He is in favor of Dalzell for chief officer of the league. Mr. Dalzell will be here in the morning. Mayor Stuart was serenaded and responded briefly. Speeches were also made by Mayor Warren and Senator Robinson.

Troops May Be Necessary.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Sep. 22.—In view of the failure of the Legislature to settle the convict question, serious trouble is feared at Briceville. Superintendent of Prisons Wade says that the armistice agreed upon between the Governor and the miners was for 60 days, and added: "Look out for another uprising then. I am firmly of the opinion that the State authorities will have to send troops to Anderson County, and by a decisive action suppress the miners."

New York Custom Receipts.

WASHINGTON, Sep. 22.—The Treasury Department has prepared a statement which shows that the customs receipts at the port of New York for the first 19 days of September, 1891, have fallen off nearly $3,000,000, as compared with the corresponding days of September, 1890. The total receipts at New York for the period of September, 1891, aggregated $6,531,757.

Killed by a Whale.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Sep. 22.—A letter was received here yesterday from Capt. Howland of the whaling bark Canton, of this port, from Flores. He reports that on June 21 the fourth mate, Mr. Amado, was struck and killed by a whale. The blow from the leviathan's tail knocked him from the boat into the water and he immediately sank from sight.

Killed in a Freight Wreck.

SUSQUEHANNA, Pa., Sep. 22.—A collision between freight trains occurred in the West Susquehanna yards early in the morning. Engineer John Reilly, of Hornellsville, was so badly hurt that he died of his injuries in a short time. Both trains were badly damaged.

Their Bodies Recovered.

MIDDLEBURY, Vt., Sep. 22.—The bodies of Mrs. Isaac Wimette, of Salisbury, and her 12-year-old boy, who were carried into the river Saturday night by a frightened horse attached to their carriage and drowned, have been recovered.

Bond Redemptions.

WASHINGTON, Sep. 22.—The Treasury Department has redeemed to date $15,483,450 4 1-2 per cent. bonds and continued $24,871,600 at 2 per cent. Payments on account of pensions so far this month have aggregated $7,053,000.

A Delegate Dead.

PHILADELPHIA, Sep. 22.—H. M. Davis, of Peoria, Ill., a delegate to the National Switchmen's Convention, was found dead in his room at the Howard House in the morning. Heart disease was the cause of death.

Can't Come in Duty Free.

WASHINGTON, Sep. 22.—The Treasury Department has refused to admit duty free the surgical instruments of a French physician, which came to this country on a different vessel from the owner.

CUMMIN INDIGNANT

The Supposed Park Place Victim in Boston.

HE DENIES THAT HE WAS DRUNK

Says He Left New York Four Days Before the Disaster.

Went to Halifax With a Party of Friends On a Visit—Returning from a Fishing Excursion He Heard of His Supposed Death and Burial—Has Lost Track of His Wife.

BOSTON, Sep. 22.—Sherman Cummin arrived here yesterday from Halifax. He is the printer who was reported to have been killed in the Park Place disaster in New York recently, and shortly afterward was heard from in Halifax.

Cummin indignantly denies the story that just previous to the disaster he got drunk in New York and woke up in Halifax. He says that he left New York with a party of twenty four days before the calamity in Park place.

They took passage for Canada on the steamer City of Columbia. He is a native of St. John, and after conducting his friends about the city the latter started on their return trip, and he sent word to his wife and employers that he would remain there awhile.

He went on a fishing excursion and on his arrival at Halifax he heard of the Park place disaster and of the identification and burial of one of the bodies as his, and the payment to his wife of $1,000 from the Mayor's fund.

He telegraphed to New York but got no reply. Finally he learned that his wife had left New York for parts unknown to him. He thinks she is in this city and he is looking for her with a view to proving his identity and re-establishing his home.

THE SOCIALIST CAMPAIGN.

De Leon, the Nominee for Governor, Denounces Everybody and Everything.

ALBANY, N. Y., Sep. 22.—Daniel De Leon, the Socialistic nominee for Governor, addressed a large assemblage last night on Socialism and "Why American Workingmen Should be Socialists."

He said that the Socialistic nominee for Governor last year obtained 14,000 votes and that he thought the vote would be increased at least 6,000 this year. He ran down both of the nominees for Governor, and gave Gov. Hill a hard drive.

He said that the Farmer's Alliance would not co-operate with the Labor party until they saw them make a stand for themselves. This he urged them to do and said that then they could gain the help of the Farmer's Alliance.

He defined a Socialist as "one who desires that the wealth of a nation be owned collectively by all the people, rather than that it should be held by a fraction of them commonly known as capitalists."

Won't Tolerate White Invasion.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sep. 22.—The excitement among the negroes here promises to outrival that of the opening of the Oklahoma Territory. Several hundred negroes left this place last night for the Indian Territory. They were accompanied by several prominent negroes and will form a settlement of their own. Trouble is feared as the negroes are determined to secure land adjoining one another and thus prevent the whites from invading their settlement. Should they be unable to do this rightly, they will use force to accomplish their ends.

The Hoke Patent Sustained.

ST. LOUIS, Sep. 22.—Judge Thayer has rendered a decision in the United States Circuit Court in the case of the Hoke Engraving Plate Company against Carl Schraubstadter, jr., for infringement of patent on engraving plates, sustaining the Hoke, granting an injunction against the manufacture and sale and ordering an accounting. These plates are a chalk coating on a hard base plate and are in general use by over 1,000 newspapers in the United States and Europe.

Application for a Receiver.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Sep. 22.—An application for the appointment of a receiver of the Atlantic Yeast Company was filed yesterday by counsel for Adolph Woolner of New York, an officer of the Old Colony Distillery Company. The yeast company was formerly controlled by the owners of the Old Colony Distillery. The Fleischman Yeast Company purchased the yeast company a short time ago, and in order to close the company, the appointment of a receiver has been asked for.

A Novel Boat Race.

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Sep. 22.—A unique aquatic contest took place here between Ned Hanlan, ex-champion oarsman, and Alexander McLean of British Columbia. McLean, who rowed in a lapstreak skiff, was given 500 yards start, while Hanlan used a racing shell. The distance was three miles with a turn. McLean won easily by three lengths. McLean's time was 19:30, while Hanlan covered the distance in 19:32 1-5, which is half a second better than his best record.

Broke Three Records.

PEORIA, Ill., Sep 22.—A. A. Zimmerman, of the New York Athletic Club, lowered the three, four and five miles American safety record yesterday in the first day's record-breaking trials now being run in connection with the race meeting which closed Saturday evening. Zimmerman's time for three miles was 7 minutes, 45 2-5 seconds; four miles, 10:27; five miles, 12:53 4-5.

Baltimore Woman's College.

BALTIMORE, Sep. 22.—The entrance examinations at the Woman's College of Baltimore commenced yesterday and will continue until Thursday, when the regular course will begin. In the applications every State in the Union is represented, and a number come from Germany, China, Canada, Mexico, India and Cuba.

Ex-President Cleveland Will Attend.

ERIE, Pa., Sep. 22.—No arrangements for the funeral of the late Hon. William L. Scott have been announced, pending the arrival of the family from Newport, with the remains to-day. A telegram from ex-President Cleveland states that he will attend the funeral of his distinguished friend.