

IS CURTIS INNOCENT

Said He is the Victim of Police Persecution.

TRIAL TO BEGIN THIS WEEK.

The Actor's Counsel is Confident He Will Be Acquitted.

It Will Be Shown at the Trial That Two Men Were With the Murdered Policeman—Both of Them Arrested, and the Guilty One, It is Alleged, Allowed to Escape—Strange Circumstances in the Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11.—The trial of M. B. Curtis, well-known on the stage as Sam'l of Posey, who is charged with the murder of Policeman Alexander Grant, will begin in the Superior Court this week.

The case against him was purely one of circumstantial evidence. The dead policeman was found on the sidewalk at midnight, and Curtis was captured in an intoxicated condition as he was running away nearly a block from where the policeman's body lay.

Curtis denied doing the shooting, but the police made out a strong case and produced a revolver which they claimed to have found in the street not far from where Grant's body was found.

The police also succeeded in making Curtis out as the owner of the revolver. At the preliminary examination the police brought forward alleged witnesses to the shooting, and notwithstanding that one of the witnesses named Johnson, confessed to having committed perjury, Curtis was held for murder and committed for trial without bail.

A startling rumor is afloat today that Curtis was not only innocent of the crime with which he is charged, but that he was the victim of a police conspiracy.

Investigation seems to substantiate this story, and it looks as if Mr. Curtis would be acquitted when the case is tried. Attorney George A. Knight, counsel for Curtis, makes the following statement:

"The case of Mr. Curtis is simply one of conspiracy and persecution by the police department. Curtis is an innocent man, and we will have no difficulty in securing for him a triumphant acquittal. We will prove at the trial that there were two men with Policeman Grant the night the murder was committed.

"Both men were under arrest, and a policeman had the papers on the wrists of both. One of them was M. B. Curtis, the other unknown prisoner was the man who fired the shot that killed Policeman Grant.

"We will prove that Capt. Lees, of the detective force, was in full possession of these facts early the next morning. Our witnesses for the defense will not only prove that, but will also prove that they notified the police of the facts, and the police failed to act upon the information they received.

"Curtis maintained from the first that he never shot Grant. For a long time we thought we would maintain for the defense that Curtis did the shooting, as we might make stronger defense for the reason that Grant was not in uniform, did not have on a policeman's star and was in a locality where footpads are numerous.

"If Curtis had shot this man all he would have to say in defense of his act would be that an unknown man not in uniform assaulted him. But we have since discovered the identity of the man, and now have a clear case of conspiracy by the police.

"The police allowed the guilty man to escape and having a dead man on their hands thought they could fix this terrible crime on poor Curtis and that the facts would never come out."

Russell Sage to Be Sued.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—W. E. Ladd, Jr., the banker's clerk who was seriously injured by the explosion of the bomb in Russell Sage's office, intends shortly to begin his suit for damages against Mr. Sage for the injuries he received through being used as a shield by the eminent financier. He will be able to leave St. Vincent's Hospital in a few days, but will bear the scars of his wounds for life. He has been advised that he has good grounds for a recovery of damages, and will sue for a large sum. A prominent physician states that had Ladd been in front of the millionaire, he would doubtless have ripped open Mr. Sage's stomach.

New York's Legislators.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 11.—The active sessions of the State Legislature begin to-morrow night at 8 o'clock, when both branches meet. In the Assembly Speaker Bush will announce his full committee and in the Senate President pro tem Cantor will announce his. After these committees are appointed and both branches will settle down to routine business. The assembly has already a calendar of twenty-nine bills and a deluge of new proposed measures is anticipated for to-morrow.

A Priest's Actions Criticized.

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Jan. 11.—Father Smith's actions in refusing permission to bury the remains of Mabel Moore, an Episcopal communicant and daughter of Catholic parents, in the Catholic cemetery here is meeting with some adverse criticism by those outside his church, while the parents of Miss Moore are censured by Father Smith's friends for their violation of the priest's orders. When the cemetery was reached it was found that the gates had been closed by Father Smith. The coffin was lifted over the wall and carried to the lot and interred.

To Buy a Silk Plush Plant.

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 11.—Maine capitalists have subscribed \$70,000 for the purchase of a silk plush manufacturing plant, which is to be located in England. Land aggregating 80,000 feet at South Portland has been secured, and in a short time the plant will be transferred from England to Maine.

Another Small-pox Case.

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 11.—Another case of small-pox was reported from the Italian quarter yesterday. The patient is a little Italian girl named Pinter, of Gable street. She has been removed to the pest house.

BOUND TO KILL THE JUDGE.

Bothkin's Life Unsafe If He Does Not Retire from the Bench.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 11.—Joseph Pitzer of Arkalon, attorney for James Breunan and an intimate friend of Judge Bothkin, who has had a long consultation with Governor Humphrey in regard to the condition of affairs which exists in the Thirty-second judicial district, says that there is an eight-hour organization of Citizens' Alliance men in Woodside and Springfield whose object it is to kill Judge Bothkin, and that if he does not retire from the bench they will eventually depose him.

"Judge Bothkin is just as likely to be killed in Stevens county or Morton as in Sevard," said Mr. Pitzer. "It will be necessary not only to arrest those who participated in the plot to kill him but those who know of it as well and who neglected to inform the authorities."

Of the six prisoners now held under suspicion of being connected with the murder of Dunn, two will be held for trial, Anderson and Leach, they having been recognized by Sheriff Guyman and others who were attacked by the mob. No more of the 30 warrants will be issued at present, as the county attorney does not have evidence that will hold them. It having been revealed that the witness, Hutchinson, who is supposed to have given the conspiracy away, might be in danger, he will be removed to a place of safety as soon as possible.

SHE MAY RECOVER.

Possibility that Mrs. C. S. Quackenbush's Wound May Not Prove Fatal.

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 11.—It is possible that Mrs. C. S. Quackenbush, who was shot by her husband Friday night, may recover. Her recovery was at first doubted, but yesterday afternoon she rallied sufficiently to undergo an operation.

The bullet, which was found lodged two inches from the left ear, had, in its course, passed through a portion of the brain.

Mrs. E. L. Stender, Quackenbush's only sister, came to this city yesterday from Syracuse, N. Y., with her son. She later will take Quackenbush's body to Syracuse to-day. Mrs. Stender explained that several years ago, while in Montana, her brother received a wound in the head, which, she believed, affected his brain.

Will Dance Till the "Messiah" Comes.

GEORGETOWN, O. T., Jan. 11.—Nearly 1,000 Indians, on a large level ground on the Arkansas river, in the Cherokee Strip, are holding a religious dance day and night, and are awaiting the coming of the Messiah. All of the Pawnees are there, and many Kaws, Otees and Osages. Some have come several hundred miles, bringing ponies and cattle to sacrifice, and others have spent all their money for presents to give to their Saviour. One trader has sold nearly \$1,000 worth of presents to them. They are not hostile to the whites, but say they will not stop the ceremonies until the Messiah appears. During the last few days five or six of the dancers have died from over-exertion and exposure.

Mitchell Challenges the World.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Charles Mitchell has telegraphed from Chicago to the "Police Gazette" announcing that he will never again engage in a glove contest, either according to the London prize ring rules, or the "Police Gazette" rules, but he will meet any man in the world in a limited number of rounds. He will not accept the offer of the Olympic Club of New Orleans to put up a purse of \$12,000 for a contest with Bob Fitzsimmons, and he will not arrange any match until after he meets Jim Corbett in Madison Square Garden, New York, on February 11.

A Mexican Volcano Active.

CITY OF MEXICO, via Galveston, Texas, Jan. 11.—The volcano of Parícut, known as Colima in the southern part of Jalisco, is again active. Explosions occur frequently. These have not occurred before during the activity of the volcano. The explosions are of such force that large stones have been hurled a distance of four miles. Ashes from the mountain have fallen in the streets of Colima and Zapatlan. People living near the volcano are frightened, and if the explosions continue there may be a panic among them.

Another Craze, Perhaps.

EMERSON, Conn., Jan. 11.—Detectives McManus and Cronin, of this city, have evidence which leads them to believe that it was a crank who tried to wreck the Consolidated express trains at Fairfield last week. They thought they had him when they could arrest him, but he unexpectedly appeared in New York and made another attempt at train wrecking on the Consolidated. The detectives think he is the man who has set fire to the many barns and out-houses in Fairfield and Black Rock recently.

Sensation Over an Elopement.

NEWARK, N. J., Jan. 11.—The elopement of Miss Hattie Happing, of Littleton avenue, with George Wirtz, a salesman in a broad street dry-goods house, created quite a sensation in the West End when the news leaked out to-day. The parties went to Patterson Friday night, where they were married. Miss Happing is well known among the elite of Newark, and was engaged to be married to a Mr. Valentine.

Kingston's Savings Bank to Reopen.

TRAY, N. Y., Jan. 11.—Referee Shaw's report on the accounts of Receiver Rudolph of the Ulster County Savings Institution of Kingston has been confirmed by Justice Ferguson. The receiver holds \$250,787 and the deficit is \$305,918. An order was signed directing the receiver to pay the receipts to a new board of directors and permitting the bank to resume on a basis of 55 per cent.

A Church Burned.

RETULAND, Vt., Jan. 11.—The Methodist Church at West Rutland was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon. Loss, \$6,000; insurance, \$5,000. The church was built in 1865 and was considered one of the handiworkmen in the Troy Methodist Conference. The furniture, pews and carpets were saved.

A Convicted Murderer Dying.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 11.—Charles Wall, sentenced to hang March 10 for wife murder, is dying. His disease is the grip.

REVOLT IN MEXICO

General Uprising Probable in Several States.

GARZA GAINING RECRUITS.

President Diaz Appealed to For More Troops to Crush the Rebellion.

MONTEREY to Be Attacked First—General Stanley Thinks There Will Be no More Trouble on This Side of the Border—The Critical Situation of Captain Chase—Much Anxiety Felt for the Safety of His Command.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 11.—The startling information is brought here by J. C. Godfrey from Piedras Negras, Mexico, that there is a general uprising threatened in the States of Durango, Chihuahua, Coahuila and Sonora, and that the malcontents are well organized and will look to the standard of Garza. He states that in parts of Chihuahua, the poorer classes have already revolted and are marching in bands of from 300 to 400 across the country committing depredations. The objective points of these forces is said to be Monterey. The Governor of Chihuahua has appealed to President Diaz for more troops to put down the rebellion.

Gen. David S. Stanley is of the opinion that there will be no more serious engagement with the Garza men on this side of the border, for the present, at least. He states that they will not attack the Government troops unless cornered, and in that event he places confidence in the ability of the troops.

The officers whose command is now regarded in most critical situation, is Capt. George F. Chase, who was to have reached the Pallas Blanca ranch, 17 miles southeast of San Diego, at which place the Mexican authorities and Gen. Lorenzo Garcia, particularly, claim that Garza has his headquarters. Capt. Chase has instructions to make a thorough search of the ranch, and the result of his expedition is awaited with much interest, and no little anxiety at department headquarters here.

Their Bodies Not Yet Recovered.

UTICA, N. Y., Jan. 11.—The bodies of Supt. Sherman of the Springfield, Mass., Bridge company and a working man named Denny also from that place, who were drowned while rowing across the river near Watertown, Saturday, have not been recovered. The river is so turbulent that search will probably be futile. They were engaged in building an iron bridge near Black River.

Ives Challenges the Winner.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—Frank C. Ives, the "Young Napoleon of Billiards," is ambitious for championship honors. He has deposited \$350 with the Brunswick-Lake-Collider Company and has issued a challenge to the winner of the Schaeffer-Slosson match to be played in New York Jan. 22 for the emblem and championship of the world at fourteen-ball billiards.

Stables and Horses Burned.

NABASKA, N. H., Jan. 11.—Fire destroyed the back stables of Marsh & Howard, located on Lowell street. Eleven horses, ten hacks, one bray, twelve tons of hay, grain, harness, etc., were also consumed. Loss, \$6,000; insurance, \$4,000. The stables were owned by the heirs of C. R. McCarly. Their loss is \$3,000; insurance, \$4,000. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Must Do Business on the Mutual Plan.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Jan. 11.—A decree has been issued by Judge Simonon regarding the Quaker City Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Philadelphia to hereafter conduct its business on the purely mutual plan, with the premium rates as a basis of security. The judge also directs the company to keep a separate bank account to the credit of the corporation.

Disturbance in a Catholic Church.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Jan. 11.—The sacrilegious disturbances which occurred in the Hungarian Church at Plymouth, a few months since, have again occurred owing to factional feeling regarding a new priest. Revolvers played a prominent part, and although an armed force is guarding the church, a sanguinary outbreak is momentarily expected.

State's Attorney-General Bernard Dead.

FRANKLIN FALLS, N. H., Jan. 11.—State's Attorney-General Daniel Bernard died of pneumonia at his home in Franklin Village yesterday. He leaves a widow, three sons and two daughters. His eldest son, James E. Bernard, is his law partner. Attorney-General Bernard was born in Orange, N. H., and was 60 years of age.

A Church Consecrated.

GETTYSBURG, Pa., Jan. 11.—Trinity Reformed Church of this place, which has been greatly changed and enlarged, was consecrated yesterday by the pastor, Rev. T. J. Barkley. Rev. E. V. Gerhart, D. D., President of the Theological Seminary at Lancaster, preached in the morning and Prof. J. C. Bowman, of the same institution, in the evening.

Bob Sims' Daughters Not Lynched.

MOBILE, Ala., Jan. 11.—The "Register's" correspondent telegraphs from Shubuta, Miss., that Neg Sims, the brother of Bob, is surrounded in a swamp on Pearl River in Mississippi. The report that he and two daughters of Bob Sims had been lynched was false.

Cotta Granted a Stay.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—The Italian murderer Cotta, who was sentenced a few weeks ago in Brooklyn, to pay the death penalty during the week beginning Jan. 15, has been granted a stay pending an appeal to the Supreme Court.

Destitution in Quebec.

QUEBEC, Jan. 11.—There is much destitution in this city. A mass meeting of over 4,000 unemployed workmen was held Saturday afternoon and resolutions adopted petitioning the government and city council to provide them with work.

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Plush, Toilet and Manicure Sets

Antique silver toilet and manicure sets, dictionary and bible stand holders, hook and ladder and fire engines, in stoves, German tops, trumpets and many other articles in this line.

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To ministers of the gospel and school teachers, 10 per cent. off on all goods bought. All goods must be sold before January 1st, and no reasonable offer refused. Call early and have the pick of the lot. You can select what you want, which will be set aside on payment of a small deposit.

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NOV 15, 1891.

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