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NOTED JOURNALIST DEAD

Colonel John A. Cockerill a Victim of Apoplexy.

DIED SUDDENLY AT CAIRO, EGYPT

A Newspaper Writer Who Has Held Leading Positions on Many of the Most Prominent Newspapers in the Country, and Was Recently Decorated by Japan's Ruler.

NEW YORK, April 11.—A special cablegram from Cairo, Egypt, says: Colonel John A. Cockerill, the well known newspaper correspondent, died last night of apoplexy in Sheppard's hotel. Mr. Cockerill was acting as special correspondent of the New York Herald.

Today's Herald says: "We have the painful duty this morning to announce the sudden death in Cairo last night of Colonel John A. Cockerill. Colonel Cockerill leaves a record as one of the most brilliant of American journalists. Before he took service on The Herald he had a reputation that extended throughout the United States, and since then, by his admirable work in Japan for The Herald, his name became throughout Europe and the Orient synonymous with the highest achievements in diplomacy in connection with journalism."

John A. Cockerill was born at Locust Grove, Adams county, O., in 1845. His



JOHN A. COCKERILL.

father was an attorney and commanded the Seventh Ohio volunteers at Shiloh, where John accompanied him as a drummer boy. He was also a correspondent in the legislature in after years while his father was a member of that body.

After the war was concluded young Cockerill became a printer, and afterward was appointed a clerk of the senate. He next became a partner of Clement L. Vallandigham in the publication of the Dayton Empire, at that time the organ of the Montgomery county (O.) Democracy. Later he was a reporter on a paper in Hamilton, where he attracted the attention of J. B. McCallagh, editor of the Cincinnati Enquirer, who offered him a position on that paper, and he afterward became managing editor. He subsequently edited the Washington Post, Baltimore Gazette, St. Louis Post-Dispatch, New York World and New York Morning Advertiser. While editing The Post Dispatch at St. Louis Judge Slayback came into the editorial rooms to assault him, and Cockerill killed Slayback in self defense. A year ago he went to Japan as special correspondent of the New York Herald, and was recently honored with a decoration by the Japanese emperor.

The Death of Nevada's Governor.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 11.—Governor John E. Jones, of Nevada, died at the Palace hotel in this city last evening. Governor Jones has been ill for several months, and came to this city for medical treatment.

Bishop Ryan Dead.

BUFFALO, April 11.—Right Rev. Stephen Vincent Ryan, bishop of the Roman Catholic diocese of Buffalo, died yesterday, aged 68. He had been ailing for some time, and his death was not unexpected.

A Texas Tornado.

DALLAS, April 13.—All that part of the state west, southwest and northwest was visited by a severe wind storm Saturday night. The wind came from the west, and in many localities approached the dignity of a tornado. At Fort Worth a sash, door and blind factory and the grand stand at the baseball park were wrecked. At Cresson, a small town below Fort Worth, the Fort Worth and Rio Grande railway depot, the Methodist church and nine business houses and residences were demolished. At Annetta, Parker county, one store and all of its contents was blown away and a number of residences crushed. At Bates, Denton county, the Methodist church was destroyed.

Ship Capsized, Six Drowned.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 10.—The British ship Blairmore, at anchor in Mission bay, in the southern part of the city, capsized yesterday. The ship, which was in ballast, turned completely over. The first officer and five of the crew were drowned. The drowned are: Thomas Ludwig, first officer; G. Reinbaum, sailmaker; H. S. Distrand and Henry F. Clark, able seamen; Roland Amil Siegel, ship's apprentice, aged 19; Samuel Kerry, steward. The latter was shipped here, and is a native of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Engle & Lund will open their gallery over Penny & Co's. store May 1st. Wait for them.

A MURDERER'S ROMANCE

H. H. Holmes Writes Calmly of His Many Crimes.

A VERY IMPROBABLE STATEMENT.

The Condemned Man Evidently Determined to Pose as a Greater Scoundrel Than He Really Is—His Story of the Pitezel Family Murders.

PHILADELPHIA, April 13.—The published "confession" of Herman Mudgett, alias H. H. Holmes, who is to be hanged in this city on May 7 for the murder of Benjamin F. Pitezel, is not generally credited. But the statement arouses great interest from the masterly manner in which it is written, and the calm, cruel deliberation in which he explains how he took the lives of twenty-seven people, and was only prevented from carrying out six other murders because his plans were interfered with. He admits the murder of Pitezel and the three Pitezel children, of Minnie and Nannie Williams, and of Mrs. Julia Connor and her little daughter Pearl, and then details at length the killing of nineteen other people. The names of some of his victims, he claims, he cannot remember, which makes it evident that the arch-criminal has been romancing for the benefit of the newspaper syndicate which has paid a small fortune for the alleged confession. Regarding the murder of Pitezel, for which he is to suffer the death penalty, he says:

"I went to the house, quietly unlocked the door and stole noiselessly within and to the second story room, where I found him insensibly drunk, as I had expected. It was necessary for me to kill him in such a manner that no struggle or movement of his body should occur, otherwise his clothing being in any way displaced it would have been impossible to again put them in a normal condition. I overcame this difficulty by first binding him hand and foot, and having done this I proceeded to burn him alive by saturating his clothing and his face with benzine and lighting it with a match.

"So horrible was this torture that in writing of it I have been tempted to attribute his death to some more humane means—not with a wish to spare myself, but because I fear that it will not be believed that one could be so heartless and depraved, but such a course would be useless, for the authorities have determined that his death could only have occurred in this manner, no blows or bruises upon his body and no drug administered, save chloroform, which was not placed in his stomach until at least thirty minutes after his death, and to now make a misstatement of the facts would only serve to draw out additional criticism from them.

"The least I can do is to spare my reader a recital of the victim's cries for mercy, his prayers and finally his plea for a more speedy termination of his sufferings, all of which upon me had no effect. Finally, when he was dead I removed the straps and ropes that had bound him and extinguished the flames and a little later poured into his stomach one and one-half ounces of chloroform."

The monster details the murder at Irvington, Ind., of little Howard Pitezel, whom he killed by poison, which he gave the boy as medicine, and says:

"As soon as he had ceased to breathe I cut his body into pieces that would pass through the door of the stove, and by the combined use of gas and corncocks proceeded to burn it with as little feeling as though it had been some inanimate object. If I could now recall one circumstance, a dollar of money to be gained, a disagreeable act or word upon his part, in justification of this horrid crime, it would be a satisfaction to me; but to think that I committed this and other crimes for the pleasure of killing my fellow beings, to hear their cries for mercy and pleas to be allowed even sufficient time to pray and prepare for death—all this is now too horrible for even me, hardened criminal that I am, to again live over without a shudder."

Regarding the murder of Alice and Nellie Pitezel, at Toronto, he writes:

"I now, with much reluctance, come to the discussion of the twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh murders. The victims were Alice and Nellie Pitezel, whose deaths will seem to many to be the saddest of all, both on account of the terribly heartless manner in which it was accomplished, and because in one instance, that of Alice, the eldest of these children, her death was the least of the wrongs suffered at my hands. Here again I am tempted to either pass the matter by without speaking of it, or to altogether deny it, but to what purpose? It is publicly known, and was freely commented upon at my trial, and to deny it now would only serve the double purpose of breaking my resolution to hold nothing in reserve, and of causing many who are somewhat familiar with the details of the different cases to disbelieve me in other matters."

Then the murderer explains with a nicety of detail how he induced the children to enter a big trunk, through the cover of which he had made a small opening. After he had put the children in the trunk, he says, he went to Mrs. Pitezel's hotel and aided her in leaving Toronto for Ogdenburg, N. Y. He proceeds:

"I again returned to the house where the children were imprisoned, and ended their lives by connecting the gas with the trunk. Then came the opening of the trunk and the viewing of their little blackened and distorted faces, then the digging of their shallow graves in the basement of the house, the ruthless stripping off of their clothing and the burial without a

particle of covering save the cold earth, which I heaped upon them with fiendish delight. Consider what an awful act this was! These little innocent and helpless children, the oldest being only 13 years of age, a puny and sickly child, who to look at one would believe much younger; consider that for eight years before their death I had been almost as much a father as though they had been my own children, thus giving them a right to look to me for care and protection, and in your righteous judgment let your bitterest curses fall upon me."

In conclusion Holmes writes: "It would now seem a very fitting time for me to express regret or remorse in this, which I intend to be my last public utterance, for these irreparable shortcomings. To do so with the expectation of even one person who has read this confession to the end, believing that in my depraved nature there is room for such feelings is, I fear, to expect more than would be granted. I refrain from calling forth such a criticism by openly inviting it."

What makes the "confession" more improbable is the statement made by the condemned man that in Chicago he had a regular sale for his victims' dead bodies.

COUNT YAMAGATA WITH US.

The Japanese Conqueror a Guest of New York State.

BUFFALO, April 13.—The man who led the victorious land forces of Japan in the recent war with China, whose strategy and skill have placed him upon the level of great generals of countries of a higher grade of civilization, arrived in Buffalo yesterday. He is Count Yamagata, the present secretary of war of the mikado of Japan, a warrior and a diplomat. His European made clothes, the absence of display in his personal appearance and that of his small retinue, and his unostentatious bearing would make him unobserved were it not for his parchment like skin and other personal characteristics of the Japanese race.

It had been expected that the visitor would stop at Niagara Falls, and arrangements had been made to receive him there, but Adjutant General McAlpin, who was here as the personal representative of the governor, was advised that he would come straight through to Buffalo. When the guest of the state of New York—as he will be for the next few days—alighted he was met by the adjutant general and Governor Morton's staff, all in full uniform. After greetings had been exchanged the party was driven to the Iroquois hotel, where a large crowd of persons welcomed the guests. The entire party left here this forenoon. The first stop will be at Albany, where the party will drive to the capitol and meet Governor Morton in the executive chamber.

Sunday Murder in Connecticut.

DANBURY, Conn., April 13.—Early yesterday morning Frank Ketchum, a hat maker, Willie Tomlinson, Charles Young and Thomas Marastow, all young men, attempted to gain admittance to a well known resort on Main street, occupied by a Mrs. Fisher. They made so much noise that William Fitchcraft, a boarder, went to the door and told them that they could not be admitted. The men started to break in the door and Fitchcraft, after vainly warning them to desist, picked up a gun he had with him and fired. All four fled, but two of the men fell a short distance away. Ketchum died almost instantly, and Tomlinson was carried to the hospital in a precarious condition.

Chinese Soldiers Blown to Bits.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 10.—The steamer Empress of Japan, which has just arrived from the Orient, brings news of a terrific explosion, in which a large number of Chinese soldiers were killed, at Kiang Gin. Two regiments revolted, and at a signal from their leader they seized the guns of the forts and proceeded to kill off all officers and a new regiment of soldiers recently arrived. In the midst of the massacre a magazine exploded, and all hands were blown to pieces. Two battalions must have been wiped out of existence, as not a soldier lived to tell if the magazine went off by accident or designedly.

Niagara's Power in New York.

ALBANY, April 10.—Power from the dynamo of the Niagara Power company will be transmitted into New York city, over 462 miles of wire, on May 5. The wires for the transmission will be furnished by the Western Union company on one of its heaviest cables. The longest distance that electrical power has ever been carried is 110 miles, and that in Europe. The current will not be a heavy one, but will demonstrate that, by Nicola Tesla's new system, it can be conveyed almost any distance. It will be the first practical test of the system, and its projectors seem to fear no failure.

Senator Quay Still a Candidate.

PHILADELPHIA, April 10.—Senator Quay, through his son, Richard Quay, yesterday made an emphatic denial of the published statement that he intended to withdraw from the contest for the Republican nomination. A message was received from Richard Quay, dated at Pittsburg, in which two prominent senators, one a receptive and the other an active candidate, were told that Mr. Quay, just before he left for Florida, had stated that he would under no circumstances withdraw from the contest for the Republican nomination.

Henry Ward Beecher once informed a man who came to him complaining of gloomy and despondent feelings, that what he most needed was a good cathartic, meaning, of course such a medicine as Ayer's Cathartic Pills, every dose being effective.

The Spaniards Again Angry.

MADRID, April 13.—The press here evinces ill humor because American juries have acquitted the captains of notorious filibuster vessels intended for Cuba. The Epoca declares that in the event of a conflict between Spain and America over Cuba Spanish diplomacy would speedily make the matter a European question, and it insinuates that Spain is sure of European aid in such an event.

Killed by Footpads.

HAZLETON, Pa., April 13.—Andrew Murrah died at his home in Jeddo yesterday, the result of treatment received at the hands of footpads last Monday. While coming home that night he was attacked by two unknown men, who, after beating and robbing him, threw him into a mine hole, where he was found by friends the next morning. There is still no clew to the identity of his assailants.

Official Denials from Turkey.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 11.—An official note has been issued by the Turkish government categorically denying that Rev. George P. Knapp, the American missionary who is "visiting" the valley of Bitlis, is imprisoned there, as has been reported. The note also states that the reported expulsion of other missionaries from Asia Minor is devoid of foundation.

Narrowly Escaped Death.

CLEVELAND, April 13.—A fire which started at 2 o'clock in the morning in a three story tenement house at the corner of Mulron and Oregon streets caused a loss of \$10,000 and put the lives of the members of fifteen families in peril for a brief period. Miss Mary Cox, a 20-year-old woman, jumped from a third story window, Charles Wesley and Louis Treaves saved her life by catching her as she fell, and she escaped with a broken arm.

Boy Killed in a Sawmill.

MILFORD, Pa., April 13.—William Fuller, 17 years old, lost his life at the sawmill of A. D. Brown & Son, on Vandermark creek, on Saturday. He had attempted to adjust a belt to a grindstone, when he was caught in the belt and whirled through the machinery. His skull was crushed, as was also his breast. Every rib in his body was broken. He lived and was conscious for half an hour.

Baron Von Kotze's Victim Dead.

POTSDAM, Prussia, April 13.—Baron Von Schrader, master of ceremonies at the Prussian court, died on Saturday as the result of the wounds received in the duel with Von Kotze, the ex-court chamberlain.

Silverites Lead in Alabama.

MONTGOMERY, April 13.—The latest returns from Saturday's primaries give Johnston, free silver candidate for governor, 368 votes out of a possible 604 in the state convention.

Murdered Five, Then Committed Suicide.

PENTWATER, Mich., April 11.—S. B. Minchall, a local insurance agent, yesterday shot William O. Sands, president of the Maxwell Lumber company, while Mr. Sands was walking in the street here. Thinking he had killed his man, Minchall rushed to his own home. When officers went to arrest him it was found that he had killed his wife and 13-year-old daughter, and two younger children, and had then committed suicide. Mr. Sands died last night from his wounds. The cause of the shooting is as yet shrouded in mystery.

A Youthful Cyclone Victim.

COLORADO CITY, Tex., April 13.—A cyclone of limited dimension struck a portion of Colorado Saturday night at 10 o'clock. The storm struck the four room building occupied by J. M. Solomon. The house was literally splintered and scattered all over the block. Mr. Solomon, his wife and five children had retired, and it is remarkable that any of them escaped alive. James, the 2-year-old son, was struck in the back of the head by a portion of the timbers and his skull fractured, resulting in death.

Steamer Bermuda at Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, April 11.—The steamship Bermuda, which recently landed an armed party of filibusters in Cuba, arrived here last night with a cargo of bananas, and anchored out in the river. Newspaper representatives who went out to the Bermuda in a skiff were not allowed to board her, and information was refused. This was in consequence of orders issued, as soon as she was reported at the Breakwater. She was docked early this morning.

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