

BANKER SNEED PUT ON TRIAL

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THE UNWRITTEN LAW TO BE SLAYER'S PLEA

Defendant Claims Millionaire He Slew Aided Young Boyce in Wrecking His Home.

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 5.—Three of Texas' most wealthy and prominent families are involved in the trial being held here today of John B. Sneed, accused of the murder of Capt. A. G. Boyce, millionaire banker. The "unwritten law" will figure conspicuously in the trial. The killing was the sequel to the elopement of Sneed's wife with Captain Boyce's son. It is forecasted that much of the defense will be laid on the claim that the elder Boyce aided in the elopement.

LYNCHERS BURN BODY OF BLACK ASSAILANT

Take Corpse from Undertaker and Make Pyre in Negro Settlement.

Macon, Ga., Feb. 5.—Charles Powell, a negro who assaulted and robbed a young white woman here Saturday night, was taken from officers and lynched by a mob Sunday. The lynching took place in the yards of the Georgia Southern and Florida railroad, four miles from Macon, where the officers, hoping to outwit the mob, had gone with their prisoner to take a train for Atlanta. Powell was tied to a telegraph pole and hundreds of bullets fired into his body. The crime with which the negro was charged was committed about 11 o'clock Saturday night while the young woman was on her way home from work in the downtown district. She was seized by Powell, dragged down an embankment and assaulted. Two policemen, summoned by two young men who had heard the young woman's cries, arrived on the scene just as the negro made his way up the embankment with his victim's purse. The officers landed their man in jail, but when news of the gathering of a mob was received, the negro was secretly taken out back door, with the intention of hurrying him to Atlanta for safe keeping. The two officers guarding him had stopped in the railroad yard waiting for a train when they were found by the mob. At noon a crowd of between 300 and 400 men gathered behind a undertaking establishment in the heart of the city, entered the embalming room where the body of Powell had been taken. They played the body in a wagon, carried it to the heart of the negro section of the city, and after saturating it with oil, burned it. It was all done so quietly that the authorities knew nothing of it until the torch had been applied. The coroner held an inquest on the lynching late yesterday. The verdict placed blame on "parties unknown." Up to night fall all was quiet and officials stated that no further trouble was feared.

GLANDERS KILLS MAN

German Contracts Disease from Horse Which Succeeded in His Face—Stubbed of Speech.

New Haven, Feb. 5.—Albert Nagel, 45, from Sweden this morning died after a week's illness. He contracted the disease from a horse which nuzzled in his face. Nagel, a native of Germany, after coming here learned English. After he contracted glanders he lost the power of expression in English.

MAN MURDERS A WOMAN WITH INFERNAL MACHINE

Package Received by Helen Taylor Explodes, Killing Her Instantly.

New York, Feb. 5.—A package received by Helen Taylor in an uptown apartment house Saturday night exploded and caused her death almost instantly. The mystery with which the affair was clouded baffled police detectives. The woman, who was 32 years old, was called to the vestibule of the apartment by a man who presented her with a good sized package and then hurried away. She carried the package to her apartment and as she placed it on a table it exploded with a loud report. Dr. Charles E. Perkins, who was passing the house at the time, ran in to aid Mrs. Taylor, but she died in a few minutes. The physician said that in his opinion the package was an infernal machine. It contained a number of small dry cell batteries, one of which was driven into the woman's breast near her heart. Some of the batteries buried themselves in the walls and ceiling of the room, while fragments were blown through the windows so clearly that the glass was not splintered. After several hours of secret investigation detectives arrested Chas. M. Dickinson, who said he was an employe of a motor company, and held him on a technical charge of homicide. Edna LaMarre, a show girl, 25 years old, who lived in the house but was out at the time the fatality occurred, was held as a material witness. Dickinson was said to have been in the room when the woman met her death. At a late hour the detectives had not made known any further details.

REBELS MAKING GAINS IN SOUTHERN MEXICO

Government Control Strengthened in Northern Part of Country, However.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Although commanders at El Paso and other army posts on the Mexican border have received orders to hold themselves in readiness for possible mobilization, unless the situation becomes very serious and non-combatant Americans in Mexico are endangered probably only one regiment of infantry will be sent to join the troops already in the department of Texas. While dispatches to the state department today seem to point to a betterment of affairs at Juarez and other points in North Mexico, messages from American representatives, in Southern Mexico indicate the situation there is worse. Zapatistas are reported in control of most of the territory between Cuernavaca and Morelos and Chilpancingo in Guerrero. It is not believed 25 Americans at Cuernavaca are in danger. Reports to the department say the federal garrison there is large and well equipped. Rioting in Chihuahua. El Paso, Tex., Feb. 5.—Chihuahua advices today state that rioting among the troops has been resumed. It is reported that General Pascual Orozco will be made state governor.

SUDDEN DEATH STALKS STREETS OF NEW YORK

Coroner's Report Shows Thoroughfares More Perilous Than a Battlefield.

New York, Feb. 5.—The annual report of the New York Board of Coroners shows 1909 sudden deaths reported during 1911, the total being 268 greater than in 1910. Of these 268 were due to natural causes, leaving 265 of a violent character. These included suicides, murders and accidents. Of 426 casualties in Manhattan, 99 were caused by automobiles, an increase of 28. The streets of this city are becoming more perilous than a battlefield, says the report, and it is high time some change in the laws governing the operation of automobiles be enacted.

Victoria New President of Santo Domingo. San Domingo, Feb. 5.—Senator Eladio Victoria, who has been provisional president since President Caceres' assassination on November, 1910, was today elected president of this republic.

Newport Colony Is to Have a Prince as Member



COL. WATTERSON'S WEIGHTY SECRET

Where the Money Kentucky Editor Supposes He Got Came From.

Washington, Feb. 5.—The writer is now in position to give the real, controlling reasons that led Colonel Watterson to propose a gentleman's club of honor to settle his controversy with Governor Wilson, who appeared willing to let the doubtful colonel do all the controversial and talking. A Mr. Penfield contributed quite liberally to the Wilson boom in its inception, and this Penfield contribution, Colonel Watterson will no doubt claim, whenever controversy is revived, he was instrumental in securing. This Mr. Penfield is in Europe and since it was impossible to reach him the Kentucky editor, in the mingled urgency and agitation of the moment, proposed his honorable court.

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Chicago, Feb. 5.—Fire destroyed the Boarding Meeting committee's plant here today. The loss is estimated at \$250,000.

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Niagara Falls, Feb. 5.—Although watchers were stationed at the whirlpool rapids, it was not expected that the ice-churning waters would soon release the bodies of the man, woman and boy swept down the gorge from yesterday's sudden disintegration of an ice bridge. The appearance of the whirlpool is ugly. Nothing developed to make more certain the identity of the man and woman, supposedly Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Stanton of Toronto, excepting these persons had not returned to their hotel. The father of Burrell Heacock of Cleveland, the third victim, arrived here today.

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