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BANKER SNEED PUT ON TRIAL

and Prominent Families Involved in Sensational Murder Case.

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 be families are involved in the trial beginning here today of John B. Sneed,
accused for 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.

All Texas is lined up on one side
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or the other. The trial jury was com-pleted Saturday.

Events which led up to the killing were sensational. Sneed is a banker of Amarillo and is regarded as weal-thy. While she was at a sanitarium, Sneed's wife eloped with young Boyce. After a country-wide search Sneed lo-cated the two in Canada, He notified the Canadian authorities and they or After a country-wide search Sneed located the two in Canada. He notified the Canadian authorities and they ordered both deported, Boyce not being prosecuted as Sneed desired. Sneed went after his wife and she returned to the States with him, a reconciliation having been effected, it was reported. Shortly after Sneed returned to Texas he met Capt. A. G. Boyce in the lobby of a Fort Worth hotel and, no word being exchanged between the men, shot him to death. Then he surrendered to the shooting.

LYNCHERS BURN BODY

Take Corpse from Undertaker and Make Pyre in Negro Settlement.

Macon, Ga., Feb. 5 .- Charles Powell

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 hun dreds of bullets fired into his body.

The grime with which the negr was charged was committed about 11 o'clock Saturday night while the young woman was on her way home from work in the down-town district. She was seized by Powell, dragged down an embankment and assaulted Two policemen, summoned by two young men who had heard the young

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 a 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 290 and 400 men gathered behind an undertaking establishment in the heart of the city, entered the embalming room where the body of Powell had been 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

Three of Texas' Most Wealthy MAN MURDERS A WOMAN

Taylor Explodes, Killing Her Instantly.

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

REBELS MAKING GAINS

Government Control Strength-Country, However.

Washington, Feb. 5 .- Although commanders at El Paso and other army posts on the Mexican border selves in readiness for possible modization, unless the situation be-omes very serious and non-combatant Americans in Mexico are endan gered 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 Juares 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 Chilpanzingo in Guerrero. It is not elleved 25 Americans at Cuernavaca are in danger. Reports to the depart-ment say the federal garrison there

oughfares More Perilous Than a Battlefield.

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Package Received by Helen

New York, Feb. 5 .-- A package reeived 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

she died in a few minutes.

The physician said that in his opin-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 celling of the room, while fragments were blown through the windows so cleanly that the glass was not splintered. After several hours of secret

ened in Northern Part of

ment 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 Pasqual Orozco will be made state governor.

SUDDEN DEATH STALKS STREETS OF NEW YORK

Coroner's Report Shows Thor-

New York, Feb. 5.—The annual report of the New York Board of Coroners hows 5700 sudden deaths reported during 1911, the total being 200 greater than in 1910. Of these 3050 were due to astural causes, leaving 3650 of a violent character. These included suicides, murders and accidents. Of 420 casualities in Manhattan 90 were caused by automobiles, an increase of 28.

The streets of this city are becoming more perlious than a untilefield," anys the report, "and it is high time some change in the laws governing the operation of automobiles be enacted."



COUNT VON BERNSTORES

years old, who lived in the house but was out at the time the fatality oc-Editor Supposes He Got Came From.

> Gazette-News Bureau, Wyatt Building.
> Washington, Feb. 5.
> writer is now in position to give
> al, controlling reasons that led ioner Watterson to propose a gen-man's court of honor to settle his atroversy with Governor Wilson, to appeared willing to let the doughty colonel do all the controvert-ing and talking. A Mr. Penfield con-tributed quite liberally to the Wilson boom in its inception, and this Pen-leid contribution, Colonel Watterson will no doubt claim, whenever the con-troversy is revived, he was instru-mental in securing. This Mr. Penfleid is in Europe and since it was imposgible to reach him the Kentucky edi-tor, in the mingled urgency and agi-

> tation of the moment, proposed his Money Free from Taint. The anti-Wilson people with re-spect to this Penneld gift, hint darkly at a sum that would cause the pubaper to gasp. The pro-Wilson men espond that Mr. Penfield is a druggist, that his money is peculiarly free from taint—positively wholesome, in fact—and that this "distinguished citi-zen," as he was designated in the Watterson broadside, gave the money to Mr. McCombs direct, of his own volition, and that he would probably have Watterson. It is said this Penfield gift to the Wilson managers was con-siderably less than \$10,000, and the formation was added that Manager icCombs has himself been the largst individual contributor, besides be

est individual contributor, besides being engaged in a labor of love.

They All Maintain Press Burcaus.
In a formal statement to the New York Sun a few days ago, Mr. McCombs told of amounts he had received, giving their source, and it is said that similar statements will be published from time to time during the progress of the compaign. It will the progress of the campaign. It will probably be considered noteworthy that Mr. Bryan maintained a press buthat Mr. Bryan maintained a press bu-reau during his last campaign. Hearst is contributing to the Clark campaign, the Underwood boom will doubtless be well financed, while it is assorted that the Harmon Seutemants, with their highly mobilized and highly paid literary agents in this city, are prob-ably spending ten times as much as the Wilson forces. This is probably true, as the Harmon supporters have four or five men on the payroll here, while Mr. Pence gives it ou that he has no assistance.

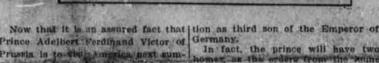
has no assistance.

Mr. Doughton Misquoted.

Congressman Doughton says he wa of course, misquoted in the interview setn out by Mr. Anderson, a membe of The Gazette-News' staff here. Mr.

of The Gazette-News' stuff here. Mr. Deughton says he certainly did not say that Governor Wilson could not secure a third the number of votes that Mr. Bryan could poil. What he did was to express the belief that Mr. Bryan would make a stronger candidate than Governor Wilson, and he did not wish to convey the impression that he felt that either could not be elected. Nor, on theother hand, does he attach such great importance to the Sherwood pension bill vote; certainly it will be no determining factor, although he realizes that the attitude of various candidates on that bill may have some effect upon their aspirations in certain section of the country.

5500,000 Fire in Chicago,



mbassy at Washington transferred to Newport so as to be in readiness to re-ceive the royal prince and to have for him and his large suite a villa head-fore the time set for the arrival of

Count von Bernstorff, the German

Man, Woman, and Girl Slain and Their Bodies Burned

Inquest Into Oklahoma Tragedy Fails to Solve Mystery of Jeweler, became suddenly insane here the Crime-Arrest Expected of Man Who Frequently Called at The House.

Oklahoma City: Feb., 5 .- Indica- jat Delaware added more mystery than tions are that Harvey Hurst, his wife and Elsie Adams, 16 years old, were discovered that both Mrs. Hurst and murdered before their home at Dela-her 16 years old relative were in a ware was burned this morning. The delicate condition. The arrest of a dence. Each victim had evidently the Hurst home is hinted. Witnesses the head before they were cremated.

Distributions made to the coroner's This testimony developed nothing lury investigating the triple tragedy specifi-

England Welcomes Home Her Returning Monarch

day from their memorable journey to India. After a three months absence, during which they were crowned emperor and empress of India and reperted the homage of many princely to assess in the vast eastern empire, they were heartly welcomed back.

Their present stay in the British isles will be short. They are due to pay a round of state visits to European courts this spring and summer.

After breakfast aboard the Medina in the state of the forts around Portsmouth. The guns of the forts around Portsmouth. The king inspected the guard of honor and then boarded a special train and traveled here. Stations along the route were decked with flags. Premier Asquith, with other cabinet members, were the pay a round of state visits to European courts this spring and summer.

After breakfast aboard the Medina is a full gape and the city in mobile circulating around the city is with a banner reading "Special Classified Page of The Gazette-Newa." This a special feature will be handled by an experiment today that he will give away new one dollar bills in the british isless.

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London, Feb. 5.—King corge and with the queen mother, Alexandria Queen Mary returned to England today from their memorable journey to were saluted by the guns of the forts

MEETS TO DRAFT BILL FOR COURT REFORMS

Gesette-News Bureau,
The Hotal Raleigh,
Raleigh, Feb. 5.
A special committee eof the State
to the purpose of providing a tentative
legislative bill to divide the state into
three judicial circuits of eight districts each, thus providing for 24 instand of 1s, to prapare a recommendation for facilitating like speedy trials
of cases in court and to amend the
law with reference to the selection and
challenging of jurers. G. W. Tillett
of Chargette is challman of the committee.

GIRL POSTAL EMPLOYE HELD AS EMBEZZLER

ortage of 4 \$6,118 in Postoffice New Bethinhem, 2*s., Traced to Miss Ella Latimer.

New Bethlehem, Pa., Feb. 5.— Ella Latimer, aged 23, for six years a trusted postoffice employe here, was arrosted here today charged with em-bessling \$6.118.80. The shortage was discovered by a postoffice inspector,

15 HURT IN WRECK

vport Colony Is to Have a Prince as Member [

Jam at Niagara Breaks and Helpless Thousands See Excursionists Swept to Death in Whirlpool.

MAN AND YOUTH SPURN RESCUE, AIDING WOMAN

Becomes Exhausted in Race to the Shore and All Three Lose Their

Ningara Falls, Peb. 5 .- Although watchers were stationed at the whiripool rapids, it was not expected that the lee-churning waters would soon release the bodies of the man, woman and boy swept down the gorge from esterday's sudden disintegration of

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Two Carloads Blow up on Kansas City Southern at Jandon, Mo.

Belton, Mo., Feb. 3 .- A boy was killed and several other persons were

injured and considerable property destroyed when two carloans of powder

on the Kansus City Southern tracks

Jeweler Opens Fire on Imagin-

ary Strikers-Wounds Po-

liceman Fatally.

A ROOSEVELT LEAGUE

Letters Mailed to 20,000 Voters on Endless Chain Plan Urging Nom-ination of the Colonel.

New York, Feb. 5.—The Roosevel ague of New York, a new organiza-

CLASSIFIED PAGE

7 BELOW IN HAYWOOD

The Graded School at Waynesville Closed Today Because of the Bitter Cold.

Special to The Gazette-News.

Waynesville, Feb. 5.—This was the coldest morning Waynesville has experienced in 15 years. The mercury dropped to seven degrees below zero. The graded school has suspended for the day. The junitor could not get the building heated. At 9 o'clock the mercury stood at 30 in the building.

At Hazelwood the temperature fell to 10 degrees below zero.

Washington, Feb. 5.—An equal don of all the money in the Uni

exploded at Jaudon today.

and boy swept down the gorge from yesterday's sudden disintegration of an ice bridge. The appearance of the whiripool is ugly. Nothing developed to make more certain the identity of the man and woman, supposedily Mr. and Mra. Eldredge Stanton of Toronto, excepting these persons had not returned to their hotel. The father of Burrell Heacock of Cleveland, the third victim, arrived here tuday.

The great ice bridge that has choked the river channel between the cataract and the upper steel arch. bridge below the falls for the last three weeks broke from its shoring just at noon yesterday and went down the river, taking with it to their death a man and woman, believed to be Mr. and Mrs. Eldridge Stanton, of Toronto, and Burrell Heacock 18 years old, of Cleveland, O. Four other persons were on the ice at the time, but managed to get ashore in safety.

The bridge was considered perfectly safe. For weeks the great fields of ice had been coming down the river, pling up against the barrier until it was from 80 to 80 feet thick and under the influence of zero weather the great mass had become firmly anchored to the shore. The jam was about 1000 feet in length and in some places a quarter of a mile in breadth. For two weeks it had offered safe passage to the Hardy and yesterday an immense crowd of excursionists came to view the winter wonder of the river. Had the accident happened an hour later in the day hundreds would have lost their lives, for the crowd was moving into Prospect Park in the elevators that run down the cliff for the purpose of venturing upon the los.

Somewhere deep in the great whiripool sleeps the man, partially identified as Mr. Stanton, who twice put

Jersey City, Feb. 5 .- After reading ecounts of the textile strike at Lawpool sleeps the man, partially identi-fied as Mr. Stanton, who twice put aside chances of rescue in order to rence, Mass., Edward Fortman, a jeweler, became suddenly insane here last night and fired over a score of and who, in the shadow of death—just revolver shots at imaginary "strike at the break in the rapids, spurned assistance for himself and attempted to bind about the woman's body a robe dangling from the lower steel archdangling from the lower steel arch-bridge. The lad, Burrell Hoacock, was cast in the same mould. Had he not turned back on the ice to give assistance to the man, he too, might have made the shore. FORMED IN NEW YORK

made the shore.

The man and woman started first towards the American shore but they were stopped by a take of open water. Back they ran again towards the Canadian shore, turned about and made for the American side. When hardly more than 50 yards from the rocky shore, the woman felt on her face, utterly spent.

more than 50 yards from the rocky shore, the woman fell on her face, utterly spent.

"I can't go on: I can't go on," she cried. "Let us die here."

And all the time the great field of ice, driven onward by a southwest gale and pressed by a jam broken free from its anchorage near the base of the horse-shoe falls, went on breasting the terrible outrush of the Niagara Falls Power company's outflow, the mightiest current in all the river, without being broken. As the woman fell, the man strove to get her to her feet again and tried to drag her along the ice, calling for assistance to Roth and Heacock, who were nearest. Heacock turned back to the couple and helped support the woman. The act cost him his life.

News Spread Fast.

Word that the ice bridge had gone out flashed through the city like wild fire and within a short time the American shore of the river was lined by thousands of people who witnessed the tragedy being enacted in the deep ravine below them.

The Niagara avenue firemen were sent to the lower steel arch bridge and there took station with a rope. The Canadian firemen had two ropes down from the Cantilever bridge, which is about 300 yards above the other structure.

Just above the Old Maid of the Mist. league of New York, a new organiza-tion, is today mailing to republican voters all over the state 20,000 copies of a letter urging Roosevelt's nomina-tion for the presidency. Each envelope encloses three postcards to be passed on by the recipient to friends on the plan of an endless chain. New One-Dollar Bills Are to Be Given Away to Readers of The Gazette-News. In a few days you will see an auto

Just above the Old Maid of the Mist landing, a quarter of a mile from the whirtpool rapids, the floe on which the three were borne broke into two sections, each about 200 feet square, the man and woman on one, Reacock on the other. Hearock waved his hand to his companions in durrens as his floe moved clear of the other, and caught in a current, raced down the river. The other floe then shot towards the American shore and was saught in an edgy and whired there