

AN ILLICIT STILL HIS CREMATORY

Will McEntire, Suspected of Three Murders, Landed at Rutherfordton After a Long Search.

ANOTHER ARRESTED AS AN ACCOMPLICE

Three Men, All Having Money, Strangely Disappeared—Bones of Humans Found Near the Furnace.

Special to The Gazette-News. Rutherfordton, Feb. 23.—Will McEntire, who was arrested in Tampa, Fla., on February 18, has been brought to Rutherfordton by ex-Sheriff Beam, through whose efforts he was apprehended. A reward of \$375 was offered by the governor and county commissioners for McEntire's arrest and delivery to the sheriff of Rutherfordton county. Mr. Beam has been diligently searching for McEntire, having located him once in Columbia, but McEntire escaped before officers could be notified and an arrest made.

The crime charged against McEntire are the murders of J. H. Melton, L. B. Hines and J. D. Atchley, all of whom resided in Green Hill township of this county, and all of whom mysteriously disappeared from their homes between the years 1906 and 1908. McEntire was at that time engaged in the manufacture and sale of illicit whiskey. John H. Melton, a cousin of McEntire, was the first to disappear. Melton was at that time working in a cotton mill in Spartanburg. McEntire wrote Melton a letter, urging him to come home and go to work for him (McEntire) at \$2.50 per day, and also urging that he come by the first train. No work was pressing. In case he could not come as requested Melton was asked to reply by mail, as he (McEntire) was in a secret place. Melton came immediately to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Melton, who then lived in what is known as the Shingle Hollow section, near which McEntire's distillery was located. Melton brought with him from Spartanburg \$225 which he had saved while working in the mill. Soon after John Melton came to his father's home, Esora McEntire, a younger brother of Will McEntire, went to see him, and Melton left with him. Since that time (September 7, 1906) John Melton has not been seen or heard of.

The second supposed victim of McEntire was "Tant" Atchley, aged about 23 years. Atchley was also living in Spartanburg with his widowed mother, and was working in a cotton mill in that city. McEntire visited this home in October, 1906, and had a conversation with "Tant" after which "Tant" worked the required ten-days notice and gave up his position and came to Rutherfordton county. The day after Atchley left Spartanburg, Tom Seary met him in the road about three miles west of Rutherfordton. Atchley told Seary he was going two or three miles west of Green Hill, but would meet him (Seary) again in the road in the afternoon about 3 o'clock. The distance and course mentioned by Atchley suggested the location of McEntire's distillery. Atchley was seen later at McEntire's distillery, by Charlie Linnick, but since that time has not been seen. It is said that when Atchley left his home in Spartanburg he had \$350 on his person.

The third person who mysteriously disappeared from this same section was an aged man—L. B. Hines, a quiet, law-abiding citizen—a deacon in the Pleasant Grove Baptist church. Mr. Hines disappeared from his home in 1908, and has not since been seen.

It is believed that McEntire murdered these men for their money, and destroyed their bodies in the furnace of his distillery. Searches have been made around the site of the distillery, and bones from human bodies found.

Frank Crain, who was arrested on the charge of embezzling Mr. Hines' property, is alleged to be an accomplice of McEntire and is now in jail at this place. The matter will be taken up at the next term of the Criminal court for this county, which convenes the first Monday in April, at which time facts of a sensational character will doubtless be brought to light.

SEES BROTHER DIE. General Miles, Passing in Motor Car, Takes Form of Stricken Relative from Sidewalk. Washington, Feb. 23.—Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles, U. S. A., retired, was motoring on Pennsylvania avenue last night when a man walking briskly through the twilight in Lafayette park, opposite the White House, crumpled down in a heap, gas expired on the pathway.

WANT MAINE RELICS. Navy Department Forged to Send for a Shipload in Addition to Leonidas' Collection. Washington, Feb. 23.—Demands for relics of the battleship Maine are so numerous that the navy department has been forced to send for a shipload, in addition to the collection brought to Washington by the collector.

Woman Falls to Death in Shaft. New York, Feb. 23.—Col. Roosevelt is back at his desk again today. He starts tomorrow for Boston. The collector in charge of the collection brought to Washington by the collector.

Haytian Rebels Repulsed. Cape Haitien, Haiti, Feb. 23.—It is rumored the revolutionaries attacked Monte Christ and were repulsed, leaving a number of wounded.

INDICT THE ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY

First Action in War on Overcharge—Cash Register Men Accused.

Cincinnati, Feb. 23.—Thirty indictments, charging conspiracy to obstruct and monopolize the cash register business in violation of the criminal provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law were returned yesterday against officials and sales agents of the National Cash Register company. At the same time the first move of the government to prevent violations of the interstate commerce law regulating express charges resulted in an indictment with eleven counts against the Adams Express company. The company was charged with having exacted more than the published rates from shippers. Six Cincinnati manufacturing concerns and one individual connected with one of the companies were indicted, alleged to have violated long telephone rates through undervaluation and there were nearly a score of minor individual indictments.

The National Cash Register men indicted include John H. Patterson, president; Edward A. Deeds, vice president; George C. Edgerter, secretary; W. F. Bippus, treasurer, all of Dayton, O.

No date has been set for a hearing before United States Judge Hollister, but it was said the defendants would be notified to come into court on a date to be arranged next week.

The indictments alleged that the express company were the result of an investigation made here by Special Agent of the Commission P. F. Marsh and Attorney A. G. Guthrie. The indictments alleged \$2 per hundred pounds on shipments from Indianapolis, Ind., to Franklin, Pa., while the rate between the cities is \$1.75.

TAFT TO TAKE ISSUE WITH COL. ROOSEVELT

Will Define His Policies as Contrasted with Those of Predecessor.

Washington, Feb. 23.—President Taft will reply to Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's Columbus speech. Although the president will make no direct attack on Mr. Roosevelt and although administration officials refuse to discuss his Columbus speech, it became known yesterday that the president would answer the speech and present a clear-cut issue between his political creed and that of his predecessor.

Mr. Taft's answer will not be made all in one speech, but between now and the last of March he has many speaking engagements that will be utilized for this purpose. The president has extended his forthcoming trip to Chicago. He will stop at Toledo, O., and speak to the chamber of commerce there the night of March 5. In Toledo he will make probably the first speech of a series that will reply to Mr. Roosevelt.

President Taft, it was said, felt that Mr. Roosevelt had at least given him an opportunity to make his position clear without indulging in any personal attack.

With many of the doctrines the former president enunciated at Columbus, President Taft is in agreement, to others he is known to be insensitively opposed. Among these are the initiative and referendum, the recall of judges and the recall of judicial decisions. The president has speaking engagements in New York, Ohio, Chicago and New England.

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Hearings in the Brandt Case Are Stormy



The hearings before Richard L. Hand, commissioner appointed by Governor Dix in New York to inquire into the case of Poulke E. Brandt, the former valet of banker Mortimer L. Schiff, who was sentenced to 30 years for the theft of two stickpins, were stormy. De Lancey Nicoll, counsel for Mr. Schiff, and Howard S. Gans, insisted that his clients, together with Mrs. Schiff, be permitted to testify, but this was objected to by Attorney General Carmody and the district attorney because of the immunity it might afford them from prosecution in any conspiracy action that might follow. While the hearings before the commissioner were in progress Supreme Court Justice Gerard sustained the writ of habeas corpus sworn out in behalf of Brandt.

JOHNNY KILBANE WINS FEATHERWEIGHT TITLE

Out-Fights Abe Attell in 20-Round Contest—Loses Frequently.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 23.—A new pugilistic champion was made in the Vernon Arena yesterday, when Johnny Kilbane, of Cleveland, O., decisively out-fought, out-gamed and out-punched Abe Attell in a 20-round contest and at the close was awarded the featherweight title by Referee Charles Eytan.

Nearly 10,000 persons saw the fight. Fully 5000 others were turned away at the gates. It was the greatest crowd that ever viewed a prize fight in Los Angeles. Receipts amounted to approximately \$25,000. The men fought for a purse of \$10,000 of which Attell was to receive \$5,500, win, lose, draw, or Kilbane \$2,500. Besides they agreed to divide evenly per cent. of the moving picture privileges.

Attell brought the wrath of the big crowd upon his head by foul tactics. Time and again he would hold Kilbane's arm in a clinch and once, in the eighth, he grabbed Kilbane's left arm with both hands and tried to bend it back. In the third he "heeled" the Cleveland boy while in a clinch, and in nearly every succeeding round his work called forth hisses from the spectators. In the sixteenth, when, after rushing into a clinch, to avoid Kilbane's tattoo of his face and body, Attell butted the Clevelander at his head, opening a great gash over Kilbane's left eye from which blood spurled profusely.

WILSON IN KANSAS

Democrats From all Over the State Through to Topeka to Hear Him Speak.

Topeka, Kan., Feb. 23.—The coming of Woodrow Wilson to Kansas and his speech last night at the banquet of the Kansas democratic club brought out one of the largest gatherings of democrats here since the visit of William J. Bryan in 1905.

TROOPS GUARD SLAYER

Three Mobs Seek Life of Man Who Slew James Violet at Millburn, N. J.

Bardwell, Ky., Feb. 23.—State troops arrived here today to protect William Richardson, whose life was sought by three mobs for killing James Violet at Millburn, Ky. Richardson will be tried tomorrow.

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OKLAHOMA WILL SEND A DIVIDED DELEGATION

Wilson and Clark Each Gets 10 Delegates.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Feb. 23.—The contest for control of the Oklahoma delegation to the national convention waged between Champ Clark and Woodrow Wilson campaigners resulted in a compromise agreement at 1 o'clock this morning whereby a split delegation will go to Baltimore.

EIGHT BODIES TAKEN FROM BURNING MINE

Nearly All of 100 Workers in Oklahoma Shaft Escape Before Flames Become Serious

McAlester, Okla., Feb. 23.—Eight bodies have been taken from mine No. 5 of the Western Coal & Iron company, near Lehigh, where fire broke out yesterday.

ARREST POLICE CHIEF IN ANTI-LIQUOR WAR

State and Local Officers Clash at Sapulpa When in Attempt to Enforce Statute.

Sapulpa, Okla., Feb. 23.—A clash between the local police and state officers attempting to make arrests for violation of the statewide prohibition statutes resulted in the arrest of Chief of Police Wise here today. The charge against Wise is using tactics to protect a rooming house when the state officers raided the place and searched for liquor.

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Man Who Sold Bonds and Bought Last Supplies for Confederacy Passes Away.

Savannah, Feb. 23.—W. A. Jandon, who sold the Confederacy's bonds to purchasers in Europe in 1864 and bought supplies for the Southern government which failed to evade the blockade at Nassau, after being shipped from Liverpool, died here today. Jandon was in Liverpool arranging a coup for the delivery of European goods to the Confederate states when he heard of Lee's surrender.

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KNOX LEAVES KEY WEST FOR CENTRAL AMERICA

American State Department Head Has Many Diplomatic Problems to Solve.

Key West, Fla., Feb. 23.—Secretary of State Knox sailed today from Key West aboard the cruiser Washington on a political mission that will take him, according to present arrangements, to the capitals of Central America, to Caracas, and Venezuela and various West Indies points. The cruiser left Norfolk early in the week and reached here this morning. Knox and his party embarked after their arrival from Palm Beach by train. The secretary was accorded the unusual honor of a salute of 19 guns.

WHAT MAKES PRICES

It Isn't the Cost of Production, Gov. Woodrow Wilson Tells Kansas Students.

Lawrence, Kan., Feb. 23.—Woodrow Wilson today addressed the University of Kansas students. "It would be a fallacy," he said, "to tell you the cost of production governs the cost of a commodity. The cost of production is too uncertain; it varies in different factories." Wilson was introduced by Governor Stubbs.

CALLS RATES UNJUST

Postal Asks Interstate Commerce Commission for Adjustment With the Western Union.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Accusing the Western Union Telegraph company of the exaction of unreasonable joint rates, the Postal Telegraph and Cable company today instituted proceedings before the Interstate Commerce Commission, demanding an adjustment on an equitable basis of all interchange rates.

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REBELS MOVING TOWARD JUAREZ

POISON FIEND IN INFANTS' HOSPITAL

Coroner Suggests Eight Babies Were Killed by Maniacal Attendant.

New York, Feb. 23.—The mystery of the death of eight children, the eldest ten months old in a Brooklyn infants' hospital since Sunday may be solved by chemical analysis of the contents of their stomachs. An irritant poison, believed to be oxalic acid mixed with limewater and milk, was indicated by autopsy. Deliberate poisoning is suggested by the coroner, perhaps by a hospital attendant with a homicidal mania.

RUSSIAN NATIONALISTS THREATEN A REPRISAL

Course of United States in Denouncing the 1832 Treaty Denounced.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 23.—The mass meeting of the nationalist party in the hall of nobility last night, to protest against the attitude of the United States in denouncing the Russo-American treaty of 1832, was attended by 50 members of the duma, many public officials and several thousands of others interested in retaliatory action which Russia proposes. After four set speeches, resolutions were read in support of the nationalist proposals for the total exclusion of Americans of Jewish faith from Russia and for tariff reprisals. These proposals were introduced in the duma on December 27. According to their terms the customs duties are to be raised 100 per cent in certain cases. The declaration of speakers deprecating Jewish influence in the United States, which it was alleged was responsible for the attempt to meddle in Russian internal affairs, and avowing the determination of Russians to be their own masters within their own doors, elicited some applause. A big map showing the irrigated and irrigable sections of Turkistan was displayed on the platform as showing the possibility of dispensing with American cotton.

Count Vladimir Brobrinsky, president of the constitution conservative party and prominent in the duma, said in this connection: "We may come to bless the day when President Taft abrogated the treaty."

Other speakers made friendly references to the qualities of the American people, and all attempted to explain how the Jews had taken advantage of the exigencies of the situation with the elections near at hand. M. Von Exner, president of President Taft, while Count Brobrinsky declared that ex-President Roosevelt was the sworn enemy of Russia.

GOLDEN RULE POLITICS

Call is Issued for National Convention of the United Christian Party.

Davenport, Ia., Feb. 23.—The call for a national convention of the United Christian party at Rock Island, Ill., was today issued by William R. Benkert, national leader. The call announces that it is the Christian party's purpose to settle the tariff, the liquor question and high cost of living problems by the people's direct vote and the golden rule.

CHINDA ARRIVES

New Ambassador from Japan to the United States Presents Credentials This Week.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Viscount S. Chinda is a graduate of Depauw university, arrives here today, accompanied by the vicountess and a retinue of servants. He presents his credentials to the state department this week. Chinda is a graduate of Depauw university, Indiana.

PAT CROWE IN JAIL AGAIN

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Pat Crowe, chiefly notorious in the Cudahy kidnapping case, is behind the bars again. He was jailed for assaulting a hotel proprietor.

Steever Confirms Press Reports That Larger Forces, One Numbering 1400, Advance on Border City.

AMERICANS PROTEST AGAINST PILLAGE

Beset by Robber Bands, Many are Leaving for the States—Malcontents Back Leaders.

Washington, Feb. 23.—War department officials are concerned by reports from Colonel Steever, in charge of the American forces patrolling the Mexican border, confirming press dispatches that large forces of rebels are moving on Juarez, opposite El Paso. His advices state that General Orozco is leading one of these forces with 1400 men. Telegrams and letters are daily reaching the White House, the state department and the war department from Americans in Mexico protesting against robberies and lack of adequate protection by the American authorities. Many of the complainants demand protection by the American government.

It was admitted at the state department that the condition of revolt in Mexico at present parallels, if not exceeds, that which preceded the downfall of the Diaz regime. The unrest seems greater, but lacks direction of cohesion. With a leader it is feared that conditions will be worse than ever before.

Robber bands are pillaging the remote and rural sections unchecked. Several American mines and American owned ranches have been raided and property, chiefly rifles, ammunition and provisions, have been stolen. Americans in all parts of Mexico are making their way to the United States. It is reported from Chihuahua that foreigners have become apprehensive and many women and children have left that district for the United States. Similar reports come from other sections of Mexico.

ENGINEERS' REPORT ADVERSE TO CANAL

War Department Board is Considering Whether to Construct Waterway Across Florida.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Whether the government will construct a canal across the state of Florida is being considered by the rivers and harbors board at the war department. The report of army engineers who made the investigation, it is said, is adverse to the project. It is contended that the shipping which would use the waterway would be insufficient to justify its construction.

TWO SHIPS AGROUND

All the Others Blown Ashore Near Norfolk in Storm are Afloat Again.

Norfolk, Feb. 23.—All the larger vessels that suffered in the severe storm Wednesday and Thursday have been floated or otherwise extricated from their threatening situations except the Old Dominion liner Madison, which sunk on the east side of the outer Norfolk channel between Lambert's point and Sewall's point, and the Norwegian steamship Hermes, blown high up on a bar at Edgewater, near the mouth of Tanners creek.

Underwriters and wrecking company agents today made an examination of the liner Madison. She has a large hole in her side which must be patched by divers before the steamer can be pumped out.

Textile Company Chartered.

Gazette-News Bureau. The Hotel Raleigh. Raleigh, Feb. 23. A charter was issued today to the Haw Manufacturing company of Haw River to manufacture cotton, wool and silk and to sell its products; authorized capital \$50,000 with \$10,000 subscribed for by J. Harvey White, William E. White and E. S. Parker, Jr., all of Graham.

Fitzsimmons and Corbett Box.

Detroit, Feb. 23.—Bob Fitzsimmons and James J. Corbett face each other in the padded ring tonight. The two former heavyweight champions, both playing at a local theater this week, will box two rounds as the feature of a benefit performance.

MY CHOICE FOR PRESIDENT. If I could select the Man I Would Name. Name: Address: Cut this ticket out and mail it to The Gazette-News, or hand it in at this office. If you do not care to write your name on the ballot, you can write it in a registry book provided at the office. Results will be published from time to time and in no case will the name of the voter be given out unless so requested.