

KILLS HIS SISTERS IN COLD BLOOD AND THEN CONFESSES

Brother's Hatred Culminates After Months of Plotting In Triple Murder

ATTENDED TO THROW OFFICERS OFF SCENT

When Finally Cornered Plays Off Old Grudge as Part of His Insanity

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 26.—James McMahon today confessed that he murdered his sisters, Miss Rose McMahon and Mrs. Alonzo Van Hoyen and the latter's husband, Alonzo Van Hoyen on a farm near Kansas City, Kansas, last Tuesday. A long standing family quarrel caused the tragedy. McMahon killed Van Hoyen in a wood and later went to the Van Hoyen home and shot his sisters.

McMahon's inability to keep his secret caused his arrest. He told a friend today where he had hidden a revolver with which he did the killing, and several articles he took from the Van Hoyen home.

As Sheriff Becker was preparing to arrest James McMahon, the latter walked into his office and announced he was ready to help work on the case as he had been doing each day since the tragedy.

Cold Blooded Confession. Sheriff Becker immediately arrested him. Prosecutor Taggart and Sheriff Becker sweated McMahon for two hours. Then McMahon confessed.

"Yes, I killed my two sisters and brother-in-law and I was crazy when I did it," he shouted, rising out of his chair and pacing the room. "It took me three months to plan and execute the crime. I waited until I knew my intended victims would be in the right positions for me to kill them and get away. On Tuesday I went to visit at Van Hoyen and I went to the woods. I found him and shot him in the head. He fell and I fired six shots into his back. I always hated him."

"Then I walked into the house and"

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WATKINS RELATES HIS STORY OF THE BLACK MT. TRAGEDY

Declares he Fired Only After Both Men Had Attacked Him And Brought Him Down to His Knees—Evidence at Variance.

Yesterday's trial of the P. C. Watkins case proceeded rapidly and at the time of adjournment the two negro witnesses, Burley Gowan and Clem Jones, who accompanied Watkins to the room where he shot John H. Bunting, had been examined and cross examined. Watkins' statement in his own behalf was closed and much of his cross examination finished.

Gowan and Jones, employees of the hotel at the time of the killing, August 26th, shortly after midnight of the sixth, appeared not to be shaken in their testimony despite a stiff cross examination by Mr. Craig. The feature of their statements being their positive declarations that it was Collins who was first shot and not Bunting, as Collins had testified.

A disinterested witness, W. E. Bayle, representative of The Citizen, was called to testify as to statements made by the two darkies on Sunday after the shooting, the state's purpose of showing what they had said when the tragic events were fresh in their minds. The testimony of Jones and Gowan was marked by much unimportant humor, Jones boasting that selector Mandy had told him that Bunting and Collins had been using "very broken language" and frequently using the Biblical expression "terrible." Possibly the use of the word "very" due to the fact that he had the night of the shooting attended a revival meeting where he had acquired a revolver which he had used to suppose the church was a church militant.

The defendant promptly took the witness stand when the state rested and made his statement of the occurrence. He was substituted in a severe cross examination by Judge T. A. Jones but his assured manner did not desert him. Pled by the questioner Judge Jones he reviewed the things he had experienced, the shooting and wounding either by himself or another convict guard of a fleeing negro convict some years ago, his shooting and wounding of a fugitive of Black Mountain, his shooting and killing of a negro whom he saw trying to break into his house at Black Mountain and his cutting of a man named Ledbetter who was head

of a crowd seeking to initiate him by the pleasing process of "pressing" him.

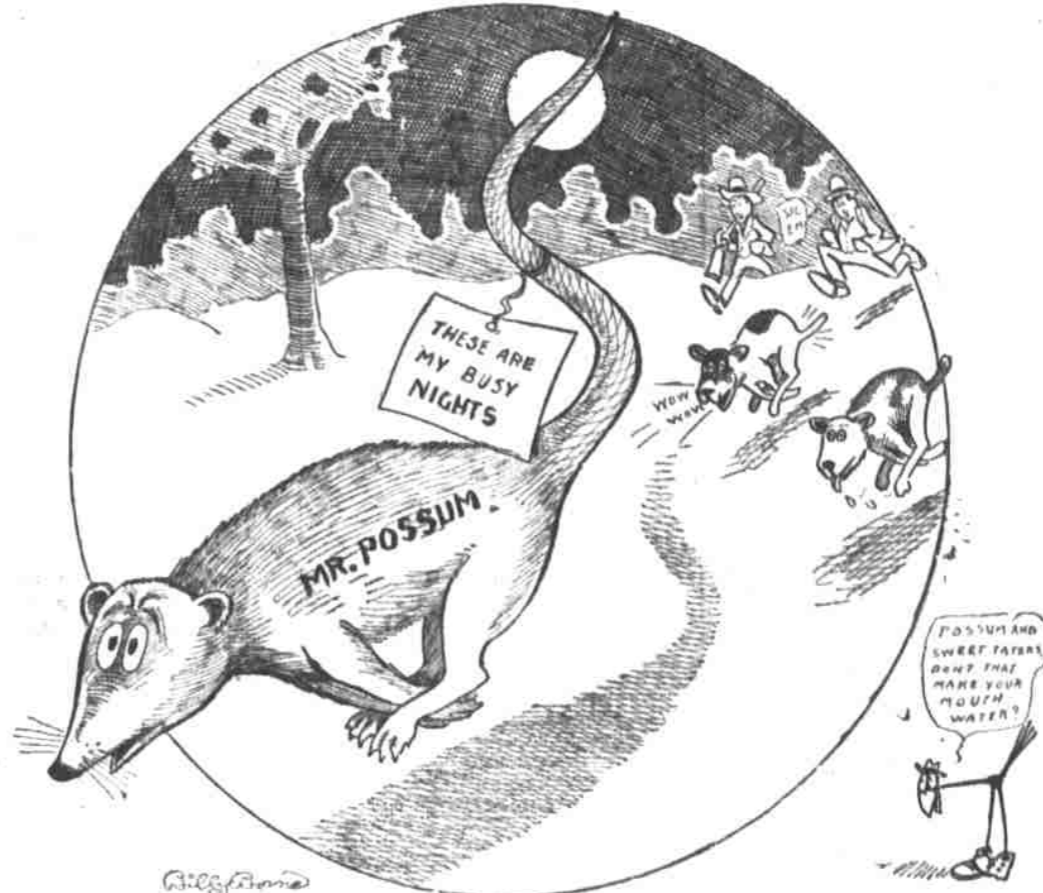
Court Opens. The first witness was H. H. Thompson, of Hillsboro, who testified to the good character of Witness P. C. Col Jones. He was followed by Burley Gowan, the negro porter who testified that when he came from church about 1 o'clock he went to his room some 20 steps from the hotel and had been there about 20 minutes, hearing no noise when Proprietor Mandy called for Clem Jones and when he did not respond told witness to get Constable Watkins. Witness said that he met Jones and the two walked Watkins who asking what the trouble was. Witness told him he was wanted to quiet a disturbance at the hotel. When they reached the hotel they met Mandy who told Watkins to restore peace. Witness said he heard no noise as they approached the hotel, but Mrs. Woodruff put her head out of a window and called to "Hurry up," as "They are in the hall now." In the hall upstairs they saw no one except Mrs. Linville and went first to room 17 and then to 19 where the officer knocked. Some one inside asked "Who's that," and Watkins replied "A policeman." The officer entered, lighting a match and when it went out told them to make a light.

The officer asked the two men who were sitting on the side of the bed what all the fuss was about, to which one of them replied that there was no fuss, that they were just talking. The officer told them to get back in bed in a loud tone. Collins, who was trying to get Bunting to lie down, rose with his hand extended as he talked to the officer, the pistol fired and the light went out. The men were not making any move to attack the officer. Collins, who was shot first fell back so that his foot closed the door and witness was shot out in the hall. He heard a second shot and Bunting exclaimed, "My God, he's shot me in the stomach."

Cross Examination. On cross examination witness said that he was frightened and told the examiner, "as near as I could direct myself," this being when it was suggested that his statement to the coroner did not correspond in points on what he testified in court. Witness

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Possum Season Is On.



GREAT COMMONER OF JAPAN IS ASSASSINATED BY KOREAN FANATIC

Shot Down in Railway Station as He Was on His Way to Settle Differences Between His Country and China.—All Mikado's Realm is Mourning for His Death.

HARBIN, Oct. 26.—Prince Hirobumi Ito, former Japanese president-general of Korea and probably Japan's foremost statesman, was assassinated at the Tsingtau railway station here today. At the moment the Japanese diplomat was acknowledging the noisy welcome that greeted him as he stepped down from the coach that had occupied in the railroad train. Smiling and bowing he turned to make his way toward the station platform a few paces distant. Suddenly a half dozen revolver shots fired in quick succession were heard, followed by the cries of those standing near the prince who had either been wounded or imagined themselves to be. At the second report Prince Ito staggered and fell fainting. It was subsequently found that he had received three bullet wounds, two of which entered the abdomen. Prince Ito did not regain consciousness and died twenty minutes later.

Others Wounded. The fusillade of shots threw the crowd into a panic and it was some time before it could be determined who beside the prince had suffered. When the excitement had somewhat subsided it was found that three other members of the party on the platform had been injured. Prince Ito's private secretary received a bullet wound in the back, General Consul Kawakami and General Manager Tanaka, of the South Manchurian railway, who had moved closer to the prince as the firing began. It is thought that these three are not mortally wounded.

Assassin Defiant. The perpetrator of the outrage was not hard to locate as he stood defiantly in the crowd, revolver in hand. He proved to be a Korean, and with two companions of the same nationality, boasted of a conspiracy to take the life of the former president-general of Korea in satisfaction for the alleged tyranny of the prince over the Koreans.

As the police pounced upon the three Koreans, the one who did the shooting exclaimed dramatically: "I come to Harbin for the sole purpose of assassinating Prince Ito to avenge my country." None of the three Koreans attempted to escape. The assassin later admitted that he had a personal grudge against the Japanese statesman, who, while resident prince-general in Korea had caused the execution of several of his friends. It had been supposed that the police protection for the prince was adequate but the police stated later that they were unable to distinguish the Koreans among the many Japanese who had been admitted to the railway station to welcome the prince. The Russian police stated that Japan's consul-general Kawakami had requested them to permit entrance to the station of all Japanese who sought admission.

Very soon after the body of Prince Ito was made ready for removal from the station and placed upon a railroad train. The casket was covered with flowers and in other ways the sorrow of the official and public life was manifested.

Had Come for Conference. Prince Ito had come to Harbin to meet M. Kokovoff, the Russian minister of finance, for what was believed an important conference. The conference was suggested by Prince Ito in his capacity as president of the privy council of Japan. The subjects to be discussed were not definitely known to the public, but they were supposed to concern affairs of administration in Manchuria. Kokovoff had before declined an invitation to visit Japan for such a conference and Harbin was agreed upon as a meeting place. In accepting the invitation the Russian minister said that political questions must be barred, as he was competent only to discuss financial and technical subjects, those concerning the status of the Manchurian railroad. The conference had been announced widely in advance and it was generally known when the diplomats would reach Harbin.

Had Great Mission. Prior to his departure Prince Ito said to The Associated Press: "I am going on my own initiative with the approval of my emperor, with the hope of securing a better understanding with China and of assuring the world that Japan's intentions in Manchuria are amicable to China and friendly to the commerce of all nations. When I return I hope to give positive evidence of this."

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TWO SCORE DIE IN WRECK OF STEAMER OFF MAINE COAST

Hestia Goes on Rocks in Heavy Gale With Forty Odd Souls Aboard

ONLY SIX ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN SAVED

Steered on Reef Through Mistake in Lights While Storm Was at Its Height

EASTPORT, Maine, Oct. 26.—The North Atlantic's annual toll of lives and vessels received the first tithe of the winter season from its tributary—the Bay of Fundy—today in the loss of at least a score of souls and the destruction on a shoal ledge of Old Proprietor's Ledge off Seal Cove, Grand Manan, of the Donaldson line steamer Hestia, bound from Glasgow for St. John and Baltimore. Four of the victims—young Scotch ladies, were passengers on the ill-fated steamer, and the others were members of the crew. Captain Newman and twenty of more members of the crew were last seen this morning in a ship's boat which was being tossed on a stormy sea.

Clung to Wreck. Of the forty persons who were aboard the steamer when she piled up on the shoal at 1 o'clock this morning, only six are positively known to have been saved. They were forced to cling to the wreck, shifting their precarious positions often as the steamer was tossed by the great sea. It was not until 3 p. m. today that life savers were able to man their boats and reach the stranded vessel. When rescued the survivors were in a weakened state after their fourteen hours ordeal.

Those known to be saved are: Third Mate Stewart, Second Engineer Morgan, and seamen Keon, McKenzie, Smith, and McVicker. A heavy northerly gale is believed to have been responsible for the Hestia's fate, although it is supposed that a mistake of the man at the wheel in believing the beams of the lighthouse on Machias Seal Island, several miles southwest, carried the ship many miles off her course.

The sailors of the middle watch had been out of their bunks an hour, and all others except the navigating officers were stowed in bunks or hammocks when the crash came an hour after midnight. In the belief that he was leaving Grand Manan on the port tack, and following the usual course to St. John, the navigating officer sought the distinguishing marks of that route. But they were not to be seen. Instead the steamer was heading for Seal Cove, over seas when barely covered a treacherous bottom of shoals. It was on one of these, just inside Old Proprietor's Ledge that the vessel's nose became impaled.

COTTON MILL CLOSING NOT SO GENERAL AS WAS AT FIRST ANTICIPATED

Some Will Reduce their Output by Cutting Down Hours.

UNION MILL SOLID.

ATLANTA, Oct. 26.—At a meeting here today of the Georgia Industrial association, attended by prominent cotton mill men from all parts of the state, it was decided to curtail production by reducing the operating time of the cotton mills of the state twenty-five per cent. This action affects 160 mills. It was declared that the mills face critical conditions in view of the wide difference in the prices of raw and manufactured cotton. For two months or longer the mills will operate on three fourths time, the curtailment to continue after January 1, provided the price of cotton goods does not advance to a point where the mills can operate without sustaining a loss.

NO SHUT DOWN HERE. UNION, S. C., Oct. 26.—With their products sold ahead for several months at least, it was denied today that the nine cotton mills of this county will close down on account of the present high price of cotton. All the plants, with the exception of the Lockhart mills, which are closed for this week only, will continue to run on full time, probably until the first of the year.

LAURENS, S. C., Oct. 26.—Beginning November 1 the Watts cotton mills of this city, 43,000 spindles, will inaugurate a program of curtailment of production by closing one day in each week. The management of the Laurens mills states that from the present outlook this mill will continue to operate on full time.

MEXICO AGAIN VISITED BY DISASTROUS FLOODS LEAVING RUIN IN WAKE

Whole States Practically Depopulated by Rains and Cloudbursts.

HUNDREDS HOMELESS

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 26.—An estimated loss of five millions of pesos including crops and the hardwoods, two lives known to be lost and many others, it is feared sacrificed in the floods, hundreds of homes were washed away and thousands of head of cattle were drowned are the known results of the disastrous cloud bursts and storm that broke over the state of Tabasco yesterday. Following twenty-one days of incessant rain all over this region, rivers are out of their banks, towns are inundated, thousands are homeless and no relief is yet in sight.

From north to south, extending across the state from the Mesquitas and the Grijalva rivers, which take the two names after forking near Huimanguillo to the banks of the Huamantla, which for a short distance marks the boundary between Chiapas and Guatemala, the entire country is a total waste, only the high mountain villages and plateau farms escaped from the terrific onslaught of the waters.

Five hundred families are homeless in the city of Atasta alone, other cities and towns inundated are Minicaguillo, Tenosique, Jalapa, Tehuacan, Tlaxpa, Santa Rosa and a number of smaller villages along the Mesquital river, while the south border of the state of Yucatan, Balam, Carmen, Palizada, and Santa Rita in the valley of the Usumacinta river are badly damaged as the result of the flood.

A total of thirty-two and a half inches of water has fallen in the state in three weeks, which is the record for water fall in thirty-two years. A large part of the lower section of San Juan Bautista is under water. The barrio of Santa Cruz has been totally depopulated and the water is three and four feet deep in many homes.

STANDS BY BIGAMIST IN SPITE OF HIS CRIMES AND DISLOYALTY TO HER

Gebhardt's Wife Testifies on Stand to His Uniform Kindness.

SHOWS NO EMOTION.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—The wife of Gebhardt, alias Otto Mueller, exhibiting absolutely no emotion, told at the coroner's inquest at Islip, L. I., today, how he murdered Anna Luther, the German girl whom he bigamously wedded in a chump of Long Island woodshed a year ago last April.

After having confessed fully to the murder yesterday, it was no surprise when he took the stand today and solemnly repeated that he was the murderer. Before testifying he received the usual legal warning, but he selected nevertheless to tell his story. As he testified, his other wife, known as Mrs. Gebhardt, accompanied him to her two children on the stand. She had previously gone on the stand and testified to her husband's general good character and his kind treatment of her, for she is remaining loyal to him despite his confession of crime and the fact that he murdered the Luther girl.

Gebhardt testified that he had shot the girl twice, and then fled and returned to his home at Astoria, L. I., the same home at which he was arrested on Sunday night. He said he had not gone again to the victim of the murder until a few weeks ago when he took a woman there who was called her. Her maiden name was never given. His brazen attitude and apparent fearlessness at that time was indicated when he said today that on his visit he was accompanied by his first wife. Although he knew that the Luther girl's bones were lying not far away, he conducted the party about the vicinity with no show of terror.

NIGHT RIDERS ACTIVE. HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Oct. 26.—The first outbreak of night riders in South-western West Virginia for more than a year occurred last night in the Eastern part of Cabell county. The large tobacco barn of Everett Blake, containing tobacco was burned.

MISS GAZZAM AND HER FATHER RECONCILED BY HER ALIENATION SUIT

Sen. Gazzam Declares He Has Been Eager for Amicable Relations.

WILL WAS IN THE WAY

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 26.—A reconciliation between Miss Antonette Elizabeth Gazzam, defendant in the sensational alienation suit brought by Mrs. Marshall Clark, wife of "Neddy," the mystic, and Miss Gazzam's aged father is about accomplished. Father and daughter have been estranged since the former was divorced by Miss Gazzam's mother.

When the heiress of Storm King Mountain returned to her home in Cornwall a few days ago after a fortnight's mysterious absence, friends accepted the report that she had been scouring in Philadelphia, where her father, former State Senator Joseph M. Gazzam, was in daily communication with her.

To friends and relatives the importance of the reconciliation overshadows the alienation suit for the moment. If accomplished it will defeat the dying wish of Miss Gazzam's mother. This was expressed in Mrs. Clark's will as follows: "I most solemnly charge and direct my executor and the guardian of my beloved daughter, Antonette Elizabeth Gazzam, that they guard and protect my daughter from coming at any time or in any manner under the care of or within the influence of or into personal or social contact with her father, Joseph M. Gazzam."

This mandate was implicitly obeyed, although Miss Gazzam is known to have felt keenly the determination of her mother to exile her from a father's love. Senator Gazzam was ever ready to welcome his eldest daughter home near Baltimore, the Vanderbilt estate in North Carolina. Senator Gazzam granted an interview today to a World reporter in which he removed all doubt as to his

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WITNESSES TESTIFY TO THREATS BY SANDERS

Say He Said Some Shooting Had to Be Done Around Newport.

BEAUFORT, N. C., Oct. 26.—Testimony intended to prove that S. J. Sanders, charged with the murder of H. J. Newberry, mayor of Newport, this state, this land to shoot Newberry, was given by witnesses for the state in his trial here today.

On the evening of the shooting witnesses testified that Sanders said that "no decent man would appear in court to send him to prison." Meeting a man on a county road, Sanders witness testified, told the man about "hanging" getting "hot" around Newport and that some shooting had to be done, and that Newberry was not going to appear against him. Threats against Newberry's life were made by Sanders. It was testified, because the former tried to put the "blind tigers" out of business.

CLOSING RECEIVERSHIP. NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—Judge Lacombe today granted an order in regard to the reorganization of the Seaboard Air Line railway, directing all receivers' indebtedness be called for payment on November 6 and that the property and business of the company in the hands of S. D. Warfield, R. B. Williams and B. C. Duncan, receivers, be turned over to the custody of the company at midnight, November 4.

THAW LOSKS APPEAL. ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 26.—Harry K. Thaw's contention that he was illegally committed to the Matteawan state hospital for the criminal insane following his acquittal on charges of murdering Stanford White in New York City, was overruled today by the Court of Appeals.

MECKLENBURG FAIR DRAWS LARGE CROWDS

Has Large Attendance in Spite of Counter Attraction of Circus.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Oct. 26.—Despite the counter attraction of Barnum and Bailey's circus, Mecklenburg county's fair, which opened this morning, proved a strong drawing card for several thousand people. Local enthusiasts declared that the opening day was featured with the largest attendance in the history of the fair association. Mr. Edgar B. Moore, formerly of Asheville, has several entries in the stock and poultry classes and is picked as an easy winner of first premiums.

FAIR. WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—Forecast for North Carolina: Fair Wednesday and Thursday, warmer Wednesday; moderate southwest to west winds.

BUTLER APPEAL HEARD IN THE SUPREME COURT

Famous Label Suit Reaches Its Last Stages in the Courts of the State.

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 26.—In the Supreme court today the appeal of Ex-United States Senator Marion Butler and brother, Lester Butler, editor of The Caucasian from the sentence in Guilford county Superior court of \$500 and \$250 fines each for criminal libel of Spencer B. Adams, was heard and the case taken under consideration. The libel consisted of publications impeaching Ex-Judge Adams' official and personal acts, while Chief Justice of the Chertaw-Chilcosew citizenship court of Indian Territory, the publications being in the heat of a political conflict within the republican ranks, Adams being republican state chairman.

The arguments for the Butlers were made by Ex-Gov. Chas. B. Aycock, Ex-Judge R. W. Winston and Ex-Judge R. W. Winston and Ex-Judge W. S. O. B. Robinson. For the state and Judge Adams, prosecuting the case against the Butlers, were Major Chas. M. Stedman, R. C. Strudwick, and Attorney General T. W. Bickett.

STEEL COMMON DIVIDEND. NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—The directors of the United States Steel corporation today declared a quarterly dividend of one per cent. on the common stock. This is an increase of a quarter per cent. over the previous quarter. The usual dividend of 1-3-4 per cent. was declared on the preferred stock.