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Crazed by Sickness A Noted Chemist Kills Wife and Self

IN PHILADELPHIA

Fireside the Scene of the Awful Double Tragedy-The Madman's First Shot Did Not Accomplish Its Deadly Object So He Pursued the Screaming Wife and Successfully Wreaked Death-Happened in the Presence of Two Feminine Visitors, Who Bravely Attempted to Disarm The Frenzied Man.

Philadelphia, Pa., January 15 .-Rendered insane by illness, Edward K. Landis, a widely known expert chemist, today shot and killed his wife, Emma, and then ended his own life with the same weapon. The tragedy was enacted in the Landis residence, 4025 Spruce street, West Philadelphia. Mr. Landis had been a sufferer from asthma for many Two months ago he was compelled

to give up his laboratory work and had been confined to his bed for the past two weeks. Today Mrs. Landis with her sister, Mrs. H. W. Potts, and Mrs. Patten, a dress maker, were in the room adjoining the apartment occupied by Mr. Landis. The sick man called to his wife, complaining that the ringing of the door bell annoyed him. She entered his room and had barely stepped through the doorway when Mr. Landis raised himself in bed and, reaching under the pillow, drew forth a revolver. He fired upon his wife, the bullet taking effect in her breast. She screamed and fled to the adjoining room, and her husband followed. Mrs. Potts and Mrs. Patten attempted to disarm the frenzied man, but he brushed them aside. Grasping Mrs. Landis by the haid he pulled her focibly back ward and shot her through the temple. The woman died instantly. Mr. Landis hastened back to his own room where he shot himself in the head, ending his own life.

Mr. Landis was 52 years of age and his wife was about 45 years old. He was a prominent member of the engineers' club of this city. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania thirty years ago, after which he traveled extensively and studied in many of the European universities. Fifteen years ago he opened a laboratory here, which was visited by chemist from all parts of this country, and Europe, who sought the advice of Mr. Landis.

TAWNEY'S ANTI-TAG BILL.

Tobacco Men Fought the Measure Before the House's Proper Com-

Washington, January 15 .- The subcommittee of the House's ways and means committee concluded hearings today on the Tawney anti-tag bill, relating to packages of tobacco. R. G. Hamilton, representing Bland Tobacco Company of Petersburg, Va., opposed the measure as against the interests of his firm. Representatives Sherl'y. of Kentucky, and Dovener, of West Virginia, argued in opposition to the constitutionality of the proposed meas-

Mr. Sherley said that while congress had a perfect right to legislate that no tag of any sort should be placed within a package of tobacco, it had no right to allow only a certain kind of tag or coupon to be placed therein. The argument was controverted by

4. G. Wasson, of Pittsburg, representthe National Cigar Company, who favored the measure. No action on the bill has been taken by the committee.

BIDS FOR BATTLESHIPS OPENED

Philadelphia Concern Will Probably Build the Idaho and Mississippi.

Washington January 15 .- Bids for the 13,000 ton battleships Idaho and Mississippi were opened at the navy department today. The bidders were

as follows: Cramps and Sons, Philadelphia, one vessel to be completed in 39 months, \$3,200.000, or two yessels, one within 28 months and the other 40 months, at

\$2,999,500 each. The Newport News Shipbuilding Company one vessel in 37 months at \$3,143,000. The Maryland Steel Company of

Baltimore, one vessel within 42 months \$3,472,000. The Fore River Shipbuilding Company Quincy, Mass., one vessel, 42

months, \$3,468,000. The New York Shipbuilding Company, Camden, N. J., one vessei, 42 months, \$3,500,000.

here and is taking on coal, It has been practically decided to Russian Troops Assembling. award the contracts for both the Misfrom consular sources at New-Chwang weather. sissippi and Idaho to the Cramps.

Looks Hopeful Though That is All

JAPAN'S REPLY

Russia is Still Considering the Plucky that Russian troops are concentrating Little Nation's Answer - Misunderstanding Between Russia and Uncle Sam Averted in Washington Yesterday - Foreign Office at St. Petersburg Reports An Advance of Negotiations-Russian Troops Assembling and Japanese Engineers on the Alert in Disguise.

Washington, January 15 .- What might have developed into an unfortunate misunderstanding between the governments of the United States and Russia regarding the interests of the United States in Manchuria was adjusted at a conference at the state department today between Mr. Hay, the secretary of state, and Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador. As a result the Russian government will be advised by the ambassador that he has the best assurances that the interest of this country in Manchuria les would be checked by decisive acis absolutely and exclusively commercial, and that the consuls sent to Mukden and Antung will confine their activities to the faithful care of American trade interests in that province.

Count Cassini called at the state department today to inquire into certain statements which several European diplomats here had brought to his attention and interpreted to indicate a change of policy on the part of this government in the direction of political intervention in Manchuria. The conference between the secretary and the ambassador was characterized by frank cordiality on both sides. The ambassador was assured that this government does not contemplate the substitution of a political for a commercial policy in the

Russia's Black Fleet.

Berlin, January 15.—That Russia has applied to Turkey for permission to send her Black sea fleet through mystery of the girl's death. the Dardanelles is confirmed authoritatively here, and it is also asserted that Russia will renew her application and press for Turkey's consent. Germany's attitude at the time of the four unarmed Russian torpedo destroyers passed through the straits September, 1902, was that she had no concern in the matter.

Looks Like Peace.

The British government is believed here to have identified itself more fully week by week with the Japanese position, until now Great Britain fortified with expert talent. is almost as deeply committed to Japan. The position in which Great Britain now stands, according to the view taken of the situation here, has impressed and is impressing the Russian statesmen. The readiness with which the United States associated herself with Japan in pressing for the signature of the commercial treaties with China is another fact contributory to the feeling in St. home on the night of the murder. Petersburg that this is not the moby largely admitting Japan's demands. The skill Japan has shown throughout the negotiations excites admiration at the German foreign

Japan Will Defeat Herself.

London, January 16.—The Daily

minister to Korea, saying: "Russia will refuse to agree to the opening of Wiju and will protect Korean sovereignty at all costs. Rus-

In the same interviey Minister Pavloff declared:

"The Russian fleet will not fight. Fabian tactics will be employed and Japan will defeat herself within a ing.

Japanese minister, M. Kurino, today

Reply Being Considered. St. Petersburg, January 15 .- The

delivered the Japanese reply to the foreign office here. The reply is now under consideration here. The Russian foreign office says the present stage of the negotiations is an and its contents. There was no poison advance on previous stages, in certain discovered. respects. The two governments had approached an understanding on some points but not on others. Hopefulness reigned today in many quarters where pessimism had hitherto prevailed. Conservative opinion holds that

while the prospect of peace is better with a cargo of lumber for New York, than ever, the end cannot be predicted some fears are felt for the safety of with certainty, particularly the macner in which a settlement can be secured.

cruiser Kasag has proceeded on its days from Fernandina. Former Lieuvovage. The Niasin also has reached tenant Governor James D. Dewell, the

DOCTRINE NOT AMERICAN DIED AT PLAY IN THE TOILS

The Far East Situation Senator Teller Hotly Took Issue With President About Panama Canal

TILLMAN HEARD FROM AGAIN

to Say.

Speaker of Yesterday's Senatorial Ses-

sion Went for Roosevelt on His

Panama Doctrine in No Uncertain

Manner-Not Only a - Dangerous

But an Un-American Doctrine He

Declared-Tillman Had to Make

His Usual Interruption and Once

Again Poured Out Hot Shot-Sen-

ator Spooner Also Had Something

Washington, January 15 .- Today's

session of the senate began with the

passage of a number of bills on the

calendar and closed in like manner.

The intervening time was given over

to a speech by Mr. Teller on the

Panama canal question, which was

devoted to the contention that the

course of the president in connection

had been contrary to precedent and

in contravention of international law.

In the course of his remarks Mr.

Teller referred to Mr. Tillman and

the latter interrupted to say that he

had been misunderstood, and desired

tirely than for us to "pursue there

the methods of the sneak thief and

In response to a suggestion made

argued that that right remains even

though Colombia does not stand be-

from the Wisconsin Senator concern-

eminent domain," and the latter re-

plied that "he had not yet been able

That doctrine, as he understood it,

meant that when a weak nation had

what a strong nation needed the lat-

ter might take it by means of arms,

if necessary. Yet it must be re-

membered that right of way of one

land owner over land owned by an-

other person is a right recognized

by the world. "If," he said, "there

not an international way of necessity

where the interest of the world is

There were other interruptions to

which Mr. Spooner referred and this

brought the remark by Mr. Tillman

that "it takes a great many doctrines

to bring about the birth of this

babies," responded Mr. Spooner, "and

when I can't do that I will ask some

member of my own family to do

a conclusion in his own mind.

am not willing to concede the right

I can't find it in my heart to deny

Mr. Teller took issue with the pres-

'That," he said, "was a dangerous

doctrine, and was just such a doctrine

as' Russia might appeal to if she

should attempt to crush Japan. The

doctrine was not American; it was

contrary to all the best traditions of

this country. It was the doctrine

that might makes right." He dis-

cussed the government of Panama,

declaring it to be unrepublican in

form and was interrupted by Mr.

Spooner, who said that it had been a

"mooted question as do whether

there is a republican form of gov-

is not a republican form of govern-

ment in Colorado, there is a repub-

MUST CONNECT AT SELMA.

The Corporation Cimmission Decides

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., January 15 .- The cor-

poration commission today issued an

order requiring the Atlantic Coast Line

to make connection with the Southern

at Selma. The order directs that the

Coast Line shall make connection be-

tween Rocky Mount and Selma after

12:50 and before 2:25 p. m. This can be

done either by continuing to Selma the

train which now runs from Plymouth

to Rocky Mount and which lies at the

latter place all day, or by continuing

to Selma the train which now runs

from Spring Hope to Rocky Mount

Against Coast Line and Order Will

The senate adjourned until Mon-

"If," responded Mr. Teller, "there

ernment in Colorado."

be Issued Today.

until tomorrow.

lican administration there."

"I'll try to take care of my own

concerned?"

to give his assent to that doctrine.'

Mr. Teller asked for an opinion

maintain the attitude of a bully."

at the towns of Liao-Yang and Hat-Cheng and other places, where they will be in a position to re-occupy the territory between the Liao river and the Great Wall and seize the New Chwang-Shan-Hai-Kwan section of the Chinese railroad.

To Open Yonyampho and Jikoho. London, January 16.-The Daily Mail's Tokio correspondent says that the Korean cabinet has decided to open Yongampho and Jikoho and that this decision will be promulgated at the expiration of the mourning for the

empress dowager. Will Blow Up the Line.

Paris, January 16.-The correspondent of the Rappel at Odessa, says that the Asiatic department has accertained that 200 Japanese engineers disguised as Chinese coolies are scattered along the trans-Sibernian railway with the object of blowing up the line when war is declared.

Great Britain Denies Report. London. January 16 .- The report published in the United States by news agency to the effect that the British government had notified Japan that any attempt of the Russian Black sea fleet to pass the Dandeaneltion, is untrue. Foreign Secretary Lansdowne today expressed disbelief that Russia had any intention of trying to send a fleet through the Dandanelles, adding that it would be an obvious breach of treaty in which

TRIAL OF MRS. BECHTEL.

Great Britain could not possibly ac-

Number of Witnesses Examined Yesterday, But Nothing Startling or Important Developed.

Allentown, Pa., January 15.-The trial of Mrs. Catherine Bechtel, charged with being an accessory after the fact to the murder of her daughter, Mabel, was continued today and a number of witnesses were examined. No importance evidence however, was elicited to throw light upon the

Mr. Schadt, the attorney for Mrs. Bechtel, is strenuously endeavoring not alone to acquit his client, but to remove from the memory of her son, Thomas, the suicide, the stigma of being the urderer of his sister. This was indicated several times today on necessity are we to say that there is his cross examination of witnesses for the commonwealth.

At the present rate of progress the case will drag over this into next week. Experts on blood stains will likely be called tomorrow. Both sides are well

Mrs. Margaret Miller testified to seeing blood spots on the sidewalk in front of the Bechtel home beside carriage wheel tracks and hoof marks. She said Tom Bechtel rarely spoke to any member of the family, but that Mabel and her mother frequently quarreled over Weisenberg, the mother objecting to her association with him. Several neighbors testified that they heard nothing unusual in the Bechtel Coroner Scheirer testified that Rigor

ment to fight. The decision for war Mortis was setting in when he took or peace now rests with the Czar's charge of Mabel Bechtel's body. He of international eminent domain, but advisors, and symptoms are visible said the wounds had been evidently here that the decision will be peace, inflicted by a concave instrument. The it." wounds looked as though they had been washed.

Dr. W. W. Esbach, corroberated Coroner Scheirer's evidence. Death, he said, was due to a fractured skuil. Police Chief Eastman told of finding the blood stained garments and articles in the Bechtel home. Tom Bech-Mail's Seoul correspondent cables an tel came to police headquarters, he interview with M. Pavloff the Russian said, Wednesday afternoon and volunteered to help find the man who killed his sister.

Undertaker V. F. Wonderly identified the clothing taken from Mabel's sia would regard the landing of body. Tom called at the morgue, he Japanese troops in Korea as an un-said, to see the body and was visibly friendly act and would defend the affected. During this testimony Mrs. independence of Korea against Japan Bechtel wept freely, her body quivering as she gave expression to her sor-

Eugene Hartzell, a next door neighbor gave some important information. While in the outhouse on his premises at 3 a. m. Monday he saw a light in short period of being on a war foot- Bechtel's kitchen the rear door being open. Witness heard the voices of a man and a women. He also heard water flowing into the cess pool from the Bechtel home. Two hours later Bechtel's door was closed and no water was flowing.

W. R. Whitehorne, professor of chemistry at Muhlenburg college, reported his analysis of Mabel's stomach

Vessel Long Over Due.

New Haven, Conn., January 15-Thirty days out from Fernandina, Fla. the three masted schooner James D Dewell, of this port. The Dewell Suez. January 15.-The Japanese should have reached New York in 14 managing owner, said today that it is possible the vessel has been obliged to Pekin January 15.-It is reported run out to sea on account of adverse I The formal order will not be issued

College Student Acci- Desperado Who Escaped dentally Killed His Chum and Room Mate

From North Carolina **Prison Captured**

AT CHOCAWINITY A SAFE-CRACKER

While Returning From Hunting Two Young Men of Trinity School Engaged in Deadly Play With Guns Top of One's Head Blown Off School and Community Prostrated With Grief-Both Students Were From Windsor, N. C .- There the Body of the Unfortunate Young Man Will be Sent Today.

(Special to The Messenger.) Washington, N. C., January 15,-News

has just reached this city of the killing

of Archie Bridgers, a student at the Trinity school, Chocawinity, about three miles from this city, this afternoon. The shooting was done by Ruffin Sessoms, another student of the school. Both of the young men are from Windsor, N. C. They were out hunting together and while returning engaged in play and commenced to snap their guns at each other. It was the same old story-a gun not thought to box in the postoffice of Roaneke, Va., be loaded. When within a few hundred yards of the school, Sessions pointed to explain. He said he had meant his gun at Bridgers and it fired. The to say that it would have been pre- load struck Bridgers in the temple, ferable for the United States to tell completely tearing off the top of his Colombia to get off the isthmus en- head. He died in a few minutes. Both of the young men were bosom friends. They were room mates at school and lived in the same town. The shooting was purely an accident. by Mr. Teller, Mr. Spooner interrupt- The young man who did the shooting ed to say that by the treaty of 1846 is prostrated with grief, as is the en-Colombia was bound to maintain the tire school. Sessoms is a poor young Hollihan's arrest said Hollihan is one perpetual rights of the United States | man and is working his way through to passage across the isthmus and he school. The family of the boy killed

the entire community is in grief over the sad occurrence. BRYAN LOOKS FOR VICTORY.

was notified tonight at Windsor. The

body will be taken to Windsor tomor-

C. Hughes, principal of the school, and

two of his school mates. This is the

ng "the new theory of international first accident to happen at Tri

row morning accompanied by Rev. N.

Ardent Free Silver Advocate Passed Through St. Louis Yesterday-Did and Did Not Discuss Politics.

points to victory," said William J. is a doctrine of the private way of Bryan, who spent an hour in St. Louis today en route home to Lincoln, Neb., in answer to a question asked by the Post-Dispatch as to the democratic national outlook.

"What do you think about Judge Parker, of New York?" he was ask-"I am not thinking about Parker at

"How would Senator Gorman, of Maryland, suit you?" "I am not discussing Mr. Gorman or any other candidate at this time."

The colloquy caused a general outa preference for Mr. Hearst?" burst of laughter. After it had sub-"Now," said Mr. Bryan, "I wish sided, Mr. Spooner continued his you would write down what I have statement, saying that he was willing said about Mr. Hearst." to confess that he had not reached

He then dictated the following: "I appreciate the work Mr. Hearst has done for the democratic party and count him among my personal friends, but I am not advocating his nomination or that of any other person. I am avoiding any pursued in Panama had been in the interest of "Collective civilization." body." ident's declaration that the course

"Are you a candidate, Mr. Bryan?" "I think I have already made it perfectly plain that I am not." "Would you become one if conditions should indicate the necessity of your making the race?" "I can imagine no circumstances under which it would be either wise

or necessary for me to become a candiate." Mr. Bryan would not commit himself as to the eligibility of Mayor McClellan, of New York,, for the democratic nomination.,

"Did your journey modify in any way your views on the money question?" Mr. Bryan was asked. "It did not," he replied emphatically. "I am still a believer in the principle of free silver. But I will say

this, that I got one new idea, which I will discuss at some future time." Indianapolis, January 15.-A special from Evansville says: Before leaving here Will'am J. Bryan

confided to several local democratic leaders that he will become editor of a new daily paper at St. Louis this year. It is said William R. Hearst will be associated with Mr. Bryan in the new

Chicago, January 15 .- Mr. Bryan telegraphed as follows from Hanniball, Miss.: "Have not heard of Hearst's St. Louis paper, I shall publish daily edition of the Commoner in St. Louis during the convention. "W. J. BRYAN." (Signed)

Hobson With His III Mother.

Boulder, Colo., January 15 .- Captain Richmond P. Hobson has arrived here from Birmingham, Ala, and is now at the bedside of his mother. The condition of Mrs. Hobson is still very Jameson. W. H. Wilson is made audiserious, but she is reported to be tor of disbursements. The changes go resting easily.

Not Until Five Gleaming Revolvers Were Pointed at Him Did William Hoolihan Surrender-Capture of Noted Crook Made by Chicago Police-He Escaped From the Penitentiary in Raleigh Over Five Years Ago While Serving a Sen-

tence Imposed by a Virginia

Court.

Chicago, January 15 .- With the revolvers of five policemen pointed at his head, William Hollihan, alias 'Bid," said to be one of the most expert safe robbers in America, has been compelled to submit to arrest in a Chicago saloon. The prisoner, who is said to have been a fugitive for the last seven years, is wanted for having broken out of a jail in Virginia, where he was sent on a charge of safe-blowing. The strong was robbed by Hollihan and two others, who secured nearly \$3,000 in postage stamps and about \$250 in

Roanoke, Va., January 15 .- W. G. Baldwin, head of the Baldwin Detective Agency and president of the Railway Special Agents' Association of America and Canada, when shown the Chicago story about William of the notorious crooks of the country. He and two of his pals eracked a Norfolk and Western railway safe at Rustburg, Va., seven years age, securing two cents in money and a watch. They then went to Salem, Va., this county, where they cracked the postoffice safe, securing \$200. The three men were captured in this city, tried here and given sentences of five years each in the North Carolina penitentiary at Raleigh, from which prison Hollihan made his escape, after serving 15 months of his

Postmaster Samuel H. Hege, of this St. Louis, January 15-"Everything city, stated that there never has been any such robbery in the Roanoke, Va., postoffice as is mentioned in the Chicago story.

term. Hoolihan is wanted at Waulka-

shaw, Wisconsin, among other places,

for safe cracking.

TROLLEY CAR DEMOLISHED.

Was Struck by Railroad Train and Thirty-Four Passengers Injured.

Detroit, Mich., January 15 .- Am eastbound Michigan line car carrying a heavy load of passengers, herrying home at the close of the day, was "Is it true that you have expressed struck by a grand trunk passenger train this evening at Gratiot avenue and Dequindre street. More than 34 people were injured, the heavy double truck car being carried 200 feet down the track from the point of collision and being almost demolished. Every ambulance in the city was harried to the scene. Seven of the injured were conveyed to hospitals and 27 wer taken to their homes. No one was killed though some of the injured are in a very serious condition and may die.

AN ENJOYABLE EVENING.

The "Whites" Had a Pleasant Entertainment at the Y. M. C. A. Last

The "Whites" under the leadership of Captain McGeachy gave an entertainment last night at the Y. M. C. A.

Col. Walker Taylor made an excellent address, his main theme being 'Higher Ideals of Manhoed."

The Fifth Street quartette could not be present owing to the sickness of a member of the quartette. A vocal solo rendered by Mr. Westbrook

was highly enjoyed. After the exercises were concluded the guests assembled in the reception room where refreshments were served.

The evening was highly enjoyed by all who attended and Captain Mc-Geachy no doubt will gain several new recruits by his hospitality.

Changes With Norfolk and Western.

Roanoke, Va., January 15 .- It is officially announced here tonight that at a meeting of the board of directors of the Norfolk and Western Railway Company held in Philadelphia Wednesday, N. D. Maher, at present general superintendent of that road, was appointed general manager and J. W. Coxe, at present general auditor, was made comptroller to succeed the late M. C. into effect February 1st.