

Biddle Brothers Both Died from Their Wounds

Mrs. Soffel, the Warden's Wife, Is in a Dangerous Condition—The Plot Revealed

Butler, Pa., Feb. 1.—John Biddle, one of the two desperadoes shot yesterday while making their escape from the Alleghany county jail, in Pittsburgh, died at 7:45 o'clock this evening. He was shot in the arm, body and the intestines and it was the abdominal wound which killed him. His brother, Edward Biddle, died at 11 o'clock tonight.

Mrs. Soffel, the wife of the jail warden, was shot in the breast. She is in a very dangerous condition, but may recover. It was intended to take her to Pittsburgh today, but doctors said she would die, if moved.

Butler has 12,000 regular inhabitants but the population was almost doubled today. It was like a circus day in a country town. Curious crowds came from all the towns within a radius of 20 miles. For hours a crowd numbering several thousand people remained about the jail but it was not until this morning that the large crowd began to arrive, attracted by morbid curiosity and anticipating a clash between the Butler county officers and the Pittsburgh detectives on account of a dispute as to the \$5,000 reward offered. Thousands of men, women and children drove into Butler. Shortly after midnight they began to arrive and the crowd was augmented from that time on until 6 o'clock when it was estimated that fully 7,000 persons were standing in front of the large, oaken doors of the Butler county jail.

The larger part of this crowd was composed of country folks who had driven here in almost every kind of vehicle conceivable. Sleds, containing whole families, came and there were burglars, in which were crowded three and four women, driven up.

The Plot Revealed

Pittsburgh, Feb. 1.—A lost love letter of Edward Biddle to his girl sweetheart, Mrs. Kate Soffel, found in the snow near the bloody scene of their capture reveals the careful plot for their escape from the Alleghany county jail. The letter clearly shows the hazardous undertakings of the infatuated woman to secure the escape of the Biddles. Since December 2, 1901, they had been making preparations to escape. The epistle tells how Mr. Soffel carried the keys to the cells of the Biddles. It manifests

the extreme infatuation of Mrs. Soffel for the murderer and burglar. It clearly shows the wonderful influence Edward Biddle held over Mrs. Soffel.

Mrs. Soffel fell in love with Edward Biddle in November. It was not long until he started to write love letters to her. Mrs. Soffel fell madly in love with Biddle and about the early part of December he proposed a plan of escape to her. She consented to lend him her aid and before December 10th they had completed all arrangements to escape from the jail. Then they learned of the Governor's respite. After this Edward Biddle almost persuaded Mrs. Soffel to fly with him and his brother.

The contents of the letter shows it was originally agreed that Mrs. Soffel was to leave the city for Canada on the evening of the boys' escape. Although Mrs. Soffel's infatuation was so great for Edward Biddle, she readily refused to allow the escape alone. It is shown in the letter that the Biddles intended leaving the jail on the night of December 20. On this occasion Mrs. Soffel became alarmed and requested Edward to wait a few days before leaving. Edward then became enraged and threatened to leave on Tuesday night. Thinking Mrs. Soffel's affection was weakening, he threatened to kill all the guards in the jail. Mrs. Soffel succeeded in persuading Edward not to make the attempt. Edward Biddle had a perfect code of signals with his sweetheart, Mrs. Soffel, and he made signs to her from his cell and the jail yard window. It was from this window that she gave him the signal of escape. It was arranged by them to leave the jail on Monday or Tuesday.

Jailer Soffel said tonight: "I discovered my wife's infatuation for the Biddles several months ago, and I repeatedly warned her to cease her flirtations with the Warden's residence. I asked her whether she was infatuated with Edward Biddle, but she never made any reply. About two weeks ago Biddle asked me to take some poetry he had written to my daughter and I agreed. I thought nothing of it. I brought it home and on Monday or Tuesday when Kate was here I gave it to her. I did not look at it, and when my daughter asked me to take some books back to Biddle, I refused and told her that if she wanted to do anything of that kind she must get her husband to do it. I would not.

"The actions of my daughter in flirting with the Biddles caused suspicion in the jail and considerable talk, but I never thought she would do what she did."

will ask Jeffries to meet Fitzsimmons and himself at 11 o'clock Monday morning to arrange details of the contemplated mill.

Battleship Withdrawn

Washington, Feb. 1.—Recent official advice from Venezuela indicate that the internal political conditions in that country have assumed a less serious phase, and the Navy Department has accordingly withdrawn the battleship Indiana from Caracas, Dutch Guiana, where she has been held in readiness to proceed to LaGuayra, the principal Venezuelan port, to protect American interests. The Indiana has been ordered to San Juan, Porto Rico, whence she will proceed to the North Atlantic squadron, now at Culebra Island, near the Porto Rico coast.

BLOODY PEN KNIFE IN HAND OF CORPSE

A Case Surrounded by Much Mystery.

New York, Feb. 1.—In an old-fashioned house on Christie street tonight a woman was found dead. In one hand, which rested palm down on the bed where she lay, scantly clothed, was grasped in all the tightness of death and rigor a bloody pen-knife, the point away from the woman's body. The police and the coroner have looked at the wound in the woman's body and the way the knife was held.

She did not look exactly like a woman of the streets. There were no signs of a struggle there was a gasp in her throat, a clean-cut one, and it appeared as if it were done while the woman slept. She had been living in the lower part of Christie street for four days it is said.

Much mystery surrounds the case. Coroner Scholer ordered the body sent to the morgue and also ordered the detention of witnesses. Captain Titus and a swarm of his detectives are working on the case at a late hour tonight. The coroner has looked at the Shakespeare case of Hell's Kitchen fame.

A FIERCE FIGHT DOWN IN GEORGIA

Atlanta, Feb. 1.—Politicians are speculating tonight over the effect of the withdrawal of J. P. Brown from the State gubernatorial contest, the election to be held next fall. Mr. Brown is a railroad commissioner and was formerly head of the State Agricultural Society.

THE NAMES WITHHELD

Additional Indictments in the Kentucky Conspiracy

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 1.—When the grand jury which has been investigating further into the alleged conspiracy to murder William Goebel made its report, a batch of indictments against prominent persons were returned and Judge Cantrill said: "Mr. Clerk, take these indictments and keep them until over the county. In this way Cross Creek township, the one which includes the graded schools of Fayetteville, gets very much less than a per capita apportionment. Hence the fight which has arisen and the intervention of the superintendent of public instruction. The following letter and extract from the report of the county board of education will show the situation:

NEW ORLEANS RACES

New Orleans, Feb. 1.—Results: First, selling, 1 mile—Dr. Carrick 8 to 1, won; St. David 4 to 5, second; Cavalierman 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:48. Second, 2-year-olds, 4 furlongs—Dark Planet 9 to 5, won; Lady Mochles 8 to 1, second; Royal Deceiver 10 to 1, third. Time, 52. Third, handicap, 3/4 mile—Tennessee 16 to 1, won; Pigeon Post 6 to 1, second; If You Dare 2 to 1, third. Time, 1:14. Fourth, 1 1/4 miles—Prince Blazes 10 to 1, won; Jessie Jarboe 20 to 1, second; H. of Frantsmar 5 to 1, third. Time, 2:53. Fifth, selling, 1 mile—Jerry Hunt 4 to 1, won; El Ghor 6 to 1, second; Strauzest 5 to 2, third. Time, 1:46. Sixth, 2-year-olds, 3/4 mile—Sand Flea 2 to 1, won; Prowl 2 to 1, second; J. P. Keating 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:18.

After the Czar Again

London, Feb. 2.—A Vienna dispatch to the Sunday Special says rumors are current of an attempt made on the life of the Czar. The report is regarded as important in official quarters.

Young Lady's Narrow Escape

There came near being a serious accident at the Union station yesterday afternoon. Mr. W. W. Caserby having rescued a lady from almost under the wheels of a train. It was when No. 41, Southern train, was backing under the shed. A young lady had just gotten off of No. 4 westbound and was crossing the track on which No. 41 was backing under the shed. She was going over to the other side of the shed, her back being toward the approaching train which she did not see. The conductor saw the lady when they had run up within a few feet of her and had air brakes put on full force, and the wheels were slipping on the track almost upon her when she was rescued by Mr. Caserby.

Farmers Want Stock in Raleigh's Tobacco Market

Mr. Fred H. Williams of Chatham Voices This Suggestion—Suggestion to Be Adopted

So interested are the planters throughout Wake and adjacent counties becoming in the re-establishment of the Raleigh tobacco market that many letters are being received daily by gentlemen who are known to be identified with the work, all of them tendering congratulations upon the important move both in its relation to the city and to the country at large, and many of them offering suggestions with reference to various phases of the undertaking. A large number of these suggestions are very valuable and will have much influence in shaping the policy of the management in conducting the market.

One of the most notable letters thus far received came to Mr. Joseph E. Pogue yesterday from Mr. Fred H. Williams of Chatham county. He suggests that the privilege of owning stock in the Raleigh Leaf Tobacco Company or warehouse be extended to the farmers throughout Wake and adjacent counties, thereby interesting them to work for the market. The entire letter is of special interest and is given below:

Rialto, Chatham Co., Jan. 30, 1902. J. E. Pogue, Esq., Chairman Tobacco Committee, Raleigh, N. C. My Dear Sir: I have read with much interest the efforts that the business men of Raleigh have been making to re-establish the tobacco market there. There are several reasons now, that did not exist when your market went down, why you should sell more tobacco from this the eastern part of Chatham and the western part of Wake. However, there is never smooth sailing when you have to deal with a mass of humanity. There are some points that are easily influenced from one warehouse to another, much more from one market to

another, but are always ready to follow their most successful neighbors. The drumming method as it is mostly conducted is very unsatisfactory to the farmers. It seems to me that if you could arrange to have a few good and influential men in the different sections of the county to take stock in the warehouse and thereby have interested men at work for the market all the time, that it would be the best and most successful way of establishing a permanent market. Of course I only have reference to this section of the country, which is so near Durham. All of our best farmers here have sold at your market, and a great many will do so again, but you can't count on them regularly without some change of influence. If you depend upon the drummer method your warehousemen should use every means possible to secure good, honest, truthful men, who could enjoy the confidence of the farmers.

I have written this hoping that it might be worth something to you in reaching this section. Any information that I can render you will afford me real pleasure. Very respectfully, FRED H. WILLIAMS.

A large number of Raleigh's best business men are giving much time to the consideration of the best interests of the tobacco market, and they are deeply impressed with the wisdom of Mr. Williams' suggestion—so much so that it is very probable that steps will be taken at an early date to put the plan into execution.

The number of calls for tobacco seed which are being distributed free by the Raleigh Leaf Tobacco Company from various stores in the city are increasing daily, and the golden weed is sure to be raised in large quantities all over the county and throughout the surrounding country. And to direct the sale of the crop to the Raleigh market is the unanimous determination of the Raleigh business men. That they will succeed to a most gratifying degree cannot be doubted by those who observe the vigorous and well-directed efforts on foot.

Knotty Problem from Cumberland County

The City School Officials and County Board Have Serious Disagreement Over Apportionment of the School Fund

Various public school officials in Cumberland county are at loggerheads about what is the proper way, under the school law, to apportion the school funds coming into the hands of the county board of education.

The announcement was made a few days ago that the county board had succeeded in apportioning the funds so as to provide a four months' term for every school in the county, so that the county would not have to ask for any appropriation at all out of the second \$100,000 given by the state to bring up school terms to the four months limit.

This was thought to be very good but it seems that all are not satisfied and the superintendent of public instruction is appealed to to set aside the apportionment made by the county board and require them to reapportion, giving each township the amount which it is entitled by a per capita division. This was not done by the board in making the division so as to give four month terms all over the county. In this way Cross Creek township, the one which includes the graded schools of Fayetteville, gets very much less than a per capita apportionment. Hence the fight which has arisen and the intervention of the superintendent of public instruction. The following letter and extract from the report of the county board of education will show the situation:

"Gen. T. F. Toon, Raleigh, N. C. "Dear Sir: As a special committee from the board of trustees of the white schools of Cross Creek township in Cumberland county, we appeal to you for a construction of section 24 of the school law of the state. Our contention is that the county board of education should apportion the school fund to the townships per capita.

"There are 1,990 children of both races of school age in Cross Creek township and at the \$1.05 per capita, which the board says is the estimated amount, our township would be entitled to \$3,443.20. The county board has apportioned to the township about \$2,200. Now, we ask that you instruct the county board of education to apportion the money per capita and give to Cross Creek township the full amount of \$3,443.20.

"You will greatly oblige us by giving an early decision on this matter. Sincerely yours, "JNO. A. OATS, JR., "JAMES M. LAMB, "A. B. WILLIAMS, "Special Committee."

The following extract from the recent report of the Cumberland county board of education shows the position of this body and the basis on which they made the apportionment:

"According to our understanding of the law, it requires that the term of all the schools be equal, or as near so as possible. "In order to accomplish this provision, we decided to convert the whole county into one school district with the necessary sub-divisions, consequently we returned all balances and funds from all sources into one general school fund and arranged to charge all expenditures to the general fund. "At our meeting in January we obtained a statement of the amount due us." (Here follows a detailed statement of the county school fund which has come into their hands together with expenses and balance on hand.) In conclusion the report says: "It is gratifying to the board to be able to report from the best informa-

Marines Suffer Terribly Trying to Cross Samar

Ten Supposed to Have Died from Starvation—Others Disordered in Mind

Washington, Feb. 1.—The War Department today received the first detailed account of the horrible suffering of Major Waller's expedition of marines across Samar. The report came by cable from Gen. Chaffee. The rescued men are now in the hospital at Tacloban and will probably recover.

They have but a faint recollection of their experiences and Major Waller himself is unable to give a clear account, his remembrance being very much disordered. The statement is as follows:

The War Department is advised of the trip of Major Waller, four officers and fifty men of the marine corps, thirty-six natives, with four days' rations, who started the last week of December from Tanga on the east coast of Samar, to cross the island of Bassy, about 25 miles on the map. The trail which at one time existed was found in places only. Lieut. Lyles, 12th U. S. Infantry, accompanied the command. Incessant rains from the start, swollen streams and other natural obstacles made progress extremely slow. When the rations were consumed the men became exhausted rapidly, dropping on the way.

POLICEMAN SHOT THROUGH THE HEART

The Negro Murderer Landed in Jail.

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 1.—Policeman Jim Redmond was shot through the heart and instantly killed tonight by a negro from Canton, supposed to be named Jim Fry, whom he had arrested and was taking to jail. Citizens rushed to Redmond's assistance and succeeded in landing the negro in jail, amidst threats of lynching and great excitement.

The prompt action of Sheriff Harding and his promise of immediate trial and hanging in the shortest possible time, and troops being ordered out by the Governor at once, who are still on guard, prevented lynching. Redmond had just paid his life insurance today. He leaves a wife and three small children.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

To Be Established at the Nation's Capital

Alton, Ill., Feb. 1.—The first news of a new Catholic University to be built and established in Washington, D. C., at a cost of \$150,000 has been given out here by Rev. Father Walter Elliott, rector of the St. Thomas College in Washington. It will be the only col-

lege of the kind in the United States. The University is promoted and the funds for its building will be obtained by the members of the Panist Fathers' community, numbering in the United States forty-three.

The purpose of the University will be to educate young priests already admitted to the priesthood to do missionary work among the non-Catholics of the United States and insular missions in the Philippines and Porto Rico.

JEFF AND FITZ TO FIGHT AGAIN

The Cornishman Yesterday Consented to Talk Terms

New York, Feb. 1.—After a lot of talk Jim Jeffries and Bob Fitzsimmons have agreed to make a match. Today Fitzsimmons for the first time since Jeffries made the announcement that he was willing to give another chance to the Cornishman to redeem himself, consented to talk terms and at downtown office in the afternoon conferred with Jim Kennedy, the manager and match-maker of the Yosemite Athletic Club of San Francisco. Kennedy made an offer to Fitzsimmons which was only thing now necessary to bind matters is to sign articles of agreement. This will be done this week. Jeffries who wound up a week's engagement at Boston tonight will be in town tomorrow and Kennedy will see him. The San Francisco club's representative

RALEIGH, PRINCE AND AUDITORIUM

Apex News Rises to Give Us a Telling Rap That May Be Profitable

The Apex News of last week gives Raleigh a severe and deserved rap about the auditorium. It makes interesting reading. Here it is:

Sunday's Raleigh Morning Post says that "Apex and Quewhille should hurry up their invitations to Prince Henry to take them in during his tour through this country." Speaking for Apex, we will remark that we had thought of something seriously about extending an invitation to the Prince, but Raleigh being so near by, and with the advantage of that (proposed) \$50,000 auditorium, hardly expected to get him. We could entertain the Prince all right, even though we would rather have some of the Raleigh bun politicians to come out and entertain us with a fresh bear tale. This would suit us better. When that auditorium is completed we expect to move up a notch or two in society. Being so closely related to Raleigh, we hope to move up as Raleigh does, but the auditorium is not built yet, and the following lines of doggerel fit the occasion about as well as anything we can think of just now.

THAT RALEIGH AUDITORIUM, When Raleigh's auditorium Is finished and complete, Prince Henry will be invited To a gay and jolly fete. Roosevelt will be on hand To christen up the hall, And Booker T. will come along To see the merry ball.

The nation will have tickets, Mrs. Carrie will see them, That mighty little hatcher at That Raleigh jubilee, 'Possum sop and 'tater' Will be the bill-of-fare— Big juicy watermelons And lots of kinky hair.

The dance will last all night And far into next day, If Raleigh gets the building Just as the papers say, So that the Prince will see it, And wind up the bow, Get things good and ready For that Raleigh Audit.

The papers say they'll have it When the money is in sight, Twenty plunks has been subscribed, Which makes the matter right, When Raleigh gets it ready, Print it in The Post, Write us, wire us, let us know, We'll scratch 'em up a toast.

JANUARY RECEIPTS

Splendid Showing Made by the Raleigh Post Office

Postmaster Bailey yesterday announced the receipts of the Raleigh post office for the month of January just closed. During that month the office collected \$4,274,000 against \$4,132,700 in January of last year, a difference of \$141,300 in favor of this year.

In January 1900, the receipts were \$4,208,901, showing \$76,21 over the same month in 1901; and the sum of \$6518 less than January this year. In January 1899 the receipts were \$3,188,453 which is \$1,085,448 less than the corresponding month this year.

This showing is most remarkable when it is claimed that there is a general falling off in business, owing to short crops.

Three New Corporations

Three companies were incorporated yesterday in the Secretary of State's office. The William Whitman Textile Company of Asheville, was incorporated with a capital of \$25,000. The object of the company is to conduct a factory for the manufacture of cotton, wool and jute goods. The stockholders are W. Whitman, Jr., of Woonsocket, R. I.; J. A. Burrough, Thos. D. Johnston, W. T. Weaver of Asheville, and W. M. Carney of Atmore, Alabama.

The Wades Point Lumber Company of Washington, Beaufort county, was incorporated with \$5,000 capital. W. O. Baughan, George T. Leach, W. E. Rodman and W. C. Rodman.

The Lubin a uniture Company of Charlotte, was incorporated with \$25,000 capital. The incorporators are J. Lubin, James T. Porter and E. E. Smith.

Don't Miss This Sale!

Root Out That Pocket Book

It's now or never. Our great store alteration sale. We prefer slaughtering prices to having the goods subject to dust and dirt. Besides, it is our custom at this season of the year, just before inventory, a Clearance Sale of Clothing. We are making such big cuts, such deep cuts, that every clothing buyer will feel that he is doing his pocket book a great injustice to neglect our unusual offerings.

Everything in Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothing will be sold at cut prices. Look over a few of the cut rates below and see if you can afford to miss this sale.

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