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MURDER IN COLD BLOOD

KALAMAZOO BUTCHER KILLED IN HIS OWN OFFICE.

Struck a Deadly Blow from Behind and His Throat Cut Twice—Robbery the Motive—A Clue.

A Kalamazoo Killing.

Louis Schlitzing, a prominent meat dealer of Kalamazoo, was found with his throat cut from ear to ear in a small room in the rear of his market. It was evidently a case of murder, but the perpetrator is not known.

Louis Schlitzing was one of the oldest and best known business men in Kalamazoo and the crime is a peculiarly cold-blooded one. Walter Schlitzing, a son of deceased, was in the market with his father until about 12:20 when he went to dinner, leaving his father in the market alone. This was the last time any member of the family saw the father in life. About 1 o'clock William Savage went into the market and seeing no one went into the back room, where he was horrified to find the body of Mr. Schlitzing lying on the floor, his throat cut from ear to ear. He at once ran out and notified the police, who took charge of the place. The body was yet warm and the blood was flowing. The body was lying in a cramped position as if having fallen from a chair at the desk

Mr. Schlitzing evidently had just lighted his pipe when the assassin entered from the door behind, dealing him a blow on the top of the head, crushing his skull and rendering him helpless. He then finished his work by cutting the old man's throat from ear to ear, making the job doubly sure by cutting twice across the throat, making a ragged wound. The dead man is said to have been in the habit of carrying a large sum of money in bills in an inside vest pocket wrapped in a common leather bill book. The pocket book was found empty (with the body).

There is only one clue of the murderer. About 1:30 in the afternoon Julius Blake, colored, a tough character, was seen by some section men going west on the Michigan Central track. He told them he was in danger of arrest and was off for Chicago as he was always in scrapes. No particular attention was paid to him. His boots and clothing were spattered with blood.

R. IRVING LATIMER ESCAPED.

The Famous Matricide Drops Two Guards and Easily Walks Away.

At 1 o'clock Monday morning R. Irving Latimer, the famous matricide drugged two turnkeys at the state prison at Jackson, walked out of the front door and made his escape. George W. Haight, one of the turnkeys died at 8 a. m. from the effects of the drug.

R. Irving Latimer brutally murdered his own mother at Jackson on the night of Jan. 15, 1889. He was a prodigist and on the evening of the above date went to Detroit, stating to his clerk that he was going to carry a bearer for a deceased friend. The next morning Mrs. Mary H. Latimer, his mother, was found murdered in her room, having been shot twice through the left head. Latimer was afterward arrested and convicted of the crime.

In order to prove an alibi he had made a trip to Detroit in the evening and took a room at the Griswold House. He then stated that he had unnoticed, returned to Jackson and committed the murder. His trial lasted 20 days and was very sensational. He was sentenced to life prisonment. Latimer's father died under suspicious circumstances a year previous to the murder. He was heavily insured in favor of the wife and son and it is believed that the son poisoned him.

Little Child Burned to Death.

Little Clara Bartlett, 6 years of age, died at her home in Essexville in terrible agony. Late in the afternoon her mother told her to make a fire and she used kerosene, the oil igniting quickly and enveloping her body, burning one side to a crisp. The child screamed at the top of her voice and neighbors rushed in to see what the matter was, when a most painful sight met their gaze. The child was lying on the floor writhing in agony. Death came as a relief.

Civil Service Examination.

L. D. Covell of the civil service commission, assisted by Deputy Postmaster Saxton, conducted a civil service examination for the supreme court at Lansing. Twenty-four candidates were examined. Of this number 7 want placed on the railway mail service, 10 desire clerkships, 4 seek positions as copyists, and there was candidate for Indian superintendent, one for Indian teacher and one for fourth assistant examiner in the patent office.

President Clute Resigns.

President O. Clute has forwarded to Hon. Franklin Wells, president of the state board of agriculture, his resignation as president of the Michigan Agricultural college, and director of the experiment station. President Clute has found the work very constant and laborious, and in some respects not congenial. The resignation takes effect the latter part of January, at the close of the present college year.

An Old Soldier's Body Found.

While some workmen were hauling wood out of the river at Grand Rapids they found a man's body, badly decomposed, and with the appearance of having been in the water for a long time. It was identified as Henry Hartman, an inmate of the Soldiers' Home, who had been missing. He was about 70 years of age and served during the war with Co. K, Nineteenth Infantry. His home was in Hillsdale county.

He Was Afraid of Himself.

Six years ago Arlo Ross was a well known and prosperous newspaper foreman at Grand Rapids. He squeezed property and fell in love. The girl went back on him and he became broken-hearted. A few nights ago he walked into police headquarters in that place and asked to be locked up for fear he would kill himself. The authorities are taking care of him.

Women Cannot Vote.

In response to numerous inquiries Attorney General Ellis has filed an opinion to the effect that while women can legally be candidates for or hold the office of county commissioner of school inspectors and members of the board of education, they are not qualified to vote for candidates for these offices.

The ladies of Branch county are having an elegant banner painted to be exhibited in the Michigan building at the World's fair.

Cruel treatment on the part of her husband caused Mrs. Elizabeth Wyant, of Campgrounds, to leave the parts unknown. She took her three children with her.

Frank Humphrey of Blissfield, is still working on his steam saving device for engines, and is expected to give three times the usual amount of horse power of an engine of its size.

Maj. N. S. Boynton, of Port Huron, the "father of the Maccabees" in Michigan, and Lieut. Col. Victoria M. Maude, commander of the Ladies of the Maccabees, will speak at Stockbridge town hall, April 7.

Young Boy Fatally Injured.

Mrs. Gerrit Kalkman, a young bride, met with an accident at Grand Rapids, which will prove fatal to her husband. She was carrying a boiler full of hot water when she slipped and fell, very badly scalding herself. The boiler burst her body about the body. The gravest fears are entertained for her safety.

Killed in a Saw Mill.

John Yifer, aged 35, was killed by an accident at the saw mill at Rowand, 12 miles north of Charlotte. Yifer's parents reside in the latter city.

MICHIGAN STATE ITEMS.

Lawrence, Van Buren county, is to have a state bank.

Paxton, a new postoffice, has been opened near Quincy.

A church of the United Brethren will be built at East Claire.

F. F. Scott, '95, is the first colored man to take a dental course at the U. of M.

Milner's planing mill at Big Rapids was burned. It had been idle three months.

Alex Kendall, until last fall a resident of Morenci, hanged himself at Atlanta, Ga.

Charles Weatherbee killed the first wild goose at White Pigeon the first of the week.

O. A. Bush, of Freeland, got his leg crushed in a frightful manner while loading logs.

The creamery at Chesaning, owned by a joint stock company of farmers, will start up April 1.

An open switch caused a wreck on the Ann Arbor line near Mt. Pleasant. Ten cars were smashed.

The 20th annual meeting of the Van Buren county Sunday school association at Paw Paw, March 28 and 29.

Rev. J. E. Arms, who has a petition for the Methodist church, has accepted a call from Middleville.

A movement is on foot in Berrien county looking to a submission of the local option question to the voters.

E. W. King, formerly proprietor of Commercial hotel at Saranac, will build a $3,000 brick hotel there this spring.

The twentieth annual meeting of the Van Buren county Sunday School association at Paw Paw, March 28 and 29.

Will J. Sproat until recently connected with the Press, of Grand Rapids, will start a morning daily there.

Mrs. Gertrude Griffin, aged twenty years of age, had been toothless for several years. She is now cutting new set of teeth.

James Smith, brakeman on the Flint & Pere Marquette road, fell under the coupling cars at Starns' siding fell under the wheels and had his left leg cut off. He died soon.

Bruce, a 10-year-old son of Sam Walker, living at Wilmot, was kicked in the head by a colt. The doctors removed a piece of skull 1 by 1½ inches in diameter. He may recover.

Thirty Hudson business men went security for the payment of a set of band instruments. The band tooted, and they had $300 to pay. Just $10 apiece charged up to experience.

A large number of mining officials from the upper peninsula and northern Wisconsin met at Iron Mountain in attendance on a three days' convention. The organization of an association was perfected.

An unknown man, evidently insane, died in jail at East Tawas. He had a heavy red full beard, brown hair, bazel eyes, no marks nor letters, black slouch hat, black coat and brown vest. There was $4.70 in his pockets.

From December, 1892, to March 1, 1893, the beats of Officer J. F. M. transferred 4,000 cars between Ludington, Milwaukee and Manitowoc. The company's freight yard at Ludington has 300 men are employed during the winter.

O. F. Kemmer, special agent of the Cooper Insurance company, of Dayton, Ohio, was killed by the cars at Grand Rapids. He was driving with a companion upon Waterloo street, and attempting to cross the tracks of the Grand Rapids & Indiana.

Dayton Pierceton, of Lawrence township, Van Buren county, was sliding a heavy sled of timber down a hill by carrying one end on his shoulder. Pierceton stumbled and fell in such a way that the timber crushed his skull, killing him instantly.

Edward Miller and wife, of Saginaw, have been married nine years, but neither understand each other's language, he being a German and she a Scotch. This difference caused a misunderstanding. Miller thumped his wife, and she was arrested and fined.

A unique marriage took place at Chesaning. Chas. Hart had been corresponding with a women in Indiana, whom he had never seen. She met her at the train and Rev. Mr. Batchelor tied the knot. They then took a wedding tour to his home a few miles out in a lumber wagon.

William Hawley, escaped from Ionia nine years ago, after serving a few months of a long term for larceny received from Ottawa county. He has returned and asked to be locked up. He had escaped through the jail, but constant fear of detection was worse than imprisonment.

There is a storm brewing at Lansing and ere the legislature adjourns the storm will probably burst. It appears that there is a large sum of money voted by the state to be spent in improving the state property in that city, and much of it is now unaccounted for and that names on pay rolls alleged to have been made out for work have contained principally fictitious names.

Bay and Saginaw counties sent circulars throughout the state containing strong plea for good roads and urging that the amendment to the constitution to permit of the enactment of laws providing for a good system of roads be voted for by the electors of the state. Bay county especially requires an improved system, because its territory is flat, the soil mainly a deep clay and the ordinary township system is not adequate to satisfy the demands of the people.

English Royalty Visits the Pope.

Pope Leo gave a ceremonial audience to the princess Victoria and Maude, and her son, Prince George, the duke of York, attended by their suites. The earlier pontifical court assembled in state array, and all the English prelates at present in Rome were in attendance. The party afterward visited Cardinal Rampolla, the pontifical secretary of state.

A Gift Book Spain.

The government of Spain, through the state department, has officially tendered to the United States as a gift the refloated flagship of Columbus, the Santa Maria, now en route to the naval review.

Besides several military appointments the President sent the following nominations to the Senate: William McAdoo, of New Jersey, to be assistant secretary of the navy; Edward H. Walker, of New York, to be assistant attorney-general. Vice Abraham N. Parker resigned.

FASTEST IN THE WORLD

IS THE RECORD THE WARSHIP NEW YORK MADE

On Her First Preliminary Trial—No Ship Outsail Uncle Sam's Pride.

With the proud distinction of having broken the record of all preliminary trials, and the distinction of being the fastest armored vessel in the world, the cruiser New York returned to Cramp's shipyard, Philadelphia. From the moment she passed down the Delaware until her return the naval experts awaited with deep interest the result of the trial of the great warship's initial performance. Despite heavy rains, squalls and a biting wind from the southeast, fully 5,000 patriotic Philadelphians were present to wish the warship God-speed as she backed into the stream and dove the river on her trial trip. When the gaint screws began to revolve the monster vessel was actually under way for the first time the spectators shouted themselves hoarse.

The following is the story of the two trials: Five Fathom Bank lightship, to northeast end lightship, course, north by east, distance 18 nautical miles. Time, 2:24:12; finish, 8:53:53. Difference 29 minutes 38 seconds, speed, 20.03 nautical miles per hour.

Second trial: Northeast end light ship to Five Fathom Bank lightship, course, south by west. Distance 9.00 nautical miles. Time, 7:23:53; finish, 9:42:58. Difference 29 minutes 51 seconds; speed 19.87 nautical miles. Average for the two trials, 19.95 miles. Later on the cruiser was headed to the eastward in search of deeper water. In a run of four consecutive hours she maintained a speed of 20.38 knots per hour, reaching as high as 20.57 as the water deepened.

Capt. Sanford-W. Sargent was in command of the New York during her trial assisted by Capt. George L. Chambers, and Chief Engineer Bulmer who has steered all of the Cramps new ships. There were 340 people on board. Edwin Cramp, president and designer of the company was practically in charge of the trial.

English and French Enthusiasm.

Some days ago the British government raised Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British minister to the United States, to the rank of ambassador and the post to an embassy. Later J. Paternotre, French minister to Washington, notified Secretary Gresham that his government had raised his mission here to the rank of an embassy. As the result of this action it is believed that the new French ambassador, newly appointed minister to France will be raised to that of an ambassador. One result of the advancement of Sir Julian Pauncefote and J. Paternotre to the rank of ambassador will be the reorganization of the diplomatic corps at Washington. Ambassadors outrank ministers and envoys and Sir Julian Pauncefote becomes dean by virtue of his rank, instead of Baron Fava, the Italian minister.

Talmage Helps His Church.

Rev. Dr. DeWitt Talmage made this announcement in the Brooklyn tabernacle. "As you all know, an effort is being made to free the church to pay off the floating debt consequent upon the necessity of building three great churches, two of them having been destroyed by fire. I wish to do my part, and I now subscribe $10,000 to pay the last $10,000 of the floating debt." This statement means that the congregation has raised $10,000 to meet the debt of $20,000 which the church must pay before next Jan. 1. The rumor that Dr. Talmage was contemplating leaving Brooklyn has been quieted by his gift to the church.

Carlisle to Draft a Tariff Bill.

Secretary Carlisle states that he will spend a great deal of time this summer in preparing a tariff bill to be known as an administration tariff bill for submission to congress as soon as it is called together. Besides the measure prepared by E. Ellery Anderson and his associates of the reform club of New York other measures are likely to be sent to Secretary Carlisle from various commercial and political organizations. All of these measures, the secretary says, will be treated merely as suggestions.

New Color for Warships.

Secretary of the Navy Herbert will take up the question of changing the color of warships. It is probable that hereafter black will be again used instead of the present shade of white, which is expensive, hard to keep clean and not deceptive. By way of experiment they have been painted a little green in place of slate color. The new shade is described as being closely that worn by the sea assumes at night, and it is said that even the bright search-lights will fail to disclose her.

Brazil and Argentina Quarrel Growing.

New cause for trouble between Brazil and Argentina has been given by Rear Admiral Wiegre, Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil, vice-consul of Argentina at Porto Alegre has been arrested and thrown into jail by order of the Brazilian chief. It is believed that this incident will cause a suspension of the diplomatic relations between Argentina and Brazil. In view of the bad feeling which has for some time existed between the two countries war between them is not improbable.

The Panama Canal's Future.

The clauses in the canal contract have been written and will soon be signed by the government. The contract, it is believed, imposes conditions which will prove very onerous to the canal liquidator. The government has no faith in the ability of the company to raise the money on its bonds and is only giving that corporation a last chance, and when failure is absolutely apparent it will take possession of the canal.

Judge Morse Gets a Plum.

The President has filled the important position of consul at Glasgow, Scotland, by the appointment of Judge Allen P. Morse, of Michigan. His principal opponent was Mr. Ousely, of Illinois, who formerly held the place. The present consul at Glasgow is Levi W. Brown, of Ohio, who was appointed in 1889. The salary is $5,000 per year and perquisites, the amount being over $11,000 for last year.

Good Results of Reciprocity.

Washington special: One result of the efforts to increase trade with the countries of South and Central America seems to be the increase in the exportation of American agricultural implements. Figures at hand in the bureau of American republics as to one country, the Argentine Republic, show an increase from $227,000 to $1,381,000 during the year.

Immigrants Coming Through Canada.

The dominion liner Labrador has arrived at Halifax from Liverpool with 1,300 immigrants, and the Hans Johnson line steamer Rommwell, from Hamburg, with 450 immigrants, bound for the United States. The other steamship lines relations existing at ports in the United States have increased the travel via Canada.

A New York paper publishes a two column article on an alleged attempt which is to be made to kidnap the prince of Wales, in case he visits this country this summer.

THE LEGISLATORS.

SENATE.—Fifty-fourth day—The committee on ways and means reported back the bill granting a pension to Mrs. Sigourney Butler, and the bill was passed. The committee reported a bill to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Detroit River at Grosse Isle, and the bill was passed. The committee on public school reported the bill to authorize the school reformatory, and the bill was passed. The committee on ways and means reported back the bill to pay Mrs. Sigourney Butler a complimentary benefit, and the bill was passed. The bill to authorize the general counsel to issue bills attending the law relative to the sinking fund, and authorizing and requiring the city of Grand Ledge; amending the law relative to the settlement of estates, by enlarging the powers of probate judges, was passed and the Senate then adjourned. HOUSE.—Several local measures were passed. A bill to authorize five or more persons in villages to organize to build and maintain a public water system.

SENATE.—Fifty-fifth day—The concurrent resolution passed by the House for final adjournment March 3 was received and concurred in to read May 29. Numerous village incorporations, improvements and vacating dedication bills were passed as was a bill to amend an act providing for the election of county commissioners of schools and the appointment of school examiners. In compliance of the whole bills were passed authorizing the Fairgrounds Railway company to mortgage $2,500 for each of the years of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical society; amending the law relative to new trials and bills of exceptions in criminal cases, and to take from one to two years. The committee across the Senate adjourned House.—A concurrent resolution authorizing the governor appoint a commission of three to recommend to the legislature a system of uniform laws for the courts of the state was adopted. A bill prohibiting the sale of cigarettes in the counties of Lapeer, Huron, Sanilac, Tuscola and Bay was passed. A bill to amend the law relative to new trials and bills of exceptions in criminal cases,