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## WENT ROARING WILD.

### TOTAL COLLAPSE OF THE COL- UMBUS GROVE MURDERER.

Terrible Treatment of an Old Couple by  
Robbers—Latter Explosion on Board an  
Iron Clad Steamer—Forest Fire in New  
Jersey—Drifting for Gold in Indiana.

### SUFFERED DEATH.

Van Loon, the Columbus Grove Murderer.

Columbus special: Thursday was the last day on earth for Frank Van Loon, the murderer, who has made such a name for himself in the history of crime. David Van Loon, the condemned man's father, Mrs. Van Loon, the prisoner's wife, and their attorney, E. L. Dewitt, were at the Governor's office. Other visitors were waiting for the forenoon, but Gov. McKinley kindly but firmly refused to interfere with the execution of the law's sentence. This Van Loon's execution was Van Loon in his cell by his brother-in-law, Olyer, and the prisoner at once became roaring wild and totally collapsed. He afterwards became quieter and engaged with Chaplin Dudley in prayer. He bade his wife and relatives farewell in a very cold and indifferent way. He was hanged in the prison at night. During the afternoon a telegram was received that Van Loon's child was dying at Galena, Ohio. It had been ill for some time.

The crime for which Van Loon suffered death was committed at Columbus Grove, Ohio, August 18, 1891. That day he entered the Exchange Bank there, and, flourishing two revolvers, demanded the bank's money of Cashier Maple. Before that gentleman could do anything, Van Loon fired at him three times, two shots taking effect in Maple's arm and chest. The latter was William Vandemark, an old farmer, entered the room. Van Loon started to leave, and meeting the old man placed a revolver against him, fired into his abdomen, and then, when the mark died the next day. The bank was then deserted and the bandit helped himself to the cash, taking about \$1,200. He made good his escape, and the people of the town were terrorized.

William Roberts was arrested for the crime and positively identified by witnesses, but afterwards released and Van Loon arrested. The latter had always been broke, and received large sums of money to some relatives who disliked him. After a hard fought trial Van Loon was convicted. The case was contested in the circuit and supreme courts, the sentence of death being confirmed in each.

### OLD PEOPLE ATTACKED.

Three Masked Men Try to Extort Money From Them.

The other night three masked men entered the residence of A. Beam, residing near Scott's, a retired farmer, 97 years of age, and finding Mr. and Mrs. Beam alone demanded their money. Mrs. Beam handed them a pocketbook containing \$100, and the robbers turned furiously upon the old couple and beat them in a horrible manner. A piece of firewood was forced down Mr. Beam's throat in an effort to extort the money. The old gentleman lost consciousness, and the robbers, thinking they had killed him, knocked Mrs. Beam senseless with a club, and fled. Mrs. Beam finally recovered and rang the dinner bell to arouse the neighbors, several of whom responded. Dr. Coude said it is doubtful whether Mr. Beam will recover. No trace of the robbers has been found. Mrs. Beam is unable to give a description of the men.

### Deadly Explosion.

A disastrous explosion occurred on the steamer, the German armor-clad steamer, Baden, at Keil. Lieutenant Oelner and Zembach and seven seamen were killed and seven others persons were wounded. It appears that some of the men had just removed from the magazine a grenade measuring twenty-six centimetres in diameter. Through some cause not yet explained the grenade exploded, killing or wounding nearly every person in the immediate vicinity.

### Drilling for Gold.

Ben Fulton, an oil well contractor of Portland, Ind., says of the opinion that there is gold underlying Jay County, and with that end in view he is sinking a shaft in search of the yellow metal, in Jackson Township. He is backed by a small group of who feels confident that it can be found.

### Matched for the Championship.

Jack Dempsey is matched to battle Dick Burge, champion light weight of England, for \$10,000 a side and the championship of the world, between November 1, 1893, and January 1, 1894.

### A Balcony Fall.

By the collapse of a balcony at the lake house of the Chelsea Yacht Club, Boston, four persons were killed and a score or more injured.

### Cholera in Russia.

The government is closing eleven schools in the south of Russia on account of cholera. Twenty doctors have gone to the Caucasus, fourteen to Kiev and ten to Poodolia.

### Man Laid Off.

On account of the prevailing financial stringency, over 1,500 men have been laid off at the West Virginia Michigan Penitentiary Car Company, at Detroit.

### CRIME AND CASUALTY.

Harry Caldwell, a farmer of Bowling Green, Ky., 60 years of age, killed his wife and then committed suicide. They had just agreed to live apart.

Handy Keighler, colored, who is alleged committed an assault upon Mrs. Schreiber, wife of a farmer near Columbia, Mo., was taken from the sheriff at Swanton and hanged to a tree. His body was stilled with bullets. Two others, Tom Preston and Will Thompson, colored, were hanged to the same tree for having participated in the crime.

In Mobile, Ala., Boliver Hudson, a man 60 years of age, was convicted of a murder committed twenty-four years ago and given a sentence of five years.

In a fight between deputy marshals and a band of outlaws, just west of Vinola, I. T., one of the outlaws, named Ralph Holcomb, of Utah, was killed and another, named Sam Rogers, of Illinois, was fatally wounded.

In a fight at Indiana, Pa., Charles Eshelie crushed the skull of Joseph Eshelie with a lamp of hard coal.

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