

## SHOT BY A STRANGER

## HOLD-UP IN A MOMENCE, ILL., RAILROAD YARD.

A Chicago Man Fatally Wounded, Robbed and Left Lying Beside the Tracks—Row Over a Partition Fence Ends a Murder.

Brave's Rested a Hold-Up.

Louis B. La Franchere of Chicago died from a bullet wound received while he was robbing a railroad yard, and attempting to rob him. The robbery took place at Momence, Ill., on the tracks of the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad. After the thug had secured La Franchere's watch and a considerable sum of money they ran away, leaving him lying at the side of the rails. La Franchere was a railroad engineer, and until recently had been employed by the Chicago and Eastern. When he had been seeking work, while waiting for a freight to move out of the Momence yards he made the acquaintance of two strange men. While the men were waiting the strangers proposed that they walk down the tracks a short distance. La Franchere accompanied his new-found acquaintances to a lonely spot at the outskirts of Momence, and was surprised to find the arms of one of his competitors suddenly drawn around his neck. At the same time the robber exclaimed: "You remain quiet now or I'll blow the top of your head off." La Franchere had the build and strength of an athlete, and he grappled with the man who had his arms around his neck. The other robber stood near, but offered to take no part in the struggle. The man with the drawn revolver was being worsted when the fellow placed the weapon against La Franchere's abdomen and fired. Both men then fled after robbing La Franchere. An hour later one of the yard switchmen found La Franchere.

## KILLS TWO CONSTABLES.

Body Work Done by a Young Man to Obtain Property.

At Garrett, Pa., F. P. Myers took possession of a house left to him by his mother, who died five months ago. The deed was not signed by his father, Christopher Myers, who had a life tenure in the property. When Christopher Myers arrived he found the house empty, and his son had taken the entrance. He at once went to Somersett, swore out a warrant for forcible entry and detainer and on his return secured service for the writ. Young Myers fired at the approaching constable, killing Michael Kearney. Then he fled to his boarding house immediately adjoining, where Constable Nelson Lenhart and his brother, John Lenhart, followed him. He fired again, killing John Lenhart instantly. Sheriff Mathews, of Somersett, and a crowd of infuriated citizens was guarding the boarding house, in the cellar of which young Myers was hiding. After an hour's waiting a raid was made. A dozen shots were exchanged. Myers was then overpowered and while being taken down the steps of the house was struck by a gun in the hands of somebody in the crowd. He was knocked unconscious, but later recovered and was removed to Somersett.

## MURDER OVER A LANE FENCE.

Iowa Farmers Near Yale Quarrel—Issue Fists.

Young Husband Has Gone.

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## INDIANS ARE STARVING.

Comanches, Kiowas and Apaches in Indian Territory Are Going Hungry.

The Indians upon the Comanche, Kiowa and Apache reservations, in the Indian territory, are suffering from hunger. The issue of rations ceased in June, and during July and August they managed in one way or another to maintain an existence, but recently they have been unable to do so. The upper portion of cattle belonging to white men who have leased the grass land. The cattlemen so far have made little objection, as the Indians have no other resources. In some parts of the reservation the destination has reached an advanced state and the Indians are forced to rely upon game and what cattle may be stolen and killed for subsistence.

## PLASTERERS IN A RIOT.

Non-Union Man Fatally Wounded by Strikers in St. Louis.

Striking plasterers precipitated a riot at St. Louis, in which William Kane, a non-union worker, was fatally wounded and three others seriously hurt. Mounted police responded to a riot call and were met by a fusillade of bullets from the strikers. The police were met with a number of stones and a charge on the crowd, dispersing them and resulting in the arrest of Nat Brown and Joe Lee, who are thought to be the ringleaders. For some time there has been a strike on among the plasterers of that city and vicinity for higher wages, but until this occasion no serious trouble.

## LEECH LAKE INDIANS EXCITED.

Trouble Is Lurking For as a Result of the War on Prisoners.

United States Marshal Morris arrested Paul Ouary Koshing and Shabon Dash King, pillars, at the Leech Lake Indian agency, and while trying to get them on board a steamer to take them to Walker, Minn., they were rescued by their band. The Indians refused to give up the prisoners and are much excited. They have not been paid their annuities which have been suspended by the agency. In consequence the Indians are insolent and ready for trouble. Indian Agent Sutherland has held a council with Dr. F. Hart, the resident physician, and has decided to rearrest the men if troops have to be called out to do it. There is prospect of trouble of a serious character.

## WHEAT FAMINE IN RUSSIA.

Drop in the Volga District is Completely Ruined.

John W. Bookwaffer of Springfield, O., writing from Russia, tells in a private letter of the immense destruction of wheat in the famous Volga district, which he says was completely burned out. This district is the chief cereal producer of Russia. It contains from 10,000,000 to 12,000,000 people, he says it will require the importation of great quantities of grain to make up the deficiency and prevent suffering. A Russian official connected with the railway ministry told him that they expected to have to import into the unfortunate provinces not less than 80,000,000 bushels of wheat this year.

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## Salsbury Fows to the Czar.

The Pekin correspondent of the London Times says: "Despotic Lord Salsbury's declaration that he would brook no interference from any other power in the Russo-Chinese war is a declaration of war that has yielded to all the conditions Russia imposed." As a result the negotiations with the English syndicate have been broken off and those with the Russo-Chinese bank have been suspended.

## French Cabinet Officers Resigned.

As a result of the French cabinet's decision to appoint a special commission to review the documents in the Dreyfus case, Minister for War Zurlinden and Minister of Public Works Tillaye have resigned. Gen. Chanoine was appointed to succeed the former and Senator Godin was given the place vacated by the latter.

## Negro Shoots a Woman.

Miss Effie McKibson was probably fatally wounded by a pistol shot from a negro, while riding home from a negro camp meeting near Birmingham, Ala., with George Noble. The negro was caught, and he was found to be a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

## Lew Head for Mormon Church.

At a special meeting of the council of apostles held in Salt Lake Lorenzo Snow was chosen president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of President Woodruff.

## Dawson Has 10,000 Soats.

F. G. Gray, crown attorney of the Klondike, estimates the gold output this season at \$8,000,000. A recent census shows that there are 16,000 people in Dawson and 10,000 rivers and creeks in the district.

## Daughters of Confederacy Dead.

Miss Winnie Davis, daughter of the late Jefferson Davis, died at the Hotel Rockingham, Narragansett Pier, R. I., with George Noble. The negro was caught and he was found to be a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

## Sister to Victoria.

The Argentine minister at Paris says that the boundary dispute between Chile and Argentina will be submitted to the arbitration of Queen Victoria.

## Black with Murder, and So on.

Arthur Hoffman, a Pine Hill, N. J., blacksmith, murdered his wife and killed himself. Jealousy is believed to have led to the double tragedy.

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## Just Missed by a Train.

Col. Frank L. Shepard of Chicago was chosen commander-in-chief of the Sons of Veterans at their national encampment in Omaha.

## Boston ex-Mayor Dead.

F. W. Lincoln, who served seven terms as Mayor of Boston, Mass., is dead at his home in Dorchester.

## Wife Murderer Hang'd.

At Bridgeport, Conn., William James Hammond was hanged for the murder of his wife.

## Gov. Ellerbe Has been re-elected.

Gov. Ellerbe has been re-elected from South Carolina by a safe majority.

## THE MARKETS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$6.00 to \$10.00; hog, choice grades, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.00 to \$3.00; hogs, \$4.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 65c to 66c; corn, No. 2, 20c to 30c; oats, No. 2, 20c to 22c; rye, No. 2, 47c to 48c; butter, choice creamy, 19c to 21c; eggs, fresh, 20c to 25c; potatos, choice, 40c to 50c per bushel.

## Milwaukee—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.00; choice, \$3.50 to \$5.50; hogs, \$2.50 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 60c to 68c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 30c to 32c; oats, No. 2, 21c to 24c; rye, No. 2, 45c to 50c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.50 to \$4.00; sheep, \$3.50 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, 60c to 70c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 25c to 28c; oats, No. 2, 21c to 23c; rye, No. 2, 45c to 50c.

## Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, 60c to 68c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 30c to 32c; oats, No. 2, 21c to 24c; rye, No. 2, 45c to 50c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.25; hogs, \$3.25 to \$4.25; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, 60c to 67c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 23c to 32c; oats, No. 2 white, 29c to 31c; oats, No. 2 white, 22c to 24c.

## Free Silver in Iowa.

Silver sentiment, which has been reported "dead" by the Republican press, came to life again at the Iowa state convention of Democrats, Silver Republicans and Populists. The "dead issue" question of free coinage of silver has a peculiarly stubborn habit of coming to life in Democratic state conventions, and the funeral ceremonies so frequently announced by the Republicans are thus postponed from time to time. At Marshalltown, Iowa, the free silver corpse was able to "speak and take notice," and the fusion convention adopted unanimously the following leading plank in the platform:

The Democratic Party in Iowa in state convention assembled declared that the Democratic national platform of 1896, which we hereby heartily reaffirm, the best expression of Democratic principles emanated since Thomas Jefferson wrote the Declaration of Independence. The adherents of that platform concerning finance explicitly define our faith on the money question. The free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1 we hold to be indispensable to the financial, industrial and political independence of our people, and recognizing W. J. Bryan as pre-eminently the representative and exponent of the platform, we earnestly favor his nomination for President of the United States in 1900.

## Two Missions Attacked.

The Shanghai correspondent of the London Daily Mail says reports have been received there of an explosion at Ho Chau, fifty miles from Chung King. The American and French missions have been attacked and the latter burned.

## South Dakota Senator Laid Low.

James H. Kyle, United States Senator from South Dakota, was suddenly struck with apoplexy at the Forest City Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio. His condition is considered serious, though it is believed he will recover.

## May Not Fight with China.

The probabilities of a peaceful solution of the boundary dispute between Argentina and Chile increase. The Argentine chamber has voted confidence in the government, authorizing the mobilization of 80,000 men if the chamber considers such an opportunity.

## Boat Blown Up by a Torpedo.

During a test of Cunningham torpedoes in Priest's cove, near New Bedford, Mass., the experiment schooner Freeman was blown up and sunk by the explosion of a projectile. A dozen men were on board of her at the time, but all escaped serious injury.

## Building Falls in a Collision.

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## Woman Sentenced for Manslaughter.

At Zanesville, Ohio, Delia Dickerson, convicted of manslaughter, was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. She had killed her sister's child because it was a burden to her.

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