

THE STRAWS TRAGEDY.

DETAILS OF A MURDER AND SUICIDE.

Other State News—Of Interest to Labor—
Fatal Gun Accident—Effects of a
Spree—Fire—Fast Rail Run—
ning Notes, Etc.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 31.—[Special.]—The particulars of the recent tragedy at Straws have never been published. THE SENTINEL correspondent drove over there to-day and learned the full details of the killing of Miss Allison by Elias Haskett and afterward himself. Straws is a small village on the C. St. L. & P. railroad. The double tragedy occurred Friday night. Elias Haskett, who has been keeping company with Miss Allisons, and had become desperately in love with her, called on her at Mr. E. E. Colburn's, where she was making her home. Calling to the door, he requested her to accompany him to a party. She informed him that she could not possibly go with him. He urged, and she finally told him she would not go. He then pulled a .32-caliber revolver from his pocket and shot her through the left temple, causing instant death. Seeing that he had killed his victim, he walked some fifteen feet away, and placing the weapon to his right temple fired, producing a wound from which he died in about two hours. That the murder was pre-meditated is shown by a note he left in his pocket, giving the amount of his indebtedness. He also left a note requesting to be buried in the clothes he wore when he killed himself; also that Miss Allison might be buried by his side. He turned over some notes he held to James Smith, which he wished him to take care of. Haskett, who was twenty-eight years old, was considered a very proper man and was well liked. He was buried Sunday. Haskett leaves a father, mother, and brother to mourn him. His wife was a widow, and she was sixteen years of age, a very pretty girl and most highly respected by all. She leaves father, mother, sisters and brothers, and numerous others to mourn the departed spirit of the noble and gentle girl. The local scenes were quiet Monday. To say that this little village is "all torn up" is putting it very mildly. This is their first trial of this kind. All Straws is in mourning.

Worse Than White Caps.

LEAVENWORTH, Dec. 27.—[Special.]—As already published, the White Cap trials have been postponed until March 26. When the cases were called in the Crawford circuit court Charles L. Jewett of New Albany, one of the attorneys for the defense, offered an affidavit, signed by all the indicted men, affirming that they could not receive justice before Judge William D. Zener. They asked that the cases go before another judge. The action of the court of appeals is all that is required to swing a judge from the bench, there was nothing for District Judge Zener to do but set the cases for the next term of court, when he will have no more judges from whom to succeed him, or the trials on both sides shall have selected a lawyer of good standing to try the case. The action of the defense in swearing Judge Zener of the bench was not a surprise. Some subterfuge to cover up the real reason for the trial was not regarded pleasantly; in fact, there was considerate disgust and anger expressed. It is very evident that the best people, and the great majority of them, are not in sympathy with the life of Zener. The men who signed the affidavit are of the opinion that the organization of the White Caps represents the brain and brawn of the White Caps, that organization is a very messy affair. Bill Gregory, who is recognized as the leader, is at his home, nearby, suffering from four bullet wounds at the hands of a man who professed him to be a son whom he had repaid by ruining his young daughter. Two of the gang are fugitives from justice. These last are Rubie Robinson and Floy Morgan, and those who were here for trial are Verl Charles, Tyler, Jr., and Mrs. Morgan, Lynne, and John C. John C. Collins, William Wiseman and Samuel Butt.

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Treasure Trove.

LAWRENCE, Dec. 31.—[Special.]—George France, a farmer living near Harrison in this country, made a lucky find a few days ago in a peculiar manner. He, in company with his son, went out in the woods near his residence to chop some stove wood. They began operations on an old hollow beech tree, and when it was felled Mr. France chanced to look into the stump and discovered a peculiar looking earth jar. It was at once secured. The jar was broken and the lid was to be filled with silver coins. The money was of Spanish mint and its date of coinage was more than two hundred years old. How it came to be secreted in such an unlooked-for place and by whom will doubtless forever remain a mystery. A jeweler of Lawrence, who was present, estimated the value of the find to be near \$400.

Where Is McKenzie?

LAGRANGE, Dec. 30.—[Special.]—Young Isaac McKenzie, son of John McKenzie, a prominent farmer of this country, was last seen in Indianapolis, Indiana, missing for a month. He had been last seen in the Indianapolis packing compound, also metallic packing ring; Levi H. Roberts and C. E. Sanford, assignors to E. C. Atkins & Co., Indianapolis, Indiana; Messrs. S. E. Tamm, T. Y. Lafferty, speculator.

Another Fatal Gun Accident.

HUNTINGTON, Dec. 31.—[Special.]—Lee Arnold, a well-known and prominent farmer in the southern part of this county, accidentally discharged his gun yesterday, the charge entering his bowels and causing death in a short time. He leaves a family.

Burglars at Cambridge.

CAMBRIDGE CITY, Dec. 30.—[Special.]—Burglars gained an entrance into M. Calloway's new drug-store last night and robbed him of \$40 in cash, a gold watch, etc. They also broke into William Metzger's house, but took only a pair of shoes.

Rolling-Mill Blown Down.

HAERTFORD CITY, Dec. 26.—[Special.]—The steel rolling-mill in course of construction in this city, 150 feet in length and 80 in width, the frame work being completed, was blown down this evening, entailing a loss of about \$600.

The SENTINEL's fifty dollar prize-guessing contest on Harrison's cabinet will remain open until Feb. 1.

Minor State Items.

The Martinsville Tribune is not. It lived three weeks.

Four candidates for coal oil inspector in Anderson.

For a dollar you can get \$70,000 in improving its streets during the past year.

W. C. Shiefer, a prominent shoe dealer of Fort Wayne, assigned Monday.

Henry C. Maxwell, a pioneer of Morgan county, died Friday, aged sixty.

The ravages of diphtheria at the village of Boston have been somewhat checked.

The White Caps of Union county have posted threatening notices at Liberty.

Randall Kidday, the man who shot Jefferson Rauck a few days ago, has been released on bail.

Samuel Ball, who recently disappeared from Laporte, was afterward arrested in Chicago for petit larceny.

The Rev. H. H. Nesslage of Shellyville will take charge of the Franklin christian church on December 31.

Armed Hatfield, aged eighty, and Vina Richardson, aged seventy, were married recently in Monroe county.

Lafayette Myers of Marion lost his pocket-book containing \$50 while hurrying to catch a train at Marion recently.

The Fuller brothers, the life-savers of Jefferson, rescued Michael Quinn of Louisville from drowning last Friday.

Mrs. Kate Melhart of Cambridge City, who was stricken with paralysis recently, died Sunday and was buried Thursday.

Parton colored, was held without bail at Jefferson, Indiana, during the past week.

Young Davis, son of Davis, a son of Davis, has taken the fancy that Bill Gregory, father of the wounded man, is in pursuit of him with the intention of killing him. He has fears of running through the woods or hiding to avoid his imaginary pursuer.

Davis Released.

LEAVENWORTH, Dec. 30.—[Special.]—An indictment was found by the grand jury yesterday at Leavenworth against George Davis for shooting the White Cap Gregory, and he was released on \$300 bond, which was fixed immediately, a number of the best citizens of Leavenworth, and the public, were anxious to see him improve rapidly, and there is now little fear expressed for his recovery. To-day he sat up and ate. Lilly Davis, the sixteen-year-old girl who was shot by him, is visiting him nearly at all hours. The White Caps, which organization is a very messy affair, Bill Gregory, who is recognized as the leader, is at his home, nearby, suffering from four bullet wounds at the hands of a man who professed him to be a son whom he had repaid by ruining his young daughter. Two of the gang are fugitives from justice. These last are Rubie Robinson and Floy Morgan, and those who were here for trial are Verl Charles, Tyler, Jr., and Mrs. Morgan, Lynne, and John C. John C. Collins, William Wiseman and Samuel Butt.

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The White Caps' Trial.

WAYNETON, Dec. 30.—[Special.]—Another form of White Capism, as a result of republican intolerance, is being practiced here. Some time ago an attempt was made to blackmail a prominent merchant of this place, through the Matson's lobby, by a member in good standing in collusion with outsiders, but the attempt failed. On election day bloodshed was only prevented by the prompt action of the deputy U. S. marshal and the weakening of the leader of the mob. It was the first time that any attempt at the lynchings in the Klukluxers, with the leaders of the mob, last week carried into effect a plan whereby they expected to ruin, financially, the same merchant who had been blackmailed in the Matson's lobby. For the first plan seemed to work, and a second came in an attempt to close up his business, but a number of farmers came to the rescue. For the third time, the plot to ruin this merchant has been defeated. Some of the gang have been so indignant to see the trial of their leader, that the merchant would be closed out and out of his number (a noted rascal) would be put in charge of his effects. The foundation is laid for a sensation that will rile the White Capitans of the state. Whether the plot is now ruined, depends upon the ability of the leaders to cover up their tracks. One of the gang confessed to a fraudulent judgment to beat this same merchant out of \$2,700.

The Interest of Labor.

LEAVENWORTH, Dec. 31.—[Special.]—The Local Trades and Labor council and other labor organizations of Fort Wayne, in delegate meeting recently, called upon the Indians legislature at its coming session to pass laws on the subjects enumerated below:

A law which shall make the wages of the employees in all industries all property, and the rates of pay, conduct the same.

A law which shall make the inspection of all boilers, mines, factories, mills and all other places where they are used necessary, and the appointment of a board of boiler inspectors by the government with the concurrence of the legislature.

A law for the protection of life and health in mines, factories and on railroads.

A law for the inspection of tenement houses.

A law to abolish the contract system in cities on municipal work, and the performance of the same by a board of public works.

A law to abolish all contract work in prisons, where the same comes in contact with free labor.

A law to abolish child labor by children under fourteen years of age.

A Miner's Money.

LOGANSPORT, Dec. 26.—[Special.]—Last April William Edwards, an eccentric old bachelor, was found dead in his bed in this city. He died worth about \$50,000. Besides his possessions in Loganport he owned real estate in Peru, Fort Wayne and Monticello. He passed the greater part of his life among strangers and seemed to take little interest in his relatives. Edwards had poor health several years previous to his death, and his friends were glad of an opportunity to nurse and watch over him. They naturally expected to be rewarded for their services, among the number was John Winkley, former treasurer of the First National Bank of Monon. As soon as Winkley presented a claim against his estate for \$2,000, a promissory note for the amount was produced, duly signed, and given by the old man to Winkley, as payment of services rendered the deceased while he lay sick at Monon in 1870. The case has just been decided here. A large number of witnesses were called, and the jury rendered a verdict for the legal heirs of Edwards in Monon. The lawyers for the defendants gained their point by creating the impression that the note had been forged.

Prof. Holmes Dead.

LOPORA, Dec. 26.—[Special.]—Prof. John B. Holmes, this city, died suddenly Tuesday last from neuralgia of the stomach. He was prominent in literary works, and proprietor of Holmes' short-hand business college. He was born Sept. 29, 1837, in Hammon, N. Y., and received his education at Williams college. In 1862 he accepted the position of professor of language in an eastern college, and here re-

ceived the degree of M. A. Leaving the East and coming to Chicago, he became editor of the "Chicagoan," and was afterward editor of the "Daily Republican" of that city. Prof. Holmes was the author of several books, and was a man of great ability. He was a man of time he enjoyed, by reason of his articles on this question, a national reputation. He came to this city in 1878, and established the short-hand business college in 1886. He established the pioneer summer resort of this city. He was prominent in all walks of life.

The Glass Trust.

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Fast Rail Running.

LOGANSPORT, Dec. 31.—[Special.]—The large barn situated on the farm of A. H. Tull, near Hanover, this county, was burned last evening. A horse and mule were cremated in the fire. The barn contained ten tons of hay, a large lot of corn and other produce, and a number of valuable farming utensils, all of which were totally destroyed. The barn was insured for \$600 in the Grange Mutual insurance company of this county.

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WABASH, Dec. 31.—[Special.]—Last night considerable excitement was occasioned here by William Douglas, who went home intoxicated, whipped his wife and turned on the gas in his heating stove until it was red-hot and then tried to kick the stove over. A fire alarm was sounded and the house would have been burned but for the arrival of the police, who arrested Douglas.

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