

GETTYSBURG WAS PLACE OF TERROR LATE YESTERDAY

Neighboring Town Startled by
Two Murders, the Wounding
Of Two People and a Mad-
man's Suicide.

ATTEMPT TO ARREST CAUSES RASH DEEDS

Clyde Weaver, Recently Re-
leased From Asylum, Kills
His Mother, Then Runs
Amuck Over Neighborhood.

Clyde Weaver of Gettysburg, Darke
County, Ohio, a small village a few
miles northeast of this city, yesterday
afternoon killed his mother and a
deputy sheriff, wounded another man
and his wife and then committed sui-
cide.

Weaver, who is about 34 years old,
and a son of Isaac Weaver, a small
farmer, has been a terror to the neigh-
borhood for a long time.

He was believed to be insane, and
after many eccentric acts among
which excessive cruelty to animals
figured, was arrested and sentenced
to the Dayton workhouse.

Young Weaver was a junker; that
is, he gathered junk in the neighbor-
ing towns and so made a living. It
was on these "junking" trips that he
drove his horses nearly to death,
which caused his arrest.

Weaver Long Feared.

Weaver had long been feared, as it
was believed he was dangerously in-
sane, though at various times when
examined he appeared entirely ration-
al and was pronounced sane.

Several years ago, in consequence
of his cruelty to horses and the genera-
tive fear of him in which his neighbors
stood, he was confined in the asylum
at Dayton, but seemed so fully to re-
cover that he was released after an
examination at which the doctors said
he was sane.

Recently he seemed to be again at-
tacked with "brainstorms" and repeat-
ed his former acts of cruelty and
threats against the neighbors and was
arrested. He was given a sentence of
about three months, but after having
served about a month his parents,
particularly his mother, pleaded so
hard with the court for his release
that the probate judge reluctantly con-
sented to parole him, but only on con-
dition that he leave the state during
the time of the balance of his sen-
tence.

Like Thaw's Malady.

This Weaver did, and went to
friends outside of Ohio, but three
weeks ago returned, complaining that
he was ill and wanted to be home.
The probate judge then had him ex-
amined again, and the doctors again
decided that he was suffering from a
peculiar form of mental trouble, which
they described as exaggerated ego, a
term used by insanity experts to de-
scribe the mental condition of Harry
Thaw at various times before and after
he killed Stanford White. On
learning of this the probate judge, per-
haps with the idea of returning him
to the asylum, ordered him brought
before the court on the technical
charge of having violated his parole
by returning home.

Meanwhile he got into trouble again
by threatening violence to Mr. Hafner,
a neighbor. This helped the Judge to
decide to isolate him.

Officers Met by Bullets.

Sheriff John F. Haber and Deputy
W. H. Farra went to the Weaver home
at 2:30 yesterday afternoon to take
the young man in custody. They
drove out in a buggy, which they
hitched outside the house, and started
up the walk toward the door. Weaver
had seen them coming, and it is be-
lieved the sight of the officers coming
to take him precipitated another
brain-storm. He sprang upstairs and im-
mediately appeared at one of the upper
windows with a revolver and be-
gan firing at the officers. His moth-
er, meanwhile, had run out of the
house, after vainly trying to pacify her
son, having come out to warn them
that he had become violent and might
do them harm, and it was while she
was talking to the officers that a blit-
ter, evidently intended for them, struck
her down. She cried: "I'm shot," and
fell dead at Sheriff Haber's feet.

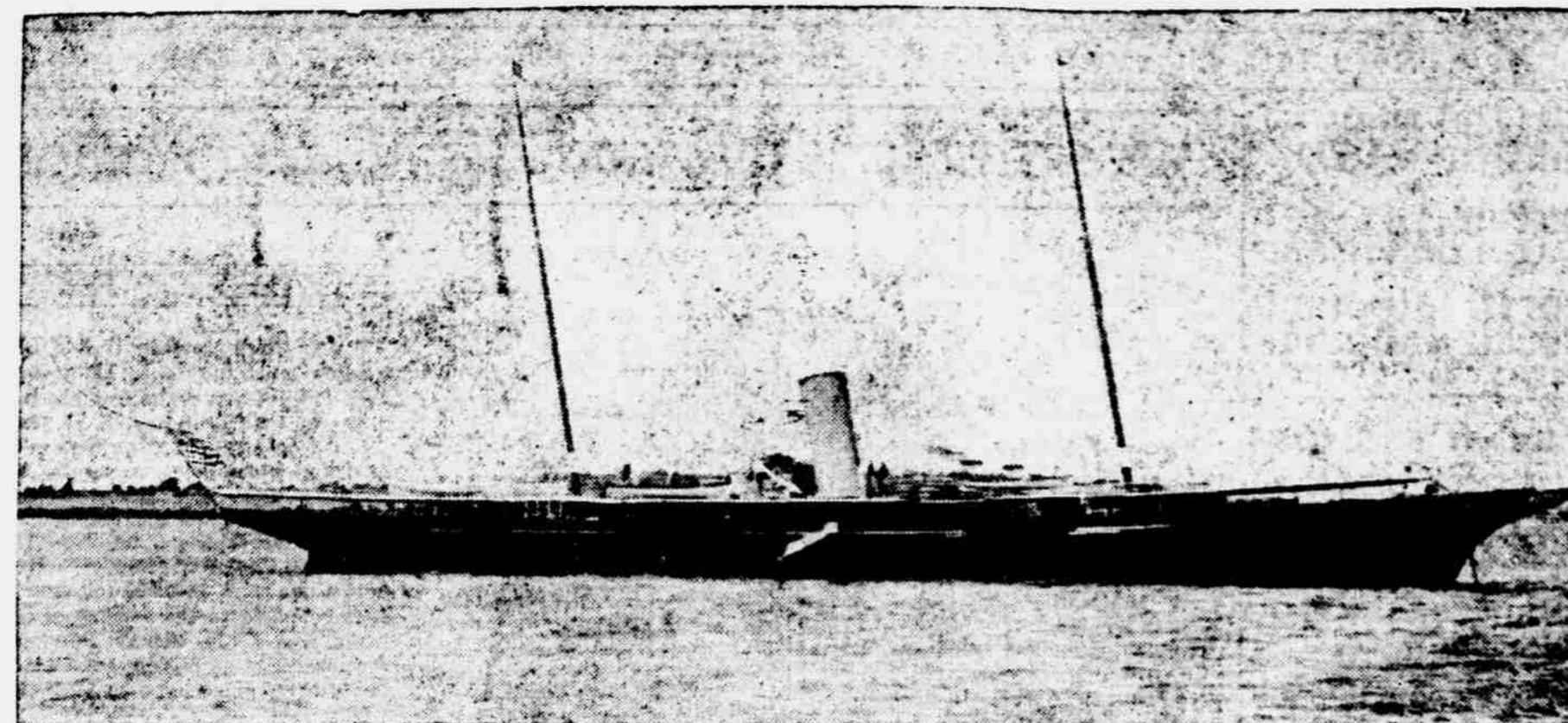
Sheriff Goes for Aid.

Weaver continued firing, using about
25 bullets, and Sheriff Haber, seeing
that assistance would be needed and
also in order to get a rifle and aid for
the woman, went to a house 300 or 400
feet away, leaving Farra on guard.

While he was gone Farra, not know-
ing that Mrs. Weaver was dead, tried
to revive her, and while he was so en-
gaged, young Weaver crept to the
woodshed in the rear of the yard and
from there fired the bullets that killed
Farra.

He then spied the buggy of Sheriff
Haber, and, making a dash, sprang
into it and galloped down the road.
Sheriff Haber, returning, saw Weaver
in the buggy getting away, and, hailing
a passing auto, jumped in and
gave chase. Weaver headed for the
home of a neighbor, and, leaving the
buggy, called him out and threatened
to kill him, but sped on to the home
of Levi Minich, another neighbor, and
demanded protection from the offi-
cial.

"The Corsair," J. Pierpont Morgan's Great Yacht



J. Pierpont Morgan's palatial yacht the Corsair caught fire when in dry dock in Hoboken, the other day and for a time was threatened with destruction. The blaze started from a hot bolt being dropped in some shavings. The yacht's own fighting plant was used in subduing the flames.

ers, who, he said, were following him.
Minnich hesitated, knowing the dan-
gerous character he had to deal with.
But Weaver, without waiting for a re-
fusal, began to fire at him.

Shattered Woman's Arms.

As Minnich turned one of the bullets
lodged in his back, Minnich's wife,
hearing the shots, ran to the door,
and Weaver shot her in both arms,
shattering the bones, so that later one
of the injured arms had to be ampu-
tated, and physicians say the other
cannot be saved and that probably she
will die.

Weaver then ran into the house, as
Sheriff Haber came up with police
from Gettysburg and a posse of citi-
zens. They surrounded the house and
began to make plans to capture the
crazy man, when they heard a muffled
shot from inside the house. They
broke down a rear door, and, after a
search, found Weaver's body under a bed.
He had crawled there and with his
last bullet shot himself through
the head, dying instantly. Later a
search of the Weaver home revealed
the fact that Weaver had deliberately
prepared himself against arrest by lay-
ing in a supply of ammunition. About
20 cartridges were found in the room
from which he shot.

WHAT THEIR PLANS ARE

NEARLY EVERY OFFICE HOLDER
HAS SOMETHING IN SIGHT AND
WILL NOT HEAR THE GROWL
OF THE WOLF.

The city officials who leave office
January 1, are now making their plans
for "going back to work." None, how-
ever, have as yet announced what they
will do, but it is probable that they
will follow the same business which
they had before they obtained politi-
cal positions.

Dr. R. A. Schillinger, mayor, will of
course continue the practice of medi-
cine. Due to his political office he
has obtained a wide acquaintance and
much advertisement which worked
for his benefit in his practice. City Clerk,
C. W. Merrill, stated this morning
that he was undecided about his
future, but intimated that he would go
into some business instead of back to
the factory. City Controller, Webster
Parry, has not announced what he in-
tends to do, but may obtain a position with
a state board.

Board Won't Starve.

The members of the board of works
will not starve. John Hallowell, pres-
ident, has an interest in a monument
concern, C. B. Johnson is interested in
the coal and ice business and Watson
P. O'Neal has real estate holdings and
other investments. City Attorney T.
J. Study will not be handicapped in the
least. He has a large legal practice.
Chief of police George Staubach, will
probably continue on the police force,
although not in the same position. If
either Fire Chief E. E. Miller or his
assistant, Charles Sinex, lose their pos-
sitions, which is improbable, they will
remain on the force. The other minor
officials will go back to their old pur-
suits.

AN UNDERTAKING FIRM ORGANIZED

Chas. Jordan, Daniel McManus
And Third Man Are the
Partners.

LOCATED ON MAIN STREET

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE NEW
CONCERN WILL BE READY FOR
BUSINESS FIRST OF THE YEAR
—McMANUS A POLICEMAN.

County Superintendent C. W. Jordan,
Daniel McManus, a member of the police
force, and a third man, who name
has not as yet been made public, will
engage in the undertaking business.
They will open up offices at 1914 Main
street, about January 1.

The deal has been under considera-
tion for some time but not until
was it confirmed by Mr. Jordan. He
stated that the name of the third party
would be made public in a day or so.
He said, however, that the third mem-
ber of the firm was an experienced
undertaker.

In Comstock Building.

The offices of the new firm will be
in the new Comstock building and will
be fitted up in the most modern and
approved style. All modern depart-
ments of an undertaking establish-
ment, such as a casket and the like,
will be provided. The rolling stock
the hearse, ambulance and coaches
will arrive December 24. Mr. Jordan
stated that these were of the most ap-
proved pattern.

Daniel McManus will resign from
the police force within the next month.
He and the third member of the firm
will conduct the business for the pres-
ent, as Mr. Jordan expects to serve out
his time as county superintendent.
His term expires June 11, 1911.

TO JEFFERSONVILLE

Herman Kroma, age 22, who has
been confined in the county jail for
about a week awaiting trial on a
charge of grand larceny appeared in
the criminal court this morning and
withdrew his plea of not guilty, entered
when originally arraigned and entered
one of guilty instead. He was
sentenced to the Jeffersonville refor-
matory for an indeterminate period
of four to fourteen years and fined \$5 by
Judge Fox.

Kroma has had a bad record and
had he not followed the course which
he did, undoubtedly would have, for
violation of parole, been sent back to
Jeffersonville to serve the unexpired
sentence which he received in 1904.
He was paroled from Jeffersonville
last summer.

A P. R. R. SMASHUP

Deaths and Funerals.
UNIONTON, Pa., Nov. 30.—Mail
clerk Scott, baggageman Quigley and
brakeman Trades were fatally injured
and six others less injured when the
Uniontown express on the Pennsylvania
railroad wat ditch by a broken
rail near Manor, Pa., today.

HAAS IS IN DEMAND

E. M. Haas, secretary of the Com-
mercial Club, has received an invitation
to address the Interdenominational
Brotherhood at Indianapolis, Saturday
evening, at the Fletcher Place M.
E. church. He will discuss the men's
movement in the church. Similar ad-
dressess along these same lines will be
made by Mr. Haas, Friday evening at
the Men's Banquet at Milton and on
December 12, at the township Sunday
school convention of New Garden
township, to be held at Fountain City.

A BANK FAILS OPEN

(American News Service)

Vernon, Mich., Nov. 30.—The Ver-
non Exchange bank, capitalized at
\$20,000, failed to open today. A peti-
tion for the appointment of C. R. Mc-
Laughlin as receiver was made to the
circuit court by one of the owners of
the institution, Frank Sergeant, Ned
Sergeant, son of the petitioner, and
Cashier, has not been seen since last
Thursday, it is said.

City Statistics

Deaths and Funerals.

QUINN—Mary Quinn, aged seventy-
six years, died this morning at nine
o'clock at her home in Abington. The
funeral will be held Thursday morn-
ing at ten o'clock. Burial in the
Abington cemetery. Rev. J. F. Mat-
tingly will have charge of the ser-
vices.

Births.

Marriage License.

Adolph S. Personette, Richmond,
29, farmer, and Miss Edna M. Fadler,
East Germantown, 17, granted upon
condition that the consent of Miss
Fadler's parents is given to the mar-
riage.

Haas is in demand.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Green,
a girl; sixth child.

Haas is in demand.

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