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BLACKHAND
MURDERERS
EXECUTEDOne of Pair Confesses As He
Goes to Death
Chair

DUG GRAVE FIRST

Then They Killed Rent Collector—
Policeman Shot Dead in Street
Car and Spokane Captain of
Police is Probably Murdered

Dannemora, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Dominick Ferrera and Vincent Leonardo, young Italians from Albany who murdered a rent collector at the behest of the blackhand, went to the electric chair in Clinton prison this morning. Just before he was strapped in the electrodes, Leonardo made a confession which substantiated the evidence of the Italian detective who had himself placed in a cell next to the accused men before their trial.

Leonardo said that he and Ferrera had been selected by the blackhand to dispose of the rent collector, Phelps. First they dug a grave under the floor of Phelps' favorite saloon and then while he was drinking they suddenly attacked him. Leonardo declares that his companion did the actual stabbing with a sharpened file which was afterwards found in the room of one of the accused. Being unusually large and powerful, Phelps threw off the assailants and staggered out to the street. He died later with half a dozen stab wounds in his head and body.

Both men were calm and nothing occurred to interfere with the electrocutions. Duluth, Minn., Jan. 6.—Two armed bandits entered a Superior-Duluth car near the interstate bridge, Duluth early this morning and held up the passengers and crew. Policemen Chase on his way to work, boarded the car, not knowing the bandits were at work and the shot and instantly killed. The robbers escaped but are being pursued by men in automobiles.

Spokane, Wn., Jan. 6.—Vigorous search is being made here for some clue to the identity of the would-be assassin who last night shot and fatally injured Police Captain John Sullivan. Sullivan's assailant fired through the window of the captain's home where he was seated reading a paper. Sullivan was taken to a hospital. He cannot recover.

He was formerly chief of police here and is well known throughout the northwest. The police are looking for a convict who had been captured and convicted for robbery was brought about by Captain Sullivan and who was recently paroled against the vigorous opposition of the captain. He is alleged to have declared that he would "kill" Sullivan.

HAVE RUSSIA AND
GERMANY ENTERED
INTO AGREEMENT?

(Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 6.—An evening paper publishes what purports to be the text of an agreement between Russia and Germany on Persian affairs, and supposed to be a result of the meeting of Emperor Wilhelm and Emperor Nicholas at Potsdam last November.

According to the text printed, Germany declines any political interest in Persia, and recognizes Russia's interests in Northern Persia. Russia agrees to co-operate in building the long proposed Bagdad Railway, and its branches, and to give German commerce in Persia equality of treatment.

This important pact quite likely will be resented by Great Britain and France as disloyalty on Russia's part, to their entente.

The sequel of the visit of the Russian monarch to Germany has been anticipated jealously in England, where it was believed that the too cordial relations between Germany and Russia would be found to have been followed by a better understanding possibly to the disadvantage of Great Britain.

THE SCOTSMEN'S VISIT
TO THE HOME LAND

Glasgow, Jan. 6.—Scotland is being visited by 3000 Canadian and American Scots according to the Herald of this city, which says that the movement originated at a series of home-coming, or reunion, held in Canada in the summer of 1909, and the idea of a visit to Scotland was taken up with much enthusiasm throughout the dominion and in the states.

At a meeting in Detroit in July an international committee composed of Scotsmen was formed to carry out the project. Two of the Allan line steamers—the Gram pian and the Hesperian—have been chartered, and the large party will embark on those vessels at Montreal, arriving at Glasgow in July.

It is expected that the Glasgow corporation will officially welcome the visitors. Among the places included in the itinerary are Arr. Strirling, Bannockburn, Loch Lomond and the Trossachs, Edinburgh and Inverness.

Air town council will officially welcome the visit, and it is probable that other towns will also do so. The trip coincides with the Scottish National exhibition.

TWO WERE KILLED
Railwaymen Die in Collision of
Trains—Wreckage Takes Fire

Mulvane, Kans., Jan. 6.—The northbound passenger train No. 18 on the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad, was wrecked on a curve near here last night. A freight train was trying to make a siding in the Mulvane yards when the heavy passenger, drawn by two engines, ran into its rear. The passenger was going about fifty miles an hour, and because of the curve the engineer did not see the lights of the freight until almost on it.

Fireman Zeimstein and Engineer Shields were killed. No passengers were hurt. The wreckage took fire and three baggage and mail cars were burned, but the contents were saved.

CANBERRA IS TO BE
AUSTRALIA'S CAPITAL

Washington, Jan. 6.—Architects and landscape artists from practically every section of the world will be invited to submit designs for the new capital city of the Commonwealth of Australia, according to a dispatch from Canberra, New South Wales, as the site. It probably will be some distance from the actual building operations are commenced.

The government already has appropriated \$218,000 for initial preparatory work.

THE
WEATHER
Fair and cold to
a y. Saturday,
snow or sleet.SPOKANE TO
BE RULED BY
COMMISSIONHundred Candidates for Five
Positions Under New Charter—
Election Will Be Held on
March 7

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 6.—There will be more than 100 candidates, including Mayor Nelson S. Pratt, J. Oscar Peterson, city treasurer; George W. Armstrong, president of the board of public works; E. V. Lambert, president of the city council; Charles M. Passett, president of the Spokane Chamber of Commerce; nine members of the city council, and bankers, merchants and tradesmen, for five commission ships under the new charter, which is carried by a majority of 2,223.

The election will take place on March 7, the commission taking charge of the city's affairs as soon as the vote is certified. The salary is \$6,000 a year and three of the commissioners are for terms of four years.

The charter provides for first, second and third choices, which give promise of complicating matters to make it one of the most spectacular campaigns in the history of the northwest. Charles W. Fleming, city clerk, announces that any person may become a candidate by obtaining the names of twenty-five bona fide electors. There is no charge for filing.

EARL GREY TO
ARCTIC AT TIME
OF CORONATION

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—(Special)—It is reported that Earl Grey will not attend the coronation but instead will start for the Arctic Ocean on his proposed long trip down the Mackenzie River in June when the coronation is being held. It is not usual for the British authorities to invite governors-general to coronations and it is understood that there will be no special invitation for Earl Grey on this occasion.

The naval college at Halifax will be opened on January 18.

HIGH PRICES BLOW TO POOR
Thousands of New York Families
in Condition Far Below Normal

New York, Jan. 6.—According to the Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor the cost of living for the poor in New York has increased about 10 per cent.

This has been determined by a comparison and by statistics presented last night by the association to the board of directors of the association. Some of the foodstuffs increased by about 15 per cent, the number of patients and the dietary remaining about the same.

It is also set forth in the report that although industrial and financial conditions have gradually improved until the city has reached normal opportunities for employment, thousands of families are still away below the normal conditions.

This is accounted for in a statement by R. Fulton Cutting, president of the association, by the increase of cost of living and by the slowness with which the poor recover from industrial depression.

"At the beginning of the year," says Mr. Cutting, "it was hoped that improvement in industrial conditions would lighten the association's task of ministering to the needs of the worthy poor. This hope has been fulfilled only in a small measure. The number of families applying to us for aid during the last twelve months has been less than 10 per cent. below that of the year before, while the number for whom we were obliged to provide the necessities of life was less than 5 per cent. below that of 1909."

CANNOT AGREE ABOUT
JOHNSON'S SPARKLER

Chicago, Jan. 6.—The person who owns the diamond ring possessed by Jack Johnson and claimed by George W. Little, his former manager, and over which the two men have been quarrelling for several months, still is a mystery. A jury who heard testimony in the trial of the case before Judge Goodnow in the municipal court, reported yesterday that they could not agree. They were discharged.

Jersey City, N. J., Jan. 6.—Eleven persons were injured today when a Pennsylvania accommodation train from Perth Amboy, N. J., crashed into the rear of a standing Lehigh Valley train in the terminal station here.

ONE ST. JOHN
FIRM LOST
THROUGH HIM

Some Particulars of Lumber
Dealings With Man Now Under
Arrest in Boston Are
Learned of

There is at least one St. John lumber firm among the maritime province people reported out of pocket as a consequence of business transaction with William W. Wheatley of Worcester, Mass., arrested by United States government officials in Boston yesterday. It is alleged he offered inducements for shipments of produce and lumber from these provinces by fraudulent representations. The practice reported was, after receiving the shipment, to take the goods to a place in good condition and to refuse to pay for them while at the same time he realized on the shipment.

The man under arrest, it is learned from the St. John people who had brief experience with him, gave the impression by his pretentious letter heads, that his business was of large connections and of years' standing. He gave out that he was a dealer in hay, oats, feed, produce, coal and lumber, and had offices in Lawrence and Winchester. He sent out circulars requesting quotations.

After some correspondence a car of lumber was shipped by the local house, as a trial shipment to be followed by two other cars. As was the practice a sight draft, however, was returned by Wheatley who asked the privilege of examining the car. The matter was placed in the hands of solicitors by the St. John firm and later Wheatley wrote that the lumber was not as represented and offered half price for it in settlement. Rather than have any further trouble this was accepted. In the meantime the other car had gone forward, one arriving in Boston and the other reaching Montreal. That shipped to Boston was disposed of by them and the other stopped at Montreal.

Another feature of the affair is that the car of the car first shipped were broken, and it was for this reason more than any other that it was sold at half price. As a result of this a claim was put in by the local firm with the C. P. and it is understood that they are taking this up with the Boston & Maine road. It is understood that the latter company's lawyer today, said that they had come to light.

The Thomas & Nelson Lumber Company also received Wheatley's circulars but they did not do business except through their agent in the city. It was said that the United Bank of Halifax shipped to the Winchester man, but Roy Smith, the manager of the bank, said today that this was not so. From what can be learned many small shipwrecks which furnish thousands of poor goods to Wheatley.

SAYS WOMEN'S COUNCIL
DID NOT PROMISE TO
PROVIDE PATROL WAGON

Mrs. McLellan Says That They
Agreed to Assist—Will Take Up
Matter Next Week

The Women's Council will meet next week to discuss the matter of assisting the city council in providing for a patrol wagon for the police department. Some time ago the women sent a communication to the council stating that they would assist the council in financing such an undertaking.

Mrs. David McLellan, president of the Women's Council, said this morning that the statement that the women would provide a wagon was incorrect. They had offered to assist and a meeting would be held next week to decide to what extent they could help. Mrs. McLellan was much pleased to see that the safety board had included \$1,000 in the estimates for the upkeep of a patrol wagon.

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"No time will be wasted in generalities and officials here are convinced that the first proposals of the two sets of negotiators are near enough together to promise early agreement."

"It is understood that settlement hinges not alone on duties on raw materials, lumber, coal and the like but on manufactured products also. Stress has been laid on the duty on lumber and woodpulp and on print paper levied by the United States and Mr. Taft aims at more than hushing the cry on these particular items."

The Globe's Ottawa special says the minister of marine, while in Washington,

NEW RAILROAD FROM
BANGOR TO HOULTONCharter Sought for Line That Will
Shorten Journey by Thirty-Five
Miles

Augusta, Me., Jan. 6.—A new railroad scheme is to come before the present session of the legislature with a request for a charter. The charter asked for will be for the Eastern Maine railroad and will contemplate a direct line from Bangor to Houlton, a distance of 108 miles, there being a detour of 145 miles by the present route. The route would open a section of Maine that is bound to be opened as a railroad for the Eastern Maine railroad and will give a large amount of business to the railroad will also be open for development. It will meet the Maine Central at Brewer with terminal facilities in the union station at Bangor.

NEW YORK FIRE TIES
UP THE ELEVATED

New York, Jan. 6.—Fire in a six story factory building in Wooster street this morning, devoured material estimated to be worth \$100,000 and tied up the Sixth avenue elevated railroad for more than two hours during the busy time.

PEOPLE OF NOTE

Times' Gallery of Men and Women
of Prominence

R. Forget of Montreal

Just returned from Paris, he says that Canadian industries are attracting French capital. Mr. Forget is vice-president of the Montreal Light, Heat & Power Co., and M. P. for Charlevoix.

Get Good Bait

San Francisco, Jan. 6.—Bing Bodie, out-fighter of the San Francisco Club, has signed with the Chicago Americans for 1911. Bodie won a reputation last season by his ability to knock out home runs.

BOY OF FOURTEEN HOLDS UP
WOMAN AT REVOLVER POINT

Boston, Jan. 6.—(Special)—Charged with holding up Miss Ellen McCalla at the point of a revolver in Winchester last night and robbing her, Paul Boyce, fourteen years old, was held for further hearing today.

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Washington Despatch Says Reciprocity
Meeting Will Get Quickly
To BusinessPresident Taft Aims at More Than Hushing Up
Cry on Lumber, Pulp and Print Paper Items—
Some Matters in the Mission of Minister of
Marine to Washington

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NEW YORK PIERS TOO
SHORT FOR NEW LINERSTitanic and Olympic Will Stick
Out Sixty Feet Into the River

New York, Jan. 6.—The pier head line established in New York harbor by the war department has been outgrown by modern ocean liners. Unless the government consents to a lengthening of the docks beyond the line, the latest additions to the transatlantic fleet, the Titanic and Olympic of the White Star fleet will stick out into the harbor sixty feet or more as they lie in their berths.

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DRIVE OUT BIG
EMPLOYERS OF LABOR

Anti-German Feeling Held Responsible for the Expulsion

Berlin, Jan. 6.—A news despatch from Strassburg says that three brothers, composing the firm of Dewendell & Company, proprietors of one of the largest iron works in Germany, employing 30,000 men, have been expelled from Alsace-Lorraine.

The reasons are not revealed, but presumably they were due to the alleged anti-German agitation of the Dewendells, who are an old and prominent French family. A fourth brother is a member of the Reichstag and of the Council of State of Alsace-Lorraine.

ANARCHISTS' GUNS
BETTER THAN THOSE
USED BY POLICE

London, Jan. 6.—The inquest into the death of the two outlaws killed while resisting the police in their Sydney street home on Tuesday, began today. The testimony showed that soldiers were summoned by the commissioner of police because the anarchists' revolvers were so superior to the weapons of the police, and that less than fifty police officers participated in the siege, the remainder being required to deal with the crowds.

The examination developed that one of the men was shot by the police or soldiers, while the other probably died from suffocation.

The inquest was adjourned till Monday.

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FIGHT FOR
WATERWAYS
MONEY IS ONAction by Alberta Government
Against Banks Begun in Ed-
monton—Report Connects
the Name of J. P. Morgan

Edmonton, Alta., Jan. 6.—The fight for \$7,400,000 of Alberta & Great Waterways monies deposited in the Royal, Union and Dominion banks is now on. An appearance to the action brought by the Alberta government against the banks to compel payment of the monies was entered by Dawson Hyndman & Hyndman, on behalf of the Royal Bank and by J. E. Wallbridge acting for the Dominion bank. The Union Bank are pursuing a different course. They apparently intend to pay the \$1,000,000 on deposit with them into court withdrawal from the dispute and let the claimants fight it out among themselves.

They were granted a chamber summons calling upon the parties interested to appear before Mr. Justice Dick in chambers on January 27, and put forward their claims in support of the application.

According to Montreal despatches J. Pierpont Morgan may be drawn into the dispute.

TROUBLE IN
HOCKEY RANKSThree of Chatham Men, Now
Here, Under M.P.A.A.A. In-
quiry and Wires are Working

With the arrival of the Chatham hockey team of the N. B. H. L. to play the St. Johns tonight, came trouble a plenty, for A. W. Covey, one of the M.P.A.A.A. committee, held up three of the visitors, who, he says, are under the ban for playing against the St. Peter's hall team in Chatham last summer. The men are: Welling, Emmott, and McLean.

Mr. Covey is in communication with L. B. MacMillan of Charlottetown, secretary of the M.P.A.A.A., in the matter, and it was said that an endeavor will be made to get permission to play the game tonight under protest.

The Sussex team for playing with Chatham last night, are now under suspension.

REGISTERED
MAIL STOLENSacks With Contents Valued at
\$50,000, Taken in San Fran-
cisco

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 6.—Three bags of registered mail with contents valued at \$50,000, have been stolen during the last few days in San Francisco or on the journey across the harbor to Oakland, according to the Call.

"The stolen sacks," the Call says, "contained late Christmas shipments and money orders, drafts, checks and currency forwarded by local banks to close their year's accounts in the east and northwest. The loss will fall most heavily on the banks."

SEEKING CLERGYMEN
FOR WESTERN CANADA

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 6.—Canon Jeffrey will leave on Saturday for England via Montreal and Halifax in the interest of the Church of England in the west in connection with the Colonial and Continental Missionary Society and to induce suitable young men to enter the mission field in the west.

REPAIRING CABLES

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 6.—(Special)—The steamer Grenada, under command of Capt. A. Lange, London; Miss MacDonald, Mid-disborough; J. D. McGruer, Miss S. K. Mitchell, Mr. J. Murray, Henry Pearce, Mrs. Pearce, Miss M. Pearce, Miss P. Pearce, Mrs. Agnes Pickering, A. E. Pileton, London; Miss L. Richardson, Leeds; F. W. Saller, Loughborough; R. Sanby, Nottingham; J. H. Shaw, Montreal; H. T. Shaw, Southampton; Dr. W. Stickney, Rutland, N. Y.; Gordon Strachy, Jr., Mrs. Strachy, Montreal; Miss Violet Trevelyan, London; Prof. Swale Vincent, West Bromwich; A. E. Littleton, London; P. Glickman, Montreal; R. S. Farlen, London; C. W. Robinson, Moncton.

CONDENSED DESPATCHES

Lyons, France, Jan. 6.—The Archbishop of Lyons today issued a diocesan decree forbidding Catholics reading four Republican newspapers published in the diocese and declaring the reading of the papers a sin.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 6.—Fire in the packing room of the Kansas City Bolt and Nut Works today did damage of \$200,000.

Minneapolis, Jan. 6.—An explosion today wrecked the East side power plant of the Minneapolis General Electric Company. Two men were seriously injured. The city is temporarily without electric current.

London, Jan. 6.—Word was received today that the aviator's cap and glasses picked up in the North Sea, have been identified as those worn by Cecil Grace.

SASKATCHEWAN TO HAVE
A COMPENSATION ACT

Regina, Sask., Jan. 6.—Speaking at opening of new Liberal Club rooms Wednesday night, Premier Scott referred to the intention of the attorney general to introduce a compensation bill which will have embodied in it the principle that workmen who suffer from accident shall be assured of a certain amount of compensation without being obliged to find a remedy in courts.

MAY CLOSE
HOTEL IN
CAPITAL

This is Report in Connection
With Windsor Hall,
Fredericton

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The case of Kennedy vs. Gorman is still going on before Judge White in circuit. There is some talk of the jury taking a trip to Cape to inspect the lake in dispute.

GAS TURNED OFF

Lighting Company Took Action
for Non-payment of Bill—
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