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Annual February CARPET SALE

This week we inaugurate a great clearing sale in our Carpet Department. A portion of our new spring stock has already arrived and more of it is on the way and we must make room for it. This is an opportunity for you to buy Carpets at lower prices than we have ever offered. It will pay you to buy now, rather than wait for spring. Every price quoted includes the making and laying free of extra charge. We will be glad to see you in and show you through our immense stock.

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PITTSBURG DETECTIVES CRAZY FOR BLOOD OF BIDDLES

**Clubbed and Shot Dead Desperadoes When Lying on The
Ground—Sensational Evidence—Were Disguised as
Nuns—Mrs. Soffel's Condition Critical.**

Butler, Pa., February 2.—The ter-
rible fate of the Biddles is the sole
topic of conversation here to-day and
a curious throng of people have been
defying the storm, hanging about the
jail entrance in a vain attempt to get
in to see the bodies of the dead mur-
derers. A great deal of sympathy for
the boys is expressed on all sides, and
not a few of the female portion of
the crowd expressed a desire to see
what manner of a man Ed. Biddle was
that he should exert such a wonder-
ful influence over men and particu-
larly women. The jail doors were closed
all day, and no one got in but the doc-
tors, who attended the autopsy and
the coroner's jury, which organized at
9 o'clock this morning. Even the news-
paper reporters were excluded from
the inquest, which was held in the
jail, and nothing concerning their de-
liberations could be learned until late
in the afternoon.

The verdict of the jury is that Ed.
Biddle came to his death by a revolver
shot fired from a 32-calibre revolver
by himself, and that Jack Biddle met
his death from a gunshot wound in-
flicted by the officers in discharge of
their lawful duty.

Under the instructions of Coroner
John T. Jones, an autopsy was held on
both the Biddles this morning. The
surgeons in charge were Drs. Mc-
Gurdy, Bicker and J. Clinton Atwell.
The evidence secured by the autopsy
bears out the statements that the Bid-
dles intended to kill themselves rather
than be taken alive, and that Ed.
succeeded in his attempt, while Jack
failed, though his life was forfeited.

THE FATAL WOUNDS.

In all Jack was suffering from nine
wounds, but excepting the one that
penetrated the kidney none of them
would have been fatal. Ed's terrible
sufferings were caused by a bullet
wound that struck him on the left
breast about an inch and a half to the
right of the nipple, and passed down
between the fourth and fifth ribs to
the left of the heart and through the
lung. This wound was made by Ed.
himself, the powder marks being vis-
ible on the skin. Death was caused
by hemorrhages and the man suffered
untold agony to the last breath.
Another wound found on his body was
on the same side, about an inch from
the left nipple, but the bullet struck
the fourth rib, passed under the skin
and did no damage. Both bullets found
in Ed. were 32-calibre and in the opin-
ion of the doctors, who held the au-
topsy there is no doubt that he killed
himself.

Arrangements are being made to
take the bodies to Pittsburgh to-mor-
row morning. They will be in charge
of Sheriff R. T. Hoon.

Since the officers concerned in the
fight and capture of the Biddles, have
had time to cool off a little, there
appears to be a disposition to be fair
towards each other in the matter of
the disposition of the prize money
and an agreement to divide the \$5,000
equally among the four officers here—
the driver, J. A. Snyder and the three
Pittsburg detectives, has been practi-
cally consented to by all of the men
except Detective McGovern, who is
not here to-day.

The pastors of nearly all of the
churches in Butler county took occasion
to-day to refer to the sensational cap-
ture Friday of Mrs. Kate Soffel and
John and Ed. Biddle, who died in the
county jail last night.

CONFESSIONS OF MURDERERS.

Rev. Father Daniel S. Walsh, rector
of St. Paul's Roman Catholic church,
who ministered to the Biddles in their
dying hours, spoke touchingly of them
to the members of his parish in both
masses this morning. He touched
briefly on their statements given out,
and said it was for every person to
decide for themselves as to the inno-
cence or guilt of the men. When seen
at his residence this afternoon, Father
Walsh said:

"Besides the statements given out
by the Biddle boys to the newspapers
and officers of Butler county, both Ed.
and Jack Biddle made confessions to
me. Ed's was made on Friday night,
there was no one present but myself
and Jack lying in the next cell. Jack
did not confess until yesterday. Their
confessions were full and complete in
every particular, and they will never
be revealed.

"While ministering to them almost
every hour after they were brought to
jail here, they would often talk to me
of how they were wrongly accused of
crimes. They denied positively that
they killed Grocer Kahney in Mount
Washington, and Ed. told me in the
most emphatic terms that he did not
shoot Detective Patrick Fitzgerald.

**PRIEST SAID THEY DIED LIKE
DOGS.**

"The poor boys died like dogs, liter-
ally riddled with bullets, and some-
one should be held responsible for in-
human actions in shooting them when
entirely helpless, unarmed and unable
to make the slightest resistance."

Rev. Samuel Cronin Wett of St.
Mark's Evangelical Lutheran church,
in his sermon to-night spoke at length
of the criminal history made in Butler
county in the past few days. He criti-
cized severely the woman, whom he
held responsible for the whole affair.
He said:

"The Biddles and Mrs. Soffel made a
vain flight from justice and retribu-
tion came swiftly upon them. The
blindness and infatuation of this wo-
man in leaving her beloved husband
and helpless little children for a gang
of desperadoes, is the worst criminal
act thus far in the history of the twen-
tieth century."

REFLECTED ON DETECTIVE.

The testimony taken at the inquest
was voluminous, making about 1,000
words and some parts of it quite sen-
sational. The testimony given by De-
puty Sheriff Rainey Hoon reflected se-
verely on McGovern, one of the Pitts-
burg detectives.

Deputy Hoon, after describing the
hunt for the fugitives and the final
sighting of them coming over the hill,
said: "We put our two teams in
charge of Mr. J. A. Snyder. We then
got in line and they came down the
hill, and the first thing I saw Ed. Bid-
dle pulled a revolver from the back of
his belt and began to shoot. I could
not tell who fired the first shot. We
all shot. I should judge we were 150
feet from them."

Question: "Did they fall out of the
sled?"

A. "They both fell out."

Q. "How many shots had been fired
before they fell?"

A. "I have not much idea. I sup-
pose forty or fifty shots."

Q. "The Biddles fell out of the
sled?"

A. "Yes, sir, both boys fell out and
the woman fell forward. She stayed
in the sleigh and the horse ran off
with her and passed into the field."

Q. "Describe your approaching the
Biddle boys."

SHOT JACK AFTER HE WAS DOWN

A. "McGovern and I walked up to
them. They were both lying on their
faces. I walked up first and Mc-
Govern swore at me for it. I had a
revolver in my hand and had it load-
ed. I walked up to them and he walk-
ed up and hit Jack on the back of the
head with the butt end of his
Winchester when he was on his face.
Then I turned Ed. over on his back
I was the first to touch either of the
men and he was going to shoot them
again. He stopped back and shot
Jack again after he was on the
ground. I turned Ed. over and he
said: "For God's sake, don't shoot
again; let me die." Mr. Holliday
turned Jack over and coaxed him not
to abuse him, to let him die.

Q. "The slugs that entered the
arms and side of Jack Biddle were
from the shot fired by McGovern af-
ter he was lying face down on the
snow at close range?"

A. "Yes, sir; I am sure of that. I
was within a few feet."

Q. "Do you think the striking of
Jack on the head with a gun had any-
thing to do with the hastening of his
death?"

A. "I could not say. He could still
speak."

Q. "Did he strike with considerable
force?"

A. "He hit him a good, hard buff
with the butt of the gun."

MORBID CURIOSITY GRATIFIED.

At 6 o'clock this afternoon the bodies
of the Biddles were removed from the
jail to one of the hallways of the
sheriff's dwelling and the public
was given an opportunity of look-
ing at the two notorious criminals.
Hundreds of people to-day braved the
worst blizzard of the year besieging
the jail doors for admittance, which
was refused until this evening, when
the doors of the dwelling house at-
tached to the jail were opened and
all given an opportunity to gratify
their morbid curiosity. Late to-night
a long line of people are standing in
front of the door, the wind blowing
about their ears and the driving snow
stinging their faces like icicles wait-
ing their turn and noticeable among
the crowd in the number of women

who are curious, even in death, to see
Ed. Biddle, the man who is said to
have had such a charm over women
when he was alive.

MRS. SOFFEL'S CRITICAL CONDI- TION.

Mrs. Soffel is reported to be spitting
blood to-night at the hospital and her
condition is not considered favorable.
The track of the bullet wound in her
breast runs close to the pleura and the
doctors are not yet able to tell whether
the hemorrhage is caused by the
wound or is attributable to some other
cause which has not yet fully de-
veloped.

DRESSED LIKE NUNS.

Wearing the garb of nuns of the
Roman Catholic church, under the
protecting wing of which the con-
demned men had found spiritual rest,
the Biddles and Mrs. Soffel hoped to
make their escape. It was Mrs. Sof-
fel's plan and the arrangement was
a place of temporary safety they were
to don the black robes and veils as
travelling sisters of mercy. They had
planned to make for some remote
mining place in Canada, where they
were to live together.

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