

TERRIBLE REVENGE OF REJECTED LOVER

Sets Fire to Cottage in Which the Woman and Three Others Slept.

ALL FOUR CREMATED

Murderers Slay Farmer Who Lived Near Scene to Prevent Evidence Against Them.

ROME. One of the most diabolical crimes in the annals of modern Italy has just been committed at Fondi, in the province of Caserta.

A young woman named Drilde, who by common consent was the prettiest of the village maidens, had been pestered for a couple of years past by the unwelcome attentions of a local shepherd, Vincenzo de Silvestro, aged 23, with whom her relatives had demanded her from having anything to do, as he was a fellow of ill-fame, who had been in prison for thieving. He had also served a sentence of ten months in jail for a brutal attempt to seduce Drilde, whose parents had prosecuted him.

De Silvestro vowed to exterminate the whole family, so Drilde, as a precautionary measure, bought a revolver and practiced shooting, her tormentor being meanwhile safe in prison.

A Terrible Vengeance.

On the expiration of his sentence De Silvestro bided his time till the actual anniversary of his offense, when he once more confronted Drilde, demanding that she should go and live with him. He received a negative answer. A few days later De Silvestro went forth to a thatched cottage on the moor, where Drilde was passing the night in company with an old aunt, over 80 years of age; her 12-year-old cousin and her little sister, aged 11. Having secured her weapons at the only two available exits, he piled straw at the four corners and saturated the wooden exterior with paraffin, and then set the whole ablaze.

In his nefarious business he was assisted by another youthful ex-criminal named Bellone, only 19, who knew nothing of the circumstances but acted out of motives of mere sport. Both guarded the exits with loaded guns till the piercing shrieks of the victims were stifled in death.

Half an hour later, when an elder cousin of Drilde, who, scenting mischief, had galloped off on horseback into the village to summon help, appeared on the scene, the cottage was a heap of smouldering embers, while nothing remained of the four inmates but their calcined skeletons.

Shoot Farmer Dead.

The wickedness of the two miscreants was not, however, yet satiated. Afraid lest a farmer living a few hundred yards away might have witnessed their savage work and so denounce them to the police, De Silvestro and his associate snatched up to his house in the midnight darkness, and called to him to come down on an urgent errand. The poor man, nothing suspecting, no sooner gained the threshold in his night clothes than the two miscreants discharged their weapons at him simultaneously, and their fifth victim fell dead in the doorway, shot through the heart.

Though the murderers have since been sighted, they are still uncaptured, as that part of the country abounds in ideal hiding places.

De Silvestro's father and brother have been arrested as instigators of the crime, and a big reward has been offered for the capture of the assassins, dead or alive.

LIVED HERMIT'S LIFE FOR TWENTY YEARS

CARDIFF. The Rhymney valley, on the South Wales border, has lost a picturesque personality by the removal to Merthyr Tydfil yesterday of Edmund Morgan, known in the neighborhood as the hermit of the valley.

For twenty years the aged hermit, who is better known as Mikol Steney, has lived in the caves and huts on the mountains. The retreats which the recluse selected from time to time for his abode were kept, if not spotlessly clean, at any rate, free from any severe breach of sanitary rules, and no excuse could be secured for his removal by force to more comfortable quarters.

Edmund's sleeping accommodation was a wooden bench, on which he reposed in his clothes, which apparently he had never cast off for close upon fifteen years. Otherwise his personal habits were clean.

A day or two ago the hermit complained of illness and it was found that he was suffering from a weak heart. He gladly left his mountain home for the workhouse.



King Alfonso



King Victor Emmanuel and Prince Nicholas of Montenegro

BOMBARD MOTORISTS BY SHELLS OF FORT

Sheltered by Rock They Remain for Quarter of Hour, Missiles Bursting Nigh.

SENTRIES' NEGLECT DUTY

NANCY. M. and Mme. Bathiat, of Nancy, were subjected to a terrific artillery fire while motoring along the road from Amandun-Monorod to Nerondes yesterday.

They were travelling along the road at 9 in the morning, when shells fired from the fort at Bourges began to burst close around them. Fortunately there was an overhanging rock at the side of the road near by, and they ran the car beneath this for cover.

After the thunder of the guns and the bursting shells had continued for nearly a quarter of an hour, M. Bathiat managed to signal to a sentry, whom he could see about a quarter of a mile away, and the bombardment was stopped.

The officers of the fort appeared and apologized, stating that the sentries, who had been posted to warn people off the road during the artillery practice, had neglected their duties.

Suicide From Overstudy. LONDON, Sept. 14.—An inquest was held at Sutton Coldfield yesterday on a former Mayor of Sutton Coldfield, who committed suicide while insane from overstudy.

SPENDS TIME IN JAIL FOR CONSCIENCE SAKE

German Soldier Persists in Refusing to Do Any Work on Saturday.

BERLIN. A private soldier named Muegge, belonging to the Thirty-first Regiment of Infantry, has been sentenced here to seven months' imprisonment by a court-martial for refusing to obey the commands of his superior, Muegge belongs to the sect of Adventists, who sternly forbid the performance of any sort of work between sunset on Friday and sunrise on Saturday. Their Sabbath-observance, in fact, is stricter than that of the strictest order of Jews.

It is by no means the first time that Muegge has received a similar punishment. He entered the army last autumn, and since then he has been practically all the time in jail, for no sooner has one term of imprisonment expired than his refusal to obey fresh commands on Saturday brings with it fresh punishment.

Muegge declares that he will die rather than commit the sin of desecrating the Holy Day. The military authorities are equally determined not to yield.



President Fallieres



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GEM OF GREAT PRICE—NOW SEEKING OWNER

Stolen From Ameer of Afghanistan in 1842, it Brought Evil to Successive Owners.

NOW IN INDIAN COURTS

SIMLA. The romance of a diamond valued at from \$100,000 to \$150,000 is occupying the attention of the Indian courts. It was stolen in 1842 from Shah Suja, the amir of Afghanistan, and is said to have brought misfortune upon each of its successive owners.

It was stated that the present amir, hearing of its reappearance, claimed it, and that the Indian government refused to consider the claim. The government, however, is in no wise concerned with the disposal of the diamond, which, whatever its previous history, is known to have been for nearly a quarter of a century the property of an old Afghan chief, Amir Udowlah, who showed it wrapped in ancient cloth to various Europeans in India.

Amir Udowlah died, leaving, like most Afghan sultans, a large family. Some of his relations are now in Kabul, others in Turkestan, others in India, and the settlement of the competing claims to the valuable diamond, which is one of the principal assets, has devolved upon the civil court of Rawal Pindi, which is unable to deal with the case until the usual legal formalities are fulfilled with the consent of all the heirs, for example, being necessary before it could be made over to the amir, a permanent agent in India, who, it is understood, has made some offer for it.

WORLD'S LARGEST SAPPHIRE

Gem Recently Found in Ceylon Finds Purchaser.

COLOMBO. The magnificent blue sapphire, which was recently found in Ceylon, and is stated to be the largest in the world, has been purchased by the jewelry firm of Maclean & Co., of London, for the sum of \$100,000. The gem, after being cut and polished, is 100 karats, and is one of the largest sapphires in the world. It is a coronation sapphire, and was shown at the Paris Exhibition and sold for \$40,000.

PERFUME ON WOMAN LEADS TO FIERCE RIOT

Passengers on Street Car Cannot Bear it and Fight With Escort is Result.

BERLIN. A woman who had perfumed herself with musk had the cause of a riot in a tramcar passing along the Potsdamerstrasse. The scent was so strong that some of the passengers were almost overpowered, and they did not conceal their annoyance.

The woman's male escort showed resentment at the uncomplimentary remarks which were passed, and a free fight resulted between the woman's champions and those who objected to the odor of the musk. The conductor was obliged to stop the car and call for police assistance, whereupon the whole party was taken off to the police station.

It is understood that some legal action will be the outcome of the fray. One paper, commenting upon the affair, says that as the scene is laid in Germany it is not impossible that a new law may be framed fixing the maximum extent to which a woman may be perfumed before becoming a public nuisance.

SEDITION IN INDIA SCOTCHED, NOT KILLED

Patriotic Students Shout for Motherland in Court and Create a Riot.

CALCUTTA MUCH EXCITED

Extraordinary scenes occurred in the Calcutta Police Court yesterday.

A large mob of students who had deserted their classes in spite of the protests of the teachers gathered in the halls and corridors to hear sentence passed on two national volunteers who were arrested for assaulting the police at a boy-cott anniversary celebration.

The students created such a disturbance, shouting "Bande Mataram" ("Hail Motherland"), and singing and jostling that the police proceeded to clear the court. Many of the students retained, and scuffles took place.

The mob was finally driven headlong into the street. Here further opposition was shown. Finally mounted police charged the mob.

Even then the students fought with fists and teeth. The determination shown by the students was very striking, considering the accepted idea that the Bengalis have no courage.

Later on further excitement was caused by the appearance of Behn Bai, the extremist leader, in the witness box in the session case against the Bande Mataram newspaper.

Behn Bai obstinately refused to answer any questions, in spite of a warning from the court, and he will appear today to answer a charge of contempt of court. The excitement that prevails throughout Calcutta is intense.

Affairs in eastern Bengal are also not improving. Five national volunteers pushed Civil Surgeon Comilla into the river at Chandpur and he narrowly escaped drowning.

The plankton community in Behar is increasing at the Calcutta High Courts setting aside the death sentence on the men who killed the planter, Mr. Bloomfield, with kites.

CLERGYMAN DISGUISED VISITS CITY SALOONS

Mingles With All Classes at Bar and Gets Valuable Impressions of Each.

WOMEN BEHAVE WELL

LONDON. The Rev. E. Beecock, who has just taken charge of the Maclefield Primitive Methodist Circuit, has adopted a novel course in forming his opinions upon the public houses of the town. Immediately upon his arrival and before becoming well known he made a tour of most of them, and upon his experiences has based some striking addresses.

Mr. Beecock, in an interview, stated that he did not make his visits in clerical garb. Wearing a working man's suit, colored tie, and cloth cap, and with a large pipe for company, he snatched in and out of the bars and public houses, employing principally Friday and Saturday nights for the purpose. He mixed freely among the company, sharing in their conversations and observing their conduct. He was struck by the transformation which the public houses had undergone in the matter of luxurious fittings. He found a larger number of young working women in them than he could see, though he said their behavior was respectable.

With the management of numbers of the houses no fault could be found. The chief apprehension made upon him was the enormous amount of the social approval made by the public houses. Many reforms are wanted, he agrees, but he does not believe prohibition is possible, and to deprecate drink as "the chief damnation" is no solution of the problem. He would place his hands under disinterested management, taking away the stimulus for private profit, and would give power to local authorities to establish and maintain counter-attractions.

ARMED PEASANTS HUNT BOLD BRIGAND BAND

Sardinian Villages Looted and Terrorized by Twelve Dick Turpins of Italy.

LYNCH LAW IN ORDER

MILAN, Sept. 14. Twelve armed bandits on horseback, operating among the Nevoese mountains around Terranova, in Sardinia, have been terrifying the dwellers in a score of villages. In their daring descents they raid farmhouses, binding and beating the inmates and carrying off all the money and valuables they can lay their hands upon.

Among their latest exploits was a surprise visit to the country villa of a rich squire named Piccoladoni. Although he is his eldest son and three servants unaided, he strove to keep the marauders at bay with rifles, they were all overpowered, bastinadoed and left, tightly bound, where no cries for help were likely to avail them. Another roadman, walking along a country road accompanied by his servant, was robbed and both were left half dead. On reporting the occurrences they presented themselves to the Mayor of Terranova, covered with wounds and streaming with blood.

That energetic functionary summoned an urgent meeting of citizens, and all the shepherds and peasants of the neighborhood were able to ride a horse and by their gun were banded together in an expedition to hunt down the bandits, who had taken the precaution to break up into smaller groups. Five of them were sighted from a hill-top, they sat in a glade dividing their booty. One of the bandits was shot dead, and two others were badly hurt, but were borne away by their comrades before the pursuers could come up.

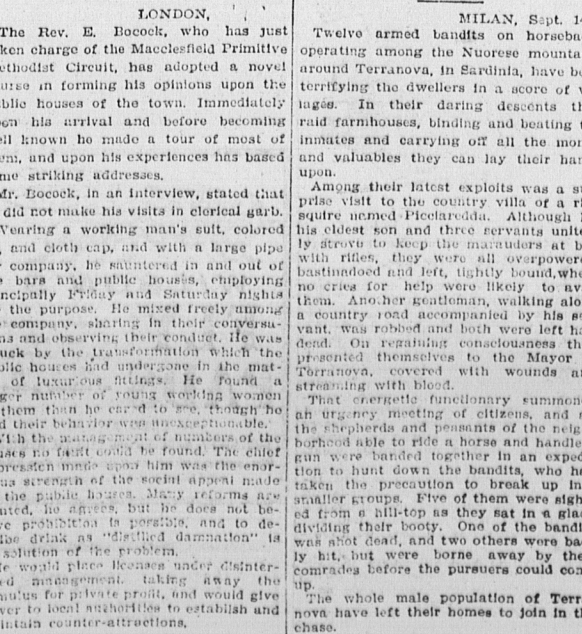
The whole male population of Terranova have left their homes to join in the chase.

CONCERT ON A LIGHTSHIP

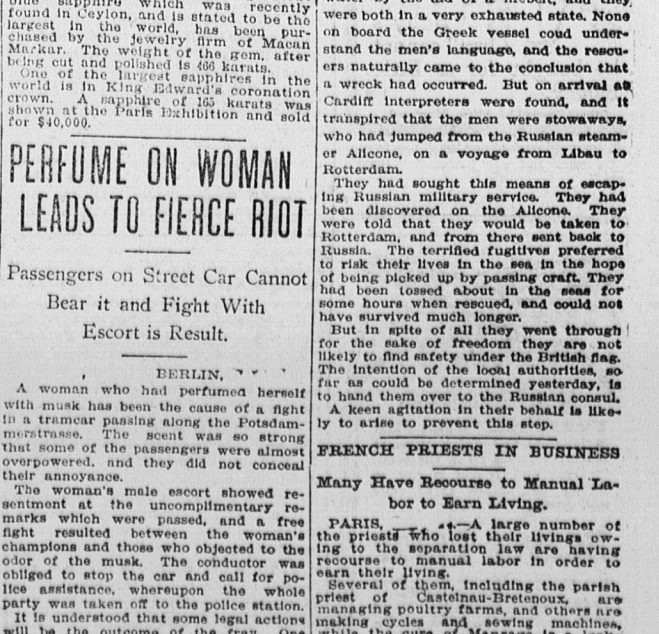
COBK. Captain Geoffrey Holbeck and ten members of his band on Sunday went off in a steamboat from Folkestone to the Cork Lightship, several miles out, and gave a concert to the crew.



Mrs. Cahira



Of Berlin Second Winner



New York The Winner

BOHEMIAN WOMAN WINS IN BEAUTY CONTEST IN EUROPE. Frunzenabald, a Bohemian, famous for his mineral baths, has just held a fashionable beauty competition, which was organized by the town council. The competition was open only to private visitors, and only a few professional beauties were barred. It is interesting to the United States that one of her fair beauties, who arranged the contest there.

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DESPERATE SWIM FOR LIFE OF FREEDOM

Russian Refugees Jump Overboard at Sea to Escape Military Service at Home.

PICKED UP EXHAUSTED

CARDIFF. The Greek steamer Eoantra coupia arrived at Cardiff yesterday morning with two young Russians on board, who had been picked up at 5 o'clock that morning in the sea off Start Point.

Each of the rescued men floated in the water by the aid of a Hobbitt, and they were both in a very exhausted state. None on board the Greek vessel could understand the men's language, and the rescuers naturally came to the conclusion that a wreck had occurred. But on arrival at Cardiff interpreters were found, and it transpired that the men were stowaways, who had jumped from the Russian steamer Allicone, on a voyage from Libau to Rotterdam.

They had sought this means of escaping Russian military service. They had been discovered on the Allicone. They were told that they would be taken to Rotterdam, and from there sent back to Russia. The terrified fugitives preferred to risk their lives in the sea in the hope of being picked up by passing craft. They had been tossed about in the sea for some hours when rescued, and could not have survived much longer.

But in spite of all they went through for the sake of freedom they are not likely to find safety under the British flag. The intention of the local authorities, so far as could be determined yesterday, is to hand them over to the Russian consul, to a keen agitation in their behalf is likely to arise to prevent this step.

FRENCH PRIESTS IN BUSINESS

Many Have Recourse to Manual Labor to Earn Living.

PARIS. A large number of the priests who lost their livings owing to the separation law are having recourse to manual labor in order to earn their living.

Several of them, including the parish priest of Castelnau-Bretenoux, are managing poultry farms, and others are making cycles and sewing machines, while the curé of Maragny is a locksmith. Some fathers have become jewelers, and the curé of Adres is a tailor.

Under the presidency of Abbé Leroux, an "alliance" of ecclesiastical craftsmen has been formed. Their interests are defended in the organ Trait d'Union.