

## BIDDLE BROTHERS ARE CAPTURED.

Both of Them Were Perforated by  
Bullets.

MRS. SOFFEL WAS ALSO SHOT

She Attempted Suicide - Warden's  
Wife Furnished Murders With  
Means of Escape and Arms.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 31.—Edward Biddle is lying in the jail at Butler; John Biddle is riddled with buckshot and in a precarious condition, and Mrs. Peter K. Soffel is lying in the hospital with a self-inflicted bullet wound in the breast. This is the sequel of the sensational escape of the Biddle brothers from the Allegheny county jail, aided by Mrs. Soffel, wife of the jail warden, on Thursday morning.

FIRING BEGINS.

The close of the Biddle tragedy came at 4 o'clock this afternoon on a snow-covered road two miles east of Prospect, Butler county, near Mount Chestnut. The exact place was at McCure's barn, where two double team sleighs, filled with eight officers, three of the Pittsburgh detectives—John Roach, Albert Schweinhart and Charles McGovern—met the two Biddles in a one-horse sleigh, stolen at Perryville, and at once opened fire on them.

The Biddles returned the fire after jumping out of the sleigh. Mrs. Soffel was shot through the breast. Edward Biddle was shot in the left arm in the breast and in one leg. John Biddle was riddled with buckshot in the breast and head.

The Pittsburgh officers were met at Butler this afternoon by Deputy Sheriff J. J. Stephens, at Mount Chestnut, five miles east of Butler. They had made a detour of the town of Butler, and after going several miles east, turned north and then west. The Pittsburgh officers, only a few miles in the rear, took the wrong road for about eight miles, but when they found their mistake they made up lost time by firing and telegraphing ahead for help.

MURDERERS EAT DINNER.

The officers were certain that they were on the right trail, and that it was only a question of time when they would overtake the escaping condemned murderers and their guilty companion.

The Biddles and Mrs. Soffel ate dinner at J. J. Stephens, at Mount Chestnut, five miles east of Butler. They had made a detour of the town of Butler, and after going several miles east, turned north and then west. The Pittsburgh officers, only a few miles in the rear, took the wrong road for about eight miles, but when they found their mistake they made up lost time by firing and telegraphing ahead for help.

They reached Mount Chestnut not less than half an hour after the Biddles and Mrs. Soffel. At this point William Watson, stockkeeper, had two horses waiting for them, and the chase for life began anew.

MEET THE BIDDLES.

The two sleighs carrying the eight officers met the Biddles and Mrs. Soffel at McCure's barn, two miles from Mount Prospect. The Biddles, having learned that they were almost overtaken and taking what they considered the only chance they had, drove eastward and met their doom.

The Pittsburgh and other officers were armed with Winchester rifles and revolvers of large caliber. They shot to kill and their aim was perfect. The Biddles tried to kill the last of their pursuers, but not one of the eight officers was hurt. The Biddles were shot in the head, and Mrs. Soffel was shot in the breast.

When the detectives got within about six yards of the fugitives they opened fire. The Biddles promptly answered

with shotgun and revolvers. Mrs. Soffel, too, stood up in the sleigh with a revolver in each hand and aimed away at her pursuers. When Ed Biddle fell and when she saw that he was about to be captured she fired a bullet into her breast. An examination of her wound shows that she will recover, as the bullet was deflected by her corset and the wound is comparatively slight.

ED BIDDLE SHOT.

Ed Biddle got a bullet in the breast which penetrated his right lung, and which probably ended his life before morning. John Biddle may recover, as his wounds, though numerous, failed to reach a vital spot. The escape of the officers is miraculous. The Biddles have demonstrated on several occasions that they are good marksmen, and why they should have failed today to bring down their men is a mystery.

After the Biddles fell to the snow-covered ground the officers picked up the apparently lifeless bodies of Mrs. Soffel and the Biddles and took them back to Butler, where they also took the stolen sleigh, patched up the harness and worked horses that the trio had made use of in their flight.

There is absolutely no doubt that the erring wife of the warden furnished the means with the tools to make their escape. Warden Soffel contemplates resigning, as he feels keenly the disgrace his wife has brought upon him in leaving him and her four children.

It is the intention of the authorities to prosecute Mrs. Soffel when she recovers, although there are many persons who contend she was either hypnotized or insane.

THE DETECTIVES' ACCOUNT.

The story of the fight as told by one of the detectives follows:

The Biddles were sitting on the right side of the cutter, Mrs. Soffel was on the left side. When Detective McGovern called to them to hold up their hands and surrender Ed Biddle jumped up and, raising a shotgun, fired at McGovern. He aimed badly and the shot scattered alongside the road.

Almost simultaneously Detectives McGovern and Roach discharged their Winchester at Ed Biddle. Both shots took effect. Jack Biddle raised from the seat and discharged his revolver at the three officers. Detective Schweinhart started himself and fired his 45-caliber Colt revolver at Jack. The ball took effect in Jack's arm. Then the detectives opened a rapid fire on the escapees. The shots knocked them out of the sleigh. Ed fell sprawling on the snow and Jack fell on top of him, their firearms falling from their hands.

MRS. SOFFEL COLLAPSES.

The Biddles' horse then became frightened and ran away across a field. It was at this time that Mrs. Soffel was seen to collapse in the sleigh. The detectives approached the wounded men, and Detective Schweinhart was rushing in on them, when Detective McGovern called to him to stay back, that the Biddles were only feigning.

Detective Roach saw Ed Biddle reach in his coat pocket as if for a knife, and the detective shot him again. Then Detective McGovern ran up within five feet of the boys and emptied his Winchester into them. The Biddles yielded, and Roach and McGovern handcuffed their hands and feet, and they were taken to Butler.

Mrs. Soffel, who had fallen from the sleigh when the horse ran away, was picked up and placed in the detective's large sleigh with her companions and taken to the hospital at Butler.

STATEMENT TO PRIEST.

At the jail tonight Ed Biddle called for a priest and made the following statement:

"I have been accused of a great many serious crimes. I admit that I could have committed many, as the opportunities for them presented themselves. I want to say now that I did not kill Detective Fitzgerald, nor did I shoot Thomas Kahney, nor was my brother implicated in the latter affair. Mrs. Soffel aided us in getting out of the county jail, and had it not been for her we would have made our escape today. She gave up everything for us, and I was bound to back her. I did not shoot her, but she shot herself. Oh, father, bless me and tell me that my sins are forgiven."

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some heart and gratitude for the woman who helped us to escape. She merely did it out of good sympathy for us. I persuaded her to do it. I told her I was guilty of the crime for which I was about to be executed, and she was impressed and yielded to my suggestion. I planned it all."

WRITES FOR THE DYING.

Father Walsh administered the last rites of the dying, and Biddle rolled over on his face and sighed. He was asked if he wanted any word taken to his brother, and he shook his head. The entire party, officers and prisoners, are expected to arrive in this city tonight on a special train. Mrs. Soffel made a statement after her capture in which she said she became involved in the affair through her sympathy for Ed Biddle. She said she now realized her mistake and wished she was dead.

THE WOMAN'S WOUND.

Dr. J. E. Ayres, who examined the Biddles and Mrs. Soffel as soon as the prisoners were taken into the county jail, made the following statement to-night: "The wounds of all three prisoners are exceedingly grave and may result fatally before another twenty-four hours."

"The bullet which struck Mrs. Soffel, and which appears to be self-inflicted, entered her left breast, going through

the nipple and passing back about six inches through her chest. It lodged under the skin of the back, almost opposite to point of entrance. From my examination of Mrs. Soffel's wound, I think she may live, but her exposure to the cold and the excitement and nervous shock of this affair may so complicate matters that her wound may prove fatal."

A Colorado Mystery.

Fort Morgan, Colo., Jan. 31.—William Brinkley, a well-known resident of Fort Morgan, was found dead in his barn at his residence in the east end of town by his wife. From the facts so far disclosed by the coroner's investigation, it is believed he committed suicide, though the town is greatly excited by the rumors that circumstances pointed to murder.

Early in the morning, according to the story told by Mrs. Brinkley, she and her husband had a violent quarrel, during which Brinkley threatened to kill himself. A few minutes later he left the house. About an hour later, Mrs. Brinkley says, she went to the barn and discovered her husband's body lying in a pool of blood. She notified the neighbors and the sheriff was called. The sheriff ordered the barn locked and placed a guard there.

When the coroner was summoned a revolver was found under Brinkley's body, and an autopsy revealed a bullet lodged in his head. It had entered the forehead from the hair line, and pointed downward towards the base of the brain.

Trouble between Brinkley and his wife has been the subject of much gossip. It is said that she has attacked him at various times, once inflicting a scalp wound with a blow from a poker, and that she several times threatened him.

The Brinkleys have resided here for the past six years, coming from Hastings, Neb. They have one child 2 years old. The husband was 35 and the wife 22. Brinkley was credited with being sober and industrious. He was a member in good standing of the Woodmen and carried \$2,000 insurance on his life.

Lives With a Broken Back.

Denver, Jan. 31.—A case of unusual interest and one that is a puzzle to the members of the medical profession was taken to St. Luke's hospital last night. It had been supposed until recently that a broken back meant instant death, but at least one exception has been brought before Denver physicians.

William Rosetto, a laborer at the Gem mine at Idaho Springs, met with an accident there Tuesday and when he was examined by the physician it was found his back was broken. Yesterday he was brought to Denver and taken to St. Luke's hospital. He stood the trip well and spent a comfortable night at the hospital.

Rosetto is perfectly conscious and does not seem to suffer intense pain. He has not spoken a word, however, since his arrival here. He is under the care of Dr. Edmund Rogers.

It has not been decided what treatment will be given the man, but the fact that he lives and is conscious is puzzling the physicians.

Wild Story About Wyoming Mormons.

Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 31.—The chief of the "Mormon" colony at Cowley, Big Horn county, has issued an edict that every young "Mormon" woman living outside of the colony must return at once to the parental home.

It is feared that after the girls have associated with Gentiles for a time they will be converted to other religions than the "Mormon," hence the action by the authorities in keeping them within the influence of the colony. The order has created quite a stir in Big Horn county, where "Mormon" girls are employed in various vocations all over that section by the Gentiles.

Gentiles and "Mormon" girls are employed in various vocations all over that section by the Gentiles. The "Mormon" girls refuse to obey the order, and particularly is this so where the young ladies have formed a liking more than friendship for young male Gentiles and are contemplating matrimony. The "Mormon" colony settled in Wyoming a little over a year ago, and has increased until now it numbers 3,500 or 4,000.

Finland Police to be Independent.

St. Petersburg, Friday, Jan. 17.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—In Finland the police, up to the present, have occupied complete Russification. This action is now proposed for Helsinki, at least, where the St. Petersburg system is to be transplanted. The police will be entirely independent of the local authorities, there will be a department of political police and a police address book to include every house, will be introduced and dvoriks, the most characteristic feature of life in Russia, will be instituted. The dvoriks, though paid by the householder, are the lowest order of police. They are bound to report all arrivals and departures, keep the regular police informed of all that happens in each house and assist in maintaining order, making arrests, etc.

## SOUTH AFRICAN WAR EXPENSES.

For the Past Year They Were Over  
Sixty-One Million Pounds.

217,800 SOLDIERS THERE.

Mr. Brodrick Asks for £5,000,000,  
Supplementary Army Estimate—  
Some Corruption in Contracts.

London, Jan. 31.—The war secretary, Mr. Brodrick, in introducing a supplementary army estimate of £5,000,000 in the house of commons today, said this brought the total of the cost of the war for the present year up to £21,920,000. On January 1 Mr. Brodrick said, there were still 217,800 British troops in South Africa. The expenses of the war had now been reduced to about £4,500,000 per month.

Mr. Brodrick's presentation of the supplementary army estimate (furnished Sir John Blundell Maple (conservative) with an opportunity to refer to yesterday's report of the committee appointed to inquire into the purchase of horses for the British army, which report, while censuring Sir John for unjustifiable attacks upon the integrity of officers, found that excessive prices were paid. Sir John asserted that his original statements were true, and submitted letters to show that certain officers were misled by the horse swindlers at the Post and Vienna. He also asserted that the evidence before the committee revealed a gross scandal.

Mr. Hobhouse, a member of the enquiry committee, defended the officers, but declared that the investigations revealed glaring shortcomings in the remount department. On one contract for supplying 100,000 horses the profit was £44,000. Assuming that a similar percentage of profit was made on the £18,000,000 spent in remounts, the speaker estimated that the war office had bestowed on the contractors a profit of £8,000,000. The remount department was clearly inefficient and the official at the head of it ought to be dismissed.

At that juncture William Vernon Harcourt (liberal) said he desired some explanation regarding the new contracts for food.

Mr. Brodrick replied somewhat flippantly, whereupon there were loud cries of "order." Sir William, amid cheers, sharply reminded the war secretary that it was the custom of the house for one member to treat another with "gentlemanly courtesy."

Henry Labouchere (liberal), declared that somebody ought to be hanged in connection with the accounts, and moved a resolution of the vote.

Lord Stanley, financial secretary to the war office, explained that all the transactions complained of had been conducted by the remount committee, which was not connected with the war office.

Mr. Brodrick defended Maj.-Gen. John Murray, the commander-in-chief of the remount department, from the charge of any dishonest conduct, and after being considerably pressed from the liberal side, reluctantly undertook to make a full investigation of the cases of all officers concerned and promised there should be no recurrence of the payment of excessive prices for horses.

Mr. Labouchere's motion was rejected by a vote of 106 to 75, and the supplementary estimates were adopted by a vote of 135 to 56.

STRANGE WRESTLING MATCH.

Man Put Under Water and Was  
There Frozen Fast.

Trinidad, Colo., Feb. 1.—Two Australians met under the West Main street bridge a wrestling match, to see which could put the other under the ice. They disrobed and Chas. Penosa was forced under by his opponent. He was unable to get out and froze fast. He was discovered later by two men who thought he was dead. Restoratives brought him to life, however, and it is thought he will live.

Tramps Got Chinamen.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 31.—Ten Chinese market gardeners on the Duwamish river, near Van Asselt, were bound and gagged by a crowd of tramps who looted them of a few dollars and a watch. They were released after a search for money Thursday evening. The robbers secured a small sum and a gold watch. The matter was reported today to the police. Together with the sheriff's office they are investigating it. It is, in the opinion of the officers, the work of a gang of tramps who have been giving similar trouble between this city and Tacoma for some time.

Most of the Chinamen were asleep when the place was entered. This was the first time they had been so treated.

Killed by a Milk Wagon.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 1.—George Miller, aged 19 years, died in this city as a result of injuries received on Wednesday. He had hitched his sled to a milk wagon's wheel. On turning a corner he was drawn against a wheel of the wagon, his leg passing between the spokes. Before the wagon could be stopped his leg was completely mangled. He was taken to a hospital but could not survive.

LI. Brown's Sentence Commuted.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The President has approved the recommendation of the secretary of war that the sentence of dismissal imposed by court martial in the case of First Lieut. Preston Brown, Jr., second infantry, be commuted to the loss of thirty days' pay and forfeiture of half of his pay for nine months. Lieut. Brown was charged with having killed a Filipino who refused to rescue a drowning soldier.

IOWA MOTHERS' CONGRESS.

Protests Against State Protection of  
Vice in New Possessions.

Des Moines, Iowa, Feb. 1.—The Iowa Mothers' congress has adopted resolutions protesting against the union system of state regulated vice in the new possessions of the United States. The resolutions are based on the statements made by Judge Taft and the commissioners in January, 1901.

King of Siam May Tour the World.

New York, Feb. 1.—David B. Sikkels, of this city, at one time an official representative of the United States at Bangkok, Siam, has received a letter from a friend in that city saying that the King of Siam is considering the question of making a tour of the world this year, including the United States where it is understood he is invited to accept the nation's guest by invitation of President Roosevelt.

Philadelphia, Feb. 1.—Word has been received by the Philadelphia commercial museum from its correspondent in Bangkok, Siam, that the King, after looking forward to a visit to the United States, has finally decided not to come. It has been arranged that the crown prince, whose name is Rama Vajiravudh, shall return from England by

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