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M. McDONALD, Commissioner.

### MURDEROUS CAREER.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Aug. 28.—J. C. Allen, alias Cal well, the convict serving a ten years' sentence here for horse stealing, has made a statement to Warden Moore of H. H. Holmes and his operations. The warden believes the man knows a great deal more than he has told, but he has had the statement put in writing, read to Allen and verified in every particular. The following is his story:

"I first met Holmes, alias Pratt, alias Howard, in Tennessee in the fall of 1892. Soon after that we went together to Hot Springs, Ark. We remained at Hot Springs a week and from there went to Texas, Holmes going to El Paso and I stopping in Taylor county. Holmes soon joined me at Abilene, and from there we went to Kansas City, thence to Hot Springs. From there we went to Chicago, where I remained five days.

"In about three weeks thereafter Holmes, Pielzel (Lyman) and myself met at St. Joseph, Mo. Minnie Williams accompanied the men to St. Joseph from Chicago. At this meeting I obtained the first knowledge had of the Fort Worth property deal.

"The Minnie Williams property in Fort Worth was then and there deeded to me, in the name of A. E. Bond, from Minnie Williams, a notary public whose name I have forgotten, acknowledging the transaction. The deal was made with the distinct understanding that it was to be a swindling operation. It was my opinion at the time that Minnie Williams was persuaded or scared into making the transfer of the property by Holmes. From St. Joseph Holmes, Pielzel and myself went to Denver, where we remained one day, and from there we went to Leadville, where Holmes and Pielzel had in view some swindling operation, but failed in doing so. From Leadville the three of us, with Holmes so-called wife, Mrs. Howard, went to Fort Worth to commence operations there. We arrived at Fort Worth as entire strangers. The Holmes-Pratt transactions at Fort Worth are already familiar to the public. Pielzel's conduct at Fort Worth caused Holmes to send him to Kansas City. While in Kansas City Pielzel wrote several threatening letters to Holmes in which he said that he would turn up all their rascality unless Holmes sent him money. Pielzel was furnished money three times, sent by me at Holmes's request. Holmes visited Pielzel at Kansas City to get him to sign the necessary papers to secure a loan of \$10,000 on the Fort Worth property.

"While Pielzel was in Kansas City, Holmes and Pat Quilua, who had joined us at Fort Worth a short time before we left that place, had several talks about putting Pielzel out of the way, because Holmes had become afraid of him on account of his drinking too much and knowing too much.

(It was known to us all that Pielzel carried a \$10,000 life insurance policy.)

"At our last talk upon this subject, three days before leaving Fort Worth, it was understood that Pielzel was to be killed. I was selected to assist Holmes in doing the job, but in what manner it was to be done was not definitely settled, only that Holmes remarked that he had something that would make the work easy and a large trunk was purchased in Fort Worth, in which to place Pielzel's body after being killed. At this point Holmes patted me on the back and said: 'Mac, it is \$10,000 and a trip to Long Beach, and from there to California and more buildings.'

"That night I advised Holmes to quit such business, as he had enough money not to resort to murder. He replied that he had been at such business so long that it had become perfectly natural to him, and he could not quit it.

"The plan agreed upon to dispose of Pielzel was that we were to meet him in St. Louis, and together go from there to Chicago, where he was to be 'fixed.'

"It was between Fort Worth and Denison that Holmes told me that I must have my life insured for \$10,000 in favor of my little niece. Remembering the large trunk bought for Pielzel's body, I determined to part company with him, which I did at Denison, and I have never seen him since, but received as many as three letters from him.

"The last time I saw Minnie Williams was at our meeting in St. Joseph. Holmes told her that she must leave the United States for a period of three or four years. If everything worked satisfactorily in Fort Worth, she was to return and claim her property on the ground that the title was obtained from her fraudulently, she establishing proof that she was out of the United States at the time. India was agreed upon as the country to which she would go. I went to the depot with her while Holmes bought her ticket and checked her baggage, but where to I did not know.

"While at Fort Worth I read three letters from Minnie Williams to Holmes. They purported to be from India, the place I have forgotten. I believe Holmes sent Minnie Williams \$1,600 from Fort Worth to India. I Minnie Williams is dead she has been put out of the way since this excitement was gotten up in regard to Holmes.

"The building in Chicago known as the 'castle' was erected especially for a 'death trap,' and during my association with Holmes I was in it often and in fact occupied a room there. A stranger to the city during the World's Fair was decoyed into that castle and murdered for his money. He did not have as much money as Holmes thought—only \$3,700. A bright little boy was enticed into the castle during the Fair and held in a room for five days for a reward for his recovery. No reward being offered, they were afraid to turn him out and the gas was turned into his room at night and he was suffocated.

"I could mention other such cases of crime committed in the castle and discussed in my presence, but these are

sufficient, except one, and that was of Annie Williams. The cause of her killing, as explained by Holmes, was that one of the girls must be put out of the way and that he could manage Minnie easier than he could Annie. Minnie Williams was crazy in love with Holmes and she was jealous of her sister, as Holmes was paying her some attention, too, and he took particular pains to increase her jealousy, to work her up to the point of doing the deed to get Annie Williams out of the way."

Allen concluded by saying that every word in his statement was true and that he did not make it to secure a pardon; that he knew Governor Clarke too well to believe that he would issue a pardon, unless the evidence would break Holmes's neck.

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 28.—Coroner Carter is in possession of the premises on which the bones of Howard Pielzel yesterday were found at Irvington. The examination showed that the large bones that could not at first be classified are part of the pelvis. Holmes will be indicted in this county for murder, but no effort will be made to bring him here as the evidence against him elsewhere is thought to be sufficient to convict.

### TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

DENVER, Aug. 29.—A special to the *News from Central City, Colo.*, says: The accidental flooding of the American and Sleepy Hollow mines this afternoon caused the death, it is believed, of thirteen miners. Every effort is being made to rescue the unfortunate men, but little hope is entertained.

A little after 3 o'clock the water in the lower workings of the Fisk mine, east of the main shaft, broke through the old workings of a vein that has not been worked for a number of years. Couraging eastward, it struck the American, where two Italian miners, whose names have not been learned, were at work in the lower part of the shaft. They were both drowned. In its course the water diverted to the Sleepy Hollow mine, the easterly portion of the Fisk vein. Fourteen men were working in the Sleepy Hollow, three of whom escaped. A courier was sent to the adjacent mine, and all their workmen escaped.

Ever since the closing down of the pumps in the incline shaft of the New Gregory Mining company, the waters in that shaft have been rising gradually, the owners of the Fisk mine having been driven out of the lower to the upper workings. This was due to the inability of the owners of the Fisk and Sleepy Hollow to agree on a plan to procure the drainage.

LONDON, Aug. 29.—Col. McFarlane, formerly aide-de-camp to the late King Kalakaua, has just arrived in London. In an interview he said that he was informed that the old Hawaiian government representatives would wait upon President Cleveland when Congress reassembled to urge the annexation of the islands. The primary object, he said, would be to test the sincerity of the officials of the Hawaiian republic.

DENVER, Aug. 29.—The coroner's jury, after six days' investigation of the Gumby hotel disaster, made its report