

Orchard's Confession of Terrible Plot and Murder.

THE New York Herald recently printed a lengthy story under a date line from Denver which purported to be an account of some of the atrocities confessed to by Harry Orchard to Detective James McParland. The accounts of the attempts upon the life of former Governor Peabody of Colorado and of the blowing up of the Independence depot are particularly interesting and are published in the language alleged to have been used by Orchard in his confession. A part of the New York Herald story follows:

ORCHARD'S IDEAS OF MEETING OUT DEATH.

An extraordinary feature of this self confessed professional killer's career was his portending out of punishment according to his own idea of justice. "I told the federal folks over and over again that I wouldn't stand for no murdering of people who didn't deserve it. I wouldn't do anything, and especially of women and children," was his comment when Detective McParland questioned him concerning certain things that did not come up. "I could have got Peabody time and time again if I hadn't been afraid of blowing up those Peabody girls, and when it came to the wrecking of that train the night of the military ball I said I wouldn't do it. And I was the man that passed the word to the conductor, warning him to look out." The military ball he speaks of took place in Victor, Nov. 14, 1903. A train on the Florence and Cripple Creek railroad took over a crowd of 215 persons from the creek. They were to return about 2 o'clock in the morning. The plans were known some time in advance and Haywood sent for Orchard and ordered him to wreck this train, on the usual principle of "putting fear of God in the hearts" of the people. The military were temporarily in possession of the district and had driven the federalists under cover. The attempt was made to wreck the train; spikes were pulled from a rail on the curve of a 300 foot embankment, but, acting upon the warning, the engineer was looking out and the 215 men, women and children, were saved from being dashed on the rocks 30 feet below. Two federalists were arrested in hiding near the scene of the spike pulling, but with the usual federal jury were let go.

ATROCITY AT INDEPENDENCE.

The biggest "pull off" for Orchard, from a federal point of view, was when he blew up the Independence station. The plan to make one sweep of two shifts in the Flindley mine was "framed up" in Haywood's rooms in Denver. The Flindley mine was just above the Independence railway station. The second, or night shift, went on at 2 o'clock in the morning, the train bringing up the men of the third and carrying down the men of the second. The scheme was to plant the explosive and wait until the car ran up flush with the platform—"then we'd get the whole thing." "I could do it all right," said Orchard, "but first I had to frame up a get away and my alibi. There was a man named Neville who had a saloon down there. He wasn't doing very well. I was pretty friendly with him, and I said, 'Let's go to Cody, Wyo. The papers say things are doing up there.' "What would I do with this?" said Neville, meaning the saloon. "That's easy," I said, "insure it and burn it down." "It's already insured," said Neville. "Get more insurance," said I. We did and got the money. That was easy. "Then we got a team and wagon, stocked it up, and Neville and his boy, about 12, and I started away about 2 o'clock one afternoon. I had decided to pull the job off that night. We camped for supper and the night. After supper the boy went to sleep, and as Neville was getting ready for bed I said, 'By God, I left my gun in Cripple Creek. I am going back and get it. I can jump on a horse and be back by midnight.' "I got my horse and went back to Independence. I went up to the station, leaving my horse behind a dump a couple of hundred yards away. I had fixed my explosives the night before and planted my gun with the wire running down along the track to a switch behind the pile of refuse. All I had to do was to get in there and pull the wire when the train got in. I heard the train coming and saw the fellows coming running down the hill.

Then I got into my position, got my wire and waited for them to strike the platform. After I did the job the "get away" was easy. "The job" was the blowing up of 19 men, 13 of whom were torn limb from limb and scattered to the four winds, and six of whom were crippled for life. If he had waited a moment longer in the pulling, the victims would have numbered at least 100. The train with its load had not yet reached the platform, nor had the majority of the men from the mine. "When I got back to the camp, Neville was asleep and I turned in. The next morning we started out early and traveled all day without meeting anybody. Along about night we passed a cabin where a man stood in the door reading a newspaper. "When did you leave the creek?" he asked. "Yesterday afternoon, 3 o'clock," I answered. Then you don't know the news?" he said excitedly. He read us the account, and Neville turned to me with a queer look. "You didn't hear anything of this when you went back for your gun, did you?" he asked. "Certainly not," I answered, but I knew then that he suspected me."

ORCHARD MOVES TO MONTANA.

They went on to Denver, where they left their team at a stable near the stock yards, took a street car to the liberation headquarters, where Orchard had a talk with Haywood, got some money and left, driving with Neville to Cody, where, apparently, they did not find things quite as they had anticipated. Orchard found it expedient to keep on the move, and went into Montana for a safer hiding place. After the Independence excitement had subsided, Haywood sent for him, and on his arrival in Denver informed him that Neville had been back in Denver to Cody, where, apparently, they did not find things quite as they had anticipated. Orchard found it expedient to keep on the move, and went into Montana for a safer hiding place. After the Independence excitement had subsided, Haywood sent for him, and on his arrival in Denver informed him that Neville had been back in Denver to Cody, where, apparently, they did not find things quite as they had anticipated. Orchard found it expedient to keep on the move, and went into Montana for a safer hiding place.

FAILS TO GET PEABODY.

He "tried" law and order Gov. Peabody so many times that he came to believe that some sort of providence was guarding him. He really became superstitious and told the boys they could take the job themselves. In the first place there was naturally great difficulty in laying a bomb in Grant avenue, where the governor lived, as the street seemed to be always alive with people. Orchard and a man known by the name of Simpkins, a member of the executive committee of the federation, were on this "job" for a long time. Eventually they got a bomb down just off the walk, and then they spent days trying to "get" the governor. One time Orchard stood with his hand on the wire, with Simpkins waiting across the street to give him the signal. Just as the governor stepped within the radius of the infernal machine coal wagon backed up a few doors away, with its wheels on the wire.

WARNING SAVES GOVERNOR.

Orchard went down to headquarters and was told that Peabody was probably down at the Shrine, and was asked why he didn't wait and lie for him there. So the next attempt was made at the Shrine, Peabody being an enthusiastic 32nd degree Mason, with the distinction of having conferred more degrees of Ancient Craft Masonry than any other man in the world. So the next attempt was made at the Shrine. They got an automobile and a couple of well dressed men to stand around the entrance to the Masonic temple. When the governor came down they were to take him home, and Orchard would see that he never got there. Governor Peabody has corroborated this story. He says that he was leaving the capitol one afternoon a man walked along beside him for a step or two and said sotto voce: "Don't speak to me, but don't ride in any man's automobile tonight." The governor thought the man was "a little loony"—one of the numerous cranks that infest public offices, but that night as he came down the elevator after the Shrine meeting a couple of well dressed chaps stood by the street door hectoring their automobile togs. "I would have sworn that they had been with us upstairs," said the governor, and, of course, with the ubiquity of public officials, he generally returned their hearty greetings. "Ride you up, governor—we're going your way," said one of the men hospitably.

Governor Peabody felt a cold chill run down his back as the words of his mysterious friends—presumably a Mason—of the afternoon came back to him. "Much obliged!" retorted Colorado's executive cheerfully, "but I'm going to walk up with Mr. Pierce."

AGAIN PEABODY ESCAPES.

Once Orchard says, he saw Governor Peabody carelessly sitting in line with a window reading, the room brightly lighted and the shades not drawn. Immediately he went for a bomb with the idea of placing it on the window sill. It was a time fuse bomb with a clock attachment. All it needed was to be hooked together after it was in position. He kept it in a dress suit case at his hotel, and as he was going out of the room with it an insurance man working for the same company came in. Where is that clock? he asked, looking about the room. Orchard said he had no clock, but the man insisted he heard one ticking. Moreover, he stayed so long that altogether his visit put that particular plan out of commission. Finally Orchard became disgusted and even more superstitious with his repeated failures to get Governor Peabody and left Canyon City, going to Rocky Ford. There he really wrote considerable business for the insurance company insuring against fire. He also made some money in a sheep deal. Then the federation recalled him to Denver.

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SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

At the summer solstice at Paris, the sun descends only eighteen degrees below the horizon, and twilight continues from the setting of the sun in the northwest until its rising in the northeast. At midnight a luminous arc several degrees high can be observed in the north. This faint light was first photographed by Pouchet and Quisset from the top of the Eiffel tower, and it was conclusively proven to be from the sun. Photometric study was urged by the late M. Cornu. A special photometer has now been constructed by M. Pouchet, and with this apparatus the varying intensities of the twilight are will be accurately measured from the Eiffel tower observatory.

A new artificial granite reported from Freiberg, Baden, is made from chips of granite or marble, or both. These are made into a consistent putty with a suitable proportion of cement, water, coloring matter and any other desired ingredients, and the mixture is shaped in molds and allowed to set. The blocks are then immersed in water to acquire a certain amount of water. On removal, they are dried and hardened in a warm and shady place, after which they are polished.

The idea of using chloroform for consumption was suggested to a British physician on noting the temporary improvement in consumptive patients after operations requiring an anesthetic. He has had no opportunity to test the theory fully, but has obtained favorable results in a little experimenting with chloroform as an inhalant. This liquid being very volatile and a germicide, he contends that it should be an ideal drug for destroying bacilli in the lungs.

Capoc, much used in Holland and other European countries, is a product of certain bamboo known in the Dutch Indies as the "false cotton tree." It is a down of yellowish downy silky filaments, which is found in the capsule of the fruit, where it surrounds and protects the tender pulp. It is not only very light, but it absorbs scarcely any water even after much of moisture. Less than a pound is sufficient to support a man of ordinary weight in water. In the English and German navies the material is being used instead of cork for life-saving apparatus, and French surgeons now find that it has advantages as a substitute for wadding or cotton for bandages or compresses. It is suggested that the price, which is now high, might be reduced by encouraging the cultivation of this variety of bamboo in eastern colonies.

A toxin of the blood of eels and allied species, preventing coagulation of poisoned blood, was discovered by M. Mosso as long ago as 1898. The toxin has not yet been isolated, but late investigators have found that the eel serum retains its toxic power for a considerable time in the dark, but that the degree of toxicity varies with the individual eel and with the season. Like snake venom, the toxin appears to be active only when entering the blood, being harmless when swallowed. An anti-toxin can be produced in the blood serum of susceptible animals, and this renders rabbits and goats immune against gross doses, though little effect is produced on guinea-pigs.

The strength of hair has been found by a German experimenter to vary greatly with color. A single black hair supported 4 ounces; one of very dark brown, 3½ ounces; brown, 3 ounces; but yellow scarcely held up 2 ounces without breaking.

Twice as much heat is generated by X-rays in lead as in zinc. The only explanation evident to the discoverer is that certain elements are broken up by these rays, and that the energy liberated from these atoms forms a part of that appearing when the rays are absorbed by matter.

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GEN. WOOD EXPLAINS MASSACRE OF MORO WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

Civilization has received another shock from the story of the killing of women and children by United States troops in the Philippines a fortnight ago when 600 outlaw Moros entrenched in the crater of Mount Dajo, in the island of Jolo, were exterminated by 400 infantry and field artillery troops, a naval detachment and a contingent of the Philippine constabulary, all commanded by Col. Joseph W. Duncanson.

Many in the United States, unfamiliar with the conditions in our far Pacific possessions, have bitterly denounced Maj.-Gen. Leonard Wood, who witnessed the Jolo fight, for having countenanced a punitive expedition which ended in the massacre of women and children.

Gen. Wood who has returned to Manila has submitted the following unofficial explanation of the tragic occurrence:

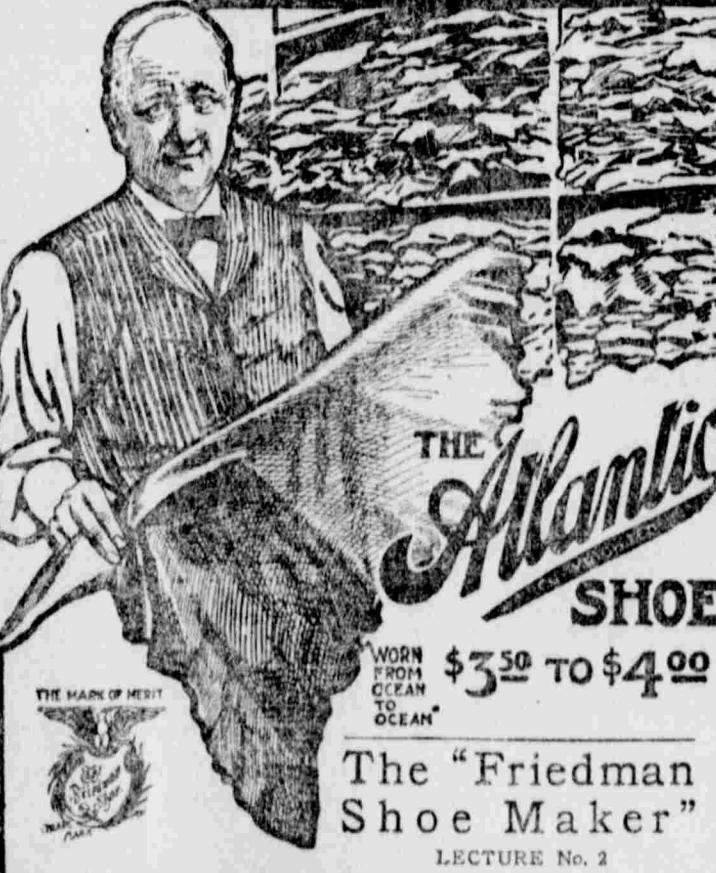
"Those Moros who fought on Mount Dajo were absolute fanatics. The men of the hospital corps were in constant danger while trying to minister to the native wounded. The Moros would feign death and slash at the ambulance men and surgeons with their knives."

"When our men were climbing up the mountain just below the summit many of the fanatics leaped headlong from the edge of the crater upon the Americans. Some of them succeeded in seizing soldiers in a death grip and rolling with them down the precipice."

"Women fought alongside the men, and many were necessarily killed. Some of the men, holding children before them as shields, plunged into our bayonets and slashed the Americans with their bolts until it was impossible to segregate the inhuman enemy."

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