

Double Murder by Desperate Highwayman.

TERRIBLE DEED OF UNKNOWN MAN

With Robbery for His Object He Shoots Two Street Railroad Employees.

TERRIFIC STRUGGLE FOR LIFE.

Motorman Amasa Gleason Was Killed Outright and Conductor Thomas Brighton Mortally Wounded.

THE BANDIT SECURED NO MONEY.

Tragedy Was Enacted at Intersection of Thirteenth East and Second South Streets at Midnight.

In a desperate hand-to-hand struggle in a street car at the lonely terminus of the University line last midnight, two well known car operators fell victims to the bullets of an unknown highwayman.

Amasa L. Gleason, motorman, was instantly killed. Thomas B. Brighton, conductor, was shot through the abdomen and cannot live.

The murder was especially brutal and cowardly—the work of a desperate man. Car No. 77 was standing at the end of the line, Thirteenth East and Second South streets, at 11:45, preparatory to starting on the final trip down town.

The two car men were sitting inside, warming themselves. Suddenly, a masked man entered the door and without a word, so the dying man declares, fired point-blank at one, then the other, firing three shots in all. At the first shot Brighton dropped, mortally wounded. Gleason rushed at the bandit and to his death. But according to the meager statements made by the wounded conductor, between painful gasps, substantiated by the appearance of the car, there was some effort resistance on the part of the victim. The murderer in his flight did not lose his light Fedora hat which he recovered his fight. He has up to this time, and it led them to believe at first that the shocking crimes had been committed by a soldier from Fort Douglas.

A HANDKERCHIEF MASK.

"He was a young man, tall and wore a handkerchief as a mask," the officers were told by Brighton, and that is all they have to work on. The murderous scenes were enacted so rapidly that the street car men could not have known what their assailant was after. The mask indicated robbery—every other circumstance a cold blooded desire to kill.

HEARD THREE SHOTS.

Residents of the neighborhood heard three shots shortly after the car arrived at the end of the line. J. H. Hurd, 219 Douglas avenue, peered out from his window some minutes later, and was astonished to see the car still standing there. He remarked to his wife that the shots must have been in that direction and determined to go and find out if there was any trouble. Mrs. Hurd insisted upon accompanying her husband.

MOST SHOCKING SIGHT.

They reached the car, and getting on to the platform, were horrified by the sight of a man's body, lying face downward on the floor in about the center of the car. In the corner nearest them, doubled up in a seat and groaning in agony, they recognized Brighton, with whom Mrs. Hurd was well acquainted.

Frank Beekstead, 209 Thirteenth East street, happened along in a cutter at this time and the two men decided to enter the car, while Mrs. Hurd rushed back to her home.

WHERE GLEASON LAY.

Gleason lay at full length on the floor, his right hand doubled under him and his left extended forward, as though he had tried to catch himself in falling. He was bleeding freely from a wound in the intestines. A short distance away the bandit's hat was found and near that a worn-out, useless 38-caliber revolver, the property of Gleason, which he had tried vainly to discharge during the fight for life. Gleason's pipe was also found on the floor of the car.

BRIGHTON FIGHTING FOR LIFE.

Brighton was gasping for breath in the corner seat. He could only say: "A robber! I had him down. He got away." Mr. Hurd rushed to the nearest telephone to summon medical assistance. He had scarcely started when Car 78, which left Main street at 12:06 a. m., arrived. On board were Conductor George McAllister and Motorman Stephen Reid. They had wondered why 77 was so long in coming down and having in mind a hold-up that occurred recently in about the same spot, were somewhat alarmed. The men were not prepared, however, for the sudden confirmation of their most horrible suspicions.

STORY NOT VERY LUCID.

They quickly removed the injured conductor to the Beekstead home and Dr. J. S. Richards worked hard over

him. Brighton could not say enough about the tragedy, in his terribly weak condition, to give a clear idea of the occurrence. He had \$13 on his person; the robber had fled without securing anything. He said one man did the shooting, that he wore a mask, was apparently a young fellow and that he did not escape without a struggle. Then the wounded man would call for his wife and children.

It was not long before the police, Superintendent Read and others directly interested in the tragedy were on the scene. Brighton, upon the advice of Dr. Richards, was removed in the patrol wagon to Holy Cross hospital and the dead body of Gleason was taken to Joseph William Taylor's morgue.

THE VICTIM'S FAMILY.

A delegation of carmen was selected to carry the news to the families of the victims. When Mrs. Brighton heard from Conductor J. D. McCarthy, that her husband was "injured," she became frantic, and started on a run through the snow in her bare feet and night clothes to reach the hospital. The Brighton home is at 411 east First South street, not far from the hospital, and it was with a great deal of effort that the conductor restrained the wife. When she did reach the hospital, her grief was unexpressed. Bishop Brighton, a brother of the wounded man, and the hospital sisters combined all their efforts to comfort Mrs. Brighton, but to no avail. Their five children came to the hospital in the middle of the night and saw the father. Their ages range from 3 to 15 years.

AT THE GLEASON HOME.

There was another pitiful sight when the news of her husband's death was broken to Mrs. Gleason, the young wife who with six children are so grievously stricken by the murder. The family resides at 604 Second East street.

DOCTOR'S TIRELESS WORK.

Dr. Richards made the best examination possible under the circumstances after Brighton had reached the hospital, and readily declared that the wounded man had not more than one chance in one thousand. The bullet, probably a 45-caliber, entered about the middle of the stomach, passing out just below the right shoulder blade. The patient was so weak from the loss of blood that stimulants had to be applied continually to keep him even in a semi-conscious condition.

Amasa L. Gleason, the motorman, was one of the most efficient men in the employ of the street railway company. He has been with the company for the past seven years and was especially noted for his sunny disposition, and was well liked by the patrons of the line on which he worked. Among his associates he was known as "the man who always smiles." With his wife and family of six children he has lived for some time at 604 Second East street.

BRIGHTON AN HONEST MAN.

Thomas Brighton was born 43 years ago at his present home, 341 East First South street. His father was Wm. S. Brighton. As a young man, Brighton began by delivering papers for the Deseret News and afterwards became a collector in the News' counting room. When the streetcar company was ready to begin operations in 1890, Brighton's was the second name on the record of employees and he has been with the company continually since that time, except for two years that he spent in the missionary field for the Latter-day Saints Church. He is known as a very trustworthy and faithful man.

Mr. Brighton has twice been married. His first wife, who was Miss Mary Hanks, left three children at the time of her death, six or seven years ago. The second marriage was with Miss Margaret Lang, the present wife, and she is the mother of two children.

LOVED BY FELLOW EMPLOYEES.

There was a deal of love among the streetcar men for "Tom" Brighton, as well as the dead man, and great was the indignation over the whole affair. There was talk of lynching the murderer if he could be found. The men got together and decided to contribute \$2 each to a fund to defray the funeral expenses, etc.

READ'S STRONG LANGUAGE.

Superintendent Read of the streetcar system, did not mince words in expressing his opinion of the murder. "There should be a big reward posted," he said, "and when we get the fender, just stretch his neck. There has been altogether too much of this sort of pardons business in this state. The thing to do, by George, is to turn the fellow over to our streetcar boys."

OTHER STREET CAR HOLDUPS.

Street car holdups have been frequent in Salt Lake ever since the company began operations, but until last night none of them have proved of serious consequence.

The first attempt ever made here was on the Lake Breeze line, when Motorman Tom Lloyd refused to stop his car when commanded to do so. The would-be robber fired and the bullet grazed the motorman's breast, inflicting a painful but not very serious wound. A few nights later a car holdup was successful in the same vicinity. Then followed two others on the Agricultural park line.

Since then there have been two robberies on South Temple street, one at East First South street, and one at Fifth South and Twelfth East streets. The most recent was the South Temple holdup, Jan. 2, when the highwayman took from Conductor M. E. Andrus about \$20. This is the largest sum that holdups have yet got away with.

RELIEF FUND.

The Herald announced by bulletin to



MOTORMAN AMASA GLEASON, Who Was Instantly Killed.

CONDUCTOR THOMAS BRIGHTON, Who Was Mortally Wounded.

COMBINED REWARDS AGGREGATE \$2,200.

Utah Light & Power Company Offers \$1,000; Governor Wells \$500; County Commissioners \$500 and Mayor Morris \$200 for Apprehension of Robber-Assassin.

That there is to be a tremendous effort to capture the robber-assassin, is manifest in the action taken today by the officials of the Utah Light & Railway as well as those of the state, county and city. The company offers a reward of \$1,000; Governor Wells and the county commissioners each supplement that sum with \$500, making an additional thousand, while Mayor Morris on behalf of the city offers \$200 more, thus swelling the aggregate rewards for arrest and conviction to \$2,200. These offers are all in the customary statutory form and have already done much to stimulate determination to run the guilty bandit down. The one great obstacle all searchers for the outlaw will encounter will be the meager description they have to work upon. However, there is the clue afforded by the robber's hat, which was picked up on the scene of the murder. That will be worked for all it is worth and may finally furnish the link that will result in the capture of the dangerous thug.

day that it would receive contributions for the benefit of the Gleason and Brighton families. The response was a generous beginning. The Ramberger Coal company gave \$50, the Herald \$25, J. Bergerman \$10, and Cash \$10—a total of \$95 within an hour or so.

WHO MRS. BRIGHTON IS.

It may interest many readers of the "News" to learn that Mrs. Brighton, wife of the man who is now hovering between life and death, was formerly Miss Margaret Lang, a native of Scotland, and resided over the kitchen at church headquarters, 42 Islington, Liverpool, England, at the time President Anthon H. Lund was in charge of the European mission.

INQUEST TO BE HELD.

The county attorney and Justice of the peace Frank H. Clark, who is the coroner in the case, decided finally to hold an inquest over the body of Gleason. It will be in progress this afternoon.

THE STRONGEST CLUE.

Excited and Hatless Man at Depot An Hour After Murder.

The police are doing everything in their power to obtain a clue that will lead to the apprehension of the murderous thug, and already they have followed down several rumors, but without any satisfactory results.

It was learned this morning that, shortly after 12 o'clock last night a tall, dark complexioned man was seen at the Rio Grande depot, inquiring when he could get a train either east or west. According to the report received at police headquarters, the man was bare headed and appeared to be greatly excited. Detectives Chase and Raleigh were immediately sent out to follow the clue and this morning they learned that the report was true. They found a night call boy at the depot, named Warlick, who said that about 12:30 this morning a tall man, hatless and apparently very nervous, walked into the roundhouse and asked when he could get a train out. He immediately disappeared and nothing further was seen of him. That is all the information the boy could give the officers.

For some time suspicion rested on a soldier at Fort Douglas named A. S. Blazer. He was arrested last July on suspicion of robbing a couple of streetcar men. This morning Sergeant Hemphel and Officer Selgus went to the post and located the man, but he was able to prove beyond question that he did not leave the fort last night at all.

On the 15th of July last a streetcar was boarded by a tall masked man at Thirteenth East and Second South and the motorman and conductor robbed. The robber was then described as being a tall man, wearing dark clothes, and wore a handkerchief over his face. Sergeant Roberts arrested the soldier, Blazer, on suspicion, but the man was only tried for carrying concealed weapons.

Chief Lynch, Capt. Burbridge, Detectives Chase and Raleigh, Sergeants Hemphel, Roberts and Eddington have been out all night and are still working on the case.

It was learned today that yesterday

BRIGHTON IS SURELY DYING.

Inquiry at the Holy Cross hospital late this afternoon elicited the statement that Thomas Brighton was in a dying condition, the doctors and nurses stating that his recovery is impossible. Meanwhile a grief-stricken wife and family are awaiting the inevitable and are at the bedside of the husband and father, keeping faithful vigil as the flickering flame of life grows dimmer and dimmer.

a couple of tough looking men entered Smith's pawnshop on East Temple street and one of them wanted to trade a 44-caliber Smith & Wesson revolver for another gun. The man had some cartridges that would not fit his gun, he said, and he wanted to trade the gun for a smaller one. One of the men was described as being tall and dark, and dressed in dark clothing. Smith notified the officers of the occurrence today and gave them a good description of the men.

Chief Lynch has notified by telephone, Ogden, Provo and all the neighboring towns and given the authorities all the available information.

PREPARE FOR MAN HUNT.

Peace Officers and Citizens Getting Ready to Find the Trail.

At 3 o'clock this afternoon there was absolutely nothing new in the murder case of last night which has been such a shock to the community today. There is not a clue in sight, except the hat that awaits identification at the police station. Nothing is known of the bandit who committed the crime except that he was tall and young. It is not even known positively whether he had a beard or moustache, or whether he was the man who appeared hatless and excited at the Rio Grande depot an hour or so after the murder, making inquiry as to whether there was a train going out east or west. There is a strong suspicion in official quarters that he was the murderer. Meanwhile there are active preparations for both officers and citizens to take the trail—if, indeed, a trail can be found, and assist in running the criminal to earth.

Late this afternoon Sheriff Emery expressed himself in no uncertain terms as to the man who rushed into the depot shortly after last midnight as described above. He says—there is no question in his mind as to this particular stranger being the assassin. He adds that when ever that man is caught the murderer will be in the toils. And to the end that he may be apprehended the full force at the sheriff's command will be put to work. The supposition is that the man is in hiding, possibly somewhere in the western part of the city.

Sheriff Emery says it is his firm belief the murderer made his escape on one of the midnight trains.

TEXT OF THE REWARDS. Wording of Notifications To Public for Capture of Murderer.

Following are the full texts of the different rewards offered today for the apprehension of the murderer:

\$1,000.00 REWARD.

The Utah Light and Railway Company, a corporation of Salt Lake City, Utah, hereby offers a reward of one thousand dollars, to be paid to any person or persons who shall give information that will lead to and cause the arrest and conviction of the person who shot two of the company's employees, Amasa L. Gleason and Thomas B. Brighton, in the eastern part of Salt Lake City at about 11:45 o'clock on Wednesday night, Jan. 6, 1904.

By Utah Light and Railway Company,

ROBERT S. CAMPBELL, Manager.

Salt Lake City, Utah, Jan. 7, 1904.

By the State—A reward of \$500 is hereby offered for the apprehension and delivery to a safe jail of the murderer of Amasa L. Gleason and the attempted murder of Thomas Brighton, employees of the Utah Light and Railway company. Said crimes were committed on the night of Jan. 6, 1904, inside a street car of said company at the corner of Second South and Thirteenth East streets in Salt Lake City, Utah. Drawn at Salt Lake City, this 7th day of January, 1904.

By the Governor,

HEBER M. WELLS, Secretary of State.

(Seal)

By the County—Be it resolved, That the sheriff be and he is hereby authorized and directed to offer a reward of \$300 for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who on the night of Wednesday, Jan. 6, 1904, murdered Amasa Gleason and Thomas Brighton on a street car at the intersection of Thirteenth East and Second South streets, Salt Lake City, Utah; and that the amount of \$300 be and the same is hereby appropriated from the general expense fund of the county, for the purpose herein named.

This resolution was presented at an adjourned meeting of the board of county commissioners, called this morning, by Chairman Anderson, and adopted upon motion of Commissioner Wilson.

By the City—Salt Lake City, Jan. 7, 1904. To Whom It May Concern—It is hereby offered as a reward on behalf of Salt Lake City the sum of \$200 for the arrest and conviction of the party or parties who murdered Motorman Amasa Gleason and Conductor Thomas Brighton on street car No. 77, on the night of Jan. 6, 1904.

RICHARD P. MORRIS, Mayor.

SENATOR KEARNS GIVES A DINNER

To Newspaper Men Who Attended Irrigation Congress—All Charmed With Senator's Speech.

(Special to the "News.") Washington, D. C., Jan. 7.—Senator Kearns entertained at dinner last night the newspaper correspondents who attended the irrigation congress in October. Senator Smoot was also the guest of his colleagues. It was the first opportunity the newspaper men had to meet the junior senator socially, and he succeeded in winning the hearty friendship of every one of them. Senator Kearns intends to give a series of dinners during the winter, of which that last night was the first.

PENSIONS.

Pensions granted. Utah—Cynthia Vernon, \$12.

Idaho—Chas. A. Clifford, \$12; Dave D. Jewell, \$12.

SENATOR HANNA A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 7.—The Star today will print a story to the effect that Senator Mark A. Hanna will announce his candidacy for the presidency on Tuesday next, and asserting that this information was imparted yesterday to Richard G. Kerns of St. Louis, national committeeman for Missouri, in a long distance telephone conversation.

SENATOR DIETRICH'S CASE.

Jury Completed and Trial Will Now Proceed.

Omaha, Jan. 7.—When the case of United States Senator Dietrich, charged with bribery, was called in the United States circuit court today, the room was again crowded. Besides several state officials there were numerous lawyers and judges of minor courts present as spectators. There also were several women in the room, among them Miss Gertrude Dietrich, daughter of the senator.

Judge Vandeventer at once called the case against Senator Dietrich wherein he is charged with direct violation of section 1781 relating to bribery, by a member of Congress. The securing of a jury was then taken up by counsel.

The examination of jurors and challenges for cause was conducted by Asst. Dist. Atty. Rush, who closely questioned the veniremen. Twelve of the first 14 men questioned by the prosecutor were satisfactory to the government and they were turned over to Senator Dietrich's counsel for further examination.

The jury was completed at 11 o'clock and as selected is composed of one real estate dealer, three merchants, one miller, one printer, two farmers, one bank clerk, two railroad men and a harness maker. Dist. Atty. Summers in his opening statement began with a summing up of the counts in the indictment. He cited the alleged agreement between Senator Dietrich and Postmaster Fisher of Hastings, by which the latter is charged with paying certain moneys, which the district attorneys stated is would be proven was for the purpose of securing Fisher's appointment as postmaster.

Mount Collina in Eruption.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—A special to the News from Guadalajara, Mexico, says: "Violent eruptions of Mount Collina volcano have caused the inhabitants of the country immediately adjacent to the mountain to become alarmed. Many of the people have left their homes and sought safety from the ashes and lava."

The most interesting feature of the eruptions is the earthquake shocks which are felt in the region of the volcano. These seismic disturbances are of unusual severity, but no serious damage has been reported.

Business Bad in South Africa.

New York, Jan. 7.—Sir Percy Sanderson, the British consul-general, gave out the following today:

"Information has been received to the effect that the government of Cape Colony desire, owing to the present condition of the colony, to discourage the further immigration of persons without ample means of subsistence, and to employ numbers of skilled artisans and others have been thrown out of work, and fresh arrivals accentuate the position."

THREE TRAINMEN KILLED.

By a Collision on the Brooklyn Elevated.

New York, Jan. 7.—Three trainmen were killed today by a collision of two trains on the Brooklyn Elevated railroad. One of the trains was struck from the structure to the street and nearly every bone in his body broken, while another had his head crushed between the wheels of the engine, which was rammed by a motor train, and the front car of the one drawn by steam power.

Simultaneously with the collision a fire was started by the coals from the locomotive, and this added to the panic of the passengers, who fought desperately to escape from the wrecked cars. The dead, who were all employees of the road, were George Gullig, yardmaster, James O'Brien, car coupler, William H. Ferguson, foreman, George E. Smith, aged 35 years, was seriously injured.

None of the passengers was badly hurt. The crowded passenger train crashed into a train of empties, telescoping the rear car of the latter in which were the trainmen.

Golden State Limited Wrecked.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 7.—A special to the State Journal from Tucuman, N. M., says:

"A wreck of the Golden State limited, the Rock Island's overland California train, occurred at Revuelto this morning. A freight had taken to the siding, but several cars projected. The passenger train, coming from the south, struck the freight with crashing effect. The Golden State limited engine was disabled and derailed, many box cars demolished and 100 yards of track torn up. The dispatch simply adds: 'None were killed.'"

No Additional Deaths Reported.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 7.—No additional deaths are reported during the night among the injured Rock Island wreck victims. At Stormont hospital, Mrs. M. A. Hill, of Greensburg, Kan., and C. A. Wright, of Kansas City, the most seriously injured, are declared to be improving slightly with unusual hopes of recovery. The body of the eight-year-old boy, at the morgue, is still unidentified.

At St. Martin, Mrs. Martin and Blanche Martin, injured, are from DeKalb, Ill., and not from St. Joseph, Mo.

RUTH CLEVELAND DIES OF HEART FAILURE.

Princeton, N. J., Jan. 7.—Ruth Cleveland, the eldest child of ex-President Cleveland, died at the Cleveland home here today very unexpectedly, the immediate cause of death being a weakening of the heart action during a mild attack of diphtheria. Dr. Wlekoff, the attending physician, said that Miss Cleveland had been ill with a mild form of diphtheria for four days and that the heart affection was not anticipated. She was 15 years old.

IROQUOIS THEATER INQUEST BEGINS.

Coroner's Official List of Dead Contains Names of 565 People.

WHAT THE JURY WILL FIND.

That Death in Each Case Resulted From "Shocks and Injury."

SEPARATE VERDICTS TO BE GIVEN.

Responsibility Will be Fixed so Far as Possible—Exhibit A Will be the Fatal Floodlight.

Chicago, Jan. 7.—Before a dense crowd backing the council chamber in the city hall, Coroner Traeger and a jury of six men today began the official examination of the Iroquois theater fire. Witnesses were persons who were in the audience at the matinee. They told of the panic and of finding exits locked.

Outside in the anteroom a host of witnesses waited to be heard. Bright-eyed victims who escaped with their lives from the fiery furnace, actors, chorus girls, stage hands, policemen and firemen mingled there, making a strange gathering.

Within the council chamber, the inquest proceeded along judicial lines. Lawyers were present in behalf of numerous interests, seeking opportunity to examine witnesses along lines of special interest to their clients.

Under Coroner Traeger's ruling such questions were barred and the examination connected strictly along the lines laid down by that office.

The coroner's inquest over the remains of the victims of the Iroquois theater began in the city council chamber today. The coroner's official list of dead—for use at the inquest—contains just 565 names. Previous police reports indicating 591 dead are declared now to be inaccurate, and due to the shifting of bodies from one morgue to another.

Preparations were complete for the most searching inquiry into the causes of the greatest calamity that Chicago has ever known. Coroner Traeger presided over the investigation with State's Atty. Deneen, or one of his assistants in constant attendance as the coroner's legal representative and the corporation counsel, the county attorney, a score of lawyers representing private interests and numerous officials of the fire and police departments taking part in the inquiry.

WILL TAKE SIX DAYS.

It is estimated that it will require at least six days for the jury to hear the testimony of the 200 or more witnesses. The provision of the law that the jury shall view the bodies over which the inquest is held having already been complied with, Coroner Traeger entered at once upon the examination of the witnesses to determine the cause of the fire and the responsibility for the loss of life. Technically, the inquest is held over "the body of Miss Mary Edna Torney and 564 others."

Deputy Coroner Buckley knew Miss Torney and arrived on the scene of the fire a few minutes after her body had been carried out. He was able to locate the two policemen who had handled the body. The check to the theater was found on her clothing. Precise evidence can therefore be deduced as to the circumstances of her death and these circumstances will be interpreted to apply in general to the "564 others."

WHAT JURY WILL FIND.

Although some died of asphyxiation, some of burns and some from concussion the jury will find that death in each of the cases resulted from "shocks and injury." The jury will sign a separate verdict for each victim.

For the task of fixing the responsibility for the great loss of life, State's Atty. Dineen instructed Coroner Traeger to establish the identity if possible of some person or persons who died at the end of the passage leading south from the entrance of the second balcony. There a locked door cut off the escape of hundreds, whose bodies were found against the barricaded door. The coroner has succeeded in gathering this evidence.

Mrs. E. K. Strong, of Chicago, and her niece, Vera Strong, of Amesbury, Ga., died at the foot of the stairway. The story of their death before the locked exit has been told to the coroner by James M. Strong, son of the elder victim. Mr. Strong, who is a board of trade clerk, consented to testify.

MAHER AND NAGEL ARRESTED.

The arrest of William J. Maher and George Nagel, which took place today is considered important by Coroner Traeger in connection with the investigation. The men were employed by a sub-contractor of the Fuller Construction company who employed Maher and Nagel. The two workmen were at home in bed when arrested. The workmen explained to the police that the nails were expected to be removed later and the skylights put in proper working order when the theater was placed in the hands of the owners. Both