

FATHER MURDERS HIS WHOLE FAMILY

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Roscoe W. Derby, a Machinist, Des-
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Turned Murderer.

Cleveland, Dec. 20.—Roscoe W. Derby, a machinist, despondent over his financial affairs, killed his wife and their three children at their home here early today and then committed suicide.

DEAD.

Roscoe W. Derby, aged 45.
His wife, Della.
Harold, aged 8.
Alice, aged 7.
Thomas, aged 5.

The crime was extraordinary in its thoroughness and evidently had been planned carefully by Derby. Derby had been down as late as 11 o'clock last night ostensibly shopping, but in all probability securing ammunition for his revolver. When he arrived home his wife and he talked for a time with a neighbor who had been calling over a Christmas festival they had planned. The crime is believed to have been committed about 4 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Derby was shot to death in bed, two bullets having been fired into her forehead and a third, probably fired after the children had been exterminated, in the back of the neck.

Mrs. Derby probably was killed during sleep, the expression on her face showing no sign of a struggle. Two of the children, however, probably had a struggle with Derby after they had been awakened by the shooting and made an ineffectual attempt to escape.

Harold's body was found in a pool of blood in the kitchen, and that of Alice in the dining room with her face to the floor and a bullet in her breast. Harold evidently had been chased about the house by his father, as the furnishings were in disorder. From the location of his wounds the boy probably was caught by his father and held while the revolver was placed against the little fellow's forehead and two bullets sent into his brain. There also was evidence of a struggle on Alice's part.

The last of the children to die was Thomas, aged 5. He had remained in bed, probably still asleep, when Derby shot him in the head. Apparently he had been killed instantly. After the crime had been committed Derby went to the bedroom where his wife lay dead, and lying down at her side fired a bullet into his own brain.

A number of poolroom race checks were found about the house, showing that Derby had been trying his luck at betting.

Taft Starts Wednesday.

Manila, Dec. 21.—Gov. W. H. Taft will leave this city on Wednesday next, the 23rd instant, for the United States. He will visit Tokyo en route to meet the mikado at the request of the latter. He will be tendered a reception by the citizens upon his arrival at Honolulu.

J. SCHURMAN ON PANAMA QUESTION.

President of Cornell University
Justifies the Action of the
U. S. Government.

SOME DUTIES IMPOSED ON IT.

To Have Allowed Colombia to Have
Landed Troops Might Have Cre-
ated Complications.

New York, Dec. 20.—President Jacob Gould Schurman of Cornell university delivered an address in Cooper Union tonight in the People's Institute course, on "The True Elements of National Greatness." Afterward, taking up the Panama question and Mr. Roosevelt's connection with it, he said:

"There are some things clear about it. First, we have rights and duties there under the treaty of 1845 which make it our duty to maintain uninterrupted transit across the isthmus. This time a new thing occurs—not new, either, for this is the third time that Panama has arisen and asserted her independence. Today's papers tell us that, early in July, representatives to the Colombian congress from Panama went to Bogota and declared Panama would rise in independence if the canal treaty was not ratified with the United States. Not only our government, but every intelligent man, knew what was coming.

"Our government would have been derelict if it had not foreseen the revolution that was coming and made preparations to protect American interests and safeguard transportation across the isthmus. That our government had anything to do with fomenting the rebellion is incredible and absurd. The people of Panama had a right to rebel. They had just cause, they said, and in a sense they made good their independence.

"Our government issued instructions preventing the landing of insurgents or Colombian troops on the isthmus. We insisted that there should be peace throughout Panama. What was the alternative? It was to have allowed Colombian troops to land and to have stood by while they waged war, maybe for years, to have allowed the Colombian congress one year from now to turn the canal rights to France, and thus bring about serious international complications.

BACK FROM THE DUGGER.

Benj. Rose Returns and Reports Favor-
ably Upon the Property.

C. E. Dugger and Benjamin Rose have returned from their visit to the Dugger claims in the Rockefeller mining district. Mr. Rose who made the trip in the interests of the purchasing crowd brought with him a big amount of samples which are good to see. They are all copper ore but in five or six forms from the native copper down to the sulphides. He will report favorably upon the proposition and the new company spoken of in the "News" several days ago will be formed under the name of the Copper Queen.

Will Buy British Rails.

New York, Dec. 21.—It has been decided by a committee of the county

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council, says a Times dispatch from London, to revise the council's policy in regard to the equipment of tram lines, and, instead of ordering rails from Belgium, from which country the lowest bid came, it will buy from a British firm. The contract involves the sum of \$375,000. Agitation for tariff reform is thought to have been largely responsible for the decision to favor home industry.

SEVIER MILL CLOSES.

Lack of Water Causes the Shut Down of
The Successful Run.

The mill of the Sevier Consolidated mine in the Gold Mountain district, has been closed for the want of water. While the needed fluid lasted a most successful run was made and the old mine is said to be in the best condition in its history, with the character of the ore also holding out well.

The last run made by the mill was on a 35 ton lot which gave a return of 68 ounces of fine gold for the run, which is very good indeed.

The company now in charge is paying off the bond as fast as the payments become due, and is otherwise in a fine shape financially.

The mill will resume operations as soon as sufficient water is available again.

Anthracite Coal Discovered.

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 21.—Much excitement has been caused here by reports from Auchey's station, Schuylkill county, of the discovery of beds of pure anthracite coal far beyond the limits of what has heretofore been considered the southern boundary of the hard coal region in Pennsylvania. Many farmers in the district have begun to prospect for veins on their property.

Gaynor Reimburses Bondsmen.

New York, Dec. 21.—Col. John F. Gaynor, who fled to Quebec to escape trial in connection with the Savannah harbor scandals and left his bondsmen in the lurch for \$40,000, is reported in a dispatch from Syracuse, N. Y., to have

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made good the loss to William B. Kirk. The latter visited Gaynor at Quebec recently and upon returning to Syracuse called a conference of the Gaynor family. Members of the latter then journeyed to Canada and reports of the reimbursement followed.

Philippines Need Railroads.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Capt. F. Steere, deputy assessor at Manila, has arrived here on a visit. He went to the islands five years ago with the California heavy artillery. He reports it as quiet in those islands but says a hopeful feeling prevails, principally due to

the knowledge that this government has guaranteed three per cent on the railroad bonds that will be issued. "Railroads," he says, "are the great need of the country."

Theatrical World Getting Better.

New York, Dec. 21.—Preaching to the members of the Actors' Church Alliance the Rev. Dr. Minot J. Savage has expressed the belief that the theatrical world is rapidly becoming better.

"The church now recognizes the stage," he said, "as perfectly legitimate and human. One must judge actors as one would church members. There

are good church members and bad ones, and there are good actors and bad ones. People love the dramatic even if they won't say so. They will put up with the worst kind of acting on the part of a minister and call it dramatic ability if he attracts the crowds and increases the revenues of the church.

Why Trains Are Guarded.

New York, Dec. 21.—It has been learned, according to a World dispatch from New Haven, Conn., that the ac-

tion of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad officials recently in putting the night express from New York to Boston under heavy armed guards was due to a demand for \$5,000. The letter, which threatened the entire destruction of the train if the money were not forthcoming, was made by pastings together on a sheet of paper words clipped from newspapers.

President Mellen, who is quoted as confirming the receipt of the letter, says he believes it was the work of a fool, but that he decided to take every precaution, hence the guards. Nothing more has been heard from the writer.



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