

like pathos that he makes it simply that he may obtain enough money to educate his boy. Holmes writes of his blood-curdling atrocities with an abandon that simply appalls one. Not one grain of remorse seems to enter into the construction of that document.

He says: "I was born with the devil in me. I could not help the fact that I was a murderer, no more than the poet can help the inspiration to song, nor the ambition of an intellectual man to be great."

"This inclination," continues Holmes, "came to me early in life. I remember when I mere had my ambition was to study medicine that I might know the relative effects of poisonous gases, that I might fully become acquainted with their user, and learn to be an expert in handling them."

"From what I can see, I believe fully I am growing to resemble the devil; that the osseous parts of my head and face are gradually assuming that elongated shape so pronounced in what is called the degenerate head, and the similitude is almost completed. In fact so impressed am I with this belief that I am convinced that I have no longer anything human in me."

Holmes's confession from this on speaks of the early experiences of his boyhood days on the farm up in Vermont and the life he led until he entered the college to study medicine in Michigan.

It was not until after he was graduated, fully equipped with the knowledge of poisons and the easiest way to sever the thread of life, that Holmes began his career as a murderer and mutilator. When he began he admits he was ruthless, and never once halted until he took twenty-seven lives.

"And I would have committed six other murders," he added, "had not certain occurrences intervened."

Probably one of the worst, most brutal, revolting and disgusting crimes this arch-mutilator ever committed was one he speaks of in a chapter devoted to his boy—the son of his first wife. The only explanation he offers is that he did it simply to gratify his love for mutilation.

"It was shortly after I was married," he declares, "and our boy was then but a youngster. I called him from the road where he was frolicking about like an innocent, with a lot of other lads, and took him out to a rear barn. I don't know what it was that possessed me, but I took a surgical knife along with me. It was simply the craving of the murderer within me that inspired me to make a subject of my little one."

KIRTLAND, O., April 10.—The "Reorganized Church of Latter-day Saints" general conference continues in session here. At the rate of progress made thus far the business of the conference will not be finished for another week. The matters taken up so far, aside from the selection of a place for holding the next meeting, have not been of general interest. It has been decided to hold the next general conference at Lamoni, Ia., in April, 1897, probably beginning on the sixth day of that month.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo., April 11.—At one o'clock this morning the town was awakened by a tremendous explosion, which shook the whole

place. Some miscreant exploded some giant powder beneath the bedroom of the house of James W. Ross, on Bennett Avenue, near Ninth street. The house is a perfect wreck. Mr. and Mrs. Ross were both asleep and how they escaped instant death is a miracle. Their room and everything in it is torn to pieces, yet neither received even a scratch.

DENVER, April 11.—A special to the Times from Butte, Mont., says an explosion of one hundred pounds of giant powder in the 110-foot level of the St. Lawrence mine at 4 a.m. killed Con G. Lowney, John Quinlan, Ed. Sheldr, James Dwyer, John McVeigh and Patrick O'Rourke, all unmarried. As there were no other persons in the part of the mine where the explosion occurred the cause is unknown. Owing to the fall of the debris bodies cannot be reached till night.

DENVER, Col., April 11.—Alexander C. Miller went to his home on the Warner ranch twelve miles east of Denver this morning and found his stepson, aged 12, dead and the wife, the boy's mother, unconscious and bleeding to death from numerous scalp wounds. The boy had been stabbed through the heart. The house had not been robbed and the motive of the crime is a mystery. Mrs. Miller is Miller's second wife, the first having obtained a divorce on account of his intimacy with the woman now murdered.

On the Homer ranch, twelve miles east of Denver last night Willie Truettell, aged 12, was stabbed to death by a Japanese named Aloka, known as Joe Frank, employed as a cook by the family for two weeks. Aloka assaulted the boy with a knife, as the latter would not give him money when he demanded his wages. The boy's aunt, Mrs. A. C. Miller, grappled with the murderer, who stabbed her repeatedly and escaped. The woman's condition is critical. Her 4-year-old daughter witnessed the tragedy and was alone with the corpse and bleeding form of the woman until the boy's father, Alexander Truettell, arrived from the city several hours later.

TOLEDO, O., April 13.—Medical men and scientists have been generally interested in the work of Karl Mathias in mummifying the remains of Albert C. Weeks, of Warren, N. H., who died suddenly on the train as it was pulling into this city a few weeks ago. Mr. Mathias claims to have discovered the original Egyptian process of mummifying, and on consent of the friends of Mr. Weeks, has prepared his remains in this manner. The skin is as hard and brown as tanned leather. Says Mr. Mathias: "The experiment has proved a success and the rays of the sun or exposure to the fiercest test of the elements would not affect the body."

It will be shipped to New Hampshire tomorrow. Many have viewed the remains and medical men from several states have come here to witness the results of Mathias's secret process.

NEW YORK, April 13.—A special from Washington to the World says:

The Pacific railroad committee of the two houses of Congress will report bills granting an extension of fifty years to the Central and Union Pacific roads, the payments for the first ten years to be \$365,000 per year, for the

second ten years \$500,000 per year, and thereafter \$750,000 per year until the debt is paid; the principal and interest is to be funded at 2 per cent interest to be paid by the roads to the government.

GOLDEN WEDDING OF PIONEERS!

PLEASANT GROVE.

April 11, 1896.

Having been the recipient of an invitation to attend a gathering of the Walker family I herewith furnish you a minute of facts thus obtained. April 10, 1846, Brother Henson Walker and Elizabeth Foutz were united in the holy bonds of wedlock in the Temple at Nauvoo, Ill., by Elder Orson Hyde. Yesterday being the fiftieth anniversary, as many of the family as could be obtained were convened in a family reunion. Seated around a well furnished table it was pleasurable to behold our venerable grandmother, Margaret Foutz, in her ninety-sixth year, associated with her three daughters and one son and quite an array of children, grand children and great-grand children, all presided over by the aged veteran and Pioneer, Henson Walker, Sen. Number of children born to Father Walker, 20; number of grand children, 80; number of great-grand children, 11; number of Walkers present on this occasion, 34.

The evening was spent in speeches, songs, recitations, games, etc. Brother Walker related some of his early life in guarding the Prophet, and his travels as a Pioneer; felt thankful for his family and happy surroundings and prayed that they might all be faithful in the Kingdom of God. Sister Elizabeth bore testimony to the good spirit that had assisted them while in the discharge of duty; felt thankful to their children for the good feeling manifest in the family, and would have been glad to have many more friends present but room would not permit. At fifteen minutes to one o'clock the benediction was pronounced and the meeting adjourned with the firm feeling that all had had an excellent time at the golden wedding of Henson and Elizabeth Foutz Walker.

WM. M. FRAMPTON.

THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

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Releases. — The following named Elders have been honorably released, to return home April 9, 1896:

Albert Arrowsmith, traveling Elder in the Manchester conference;

Alma V. Huish, traveling Elder in the Leeds conference;

William Treharne, traveling Elder in the Welsh conference;

Thomas S. Newman, traveling Elder in the Birmingham conference;

John Nye and Joseph W. Huish, traveling Elders in the London conference;

James R. Hardman, traveling Elder in the Nottingham conference;

Thomas A. Howard, travelling Elder in the Newcastle conference.

The home industry agitation is still being kept up in southern California, where the people are organizing clubs to purchase only home products wherever practicable.