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Dispensary Constable Kills a Woman.

Mrs. Stuart, of Columbia Killed by Dispensary Constable Crawford.

Columbia, Feb 26 -Last night in Columbia, the capital city of the State, a man and his wife were shot down in their home by dispensary constables. The sad affair occurred just across the street from the governor's mansion.

The people of Columbia were much excited last night to learn that Mr. John Steart had been shot in his own home by dispensary constables Mr. Stuart has for a number of years been employed as a salesman in Mimnauge's clothing store, and he has a number of friends in the city and in Lexington, his native county. The report that he had been shot naturally created strong feeling against these who had done the shooting, and this feeling was made a hundred fold more bitter because of the fact that his wife, too, had been shot in the door of their home. The cause of this whole affair seems to be that Mr. Stuart was accused of running a blind tiger. This is quite a revela tion to those who have known him well His employer, Mr J. L Mim naugh, Mr. McSorley, head salesman in the dry goods store, and Mr. Bennett, head salesman in the cloth ing store, all speak in highest terms of Mr. Stuart. They were shocked to hear of even a suspicion against. him, and, as were all the employes in the store, were grieved to hear of the sad and unfortunate affair.

Mr. Stuart's wounds are not neces sarily dangerous The ball, a 44 calibre, entered his mouth, knocking out three teeth on the upper left jaw, passing through his tongue and out of the back of his neck

Mrs. Stuart is burt more seriously. Indeed her condition is extremely critical. The ball, also a 44 calibre, shot, she says struck her father in the entered just below and to the right mouth. He then, according to her of the left nipple, going through the statement, fired three times at the now body and longing to the left of the fleeing constables spinal column, where it was extracted by Dr. L B Owens, who was the drunk, the shild said that they were ; first physician summoned. It was that when they first came to the house apparent from the very first that her the man who did the shooting attemptcondition was very dangerous. At ed to kill the yard dog, and at that said : "No, sir ; I did not tell you so 11 o'clock she was removed to the time threatened her mother kospital, where she was attended by When the constables left the place dog " He said : "You as good as told

wanted to the little porch which runs beside the kitchen The constable said : "John, we bear you are running a

blind, and we have come to search your house " Mr. Stuart replied : "Well you know I am doing no such thing,

and you can't search my house." The constable exclaimed that Mr. Stuart could not buildeze him and the house must and would be searched. Mr. Stuart replied that the constables would have to kill him first. The negro says that while the discussion was becoming more heated the constable waiked up and attempted to slap Mr Stuart's face. This was followed by his drawing a revolver About this time Mrs Stuart ran out of the door and cried : 'This is my husband; don't shoot him " According to the negro's state. ment, the constable without farther provocation fired, the ball striking Mrs Stewart in the breast, and she fell upon the kitchen floor. The next shot was also fired by the constable and struck Mr Stuart in the mouth.

The pegro was still on the ground and Mr. Stuart was in the kitchen. Israei, therefore, could not see Mr Stuart plainly, and he could not assert whether or not the latter fired a shot, but the constable fired several more before he left, followed by his compatriots.

He says that the constable who did the shooting was drunk.

THE CHILD'S STORY.

The oldest child, a girl of 12 years, was, with the other children, a witness of the whole horrible affair Her story is that the three constables came to the house about 630 o'clock yesterday afternoon. They asked for Israel, the negro who stays on the premises, and not being able to find him, they told Mrs. Stuart they had come to search the house. She then refused to let them do so, and sent for her husband The child stated that when Mr. Stuart came he refused to let the constables search the house. There were heated words and "the tall man with the black moustache" fired at her fath er, the bail striking her mother, who had ron in between them. The next When asked if the constables were

about midnight

At 5 o'clock this morning under guard of members of the militia companies, the sheriff and deputies, the prisoners were taken to the penitentiary without trouble.

The constables tell pretty much the same tale. The story of one is pretty much that of all.

WHAT J. C. DORN SAYS.

Soon after the arrest J. C. Dorn, who was formerly chief driver at the dispensary, was seen. He was perfectlycool and calm, and this is his account in substance :

W. R. Crawford, chief; J. B. Coleman, J. C. Dorn and J C Cooley went out this afternoon between 5 30 and 6 30 o'clock to make a search of the premises of Mr. John Stuart. They had a search warrant. When the mea went up to the house they went inside the gate. Cooley did not go in Mrs. Stuart came out on the piazza with two of her children. She said : "Gentle men, what do you want ?" Crawford replied : "We are State constables, and came here with a warrant to make a search." She said such a thing ought never to be done, and something about constables being low down things, or they would not want to search a private house. When she made this remark this sorter fired up Mr Crawford, said Dorn. Crawford said he was a gentleman. Crawford suggested she send for her husband and if she would not be would have to make the search, anyway. When she spoke Crawford pushed open the gate and walked up on the piazza. "Mam, I am gentleman," said Crawford as he walked up, "and I'm an officer of the law. I have a search warrant to search this house, and have the authority to do so, and am going to do it " She still protested, and said it should not be done. Craw ford said he would have it to do. She then demanded the authority He pulled out his warrants, of which he had a bundle. It took him some time to find the right one as he looked in his inside cost pocket. Colemac said, "Captain, you put it in your pants pocket " Crawford looked there, found it and handed it to her. She looked at it a minute and handed it back to him. He said : "You see, we have authority I'd rather you would send for Mr. Stoart." She said : "Well, I'll send for him. Crawford says:

"You accuse me of being low down, you accuse me of being a dog " She I did not say you were low down or a

Drs Taylor, Owens and Dubose they went to their boarding house, the me so " She said : "Oh, no, sir."

her, a little to her right.

arm and begged him to stop; he might the precautions required by interna said, "Oh, Lord, I'm killed " I said, you shoot ?" and went down the step and he followed me. I walked over to the gate, borror stricken at what I could not prevent. When I got near to the first gate there were two shots fired from the bouse. Dorn heard one ball whistle by his car. The shots were from the door. Crawford returned the fire. No one but Crawford pulled or used the pistol. Mrs. Stuart fell almost on the sill of the door.

Succumbs to Wounds. Mr. Stuart Not Dangerously

Wounded.

Columbia, Feb. 26 .- Mrs. Isabella Stuart who was shot last night by dispensary constable, Crawford, died this afternoon at 5 30 o'clock at the Columbia hospital where she was sken for treatment immediately after the shoot-

Mr. Stuart's wound is not considered dangerous, though very painful, and his recovery will be slow.

The four constables are safely lodged in the penitentiary and the excitement in the city has substded almost entirely

An Inquest Held on the Body

Columbia, Feb. 27 .- The coroner held an inquest to-day over the remains of Mrs. Stuart, who was killed by Constable Crawford. The jury in rendering its verdict as to how she came to her death charged that she had been wilfully and maliciously killed by Crawford, and that Dorn, Coleman and Cooley were accessories to the crime.

The inquest was held at Shields's iron foundry, which is but a short distance from the Stuart house. There were only a few people present outside of the jurors and witnesses. The examination was brief, but it developed the fact that Mrs. Stuart did some shooting after her husband was laid low.



to-day cabled the war department as cisco January 26th, in company with

was inside, but it was fired right over be made of any such claims is not indicated here. There is ground for Dorn said he ran up and put his hand the belief that if it can be shown that on Crawford, and took hold of his right our military and naval officers practiced hit that woman, and don't shoot a tional law in the matter of giving due woman. He flourished me (Dorn) notice to foreigners of any action in the away with his arm and fired his pietol way of bombardment that might injure again, and Mrs. Stuart fell and she their property, and otherwise did everything that could be done to protect "Great God Almighty, man, why did the foreign interests equally with our own, and then there is little foundation for a sound claim for damages.

> The Oregon arrived at Honoiulu on the 5th instant, according to the telegraphic report that came to the navy department this morning. No mention was made of her being in need of repairs as had been stated in press dispatches.

> Assuming that the battleship should need ten days repairs, she should have started away fram Honolulu on her long run to Manila on the 15th instant. Allowing for detention on account of coaling at Guam or some other port between Honolulu and Manila, it is estimated that the Oregon will reach Manila about the 10th of March

> The cabinet gave some attention to Dewey's cable message relative to the political importance of sending the Oregon at once to Manila. The department reached the conclusion that too much importance should not be attached to it; that Dewey wants the big ship to influence the Filipinos through fear.

Secretary Long when asked for an explanation of the reference to political reasons in the dispatch said :

"I am sure that it has no international significance. You may state that positively. Probably he wants a fine ship there as the American commissioners are about due and it will give weight to the American representatives."

It is suggested from other naval sources that Dewey wants the Oregon to release a number of the smaller ships of the fleet for other work. He has been planning a tour among the islands other than Luzon with the purpose of establishing the authority of the United States among them.

It is also necessary to establish a close blockade to prevent the insurgents from receiving supplies. Meanwhile the war department officials were agreeably surprised this moraing to learn that Gen. Otis at Manila had received the first of his re-inforcements nearly six days before they were expected. They came on the Scandia which brought half of the Twentieth Washington, Feb 24 .- Gen. Otis infantry She sailed from San Fran-

He then walked up the steps | egation from Lexington coming over | he did not know who shot first, or who | or Iloilo. Just what disposition would The Explanation of Why Dewey Asked for the regon.

> Paris, Feb 27 .- The Filipino junta here received to day a cable message from Manila Feb. 24th, via Hong Kong. It says:

"The fire broke out in the Chinese quarter during the Chinese New Year festivities The Americans provoked the owners by demolishing houses before it, was necessary. The Filipino fire en-

gine, owned by Secor Ganco, and worked by British subjects, was largely instrumental in extinguishing the fire. The Americans interfered with the native salvagers and tried to capture the engine, leading to the conflict Harsh conduct, however, led to general fighting. The American retired to the

walled city and the fleet bombarded the suburbs, becaused the Tomdo fire

"Aguinaldo's troops then attacked and entered Tomdo, Maisie, Santa Cruz and Kaipo

"Conflagrations broke out at Benondo and Malate and the city was surrounded by a line of burning houses.

"The fighting continued Wednesday and Thursday The Americans by that time were greatly fatigued by the sue. fires and continual service.

"On the other hand, the Filipings were continuously reinforced and the Americans closed the Puenta deEshea to prevent the Filipinos from invading the city.

"The Americans then fired on every one standing at the doors and windows and thus killed the engineer and manager of the Andrews Cotton Mill The foreigners applied to the foreign ships for help and a number of marines were to be landed, when Admiral Dewey intimated that such landing would be an act of hostility and that his ships would fire upon any landing party. Some British blus jackets, bowever,

landed, to act as firemen, and remained to guard the British consulate, banks and other British property

"The Andrews Cotton Mill, belonging to British subjects, suffered severely. The Americans searched British property, seeking insurgents.

THE CASUALTIES.

"Indisoriminate street shooting was prevalent. Men, women and children were killed. The bodies of 140 Americans have already sheep collected. Their loss in killed and wounded will reach 400. The bodies of 320 Filipico men, 425 women and 280 children have been recovered in the streets. About 500 natives were wounded.

HEAVY LOSSES.

"The loss to foreign property is the Morgan City which has aboard the estimated at \$500,000 and to native property \$600,000. About 3,000 houses were burned. "Gen. Montenegro commanded the "Agninaldo is still at Marilao. Many foreigners embarked on board the ships. About 80 Chinese were with the Twenty second infantry aboard | killed while trying to enter the walled "The people killed at the Andrews within a week Gen. Otis will have mills were accused of harboring

Her recovery is regarded as almost home of Mrs. Adams, just scross the hopeless, as an exceedingly difficult street from the agricultural ball Here and dangerous operation was performed.

The home which has been so suddenly visited by this sadness is situated on Laurel street, just beyond about two inches above the wrist. Shields' foundry, and across the street from the governor's mansion. The family consisted of the father and mother, now prostrate from the unexpected bullets, and three little children, the oldest of them a girl of twelve.

Constable Crawford, originally from Laurens, is accused of the crime. He has been on the force, as he expresses | cart, went to Coleman's room and it, ever since Ben Tillman was governor. When asked if he had been charged with such a crime before, he stated that he had never been directly implicated, but he had been with raiding squads which had killed peo-

He was equipped with a search warrant, obtained from Magistrate Clarkson, authorizing him to rummage Mr. Stuart's house in search of -diquor kept in violation of the dispensary law In executing this warrant, he shot both Mr. and Mrs. Stuart, and he himself received a ballet in the left arm

From all appearances, and from those in a position to know, the constable was drinking, and this may have added insolence to his official officiousness.

The harrowing crime occurred yes terday afternoon at 7 o'clock. Mr Stuart was unable to make a state ment, as he was shot in the month. Mrs. Stuart was from the first recog nize to be in a very dangerous con dition, and the physician refused to let anyone see or talk to her. She was so weak that she could tell no coherent story of the horrible affair.

The only eye witnesses were Isra el, a deformed negro, who cares for Mr. Stuart's horses, and Mr. Stuart's The party, however, did not move at oldest child, a girl of 12 years all. Putting it all together, it appears that Constables Coleman, Dorn and Craw ford went to the house about 6 30 o'clock to search the premises for whiskey said to be there Mrs Stuart refused to let them seach the house, and sent for her husband When Mr Stuart arrived he was very much enraged, and positively refused to let the premises be searched Crawford is then said to have slap. ped Mr Stuart's face, and the altercation ensued. So far as can be learned none of the other constables used their firearms.

Constable Coleman's arm was dressed by Dr. Watson The wound is a through the fleshy part of the left arm It was in this room that they were

arrested Officer Hedgepath of the police force informed Deputy H. H. Cathcart of the jerked it loose. Mrs. Stuart made shooting Mr Catheart in turn in formed his father, Sheriff W. J. Cathcart. Not having a warrant, the sheriff accompanied by Sergeant Jones Officer Hedgepath and Mr H H. Cath arrested the constables, Coleman, Craw ford, Dorn and J. B. Cooley. The arrest was made in the name of the police sutborities, and the constables raised no objection, with the exception of Coleman, who was lying in bed.

The prisopers were then taken to the office of Magistrate J M. Smith, where the sheriff was to obtain warrants in order to commit them to jail.

The small crowd which followed the party around soon grew in size, and Magistrate Smith had to order his office cleared of all except officers, policemen and others entitled to admission. The crowd on the outside grew, and when there were suggestions of taking the men out from the rear a small party went to thd rear of the office to stand guard. and every few minutes there would be a whoop, "bring them out !" or something on this line.

ALMOST A LYNCHING.

When the news came that Mrs. Stuart was dead the crowd got almost frantio, and one pistol was fired, but it was promptly stopped. Sheriff Cathcart got on the step and made a bold speech. He told his friends he had been elected by them to do his duty, and he was going to do it, and they might as well go 'ome He would

THE MILITIA CALLED OUT.

Early in the evening the mayor and other prominent geotlemen, including Mr. J. L Mimnaugh, called on Sheriff Cathcart and suggested that he see the Governor and have the military called out to preserve order. Sheriff Cathcart licks. This sorter knocked Stuart down immediately telephoned to the Mansion. The Governor being in bed, the message was received by Mrs. Ellerbe who conveyed it to him. Governor Ellerbe immediately telephoned the on the portico Dorn was on the bottom Sheriff to call upon Capt McCreery, of stap. Coleman grabbed Crawford and the Governor's Guards, and Capt.

She then said to send for her husband follows : Crawford was on the piazza; the

others had gone down Dorn was about the middle of the steps Crawslight one, the ball baving passed ford said : "We will go on out and search back of the yard notil Stuart comes Dorn and Crawford walked back and looked in the chicken bouse. Crawford walked on around to the stable, and stumbled over a plank and

some remark about not tearing down ber place, but Crawford made no reply, but went on around to the stable He walked on around to the front door, which was not locked, and walked in It was rather dark, and Dorn went back into the pizza and asked Coleman for a match He got it. Mrs Stuart said there was hay in the barn and be careful. Dorn said he would be careful She spoke to him politely, and he so to her.

About this time, when they had come around, Stuart drove up He came up hastily and asked : "What are yen doing here ?" Coleman was present. About that time Crawford came around and Mr Stoart said to bim : "What are you doing here ?" Crawford said he was a State constable, and had a search warrant, and was going to search the place. Stuart said : "You can't do it." Crawford walked up on the step to the piezza Stuart was on the top steps. There was some confabbing.

Finally Mr. Stuart told Crawford he could not search his home unless he did so over his dead body Crawford told him he did not want to do so, but he was going to make the search of the bouse, no matter how. Stuart told Crawford to get down and get away as quickly as he could. Crawford said : "Look here, man, you must cool down We came here to search this house, and are going to do so." Stuart told him he could not do it. Crawford told him. "You'ze a fool if you tell me I protect his prisoners, as was his duty. can't do it." Stuart said, You're a damp fool." Then Crawford said, "Don't tell me that," and as he said it be slapped Stuart's face with bis left band. Crawford and Dorn agree exactly on this. As Crawford slapped Stuart the latter threw up his hand and Crawford jerked out his pistol and hit Stuart in the face with the pistol two a step or two. Dorn went on down the steps. Stuart quickly went back up in the piazza, where Stuart and Crawford had some hot words. Coleman was then said, "For God's sake, captain, don't

Manila, Feb. 24.

nights of 21st and 22d and yesterday morning insurgent troops gained access to outskirts of the city behind our lines. Many in hiding and about 1,000 entrenched themselves Completely routed yesterday with loss of killed and wounded of about 500 and 290 prisoners Oar loss very slight City quiet, confidence restored, business progress-Otis. ing Washington, Feb 24 -The follow. ing dispatches have been received at the pavy department :

Mapila, Feb 24. For political reasons the Oregon

should be sent here at once. Dewey Manila, Feb. 24 Yorktown arrived Charleston and Petrel cruising around the Philippine islands. Affairs more quiet.

Dewey. San Francisco, Feb. 23. The Oregon arrived at Hilo, Feb.

4th and at Honolulu Feb 5th Iris and Scandia arrived on the 12th. Griffio. Mr Griffin is dispatch agent of the

department. The cablegram from Admiral Dewey asking for the Oregon was received with surprise by the officials here. No one knew, or at least would admit that he knew, the nature of the political reasons which the admiral says demands the immediate presence of the peerless battleship

The cablegram was taken before the cabinet and fully discussed. The admiral, it is said, possibly feels that the moral effect of the presence of the big ship upon the insurgents themselves, and particularly upon the large element among the Filipinos that is believed to be restrained with difficulty from joining fortunes with Aguinaldo, with whom their sympathies lie, would be good. But there is an underlying doubt whether or not the admiral may not be keenly sighting a gathering cloud in the east, and is looking to the prevention of any possible intervention or interference by European powers in the struggle now in progress in the neighborhood of Manila. It is believed that in the big fires much property of foreign residents and business concerns was destroyed, and it may be that some of the foreign naval commanders in the east are disposed to seize upon the pretext that their interests demand protection which we cannot afford them to make a landing, or

remaining half of the Twentieth io-Scandia arrived last night. On fantry, and as both ships were at Honolula at the same time the Morgan City also will be reported at Mapila Filipinos within 24 hours, unless she has been detained, which is not expected.

The transports Ohio and Senator sailed from San Francisco only five city. days later than the Scandia so that 2.500 fresh men to relieve those who natives." have been fighting on the outposts.

Washington, Feb 24 -- Gen Ouis, at Manila, cabled the war depart ment to-day an additional list of casualties during the fighting on Feb. 22 and 23. The list includes six killed and 29 wounded. A number of the latter are severe

ISLAND OF CEBU TAKEN.

The American Flag Has Been Raised and is Flying There.

Manila, Feb. 26, 11 55 a m - The steamer Neustra Senora del Carmen has arrived here bringing the news that the American flag has been raised over the island of Cebu, east of the island of Negros.

Colombo, Island of Cleyon, Feb. 25, 6 30 p. m -The United States transport Grant which sailed from New York on January 19 for Manila, with troops under command of Maj. Gen. Henry W. Lawton on board, arrived here to day.

Gen. Lawton received a cablegram from Maj Gen Otis, in charge of the American military forces in the Phil ippines, saying : "Situation critical. Your early arrival necessary."

He also received from Gen. Corbin, United States adjutant general, a cable dispatch urging him to hurry. Gen. Lawton ordered his officers to buy supplies regardless of expenses, and the transport is taking on coal and water burriedly She will try to reach Manila without further stop.

Manila, Feb 26, Noon.-Last night the rebels concentrated in such numbers near the Chinese cemetery that Gen. McArthur anticipated an attack and asked for reinforcements. Two companies of the Twenty-third battalion of the Twentieth regulars hem. to the cemetery at about midnight.

hold on." While he had him in his States and likely to encourage the in-The constables were accompanied by to aid the sheriff in preserving the made, the rebels, after making a Sinforso de la Cruz and several hungrasp Mrs. Stuart came to the door and surgents. J. B. Cooley, formerly an employe at peace. He slso wiebed that the congreat noise with bugle calls and yells dred of the enemy left the Filipino With such a strong naval force as unlocked it ; it had been locked by Mr. Mimeaugh's store and recently a guard stables be taken to the penitentiary for of "Vivs independencia" and "Mu- lines crying "no quiere mas combate !" Stuart's direction. Mr. Stuart got would be afforded by the reinforcement at the penitentiary. He says that he is safe keeping The two captains in a cho Maio Americanos' and firing (Don't wan't more fighting.) "Amershort while secured about twenty men opposite and as soon as the door opened of Dewey's fleet by the Oregon there expecting a commission as dispensary each, all armed and with a plentiful be went in. As soon as Stuart ran in could not be any sound reason, nor even volleys, disappeared in the woods. icanos mucho bueno !" (Americane supply of ball cartridges. The Guards she ran out, and she went to Crawford a plausible reason, for any such action It is believed their leaders are very good) The commander said that constable. The deformed negro, Israel, stated were stationed in front of the magis- and got right near him Dorn had run on the part of third parties. It is said getting desperate and are attempt- fully 8,000 of his men had had enough that when he brought Mr. Stnart home trate's office forming a semi-circle in up the steps and said : "For God's here that up to this moment there has ing to force the United States troops and were anxious to surrender. in his back yesterday afternoon they front of the door. The orowd was kept sake don't let's have any trouble " been no intimation on the part of any to make an attack, in the hope of Among the enemy in the jungle found these constables waiting in the back, but the presence of the military Mrs Stuart asked him not to have any foreign government to file any claims breaking through the American lines, many women and children were visible trouble, and Dorn asked him again for pecuniary remuneration for the but the rebels are evidently unwilling A woman laid a rifle down and attemptchickens which he had bought Mr. strations on the part of the crowd, Then there was a shot fired from in property of their citizens destroyed in to be sacrificed when facing the ed to cross with the parleyers, but she Stuart asked what the constables which was constantly augmented a del- the door; it was cracked. Dorn said the fires and fighting at either Manila Americans.

Said That Aguinaldo Inclines to Pacific Overtures.

Manila, Feb. 27, 11.55 p. m.-Exsept for an occasional volley and some individual firing by the rebels from the jungle near Caloocan, along the river. and in the vicinity of San Pedro Macati, all was quiet along the entire line last night 'I'be enemy's sharpshooters at Caloocon cantions to annoy the soldiers in the day time, but the Americans no longer pay much attention to them, reserving their fire until the rebels appear in the open in sufficient force to justify a volley or an occasional sheil.

Daring the night the men are so accustomed to the enemy's salutes that a majority of them remain undisturbed secured by the outposts and sentries.

In Manila absolute quiet prevails; the streets are deserted and the only sounds to be heard after 7 o'clock in evening are the tramp of the patrols and sentries and the occasional clatter of the hoofs of an officer's horse

The insurance companies, after a conference have decided to accept war risks at an additional premium of 53 per cent monthly.

INCLINED TO PEACE.

Manila, Feb. 27, 6.15 p m.-Two Spanish commissioners, Senors Rosalio and Abogado, who were permitted to pass through our lines and hold a conference with Aguinaldo with reference . to the Spanish prisoners at Malolos, returned through our lines this morning near Caloocan, with sealed dispatches for the Spaniards. The commissioners said that Aguinaldo and Sandiko were both at Malolos and inclined to pacifie overtures While the Filipinos are not yet prepared to surrender the Spanish prisoners, they will gladly release two Americans who have been held for six weeks, on the payment of \$30, the regulars were sent to Caloocan and a value of food and clothing furnished to

Shortly afterward the rebels sent out let's bave any row. For God sake do something obnoxious to the United Kirkland, of the Richland Volunteers, But the expected attack was not a flag of truce, borne by Commandant