

BURGLARS RESORT TO MURDER

L. P. Brown, the Merchant, Shot Through the Heart.

NOT A CLUE TO THEIR IDENTITY

Succeeded in Making Their Escape With the Booty.

Shooting Occurred Shortly After Five O'clock Yesterday Morning—Were Going Through Their Victim's Pockets When He Awakened and Prepared to Fight—Evidently Fired One Shot—The Generally Accepted Theory, After An Investigation Lasting All Day—The Inquest Commenced—Arrangements for the Funeral—Croxall's Connection With the Case.

Shortly after 5 o'clock yesterday morning, Lawrence Peter Brown was murdered in his store, at the corner of Fifth South and Second East streets, opposite the city and county building. While most of the circumstances sur-

by the reports of two pistol shots fired in Brown's part of the building. It was immediately succeeded by groans, according to Mrs. Croxall's statement, and she heard a buggy drive rapidly away, and a man in a western direction. "I only heard one shot," explained Mrs. Croxall, "but my son Ray and the children heard distinctly two. We were all awake in an instant, and I told Ray to run across the street and tell ex-Councilman Lawson to come over while he went for the police. We were all very much alarmed, and before I had time to get my head out of the door and looked up and down the street, but seeing no one, I let him go. Mr. Lawson soon came over and waited with me while Ray went for a policeman."

THE OFFICERS ARRIVE. When the patrol was called Driver Cannon responded immediately, and ar-

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IDAHO SILVER REPUBLICANS

THE POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT PROMISES SPEEDY RELIEF.

Congressman King Takes the Matter Up—McGrew's Case Did Not Come Up Yesterday.

(Special to The Herald.) Pocatello, Ida., Feb. 15.—The Pocatello Tribune, one of the leading Silver Republican papers of the state, commenting on Chairman Patrie's call for a conference of Silver Republicans in Boise on Feb. 23, says that someone "has evidently been playing horse with Chairman Patrie," adding: "We are advised that the executive committee did not authorize a call, and in fact Chairman Patrie had ordered a meeting of the executive committee to be held in Pocatello on the very day he issued his call. It may be significant that Mr. Patrie not only did not attend the meeting of the committee, but when urged by telegraph to be present, twice refused. The majority of the committee adjourned the meeting two or three times, and finally, at the meeting on Monday morning, it was decided to take such action as the situation seemed to demand. The call was suspended until the further action of the committee and an adjournment was taken to the 20th inst."

"The principal objection to the call was the date and place named for the meeting. It goes without saying that the near coincidence of time named in the call issued by Chairman Patrie and the call issued by the committee, and the fact, peculiar and undoubtedly admitted of construction and invites comment that could only make more difficult the great aim of all true Silver Republicans—the complete union of all the silver parties in the state. Chairman Patrie's call is objectionable because of the totally unexplained haste manifested in its promulgation, and which can only be accounted for upon the theory that the instigators of this rather remarkable document were anxious to prevent a discussion by the executive committee. More than that, the language of the call is foolish, and while this objection is not vital, it is at least a matter of keen chagrin."

WON'T PAY TAXES.

Coal Cars Seized by Authorities at Cheyenne.

(Special to The Herald.) Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 15.—County Treasurer D. S. Swan of Laramie county today seized one of the C. B. Havens Coal company's cars and will sell the same for taxes unless the company settles up with the county, which it has refused to do. Tomorrow the car will be hauled off the right way of the track. Prior to 1896 the Havens company, which hauls a large amount of coal from Rock Springs and operates its own cars, was not assessed for taxes. It was discovered that the property of the company is taxable, and a tax was levied in the several counties of the state through which the cars are hauled. The company absolutely refuses to pay taxes and the case will be fought out in the courts to the bitter end.

DICK DIRK'S CITIZENSHIP.

Salt Lake Salvationist Restored by Wyoming's Governor.

(Special to The Herald.) Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 15.—Governor Richards today restored citizenship to Dick Dirk, better known as "Dick Dirk," who is at present one of the leaders of the Salt Lake Salvation Army. Dirk served a term in the Wyoming penitentiary for stealing sheep in Tintia county nine years ago. He was released eight months ago. Since his release he has reformed. His petition was signed by a number of leading preachers of Salt Lake.

YOUNG DUVAL HELD.

Evidence Indicates That He Stole Postoffice Funds.

(Special to The Herald.) Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 15.—Edward Duval, arrested a few days ago charged with stealing \$1,500 from the Fort Lupton postoffice while his sister, Elsie Duval, was acting as postmaster last summer, was given a hearing before United States Commissioner Fisher today. He was bound over in \$1,500 bond, which was furnished, to await the action of the grand jury. The most damaging evidence was introduced today, which points unmistakably to young Duval's guilt.

M'CALLUM DIVORCE CASE.

Dismissed Yesterday Upon Application of Plaintiff.

(Special to The Herald.) Denver, Colo., Feb. 15.—Upon application in the county court today, the divorce suit of Harry S. McCallum vs. Mary McCallum, of Salt Lake, was dismissed. The plaintiff pays all the costs.

No Registration at Pocatello.

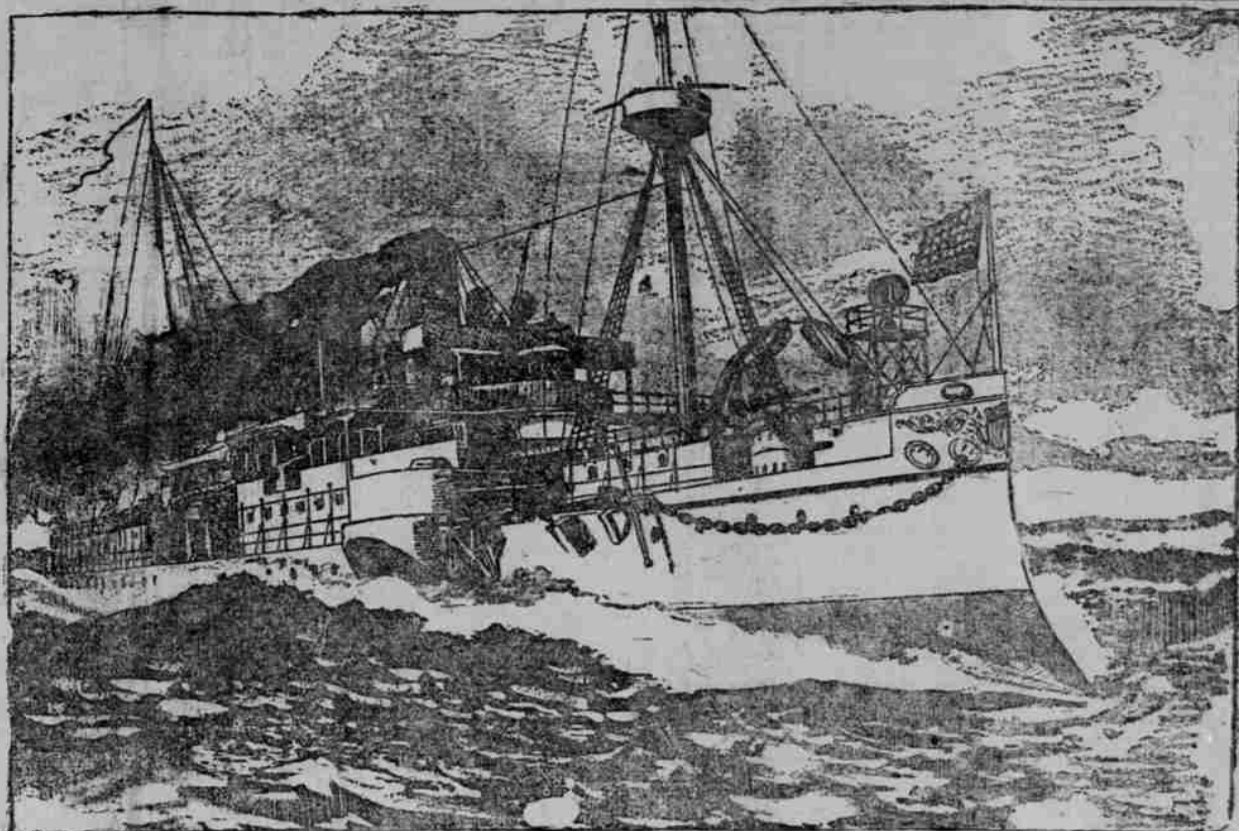
(Special to The Herald.) Pocatello, Ida., Feb. 15.—The city council has decided to dispense with registration for the municipal election this spring. This decision is based on a ruling of Judge Standrode last year, ordering the election judges to receive the votes of women who had not registered.

Wyoming Offender Pardoned.

(Special to The Herald.) Cheyenne, Wyo., Feb. 15.—Governor Richards today pardoned Charlie Levers, a young man convicted of stealing a saddle, and sentenced to Carbon county to a four-year term. He had served 18 months of the sentence, which was considered excessive.

Gladstone Starts For England.

(Special to The Herald.) Cannes, Feb. 15.—Mr. Gladstone started for England today.



THE BATTLESHIP MAINE, AS SHE APPEARED AT SEA UNDER FULL STEAM.

THE MAINE CATASTROPHE--WAS IT ACCIDENT OR DESIGN?

Complete Account of the Appalling Disaster.

COOL VALOR OF OFFICERS AND MEN

Not a Whimper From the Mangled Jack Tars in Hospital.

Number of Lost Now Ascertained to Be 231--Nearly All Wounded Will Recover--Sorrow Expressed in Havana--Speculating on Raising the Maine--Balance of Naval Power Changed--Spain Ahead One Battleship Over Uncle Sam.

New York, Feb. 16.—A special copy-right cable to the Evening World from Havana says the officers of the Maine state the explosion was in the central magazine, and that the Maine was raised out of the water and then went partially to pieces. The dispatch continues:

"All the officers but the surgeon were in the ward room at the moment of the explosion. Then came the stupendous shock. All the officers below rushed on deck, but could get no further than the middle superstructure on deck. Only a very pitiful few of the 350 of the Jack Tars got from below. The water rushed over them and many were stunned and drowned but not mangled. It is not likely that more than 40 sailors were saved. The officers on deck narrowly escaped. In the junior officers' mess hall all had to clamber out in wreckage amid deep, one ladder from the after torpedo compartment was jammed with men struggling up for life. All agree that a double explosion occurred from the natural result of an underwater explosion of the magazine."

CRIES OF ANGUISH.

The dispatch says that the account of the passengers on the Ward line

steamer City of Washington, which was 300 yards from the Maine, heard out the following statement. Continuing, the cable says:

"Brass pipe, angle iron, etc., fell in a shower on the decks of the City of Washington, so injuring two boats that when lowered they were useless. Out of the dense smoke came anguished cries for help. Simultaneously with the cessation of falling fragments, searchlights were thrown on the wreck and its load of agony. Spanish boats from the shore joined those of the Washington alongside at once, but the regular ferry boats passing soon after the explosion did not stop to offer aid."

ANOTHER ACCOUNT.

Another Maine officer said: "I was sitting with two mates of the officers in the mess room when a heavy explosion occurred. It was so heavy that we understood the ship was lost. We went on the upper deck and found that she had been badly wrecked by an explosion, and that she was on fire and sinking. All efforts were directed toward lowering the boats and saving lives. The Maine settled quickly on the bottom of the harbor, only her upper works remaining above the water. A number of boats from the Spanish warship Alfonso XIII and boats from the Ward line steamer City of Washington came alongside and rendered assistance. Twenty-four men, who were slightly wounded, were carried on board the City of Washington, and the rest of the wounded were carried on board the Alfonso XIII, from which place they were taken to other quarters, and after receiving valuable assistance from the naval doctors, sent to the military hospitals."

"This officer said the explosion occurred somewhere in the forward part of the amidship section of the battleship. Many of the crew who were below at the time of the explosion were unable to escape, and those who succeeded in reaching the upper decks saved their lives with great difficulty, with the assistance of the officers and men on watch."

SHIP COOK'S STORY.

James Rowe, ship's cook, was the least injured of any that were brought off while I was there. I asked him how it happened. "I don't know," he replied, speaking with difficulty. "I turned in my hammock at 8 o'clock and heard three bells strike. I don't remember anything more until I felt myself turning over and over and falling heavily upon the deck through a mass of smoke. I got on my feet and worked my way on deck. When I got there the superstructure deck was dipping under water and I

jumped overboard to keep from being drawn down in the suction."

"I was picked up by a boat from the Spanish man-of-war. Four men were picked up by the same boat. "One poor fellow, whose face was injured past all recognition, was lying in a cot in the hospital. I asked him his name, and he mumbled back, through his horribly swollen lips: "My folks would feel uneasy if I told you."

SHOOK THE CITY.

The explosion, which shook the city from end to end, created the wildest excitement. All the electric lights were put out by the shock. Fire engines rushed madly from one quarter to another, and no one knew for certain from which direction the explosion came. Consul General Lee, who was at the Hotel Inglaterra, received a telephone message from General Blanco telling him that the Maine had been blown up. General Lee hastened to the palace, where the cabinet is now assembling. Vice Consul Springer has just assured me that all the officers were saved except Jenkins and Merritt, who are missing. Mr. Springer says at least 300 lives were lost."

PERFECTLY COOL.

I have talked with some of the rescued officers and seamen. One officer, whose name I could not learn, said of the explosion: "I was in my bunk. When I got on deck, fire had started forward. There was a good, strong breeze. The call for all hands on deck was promptly obeyed, and the men and officers were perfectly cool. All possible efforts were made to check the fire, but without avail. "The flames spread rapidly and several explosions occurred. Magazines were burst open and explosives were thrown overboard. In half an hour it was apparent nothing could save the ship."

IN GREAT PERIL.

The Spanish cruiser Alfonso XIII was for some time after the explosion in great peril, and her muzzles were slackened away and she was anchored at a greater distance from the burning warship. She then lowered her

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Intense Excitement in Naval Circles Everywhere.

HOT ACCUSATIONS OF TREACHERY

Sigsbee Believes Maine Was Blown Up by Torpedo.

Secretary Long, However, Has Taken Steps to Investigate Cause of Explosion; But Nothing Can Be Determined Until a Diver Has Made Examination—Opinions of Naval Officers, Senators and Representatives—Foreign Opinion.

Key West, Fla., Feb. 15.—The correspondent of the Associated Press has been assured in a reliable quarter that Captain Sigsbee is under the impression that the warship Maine was blown up by a floating torpedo, and that he has communicated his impressions to Washington, asking at the same time that the navy department should send naval engineers and mechanics to investigate the explosion. The plant line steamer Olivette did not leave Havana until 3 o'clock this afternoon and did not reach here until shortly after 10.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The above dispatch of the Associated Press, which had been deputed by Secretary Long to receive all dispatches on the subject of the disaster. He said: "I have had absolutely nothing from Havana, or Key West since the last dispatch of Olivette announcing the departure of the Olivette. I do not think the torpedo theory tenable, and do not believe Captain Sigsbee expressed such an opinion."

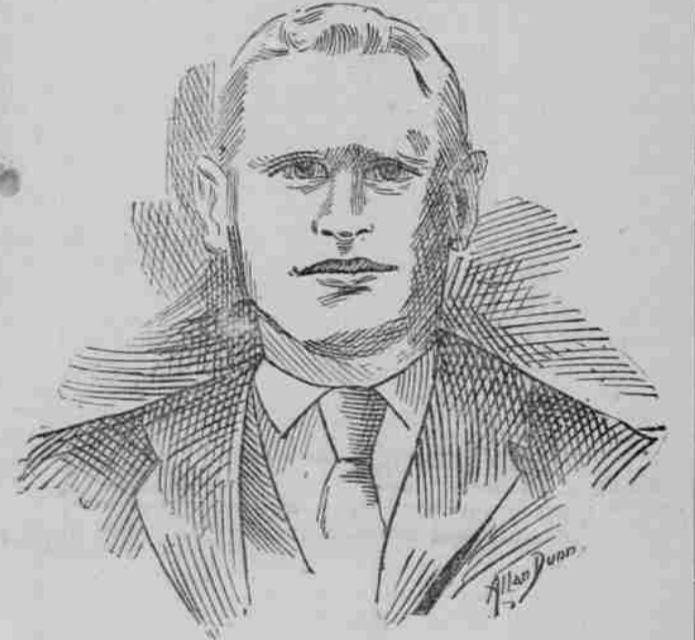
Washington, Feb. 16.—After a day of intense excitement at the navy department and elsewhere, growing out of the destruction of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor last night, the situation tonight after the exchange of a number of cablegrams between Washington and Havana, can be summed up in the words of Secretary Long. When asked, as he was about to depart for the day, would he have reason to suspect that the disaster was the work of an enemy, he replied: "I do not. In that I am influenced by the fact that Captain Sigsbee has not reported to the navy department on the cause. He is evidently waiting to write a full report. So long as he does not express himself, I certainly cannot. I should think that the indications, however, that there was an accident—that the magazine exploded. How that came about I do not know. For the present at least no other warship will be sent to Havana."

SUSPICION OF TREACHERY.

The appalling nature of the disaster and the gravity of the situation that would arise should investigation give a basis for the undercurrent of suspicion of treachery and foul play that ran through all minds, had a sobering effect upon public men of all shades of political opinion. The fact stands forth, and is little less than remarkable, in that but a single resolution was introduced on a single speech made in either house of congress, save one of condolence with the families of the killed, offered by Mr. Boutwell, and adopted by the house of representatives. Public men expressed their opinions with reserve when approached, but everywhere there was a demand for an investigation and full details, in the light of which the horror may be justly viewed. Secretary Long undoubtedly summarized the general opinion of the majority of the naval experts in finding it impossible just now to state the cause of the destruction of the Maine. There are a great number of theories, but most of them are of a character that makes it easy to prove or unprove them by a single investigation by a diver.

INVESTIGATION.

Secretary Long has taken immediate steps to make this investigation. Late this afternoon he telegraphed to Admiral Sigsbee at Key West to appoint a board of naval officers to proceed at once to Havana, employ divers and generally to make such inquiries as the



LAWRENCE P. BROWN, THE MURDERED MAN, FROM A PHOTO.

rounding the tragedy are plain enough, there is much of mystery connected with the actual affair, and although the police worked faithfully on the case all day, nothing of importance has yet been gleaned regarding the identity of the perpetrators of the crime.

STORY OF THE MURDER.

The house in which the shooting took place is a one-story affair situated on the southeast corner of the intersection of Fifth South and Second East streets. The western portion of the building is occupied as a meat market and grocery store, Mr. Brown being the proprietor. The eastern part of the house was occupied by Mrs. J. Croxall as a residence. The store was in a room about 15 by 25 feet in size, and occupied the front portion of the building. Adjoining this at the rear was a small room used by the deceased as a living room, and in this was his bed and furniture, the bed occupying the southeastern corner.

VIEW OF THE STORE WHERE THE TRAGEDY OCCURRED.



ing a passage to the door of the adjoining apartment. The entrance to the store was through a door in the northwestern corner of the room, opening on Fifth South. There was also a door in the bedroom which connected with the part of the house occupied by Mrs. Croxall, but this was locked and nailed. The tragedy occurred in the store-room. RETURNED HOME AT MIDNIGHT. On the evening of the murder Brown attended a meeting of the Myrtle Lodge No. 1, K. of P., and returned to his room about midnight. As far as can be learned, he went to bed immediately upon his return and nothing was seen or heard of him until his body was found. About five minutes past 5 Mrs. Croxall and her family were startled

ter getting Officers Carey, Chase, Everell and Rhoads, they bore down the street, the little groups traveling as if their lives depended upon it. When the officers arrived they found Mrs. Croxall and Mr. Lawson in the Croxall part of the house, and they stated they had not entered the store. At this time they were joined by Mounted Officer Henthly, who had started to join in his report of the door they discovered that the glass front had been broken and the door stood ajar.

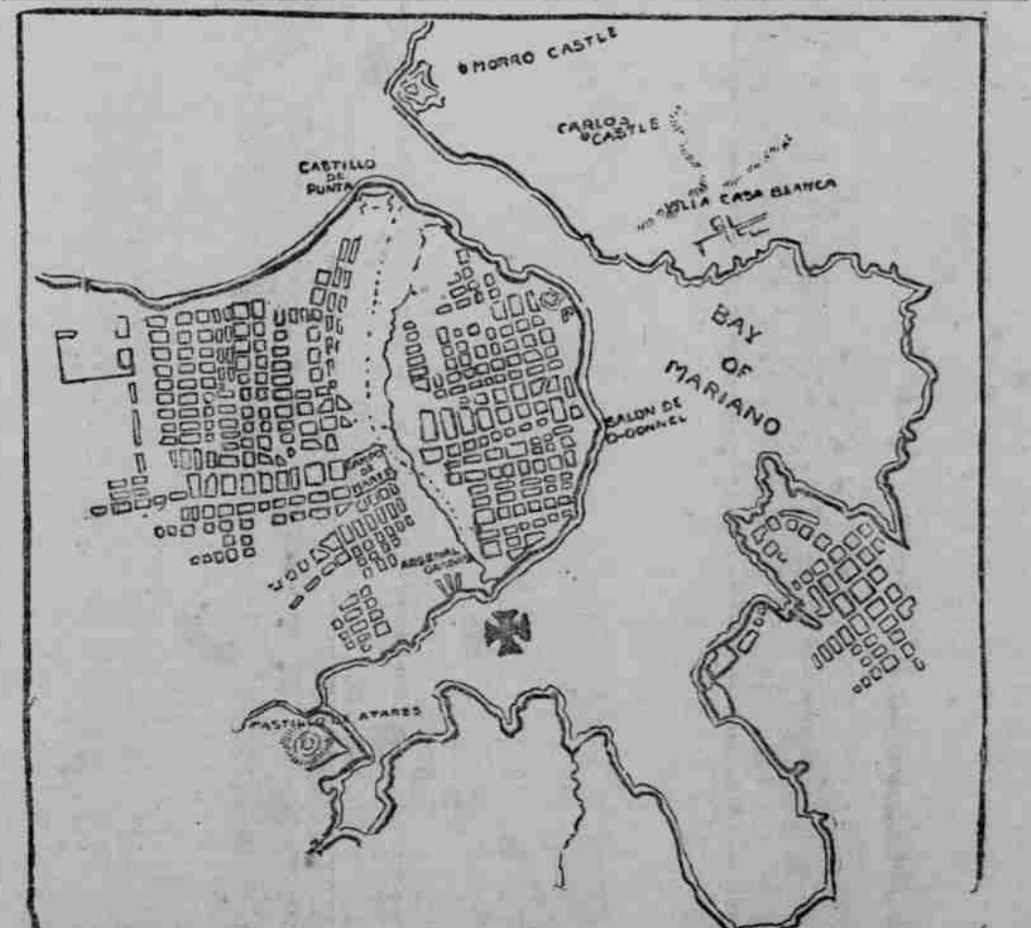
A HORRIBLE SIGHT.

When they were in the room all was quiet and the electric light was turned on, revealing a horrible sight. There, upon his back, and half hidden from view by the counter, at the end of the room, lay the body of Brown. Nearer approach gave a full view of the body. What made the scene still more uncanny was that, perched upon the knee of the dead man, sat a coal black cat, its eyes shining like balls of fire. The cat was driven away and a hurried examination was made of the remains. The body lay upon its back, with the head against a chess box, in the position represented by the letter A in the accompanying diagram, with the feet against the counter, between it and the meat block. The right leg was straight, but the left was in a cramped position, the pistol lying between the legs. There was a slight showing of blood in the nostrils, and the left hand was clutched tightly over the heart, as if it was placed there in the last gasp of departing life. The hand covered the bullet hole, from which had flowed a considerable amount of blood.

The body was dressed only in a pair of drawers, an undershirt and over-shirt. The shirt around the bullet hole was blackened from the powder, showing that the shot had been fired at very close range. It was evident that Brown had been killed almost instantly, so the body was not moved. The revolver was picked up and examined. It was a Colt's 4-caliber, single action six shooter. There were two empty shells, three loaded cartridges and one empty chamber in the gun.

EXAMINED THE PREMISES.

The officers then made an examination of the premises, hoping to get some clue as to the identity of the murderers. In the bed room it was found that the



MAP OF THE HARBOR OF HAVANA. The Maine was anchored, according to the Associated Press account at the point indicated by the cross.