

HARRISON IS SLAIN.

Chicago's Mayor Victim of a Murderer's Bullets.

SHOT DEAD AT HOME.

THE ASSASSIN WAS A CRAZY OFFICE-SEEKER.

Chief Executive of the World's Fair City Called from Slumber to Death—Three Bullets Fired at Him in His Own Hallway—No Word of Warning Is Spoken by the Murderer—The Station Healed by Indignant Crowds—Chicagoans Astonished by the News of the Killing.

Carter Henry Harrison, Mayor of the city of Chicago, has been assassinated—shot down in the hallway of his own home by an irresponsible crank. This is a shocking announcement to go before the world in these closing days of the Columbian Exposition. Just when the name of Chicago is on the tongues of all men in every clime, when every mention of the name brings pleasant memories to millions of people, it is a cruel fate that associates the name of the city with the crime of assassination. It was the cherished ambition of Mr. Harrison to serve as the World's Fair Mayor. He had almost completed the six months covering the period of the Fair; the papers of the morning of his death had announced the date of his marriage to a most estimable lady; he was at the proudest moment of a most extraordinary career when cut down by the cruel shot of an assassin. The story of the murder seems to indicate that it was committed by an insane or partially demented man. The



CARTER H. HARRISON. Speaking at the World's Fair on the day of his assassination.

act was cold-blooded and deliberate. The man had come to the Harrison mansion bent on murder, and whether actuated by motives the birth of an unbalanced mind or not, he did his fiendish work well. Shortly after a 7 o'clock dinner Saturday night, the Mayor, feeling fatigued from a day spent at the World's Fair, had come to the dining room of the mansion. There had attended him at the meal William Preston Harrison, Miss Harrison, his daughter, and Miss Annie Howard, his affianced wife. All of these, save the Mayor himself, had repaired to rooms above. There were two servants in attendance, Mary Hansen and Maggie French, when at 8:10 o'clock the door bell rang, and the former of the two servants named went to the door. A man giving his name as Eugene Patrick Prendergast inquired for the Mayor and was admitted into the hallway. Mr. Harrison came forward at the call of his name and met the caller near the front door of the residence. Without a moment's warning Prendergast drew a revolver and fired three shots in rapid succession. The first shot struck Mr. Harrison in the abdomen, near the stomach, and he threw up his hands and staggered backward. As he did so, another bullet hit him in the left breast near the shoulder and over the region of the heart. Not content with his deadly work the assassin again fired, piercing the left hand of his vic-



MISS ANNIE HOWARD. Carter Harrison's Betrothed.

tim as he sank to the floor mortally wounded. Preston Harrison, son of the Mayor, when the first shot was fired was in his room on the second floor. He ran down with all haste and rushed after the man as he left the hall. Prendergast fired a shot at Mr. Harrison, but missed him. The assassin, having completed his work, turned back to the door, the butler of the Harrison house held at his heels, fled across the lawn, out of the gateway, and out of sight. The police were quietly on the spot. Preston Harrison was soon at the side of his prostrate father, the latter pale and uttering hardly articulate groans.

"I'm shot," boomed the Mayor. "Get a doctor." Dr. Foster, who lives half a square removed from the Harrisons, hastened to the side of the wounded man. A hurried examination, during which the patient gritted his teeth and bore up heroically, and Dr. Foster announced the sufferer beyond surgical aid. "I've been shot," muttered Chicago's chief executive, and I am going to die. I know it. I cannot live. "You're not hurt, father," returned the son, reassuredly. "You'll be all right," with a feigned smile. But the Mayor had caught the look of discouragement from the doctor, and added his own apprehensions thereto. "Yes, I am going to die," he firmly, and then, modulating his intonation somewhat, he gasped, "Where's Annie?" This reference to her who was soon to become his wife brought the tears to his eyes, and, growing faint at heart as in body, he fell back on the rudely improvised couch of rugs. "Where's Annie?" he repeated, his voice now almost a whisper. "Where's Annie?" he moaned still. A convulsive throeb, his most violent, he choked up with



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the blood that was forcing up from the awful gape in his abdomen, a last look about him, and the Mayor of the great Western city turned his head slightly to the right and gasped his last. Betrothed Sobs by Her Dead. A few minutes later Miss Howard rushed in, distracted. She begged to be allowed to see the man she loved. She threw herself on his bleeding body and sobbed as if her heart would break. Her piteous cries brought tears to the eyes of those near her. Preston Harrison alone stood dry-eyed. He seemed to be transfixed with horror. Miss Howard wept over her dead lover like one distraught. She had almost to be torn from the body. Mrs. Owsley, daughter of the Mayor, uttered heart-rending cries over her father. Overcome with grief Miss Sophie Harrison fainted near her father's body. The three women were taken up-stairs and the doctors turned their attention to them. There was a sad scene between those three women upstairs. Mrs. Harrison, just arrived, distracted at the fate of her husband's father. The four women wept together, consoling each other by their tears. Miss Howard refused all consolation. The name of her dead lover was on her lips, and she cried that she might die and go with him. Despairing wails and hysterical groans, prayers, pleadings for the restoration of her lover to life, imprecations on the assassin's head, all followed in disjointed and disconnected sentences. The physicians tried to calm her, but she would not listen to any words of solace and comfort, and continued her strange actions until the doctors concluded to destroy her ability to brood with a potent and powerful anesthetic. The drug had its effect, and soon Miss Howard fell off in a troubled slumber. Unconscious of his father's fate, Carter Harrison Jr. was on his way from the World's Fair when Prendergast fired the fatal shots. The news had traveled fast, and before the son had started on his journey west he heard of the terrible fate that had befallen his father.

The Assassin Surrenders. Thirty minutes later Prendergast, excited out of breath, an panning his long run, hended up the steps of the Desplaines street station, nearly two miles distant, and handing a revolver across the desk to Sergeant Barber, exclaimed: "I shot Mayor Harrison—I want to give myself up." The officers were startled by the explanation, but being accustomed to erratic visitors, were not inclined to take the man's words seriously until they saw that he carried a revolver in his hand. They immediately placed the man under arrest and took the weapon from him. The man said his name was Patrick Eugene Prendergast and that he had shot the Mayor because he had betrayed him. "I wanted to be made Corporation Counsel," he said. All the time he acted with coolness and showed no signs of excitement. He was only about twenty minutes at the Desplaines Street Station when Chief of Police Brennan arrived and ordered his removal to the Central Station, as evidences were shown that his stay there was dangerous. He preserved his coolness on the journey to the City Hall. He repeated the statement that he shot the Mayor because he would not appoint him Corporation Counsel. He said he was 25 years old and that he worked a morning paper route for a livelihood. According to his statement, he bought the revolver in the afternoon, intending to shoot the Mayor unless he was given some satisfaction to his repeated demands for an appointment. "I went to Mayor Harrison's house," he said, "and asked him what he would do for me. He would do nothing. I wished and what he had promised, and I drew my revolver and shot him. I have done some work in a political way in my ward for the last few campaigns and was for Harrison, and because of my influence Harrison promised me a position if he was elected in the last campaign. I was asked what

I wanted and I said that I had a scheme for the elevation of the railroad tracks. I wanted to be Corporation Counsel so that I could push this scheme. It was told that I might have the position. Since election I have asked for the office again and again, and have been put off repeatedly. The office was given to another. The Mayor had betrayed me, and I resolved to have revenge. I have had it." It was learned that Prendergast had for some time been pestering the Mayor with letters asking for the position of corporation counsel. The letters are described as the production of a person of unbalanced mind. Crowd at the House. Friends had rushed to the house as soon as the news spread around the neighborhood, to offer what help they could. The police alarm had brought wagons dashing to the house from all directions. It was a riot alarm, for the horses sped like lightning along the streets, landing many officers at the house. But the deed was done when the officers arrived. An angry crowd gathered about the house and there was threats of lynching if the as-



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assassin could be found. When the news came that he had been arrested, one man declared that he would lead the crowd to the Desplaines Street Station and drag the murderer out. When it was known that the Mayor had been assassinated the whole city was aroused. The people came from all directions, both in cabs and on foot. They gathered on the sidewalk in front of the house, and crowded into the large front yard. A few tried to enter the house. The police, however, prevented this, and soon a guard was set at the door. Then the yard was cleared. Still the crowd lingered, pressing against the iron fence. Politics Forgotten in Sympathy. The news spread to a big Republican campaign meeting being held at the North Side Turner Hall and the meeting terminated suddenly. The men were wild enough to rush to the jail and hang the murderer to the nearest lamp post. Another crowd gathered around the Desplaines street station, but the police were all out and the men were kept back. Prendergast was taken to the City Hall and examined by Inspector Shea and three other officers. He gave a clear statement concerning his deed. From his own account it was a cold-blooded action, deliberately planned and carried out. Here, again, another crowd waited to catch a glimpse of the murderer. After the examination the murderer was kept at the City Hall under a heavy guard, to prevent any demonstration. The crowd soon dispersed, but it would have boded ill for Prendergast if he had been taken back to the Desplaines Street Station. Threats of Lynching. While the civilized world wondered at the infamy of the deed and the law-abiding citizens paced the streets and asked each whether lynch law was not justifiable under certain circumstances, the cringing wretch cowered in a cell

Saturday night before the rumors of the assassination reached the downtown hotels and resorts. Awakened by these unwelcome cries all Chicago knew long before church time of the irreparable disaster that had befallen on the night before. The churches were all crowded in the morning with the regular parishioners and strangers eager to hear whatever eulogies or

CHICAGO IN SORROW.

Signs of Mourning Everywhere Show the Grief of the Residents. Chicago passed Sunday in sorrow. For the first time since the terrible fire of twenty-two years ago the metropolis of the West mourned for a blue streak at its very vitals. The city recovered slowly from the shock of the assassination. When the dawn first broke far across the gray waters of Lake Michigan the new day pushed away the darkness of a night stained by so black a crime, and was welcomed with relief by the thousands of citizens whom the excitement of the murder had kept from their accustomed beds. But the cold and cloudy morning came as a harbinger of evil to the vast majority of the residents. The hoarse shouts of the tireless newsmen as they penetrated every street and avenue of the city, far and near, brought the awful tidings for the first time to hundreds of thousands who had gone to their homes



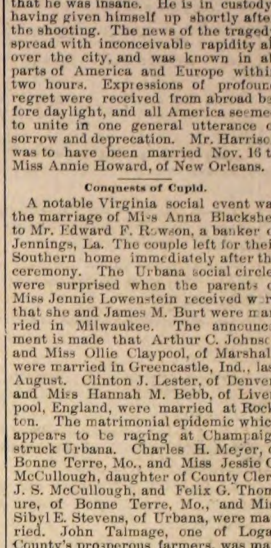
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Expressions of profound regret were received from abroad before daylight, and all America seemed to be in one general utterance of sorrow and deprecation. Mr. Harrison was to have been married Nov. 16 to Miss Annie Howard, of New Orleans. Conquests of Cupid. A notable Virginia social event was the marriage of Miss Anna Blacksher to Mr. Edward F. Rowan, a banker of Jennings, La. The couple left for their Southern home immediately after the ceremony. The Urbana social circles were agitated by the news of the death of Miss Jennie Lowenstein relative, wife of that she and James M. Burt were married in Milwaukee. The announcement is made that Arthur C. Johnson and Miss Ollie Claypool, of Marshall, were married in Greencastle, Ind., last August. Captain J. Lester, of Denver, and Miss Hannah M. Cobb, of Liverpool, England, were married at Rockton. The matrimonial epidemic which appears to be raging at Champaign struck Urbana. Charles H. Meyer, of Bonne Terre, Mo., and Miss Jessie O. McCullough, daughter of County Clerk J. S. McCullough and Felix G. Thompson, of Bonne Terre, Mo., and Miss Sibyl E. Stevens, of Urbana, were married. John Talmage, one of Logan County's prosperous farmers, was married to Miss Ollie Friend, of Lincoln. Made a Sleeping Cut in Wages. Quincy, Omaha and Kansas City Railroad directors have decided on a sweeping reduction in the wages of employees. Passenger conductors will get \$70 per month instead of \$80; freight conductors, \$22.50 instead of \$25; passenger brakemen and baggage men, \$45 per month instead of \$50; freight brakemen, \$1.05 per 100 miles instead of \$1.15; passenger engineers, \$3 per 100 miles instead of \$3.25; freight engineers, first year, \$3 per 100 miles; second year, \$3.50 per 100 miles; third year, \$3.50 per 100 miles; fourth year, \$4 per 100 miles; fifth year, \$4.50 per 100 miles; sixth year, \$5 per 100 miles; seventh year, \$5.50 per 100 miles; eighth year, \$6 per 100 miles; ninth year, \$6.50 per 100 miles; tenth year, \$7 per 100 miles. Those not mentioned get a cut of 10 per cent. In the mechanical department the hours have been reduced from one to three in every ten. Newby's Appeal Bond Signed. The clerk of the United States District Court at Springfield received by mail from Fairfield the appeal bond in the Newby case. The amount is \$1,000 and the bond has seventy-five signatures attached to it. The clerk telegraphed Newby's attorneys that the bond could not be filed until the sixty days allowed by the court for filing it having expired, but the chances are that its delay will be charged to Uncle Sam's mail service and that Judge Allen will permit the bond to be filed as if it had arrived in time. District Attorney Shutt will protest against it being now received and there will be a legal fight in this point before there can be any further proceedings. Some Figures as to Smallpox. Dr. Scott, Secretary of the State Board of Health, calls attention to the fact that smallpox has existed during the whole year at Chicago, thirty-two cases having been reported up to date. From information received at the Board of Health office, it seems probable that not more than 20 per cent of the children of school age in the State outside of large cities, have been vaccinated. So far there have been no cases of smallpox in Illinois outside of Chicago, but Dr. Scott strongly urges the necessity of a general vaccination of the children of the State. Water in the Milk. The Durand Creamery Company for a long time has suspected a large number of its patrons of watering their milk freely before delivering. They employed a detective to watch the suspected ones and in this way secured convicting evidence against them. The interested ones were notified to come up and settle and avoid prosecution. The next day they all came willingly to the front and settled the accounts and he came in under escort of an officer of the law. Settlements effected ranged from \$120 to \$520. Record of the Week. EDWARD BUTLER accidentally fatally shot himself while hunting near New Douglas. EDWARD S. BURNS, a prominent business man and ex-postmaster of Hillsboro, died, aged 65 years. TWO MEN were injured by an explosion of fire damp in the main lead of the Hyde Park water tunnel. 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AROUND A BIG STATE.

A YACHTING crew found an unidentified corpse in the lake of Chicago. WM. ROWE, of Chicago, is dead from injuries received at the hands of negro footpads. THOMAS BATE, a 75-minor resident of Rockford since 1856, died at the age of 82 years. The wife of Rhoda Whalen, the notorious criminal of Beloit, committed suicide at Rockford. MRS. T. H. READ, one of the first settlers of Ogles County and a prominent lady, died, aged 89 years. BECAUSE of a blunder, two freights were completely wrecked on the Northwestern, near Caledonia. No one was hurt. The seventh annual reunion of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Illinois Volunteer Infantry was held at Cassville. G. M. BRINKERHOFF, the banker of Springfield, who disappeared in July last, was found insane in Toledo, Ohio, by his son. W. T. DOUGLASS, a member of the Springfield grand jury, went suddenly insane and attempted the life of Sheriff Baker. JAMES MCCORMICK, a farmer living in Morgan County, was run down by a train and killed while he was crossing the track with a team. JAMES WILLIAMS, colored, was sentenced to the penitentiary for five years for shooting a fellow workman on the drainage canal. NEAR Jacksonville, Jack Murphy, a farmer, was found. His pockets were turned inside out and there were other evidences of foul play. OFFICER PATRICK PAGE, of Chicago, who was once voted a gold medal as the most popular man on the force, has been dismissed for drunkenness. JOSEPH FUMWALT, arrested at Champaign on a charge of horse stealing, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary. DR. TRIMBORER, of a veterinarian, has been ordered to Kinman to investigate a mysterious disease that is carrying off the cattle of that vicinity. JOHN O'MALLEY, a Chicago pop-wagon driver, was instantly killed by his runaway team. Thos. Horen, a 4-year-old child, was also killed by another runaway. BECAUSE of the wretched condition of the road, a passenger train on the Indiana and Illinois Southern Road was ditched near Effingham. Six people were hurt, none fatally. AT Rockford, in the suit of Charles Morse vs. Dr. W. H. Fitch for \$5,000 damages for malpractice, Judge Crabtree took the case from the jury and instructed a verdict for the defendant. It is announced that the marriage of Lewis Green Stevenson, only son of Vice President Adlai E. Stevenson, and Miss Helen J. Davis, will be solemnized Nov. 21 at the home of the bride in Bloomington. AT Bloomington, John McCarthy and Edward Kettel were found guilty of highway robbery. McCarthy was sentenced to five years and Kettel to three years in the penitentiary. The men said they had robbed a boy named Pearl Solomon. The Governor and the Auditor of Public Accounts have levied the State tax. The amount to be raised is \$1,000,000 for school purposes and \$1,500,000 for several purposes. The rates will be 1.85 cents on the dollar for several purposes and 1.25 cents for school purposes. THE Supreme Court refuses a new trial for G. H. Painter. He will be hanged Dec. 15. Painter was convicted in January, 1892, for the murder of Alice Martin at Chicago, and was sentenced to be hanged, witnesses testifying that the woman was murdered in a fiendish manner. ATTORNEY GENERAL MALONEY will open an office in Chicago in the rooms lately used by Judge Brentano in the county. Attorney General Maloney or one of his assistants will remain in Chicago most of the time until the large number of insurance cases now pending are disposed of. THE American Missionary Association held memorial service at their Elgin convention for dead missionaries. Seven have died within the year. They are Misses Julia Andrews, Laura A. Galt, F. M. Wells and Emma N. Goldsmith, F. A. Webster, General S. C. Armstrong, James Walker and Harrison R. Thornton. The latter was murdered Aug. 19 at Cap. Prince of Wales, Alaska. AT Champaign, Samuel Utum was acquitted of the murder of Samuel Wilson. The killing took place on the night of election, Nov. 8, 1892. Samuel Utum and two companions were charged on the charge of murder of men and in the case Samuel Wilson grasped Utum from behind and attempted to choke him. Utum pulled his revolver and, placing it under his left arm, fired. The shot killed Wilson instantly. Utum gave himself up. A STRANGE disease has broken out among horses in Calhoun Township, Clay County. The afflicted animals suffer from a cough and their joints become stiffened. In one of the more aggravated cases pieces of flesh were coughed up. Dr. Trumbower, the State Veterinarian, has gone to investigate. The report was made by a letter set of officers and directors, composed of prominent business men of Chicago. MISS GERTRUDE MOORE, of Springfield, was probably fatally hurt, and her sister Jeanette slightly injured, by the running away of their carriage horse. The animal was frightened by a negro rider. Both young ladies stand high in social circles. ATTORNEY GENERAL MALONEY is preparing to move against trusts and mining companies that run truck stores. He will also ask leave to amend the act relating to the United States School Furniture Company, with a view to having its charter forfeited on the ground that it is a trust and obnoxious to State law.



EUGENE PATRICK PRENDERGAST.

other references that might be made by the pastors to the dead Mayor. The Inquest. Five bullet wounds were found in the body of the murdered Mayor. A coroner's jury, composed of C. C. Kohl-saat, Ulric King, S. A. Scribner, W. J. Chalmers, P. R. O'Brien, and Charles F. Elmes, impaneled by Coroner McHale, rendered a verdict of murder without delay. The inquest was held at the Harrison mansion Sunday morning. The assassin was present under a heavy guard and a line of stalwart

ASASSINATION OF MAYOR HARRISON IN HIS OWN HALLWAY. policemen surrounded the house guarding every gate and door. The case was but few witnesses to examine, and the proceedings occupied a short time. Previous to the inquest a post mortem examination had been made, and the testimony of the surgeons was the only information differing from that printed in Sunday's papers.