

**HOOTED AT BENHAM**

**While He Was Being Taken to the Courtroom.**

**SCARLETT OPENS THE DEFENSE.**

He Mapped Out the Line to Be Followed, Will Show That There Was Nothing but Love and Affection Between the Parties.

BATAVIA, N. Y., July 14.—This was the opening day of the defense, the day on which Benham's attorneys start to prove the innocence of their client. It was not a particularly auspicious day. Black clouds were gathering in the west as court convened, that later deluged the country with rain.

For the first time there was an open expression of the feeling that many have against the prisoner, when, on the way from the jail, he was hooted and jeered at by a crowd of citizens. It cut him like a knife.

Mr. Scarlett in his opening address for the defense, complimented the jury on their patience. He said the prosecution arose from suspicion, was fomented by conspiracy and made possible by public hostility.

He said they would show that the quarrels between Benham and his wife were only the ordinary ones of married life, and that there was only love and affection between the two.

That Benham acted as his wife's nurse at her request, as she did not wish others to be aware of the fact that she was not like other women, caused by her sickness. As to the purchase of prussic acid, it was made openly, and it would be shown that the prisoner used it for himself.

While Scarlett was speaking of the love existing between Benham and his wife, Benham sat with a handkerchief to his eyes, his form convulsed with sobs.

Also he would show that he had no motive for her death, as far as money was concerned, for he would be better off if she were alive.

Mr. Scarlett also said he would vindicate Mr. May Ward, who had been a friend of the family, nothing more.

The first witness called was George A. Page. He testified to the pleasure he took in seeing Benham, as he saw, at their home. Cross-examined and said he had only been there a few times.

Mrs. George A. Page's testimony was the same. She had seen May Ward come to the house with Florence Benham.

**TWO DAMS GAVE WAY**

**Flood Sweeps Down Upon Dutchess Junction.**

**EIGHT PERSONS WERE LOST.**

**Five Bodies Have Been Recovered. Bridges Swept Away—Flood Spread Desolation Where It Struck. Brick Yard Badly Wrecked. Damage is Large.**

NEWBURGH, N. Y., July 16.—The Meltinghah dams, which supply Poughkeepsie and Mather with water, burst. The waters rushed down the mountain, following the old bed of the Meltinghah brook. Two bridges were swept away. The great volume of water struck the little settlement occupied by the laborer's of Frank Timoney's brickyard at Dutchess Junction.

There were two floods. The first was not disastrous, but alarmed the inhabitants, most of whom left their homes. A short time later the second dam burst, pouring the flood down the mountain, carrying with it a great mass of debris, parts of buildings, etc.

This struck the buildings in the rear of Timoney's brickyard. One was a boarding house conducted by Patrick Murphy. This building contained five families.

None of the Murphys were lost. The wife and two children of John Conroy perished. An Italian child, Louray, died, and Mrs. Ann Ferry and her child, Willie, were also lost.

A short distance from the Murphy boarding house was a building occupied by about 25 laborers, mostly Slavs, with a few Italians. One of the Italians was killed.

A Hungarian is missing. His remains are probably in the ruins. Henry McGurgen and Michael Clark, two brick-plant hands, had been in one of the destroyed buildings. They and several other men were in the structure when it started from its foundations.

Several of the men escaped by jumping from the windows as the building was carried along by the flood. Clark remained in the floating structure until it struck one of the brickyard chimneys, which was moved from its foundation by the collision.

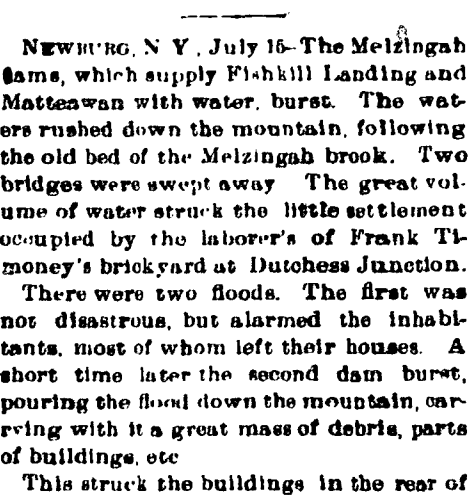
When the current had swept the shanty near the shore he jumped on the bank and escaped unhurt. McGurgen in attempting to reach the bank fell under the building, which passed over him. He clung to roots of trees that had been uncovered by the torrent, climbed up the bank to a place of safety. His leg was severely injured.

Zula and his brother, Martin, who had left their building after the first "big wave," as they called it, came down, returned to the building to save some of their effects. Martin Zula, hearing the roof of the advancing waters on the second floor, called to his brother and started for high ground. His brother, however, disregarded the warning and did not follow him, and perished.

**MRS. NACK AT CHURCH.**

**Attended Two Services—Thorn Read the Sunday Papers.**

NEW YORK, July 15.—Yesterday was the first Sunday that Mrs. Augusta Nack and Martin Thorn, accused of murdering William Guldenesuppe, have passed in the gloomy Tombs prison on Center street.



MRS. AUGUSTA NACK.

At the afternoon song service, Mrs. Nack sang hymns from a Moody and Sankey hymnal, and when a copy of the War Cry was given to her she used it as a fan in the effort to keep cool.

On the other hand Martin Thorn turned a deaf ear to all the preachers. He remained in his cell and spent the day reading the Sunday newspapers. He seems to take a great delight reading the various accounts printed about the unveiling of the great murder mystery and the proceedings in the court and before the grand jury.

Chief O'Brien says that there are no new developments in regard to the killing of Guldenesuppe. Thus far he has been unable to locate the murdered man's watch, which Thorn is said to have pawned.

The search of the East river for Guldenesuppe's head was continued, but the grapplers failed to locate it. Besides the dragging and grappling a diver will be engaged in the hunt at the bottom of the East river.

**Nack and Thorn in Court.**  
NEW YORK, July 15.—Mrs. Nack and Martin Thorn, charged with the murder of William Guldenesuppe, were arraigned before Judge Newburger.

Emanuel Friend, counsel for Mrs. Nack, filed a demurrer to the indictment. His points were that the indictment was not drawn in compliance with sections of the criminal code, which he cites in his demurrer.

Even if the crime alleged had been committed he says the charge of conspiracy is conflicting with that of murder. He further says that the crime may have been committed in either of the two counties, and it is a serious question as to which has jurisdiction.

William F. Howe, in behalf of Thorn, also filed a demurrer. He said the grand jury had no jurisdiction, that the case belonged to Queens county. Also, he claimed, the indictment was defective, as it was not signed by the district attorney.

**POINTED PARAGRAPHS.**

**Called From Dispatches From Both Hemispheres.**

**SEVEN DAYS' NEWS IN BRIEF.**

**A General Resume of the Leading News of the Day, Prepared in a Suitable Form For the Reader Whose Leisure Time is Limited.**

The order of President Cleveland, issued last February, retaining the number of pension agencies in the United States from 18 to 9 will be revoked by President McKinley.

It is officially announced as Havana city that the Spanish forces have captured, in the mountains of Bojaramo, province of Pinar del Rio, the well-known insurgent leader, Federico Alfonso, his wife and five sons.

An Athens correspondent says: "I have just seen an important communication from the foreign minister of one of the great powers, declaring that no power is inclined to undertake coercive measures to bring about a settlement between Turkey and Greece."

Alfred G. C. Lewis, one of the largest property holders and best known business men of Oneonta, N. Y., died at the Willard hotel, Washington. He was one of the trustees of Willard's, and owned the Central hotel and half a dozen business blocks here. He was Democratic candidate for assembly in 1891.

Frank P. Brown of Otseville, N. Y., was killed by an Erie train in Middletown, N. Y., while walking the tracks. The fatality occurred at the same place where Mr. Sherman was killed a week ago.

While bathing in the Chenango river at Norwich, N. Y., Eugene Jones, 31 years old, was drowned. His two companions were unable to swim and could not help him.

The upper New Rochelle (N. Y.) Methodist Episcopal church, on the White Plains road four miles from New Rochelle, was destroyed by fire. The loss is \$10,000. It was the oldest church in Westchester.

At Saratoga, N. Y., Mrs. Elizabeth B. W. Westcott, aged 70, widow of James H. Westcott, and a daughter of the late Judge W. L. P. Warren, died suddenly. She was one of the wealthiest women of Saratoga county.

Thomas Edmunds, a brakeman on a Pennsylvania railroad gravel train, was arrested at Youngstown, O., on the charge of having murdered Conductor John Haley.

**FIGURING AT CANDEA.**

**Both Bazonas Grow Bold and Are Checked by Britishers.**

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Sixteen of the British force and a number of the Bahi Bazonas were killed. The admiral of the foreign boats have sent five warships to Candia to suppress any further Mohammedan movement.

No further details of the conflict have been received, but passengers who have just arrived from Candia state that, on account of excesses by Bahi Bazonas, British marines have been landed at Candia to replace the Italian garrison stationed there.

The Bahi Bazonas have been summoned by proclamation to surrender their arms within four days. They have held a meeting and addressed a petition to the sultan.

**Sultan Will Not Accept.**  
LONDON, July 14.—Advices from Constantinople indicate that the sultan is reluctant regarding the acceptance of the peace proposals.

Edhem Pasha is hastening back to Demotiko, and the furloughs of all Turkish officers have been cancelled in readiness for a renewal of hostilities.

The foreign ambassadors to Turkey, recognizing that further verbal remonstrance is useless, are not inclined to continue diplomatic proceedings until they know in what way coercion is to be applied.

**Struck a Guisher.**  
WELLVILLE, N. Y., July 15.—Lovell & Cobble, 11, located near Whitesville, struck an oil sand at the depth of 350 feet and shuried had put 30 barrels of oil in the tank. This is the most wonderful well ever drilled in the Allegany field, and the excitement at Whitesville is intense.

**Death of Levi P. Merriam's Sister.**  
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