

THEY KILLED THEIR MOTHER

HORRIBLE CASE OF JUVENILE DEPRAVITY IN A LONDON SUBURB.

THE CRIME COMMITTED BY TWO BOYS AGED RESPECTIVELY ELEVEN AND THIRTEEN YEARS—THEY PAWNED HOUSEHOLD VALUABLES AND PROCEEDED TO ENJOY THEMSELVES WHILE THE BODY LAY UNBURIED AT HOME.

London, July 18.—A horrible case of juvenile depravity and brutality came to light in Plaistow, an eastern suburb of London, this morning. Two boys named Combes, aged respectively thirteen and eleven years, were brought before a magistrate upon the charge of having murdered their mother, and the accusation was substantiated by their own confession of the crime. The boys killed their mother by stabbing her through the heart, and for ten days they have occupied the house alone with the woman's decomposing body. The husband of the murdered woman and father of the two boys is a ship purser, and is absent from home on a sea voyage. The house is well furnished, and possesses all that should make a comfortable home.

After the boys committed their crime they pawned a number of valuables they found in the house and proceeded to enjoy themselves by taking trips to various places on the river, and in the interim visiting cricket grounds and indulging in other forms of amusement. When they were arrested they were playing cards at home, in company with a half-witted man, and apparently getting the highest degree of enjoyment from their pastime, despite the stench which pervaded the rooms. The magistrate was astounded at the developments of the case, and amazed at the cool demeanor of the boys. He declared that he could not believe the youngsters sane, and remanded them pending their mental examinations. The minds of the boys seem to have been upset by reading novels, which made heroes of cutthroats, robbers and the like.

The crime has created a great sensation in London.

FORMALLY KNIGHTED BY THE QUEEN.

HENRY IRVING, WALTER BESANT AND LEWIS MORRIS OBEY A "COMMAND" AND GO TO WINDSOR.

London, July 18.—Henry Irving, the actor; Walter Besant, the novelist, and Lewis Morris, the poet, took a train for Windsor this afternoon and were formally invested with their rank of knighthood by the Queen.

THE AFFAIR OF THE LEGION OF HONOR.

PRESIDENT FAURE RECEIVES THE RESIGNATIONS OF THE COUNCIL—PROMOTION OF VICTORIEN SARDOU AND PAUL BOURGET.

Paris, July 18.—President Faure received General Février to-day and received from him the resignations of the Council of the Legion of Honor, which were accepted by the President. M. Faure requested, however, that the Council would remain in office and execute their functions until the bill reorganizing the Council is passed, which they have consented to do.

Victorien Sardou has been promoted to the rank of Commander and Paul Bourget to the rank of officer of the Legion of Honor.

M. Faure will reside in Havre from July 25 until September 6, when he will go to Fontainebleau.

SOCIALISTIC ELECTIONS ANNULLED.

SIGNOR CRISPI STILL MAINTAINS THAT ONLY THE KING CAN GRANT AMNESTY.

Rome, July 18.—The Chamber of Deputies to-day annulled the recent elections of the Socialists Barbato, Bosco and De Felice, after a long debate, which, however, was very temperate and unaccompanied by any stormy scenes. The Radicals denied the legitimacy of military tribunals, and even the Marquis di Rudini, ex-Premier, and Signor Zanardelli, ex-President of the Chamber, urged the right of the Chamber to discuss the question of amnesty.

Premier Crispi maintained that only the King could grant amnesty, and such clemency could only be granted when the restoration of peace was complete.

HER BIRD OF FREEDOM SOARING.

LEADERS OF THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY IN THIS CITY DELIGHTED WITH THE NEWS RECEIVED—CABLE SERVICE IMPROVED.

There is an air of subdued activity about the Cuban leaders in this city just at present. Daily consultations are being held at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, where General Rafael Quesada makes his headquarters, and at the Hotel America, where the newly elected Presidential Delegate, T. Estrada Palma, lives. A prominent Cuban said yesterday: "The time is now ripe. At last, after months of waiting, the hour has come for the Cuban patriots to take the aggressive, and from this time out the fighting will be pushed until either the Spaniards are hurled into the sea, or the Cuban cause is lost. The next few months will tell the story, and if the Cuban armies are not in control of the entire island by the time the summer season is over, then, indeed, it will be time to say, 'Poor Cuba.'"

The most signal victory that the Cuban leaders have accomplished from New-York, is the establishment of a trustworthy cable service. They are now able to communicate directly with sympathizers in Cuba, and to receive and transmit accurate reports. During the last few days the leaders here, through this service, have received some cheering news, and the plans mapped out for freeing Cuba are about to be put into effect. A Cuban said yesterday: "You may know that at last an open wire has been secured, or the Spaniards would never have allowed the report of the disastrous battle, in which General Santocildes was killed, to be reported."

General Rafael Quesada, in speaking of the outlook yesterday, said: "Next to General Martinez Campos, the loss of General Santocildes is the most serious that could be inflicted upon the Spanish troops. General Santocildes ranked next to General Campos, and of all the generals that Campos depended upon, the dead officer was the most trustworthy. He was able and aggressive and fearless. He was a trained fighter, and knew what war meant. He was a tower of strength to the Spaniards, and now I do not think that General Campos can leave his troops in the care of any able general. I do not doubt that his sudden taking off will have a disheartening effect upon the army, and be a salutary warning to Campos that even he is not invincible."

"Our news is of the best. The island is ablaze from end to end, and the patriot army is being swelled by daily accessions. After we gain a few more victories we hope for recognition as a belligerent power. In two years I expect to see Cuba independent, and inside of a year I expect to see a Cuban army in control of Havana. Spain is bankrupt, and cannot stand a long war."

MEETING AND SPEECHES LAST NIGHT.

Over four hundred Cuban residents of New-York and nearby cities, assembled in Hardman Hall, Nineteenth-st. and Fifth-ave., last night, to welcome Señor Tomas Estrada Palma, who was recently unanimously elected diplomatic delegate from the Cuban revolutionary party in this country. As he appeared on the platform the audience rose and cheered vociferously.

The platform was decorated with the flags of Costa Rica and the Cuban insurgents. Two large flags in front of the centre of the platform were draped in mourning for the late José Martí.

Dr. Fernandez de Ybarra called the meeting to order. Juan Fraga, president of the Revolutionary Party in America, was permanent president. President Fraga introduced Señor Palma, who made a brief speech, in which he expressed his gratitude for the confidence placed in him by the Cubans in this country.

General Rafael Quesada followed with an address. Other speeches were made by Dr. Fernandez de Ybarra, Ramon de Armas, Eduardo Yero, Carlos Manuel de Cespedes, E. Trujillo and Benjamin J. Guerrero, treasurer of the revolutionary party in America.

Secretary Quesada made an appeal for funds to help the cause in Cuba, and the audience responded by contributing \$2,300.

Mrs. Caridad Agüero de Richards, widow of a prominent Cuban physician, delivered the closing speech of the evening and had a most cordial reception. Mrs. Richards bought the first gun used in the Cuban warfare, and carried the cartridges to Camaguey.

ANTONIO MACEO IS NOT WOUNDED.

Santiago de Cuba, July 18.—The reports circulated that the insurgent leader Antonio Maceo had been wounded and captured by the Spanish troops is untrue.