CRAIG TOLLIVER, THE NOTED KENTUCKY DESPERADO, SLAIN.

Three Tribes of the Outlaw Band Shot Dead in a Battle at Merodea—A Hold-Up Robbed of Three Thousand Dollars and Its Escalade.

June 26.—Craig Tolliver, Jay Tolliver, and the tragic story of the Kentuckian outlaws, was unfortunately the victim of an outburst of bloodshed at Merodea, the county seat of Knott county in eastern Kentucky.

The three desperadoes had been on a spree of robbery and murder, and were known to be in the vicinity of Merodea when, on the afternoon of the 25th, a young woman, Elizabeth Johnson, was found dead in the woods on the outskirts of the town. She had evidently been murdered, and the police were immediately informed.

The police, who had been searching for the outlaws, arrived at the scene of the crime and found the body of the young woman. They searched the area and discovered the body of another woman, Mary Brown, who had been murdered in a similar manner.

The police then began to search for the outlaws, who were known to be hiding in the woods near the town. They finally located the outlaws and engaged in a shootout, during which the three outlaws were killed.

The police then had the bodies of the women transported to the town, where they were examined by a coroner. The coroner ruled that the women had been killed by bullets from a rifle, and that the outlaws had shot them.

The police then arrested a number of men who were known to be associated with the outlaws, and charged them with murder. The men were tried and convicted, and were sentenced to life in prison.

The bodies of the women were buried in the town's cemetery, and a monument was erected in their memory. The town of Merodea was left in a state of shock and grief, and the news of the murder of the two women spread throughout the state.