

## SOUTHERN TRAGEDY

### Desperate Robber Boards Mail Coach and Kills a Mail Clerk.

In Escaping With Valuable Packages He Has Leg Crushed.

Run Down by Bloodhounds—Is Now Guarded by Mississippi Troops to Prevent Lynching.

Birmingham, Ala., March 1.—According to reports received here by the officials of the Alabama Great Southern railroad, two postal clerks were shot on north-bound train No. 2, two miles north of Meridian, Miss., during an attempt to rob the train. The shooting was done by Jim Paris, a negro, who boarded the train in the Meridian yards as it was pulling out. Before it was under good headway, Paris entered the postal car and opened fire on J. T. Stockton and A. J. Bass, killing Stockton instantly and wounding Bass in the arm. The negro then seized a package of registered letters and jumped off. In leaving the train he fell and had one leg crushed under the wheels, but managed to drag himself three miles. Bloodhounds were obtained at Meridian, the train having backed to that place. They scented led to the capture of Paris at daylight. Several registered letters were found in his pocket. He was taken to jail at Meridian. The railroad officials say three or four negroes were involved in the plot to rob the train, though only one of them appears to have entered the postal car. Stockton, the dead clerk, lived at Meridian and Bass's home was near Birmingham.

The killing of Express Messenger Stockton has caused much excitement. After Paris was placed in jail a mob of considerable proportions gathered about the stronghold. Fearing a lynching the sheriff notified Governor Vardaman, and the chief executive ordered out the local militia company.

Three full companies of state troops surround the county jail in which is lodged J. P. Paris, a negro, who is charged with the killing of John R. Stockton, a mail clerk, the serious wounding of J. A. Bass, another mail clerk, and the robbery of the mail car on the Alabama Great Southern train which left Memphis for Birmingham.

### A. O. U. W. Officer Severely Injured While Serving Summons.

Boston, March 1.—While attempting to serve notice of a libel suit of William Miller, of St. Louis, supreme master workman of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, Deputy Sheriff Silsby was severely injured. As a result of the schism in the order, John Symonds, of Lynn, grand master workman of the state lodge, entered libel proceedings against Miller, damages being set at \$10,000 and Deputy Sheriff Silsby had been trying to locate the St. Louis man for several days. Last night the officer was notified that Miller was on his way to the headquarters of the national organization and the sheriff waited outside the door for him to appear.

Miller escaped by darting into the headquarters and slamming the door on Sheriff Silsby's hand when the officer attempted to seize him. Three of the sheriff's fingers were fractured. The doors were then locked, bolted, chained and padlocked.

### Land for Settlers.

Washington, March 1.—Some excellent lands, including twelve townships of the Red Lake Indian reservation in northwestern Minnesota and a part of the Rosebud reservation—about 416,000 acres—in Gregory county, S. D., will be opened for settlement in a few months. President Roosevelt has conceived the idea that it would be to the interest of the government to adopt the plan of disposing of the land by auction, and for some time he has been talking on the subject with senators and representatives in congress who are interested in it. No decision as to the method of sale has been determined upon, but it is not improbable that in his proclamation announcing the opening of the lands to settlement the president may prescribe how they shall be sold.

### Michigan Snow-Bound.

Bay City, Mich., March 1.—The Michigan Central railroad has abandoned all trains between Bay City and Mackinac. The worst snow storm of twenty-five years is raging. At Standish, Grayling and Sterling the drifts are ten feet deep. At Standish a double-header passenger train is in the snow and the passengers have been taken off. Snow plows have been unable to relieve several other trains. The Detroit and Mackinac railroad is also blocked, all Alpena trains being cancelled.

### Snow With Thunder and Lightning.

New York, March 1.—In many parts of New York state a veritable blizzard is raging. At Rochester a driving snow storm was accompanied by thunder and sharp flashes of lightning. The storm at that place was reported to be one of the worst of the season.

## TILT IN HOUSE

Congressmen Indulge in Breezy Passages.

Washington, March 1.—During consideration of the District of Columbia appropriation bill in the house yesterday, Mr. Scott of Kansas made the declaration that a negro had dined at the White House with President Cleveland during the latter's first administration. The statement was prompted by a reference by Mr. Gilbert (Ky.) to the dining of Booker Washington at the White House. When the name was demanded Mr. Scott said it was C. H. J. Taylor, who was appointed by President Cleveland as recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Gilbert observed that he and others never had heard of the incident, but the Democrats were not "particularly claiming" Mr. Cleveland, and Mr. Cochran (Mo.) said it was but cumulative evidence that "there is no better Republican in the country than Grover Cleveland."

Mr. Scott in contrasting Booker Washington with Taylor, said the former was a man of recognized ability, while he declared there was nothing to commend the latter. A discussion of the question of reciprocity by Mr. Dalzell (Pa.) and Mr. Williams, the minority leader, consumed the greater portion of the day. Another feature of the day was the declaration by Mr. Lovering (Mass.) that while the Republican party was talking about "standing pat," thousands of dollars were being lost to manufacturers and that "our boasted prosperity is fast coming to an end" because of the failure of the party to enlarge the draw-back system and give the new markets which he declared were now demanded. Mr. Lovering was loudly applauded on the minority side when he took issue with his party.

## CORBETT STILL CHAMPION

Fight Stopped in the Eleventh Round by Referee.

San Francisco, March 1.—Champion Featherweight Young Corbett had no difficulty in retaining his laurels last night, defeating Dave Sullivan, of New York, in the 11th round of a scheduled 20-round contest. Corbett left the ring without a mark, while on the other hand Sullivan received a terrific beating only the merciful action of Referee Graney in stopping the contest in the 11th round saving the New Yorker from having his face beaten into a pulp. Sullivan put up a game fight and, while out-boxed, out-fought and out-generated, he gave the champion cause for worry in one round. Taking another feature out of the fight, which was Sullivan's excessive gameness, the contest was never in doubt.

## Governor Vardaman and Lynchings.

Jackson, Miss., March 1.—Governor Vardaman has given an interview on the subject of lynching, which, in view of his utterances during the campaign has much importance. The governor, in concluding the interview, said: "I can sympathize thoroughly with one whose friend or relative has been outraged or atrociously murdered by a black brute, and I am not going to censure people who act a little indiscreetly under the influence of passion thus aroused, but there is one thing certain, the law must be upheld and so long as I occupy the gubernatorial chair I shall do all within my power to see that the laws are enforced. The courts must perform their functions. When this is done the people will be satisfied."

## Making Navy More Efficient.

Washington, March 1.—Important to the efficiency of the American navy was the action of Secretary Moody in signing the order for the equipping of the eighteen battleships and armored cruisers now building with submerged torpedoes. The board on construction recently decided to omit torpedo tubes from all battleships. There was such a protest, however, from many officers in the navy that at the instance of the secretary the board reconsidered its decision. It is believed that the torpedo tubes with which the Jap battleships are equipped are responsible for the damage to the Russian battleships in the Port Arthur day attack as the Russian vessels were hit below the water line.

## BRIEF DISPATCHES

The Russian squadron in the Red sea continues to stop and examine British steamers. Enlilio Duarte, one of the wealthiest multimillionaires of Tucuman, is dead, leaving a fortune of \$5,000,000.

An Alabama Great Southern train was held up by train robbers near Birmingham and two railway mail clerks killed. In a quarrel near Strasburg, Mo., William Stonaker, aged 25, a prominent character, was shot and killed by George Tywater.

Nothing is known concerning the rumor that Foreign Minister Lamsdorff is to be replaced by the present Russian minister to Denmark. The improvement of Panama, and making it a healthy tropical city necessitates the installation of a good water supply and modern sewage system.

Mahala Altman and Caroline Early, mother and daughter, were found dead, sitting in their chairs by a stove at Huntington, Ind., asphyxiated by escaping gas. The revolt in West Africa is spreading. In an engagement near Oldjinhaka the Germans lost one officer killed and four wounded. The number of natives killed is not known.

Captain R. A. Hurt is dead at Yates Center, Kan., aged 84. Captain Hurt was one of the early Kansas settlers, immigrating from Illinois. He was personally acquainted with Abraham Lincoln.

To facilitate the handling of large sums of money during the exposition period, seventeen of the largest banks and trust companies of St. Louis have organized the Bankers' World's Fair National bank. In an address before the Chicago Anthropological society, M. W. Pinkerton, head of the Pinkerton Detective agency, declared that political corruption is responsible for a large proportion of crime and criminals.

## IS IT PEACE OR WAR?

### Coal Miners and Mine Owners Again in Conference.

Outlook for Agreement on Wage Scale Is Not Very Hopeful Just at Present.

Each Side Unwilling to Armit That Trouble Will Come—Both Are Firm.

Indianapolis, March 1.—The 350 accredited Indiana, Ohio, western Pennsylvania and Illinois operators and the 725 miners' delegates from all the twenty-five districts of the United Mine Workers' organization, who met in Tomlinson hall yesterday morning, to take up again the question of the 1904 mining scale and contract, adjourned until this morning, after a half-hour's session, in which nothing was done. The miners were immediately called into extra national convention by President John Mitchell.

Though the question of scale was not taken up yesterday morning, it is found that miners and operators have returned to Indianapolis determined to stand for their previous demands—the operators for the scale and working contract of 1900, which would carry a 12 to 15 per cent reduction in wages, and the miners for the readoption of the present scale. The miners' delegates, in fact, seem to stand more determinedly against any reduction than in the last joint conference. The outlook for the prevention of a general strike involving four states and also in Michigan, Iowa, Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, Central Pennsylvania and Iowa, in which working contracts also expire on April 1, is not very bright, though both sides profess to have strong hopes that what might honestly be termed "the unexpected" will happen, and a contract for the four states and basic scale for other districts will be adopted this week.

Delegates from the anthracite district No. 1 are instructed to vote against any further concessions. Some who are thoroughly in touch with the sentiment, doubt that even the miners' national officers could influence the 725 delegates to vote to accept a reduction.

## A BRUTAL FATHER

Pours Whisky Down Throat of Four-Year-Old Child.

Michigan City, Ind., March 1.—Upon going to his home, Anson Champton, a laborer, nearly killed his two-year-old son by administering whisky to the little one. Taking the child on his knee, after he had created a disturbance with his family, Champton poured nearly all the contents of a half-pint bottle of whisky down the child's throat. The police were called and Champton was removed to jail. The child lay in a stupor all night, but physicians think it will recover. Champton was given a lengthy jail sentence.

## Glassworks Resume.

North Vernon, Ind., March 1.—The fires were relighted at the North Vernon glass works a week ago and the work of blowing chimneys began yesterday. The output for the remainder of the season is all contracted, though at low price. One hundred and twenty-five persons are employed. The industry is a good one for the town. The pay roll is \$2,000 a week. In connection with the works is a box factory employing eight or ten persons.

## Storm at Wabash.

Wabash, Ind., March 1.—A severe hail and rain storm visited this city. The electrical display was vivid. Lightning struck the home of Samuel Harsh, knocking off the chimney and partly wrecking the building. W. W. Ford's barn was also damaged, and a steer was killed. The hail, about the size of moth balls, whitened the ground and ruined the Wabash Greenhouse company's building, destroying the flowers. The loss is \$1,500. The rivers are rising and the Ft. Wayne & Southwestern Interurban railway is flooded by the Wabash, no cars entering the city.

## Death of H. F. Huntley.

Laporte, Ind., March 1.—H. F. Huntley, a Laporte miller and a brother of Mrs. Charles Emory Smith, of Philadelphia, is dead. Mr. Huntley was born at Dayton, O., sixty-five years ago, but he had lived in Laporte for fifty years. He served in an Indiana regiment during the civil war. He was severely wounded at Day's Gap Ala.

## Overcome at Church Fire.

Kokomo, Ind., March 1.—Rev. L. J. Naftzger, who assisted the firemen to pull down the burning walls of the Main street Christian church, was taken suddenly ill in the street and is in a serious condition.

## Killed His Brother.

Marion, Ind., March 1.—John A. Jackson, eighteen, accidentally killed his brother, Charles, four, at their home, near Weaver, southwest of Marion. John was cleaning a shotgun, when it was discharged. John has smallpox, and the home is under quarantine.

## MOROS WIPED OUT

American Troops Even Up an Old Score.

Washington, March 1.—Gen. Wade, in a cablegram to the war department, dated Manila, Feb. 27, advises the department of a report of Gen. Wood concerning an engagement at Jolo, on the 14th inst., with the remnants of Hassan's Cotta Moros. The American expedition was in charge of Maj. Hugo L. Scott. During the fight, Gen. Wood states, firing twice was stopped to give the Moros a chance to surrender, but they declined. The entire body, he adds, with the exception of Hassan, is either dead or captured, and Hassan is located. Second Lieut. Eugene R. West, Eighteenth battery, field artillery, was seriously wounded in the thigh. Six other men were wounded. It is said at the war department that this destruction of Hassan's band is a case of retributive justice. Maj. Scott suffered at the hands of this fanatical Moro. The chief enticed the major off into the jungle, pretending to be friendly, and in ambush shot him. Since that time Maj. Scott has been on his trail and now has destroyed his band. Hassan, who was a priest, is one of the irreconcilables. When the navy was making some surveys a year ago, off the coast of Jolo, Hassan construed the setting up of survey marks as an act of hostility and attacked the troops. He came into Gen. Sumner's headquarters under summons but made his escape and ever since has been at war. His band is believed to have numbered about 600 and if entirely destroyed, as the cablegram reports, the battle must have been of some proportions.

## Philippine Tobacco Tariff.

Washington, March 1.—Secretary Taft yesterday transmitted to the house the petition of the tobacco workers' guild of the Philippine Islands, praying for a reduction in the tariff on tobacco. The guild is declared to represent 6,000 tobacco workers. The petition states that these workers received twice the wages under Spanish rule that they do now, the daily wage at that time being 50 cents. Prices of the necessities of life it is said have increased three-fold under American rule.

## Planning for Big Event.

Washington, March 1.—Preliminary action toward the preparation of the coliseum building in Chicago for the meeting of the National Republican convention in June, was taken yesterday when acting Chairman Payne, Senator Scott, Secretary Dover and Sergeant-at-Arms Stone, of the National Republican committee on arrangements, approved the architect's plan for seating the delegates in the vast hall.

## Twelve Lost in Fire.

Roberval, Quebec, March 1.—Twelve lives were lost in a fire which destroyed the home of Thomas Guay, at St. Felicien. In the home at the time were the eight small children of Thomas Guay, Mrs. Phillip Gagnon and her three small children. Both Gagnon and Guay, the fathers, were absent working in the woods.

## Hull Wins at Des Moines.

Des Moines, Ia., March 1.—The early reports of the primaries in Polk county indicate an overwhelming victory for Capt. J. A. T. Hull over his opponent, Judge S. F. Prouty. Capt. Hull carried nearly every precinct in the county.

## Fatal Folly.

Portland, Ind., March 1.—The dead body of Emanuel Shaneyfelt, sixteen years old, was found lying by the roadside, near New Pittsburg. A revolver was near by. His right hand was powder-burned, but his lips and face were untouched, although blood was streaming from his mouth. The bullet seemingly passed to the back of the mouth without touching the teeth. The revolver belonged to the youth, and it is believed that he shot himself accidentally while looking into the barrel and ejecting empty shells.

## Brave Lad Injured.

English, Ind., March 1.—Lawrence McLeister, eighteen, was seriously burned, early Sunday morning, while trying to save his mother's horses from a burning stable. He may not recover. He said he was particularly anxious to save the horses, because they were his father's last gift to his mother.

## The Hugger Captured.

Brazil, Ind., March 1.—An Italian giving his name as Tony Conway, who cannot speak a word of English, is in jail here, charged with being the "Jack-the-Hugger" who has caused so much trouble to women who have been compelled to go out without escorts.

## Dodging a Lion Hunter.

The fondness that some people have for contact with notables is not always shared by the notables themselves. It is told by the late Baron Huddleston that he once tried to obtain a seat next to a duke at the table d'hôte in a hotel where both were guests. That this proximity to the great man might be brought about the baron gave the waiter a sovereign. The servant proved a traitor, and, an explanation being demanded, he confessed that the duke had given him two sovereigns not to give the baron the coveted seat.

## Nothing In It.

"I understand, professor, that Miss Squawker is coming to you to cultivate her voice. Is there anything in it?" "Not for her."—Houston Post.

## JAPS MAKE GOOD

### Administer Another Defeat to Czar's Fleet Off Port Arthur.

Torpedo Boat Sunk, Cruiser in Sinking Condition and Another Is Badly Damaged.

Engagement Lasted Two Hours and Japanese Vessels Withdrew in Good Order.

London, March 1.—A dispatch to the Daily Telegraph from Yin Kow dated Feb. 29, says: "Fifteen Japanese warships furiously bombarded Port Arthur from 10 until 12 o'clock this morning. The Russian cruisers Novik, Askold and Bayan, accompanied by four torpedo boats, steamed out to meet the attack. They were, however, forced to retire. The Askold was in a sinking condition. The Novik was badly damaged and a torpedo boat was sunk. The Russian battleship Retvizan was again damaged."

As usual the Japanese did not remain long enough off the harbor to enable the gunners at the forts to get their range. Again, also the same three cruisers, the Bayan, the Askold and the Novik, came out to meet the attack, and this suggests that either they were the only effective ships there or that the larger battleships were unable to get out.

## VLADIVOSTOCK BLOCKADED

Report to That Effect Has Reached St. Petersburg.

St. Petersburg, March 1.—Direct confirmation of the report from Hakodate that Vladivostock is blockaded by the Japanese vessels cannot be obtained here, but it is considered not improbable. During the Japanese landing operations in Korea the Russian warships to the north were a constant menace and blockading them would be the most effective means of securing non-interference. Furthermore, it is worthy of note that for more than a week no word has been allowed to come from Vladivostock and this in itself seems strong presumptive evidence that important events are transpiring.

The report from Liau Yang, Manchuria, that the Japanese fleet has received orders to attack and capture Port Arthur on March 1st at all costs, coupled with the comparison of Port Arthur and Sevastopol made by the Novoe Vremya, has created a profound impression, and has added to the belief that the Japanese possibly intend to commence land and sea operations against Port Arthur sooner than was anticipated.

## Korea Donates.

Tokio, March 1.—The Korean coast has donated \$100,000 to the Red Cross hospitals.

The ministers of the United States and Great Britain, at Seoul, are favorably inclined to the Japanese Korean protocol.

The Tokio government has instructed the local authorities to extend special protection and facilities to the Russian consul, at Fusan, Korea, who reached Moji, Japan last night and proceeded thence for Nagasaki, whence he will sail for home.

## Two Million Coffin Nails.

Moscow, March 1.—The nobles' club here has voted \$50,000 for the navy fund and \$25,000 for the Red Cross society. A tobaccoist named Bostanlogio, has given 2,000,000 cigarettes, and a sugar refiner, H. Tereschhenko, has donated a carload of sugar for the Red Cross society. The Grand Duchess Serge is sending a field church to the front for use of the army.

## Seeking Aid of Saint.

Nijni, Novgorod, Russia, March 1.—Reports from Saroff, province of Tamboff, say that pilgrims from various parts of Russia are arriving there to solicit the intervention of St. Seraphim in behalf of their relatives. St. Seraphim was canonized by the czar last summer on account of his fame as a miracle worker.

## To Boom American Shipping.

Washington, March 1.—Senator Patterson introduced a bill yesterday providing that a rebate of 5 per cent shall be made on all articles imported into the United States from foreign countries in vessels of the United States where the specific and ad valorem duties amount to less than 25 per cent of the value of the articles, and a rebate of 10 per cent where such duties amount to more than 25 per cent of the value. To increase the number of American registered vessels, the bill provides that for three years foreign vessels may be admitted to American register on the payment of tonnage tax ranging from \$1 to \$7 per gross tonnage and measurement.

## Superior Frozen Over.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 1.—A special to the Sentinel from Bessemer, Mich., says: Lake Superior is frozen over at this point, something that has not occurred before in the memory of the oldest inhabitants. A party of Canadian Indians are camped at the mouth of Black river, having journeyed over the ice from the north shore with their dogs and sleds.

## THE DAUGHTER OF PROF. RENO OF ELWOOD, IND.,

RESTORED TO HEALTH BY VINOL.

Mrs. Reno's Letter and Advice to Mothers Published by Request of Smith, Yager & Falk.

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A reporter of the Democrat asked a member of the firm of Smith, Yager & Falk of this town, who are selling so much Vinol, regarding it. He assured the writer that this is only one of a great many such cases that are constantly coming to their attention where Vinol has actually saved the



MARION RENO.

lives of children when all else had failed.

"You know of course," said he, "Vinol is not a patent medicine, and it contains all the medicinal, curative elements of cod liver oil, without the nauseating oil; it is delicious to take, and will make rich, pure, red blood, sound flesh and muscle tissue, and create strength and health more surely and quickly than anything we have ever sold in our store."

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## Clover Leaf Excursions.

Danville, Ill. Central Illinois Teachers' Association, March 25-26, 1904. One fare for the round trip from stations in Illinois. Tickets on sale March 24-25, 1904.

Lebanon, Ind. State Convention Missionary Society of the churches of Christ in Indiana, May 18-20, 1904. One fare for the round trip from stations in Indiana. Tickets on sale May 17-18, 1904.

San Francisco, Cal. National Association of Retail Grocers of the United States, May 3-8, 1904. Tickets on sale April 22-30, 1904.

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