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COULDN'T TAKE A JOKE

INVALID KENTUCKIAN DRIVEN TO SUICIDE.

Amateur Smugglers in a Peck of Trouble—Belliegard Kansas Attorney Wants to Fight a Duel with the Judge—Murderous Virginia Robbers.

Congressional.

The way in which business was rushed through the House on the 7th led to considerable talk as the capital about the propriety of a timely adjournment. Senator Allison, Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations and therefore an authority on the state of the appropriation bills, expressed the opinion that the Senate would be ready to adjourn by July 15. The Senate surprised the public by adjourning in the middle of the session and suspending its proceedings on the 10th. The Senate adjourned on the 11th. The Committee on Appropriations will have its hearings, and many changes were made. The House had a very brief session. An urgent deficiency bill appropriating \$7,674,000 for pensions and \$14,000 for contingent expenses of the House was passed.

Abolishing certain bureau stations on Middle and Thunder Bay Islands and Lake Huron, and ceding lands to the city of New Bedford, Mass., for a public park. The bill forfeiting land grants opposite unconstructed roads at the time limited by the granting acts occupied the remainder of the day.

M'ILLIAN GETS TWELVE YEARS.

Long Sentence for a Desperate Man Once Made Prominent by Suspect.

Charles McMillan, the man whom Houston, Texas, officers believe to be the one wanted for an assault, in February, last, on a lady of much prominence at Sedalia, Mo., was convicted of burglary of the store of J. H. Nudin that took place some time ago. The lady and her husband came from Sedalia, but the lady would not positively identify the man as her assailant. Since McMillan has been in jail he has tried to hang himself with his bedclothes and at another time set fire to his bed and attempted to burn himself.

VICTORY FOR UNION PRINTERS.

Their Long Fight with the New York Tribune at an End.

There is much rejoicing among union printers over the report that the New York Tribune has at last given up the long fight with "big six" and that hereafter no union compositors will be allowed to set type for that paper. This settlement of the contest, which was at one time a very bitter one, has been made upon an amicable basis, and, following so quickly on the return of Whitelaw Reid from his several years' sojourn abroad, the 6,000 members of "big six" are inclined to give the Minister to France the credit of bringing it about.

Terrorized by Earthquake.

Some dispatch: An earthquake was felt in the province of Foggia, in Northern Apulia. Many people were attending the cathedral and churches in the city of Foggia, and the vibration led many of them to think that a miracle had happened and that the sacred images were to come down from their pedestals.

The people of Naples are excited over the disturbed condition of Vesuvius. The mountain is pouring forth enormous streams of lava. The present appearances are very similar to those which preceded the eruption of 1872, which destroyed sixty lives. Hundreds of people who live on the slopes of the mountain are moving away, and a great deal of damage has already been caused by the lava streams.

Murdered by Masked Robbers.

Berry Starnes, who lived in Rye Cove, Scott County, Va., was murdered and his house robbed of \$400 by three masked men. Mr. Starnes was awakened by some one shooting on the outside, and was told to open the door. He opened the door, and was captured by robbers and commanded to throw up his hands. Shoving the door, the old man started toward the woods. He was shot nine times in the head. The murderers ransacked the house, getting \$450 of the old man's money. There is no clue.

Challenges the Judge to a Duel.

At Wichita, Kan., no little excitement was created by the discovery that C. Reed, Judge of the District Court, had challenged to fight a duel by L. N. Reed, a prominent attorney. Judge Reed is invited to select the field of honor at any point within one hundred miles of Wichita, and to name weapons, except knives. The quarrel originated a couple of months ago, during proceedings in court, when the attorney and Judge are alleged to have interchanged some uncomplimentary remarks.

Opium Smugglers Come to Grief.

A large haul of smuggled opium and a clever capture of the smugglers was made at New York, N. Y. Two men who gave fictitious names but were afterward ascertained to be George Loring, a well-known lawyer, and Tom Dean, son of Judge Douglass, both of Toronto, were arrested with four valises containing 120 half-pound boxes of opium. This is probably their first attempt at smuggling. The large duty on opium, \$12 a pound, tempted them.

Driven to Suicide by Jokes.

The jokes and jibes of his friends caused Henry Shafer, of Louisville, to place a pistol in his mouth and blow out his brains. He was a consummate and, for some time had been gradually wasting away. He was very sensitive about his condition. It is thought that he had become depressed at the jokes of his friends, and, in a moment of despondency, ended his life.

For Killing His Wife.

Dr. Robert W. Buchanan, of New York, was arrested upon a bench warrant on the charge of killing his wife, Annie B. Buchanan, by the administration of poison.

Fatally Gored by a Bull.

Martin Scott, a farmer living in Palmyra, town, near Vincennes, Ind., was fatally gored by a bull.

Killed by Blasting Powder.

While John Williams, Fred Goddard and Charles Williams were engaged in blasting in Henry Hill's quarry in the eastern edge of Greencastle, Ind., an explosion of one and a half-pound can of powder took place, seriously wounding John Williams and Goddard and killing Charles Williams.

Aided in Her Husband's Murder.

At Alderson, W. Va., while Walker Murphy and Mat Bawley were quarreling over Murphy's attentions to Mrs. Bawley, the woman in dispute held her husband while Murphy shot and killed him. Murphy escaped.

Big Train Robbery.

A Santa Fe passenger train was held up just outside of Red Rock, I. T., about 1 o'clock Wednesday night. The robbers flagged the train at the stock yards, and after capturing the engineer and fireman took the express car by storm and blew open the safe. One report has it that \$50,000 was secured.

Friendly to the Fair.

Governor Burke, in his message to the special session of the North Dakota Legislature, says: "The sentiment of the people warrants me in calling your attention to the matter of an additional appropriation for the World's Fair fund. I leave these matters in your hands."

FEARFUL CALAMITY.

Pennsylvania Oil Regions Swept by Fire and Flood—Hundreds Perish.

The oil regions of Pennsylvania were visited Sunday by a disaster of fire and water that is only eclipsed in the history of this country by the memorable flood at Johnstown, just three years ago. It is impossible to give anything like an accurate idea of the loss of life and property, as chaos reigns throughout the devastated region.

It is safe to say that not less than one hundred and fifty lives have been lost and many believe the number nearer two hundred and fifty. Nearly one hundred bodies have already been recovered and many people are still missing.

The number may far exceed one hundred and fifty, but this is regarded as a conservative estimate.

The property loss will reach into the millions. At Titusville the loss is estimated at \$1,500,000; Oil City, \$1,500,000; Meadville, \$1,500,000, and surrounding country probably a million more.

The disaster was caused by a cloudburst, which swept down upon scores of monster oil tanks, the contents of which mingled with the flood, blazed fiercely, with greater disaster to life and property.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL ABANDONED.

Too Many Chinese Pupils Marred Their Teachers.

The Sunday-school for Chinese which has been run for over fourteen years in connection with the Trinity Baptist Church, at Fifty-third and Locust and Washington avenues, New York, has been temporarily abandoned. The class not long numbered one hundred scholars and an equal number of teachers. Two months ago, one of the scholars, Lee Wing, married his teacher, Miss Lizzie Field. This marriage was followed by several others, and a tremendous hub and cry was raised against the teaching of Chinese by young women. The Sunday school at the Trinity Baptist Church gained such publicity that both scholars and teachers shunned their weekly meeting place, and Sunday before last only three of the original hundred put in an appearance. Last Sunday neither scholars nor teachers turned up at the appointed hour, and the superintendent, Mrs. A. Carter, decided to abandon the school at least until next fall.

FOILED THE LYNNERS.

A Texarkana Mob Hunting for a Negro Who Assailed a White Woman.

At Texarkana, Ark., Wednesday morning before daylight Jerome Fisher, a negro, entered the house of Mrs. Dooley, a white woman, and assaulted her. The negro fled and was pursued by citizens. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon Fisher appeared at the residence of Sheriff Cannon and surrendered. He begged the Sheriff for protection and a fair trial. He was taken to the scene of the outrage and identified by Mrs. Dooley, after which he was locked up in jail. At night a mob of several hundred surrounded the jail and with sledgehammers battered down the doors and entered. The Sheriff, however, anticipated their action and had split the negro away and concealed him. The mob then began a search for Fisher, but have not yet discovered his hiding place. It is certain that the negro will be lynched as soon as the mob can locate him.

BLAINE LEAVES THE CABINET.

Full Text of the Correspondence Attending His Resignation.

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