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After Attempting Assault On Cripple Daughter Man Tries to Kill Her

White Man at Winston-Salem Under Heavy Bond for Attempting to Outrage His Daughter, Attempted Murder.

Tells Officers he Had Taken Two Bottles of Carbolic Acid. Wanted Girl to Swear he Didn't Attempt Assault.

Winston-Salem, N. C., July 23.—Thomas Giddings, the aged white man who was arrested last week, charged with attempting to criminally assault his crippled daughter, and who was released Saturday on a \$500 bond, this morning attempted to kill his daughter because she refused to promise him that she would deny the whole affair when placed on the witness stand.

He offered the girl \$100 to testify that she was not assaulted, and upon refusing the offer the old man drew a pistol and attempted to shoot her, but the gun failed to fire and the girl escaped from the house and gave the alarm.

When the officers arrived on the scene and arrested Giddings he said that he tried to kill his daughter and had just taken two bottles of carbolic acid with the intention of taking his own life.

The officers hurried him to the police station and a doctor was summoned. It was evident that Giddings had taken some drug, but the physician does not believe that it was carbolic acid. He is in quite a serious condition.

Giddings is 69 years old and conducts a small store in this city.

SHOT WIFE AND TWO OTHERS.

Found Her With Man in Sister-in-Law's Home and Fired.

Harrodsburg, Ky., July 23.—B. Phillips, a city workhouse keeper, shot his wife four times in the breast and abdomen, sent a bullet through Mrs. Kyle Watkins, his sister-in-law, and fired his last bullet at Thomas Sillee, 18 years old, the ball entering the soldier.

Phillips is 46 years old, and for some time has suspected his 18-year-old wife of being intimate with Sillee. For this reason he left home a week ago. Hearing that his wife and Sillee were at the Watkins home, he went there today and began shooting. It is thought he shot Mrs. Watkins for allowing them to meet at her home. Both Mrs. Phillips and Mrs. Watkins may die.

TWINS LOST LIVES IN SEWER.

Philadelphia Boys Walked in a Trench and Were Carried on.

Philadelphia, Pa., July 23.—While wading in a ditch at the side of the Pennsylvania railroad tracks in West Philadelphia, Gerald and Herbert Sherman, twins, 10 years old, were swept into a sewer by a rush of water following a heavy rain and were drowned.

A short distance from where they entered the water there is a two-foot pipe, which goes under the railroad tracks and connects with a sewer which empties into the Schuylkill river three blocks away. The boys were swept into the sewer pipe despite efforts to save them, and they were carried to the river.

Their bodies were found in the river last night by the harbor police.

RED HOT RAIL THROUGH HBODY.

One of the Best Known Iron Rollers is Killed.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 23.—Oliver P. Benson, 51 years old, one of the best known iron rollers in the country, met a horrible death at the Carnegie Steel Company, Braddock.

Benson was standing in front of the rolls when a huge steel rail, red hot, came out of the rollers and passed through his body. Death was instantaneous.

Jack Welch Referee.

San Francisco, Cal., July 23.—Jack Welch was selected as referee for a contest between Britt and Nelson.

Glidden Tourists to Philadelphia.

Baltimore, Md., July 23.—The Glidden automobilists resumed their journey on schedule time. The next stop is Philadelphia.

Negroes Asleep on Trestle Were Killed by Train

Winston-Salem, N. C., July 23.—Two negroes asleep on a trestle near Barbers Junction, were killed at 4 o'clock this morning by a freight train from Charlotte to Winston.

Engineer Hopkins did not see the men until his engine was nearly upon them.

One of the negroes was killed outright, while the other lived only a few minutes.

They were from Martinsville, Va.

Shot Girl And Made Escape

As Girl Drew Near He Opened Fire And fled, Later He Shot Man From Whom he Sought Loan.

New York, July 23.—Miss Esther Norling was shot and almost instantly killed, it is alleged, by Charles Warner, her former employer, as she was entering an up-town store on West Forty-second street, where she was employed as bookkeeper.

Warner, it is charged by the police, fired several shots at A. R. Spicer, manager of the store, while effecting his escape.

Warner fled to the sporting goods store of A. G. Spalding and Company, and although 20 policemen surrounded the building and searched it thoroughly, no trace of Warner could be found.

The police believe Warner was unbalanced by business reverses and other troubles.

Miss Norling was about 23 years of age.

Several hours after the shooting of Miss Norling, Warner appeared at the store of John C. Wilson, on Broadway, and asked Wilson, whom he knew for a loan of \$10.

When Wilson turned to get the money Warner shot him in the back and right arm, inflicting serious wounds.

Warner fled from the store, but upon reaching the sidewalk was knocked down by a trackman and turned over to the police.

They Seek Clemency For Lord Seymour Barrington

Jefferson City, Mo., July 23.—Many communications have been received by Governor Folk, urging executive clemency for "Lord" Seymour Barrington, under sentence to be hanged at Clayton, Mo., Thursday for murder.

Two were received last night from Judges Valliant and Graves, of the Missouri Supreme Court, asking for a commutation of sentence.

The first was the following telegram from Judge L. R. Valliant:

"In my opinion the State of Missouri cannot face the world with that record and say she gave Barrington a fair trial."

Overcome by Heat She Fell on Hot Stove

Greenville, S. C., July 23.—Mrs. Martha Burgess, who lives at 514 Whitmore street, was Sunday overcome by the heat and fell across the stove in her kitchen receiving burns in her breast and throat which will probably prove fatal.

A year ago Mrs. Burgess suffered a similar experience and had a hand burned off.

Physicians who were called to her aid report that the patient is badly injured and may not recover. It is feared that the burns on the chest and breast have reached some of the organs and caused internal injuries.

CONTRACTOR BANKRUPT.

Had Just Been Awarded Contract for New Naval Y. M. C. A.

Norfolk, Va., July 23.—E. Tatterson, contractor and builder, who has just been awarded the contract for the new Y. M. C. A. building, a gift of Rockefeller, filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy, placing the liabilities at \$200,513 and the assets at \$248,371.

Several Hurt in Wreck.

Lockhaven, Pa., July 23.—More than a dozen persons were injured, none seriously, in a rear-end collision between a freight and express train near Ferney on the Pennsylvania early today.

The express crashed into the caboose of the freight the night was foggy.

Folk Grants Respite.

Jefferson City, Mo., July 23.—Governor Folk granted a respite of 30 days to "Lord" Barrington.

Woman Hanged Six Children

Copenhagen, July 23.—Grief stricken at the receipt of the notification that her services would not be required after the end of the month, Mrs. Neilsen, housekeeper for a landowner of Jutland, hanged three of her employer's children as well as three of her own, and then killed herself by hanging.

Burns Kill Girl; Fiance Died Too

New York, July 23.—Miss Nellie Madigan died yesterday in Jamaica hospital, where she was taken after being terribly burned, when an automobile in which she and her fiance, Dr. Edward T. Gallagher, were driving was struck by a fast train.

Dr. Gallagher met a sudden and horrible death. His auto was thrown some distance and the gasoline tank exploded, covering the two passengers with blazing oil.

Russian Operatives Strike.

Moscow, July 23.—The strike of the men employed in the cotton mills of the Sava Morosoff Company has assumed dangerous proportions. The social democrats have succeeded in bringing about sympathetic strikes in several big mills in Moscow. About 40,000 men are on strike.

Judge Pritchard May Stop Execution of Fine of \$30,000

Raleigh, N. C., July 23.—The small arms inspector, W. L. McGhee, of the North Carolina National Guard, says he has just completed the construction of the rifle range at Morehead. It is in fine condition and all ready for the first regiment practice in August.

Bardon was granted Chas. Done, serving sentence for killing his brother in Yancy county.

While Sheriff Sears, of Wake, has the execution against the Southern for a \$30,000 fine by Judge Long for a violation of the state passenger rate act, he says it will be several days before it is served.

In the meantime some sort of process is expected at any time from Judge Pritchard to stay the execution.

Argument In Lewis Trial

Monroe, N. C., July 23.—In the case against Zeke Lewis, of the alleged lynchings the defense placed 10 witnesses on the stand, who corroborated Lewis testimony.

Elgie Bonnam and wife both testified that Lewis was at their house on the night of the lynching, consequently could not have been with the lynchmen.

The state has made a strong effort to tear down the defense testimony.

The argument will begin this evening about five o'clock and be continued tomorrow.

The case will hardly go to the jury before late tomorrow afternoon.

The general opinion is that Lewis will be successful in proving an alibi.

TOBACCO TRUST FACES STRIKE.

Workers Decide to Leave Questions to Members of Union.

Louisville, Ky., July 23.—The executive committee of the International Tobacco Workers' Union has decided to leave to a vote of the union the question of whether or not there shall be a general strike in all the factories of the American Tobacco Company, commonly known as the Tobacco Trust.

There are between 55,000 and 60,000 members of the union in the United States and Canada.

The committee was in session here all last week considering the question of calling a strike and has also been passing on the cases of tobacco factories accused of being surreptitiously in league with the American Tobacco Company, but using the union label.

The committee decided to take the union label from 60 or 70 of these factories.

JAPS AFTER CHINA'S TRADE.

Outstripping Other Nations in the Contest in Manchuria.

Washington, D. C., July 23.—Hints of the intensity of the Japanese campaign for predominance in the markets of Manchuria are contained in the reports daily received from American consular officials in that part of the world.

Although it has been officially denied that the Japanese have received preferential freight rates on the South Manchurian Railway, William D. Straight, American Consul General at Mukden, refers in consular report just made public by the Bureau of Manufactures to "the exceptional transportation facilities" which the Japanese have been accorded.

The Bureau of Manufactures gives great prominence to these reports of Japanese activity in Manchuria, in the hope of arousing American commercial interests to a realization of the fact that they are driven out of these markets to which American diplomacy secured the open-door of equal opportunity.

The latest move of the Japanese is to extend semi-official government banking operations to Manchuria to lend money to the farmers. This is expected to give Japanese interests a financial hold upon the people. The Russo-Chinese bank was a source of great help to Russia.

Refused Money Requested And Was Murdered

Chicago, July 23.—Hovhans S. Tavshanjian, a wealthy Armenian, who was assassinated in New York last night, was well known in the Chicago rug market. It was an accepted fact that the killing was the result of his refusal to answer a demand for a large revolutionary fund subscription.

One year ago Tavshanjian, a merchant of New York, one of them being Tavshanjian, were warned by anonymous communications that their lives would be taken unless they each gave \$25,000 to the revolutionary party.

ONE KILLED, TWO INJURED.

Report Received of Accident at Fort Terry.

New London, Conn., May 23.—Reports have been received here of the accident at Fort Terry, Plum Island, N. Y., when Private Hammond of the One Hundredth Company, artillery, was killed and two members of company K, third infantry, C. N. G., injured.

Kick Because Proof Readers Are Fined

Washington, D. C., July 23.—The Department of Justice has received from the local typographical union the resolutions adopted by that body, condemning the action of Public Printer Stillings in fining the proof readers for errors.

The union asks the attorney general to advise it as to the legality of this action.

N. C. Has Creditable Exhibit at Jamestown

Raleigh, N. C., July 23.—Hon. J. Y. Joyner has returned from the Jamestown Exposition where he went as state superintendent of public instruction to see that the finishing touches are put on the North Carolina educational exhibit. He is well pleased with the installation of this exhibit, which he pronounces especially satisfactory in view of the small expense incurred in its installation.

He is delighted with North Carolina's representation in all the departments of the great show, declaring that this state was never so well represented at any of the great world's fairs.

The Jamestown exposition, he says, is well worth the while of every North Carolinian to visit.

In fact he considers the conception and execution of the great ideal, an exposition that the whole country may well be proud of.

Excitement Over Hau Case Has Subsided

Karlsruhe, July 23.—The excitement over the Hau case is subsiding.

The newspapers throughout the country have begun a lively discussion of the singular features of the case, which is regarded as one of the most remarkable murder cases of half century.

The rioting of last night subsided as soon as the crowd had been driven from the vicinity off the court house.

Those persons who were taken into custody during the disorder were discharged this morning.

Twenty-Five Hurt in Terrific Storm

Williston, N. D., July 23.—A terrific wind, hail, and rainstorm injured twenty-five persons, two of them probably fatally; destroying fifteen dwelling houses, and did much other damage to property in this city and the surrounding country.

Those believed to be fatally hurt are a man named Holmes, and Mrs. Collington. Mrs. Collington and her baby boy were blown out of their house and for about 100 yards, landing against a wire fence. Their home was entirely destroyed.

Most of the houses demolished were small ones in the suburbs of the city. The court house, school house, and Union block sustained considerable damage.

GOLD STRIKE IN PITTSBURG.

Police Called Out by Youthful Protestors in Street.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 23.—There were all kinds of excitement in the Lawrenceville district over a miniature gold strike. Matters became so serious that evening that police reserves had to be called out to suppress the excitement caused by several claims being jumped.

Boys were digging in Arsenal Park, which the city recently set apart as a playground, when Louis Grupp picked up a lump of shining metal. He took it to a nearby jewelry store and was told it was almost solid gold and worth \$40.

Ten minutes after this announcement was made Arsenal Park was alive with boys and some men with picks and shovels. Fully 300 youngsters, burning with the gold fever, were digging for gold. No other finds were made.

A government cartridge factory on the site was blown up in 1862, when 70 persons were killed. It is believed that the gold found today was in the factory.

Want 9 Hour Day.

Chicago, Ill., July 23.—A gigantic movement to establish a nine hour work day for the machinists employed by the railroads throughout the northwest, embracing a total of 30,000 men, has been launched.

Woman-Robber Arrested

Chicago, Ill., July 23.—A mild mannered, neatly groomed woman, said by the police to be a daring burglar, was arrested and plunder worth \$3,000 found in the apartments where she lived with her husband.

"I committed the robberies to get the money to keep my aged mother for the rest of her life" was the woman's sobbing explanation.

Negro to Be Hanged.

Pittsburg, Penn., July 23.—Dwelling Green, a negro who is to be hanged in the county jail yard today, was convicted of killing his wife. Jealousy was the supposed cause for the murder.

Progress Made Rowland Trial

Raleigh, N. C., July 23.—In the Habeas corpus hearing before Associated Justice Connor today the first witness was Roby Neld, of Norfolk, who had known Dr. Rowland and Mrs. Strange two years ago.

He saw them in the surf together at Ocean View.

Mike Tighea, engineer on the Seaboard, told of having watched Mrs. Strange slip into the office of Rowland, after night repeatedly. He said she had been pointed out to him as the woman, who gave him a good time.

On one occasion after the death of Strange he had shadowed Dr. Rowland to the Strange residence. When he discovered he had been followed he (Rowland) ran. He said for a long while it had been the talk among the brotherhood men that Mrs. Strange was not true to her husband.

Monument to Gov. Nelson Dewey

Lancaster, Wis., July 23.—A handsome monument to Nelson Dewey, one of Wisconsin's former chief executives, was unveiled here today with interesting exercises. A number of state officials, members of the legislature and other persons of prominence were present. The monument is of bronze and was designed by Cavaliere Trentanove, the noted Milwaukee sculptor.

Baseball at Mt. Airy.

Mt. Airy, N. C., July 23.—Proximity ball team, Greensboro, crossed bats with the "Quarry Boys" of this city at the park here on Saturday, the Proximity team carrying off the honor—9 to nothing is entirely too one sided, but such was the result.

Survivor of Shipwreck Tells of Experiences. The Rescued Arrive

Hau to Pay Death Penalty Hears Sentence Calmly

Karlsruhe, Germany, July 23.—Karl Hau, a young law professor of Washington, D. C., was condemned to death yesterday after a five days' trial for the murder of his wife's mother, Frau Molitor, a wealthy resident of Baden, in that city November 6th last.

The prisoner heard the verdict of the jury with perfect composure and chatted smilingly with his counsel after the judges withdrew to fix his sentence. Upon the return of the judges Hau arose and standing erect with folded arms, listened to the sentence without moving a muscle. A moment later he was hurried away to prison by half a dozen policemen. The sentence is unpopular with the street crowds, which have been demonstrating more and more openly for several days in Hau's favor and against the Molitor family.

After the adjournment of court for an hour's recess at 8 o'clock, the women of the Molitor party were compelled to remain in one of the offices of the court house because it was dangerous for them to appear in the streets. A carriage waited for them in the court yard and it was several hours before they were able to leave. Meanwhile enormous crowds had assembled in the streets adjacent to the courthouse. Cordons of police kept the crowds in check for an hour or more, but then lost control of them, the masses pushing and crushing forward to the doors with the evident intention of storming the entrance.

There were many shouts from the crowd of "Hau is not guilty," the voices penetrating to the court room. Finally two companies of infantry and a squadron of mounted police appeared on the scene and drove the rioters before them. The infantry with fixed bayonets cleared all the streets within three hundred yards of the court house. A large number of arrests were made. One old woman was trampled down by the horses, and it is reported that several other persons were wounded.

The demonstration in favor of Hau appears to be due largely to the same maudlin sentiment which has made a hero of many another accused of a daring crime. To the unthinking people Hau's daring trip to Baden Baden made him appear a hero. Another reason for the demonstrations that have taken place in the last few days appears in the State's attorney's manner of conducting the prosecution, and it is further explained that the Molitors are unpopular in Karlsruhe, having lived here until 1899.

The sentencing of Hau does not end the case, Dr. Deitz, his counsel, in his address practically having given notice of an appeal.

Large Corporation for Knoxville.

Knoxville, Tenn., July 23.—The Mechanics' Bank and Trust Company is the name of a new corporation formed here yesterday with Bird M. Robinson, of New York, president, and many eastern men, prominent in the financial world, as directors. The capital stock is half a million dollars, paid in, with a surplus of \$100,000. The new company takes over the stock of the old Mechanics National Bank, which has been in business here for years, and makes its former directors in that bank directors in the new company. In addition, as directors, are such men as Leslie M. Shaw, former secretary of the treasury; Frederick C. Stephens, of New York; W. J. Oliver, of Knoxville; R. W. Jones, Jr., a Jersey City banker; Henry B. Spencer, vice-president of the Southern Railway; Senator W. C. Sprout, of Chester, Pa.; Henry R. Brown, of Greenville, Tenn.; a banker; H. E. Jolyer, a Chattanooga banker, and others. The company will erect a handsome fire-proof building and will enter business just as soon as details of organization can be completed.

NIGHT RIDERS DID DAMAGE.

Hopkinsville, Ky., July 23.—Night riders numbering about 100 surrounded the residence of Stephen P. Moseley, a farmer, and riddled his house with gunshots.

Moseley was shot in the face and hand with duck shot.

Mrs. Moseley's right eye was pierced by fragments of a wire screen. The three children had a narrow escape.

The marauders warned Moseley to quit talking. Moseley had been a strong anti-association man last spring after his tobacco plant beds had been scraped and the telephone wires cut.

One Boat Arrives From Wrecked Steamer Columbia And Lands Survivors. Inquest Will be Held To-night.

Eureka, Cal., July 23.—Only one boat from the wrecked steamer Columbia landed at Shelter Cove and not three, according to the first reports received here. The persons in it were taken to Garberville, where today those who have no relatives here, will go overland to San Francisco. An inquest will be held tonight.

Survivor Tells Story.

Prof. Lucas, of Seattle, a survivor of the Columbia, said the shock was hardly noticeable. He said he completely dressed after hearing the cry "Everybody on deck."

He adjusted a life preserver and said he went over the ship's side into the sea and scrambled on a raft. He added:

"After the noise of the sinking vessel subsided I heard most heart-rending wailing, mingled with the piercing screams of those in their struggles and some of those were shrieking the names of friends from whom they had been separated."

San Francisco, July 23.—It is known that out of 188 passengers reported by the company, as sailing on the Columbia 97 were saved by the George W. Elder.

There were 60 in the crew and of these 33 were on the Elder.

Reports from Shelter Cove announce the arrival of one boat with 15 more passengers and crew, leaving the death toll at 98.

It is said that before the Columbia sank six of her boats had been launched together with three life rafts. So far only one boat has arrived at Shelter Cove. The others are yet to be heard from and it is expected they will be picked up by coasters.

That so many escaped is accredited to the fact that the explosion of the boilers counteracted the tremendous suction and saved a lot of people from being drawn down in the vortex and down with the wreckage.

The back wave from the sinking steamer threw many swimming for their lives back from the point of danger and gave them a chance to escape.

Not a few of the passengers were teachers and their friends.

Many of these have been rescued.

Sang Songs of Joy.

On Sunday evening there was an affecting scene on board the Elder when the rescued passengers gathered and a divine service was held.

It was a touching spectacle while the women and men, with bruised faces and limbs, in strange clothes supplied by the passengers and crew of the Elder sang "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Rock of Ages."

Corporation Commission Makes Statement

Raleigh, N. C., June 23.

The corporation commission made public this evening a statement of the reassessment of railroad and other quasi public corporations in the state. It shows railroad property advanced from \$70,077,361 to \$84,412,833. The assessments of Atlantic Coast Line is made \$30,000 per mile; Seaboard Air Line \$20,424; Southern Railway (all lines) \$25,572. North Carolina Railway division of the Southern \$47,373, giving this division a valuation of \$10,573,762 against last assessment.

Total assessments of principal lines are: A. C. L. \$28,434,900 against \$24,454,014; Seaboard Air Line \$12,500,000 against same amount last assessment; Southern Railway \$33,872,268 against \$26,464,933; miscellaneous roads \$9,605,665 against \$46,648,405.

Other quasi public corporations assessed at \$7,072,616 against \$6,173,428. These classes are: Telegraph \$902,863; telephone \$1,280,081; Southern Express Co. \$402,109; Pullman Co. \$219,435; electric light \$384,852; street railways \$2,346,730; water companies \$690,225; steamboats \$107,608; bridges and canals \$171,000; refrigerator lines \$107,733.

Take Case to Supreme Court.

Raleigh, N. C., July 23.—Asked if he had any statement to make relative to the ruling of Judge Pritchard in the Asheville cases in the railroad rate fight, Governor Glenn said that he did not except that he had directed Judge Merrimon to appeal the case at once to the United States Supreme court. He takes this ruling of Judge Pritchard to mean that there will be issued soon a writ of some sort to try and hold up the execution against the Southern for the \$30,000 fine.