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Terrible Wreck Yesterday Near Melrose.

Saluda Mountain, Aug. 13. A freight train, third, No. 62, from Asheville to Spartanburg, ran down Saluda Mountain at 2:15 p. m. The engine and thirteen coal cars were wrecked near Melrose at the place where Engineer Tunstall's train was wrecked several years ago. The engine and eleven cars are a total wreck piled up in a cut, demolished. The place where Engineer Tunstall's train was wrecked several years ago. The engine and eleven cars are a total wreck piled up in a cut, demolished. The place where Engineer Tunstall's train was wrecked several years ago. The engine and eleven cars are a total wreck piled up in a cut, demolished.

Jeffries Plays Corbett In Ten Short Rounds.

San Francisco, Aug. 14.—James J. Jeffries, champion heavy weight of the world, played with Jim Corbett for nine rounds and a half tonight and then Corbett's seconds motioned to Referee Grancy to stop the fight in order to save their man from needless punishment. The end came shortly after the beginning of the tenth round when Jeffries planted one of his terrific left swings on Corbett's stomach. The man who conquered John L. Sullivan dropped to the floor in agony and the memorable scene at Carson City, when Bob Fitzsimmons landed his solar plexus blow, was almost duplicated. This time, however, Corbett staggered to his feet and again faced his gigantic adversary. With hardly a moment's hesitation, Jeffries swung his right again landed on Corbett's stomach. Jim dropped to the floor and then it was "that Tommy Ryan, seeing that it was all over, motioned to Referee Grancy to stop the punishment.

ALONE IN HIS CLASS.

The fight tonight demonstrates beyond all doubt that Jeffries stands alone in his class. He showed remarkable improvement in both speed and skill. Corbett, during the first part of the fight was almost outpointed and the few blows that he landed on Jeffries were apparently without sting. Jeffries was never in better condition. He looked lighter than usual and the way he moved about on his feet and the frequency with which he connected Corbett's legs astonished everybody. Corbett, in comparison with the big man opposed to him, looked very light but was really heavier than ever before. He appeared to have lost some of his old time speed and skill during the early part of the fight, but this may have been due to Jeffries' marvelous improvement. Corbett's physical condition appeared to be all that he had claimed for it. He stood many of Jeffries' terrific blows without wincing and came back swinging left and right landing frequently, but his blows hardly stung Jeffries. Jeffries was not only stronger, faster and cleverer than ever before, but he used his head to better purpose, and although Corbett would hit him hard enough to hurt an ordinary man, Jeffries would bore right in without noticing the blows and would deliver telling hits that materially helped in deciding the result of the fight.

The Recent Smash.



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DIED AT THEIR POSTS.

Buried under the wreckage of sixteen cars, and hundreds of tons of coal lie two heroes who passed into eternity in the disastrous wreck at "Slaughter Pen" cut a quarter of a mile east of Melrose yesterday afternoon. They lived in Asheville and their names are J. H. Averill, engineer, and Charles D. Hair, fireman. Will Sherrill, brakeman, lost both his legs. Of Hair, it is said that he met his death with a fortitude worthy of the fearless soldier who dies at his post of duty. As he passed through Melrose, knowing that he was rushing to certain death he waived his hand and smiled at the frightened operator. Twelve seconds later the crash came and the brave men who did not flinch from duty died at their posts.

Progress in the South.

This is a part of an editorial in the New York Sun: "In a letter to a Richmond, Va., Mr. Richard H. Edmonds, editor of The Baltimore Manufacturers' Record, gives some important and cheerful statistics in regard to Southern prosperity. He estimates that this year's cotton and cotton seed crop within the next twelve months will bring the Southern farmers at least \$600,000,000 and that other Southern agricultural products will amount to not far from \$900,000,000, a total of about 1,500,000,000 for one year's farming; and the manufacturing product exceeds in value the agricultural. While the cotton crop represents only about 40 per cent. of the total value of the agricultural product of the South, it is the great money crop. For a hundred years high cotton has been accompanied with general prosperity.

Victims of The Wreck.

Saluda, N. C., Aug. 15.—Special—The bodies of Engineer J. H. Averill, jr., and Fireman Chas. Hare, who were buried in the wreck on Saluda Mountain on Thursday afternoon, were recovered yesterday afternoon. Trains are now passing over this death trap undisturbed. The body of the brave engineer was found about 9 o'clock, between the engine and the embankment where it stopped. It was not very badly mangled. Fireman Hare's remains were discovered a little before 12 o'clock last night. Brakeman W. B. Sherrill, whose legs were cut off in the wreck died this morning. The remains were taken to his home at Swannanoa for interment.

How to Live a Hundred Years

Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper McIntyre died in Philadelphia recently at the age of 102 years, and was buried at Woodland Cemetery. Her rules for living, in her own language, were: "Be honest and don't worry." "Marry early and save money." "Love breeds happiness." "Keep at work and don't drink." "A rich girl can be happy with a poor husband if she really loves him." "Eat plenty, sleep long and don't bother." "When you feel like crying—laugh."

N. Carolina's Capital to be Modernized.

Raleigh, Aug. 11.—Mr. Frank P. Milburn of Columbia, S. C., today presented his plan for enlarging and modernizing the present state capitol. The special committee to which these plans were presented were greatly pleased with the work. A bill was introduced by Judge A. W. Graham in the last house and passed the legislature naming Chief Justice Clerk, Governor Aycock and two representatives and a Senator—Judge Graham, Mr. J. C. Lewy and Senator Harris, being afterwards named by the governor—as a committee to consider the question of enlarging the capitol, have plans and specifications made a report to the next general assembly. Mr. Milburn presented a drawing of the capitol modernized according to his plan. It preserves the present architectural beauty of the building. On the north and south side wings, 60 by 100 feet, are added. On the west the present portico will be removed and a wing, 45 by 75, added for the accommodation of the state library on the third floor. The wings on the north and south will contain adequate basements and the first floor will be utilized by offices for the governor and state treasurer on the north and the secretary of state and the superintendent of public instruction on the south. The first floor of the old building will be devoted to the state auditor, insurance commissioner and corporation commissioner.

Big Lumber Deal.

Asheville, Aug. 12.—Lumber dealers are interested in the fact that the Scottish Land and Timber Company, a British corporation that for a number of years did a vast business in this mountain section, is rapidly disposing of its holdings. It was stated this morning that Judge Council and others had just purchased a large tract of timber land through an agent of the British corporation, and would soon begin to turn out lumber on a large scale. Judge Council, it is understood, came to Asheville yesterday afternoon and left this morning for Tennessee to inspect the timber tract, which is located on the Pigeon river. It was further stated that the deal involved something like \$40,000, and that the land acquired was considered very valuable, as it well may be used for agricultural purposes after the timber shall have been removed.

RACE QUESTION WILL BE ISSUE.

Prominent Democrat Declares it Will be Factor in Campaign of 1904.

Washington, Aug. 12.—A prominent Democrat who has been regarded as a strong candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination in 1904, declares that the race question will be a prominent issue in the next national campaign. He says the slogan "No force bill" will be one of the most potent battle cries of the Democrat. President Roosevelt, this gentleman says, has effectively raised the race issue, and it will be met squarely. Representatives Livingston, of Georgia, Swanson, of Virginia, and James, of Kentucky, express similar views.

Condition of the Pope.

Rome, Aug. 12.—The pope left his apartments for the first time since his fainting fit yesterday, going for a drive and walking in the Vatican garden this morning. He remained in the open air about two hours and returned to the palace feeling much better. All that remains of yesterday's collapse is a slight feeling of lightness in the head. Drs. Laponi and Davanzoli visited

C. E. Convention in Tryon.

The annual convention of Western North Carolina district of Christian Endeavors will be held in Tryon, Aug. 18-20. Rev. Ira Landrith, of Nashville, Tenn., a speaker of national reputation, will be present and address the convention. Mr. E. H. Stockton, of Winston-Salem, will represent the State Board at the convention. A delightful program has been prepared for the occasion including a picnic dinner on the grounds. All endeavors will be entertained free. Tryon extends a most cordial invitation. See program elsewhere.

Kentucky Jury Returns Verdict of Guilty.

Cynthiana, Ky., Aug. 14.—The jury brought in the following verdict in the feud cases: "We find Carl's Jett and Thomas White guilty, and fix their punishment at imprisonment in the penitentiary for life." The crime with which Jett and White were charged was the murder of Attorney Maream in the court-house at Jackson. The verdict was returned when but few persons were in the court room. Jett received the verdict with comparative indifference and calmness. White, who has been apparently under a severe strain during the trial, fainted up and his eyes filled with tears. Attorney Golden, for the defense, stated that a motion for a new trial would be made as soon as possible. The verdict on the whole is regarded as a victory for the defense as the prosecution asked that no middle ground be taken. There have been 27 lives lost within the past two years in the Hays-Cockrell feud in Breathitt county and this is the first conviction. No arrests or indictments had been made, until the trial of Jett and White were ordered to Jackson to protect the jury and afterward the trial jury and witness.

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