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OHIO MOB ATTEMPTS TO LYNCH A WHITE MAN. Attacked the Jail at Ironton, But the Sheriff and His Deputies Prevented the Proposed Lynching.

graph of a vigorous assault upon tariff revision: "A germ of the Babcock-Commission virus has been carried over the line from Massachusetts into New Hampshire and another Republican editor has broken out with the revision, reciprocity, and rip-it-open idea. This time it is the editor of the Manchester Mirror, a paper founded long before the Republican party was born and which, because of its age and good record, is entitled to our deepest sympathy. But this new disease is so malignant that we must use heroic treatment and insert the knife to the very base of the ulceration. It is time for loyal Republicans and staunch protectionists to resort to the full the treachery that is going on and relegate these traitors to the free trade party, where they belong. It is time for Republicans as Republicans and protectionists as protectionists to stop talking of ripping open the tariff."

WILL HANNA BE IN IT? The Washington newspaper correspondents are devoting considerable attention to the question as to whether President Roosevelt will have opposition for the nomination in 1904, and if so who his opponent is most likely to be. The index finger, as most of them see it, points to Mark Hanna, although he is not giving any visible sign, observing silence but not falling to contradict the report that he is in bad health and contemplating retiring from politics.

Mr. Roosevelt is in favor of tariff revision, but, to avoid precipitation, thinks that there should be a tariff commission appointed to give the question a thorough investigation, and recommend the changes that should be made. This idea does not strike some of the Senators and Representatives favorably for they resent it as encroaching upon their domain and delegating to others the work which has heretofore been done by them and for which they feel entirely competent. In commenting upon this opposition the Washington Times says:

To the experienced politician there is a suspicious look in the attitude assumed by numerous Republican Senators toward the President's tariff commission proposition. It is suspected that behind the opposition, which now finds mild and cautious expression, there is maturing a scheme to put the Republican leadership in 1904 in other hands than those of Theodore Roosevelt. It was the Hon. Mark Hanna, for example, if memory is not at fault, who in clarion tones commanded the faithful to "stand up" when the guns of a budding rebellion were fired a month ago, and the faint of heart were inclined to strike their colors on the tariff question. As an illustration of this opposition, the President dismissed the timid souls to beef good cheer, as he would come to their relief with a strong recommendation to Congress for a tariff commission. In his message to Congress at Logansport, Ind., in September, the President promised the country that he would urge this upon Congress in strong and unambiguous terms. It is not known if many of his party leaders in the Senate who are now declaring—some of them publicly and others privately—that they are opposed to the tariff commission and have advised him not to press the promised recommendation out of his message. From this circumstance it is inferred that they hope he will write a stinging paragraph in his message favorable to the commission idea, and then they will try to humiliate him before the country by defeating the measure. The cabal that carefully opposed his Cuban reciprocity policy at the last session has not been rebuked by the country for that act in any notable sense, and it is expected that the "stand for" another "turn down" of the President.

And then it asks the question, "Would Hanna lead?" and answers it thus:

But the most interesting feature of the whole scheme, if this is a serious one, as here set forth—revolves around the position of Senator Hanna. One of the most influential Republican Senators from the West—a man who apparently is on the most cordial and friendly terms with the President—said to a Times representative yesterday: "Mark Hanna can beat any body for President, and if he should announce his candidacy now the unusual spectacle would be presented of a man falling over one another in their wild effort to desert the Administration for the Hanna banner." Furthermore, this Senator declared the belief that a concerted movement had been organized in power quarters for the nomination of ex-President Cleveland as the Democratic candidate. "And," the Western Senator went on to say, "if I were the Republican nominee would rather run against any man alive than Grover Cleveland. Hanna is the only man who could beat him." These declarations have been quoted literally. Whether the Senator meant what he said or not, may be open to question. But as he talked there was an unmistakable air of earnestness. It is his name should be published a sensation of huge importance would be created—and, besides, the Senator might die by the whole thing.

Where there is so much smoke there must be some fire, and there has been considerable smoke raised about this. There is no question that by his tariff and trust and reciprocity utterances Mr. Roosevelt has alienated some potent powers, which have so long shaped legislation and public policies that they resent any movement to act independently of them or without consulting them. How little toleration the organs of tariff revision have for those who advocate it is shown by the following extract from one of the publications of the American Protective Tariff League, which the Times calls a "straw." It is the opening para-

CURRENT COMMENT.

Laws are being passed to protect not everybody against questionable purchases, but we don't hear of any being passed to protect the purchasers against the very questionable, cash-consuming, prices of these times—*Norfolk Ledger, Dem.*

Below Cost. A bill has been filed in the court of chancery in New Jersey asking that the Sugar Trust be restrained from "dealing in coffee" and from "selling sugar at less than cost." It is contended that under its charter it has no right to deal in coffee, but if it got its charter from New Jersey, as it doubtless did, the probabilities are that it can deal in anything "in the heavens above, in the earth below or in the waters under the earth."

The fact that the bill asks the court to restrain the Sugar Trust from dealing in coffee shows that the bill is the work of an attorney of the Arbuckles, who are coffee dealers, and have also taken a dip in the sugar when bucking up against the Sugar Trust, but this is further shown by the citation that as a "result of the fight with the Arbuckles the Trust is selling sugar below cost," and has thus dissipated \$50,000,000 of undivided profits, which should have gone to stockholders.

If this movement had been made by a stockholder of the Sugar Trust it would be all right as a movement to protect the dividends, but it seems to be simply a contest between two combines which have been fighting each other, the weaker of which feels the pressure and has applied to the courts for protection.

We have been told that to kill competition is not one of the objects of Trusts. If so why is the Sugar Trust selling sugar below cost, in its fight with the Arbuckles, if not to cripple and prevent competition by the Arbuckles? Why does the Sugar Trust deal in coffee, the speciality of the Arbuckles, if not for the same purpose?

But why should the Trust be restrained from selling sugar below cost? Doesn't the public get the benefit of this low priced sugar, and should it be deprived of this benefit because the Arbuckles can't afford to sell sugar so low and "blow in" \$50,000,000 in the fight?

The logic of all this is that when one combine competing with another sells its products for less than its competitor can afford to sell them then the under dog in the fight will run yelping into court and whine for its protection. The public has been protesting for some time that the Trusts sell too high and unmercifully plunder their victims, but here comes one combine into court to protest that another combine sells too low and asks that it be restrained from doing so. That is another and an interesting phase of the Trust question.

London has another sensation in well circles. Sir Charles Hartopp is suing Lady Hartopp, a noted beauty, for divorce. She charges him with cruelty, with striking and beating her, which he stoutly denies, but, on the contrary, avows that on one occasion she kicked him on both shins, and kicked hard. According to Sir Charles she is not only a high roller but a hard kicker. She was as anxious once for a divorce as he is now and offered him \$100,000 if he wouldn't make any objection, which he declined.

Miss Helen Gould, who by the way is a remarkably level-headed young lady, did the sensible thing on Thanksgiving day, and instead of presenting her 50 employees with turkey, which they would dispatch in a day and have nothing left but some bones and a reminiscence, she gave each one a barrel of kerosene oil, a large kerosene stove, a barrel of potatoes, a barrel of flour and a hundred pounds of bacon.

THE NICHOLS, S. C., TRAGEDY.

Coroner's Jury Returned Verdict Indicating Suicide by Sarvis—The Girl Claims Secret Marriage to Boy.

A few days ago reference was made in these columns to a double tragedy enacted at Nichols, S. C., about 65 miles from Wilmington. The mystery surrounding the affair is partially cleared up in the following special in yesterday's News and Courier:

MAHON, S. C., Nov. 26.—Dr. J. C. Mace, coroner, held an inquest Monday night over the body of DUSTAN H. SARVIS, the young man who is alleged to have committed suicide at Nichols, this county, on the afternoon of that day. The verdict of the coroner's jury was that the deceased came to his death from the effects of a pistol shot wound, self-inflicted. This was the verdict of the coroner's jury on the charge of having done the shooting.

Miss Burns was present at the inquest and testified that Sarvis was her husband, having been secretly married to her in the town of Mullins on the night of Sept. 22, the night the Rev. Sam Jones lectured in that town. It was kept a secret until Christmas, but in some way the young lady's family heard of it and insisted that it be publicly acknowledged by Sarvis. Monday afternoon she went to see Sarvis at his office in the Atlantic Coast Life depot, in which Sarvis occupied the position of telegraph operator to beg him to acknowledge the marriage. She told Sarvis her family were indignant and would insist upon his recognizing her as his wife. She told him her brother was determined that the marriage must be at once publicly acknowledged and that he had armed himself to enforce his demands. She told Sarvis how terribly in earnest her brother was she showed him a pistol which her brother had recently procured. This pistol she had taken out of her brother's trunk to keep him from using it. She says Sarvis refused to acknowledge the marriage, but, on the contrary, told her that the alleged marriage was a mock one; that the man who performed the ceremony was not a magistrate, as he had assured her, and that there was no legal marriage between them. The conversation continued for some time, failing to induce him to acknowledge her as his wife, she rose to leave.

As she was about to leave Sarvis remarked to her that she ought not to be going about with a pistol in her hands, and asked her to give him the weapon. This she did, whereupon he fired at her and then turned the pistol upon himself, shooting himself through the chest. When shot she reeled a little distance before falling. This is substantially her account of the affair.

A TINY INFANT ABANDONED.

Child in Basket Found at Door of Fourth Street Residence Night Before Last. Returned to Its Mother.

A tiny female infant, wrapped in swaddling clothes and carefully laid in a basket, was found at the front door of Capt. Harvey C. Twining's residence, 515 North Fourth street, night before last. Yesterday morning Chief of Police Furlong made an investigation of the abandonment of the child and traced knowledge of the affair to an old colored woman calling herself Madame Hall, who lives near the Walker Memorial Hospital, and who is reputed to practice witchcraft.

Further investigation at the house of the old woman disclosed the fact that the child had been spirited away from the hospital a short time before it was found at the Fourth street residence, with the consent of its young mother, who refuses to disclose her name and begs that the child be given a comfortable home and that she be allowed to go un molested. The young woman is described as being under 21 years of age, pretty and of a refined appearance. In regard to the abandonment of the child, she would only say that the basket was left at Capt. Twining's house by mistake.

The identity of the young woman remains a mystery so far as she would consent for the newspapers or the public to be informed.

AN IRON SAFE BLOWN OPEN.

Robbers Entered Store at Jonesboro, N. C., Night Before Last and Made a Big Hand—Bloodhounds.

[Special Star Correspondence.] JONESBORO, N. C., Nov. 27.—This morning at 6:30 o'clock while the local freight train was at work at the depot, Consumer McCullough went out street to buy some eggs. He found all the stores closed for Thanksgiving except that of Watson & Gregory. He found their door cracked and he pushed it open, thinking some one was on the inside, but found that he was mistaken. About that time he saw Mr. Watson, of the firm, coming down the street and asked if "he left his store open last night." Mr. Watson replied "No" and upon investigation it was found that the place had been broken open and the iron safe blown all to pieces. Everything of value in the safe was taken, amounting to between \$3,000 and \$4,000, and including two one-thousand dollar North Carolina bonds.

Bloodhounds were placed on track of the robbers and the trail followed to Sanford, where it is presumed they took the train bound North; probably a work train which left early in the morning.

Search for the robbers is still being made and it is hoped they will be captured. This is the second time the store has been broken open in the past two years. Suspicion points to a strange person who has been here for several days. He was of heavy build, tall, about 175 pounds, light mustache and red face. He wore overalls.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

Lumberton Robbers: The cotton mill is in receipt of some new machinery, which is being installed at Lumberton. This is the most successful enterprise and for several weeks there has been considerable local demand for stock.

Salisbury Sun: The first snow of the season here fell Thursday afternoon and evening. It was a heavy snow, though the elements were in for a long continued and blinding storm. The snow ceased falling in a short while, however, and the ground was not covered.

Smithfield Herald: Mr. M. P. Laster of Elevation township farms for a profit. He raised this year seventeen bushels of cotton on thirteen acres. On the same acre he raised six thousand pounds of seed cotton. He broke his land ten inches deep and ran his rows four feet apart. He put in the row a small quantity of stable manure and six hundred pounds of fertilizer per acre. He used one hundred pounds cereals as a top dressing and one of July.

Newton Enterprise: Mr. M. M. Oline has cribbed this year 2,640 bushels of corn, and says he has the prettiest wheat he ever saw at the time of the year. He has a deposit at the bank now a radish that is a radish. It weighs 12 pounds, is 18 inches long and 2 1/2 inches in circumference. Mr. John Sherrill brought in the top of a cotton stalk Saturday that was full of white blossoms. This has been a most remarkable fall. Good cotton could have been made of the wheat fields after harvest this year. About a hundred people went to the depot last Thursday night to see President Roosevelt in the evening. He stayed about five minutes and the President made a little speech. Some of the boys gazed him a little about his hair, but he took it in good humor.

Wilson Times: Thursday just after services, while the people were at home enjoying their Thanksgiving dinner, a negro entered the vestry room of the Methodist church and attempted to force the door open. He was contained \$30, the Thanksgiving offering. He had out the drawer with a pocket knife and soared it considerably, but his efforts were futile. He was taken to the police station, where he was charged with carrying a dangerous weapon, and was committed to the jail.

COURT'S DECISION IN VIRGINIA TEST CASE.

Suits Dismissed on the Ground That the Court Had No Jurisdiction—An Appeal Will Be Taken.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. RICHMOND, VA., Nov. 29.—The argument in the proceedings of Mr. John S. Wise to invalidate the new Virginia constitution was resumed in the U. S. Circuit Court here this morning. Chief Justice Fuller sitting with Judge Waddill. Attorney General Anderson spoke for the Commonwealth, addressing himself largely to the point raised by complainants that the State was barred from restricting the suffrage as it had done by the reconstruction acts. He was followed by James Hayes, colored, of counsel for complainants, who made a strong plea for the rights of his race. This afternoon the court dismissed both suits, on the ground that it had no jurisdiction, the motions being taken against the State. An appeal will be taken. All the questions of the Chief Justice in this case, virtually every contention raised by complainants had been passed upon adversely by the Supreme Court.

Opinions of the Court. The decree of the Circuit Court of the United States in the proceeding to test the constitutionality of the new constitution, as announced by Chief Justice Fuller, is as follows:

Application for prohibition, prohibiting the new constitution from returning of the election held November 4th, 1902, for Representatives in Congress, or proceeding to act on the same, and for preliminary order suspending proceedings on the part of the State board of canvassers. The rule heretofore entered herein is discharged, and preliminary order denied. This for want of jurisdiction. The writ is not sought in aid of jurisdiction already acquired; nor does it appear that there is no other remedy.

The proceeding in effect, is against the commonwealth, which is not in any view an indispensable party, and cannot be made such; and the matter being political cannot be disposed of in such a proceeding. Judge Waddill, who sat with the chief justice, concurred in the decree, but delivered an opinion of his own, as follows:

"Believing, under the decisions of the courts of the United States, by which this court is and should be governed, that neither the writ now before the court can be maintained, I for that reason concur in the result arrived at by the chief justice, dismissing the writ, and may hereafter file a brief memorandum in writing embodying my views.

"It is, in frankness, due, however, that I should state that while I believe that this is the law, as settled by decisions, it does not entirely embody my personal views as to what the law ought to be. I can but believe that as a citizen arising under a government to the citizen by the constitution and laws of the United States, injuriously affecting one hundred thousand people, who are respecting their liberty or their personal or political rights, and particularly the two latter classes, that they ought to be given a full and speedy hearing, and to that end, that technicalities, forms and ceremonies should, in large measure, be dispensed with, if justice is afforded, and the rights of the respective parties litigant ascertained."

Certificates to Congressmen. The State Board of Canvassers met immediately after the adjournment of the United States court this afternoon, and awarded certificates to the ten congressmen recently elected in the Ninth district, whose majority was found on final canvass of the vote to be in excess of the number issued to Carter Glass, elected in the Sixth district to fill the unexpired term of the late Peter J. Oley.

Burglars at Enoree, S. C. Safe in Office of a Manufacturing Company Dynamited and \$3,000 Taken. Postoffice Also Robbed.

ACCIDENT ON THE TEXAS.

One of the Hydraulic Cylinders Cracked While at Target Practice.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—A report from Captain Swinburne, commander of the Texas, touching the accident on board the vessel yesterday while at target practice off the Virginia capes, states that one of the hydraulic cylinders which returns the gun to battery was cracked because it had been left filled with water when the gun was discharged. The ordnance officers expect that this will not delay the ship long, they having a spare cylinder on board.

Justice Fitzgerald in the Supreme Court of New York has granted a writ calling for a review by the Supreme Court of the evidence on which Fire Chief Croker was dismissed from office by Commissioner Sturgis. The justice also granted a stay restraining the chief's removal from office pending the court proceedings.

Died in Pennsylvania. Mrs. A. G. Voigt yesterday received the sad intelligence that her brother had died in Germantown, Pa. Accompanied by Dr. Voigt, she will leave this evening to attend the funeral.

Reward for Long and Faithful Service. For and in consideration of her long and faithful services, covering a period of more than twenty years, the Wilmington and Coast Turpentine Company has transferred to Mrs. Mary C. Wright for the period of her natural life, the "third toll house" property of the late company on Wrightsville Sound. By terms of the deed, upon the death of Mrs. Wright the property will pass into the possession of Mr. Frank Herbst.

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NEWSPAPERS CANNOT BE PUBLISHED WITHOUT MONEY!

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KANSAS CITY, MO., Nov. 26.—Two men made an unsuccessful attempt to hold up the east bound Chicago and Alton passenger train which left here for St. Louis at 9 o'clock yesterday at the Alton station at Independence, a secluded spot in the eastern suburbs of that town. The train had stopped at the station when a mob of men armed with rifles, boarded the rear end of the train there. As the train was pulling out at 10 o'clock the men covered a brakeman with their rifles and commanded him to throw up his hands. The brakeman refused to obey and one of the bandits shot him in the chest, after the report of the firing was heard by other trainmen. The two robbers were evidently disconcerted by the turn events had taken and they fled in haste from the approach of the trainmen leaped from the train before it had gained much headway. The work of the bandits was a complete failure. They were not masked and the injured brakeman was able to give the police a good description of their offenders as occurring in the country with a prospect of capturing the robbers.

CHARGED WITH MURDER. Mrs. Mattie L. Whitten Arrested in Dexter, Mo.—Accused of Poisoning Her Two Children.

By Telegram to the Morning Star. DEXTER, MO., Nov. 29.—Mrs. Mattie L. Whitten, whose husband died two years ago, her 11-year old daughter Fannie last September, and her 9-year old daughter Jennie yesterday, was arrested to-day on the specific charge of having poisoned the second child. Both the girls were assumed, the elder for \$35 and the younger for \$55. The arrest followed the holding of an autopsy on the body of the second child immediately after the funeral. The physicians discovered strong evidence of arsenic and strychnine, and when this was reported to the county attorney coroner's jury was empanelled. The coroner's verdict to the effect that death was due to poisoning administered by the girl's mother.

The body of the first child was exhumed and an autopsy held, but the result was not made public. The death certificates give the cause of Fannie's death as pneumonia and that of Jennie's as heart-failure.

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