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BOSTON'S AUTOMOBILE POLICE.

Ingenious Bostonians have discovered a new use for the automobile, says the New York Sun. It is made to protect the interests of people in the Back Bay district.

In past years, while many of the residents of that part of Boston have been away for the summer and their town houses have been closed, vandals and petty thieves have had a merry time of it. The approach of the mounted police was easily detected by the clatter of the horses' hoofs, and it was not very difficult to evade the policemen on foot.

This vehicle is in charge of a chauffeur and carries a policeman in civilian's attire. It goes out in the morning and covers every part of the Back-Bay region at a speed of from five to seven miles an hour. In the course of a day it travels fifty or sixty miles, or nearly twice the distance covered by any member of the mounted force.

The Boston police department's records show that, since the installation of this new service, a few weeks ago, scarcely a day has passed without the arrest by the automobile "cop" of at least one offender, and that, in a single day, he has gathered in as many as four thieves, unaided. As the summer season advances and the harvesting period of the thieves shortens they become bolder and more active; hence the automobile officer is expected to be kept very busy during the next six weeks.

So great has been the success of this experiment that it is reported the police department intends to have an automobile squad comprising six machines before the end of July. With such a force it will be possible to patrol several of the outlying districts of the town, and also to increase the auto-policemen's duties. For example, scooters of all varieties and degrees of recklessness will be taken care of, and there will be no escape for the hog who demands the whole road.

Experience has shown that the drivers of high-powered automobiles in New York, when plainly exceeding the legal speed limit, have been able to "give the laugh" to policemen on bicycles. The power of steam, gasoline or electricity, as the case might be, has been too great for human muscle to overcome, and, consequently, the scooters have triumphed. Now their days of misdoing around Boston are numbered, and the method employed to subdue them may appeal to the police authorities elsewhere.

NEAR TO DROWNING.

Miraculous Escape of Two White Men in a Small Boat Saturday Night.

Brothers in Skill Ran Down by Passenger Barge and Plunged into the River—One Rescued, While the Other Clung to the Gunce.

Lower Market street was thrown into a fever of excitement Saturday night over a report, widely circulated, that a small row boat in which two, and perhaps three, men were seated, had been capsized in the river and that one or two of the occupants had been drowned and a third had been brought ashore in almost a lifeless condition.

The man at the dock proved to be Ed. Herring, a white man well known in the city, who was more dead than alive from his experience. Dr. Andrew H. Harris was quickly summoned and after administering temporary restoratives, sent him to the hospital in the patrol wagon.

Through his attorneys, Hon. Jao. D. Bellamy and L. V. Grady, Esq., Frank D. Irving, shipping clerk for Swift & Co. in this city, yesterday instituted suit against the Consolidated Railways, Light and Power Co., for damages received about a month ago in the collision of a street car and a buggy in which young Mr. Irving was riding with Col. W. B. Ford, the well known railroad man of Pikeville, N. C., who was on his way to the railroad station.

The complaint in the suit will be filed Monday and will allege \$30,000 damages, by reason of injuries, internal and external, received by the young man. It will be remembered that the accident occurred at Front and Grace streets and was not thought to have been serious at the time.

Commercial Pacific Cables. The Commercial-Pacific cables operated in direct connection with the land lines of the Postal Telegraph Cable Company will be opened for cable business to and from the Philippines and Ladrones Islands, China, Japan and Korea, on and after Saturday, July 25, 1903.

Wilmington's Wholesale Trade. Florence Times: "Wilmington's wholesale merchants are out for gold. They have invited the retail trade of this section to trade with them and as a guarantee of their anxiety to have the trade they have offered to refund the full fare to any who purchase a bill of goods amounting to \$1,000. Fare one way will be refunded to the man who buys \$500 worth of goods.

LOCAL DOTS. Rev. L. B. Boney was in the city yesterday. He recently took charge of a church in Gunnison, Miss., but has resigned and is now located at Chadbourne, N. C., doing evangelistic work.

Albertha Teachy, colored, charged with disorderly conduct, was sent to jail for 30 days by Justice Bornemann yesterday. The defendant had figured in several law suits lately, hence the rather severe sentence.

Local speculators are said to have been "hard hit" by the slump in stocks the closing days of last week. One man is quoted as having said that he knew of a party who had lost \$14,000 or \$18,000, while any number have lost from \$1,000 to \$3,000.

NOBLE INSTANTLY KILLED.

White Man Hurled to Platform by Falling Lumber from Overturned Truck. Negro Also Injured.

As the result of the overturning of a truck, heavily laden with lumber, at the Angola mill, beyond Hilton Park, Friday morning about 9 o'clock, James E. Noble, white, aged about 40 years, was struck by the falling mass and thrown to a platform with such violence that he was instantly killed.

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Lexington Dispatch: Lindsay Cutting, Lexington's 75 pound midget, was married at Fort Mill, S. C., last Wednesday night to Miss Mary Ray, of Salisbury. Miss Ray is a large and handsome young woman, weighing possibly 175 pounds. Mr. Cutting is less than five feet high and it is doubtful if he can balance the scales at 75 pounds.

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High Point Enterprise: A very sad occurrence was the burning of a bright seven-year old white boy by Jonas, Thursday morning. The boy had instructed the child to build a fire under a pot in the yard, and the child, before it was discovered, had secured an oil can. The heat from the fire caused the explosion of the can, which ignited the boy's clothing, and he was burned to death before proper assistance could be rendered.

Rockingham special to Charlotte Observer: Dr. N. C. Hunter, of this place, lost his horse in a very unusual manner yesterday. While making a call on the animal he was struck by a horse. The horse attacked the horse and completely covered him. He was out of the house, but he was not killed. The horse was killed by the insects in their attack that all efforts at rescue were of no avail and the horse died in a very short time.

New Bern Journal: The people of Kingston are either driving their idle ones out of town, or compelling them to go to work. They employ an original and very unique plan to ascertain the extent of the idleness of their citizens. When one of the "critters" is spotted, he is approached by some one and offered work. If he says he is out of a job and won't accept the work offered, he is ordered to appear before the mayor on a charge of vagrancy. The ruse is effective. His Nibs skips the town or goes to hustling instantly for his subs.

Norfolk Virginian-Pilot: Jesse Wilson's excursion trip from Elizabethtown, N. C., to Virginia Beach yesterday cost him considerably more than he had originally budgeted for. He fell in with an oily confidence operator at the ocean resort and was relieved of \$300 in cash, a valuable gold watch and such other articles of personal bric-a-brac that a representative of the sterner sex generally carries in his clothes. He immediately reported the robbery to the police and was at last reports his whereabouts were established in a cloak of impenetrable gloom.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

A terrific wind and hail storm passed over the Albemarle section last Thursday, causing a loss of about \$30,000.

Yadkin Ripple: We are informed that there are about fifteen cases of smallpox in and around East Bend, this county.

The Baptist Female University at Raleigh will erect a music building on its grounds, which, it is said, will cost at least \$25,000.

Catawba News: M. A. Bolch, the noted trader and saw mill man, sold his mill one day and bought it back the next. You cannot back him down when it comes to a trade.

Hon. Theo. F. Klitzsch says that the number of females in Rowan county exceeds the number of males by six. In Salisbury the females are in the majority by ninety-five.

Mr. Frank Suttles, of Armstrong, was felling a tree when it lodged in the limb of another tree and this limb breaking fell upon Mr. Suttles, causing injuries from which he may die.

President Roosevelt has declined to grant a pardon to Lawrence Pulliam, who was cashier of the National Bank of Asheville, and who embezzled five or six years ago \$7,000 of the funds belonging to the bank.

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RACE WAR IN AN ILLINOIS TOWN.

Caused by the Brutal Assault by a Negro on the Wife of a White Farmer.

NEGRO HANGED AND BURNED. A White Man Shot and Killed by a Negro. The Mob Attacked the Jail and Were Fired Upon—Several White Men Were Wounded.

DANVILLE, ILL., July 25.—This city is on the threshold of a race war. One negro, an unknown man from Evansville, Ind., who to-night shot and killed Henry Gatterman, white, has already been lynched by a mob of 600 men, who were later fired upon by the sheriff, three men being wounded. The mob was clamoring for the life of another negro named James Wilson, who has confessed to a brutal assault on the wife of a farmer at Alton, Ill., just north of here.

The unknown negro met his fate while the mob was on the way to Lynch Wilson. The angry throng was passing down East Main street when the negro became involved in an altercation with some of its members. They started after him and he pulled a gun, firing into the crowd. Henry Gatterman, a young butcher, who has recently returned from Fortress Monroe, fell mortally wounded and expired in a few seconds. The negro turned and fled but was caught by the officers within a block of the scene and probably had the man under arrest when the mob in hot pursuit, temporarily diverted from their march to the county jail, with their prisoner, took refuge in the city building, barricading themselves behind the door of one of the offices. They cut and tried to batter down a section of the wall and the door, both of which were very thick. On account of the overwhelming numbers of the mob it was useless for the officers to resist. The negro was seized and rushed to the spot where the man was lying. It was the work of an instant to throw a rope around his neck and swing him up to the nearest telegraph pole. The mob did not wait for the officers to do this. They strangled out and he was slowly hanging, while the mob proceeded on to the county jail. The officers hope to save the second negro by some ruse.

Wilson, it is charged, went to the farm house while the woman was alone and told her he was hungry. While she was getting him something to eat he entered the kitchen door and seized her. He fled, leaving her to crawl to the nearest farm house where she told the story. A posse of officers started in pursuit of the negro and when Wilson was captured he was hurried to the county jail to prevent lynching. There the negro confessed.

Three other negroes had been taken by members of the mob and severely beaten. One of them is named Ben Rich and the other two are said to be refugees from Evansville and are being held by the sheriff. The victim of the mob later was identified as J. D. Mayfield, a white man who had been working on the farm and went back to cut down Mayfield's body. They rushed it to the public square and burned it with a bonfire. It is possible that knives as it burned.

When they charged the jail and the sheriff and deputies fired, wounding several negroes from the mob, some fatally. Among the wounded are Adam Merry, fatally shot through the head; Hines, shot in the neck; Olio Heinke, shot in the arm, will recover.

The mob returned, sent to a neighborhood mining camp for dynamite and then they attacked the jail again. The mob is infuriated and threatens to lynch the sheriff and his deputies, also the negro truck in the jail. After securing a battering ram, it took the mob about half an hour to wreck the city prison, the negro being found in the dynamite. The mob which by this time numbered 8,000, then dragged the body to the jail and burned it.

While waiting for the men who were expected to bring the dynamite, the mob marched up and down in front of the jail, stoning it and firing shots at random.

About a half hour after the message for the dynamite was sent a telephone message came from Hiram, a little town half way between Westville and Danville, saying that one of the negroes had been shot there by citizens who had hurriedly set out from Danville to intercept him. They took from him a large quantity of dynamite which he was carrying. The other man with dynamite is believed to be on the way here. About half of the police station where the negro, Mayfield, was captured by the mob.

The entire reserve police force, numbering about twenty, has been called out and this, with twelve deputy sheriffs and Sheriff Whitlock, forms the garrison at the jail.

Wilson was interviewed in the jail. He said he was the man who visited the farm house and he admitted that he had attacked the woman, but denied that he had criminally assaulted her.

The sheriff implored the mob to let justice take its course, but he was surrounded by shots from the mob, members of which loudly declared their determination to have the negro's life sooner or later. He said that if they did not get him to-night they would stir the jail tomorrow. The jail is one block below the public square and three squares from the county station where a negro, Mayfield, was captured by the mob.

Company K, a colored troop, has its quarters here and the officials have prepared to call it out. Leaders of the mob declare they will try to kill the entire company if it comes out.

The dead: J. D. Mayfield, Evansville, Ind., negro, killed; Henry Gatterman, Danville, Ill., white, shot dead; Adam Merry, Danville, Ill., white, fatally wounded; Adam

Merry, white, shot through the head by volley from jail. H. Hines, white, shot in neck and shoulders by volley from jail; Olio Heinke, white, shot in arm; Ben Rich, negro, badly beaten by mob. Patrolman Charles Lopp, clubbed on the head while defending Mayfield; Patrolman William Leverenz, badly injured internally by mob's battering ram while defending Mayfield; Fred Lorenz, three times injured in the leg in attack on jail; Mince Mobecks shot in attack on jail; Thomas Bell, shot in chest in attack on jail.

THERE WILL BE NO STRIKE. Book-binders in the Government Printing Office Abandoned the Intention of Walking Out.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—The Book-binders' Union, which has been fighting the reinstatement of W. A. Miller, the assistant foreman in the government printing office, has abandoned its intention of walking out in case Miller resumes work.

President Taft, of the International Brotherhood of Book-binders, is now on route here from Chicago to advise with the local leaders. The latter have decided to abide by the terms of the public order which was issued Monday for further work.

Although failing to appear at the beginning of office hours, Miller returned at about 10 o'clock this morning and was assigned to duty. He remained only a few minutes and left, after explaining that Saturday was a short day because he was waiting until Monday for further work.

The union officials announced today that there would be no action on the part of the public order during which they anticipated that the question would be solved by the public printer. It is expected that a national arbitration council will meet tomorrow to discuss the situation.

The union officials today called on Secretary Cortelyou and Public Printer Palmer and their associates in a meeting regarding what was done at the meeting of the book-binders last night. It set forth that Miller would be permitted under protest to continue in the position to which he has been reinstated, and that there would be nothing done at present by the book-binders that would interfere with the work of the office. It gives assurance that this action is inspired by a regard for the action of the President and for Henry Gatterman, who was lynched. The members of the executive council of the National Book-binders Union arrived in Washington to-night, and the local officers refused to give their names. The local book-binders admit that the letter to the President makes the government printing office an "open" shop, and say that under no circumstances would be made to a non-union man working there if duly certified by the civil service commission. The book-binders say an effort would be made to induce such workmen to join the union.

FOR THE TURKISH EMPIRE. New Cruiser Launched at Cramp's Shipyard—First Warship Ever Built in This Country for the Sultan.

PHILADELPHIA, July 25.—In the presence of a distinguished gathering of diplomatic foreign and American naval officers and eminent citizens of Philadelphia, the Turkish cruiser Medjid, the first warship ever built here for the Ottoman empire, was launched today at Cramp's ship yard.

The sponsor for the new addition to the Sultan's navy was Mrs. Edwin S. Cramp, the wife of the late president of the Ottoman empire, who was an evanion of the Koran's teaching turned into a graceful compliment of the American people. The Koran forbids the use of arms, but it is a Christian in a christening at which wine is used. The difficulty was overcome by the selection of an American roman, Mrs. Cramp, to break the bottle on the bow of the sea-fighter. The general dimensions of the vessel are as follows: Length on load line, 330 feet; beam extreme, 42 feet; draft, 18 feet; displacement, 3,300 tons; speed, 22 knots.

The armament consists of two six-inch rapid-fire guns, 45 caliber; eight 4.7 rapid-fire guns, 50 caliber; six three-pounder rapid-fire guns, 50 caliber; six seven-pounder rapid-fire guns, 50 caliber; one 18-inch torpedo gun; two torpedo tubes for fourteen-inch Whitehead torpedoes.

PEONAGE IN ALABAMA. R. B. Franklin Convicted and Fined \$1,000 in the United States Court.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., July 25.—The jury in the case of the United States against R. B. Franklin, charged with causing Patrick Mills, a negro, to be held in a condition of peonage, today returned a verdict of guilty. Judge Jones imposed the minimum fine of \$1,000 which was promptly paid. Judge Jones thanked the jury for their verdict.

Advertisement for 'Newspapers Cannot Be Published Without Money' with text: 'Are you indebted to THE WEEKLY STAR? If so, when you receive a bill for your subscription send us the amount you owe. Remember, that a newspaper bill is as much entitled to your consideration as is a bill for groceries.'

BY Cable to the Morning Star. ST. PETERSBURG, July 25.—Director Hartwig, of the Asiatic department of the Russian Foreign Office, talked long, earnestly and frankly to a representative of the Associated Press regarding Manchuria. He declared that he could not understand Prince Ching's statement to United States Minister Coober, but he presumed that the port question would be arranged. Russia, he said, excluded Hartwig from the port possibilities because of his railway importance, but he could see no objection to two more other ports being opened. Passing to the statement of American opinion regarding Manchuria, the director made a remarkably outspoken attack upon England. He said: "I do not comprehend how Russia, whose foreign policy is the most straightforward of any country, is so implicitly, when England's double dealing is apparent to everybody. Why should anybody expect to consider how much the American-Manchurian trade amounted to before 1892. Whoever heard New China mentioned before we brought order to this country is building Dadney as a free port? "Russia has ten thousand miles of Chinese frontier," he said, "shall we place our hands on the same? Does anybody suppose we are going to be compelled to relinquish the railway to manna? "

repeat that we do not fear war even with five powers in the Crimea is a glorious chapter in our history, and I do not believe that any five powers desire to get their new laurels like those of the Crimea. What can Japan do? Suppose Japan defeated the Russian army, we would crush Japan to sand. Japan exists upon Russian life.

"It is your duty to expose England's duplicity. Some English dispatches surpass opera bouffe. Here is a dispatch just received from London. It is preparing for war and that the entire Japanese squadron is now at Vladivostok where foreign warships are not allowed at all."

Director Hartwig generally and specifically denied the reports regarding Russia's mobilization of troops.

KING EDWARD IN IRELAND. Royal Party Left Dublin for County Down. Cheered by the People—The King's Message of Appreciation.

DUBLIN, July 25.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra left Dublin by train shortly before noon to-day, accompanied by Princess Louise and their suites, on their way to County Down, where they will visit the Marquis of Londonderry at the Easmount Stewart residence. Notwithstanding the royal party left Dublin for County Down, where they will visit the Marquis of Londonderry at the Easmount Stewart residence. Notwithstanding the royal party left Dublin for County Down, where they will visit the Marquis of Londonderry at the Easmount Stewart residence.

After the King left Dublin it was announced that he had donated \$5,000 to the poor of the city.

STEAMER MONGOLIA. The Second Largest Ship Ever Built in the United States.

CAMDEN, N. J., July 25.—The steamship Mongolia, built for the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, was launched today at the yard of the New York Shipbuilding Company. The Mongolia is the second largest ship ever built in the United States. She is to be used in the Philippine and China trade. Her sister ship, the Manchuria, will be launched in late August. Lucy Bell Kennedy, of Pittsburg, christened the Mongolia. The Mongolia was originally intended for an Arctic route, but was purchased by the Pacific Mail Co.

The dimensions of the new steamship are: Length, 516 feet 8 inches; breadth, 65 feet; depth, 31 feet 3 inches; indicated horse power, 12,000; speed, 16 knots; displacement, 25,514 tons; gross tonnage, 15,000; passenger capacity, 500; fuel, 300 tons; second cabin, 68; tonnage, 1,800. When laden she will draw 33 feet of water.

TRAIN WRECKERS. Lexington-Atlanta "Flyer" Derailed Near Louisville—Eight Persons Injured.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 25.—Train wreckers jeopardized the lives of over one hundred passengers on the Lexington-Atlanta "Flyer" of the Southern Railway last night at Traskers, a small station fourteen miles from here.

The "Flyer" left here at 7:05 and an hour later, while en route, it was struck by a train of passenger cars which had undoubtedly been thrown for a siding with the purpose of wrecking the train. The "Flyer" crashed through two cars of stone and landed on a boarding car filled with railroad employes. Eight persons were killed, and many seriously injured, although not fatally hurt. The engine, two freight cars and a passenger coach were demolished. Fortunately all passengers escaped injury, although they received a severe shaking up. There is no clue to the miscreants who misplaced the switch.

GREAT TIMBER DEAL. Parties Securing Great Tracts of Forest Lands in California and Oregon.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 25.—The Bulletin says that E. H. Harriman and James J. Hill are uniting in a great timber deal whereby they, with a number of associates, will control the lumber market of the world. They are securing large tracts of forest land in Northern California and Oregon through their agents, who have been for some time quietly buying property on the coast.