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# IT WAS A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY

That is What Mr. Woodward Declares.

### CANTESTABLISH AN ALIBI

SAYS HE WAS ON THE DOCK ON THE DAY PREVIOUS.

DECLARES HE HAD NEVER SEEN THE LADY

Was Dumbfounded at the Assault and Can Es tablish his Innocence. A Friend Wri'es of his High Standing at His 'Home.

Goldsboro, N. C., June 23 .- (Special.)-I met Mr. J. F. Woodard, of Warsaw, here this morning returning from Washington. With reference to the affair he makes the following statement:

"I have been in Washington fourteen or fifteen days soliciting and buying potatoes for G. M. Snyder & Co., of New York. So far as I know my relations with everybody in Washington were pleasant. I had no trouble with any

During the day (Wednesday, June 21st), from 8 a. m. to 12 m., I was at work on the dock looking after the interests of my house. I shipped the last car of potatoes on Wednesday and spent the entire afternoon on the dock. About 5 p. m., I started toward the Hotel Nicholson with Mr. Joe Taylor, of Washington, N. C., and Mrs. Joyner, of Pittsburg, Pa. When we got about half way to the hotel, Mr. A. Hudnell, of Aurora, joined us and we all walked together to the hotel. There we talked till about 6 p. m., when Mr. Hudnell left us. I did not leave the hotel again that hight. I went to supper at about 6:30 and to bed at about 10 o'clock.

"As I was sitting in front of the hotel ut 8 p. m. Wednesday evening, Mr. S. H. Williams came by and said to me, 'Mr. Woodard, I hear that you were flirting with a lady in front of the Presbyterian church this evening. I told him he was mistaken, that I was a married man, and that was out of my line of business, that I had not left the hotel since I came from the dock. I thought he was joking in what he said about firting. Nothing more was said. except as he was leaving he said. I suppose you will leave in the morning. 1 will see you before you leave."
"Next morning (Thursday) I left the

hotel, stopping on the way to the depot to bid my friends good bye. I was joined by Mr. Joyner who accompanied me to the depot. When I reached there I bought a ticket to Warsaw. While standing on the platform I was assault-

"I did not speak to any lady at all during the entire day of Wednesday. June 21st. I did not have the slightest idea that I was going to be assaulted or what for." Mr. Woodard says he is innocent of

the charge, that he never saw the lady in question, and would not know her if he were to see her. Continuing, Mr. Woodard said:

When I was assaulted I begged for time for an explanation. I begged for my life. Nobody-citizens or railroad officials-rendered me any protection excert Mr. Will Bragaw, who asked the crowd to stop. I was then told to get on the train and not return again. Since I arrived at Warsaw I have received the following telegrams in reply to telegrams sent by some of my friends to Washing-

Washington, N. C., June 22. Mr. J. F. Woodard, Warsaw, N. C. If innocent, come back quick. good people will protect you. You have lots of friends.

R. H. FOX. "I replied as follows:

Warsaw, N. C., June 22. R. H. Fox, Washington, N. C. If I am guaranteed protection, I will go back and prove my innocence.

J. F. WOODARD.

The mayor of Washington sent Mr. Woodard the following telegram: Washington, N. C., June 22, J. F. Woodard, Warsaw, N. C.,

If you want to come you shall have protection. W. M. CHANCEY, Mayor. Tais is all the statement Mr. Woodard desired to make at this time.

H. B. HARDY. FROM MR. WOCDARD'S HOME. The following communication was re-

ceived yesterday afternoon: Warsaw, N. C., June 23. To the Editor: Your today's issue contains an account with large display heading of the brutal attack on one of our most respected citizens, Mr. J. F. Woodard, at Washington, yesterday morning. The good people of his native town are interested that the world be apprised of the other side of the story,

and to this degree render tardy justice. Mr. Woodard has lived here all his life; is known and respected by all, as a jovial and courteous gentleman of unim peachable bonor, and in the forty odd years of his life no breath of scardal has ever been allied with his fair name. None that know him can for a momen believe this shameful story, and all are alike indignant over the barbarous treat ment be received, without opportunity

for explanation or defense. is a case of mistaken identity that is likely to get the perpetrators and

through with it, for it is not to be sup-posed that these valiant defenders or insulted wonmanhood can set upon a defenseless, unsuspecting man, and by their overpowering numbers brutally beat him, and then vaunt their heroic deed through the columns of your pa per, and go unscathed of righteous pun-

Mr. Woodard states that on the day previous to the assault (the day the insult was delivered), he was on the dock until late in the evening; that he, then went straight to his hotel in company with three gentlemen whose names he has; that he remained at the hotel the remainder of the evening and night, in the meantime settling his notel bill, as the potato shipments were about over, and prepared to leave for his home or following morning. He was with friends the whole time, and can clearly prove that he was not on the street where the insult occurred at any time during the day in question. That the next morning, after walking around town, shaking hands with friends, he went to the depot and bought his ticket for Warsaw: that while standing on the platform a man ran up, and grabbed him by the throat, that two or three others tripped him up, and bound his legs, while another stood off and lashed him with a whip. He was perfectly dumbfounded, the attack was so unexpected, and he tried to explain that they had the wrong man, but they would not let him say a word, nor could be as one of the ruffians had his tongue choked out. They then drove him on the train with pistols and threats of death if he did not comply.

Mr. Woodard states that he could not learn the name of the lady and would not know her if he were to see her, that he did learn on the train, however, that she was driven down to the depot, and pointed himself out as the man. Your correspondent gave as one of the means of identification the suit of clothes he wore. In this connection Mr. Woodard says that he had on an entirely different

suit from the day before.

JOS. E. JOHNSON.

STRIKE AGAINST THE TRUST.

Richmond, Va., June 23 .- The difficulty at the P. Whitlock branch of the American Tobacco Co., which began yesterday has developed into a strike and today more than three-fourths of the 1,500 girls employed there as bunchbreakers, rollers and packers, are out. with bright prospects however, of a solution of the question satisfactory to all parties concerned.

Tomorrow morning a meeting of those who have grievances will be held and at that time a statement will be made by the young ladies, which it is hoped wi'll end the strike. The trouble has grown out of differences respecting the rates of pay now prevailing and certain rules recently established.

#### PROSECUTION GIVEN UP

NO EVIDENCE AS TO INTIMIDATION IN PITT

COUNTY.

the Assent of Assis'ant District Attern'y Spears.

Greenville, N. C., June 23 .- (Special.) -About the middle of May twenty cit. zens of Pitt county were arraigned before United States Commissioner Ormond on the charge of conspiracy to inhearing of the case was adjuorned until Yesterday morning court met. Assis-

tant District Attorney Spears was present prosecuting, and defendants opened their testimony. The court sat all day yesterday and today till about 4 p. m., taking the testimony of defendants. Ar this hour Governor Jarvis, of counsfor defendants, arose and made a brief address. He went over the testimony showing the impossibility of convicting any of the defendants upon the charges. Mr. Spears said he concurred in the view expressed, and that the evidence was insufficient to convict and that the government did not wish to annoy citizens with trial upon insufficient testi mony and that he concurred in the suggestion that all of the defendants be discharged. Whereupon they were discharged. Both Commissioner Ormond and Assistant Attorney Spears have acted with commendable fairness during the investigation.

## ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Rev. David Morelle, Formerly of Wilmington, Tired of Life.

New York, June 23.-Rev. David Episcopalian elergyman, Merelle, an formerly of Wilmington, N. C., attempted suicide by turning on six jets of gas in his apartments on West End Avenue in this city today. All the furniture in the apartments was removed several days ago. Mrs. Morelle, the clergyman's wife, left the house about the same time and did not return. The care takers in the house says that Mrs. Morelle left in company with a young doctor, with whom she had been seen a number of times. Mr. Morelle is 71 years old. He is crippled in the lower part of his right leg. Mrs. Morelle is

38 years old. From letters found in Mr. Morelle's rooom it is thought he was formerly connected with preparatory schools for West Point and Annapolis. A letter ad-dressed to Captain Martin, U. F. R. C. Detroit, Michigan, apparentiy President's party, in Forest Park. written by the clergyman, was found in

Mr. Morelle was taken to Roosevelt hospital. His condition is serious.

# MUMMY ALGER **WOULD BE SENATOR**

Declares He is in the Race in thus far failed in their attempts and Michigan to Stay.

#### INSCRIBES HIS BANNERS

WITH "ANTI-TRUST" AND "ELEC-TION OF SENATORS BY DIRECT VOTE."

HIMSELF INTERVIEWED

And Declares that Trusts are Endang ring he Coun'ry's Commerce. Says the Michiigan Contest Will be a Fair

Stand up Fight.

Chicago, Ills., June 23.-General Russell A. Alger, Secretary of War, annonnced here to-day that he is in the Michigan Senatorial fight with "Anti-Trust" and "Election of Senators by di-rect vote of the people," on his banners. eannot compete with those companies

The General is at present at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Charles Pike, of iron. After his trip in Northern Michigan. Wisconsin and Minnesota. He gave his trict of platform on the heels of its announcement by Governor Pingree, "who," commented the Secretary of War, "always could come to an agreement with the gets in ahead."

"It is perhaps a little early to say that trusts and trust legislation are to be great factors in coming elections," said General Alger. "Other issues of greater importance may arise, but, however, that may be, it is certain that the widespread spirit of consolidation of great financial interests is an evil which must be contended against legislatively. I am a foe to these great amalgamations and believe in the election of Senators by a direct vote of the people, as Governor Pingree states, and on these

planks I will stand. "The concentration of wealth in trusts is detrimental to the interests of the people. It squeezes the small dealer out of business and, greatest of all, eliminates the middleman and stifles competition. With a certain commodity controlled by one man or a coterie of men they are not compelled to seek custom-The dealer must come to the trust,

a murmur the price asked. "Everywhere manufacturers are meeting to agree on increases in their prices for articles manufactured from raw material and monopolized by a trust. This is noticeable in articles in which iron and steel are used. The results of monopoly are so apparent and have been so widely discussed that further comment is not necessary. I am not an extremist, but the growing tendency to ab-Commissioner Ormand Dismissed the Case Wih sorb a certain part of the industries of the country into one big company, that others may be frozen out and a monoply secured, is a matter for consideration by legislators on behalf of the people, who are vitally interested.

"The present system of electing Senators through the agency of the Legislature is one which has always had its critics, and I believe the criticism is timidate and deter certain voters at Parker's X Roads precinct. The government closed its testimony and further time that doubtless take years, it is holiday after June 26th, to allow the just. I think the direct vote is the bet- pate a favorable decision on that point. worth laboring for. A senatorial fight in a State Legislature generally sends to Congress a man who is more the representative of a machine than of the

"The contest in Michigan for the nomination will be a fair stand-up fight. Mr. McMillan, aided, I believe, by Burrows, will try for re-nomination. Governor Pingree has shown himself very friendly to me, especially since the beginning of the war. It is too early to make calculations on the strength of the forces which will contend, but there will not be two Republican candidates in the field-nothing to disrupt the party.'

#### BIBLICAL ASSEMBLY.

Charlotte, N. C., June 23.-Rev. Dr J. S. Watkins, of Spartanburg, S. C., Presbyterian church, addressed the pastor's conference of the Southern Biblical Assembly this morning. A paper was read contributed by Rev. H. E. Rondthaler, of Salem, N. C., of the Moravian church. The subject of both were "The Bible in the Pulpit."

The young people's conference was addressed by Rev. G. P. Wilson, of Summerville, S. C., on the subject, "The Bible and Character Building." A paper by Miss Carrie McLean, of Charlotte, was read.

Rev. Dr. J. Egilbert, of Washington, D. C., spoke at night on the subject. "The Bible God's Book."

The various schools and classes of the assembly continued as usual in the various city churches.

#### RECEPTION AT PLUNKETT'S.

Adams, Mass., June 23.-President and Mrs. McKinley and their party, who are guests of W. B. Plunkett here, remained indoors this morning, owing to threatening weather. It has been decided that the President shall hold a public reception at the Plunkett residence tomorrow afternoon. This evening a reception and dance were given to Misses Duncan and Barber of the

dog's pants may indicate warm weather, but they don't bag at the

MAY AVOID A STRIKE.

Though Alabama Miners and Operators Have Not Yet Agreed.

Birmingham, Ala., June 23.—The coat have been in session here since Monday trying to come to some agreement with the operators on the scale of wages to be paid during the coming year have tomorrow will adjourn until next Tuesday in order to refer the question back to the miners themselves. They will vote on the question Monday and give their delegates further instructions as to what they shall do when the convention reassembles.

Representatives of the mining com sanies attended the convention today and announced they could not pay the scale asked for. This scale provided for a minimum price of 45 cents when pig iron was selling for \$7.60, when iron goes above that price the wages were to be kept on a sliding scate.

The Sloss Iron and Steel Company gave its answer today that they cou'd not confer with the convention as their miners had never instructed the company whether the convention was authorized to make a contract for them or not. The Tennessee Iron Company has offered to renew the present contract for another year with the exception that they wanted a maximum price of 52%c per ton fixed. The operators of the Steam and Domestic Coal Mines, ask that the convention make them a proposition for mining coal on a fixed basis They say without the sliding scale. they are not in the iron business and who rely for their profits on the price

President Young, of the Alabama district of Mine Workers, said today that after the miners had voted again on operators without a strike.

TO HANG SEPTEMBER 20TH. Will the Execution be Public-Concert by Music Class,

Newton, N. C., June 23 .- (Special.)-The date of Avery Kale's execution has been set. Sacriff Blackwelder received his warrant from the Governor yesterday, fixing the date at September 20th. The warrant was read to the prisoner this morning. The county commissioners will decide at their July meeting whether the execution will be public or pri-

Miss Beulah Witherspoon's music home on last night. The programme was well rendered, and the performance showed what pains had been taken in the training of the pupils and what great improvement they had made. Miss Witherspoon is a graduate of Peace Intake what he can get and pay without stitute and is a splendid performer.

## WILLIAM WON'T SECEDE

ALL STAND BY THE POWERS ON AFBI-TRATION MATTER.

M. De Staal Wants to Ag ee on a Stand Still in Armaments. A period of five Years Suggested.

The Hague, June 23,-The information from Germany is that Emperor William will not separate himself from the other powers in the arbitration question; and the German delegates anticidelegates to refer to their respective governments for final instructions.

M. De Staal, President of the Peace Conference, at a meeting of the committee today introduced the Russian proposals looking to the arrest of armaments and read a declaration disclaiming all intention of proposing a reduction of the armaments at present. He believed that if a standstill could be agreed upon. a reduction would soon come of itself. He now appealed to the powers to de vote their energies towards the arrest of the continual increase of cost of armed peace, which, he asserted, cost

more than a tremendous v Colonel Gilinsky, of the Russian delegation, moved that the powers should enter into an understanding for a term of, say five years, not to increase the effective peace footing of their forces, except in colonial troops, nor increase the amounts of their military budgets. A naval standstill resolution will be introduced later.

#### THE ZEALANDIA SAILS.

Having on Board the Twenty-Fourth Infantry.

Washington, June 23.—The transport Zealandia has sailed from San Francisco for Manila, with the first battalion Twenty-fourth infantry, composed of seven officers and 406 enlisted men. Twelve men of the signal corps and a detachment of recruits for regiments serving with General Otis are also on

The regiment was conspicuous for its conduct in the Santiago campaign, and volunteered to guard and nurse the yellow fever patients of General Shafter's army. This regiment is armed with Krag-Jorgensen rifles and provided with 386 rounds of ammunition per man.

#### DEAD BY THE TRACK.

Alexandria, Va., June 23,-The dead body of a well dressed white man found beside the railroad tracks near this city yesterday has been identified as that of Sidney Walker, of Savannah, Ga. He was 38 years of age. Two cuts in the throat and an open pocket knife beside the body indicate suicide.

# STORMY SCENES IN THE CONVENTION

Bluegrass Democrats Howl at the Chairman.

#### WANTED NO ADJOURNING

MR. BRONSTON'S FIERY CHARGE AGAINST THE MAJORITY.

NO NOMINATION AGAIN YESTERDAY

Credentials Committee has Not Yet Made its Report. Liveliest Meeting hat Even Kentucky has Seen A Bolt is Possible.

Louisville, Ky., June 23.-For the third time in as many days the Democratic State Convention to-night broke up in disorder. It will enter upon the fourth day of its sessions to-morrow without having accomplished anything more than temporary organization. The report of the committee on credentials Mioton was called but by the time he was reached in the order of business tonight, but its consideration was prevented by the disturbing influence of persons who were admitted to the floor of the convention, though not entitled to seats. The Hardin people place the responsi-bility for this on local sympathizers with the Stone-Goebel combination, but the latter candidates disclaim all knowledge of an attempt to pack the convention, and allege loose methods of the arrangements committee.

Hardin is most likely to profit by the occurrence. It is thought the convention will get down to work in earnest to-mor-

The first order of business to-morrow will be the report of the credentials committee, and if outside interference is prevented, the convention should reach the nominations shortly.

#### THE DAY SESSION.

Louisville, Ky., June 23.-Kentucky Democracy went adrift today. After tugging for two days at her cables, which had been securely placed in the hands of temporary chairman Redwine by the Stone-Goebel combination, she finally loosened her moorings and for half an hour floundered about rudderless in the open stream. There were thirty minutes of wild excitement, of cheers and yells, jeers and cat calls. The Kentucky Democrat is emotional by nature and demonstrative by training. Two days in the leash had tried his self restraint beyond the danger point. So, when the chairman for the fourth consecutive time GEO. H. HOLDEN TELLS OF A TAIK WITH since Wednesday night declared the convention adjourned, after a viva voce vote which his opponents declare was too close to be determined in that manner and had refused the call of the He Requested the Passage of a Law Naturalizcounties as demanded by them; they were primed for an explosion.

Judge Redwine left his seat, but not so the delegates. They had come to attend a convention, not to run up hotel bills and swelter in the streets. There was no lack of leaders from among the Hardinites, and soon they were wrought up to a high tension. The Goebel-Stone followers remained in the hall to see what was coming off and tried with their cheers to drown the angry yells of the

When the noise and confusion had lasted about 15 minutes, Charles Bronsten, a fiery Hardinite, elbowed his way through the excited delegates mounted the stage. He only added fuel "The body I love better than life it-

self," he exclaimed at the top of his voice, "is in the hands of cut throats Holder and assassins." The frenzied crowd was on its feet,

waving hats, canes, fans and handkerchiefs and yelling like mad, the minority in approval and the Stone-Goebel people to cry them down. Every man was on his feet and the

space immediately in front of the stage vas jammed with an excited, gesticulating, noisy crowd. Bronston tried in vain to proceed. The battle of voices raged for several minutes. Finally Bronston resumed, but his voice was lost in the storm of yells. Whether Bronston miscalculated the effect of his words, or had not counted on being interrupted before he could qualify his remark, is not clear, but when he made himself heard again, after five or ten minutes, he continued in a more conciliatory

"But we must be patient," said he. "Come back at 8 o'clock and let us settle our differences in this hall. If this convention is again declared adjourned without regard to the rights of the delegates, we will elect another chairman and proceed with the business that brought us here."

This brought cheers from both sides, and after several minutes of gradually subsiding excitement the hall was cleared. This may have been the exhaust of a safety valve, which prevented a bolt later in the proceedings.

Two short sessions of the convention were held today, one in the morning at which the only business transacted was the adoption of resolutions in memory of the late Richard P. Bland, of Missouri. Then a recess was taken until 4 o'clock p. m., to await the report of the credentials committee, which, it was announced, had been in almost continuous session all last night, and still had enough of the 257 contested seats to pass upon to keep it busy until the hour the rest of the country. The named. When the convention re-assem-

afternoon a plea for more ade on behalf of the creden-fittee. A Hardin man offered a resolution for the discharge of the committee and the disposal of the contests by the convention itself. This was declared out of order, the decision provok-ing, the first demonstration of the gathering storm. Then came the motion to adjourn, and it broke with full force. After half an hour of the liveliest mass meeting even Kentucky Democrats ever saw, the delegates left the hall with ominous looks and words which betokened little tranquility for the evening ses-

HON. T. J. SEMMES DEAD.

Passed Away Suddenly at His Home in New Orleans.

New Orleans, June 23.—Hon. Thomas Jenkins Semmes died almost on the stroke of 12 last night. His death was unexpected; his passing tragically sudden. As was his custom the judge spent the evening at the Boston Club. He seemed in unusual health and spirits and entered into the general conversation with noticeable animation. At about 11:39 he arose and bade those

about him a cheery good night.

Mr. Semmes seems to have gone directly to his home. As nearly as the servant could recall he arrived there at 11:40 o'clock and there was nothing about his appearance that attracted unusual attention. In about ten minutes the maid servant heard his calling in a loud and strange voice. She ran at once to his room and found him partially disrobed and im great distress. Dr. reached the bed-chamber the sufferer was far beyond human aid. It was evident at a glance that he was in the throes of some vital collapse, probably failure of the heart.

Thomas Jenkins Semmes was born in Georgetown, D. C., December 1st, 1824, and was the son of Rachael Semmes, a prominent merchant of that place. The Semmes family is of French and English descent and was among the first settlers of Maryland.

#### CAIN STEVENS HANGED.

Eastman, Ga., June 23.-Cain Stevens, colored, was hanged this morning. He confessed his crime and said whiskey, cards and women had been his

#### A HEAVY STORM.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Jne 23 .- A heavy storm swept over this city about noon today and did great damage to telephone and telegraph wires. Lightning struck in several places doing much damage. On James Trulick's place, Wm. Patterson and Jim Jackson were killed. bert Trulick was dazed by the lightning.

## DEWEY FOR EXPANSION

HIM.

ing Chinese Who Fought at the Battle of Manila.

Minneapolis, Minn., June 23,-George H. Holden, who has just returned from the Philippines, tells of a talk with Admiral Dewey in Manila during which the latter expressed expansionist convictions of the strongest type. The Admiral asked Holden for his opinion on the future course of the government in the islands, and when his caller declared that the American people could not afford to withdraw, that they were building for the future and not for the present, and that they owed it to the world to remain, he heartily approved of the words. Impress your view upon your friends

Holden was asked by the Admiral to visit a certain member of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate and urge him to have a law passed extending citizenship to the 60 Chinese boys who participated in the battle of Manila

and every American citizen,"

"They were good enough to fight for us and they are good enough to be American citizens," said Dewey.

#### TO PROTECT FARMERS.

Suggested That the Tariff Be Extended to Cover Them Also.

Washington, June 23.—The farming intersts were represented before the Industrial Commission today by two witnesses, Richman Coles and Samuel B. Ketcham, New Jersey farmers.

The former said there was a general feeling that conditions might improve; that prices for products were generally lower, while farm hands' wages were higher for some time, Twenty-five farms in his section had depreciated 50 per cent. in value. The depreciation of prices, which he said was not so great, was attributed to competition from the West and South. He thought putting farm products on the same tariff basis as manufactures would save the United States over \$300,000,000 now sent

Mr. Ketcham contended that the increase in population in the near future would result in making the demand for farm products equal to the supply.

## VAPARAISO FLOODED.

Sartiago de Chile, June 23 .- A tremendous rainfall has interrupted ail communication between this place and the rest of the country. The city of