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THE GREAT HESPER OR THE SEARCH FOR THE BIGGEST DIAMOND IN THE WORLD. By FRANK BARRETT.

CHAPTER XVIII. Continued. "Can that man have been the 'Furnival' who obtained the address of Brace and myself from you?"

sure mules. We had four hours of terrible rough and dangerous traveling before we reached Petersville—the most wretched collection of rotten shacks I ever saw.

bargain, he went off to get the articles required, while Brace looked into the room. "It's the same," said Brace, and turning up his sleeves, he proceeded to nail up the door in a business-like manner.

GIRL'S BRAVE DEED

Shoots Down Her Would-Be Assailant and Resumes Work SELMA TELEPHONE OPERATOR

Miss Pearl Jones, Night Telephone Operator, With Rare Coolness, Puts Fatal Bullet Into Negro Who Premeditated an Assault Upon Her—Negro, Trapped, Confesses His Intended Crime—His Accomplice Landed in Jail—Admiring Citizens to Present Brave Girl With Gold-Mounted Revolver and Medal.

Selma, N. C., Special.—Saturday night about 11:30 o'clock Miss Pearl Jones, the telephone operator at this place, shot and fatally wounded Bud Richardson, a negro, who, by his own confession, had premeditated an assault upon her.

The telephone office is located in a narrow room between a large store and the bank fronting on Main street. In the rear of the office, enclosed by a high board wall, is a small back lot private to the operators.

At 4 o'clock Sunday they were all given a preliminary hearing before a magistrate, resulting in two of them being released and two held. At the trial the wounded negro, realizing his condition, said he was ready to make a statement, which he did in the form of an affidavit as follows:

THE WORK OF CONGRESS

What is Being Done Day by Day By the National House and Senate.

Danger to Quarantine Bill. There is decided danger that the quarantine bill intended to give Federal aid in yellow fever quarantines, which has passed the Senate House, will fail because of a deadlock among the conferees on the seventh section of the bill providing that inter-State traffic may be carried on without interruption through a state under yellow fever quarantine, under certain regulations; that is, that through trains may make their regular runs without taking on or letting off passengers or freight within the quarantined state.

Report on Packers Matter. The House Committee on Agriculture decided to comply with the request of the Chicago packers to be heard on the Neill-Reynolds report regarding the conditions in the Chicago packing houses.

As to the charge that canned meats were boiled in water to "freshen them up," Mr. Wilson said there was absolutely nothing in this. What was done was to put in hot water where the cans of the old labels, which he said, was an injury to the appearance of the goods on sale.

He denied absolutely that there were any diseased cattle or hogs butchered for food. Mr. Wilson described in detail the operation of preparing canned meats and when asked by Representative Scott of Kansas, a member of the committee, "How about the rope and other foreign matter found with scraps on the floor," Mr. Wilson explained that what was probably seen in this instance was the string on the knuckle and what had been dried beef.

Flooded With Petitions. As Senator Tillman suggested there was "A streak of yellow" in the Senate due to the fact that practically every desk in the chamber was covered with telegrams of protest against the Anti-Pass provision in the Railroad Rate Bill as reported by the Conference Committee.

They were all from railroad men and in each case consisted of protests against cutting off the privilege of riding free. In addition there was a formal statement on behalf of engineers, firemen, conductors and trainmen saying that they represented 230,000 railway employees.

The discussion of the Railroad Rate Bill conference report in the Senate showed that the bill would be sent back to the conference. The conference announced that they expected that result.

Busy Days in the House. Against the day when the House of Representatives was in throes of a filibuster or "putting off until tomorrow what it might have done the day before," must be set the work accomplished in the lower branch of the national Legislature.

In many particulars Tuesday was a "red letter day" in the House, not only in the number of bills passed, but in the general character of the legislation enacted. What bid fair to cause endless trouble, the naturalization bill, was passed under suspension of the rules, the Speaker and the gentleman in charge of the bill, Mr. Boyce, of Colorado, doing teamwork of a superior kind.

Senator Gorman's Successor. Baltimore, Special.—The rumors as to who would be appointed to serve out the remainder of Senator Gorman's unexpired term were put to rest Friday night when Governor Warfield announced the appointment of Hon. W. P. Whyte. Mr. Whyte has been governor of the State, mayor of Baltimore, and has twice been in the Senate—one by election and once before by executive appointment.

LIVE ITEMS OF NEWS

Epitome of Current Happenings of Interest Briefly Told.

Senator Joseph R. Burton, who was sentenced to jail and fined for irregularities, resigned, and Governor Hoch appointed Foster Dwight Coburn as successor.

In a battle between striking miners and guards near Plum Run Mine, in Ohio, four men were wounded, two perhaps fatally, and the militia was ordered out.

The fight between Mexicans and Americans at Cananea, Mexico, is said to have been fomented by revolutionists from St. Louis headquarters.

Eight of the large meat-packing concerns joined in a signed statement protesting against the Neill-Reynolds report.

The State investigating board reported on the San Francisco earthquake, which it claims, was due to ruptures in the earth's crust caused by geological changes.

Richard A. Canfield testified in his own behalf in the suit of John Delahanty against him and declared that he was "tipped off" on Jerome's projected raid.

Drs. Harry Adler and J. C. Hemminger, of Baltimore, were speakers at a medical convention in Boston, which is thronged with visiting doctors.

Sixty anarchists, alleged to be from Baltimore, are believed to be in Wilmington, Delaware.

Ex-Mayor Phelan, of San Francisco, announces that the total cash received for the relief of the city is \$4,243,000, and appeals for funds to aid in rehabilitation.

A big reception to William J. Bryan upon his return from abroad is projected, and is to have national proportions.

GUARDS KILL MINERS

Difficulty Between Constables and Strikers

SEVERAL KILLED OR INJURED Indiana Mining Town is Scene of Fatal Clash Between Marching Strikers and Detail of 12 Members of State Constabulary—Striker Fired His Revolver at Troops, Who Responded With Volley From Carbines—Six of Wounded in Serious Condition and Three Will Die.

Indianapolis, Special.—The new mining town of Ernest, on the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg Railroad, five miles from here, was the scene of a conflict between a detail of State constabulary and striking coal miners, in which two strikers were killed and eight wounded, three fatally.

Shortly after daylight a body of strikers, headed by a brass band, marched from Union Mines, in Jefferson county, to receive one of the mine officials expected from Punxsutawney. On the way to the station the marchers encountered a detail of twelve members of the State constabulary and as they passed a member of the band fired his revolver at the troops.

No one was struck, but the constabulary immediately retaliated with a volley from their carbines. When the smoke cleared eight strikers were lying on the ground and others had fled precipitately down the hill.

Two of those shot were killed instantly and the six others were seriously wounded.

DENIED BY HARVIE JORDAN. President of Cotton Association Has Not Advised Farmers to Sell Spot Cotton for Future Delivery.

Washington, Special.—President Harvie Jordan, of the Southern Cotton Association made the following statement: "In view of the present misinterpretation of my position on prices of spot cotton which has been given general circulation in the press during the past few days, I wish to unqualifiedly deny any report that I have advised farmers or others to sell spot cotton for future delivery or to deal in cotton futures at all. My position in favor of higher prices is unchanged and will continue so long as present splendid trade conditions last and no probability of abnormally large crops being produced."

Report Sent In. Washington, Special.—In response to a request from the House committee on agriculture, President Roosevelt forwarded to Representative Wadsworth, chairman of that committee, the report made to him by a committee of the Department of Agriculture regarding conditions in the Chicago meat packing houses. Accompanying the report was a letter from the President, in which the points out that there is no conflict in substance between the Neill-Reynolds report and that of the Agricultural Department experts.

Telegraphic Briefs. Gabriel Bataille, the negro who is to be hanged today for assault upon Miss Rogers, in King George's county, confessed his crime.

W. L. Francis, of Richmond, who was arrested on a charge of embezzlement, admitted the charge and said he did it to raise money with which to elope.

Supreme Court Orders Served on Chattanooga Lynchers. Chattanooga, Tenn., Special.—United States Marshal Dunlap served Supreme Court orders on all defendants cited to appear before the United States Supreme Court in October to answer for attempt in the Johnson lynching case. The marshal was aided in locating the defendants by sheriff's deputies, all of whom, in addition to the sheriff, are included in Attorney General Moody's information.

News Items. The village of Scottown, in Ohio, was completely washed away by flood, two persons being drowned.