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HEFLIN USED PISTOL

Alabama Congressman In Shooting Affray at Washington.

OCCURRED ON STREET CAR

The Congressman Remonstrated with Two Negroes Who Were Drinking in the Presence of Ladies, When He Was Insulted—Difficulty Followed.

Washington, March 28.—The shooting of Louis Lundy, a negro, and Thomas McCreary, a white man, on Friday night by Congressman J. Thomas Hefflin, of Alabama, created a sensation in Washington. The negro received a dangerous wound in the neck and McCreary was slightly injured in the leg.

Mr. Hefflin authorized his colleague, Representative Clayton, to prepare a statement, giving his version of the affray, and in accordance with this wish, Mr. Clayton has given out the following:

Clayton Tells of Shooting.

"The facts, as I have gathered them, are substantially as follows:

"Congressman Ellerbe and Hefflin were riding down Pennsylvania avenue in the direction of the capitol about 6:30 o'clock. Ellerbe observed before he left the car at the corner of Sixth street two negroes drinking whisky and cursing in the presence of a lady who sat on a seat with them.

"Hefflin remonstrated with the two negroes and told them to cease their cursing and swearing. After this occurred, Representative Ellerbe got off the car on the west side of Sixth street to go to the Metropolitan hotel, where he boarded, leaving no one on the car but Mr. Hefflin, the lady and the two negroes.

Scuffle Ensued.

"Ellerbe did not anticipate any further trouble. Just as he alighted from the car he was attracted by the noise of a scuffle between Mr. Hefflin and the two negroes. He heard one of the negroes use vile language toward Mr. Hefflin. Mr. Hefflin was being assaulted in the car which was just then crossing Sixth street. It stopped directly in front of the St. James hotel, a run of about 100 feet.

"Mr. Hefflin drew his revolver to defend himself, and struck one of his assailants on the head.

"One of the negroes made a motion as if to draw a weapon from his pocket and at that moment both rushed at Mr. Hefflin. They struggled to the platform and the representative forced both of them to the street.

Negroes Used Vile Language.

"When off the car the two negroes renewed the vile oaths and turned with evident intention of renewing their attack. Mr. Hefflin fired two shots with his revolver through one of the car windows. He did not aim at either of the two negroes, but shot at the ground with the intention of dissuading them from continuing their assault. One bullet glanced and struck Thomas McCreary in the leg. McCreary, accompanied by his wife, was about to board a car. Mrs. McCreary also heard the vile oaths of the two negroes."

Received Threatening Letters.

Mr. Clayton explained that Mr. Hefflin had recently secured permission to carry a revolver because of threatening letters he had received as a result of his activity toward getting a "jim crow" law passed in the District of Columbia.

Representative Hefflin was arrested, but later was released on \$5,000 bail.

Mr. Hefflin represents the fifth Alabama district, in which the Tuskegee institute, of which Booker T. Washington is at the head, is located.

Italy's King Receives Morgan.

Rome, March 28.—King Victor Emanuel Saturday received J. P. Morgan in private audience and conversed with him on American affairs. The king manifested keen interest in the approaching presidential campaign in the United States.

Lost an Arm in Cotton Gin.

Gibson, Ga., March 28.—News has just reached here by telephone that B. K. Parris, a large farmer residing five miles above here, got his arm cut off in the gin while ginning cotton. He is reported as being in a dangerous condition.

Force Greatly Reduced.

New Haven, Conn., March 28.—By the laying off of 105 men Saturday at the Spring street shops of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad, the working force was reduced to about twenty-five, as against nearly 800 when the shops are running full handed.

HEFLIN SPEAKS OF SHOOTING.

Popular Alabama Congressman Has Sympathy of Colleagues.

Washington, March 31.—Representative Thomas Hefflin, of Alabama, in a statement Saturday regarding Friday night's shooting affray on Pennsylvania avenue, says:

"I'm glad to say I have not yet reached the point where I will see a negro or a white man either, take a drink in the presence of a lady without saying something to him. I did only what any other gentleman placed in similar circumstances would have done."

In the police court it was agreed between Representative Henry D. Clayton, of Alabama, who appeared for Mr. Hefflin, and Assistant U. S. attorney Ralph Given, that the case should not be called until a future date.

At the emergency hospital it is reported that Louis Lundy, the negro who was shot by Representative Hefflin, is not seriously wounded, and will be discharged in a day or two.

That the popular Alabama representative has the sympathy of his democratic colleagues in this affair, would seem to be abundantly proven by the kind words which greeted him when he arrived in the house Saturday. He was somewhat paler than usual, but aside from that evidence of the excitement which he had undergone, seemed to be untouched by the affair in which he was a principal.

SEN. TILLMAN TO GO ABROAD.

His Physicians Have Advised a Complete Change as Necessary.

Trenton, S. C., March 31.—While no alarm is felt, there is considerable anxiety over the continued illness of Senator B. R. Tillman, and announcement is made that his physicians, Dr. Babcock and Dr. Hunter, have advised a complete change as a matter of necessity.

It develops that Senator Tillman's condition demands absolute rest and quiet, hence any idea he may have entertained of making another lecture tour after the close of congress, or later in the year, has been put aside.

The senator and Mrs. Tillman are making arrangements to go abroad during the late spring or early in the summer, and will be away several months.

Secty. Strauss Will Visit Columbus.

Columbus, Ga., March 31.—Hon. Oscar S. Strauss, secretary of commerce and labor of the United States, will arrive in Columbus, his former home, on April 6, and will spend the afternoon of that day and also April 7 in this city. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Strauss. An invitation was extended Mr. Strauss to visit his old home by the Columbus board of trade, the Young Men's Christian association and the mayor of the city. He will come to Columbus from Savannah at which place he is to deliver an address.

May Build Draw Bridges.

Augusta, Ga., March 31.—Augusta may soon be forced to spend \$200,000 in drawbridges on the two bridges built by the city across the Savannah river. There are four bridges over the river, two of the city and two of the Southern railway. Several years ago the war department ordered drawbridges to be constructed. The city secured an extension of time for two years. That time is now up, and the city is planning to ask another extension, but there is an element in Augusta opposed to extension of time.

Decision of Federal Judge.

Montgomery, Ala., March 31.—In a sweeping decision making permanent the preliminary injunction decided last August, Judge Thomas G. Jones, of the federal court of Alabama, middle district, declared that acts which sought to prevent the railroads of the state from going into the federal court were unconstitutional and that the anti-railroad acts of the Alabama legislature should be suspended pending an investigation of the complaints of the railroads that the acts were confiscatory.

Alabama B. Y. P. U. to Meet.

Montgomery, Ala., March 31.—Many important matters will come up at the meeting of the state B. Y. P. U. at Troy on April 6-8. Among the speakers will be Dr. George T. Webb, of Chicago, and Dr. T. B. Ray, of Richmond. A number of Alabama men of note are also on the program.

Foreign Official Silent.

Berlin, March 30.—The foreign office is practically silent as yet in regard to Emperor William's message to President Roosevelt in the matter of the appointment of Dr. David Jayne Hill to succeed Charlemagne Tower as American ambassador to Germany.

MEXICO CITY SHAKEN

Capital of Southern Republic Jarred by Seismic Wave.

SHOCK LASTED 4 MINUTES

Four Persons Were Injured During the 'Quake, One Mortally—Great Damage Was Done to Buildings and Clocks Were Stopped.

Mexico City, March 27.—Mexico City experienced two severe earthquake shocks Wednesday.

The first shock, which occurred at 4:20 o'clock in the afternoon, lasted 4 minutes and 28 seconds, and did little damage.

The second shock, which occurred at 9:17 p. m. was much more severe. Four persons were injured during the quake, one of them mortally, and great damage was done to buildings.

Walls were cracked and clocks all over the city were stopped. The theater crowds rushed to the streets. The people are greatly alarmed over the repeated shocks. A number of walls have fallen. For a short time telegraph communication was interrupted.

The shock was felt over an area of some 500 miles from north to south, extending itself at Guanajuato on the north, and Rincon Antonio on the south.

San Francisco, the main thoroughfare of the city, was cracked in many places for many blocks. It is feared here that the shocks will be repeated, and few are sleeping soundly tonight. It has been many years since successive shocks of any severity have been felt here. All of the injured were Mexican workmen.

The shock was similar to that felt in this city about a year ago, the oscillations being of a long, swaying variety. At the national observatory it was stated that the needle of the seismograph traveled the entire distance of the dials.

That the property loss was not greater is due, according to the scientists, to the fact that Mexico City rests on the spongy bed of an old lake.

Shock Felt at St. Thomas.

St. Thomas, D. W. I., March 27.—A sharp earthquake shock occurred here Thursday afternoon and created much alarm. No damage, however, is so far reported.

WOULD TURN STATE'S EVIDENCE.

Fugitive from Justice Anxious to Return to San Francisco.

San Francisco, March 27.—The call says that word has reached the office of chief of police that John Dalzell Robertson, assistant secretary of the defunct California Safe Deposit and Trust company, was in New York and anxious to return to San Francisco and turn state's evidence.

Robertson was indicted with J. Dalzell Brown, Walter J. Barnett and James Treadwell for embezzlement. He escaped from San Francisco as soon as the crash came, and has been a fugitive for four months.

Robertson is penniless and broken in health. Through friends he has made what practically amounts to a complete confession and hopes that he may be granted immunity, for the testimony he is willing to give to the statements by Robertson directly involve Brown, Barnett and Treadwell.

\$300,000 FOR NEW ORLEANS.

Government to Assist City in Levee Improvement.

Washington, March 27.—Senator Nelson was authorized by the committee on commerce to report favorably a bill making available for levee work on the Mississippi river in front of the city of New Orleans, \$300,000 of the appropriation for the work between Cairo, Ill., and the head of the several passes.

The city of New Orleans is carrying on levee improvement work that will cost between three and four million dollars, but it has no authority to construct work in the bed of the Mississippi necessary to protect the levees. This part of the work will be done by the government. A delegation from New Orleans appeared before the commission in support of the bill.

Dropped Dead on Train.

Jacksonville, Fla., March 31.—C. E. Niles, a prominent banker of Finley, Ohio, dropped dead on an Atlantic Coast line train about 6 o'clock Saturday night just before reaching this city. Mr. Niles, accompanied by his wife and family, were enroute to their home after a pleasant stay at various Florida resorts.

DEAL SCORES ROOSEVELT.

Representative Thinks "Big Stick" Wielding Too Much Power.

Washington, March 27.—More shafts of sarcasm and invective were aimed at President Roosevelt in the house of representatives Thursday. In one of the most scathing arraignments of a public officer ever heard in that chamber, Mr. Beall, of Texas, charged the president with having been guilty of a disgusting usurpation of power, not only toward the national legislature, but the judiciary as well. Congress had, he said, abdicated to him its power, and the judiciary of the country felt the effect of his influence. God and the future alone know, he declared, just what niche he was to occupy in the temple of his country.

Mr. Beall credited the president with having appointed three judges of the supreme court of the United States and a majority of the United States circuit and district judges.

"Drawing their source of authority from him," he declared, "and holding their commissions from him, he stands in a position to wield a powerful influence upon them, though they are the representatives of a distinct department of the government."

The president, he charged, was not content with the exercise of the same power exercised by Washington, Jefferson, Jackson, Lincoln, Grant and McKinley, but in his overpowering ambition reaches out with eager hand and exercises powers not dreamed of by them.

SHERIFF STOPPED MEETING.

Because of Inflammatory Article in a Negro Paper at Montgomery.

Montgomery, Ala., March 27.—Because of inflammatory matter in a local negro paper, the Colored Alabamian, Sheriff Horace Hood has withdrawn permission for a meeting of negroes in the court house at which protest was to be made on the attitude of the administration at Washington on the race.

This meeting had been called by Bishop Astor and a number of others in what has been taken to be an anti-Taft movement in the state.

Sheriff Hood, addressing the editor of the paper, says:

"In view of your editorial, which is calculated to arouse racial prejudice, creating a condition that bodes no good but much harm to both races, especially to the negro, who must be the greatest sufferer in any conflict aroused by foolish and unwise leaders and agitators, I withdraw my consent for a political meeting to be held in the county court house. As custodian of the court house, the property of the taxpayers of the county, I can not give my consent for its use to men who write incendiary articles and make incendiary speeches, calculated to stir up strife and disturb that harmony and good feeling that exists now and is so desirable between the whites and blacks of this city and this county."

ALLIGATOR STARVING ITSELF.

Big Reptile at Bronx Zoo Refuses to Eat Anything.

New York, March 27.—Keepers at the Bronx zoo are puzzled over the problem of Moe, the twelve foot alligator, who has refused to eat anything for four months, and is slowly starving to death.

Formerly the alligator was kept in an enclosure with twelve or fourteen crocodiles. His habit of frequently growing angry and attacking his companions led to his isolation four months ago. From that day his self-imposed fast dates.

The keepers attributed his refusal to eat to peevishness and kept by himself and have been hoping that the fit would wear off. To date it has failed to leave him, and the headkeeper has called a consultation of animal experts to discuss the case and see if anything can be done to save the big reptile.

Summons Not Properly Served.

New York, March 27.—Regarding the litigation by which James F. Hannigan hoped to collect \$2,000 from the Duc de Chalmes for clothes supplied him in London and Paris, City Court Justice Conlan has decided that the summons in the suit had not been properly served. The process server said he had given it to the duke, but the latter declared in an affidavit that the summons had been served on his cousin, Baron Louis de Conde, in mistake. The duke is now in Eu rope.

Tillman Must Take Long Rest.

Augusta, Ga., March 27.—Advice from Edgfield indicate that U. S. Senator Ben Tillman will not be able to return to Washington during this session because of illness. His physicians have ordered a long rest.

HIS HOME DYNAMITED

Attempt to Assassinate Former Adj. Gen. Bulkeley Wells.

EXPLOSIVE UNDER HIS BED

General Wells Was Asleep at the Time and Miraculously Escaped Death—Once Took Prominent Part in Suppression of Labor Troubles.

Telluride, Colo., March 28.—Former Adjutant General Bulkeley Wells narrowly escaped death or serious injury at his home here early Saturday from a well-planned effort to assassinate him with dynamite.

Despite precautions against such an attempt, such as patrols and arelights about the house, a stick of dynamite of a prepared bomb was placed under or near General Wells' bed.

General Wells was sleeping as was his habit, on an outer porch of the house, and he was hurled with the debris many feet from the wrecked house.

The side of the house was torn completely out, hardly a stick of the bed remained, and fragments of wood-ware scattered over the neighborhood.

Though badly shaken up and bruised to some extent, General Wells is said to have escaped without injury.

General Wells took a leading part in the suppression of labor troubles in this state in 1904-05, and was prominently identified with the prosecution of officers of the Western Federation of Miners at Boise City on the charge of complicity in the assassination of former Governor Steunenberg. He had been active also in securing the extradition from Idaho of Steve Adams, to be tried here on charges of murder in connection with the miners strike in 1904.

CARELESS WITH HIS CASH.

Lawyer Left \$12,000 Lying on Court Room Table—Recovers It.

New York, March 28.—Twelve thousand dollars wrapped in a neat little parcel lay for over an hour on one counsel table in part V of the supreme court Friday, and no one knew anything about it. That is probably why Lawyer Francis J. Weidman recovered it.

He had been arguing a case before Justice Gerard when the midday recess was taken. The lawyer hurried out to luncheon, leaving the parcel of money on the table. Half an hour later he ran into the court breathlessly. There, lying on the table, he found his money as he had left it. He would not say why he had so much money with him.

TOLEDO LUMBERMEN'S CASE.

Circuit Court Has Affirmed Decision of the Lower Court.

Toledo, O., March 28.—The circuit court Saturday morning affirmed the decision of the lower court in the cases of the twenty prominent lumber men of Toledo, who last July were sentenced to the workhouse for six months under the Valentine anti-trust law.

The supreme court has decided in the ice trust case that the imprisonment must be in the county jail instead of the workhouse. The lumbermen were sent to the lower court for resentencing.

The lumbermen comprise wealthy and leading citizens of Toledo.

King Re-Elected President T. P. A.

Atlanta, March 28.—Cary J. King, of Rome, Ga., was re-elected president of the Georgia division of the Travelers' Protective association Friday afternoon, this being the first time in the history of this organization that a president has ever been re-elected. J. H. Andrews, of Atlanta, was made secretary-treasurer for another term. The state headquarters remain in Atlanta, and the general opinion of those present was that Athens should get the next convention.

Rubid Won Grand Steeplechase.

Liverpool, March 28.—The grand national steeple chase of 3,000 sovereigns including a trophy valued at 125 sovereigns, on the grand national course, distance about four miles and 850 yards, was won Friday by Major F. Douglas-Pennant's Rubid. William Cooper's Whittie Magregor was second and P. Whittaker's, The Lawyer III, finished third. Twenty-four horses ran.

Preparing for Coming Strike.

Leavenworth, Kans., March 28.—Mine operators are preparing for the coming strike of the coal miners. All of the mine mules are being offered for sale, apparently anticipation of a long contest.

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