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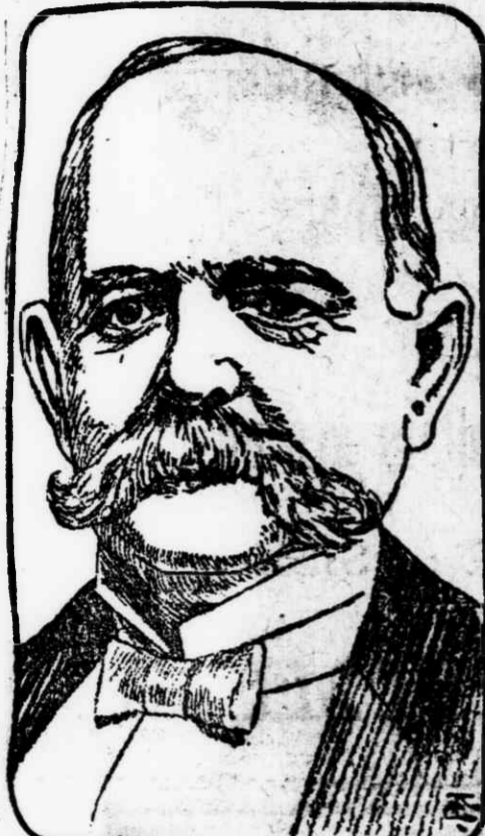
COOPER PARDONED

Governor Patterson Nullifies Order of Supreme Court.

ROBIN IS GRANTED NEW TRIAL

Before Supreme Court Had Finished Handing Decision Against Carmack's Slayer, Governor Had Written Pardon.

Nashville, Tenn.—In the case of Colonel Duncan B. Cooper and Robin J. Cooper, father and son, convicted of killing former United States Senator E. W. Carmack on the streets here November 9, 1908, and sentenced to twenty years each in the state penitentiary, the Tennessee supreme court, by a divided vote, affirmed the sentence as to D. B. Cooper.



COLONEL DUNCAN B. COOPER.

As to Robin Cooper, the case, also by a divided vote, is reversed and remanded to the lower court for a new trial.

Quick Pardon From Gov. Patterson. While Chief Justice Beard was reading a dissenting opinion in the case of Duncan B. Cooper, Governor Patterson wrote a full pardon for the defendant, in which he declares: "In my opinion neither of the defendants is guilty, and they have not had a fair and impartial trial, but were convicted contrary to the law and evidence."

The reversal in the case of Robin Cooper is based on assignments of error in the trial judges failing to charge separately as to Robin Cooper's theory of self-defense, linking the defense of the two defendants together; excluding testimony of Governor Patterson as to talks with defendant Robin Cooper and advice given him as to Colonel Cooper before the tragedy; and the admission on cross-examination of Robin Cooper as to intent of certain state's witnesses in testifying as to certain incidents.

The action of Governor Patterson in pardoning the aged slayer of Senator Carmack has created a stir in Tennessee, and his action is more or less roundly denounced.

What effect the governor's action will have politically in the state is problematical.

ROBIN COOPER'S CASE.

Difficulty of Securing Jurors May Prevent Rehearing.

Nashville, Tenn.—Robin J. Cooper has filed a new bond in the criminal court to appear, when wanted, to answer to the charge of murdering former United States Senator, Edward W. Carmack. Many believe this is the last formality in the famous case and that because of the difficulty in getting a jury, young Cooper will never be called to the bar.

The pardon of Cooper, senior, continues to be the one absorbing topic in Tennessee. The Carmack supporters issued a synopsis of pardons issued by Governor Patterson during his term. These number 956, exclusive of commutations. Of these pardons, 152 were given to men convicted of murder, it is said.

Colonel Cooper apparently is greatly relieved by his release. He is seen on the streets more frequently than at

any time since the shooting. Usually he is accompanied by a few friends and his course down the street is marked by cordial greetings and congratulations from his friends.

BIG ONES ESCAPE.

Administration Won't Hunt Down Men Higher Up in Sugar Scandal.

Washington.—Secretary MacVeagh, of the treasury department, is quoted as saying:

"There will be no further prosecutions of men high up in either the sugar frauds or customs frauds cases. The customs service will be completely rehabilitated and more improvements made than have heretofore been accomplished. Of course, should prominent men in either the sugar or customs cases be found to have violated the law, they will be prosecuted vigorously, but the administration contemplates no action against any prominent men, judging from investigations that have been made so far."

President Taft, Collector Loeb, District Attorney Stimson of New York, Secretary MacVeagh and Attorney General Wickersham, who were in conference at the white house, arrived at this decision, it is said, when they discussed the different phases of these cases. Secretary MacVeagh made an unqualified denial of published reports that the conference resulted in the decision to force the prosecution against prominent sugar dealers of New York and elsewhere. He declared that such statements were "only guesses and very bad ones at that."

PAYS DEATH PENALTY.

George Burge Confesses Crime Shortly Before Trap Was Sprung.

Atlanta.—Following a full confession of his crime, George Burge was hanged Friday at noon in the Fulton county tower for the murder of his wife on May 17, last. The drop fell at 11:46 o'clock. Just as the whistles were tolling the hour of 12, the confessed slayer was pronounced dead. He died of strangulation. It marked the first execution conducted by Sheriff Mangum.

Burge first made his confession to Sheriff Mangum early in the morning, just before he was baptized. Later he told his story to Deputy Sheriff Gilleland, requesting both of the officials to keep the confession secret until after he was hanged. He admitted he killed his wife and also attempted to kill his stepson, Frank Brittain, on whom Burge some time ago tried to fix the crime.

After Burge had been pronounced dead by County Physician Paul McDonald, he was cut down. The remains were removed to the undertaking parlors of H. M. Patterson & Son, where the body was prepared for burial.

SLIDE BURIES CAMP.

Blast of Dynamite Murls Tons of Earth Upon Score of Men.

St. Alphonse, Quebec.—An immense landslide, started by a blast of dynamite, carried a score of men down the side of the steep hill and buried the construction camp of the Ha-Ha Bay railway under tons of earth and rock. Not a workman in the camp escaped, and practically everyone in the working gang on the hill was more or less seriously injured.

The men killed were asleep in the camp at the foot of the hill when the blast went off. All the men in the working gang who escaped serious injury were at once ordered into a rescue party and word was sent to St. Alphonse for aid. It will take several days to reach all parts of the buried camp.

MAY SUBMIT ISSUE TO VOTE.

Percy Followers Make Challenge to the Vardaman Leaders.

Jackson, Miss.—The supporters of Senator Percy challenged the Vardaman men to submit the issue between the two factions to a vote of the people of the state. The Vardaman supporters asked for time to consider the matter.

Senator Percy addressed a joint meeting of the house and senate, making a fierce arraignment of the faction that inspired Bilbo to make the charge that Percy was elected through fraud to the United States senate.

COSTA RICA QUAKE

Thirty Seismic Shocks are Felt In the Country.

PROPERTY LOSS OF \$1,000,000

So Far There Has Been No Report of Loss of Life, But the People are in Great Panic and Many are Abandoning Their Homes for the Hills.

San Jose, Costa Rica.—A series of earthquakes, varying in intensity, has swept over Costa Rica during the past 24 hours, doing vast damage, the extent of which can only now be estimated at more than \$1,000,000. So far there has been no report of loss of life, but the people in the cities are panic-stricken and are abandoning their homes for the hillside.

Over Thirty Shocks. In all there have been more than 30 shocks. Property in San Jose to the value of several hundred thousand dollars has been destroyed.

The government ordered a suspension of general business until such time as safety is assured. The banks and public institutions have been closed and trades are at a standstill.

Staunchest Buildings Shaken.

The first shocks occurring were of slight intensity and caused little alarm, but later they became much more violent, and even the staunchest buildings were shaken to their very foundations. In several instances weaker buildings were partially wrecked and many persons were slightly injured. Communication between the various towns has been interrupted and details of the damage done at these places are lacking.

BASEBALL SEASON OPENS.

Atlanta Team Raises Pennant Amid General Jollification.

Atlanta.—The baseball season in the Southern League is again under way, much to the delight of fans all around the circuit. Eight clubs have started off under most auspicious circumstances, each confident of duplicating Atlanta's feat of winning the pennant last season. However, nothing but the wind-up in September will tell who is the successful contender for 1910.

Here in Atlanta the opening was marked by the raising of the flag which was won last season, and proclaims the team the 1910 champions, a large and enthusiastic crowd in attendance and a game between Atlanta and Chattanooga, which resulted in Atlanta's favor, 8 to 6.

RAILROAD SWINDLED.

Illinois Central Loses \$1,000,000 Through Alleged Conspiracy.

Chicago.—It has become known that detectives who have been working under the personal direction of J. T. Harahan, president of the Illinois Central Railroad, have concluded their report into the charge that the road has been swindled out of large sums, perhaps \$1,000,000. It is expected that arrests will be ordered.

Beyond the fact that the money was obtained from the railroad company through an alleged conspiracy, nothing is known concerning the details of the manner in which it was conducted.

UNWEPT AND UNSUNG.

Friends and Relatives Vanished When Denton's Riches Left Him.

Chicago.—The body of Stephen H. Denton, Harvard graduate and veteran of the Mexican and Civil wars, lies in a west side undertaking establishment and is threatened with dissection.

Denton once possessed wealth and was associated with his brother in the dry goods business in Iowa. Friends and relatives appear to have vanished with his riches. He possessed but \$2.15, a pawn ticket for his watch and some old clothes when he was admitted to the Dunning infirmary early in January, and not a person visited him or made inquiry concerning the progress of the disease which carried him off last Saturday, and none has claimed the body.

Mistaken.

"Little boy, haven't I seen you in my Bible class?" "Not unless I walks in me sleep, lady."—Exchange.

STORM SWEEPS GEORGIA.

Town of Manchester Hit by Wind of Cyclonic Fury.

Manchester, Ga.—Six negro infants are missing, carried away by the fury of the elements, it is supposed; a score of houses were wrecked and much property damaged in a cyclone which struck Woodland. With but little warning, lowering clouds wrapped the place in semi-darkness, and the storm broke in awful fury before the people had time to seek shelter or to prepare for rough weather.

Accompanied by the usual muffled rumblings, torrents of rain and sheets of hail, driven by cyclonic winds, fell for several minutes, and not until the clouds had lifted did the people realize that the town had been almost completely swept off the map.

A freight train standing on the side-track of the Atlanta, Birmingham and Atlantic railroad was blown over on the main line. A passing freight coming into the yard during the height of the storm crashed head-on into the storm-swept cars, as a result of which considerable damage was done to both trains. Several hours were required in clearing the tracks.

Other sections report more or less damage from wind and hail.

STORM IN ALABAMA.

One Village is Wiped Off the Map—Number of Fatalities.

Montgomery.—Correspondents report losses of life and heavy damage to property by a storm which swept over southwest Alabama.

Awin, a small village in the southeastern corner of Wilcox county, is reported to have been the heaviest sufferer. Awin is in a remote section, but it is said that at least one person was killed, and it is believed there were a number of deaths.

Practically every house in the village is said to have been wiped out. The storm was violent in many parts of the state and it is believed that there were many fatalities.

Rain Aids Cotton Crop in Georgia.

Cordele, Ga.—The rain in this section has brought badly needed relief to the crops and added much to the prospects for a good grain season. Only one heavy rain has fallen in South Georgia since Christmas, and the fields were very dry. The farmers coming into the city report that a good rain had fallen all over the county and that no further fears are now entertained for a good stand of corn and cotton.

Prisoner Hangs Himself.

Brandon, Miss.—Making a noose out of his shirt, Tom Cord, a negro prisoner, succeeded in strangling himself to death in his cell in the county jail here. Two days ago he seized an ax and brained an old negro named Johnson, who, according to his statement, had placed a "hoodoo" under his door.

3,000,000 Feet of Lumber Burn.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—A dispatch from Johnson City, Tenn., says 3,000,000 feet of fine timber, belonging to the John T. Dixon Lumber Company, of Elk Creek, has been destroyed by forest fires burning in the mountains for several days. The loss is estimated at \$50,000, partly insured.

Women Strikers Battle.

Louisville, Ky.—Women tobacco stemmers who tried to return to work in the American Tobacco Company's factory at Twenty-fourth and Main streets were attacked by women strikers and a pitched battle followed. Bricks were used as weapons and several combatants were injured before the police stopped the fight.

Walsh Left \$10,000,000 Estate.

Washington.—The will of Thomas F. Walsh, the mining magnate, leaves \$100,000 to charity and the rest of his estate practically in its entirety, to Mrs. Carrie B. Walsh, the widow, and Mrs. E. B. McLean, a daughter. The estate is valued at from \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

Cruise in Mediterranean.

London.—Queen Alexandra and Princess Victoria left here for Genoa, where they will embark upon the royal yacht for a Mediterranean cruise.

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5 05	Blount	10 33
5 11	Blount	10 28
5 17	Fairlee	10 31
5 23	Davidson River	10 18
5 30	Pisgah Forest	10 10
5 40	Brevard	10 05
5 53	Selma	10 50
6 01	Cherryfield	10 48
6 04	Calvert	10 40
6 10	Rosman	10 35
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