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INSANE RICH FINDS JUSTICE'S SWORD MAY BE ARRESTED

Sentence of Miss Linton's Assailant Commuted to Farm Prison

HEALTH NOT FIT FOR CHAIN GANG SERVICE

Case Is One of Most Celebrated In Legal Annal of State of Georgia

(By Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, Aug. 31. Yielding to the pleading of his rich and influential friends the prison commission today recommended that the sentence of W. H. Mitchell be commuted to a year at the state prison farm from that of twelve months upon the chaingang at hard labor.

The Mitchell case is one of the most celebrated in Georgia. One day last fall, a Miss Linton, of Thomasville received a note telling her that her brother was in a serious condition and asking her to come to him with bearer. The bearer was apparently an old negress. The young woman, who was of good family and of more than ordinary social standing, wealth and beauty, obeyed the summons. When upon a lonely road in a buggy, supposed negress dragged the young woman from the vehicle and attempted an assault. He was driven off by a passerby and Miss Linton swore that she recognized Mitchell in the disguised negress. The horse and buggy used by the assailant, was one that Mitchell had hired from a local liveryman.

Girl Gought Pardon.

Mitchell was convicted and sentenced to the chaingang for twelve months. The friends of Miss Linton contended that the penalty was inadequate and when Mitchell's friends applied for a pardon, the young girl's friends rallied to oppose it. The prison commission heard the case for two days. Mitchell's friends argued that if he committed the crime, he was crazy, because he was wealthy, had social position, influence and a charming family. They also brought certificates from physicians that the convict would endanger his life by serving on the chaingang. Some of the most influential and prominent men in the state appeared on his be-

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LONE HIGHWAYMAN HOLDS UP EXPRESS AT PISTOL'S POINT

Compels Messenger to Unload Sacks of Bullion And Then Orders Train to Get Away While he Makes Off With His Booty.

(By Associated Press.)

LEWISTON, Penn., August 31. One of the most audacious and startling hold-ups of a railroad train in the East for years, occurred on the eastern slope of the Allegheny mountains early today, when a lone highwayman stopped a Pennsylvania railroad express with a dynamite cartridge and at the point of a revolver compelled the crew to carry thousands of dollars in coin and bullion from an express car to a spot in the wilderness.

When the conductor of the train attempted to interfere with the robber's plans he was shot in the hands and the bold bandit succeeded in making good his escape. In the darkness, however, he mistook a bag containing ten thousand new Lincoln pennies for gold coin and staggered away with it, leaving the real gold bullion to be recovered.

Robber Got Away.

When the news of the robbery reached the railroad and express company officials, they immediately ordered every available detective from the east and west to the scene in an effort to capture the audacious bandit. Bloodhounds were also put on his track, but up to a late hour tonight no trace of the man had been found.

The looted train was made up of an engine, three express cars and two sleeping coaches filled with passengers. At about 1:30 a. m. it was running through Lewiston narrows, when suddenly a dynamite cap exploded and the engine driver brought the train to a standstill. When he was confronted by a masked figure holding a revolver in either hand.

"Are there any mail cars on this train?" demanded the highwayman.

"No," was the reply of the startled engineer.

Carried Out Bullion.

The engine crew was then forced at the point of the gun to accompany the robber to the first express car. A revolver was pointed at the messenger's head and threatening to blow up the car with dynamite the robber forced the messengers of the two express cars and engine crew to carry all the gold and bullion stacked in the first car to the side of the track.

Conductor L. R. Poffenberger, of Harrisburg, Pa., who came up while this work was being accomplished was ordered back by the bandit, who emptied one of his revolvers at him, one of the shots penetrating his hand and the others grazing his body.

Was a Cool Fellow.

Despite the appearance of three passengers who had been awakened by the shooting, the robber calmly ordered the crew back on the train and compelled them to steam away, leaving the bullion beside the track. It was recovered later by a posse sent on a special train.

When the train was leaving, he called out "Goodbye and good luck; I hope to see you again."

It was reported tonight that in addition to the missing pennies several thousand dollars in currency was missing, but the express company officials refuse to announce the exact amount of their loss.

Agent Hamaker of Lewiston, sent a safe to the scene of the robbery to receive six bags of pennies on which the seals had not been broken, but which had been cut open with a sharp knife to ascertain the contents and abandoned by the robber in disgust.

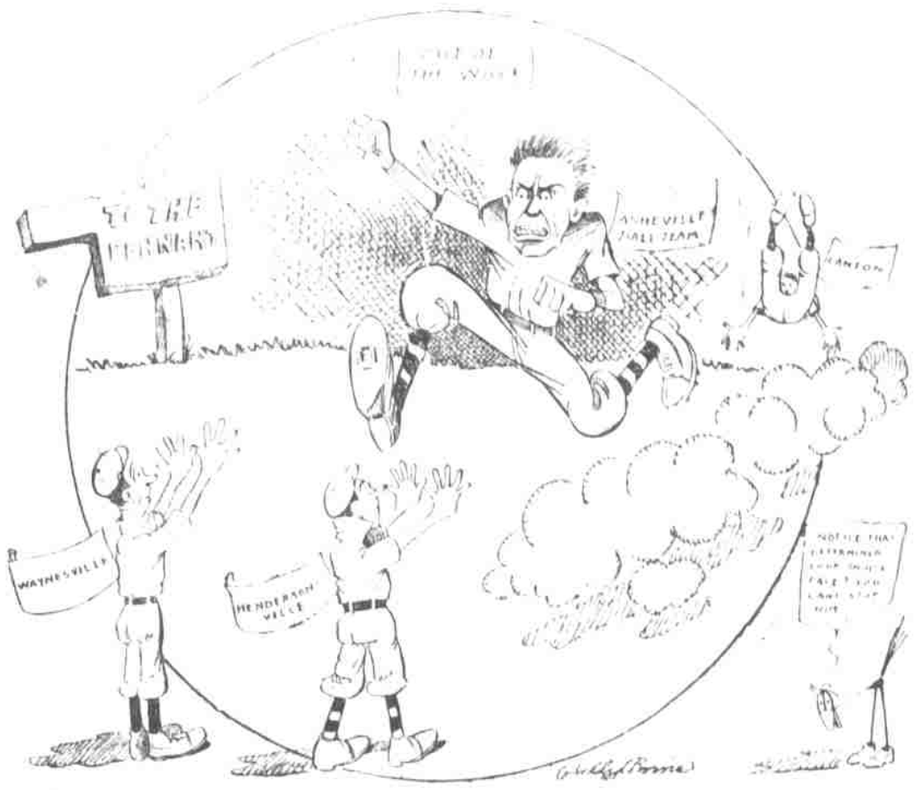
SAFES FULL OF MONEY.

HARRISBURG, Penn., August 31.—Express Messenger Harper, of the train which was held up near Lewistown says there were five large iron safes in his car, each containing a considerable sum of money but he did not know how much, as they had been locked at Washington and could only be opened by subtreasury officials at St. Louis. He had two rifles at the end of his car, but could not get at them after he had opened the door and had been covered by the robber's revolver.

With practically every detective and officer employed by the railroad, assisted by special detectives employed by the Adams Express company, engaged in a search for the lone bandit the prediction was made tonight by Pennsylvania railroad officers that his apprehension is but a few hours off.

The highwayman, it is said, took $ 800 in bullion and $200 in pennies from the car, and all of this has been found along the rails but $65.

The Way Asheville Now Looks to The Other Teams.



PONY AND MULE RACES WILL BE SEEN AT RIVERSIDE PARK TODAY

Opening Day of the Midsummer Horse Show Featured by Some Fine Exhibits in Fast Roadsters on the Card Today. Good Judging.

Brilliant sunshine favored the opening day of the Mid-Summer Horse show at Riverside yesterday, and while the attendance was not as great as had been expected, it was up to the average of the first days of Horse shows in previous years. It is generally understood that the second day of most Horse shows is the best, and a larger crowd is expected at Riverside today, for which some attractive features are scheduled. The members of the association feel greatly encouraged with the showing made yesterday. The consensus of opinion was that the various classes shown yesterday were of a high order, and taken all round the show was a highly creditable one.

Today's Card Attractive.

The card for this afternoon is an attractive one, including the trotting horse pours, the single harness over 15.2 (in which there are 17 entries), the pony races and the mule races, which caused great enthusiasm yesterday, will be repeated. In the combination class this afternoon there are fourteen entries, including such splendid animals as Mrs. A. B. Doyle's "Rajah", Mrs. H. H. Briggs' "Captain", W. W. Burgiss' "Long Distance", D. G. Noland's "Dandy", Patton & Stikeleather's "Lady Tab", and several others of high quality. Class M, the trot round trip for a prize of $75, will be a large and speed between M. Arthur Pelzer's "Pet" and "Chief", W. W. Burgiss' "Long Distance" and "Mac" and H. T. Mills' "Sunshine" and "Sheldon".

The judging of Mr. "Jack" Spradley was very favorably commented on yesterday, the fact that he held no program with the names of exhibitors was remarked upon.

Fine Classes.

One of the prettiest classes of the afternoon was the ladies' single harness, driven by a lady. In this class Mr. Arthur Pelzer's "Pet", driven by Miss Mary Stikeleather, was awarded the blue ribbon, a popular award. Another event which met with general approval was the capture of the red ribbon by Mrs. J. B. A. Bennett, driving Mrs. A. B. Doyle's entry "Rajah", a horse that has taken many ribbons at other Horse shows. "Rajah" was in fine trim and showed to advantage.

The single roadster class (E) was another favorite. There were fourteen entries in this class, and the announcement that Greenville, S. C., took all three ribbons was greeted with cheers. "Shadow", H. J. Mills, Greenville, took first "Beauty", W. G. Harris, Greenville, took second, and "Long Distance", W. W. Burgiss, of the same city, third.

Ponies Show Well.

Class V, the children's harness pony class, made a fine appearance with seven entries. Harry Graham's "Sweetheart", a former prize winner, took the blue; Katherine Grant's "Mac", took second, Julian Woodrow's "Pow Pow" third and Clifford Arbogast's "Hazel" took the white.

In the ponies under saddle Miss Katherine Grant took first with "Mac", Harry Graham's "Sweetheart" second, Julian Woodrow's "Pow Wow" third and Clifford Arbogast's "Hazel" fourth.

The class for various colored horses were large. In class P, for the best bay, Mrs. F. P. Austin's "Robin A", took the blue; W. R. Gaffney's "Cash Boy", second; Miss Raoul's "Lord Kew" took third and Mrs. A. B. Doyle's "Rex", fourth.

A recent arrival in town, "Chief", owned by Ross & Stikeleather (Gilliland), took the blue in class F, the single surrey, Chambers & Weaver's "Dick", second, and W. S. Ray's "Monogram", third.

There were ten entires in class H, walk, trot and canter. W. S. Ray's "Sport", took the blue, Henry Westall's "Tip Top", second, and D. G. Noland's "Dandy", third. The last named horse (D. G. Noland's entry) took the blue ribbon in the single harness class. Joseph Collier's "Dandy C" took the blue in class S for the best gray horse.

The Mule Race.

It goes without saying that the most popular class of the afternoon was the mule race. For this event the four fine little animals owned by H. R. Millard were entered, and the four began when they were ridden into the ring by four negro boys who hung on for dear life. Two of the riders were promptly dislodged from their seats and bit the dust while two pairs of heels struck wickedly to the rear. The crowd roared. The four mules, riderless, and two of them without saddles, raced around the ring followed by a small army of negroes who for a time, vainly tried to catch the animals. The race was finally pulled off, "Jack", "Jill" and "Sunday" taking the ribbons. These

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MONTEREY SENDS OUT CALL FOR AID IN HER TIME OF NEED

The World's Charity Already Pouring In But Her Necessities Are Many

RED CROSS APPEALS TO AMERICAN PEOPLE

River Recedes to Its Bed Leaving Scores of Drowned In Arroyos

(By Associated Press.)

MONTERREY, Mexico, August 31.—Tonight the number of bodies recovered from along the shores of the Santa Catarina river, victims of the flood total approximately a thousand. In Monterey nine hundred is the total while meagre reports from along the valley increase the number. However, but little is yet known as to the loss of life and damage outside of this city. That the entire number lost will ever be known is not probable as many bodies must be buried in the sands and mud.

Other Towns Destroyed.

Reports continue meagre from points down the valley, but it is known that the village of San Francisco was entirely destroyed, the town of San Juan badly damaged and the town of Camargo on the Rio Grande is reported to have been completely washed away.

A rider from the town of Cadereyta, this state, the birthplace of General Geronimo Trevino, stated to The Associated Press correspondent that twenty bodies had been recovered at that place, that hundreds were seen floating by with the flood and that on his trip from Cadereyta to Monterey there was not a depression in the ground or an arroyo which did not contain from one to ten bodies left there by the receding flood.

A complete list of the dead is absolutely unobtainable, but no Americans or other foreigners were lost as none of them resided in the flooded district. The entire northern part of the state of Nuevo Leon has been flooded and towards Tampico in the state of Tamaulipas alarming reports have been received. Nothing definite is known, however, as telegraph communication has not yet been opened with this district.

Relief Pouring In.

Relief in the shape of money has been pouring in from all sources today and large amounts have been contributed from the United States. Clothes, food supplies and money is needed to care for the homeless and destitute. The response has been large and noble but uses for the money will be found and more especially when the full reports from down the valley are learned.

The property loss is now estimated at between $12,000,000 and $15,000,000 in this city without counting the damage to the railroads or down the valley from this city.

The railroad situation remains unchanged, but officials state that a train will arrive early tomorrow from Laredo and that trains will leave for Laredo at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

THREE FATALLY HURT IN COLLAPSE OF MARION'S NEW FIVE STORY HOTEL

Interior of Half Completed Structure Falls to Ground Carrying Workmen.

CONSTRUCTION BAD.

(Special to The Citizen.)

MARION, N. C., August 31.—With a mighty crash that could be heard for ten blocks, the middle wall of Marion hotel, under course of erection, gave way about 4 o'clock this afternoon and practically all of the interior of the building fell, five stories, carrying to their probable death Jim West, white, of Knobs Mountains, Ambrose Stroup, white, of Lowell, and Jim Pounders of Rutherfordton. Jack Cecil, of Marion, was badly bruised, but will recover. Two negroes were slightly injured. West's skull is crushed, his ribs are broken and he suffered other injuries. Stroup's ribs are broken, and he sustained serious internal injuries. Pounder's ribs are broken, head injured and he is internally injured.

The walls of the hotel had been completed up to the fifth story, and recently it has been noticed that they were out of plumb. It is supposed that the collapse was due to unstable foundations in part, and also in part to the inferior quality of brick and faulty construction. In laying the foundations the contractors went down only a few feet and the heavy walls that were built up were too much for the soft earth underneath. Some of the steel girders used in the construction also, were not of the proper length and did not support the walls.

It is said that the three men most hurt cannot survive.

ALL AGAINST TAMMANY.

NEW YORK, August 31.—The republican leaders of New York county and New York city formally declared today for fusion with the various anti-Tammany organizations for the election of local candidates this fall.

COTTON MILLS OF SOUTH CONSUMING MORE RAW MATERIAL THAN EVER

Secretary Hester's Report of Old Crop Movements a Great Surprise.

EFFECT OF REPORT.

NEW ORLEANS, August 31.—Statistics showing that more cotton was handled during the commercial year ending at midnight tonight than ever before and that all records had been broken in the amount of cotton consumed by southern mills was the feature of the annual crop statement of Secretary Hester of the New Orleans cotton exchange. The document forms the preliminary report of Secretary Hester's annual review of the commercial year.

The county of the commercial crop showed it to be the largest on record, 13,828,657 bales. The previous largest commercial crop was 13,565,785, marketed in 1904-05. Last season's total was only 11,671,963.

The very large total for this year's crop was a surprise to the trade, including both the bulls and the bears, and if the figures had been issued while trading was going on it is probable that they would have had a decided effect on prices.

The most important feature in the report next to the size of the crop itself, was the statement on the amount of cotton consumed by southern mills during the season which closed today. Here all the records were again broken, the total being 6,695,000 bales. This mark was regarded by the trade as being even of more importance than the size of the crop itself. It was taken as official confirmation of the many stories of the great expansion of cotton manufacturing in the south. The figures compared with 5,726,000 last season and 5,194,000 two seasons ago. In the point of port receipts another record was broken. Net receipts at all ports of the season were put at 10,062,517 bales against only 8,679,842 last year and 9,418,552 two years ago. Liverpool will have the first choice

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MRS. DUKE AFTER LIVELY DAY OF ADVENTURES GOES TO CELL FOR THE NIGHT

Was Ready to Joy-ride and Stop at Palmer House But Had No Money.

HADN'T PRICE OF WIRE

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, August 31.—Mrs. Alice Webb Duke, divorced wife of Brooks L. Duke, spent the night in a cell in the Harrison street station. Mrs. Duke was arrested tonight upon complaint of an automobile company, because of her inability to pay $10 for a machine she had used during the day.

Before her arrest Mrs. Duke created a disturbance at the Palmer house and on the criminal court building. Upon her arrival at the Palmer house she demanded the best suite in the hotel and when asked to pay in advance she admitted she had no money, but said she would have $1,000 tomorrow. She then brought out and telegraphed to Governor Deneen, Judge Tuthill and other prominent men, but the telegraph operators at the hotel refused to accept the messages unless paid for in advance.

Leaving the hotel she went to the criminal building and told Assistant State's Attorney Hoyne that relatives of her former husband were plotting to take her life. After leaving there she visited a number of lawyers and business men and tried to interest them in a plan to float a bond issue for Turkey from bankruptcy.

Mrs. Duke had been using a hired automobile for all these trips and when the chauffeur demanded his money she admitted she had none.

SHIFT JOBS AROUND.

WASHINGTON, August 31.—It was learned here tonight that President Taft had appointed A. F. Sieck, clerk of Seattle to be auditor of Porto Rico to succeed G. P. Ward. Mr. Ward has been named to succeed W. F. Willoughby as secretary of Porto Rico who is to become assistant director of the census.

CHILDREN CREMATED IN AN ORPHANAGE FIRE

Seven Little Tots Under Five are Lost Out of Seven Hundred and Fifty.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, August 31.—Seven little children lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the home for orphans here today. The names of the children are not known.

There were 750 children in the institution, which is one of the best buildings in which the fire was supposed to be. The fire was started in the debris in the basement of the building, and the children in the institution were conducted to the safety of Broadway by the school and by the time the last child was supposed to have left the building it was found that all had escaped except seven, who were found in the dormitories and suffocated in their beds. The children were all under five years of age. Most of the children were asleep at the time of the fire. The cause of the fire is not known.

WASHINGTON, August 31.—Forecast: North Carolina: Fair in the interior, showers on the coast Wednesday, Thursday fair and cooler, moderate northeast winds.

FOOTPADS BEAT AND ROB BAPTIST MINISTER

After Getting $8 Bind His Body in Sack and Leave Him in Woods.

BRISTOL, Tenn., August 31.—Rev. N. I. Malone, a well known minister, was attacked and robbed last night by bandits while crossing the Holston mountains outside to his home. He was probably fatally injured.

Rev. Malone, who had just closed a revival in Johnson county, was accosted by the bandits at a lonely place along the winding mountain road. He was struck heavily and felled to the ground. He still was conscious and recognized the robbers. He pleaded, however, for his life and was taken

by them accordingly. Rev. Malone succeeded in affecting a pacification. He was unconscious that he will not live.

SLAGLE'S MONEY FOUND ON SUSPECT

(By Associated Press.)

BRISTOL, Tenn., August 31.—As a result of the arrest of John Cash and Charles Poe, who were taken from Newport to Jonesboro, Tenn., charged with having been implicated in the murder and robbing of Andrew J. Slagle, news was received here from Jonesboro this evening that $4.100 was found on the person of one of these men. This amount tallies with the sum supposed to have been taken from Slagle's pockets.

INCREASE OF PELLAGRA ALARMS PHYSICIANS

Six Deaths in Durham Have Aroused Doctors to Research.

(By Associated Press.)

DURHAM, N. C., August 31.—Alarmed by the number of cases of pellagra which have developed in this city local physicians today held a conference to discuss the origin of the disease. Six deaths from pellagra have occurred in the section.

An examination of the blood of a powerful negro, who for the previous year had been a noted sprinter and jumper, revealed a decided germ, and specimens were sent to Baltimore and to Johns Hopkins hospital for more careful analysis.

It is a curious fact that consumptives here are inclined to pellagra, so some authorities have contended that a campaign against pellagra upon the ground that the disease has its origin in consumptives, but a campaign against the disease has practically been abandoned by local men, but it is likely that against the importation of Western cattle is being conducted.

Dr. Campbell, of the State hospital, has written a paper treating with twelve cases of pellagrous insanity and death. Three-fourths of the cases were among women, which is unusual, it is said, as the disease occurs more frequently among men. Some of the cases which have developed in this section have been traceable to corn bread. One victim was a boarding house keeper, but none of the boarders contracted the disease.

MINERS STRIKE WITHOUT ANY EXECUTIVE ORDERS

Object to Use of New Powder and Disregard National United Mine Workers.

(By Associated Press.)

PITTSBURG, August 31.—Unauthorized either by National President Lewis or the National executive board of the United Mine Workers of America, twenty thousand union miners will likely go on strike in the Pittsburg district tomorrow.

District leaders decreed the strike today after a conference that had lasted two days between the Pittsburg district mine operators and union officials over the use of black powder, the new explosive ordered for the state in mining coal.

A compromise made the conference to have a committee of five miners use of other permissible explosives was utterly opposed by District President Fochan and other local leaders. Upon this position came the wide split between the national and district organizations, the miners agreeing to be wide to stand by their district leaders.

President Lewis declared tonight that he would hold another conference with the district in an effort to settle the differences. District President Fochan declares that whether President Lewis holds a conference or not he will order the miners to lay down their tools.

The trouble between the national and district organizations is the outgrowth of a long standing feud between President Lewis and President Fochan dated back to President Lewis' election to his present office.