

NO BOMBS FOUND ON BARON NAPIER

Search of Baron Napier Seems to Disprove Conception of Note Concerning Letter Writer.

New Orleans July 12.—Search by the officers and crew failed to reveal any bombs aboard the British steamship Baron Napier, according to a wireless message received here late today from Captain Gordy, in command of the vessel. The agents of the steamer here refused to disclose her position when the message was sent. A letter received yesterday by a local newspaper declared that neither the Baron Napier nor the British steamship Howth Head, both of which cleared here July 8 and sailed from Port Eads the following day, probably would be heard from again. The writer intimated he had placed bombs aboard both steamers.

The Howth Head, which cleared with a general cargo for Dublin and Belfast, via Norfolk for bunker coal, had not been heard from tonight. The steamer is not equipped for radio communication, but it was believed that she had been hailed by some coastwise steamer which had picked up wireless calls sent out to warn both vessels of the supposed presence of bombs aboard. The Howth Head now should be off the Georgia or Carolina coast, it was said.

The Baron Napier cleared for Avonmouth, England, direct, with a cargo consisting of 967 mules. While neither vessel carried passengers, the Napier has aboard a large number of muleteers, many of whom are from this city.

Hans Halle, recently acquitted on a charge of having manufactured a bomb which he admitted to the police, is still being held by the police on a minor charge. The police so far have not connected Halle with authorship of the letter, but they say will hold him pending completion of an exhaustive investigation. No other arrests had been made up late tonight.

The police and detectives still are searching the city for the alleged bomb-maker but so far have been unsuccessful in their efforts to locate him, according to an announcement tonight at police headquarters. All British vessels in port last night and today were thoroughly searched for bombs and detectives and special police were detailed to remain on each ship until it had cleared from here. Nothing suspicious so far had been discovered on any vessel, it was said.

Washington, July 12.—Neither the United States Secret Service nor the Bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice is taking part in the investigation of the New Or-

WILLIE BELL PAYS DEATH PENALTY.

Murdered Mr. E. N. Mann, Merchant of Durham, March 8; Confined to Crime.

With a half uttered prayer on his lips, Willie Bell, the negro murderer of Mr. E. N. Mann, of Durham, died in the electric chair at 10:30 o'clock Thursday morning, July 8, the first to be electrocuted on Thursday in the history of the State. The execution chamber at the State's prison was crowded when the young negro was led in, preceded by his spiritual adviser. One shock was sufficient to produce death and in less than five minutes from the time he entered he was carried out, feet foremost, to the undertaker's conveyance.

The crime for which Bell paid the life penalty was committed in Durham on March 8. With the avowed object of robbery he met Mr. E. N. Mann returning to his home from his store and struck him a terrible blow with a billiard cue. Then he rifled the pockets of the prostrate man. Mann, however, was dead and the finding of the broken cue stick was the clue upon which the officers worked in ferreting out the murderer. Bell confessed to the crime shortly after his arrest, saying that his intention was robbery and not murder.

"I would not give my faith this morning for freedom," said Bell in a statement dictated yesterday morning to Rev. James Satterwhite who has been ministering to him as a spiritual adviser during his confinement in death row. "I am willing and ready to go, and may God have mercy upon all those who prosecuted me, the solicitor, the jury, and the judge, and Mr. Sale and all the officers of the prison. They have been very kind to me and I bid them all goodbye. I have nothing against anyone." Just before he was summoned to the death chamber yesterday morning, Bell asked the privilege of bidding farewell to the other prisoners with whom he had been confined. This was granted. To all the cells accessible he went, saying his farewells and urging the prisoners to repent of their sins and be saved.

He had asked that the song "Jesus Paid It All" be sung in the execution chamber, and Rev. R. Spiller, colored minister of Durham, raised the hymn as soon as Bell stepped into the room. Rev. James Satterwhite was reading the Scripture while the straps were being fastened around the ankles and the wrists.

"What was that last verse you read?" asked Bell, interrupting. "Lord Jesus have mercy upon me," repeated the preacher.

"Yes, that's right. I don't want to forget it. 'Lord Jesus, have mercy upon me.'" The attendants finished the strapping. Bell moved his head about until part of his lips came through the opening in the head piece. He mumbled a prayer, almost inaudible but still a prayer. The singing wavered. There was a quick snap of leather strained to the limit and the prayer was broken off. The one shock was enough. Maybe Huerta was on a peace mission; he wasn't searched for a dove.

THE CLEVER LOVER.

Oh, she was a maiden of eighteen summers, A laddie of twenty falls was he; He's seen in his day some girls that were hummers, But she was the hummingest one Queen Bee.

And she pierced his heart with her eyes respendent, She drowned him in dimples, she snared him in curls; And she said that a man should be independent, And not be bothered by giddy girls.

She wished that she were a man—she hated The bonds that forbade her to rise and roam; She'd like to be free as the air, she stated, And never be tied to a humdrum home.

But he was a master of thrust and parry, And when she swore—as these maiden can—"If I were a man, I should never marry." Said, "Neither would I—if you were a man!"

"That new steamer they're building is a whopper," says the man with the shoe button nose. "Yes," agrees the man with the recalcitrant hair, "but my uncle is going to build one so long that when a passenger gets seasick in one end of it, he can go to the other end and be clear away from the storm."



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DAD OF BUNCH OF KEYES.

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(Hollis, Okla., Dispatch.)

"Is it a girl?" asked Flake Keyes, rejoicing over the announcement that the stork had visited his house a few days ago. "No, it's girls; one, two, three, four of them," was the reply.

And finally it dawned upon him that his wife had just given birth to four healthy daughters weighing six

pounds each. Both the mother and the four new Keyes are getting along nicely. Mrs. Keyes is 34 years old. Already the couple were parents of two girls and two boys.

Keyes is a hardware merchant and the family has lived here four years.

EXPERIENCED.

Lady (engaging nurse)—Have you had any experience with children? Applicant—Yis, mum, Shure. Ol used to be a child meself.—Tit-Bits.

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