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WOMEN FIGHT A DUEL.

ONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS FALLS DAGEROURLY WOUNDED.

RESULT OF A FEUD IN OKLAHOMA.

Mrs. Seiglin challenged Mrs. Daughson to fight a duel with pistols at twenty paces. A daughter of the first named gave the signal to fire. Husbands now seeking for each other.

Chicago, April 4.—A special to the Record-Herald from Newkirk, Okla., says:

Mrs. Ella Seiglin and Mrs. Daughson, living near this city, fought a duel with revolvers at twenty paces today and Mrs. Seiglin is now in a hospital dangerously wounded. Two of her opponent's shots lodged in her breast, but she is able to talk and is anxious to recover that she may again fight Mrs. Daughson.

The duel grew out of a long-standing feud between the women, jealousy being the cause. Mrs. Daughson lives on a farm just south of the city, and Mrs. Seiglin has frequently endeavored to arouse the temper of her neighbor by various means, the most effectual being the claim that she (Mrs. Seiglin) could take Mrs. Daughson's husband away from his wife any time she wished.

Mrs. Daughson finally appealed to the courts, and yesterday forenoon Mrs. Seiglin was fined \$300 for trespassing upon the Daughson property and inciting trouble. As soon as she paid the fine Mrs. Seiglin drove out to the Daughson home, smarting under the loss of money and the criticism of the judge. Riding up to the door of the Daughson house, she invited her rival to come out and fight a duel.

Mrs. Daughson promptly accepted the challenge, and came out armed with a revolver. The women then faced each other at fifty feet and began shooting, the signal being given by a daughter of Mrs. Seiglin, who had accompanied her from town. Each fired three shots without effect. Then Mrs. Daughson got the range and fired two shots in quick succession, both striking Mrs. Seiglin in the breast. She fell and Mrs. Daughson assisted in carrying her into the house, where a physician dressed her wounds, after which she was conveyed to a hospital. Now the husbands of the women are seeking each other, vowing to kill on sight.

The partisans of each woman are also burning up their weapons and seeking an excuse to shoot somebody. During the trial the two women attempted several times to fly at each other and fight it out then and there, and the belligerent spirit permeated the entire courtroom.

Mrs. Seiglin says her revolver refused to work after the first three shots, and that she will make a better record when next she faces Mrs. Daughson. The latter has not yet been arrested, and grins remarks that she has taken the precaution to reload her revolver and oil its joints, and that she can be found at any time by any one looking for an argument.

Electric Line to Connect Burlington, Graham and Haw River.

Graham, N. C., April 5.—The plan for building an electric line to connect Burlington, Graham and Haw River is backed by a New York corporation, and it is expected work will begin soon. There are 10,000 people living along the line of the proposed electric road and it would have a fine business.

Georgia Won the Cup.

Athens, Ga., April 5.—The debate here to-night, between the University of North Carolina and the University of Georgia, was won by Georgia. The subject was: "Resolved, That the combinations of capital, commonly known as trusts, are more injurious than beneficial. Georgia had the affirmative.

Woodburn Gold Mine Reopened.

Greensboro, N. C., April 5.—A number of hands are employed in opening the old Woodburn gold mine in the southern part of the county, which has not been operated for years. The mine is rich in gold-bearing ore.

Knox Attorney General.

Washington, April 5.—At the Cabinet meeting today President McKinley announced to the members that P. C. Knox, of Pittsburg, has accepted the Attorney Generalship, which was offered him last week.

"Nazarene" Burned in their Church.

Vienna, April 5.—The "Nazarenes," a sect resembling the Quakers, were attacked in their meeting house at Gresswarden, Hungary. Ten were killed and many wounded. A mob set fire to the meeting house, and terrible scenes ensued.

Jews killed in Religious Riots.

Constantinople, April 5.—Many Jews have been killed and scores wounded in religious riots at Tcheran, the Persian capital. The Shah has ordered Moslem Shiekh Hadrhim, who started the riot, executed.

DRIVEN MAD BY SMALLPOX.

A Crazy Negro Hunk Amuck and is Shot and Killed.

Lynchburg, Va., Special, 3d, to Washington Post.

Riverton, the suburb recently annexed to this city, was the scene of intense excitement about 5 o'clock this afternoon. A negro, who came by train from Iron Gate March 10, broke out with smallpox and was then immediately sent to the pest house, became delirious soon after 4 o'clock to-day, and attacking the guard with a stick of wood, made his escape.

He entered a residence in Riverton, but was driven off by the inmates, and then made two unsuccessful attempts to board street cars. Coming nearer to the city he walked into the yard of the home of J. C. Woodson, secretary of the Citizens Building and Banking Company, and, going upstairs, secured a pistol loaded in five chambers. While he was there an aunt of Mr. Woodson started to go upstairs, when the negro from above fired at her, missing her. Mrs. Woodson, hearing the report, also went to the foot of the stairs, when the negro again fired. Both ladies ran screaming to a neighbor and telephoned to Mr. Woodson, who was in the city.

The negro ran out of the house and started toward the river, a street car conductor firing twice at him as he went. Urged by the cries of the ladies, Walter Wingfield, a young white man, gave chase to the negro, caught him, and, with assistance, brought him back to the front of the house. By this time Mr. Woodson had arrived, and, seizing a stout rope, made a noose and threw it over the negro's head, leading him toward a loaded wagon of wood, where he proposed to tie him. The negro, however, threw the noose off and started to run again toward the river.

Some one in the crowd fired and then Mr. Woodson ordered him to halt, but as he did not stop when he had gone about 75 feet, Mr. Woodson fired at him and the negro dropped, dying almost instantly. The mayor was notified and went to the spot, where Mr. Woodson gave himself up.

A coroner's jury was empaneled, but the inquest was postponed until tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Mr. Woodson being bailed in the sum of \$2,500. The negro's face was a mass of sores from smallpox. His home was in Pittsylvania county.

A Riot in Wyoming.

Cheyenne, Wyo., April 6.—Three hundred Austrians employed on the Union Pacific grade, thirty miles west of Cheyenne, engaged in a riot yesterday and many were injured. So far as known, however, there were no fatalities.

An Austrian had been discharged by the foreman, and, followed by about one hundred men, he sought revenge. About two hundred Austrians took sides with the foreman, and the opposition forces fought for ten minutes. Pistols, clubs, knives and stones were used. Two white foremen were fired upon, but escaped to Laramie. Officers went to the scene, and the rioters were loaded on cars and sent out of the State.

Russian Fight with Chinese.

Berlin, April 6.—A dispatch to the Cologne Gazette from St. Petersburg, says hard fighting is reported to have occurred between the First, Second and Third East Siberian rifle regiments and several thousand Chinese troops between Kobanitz and Simin Ting. The Russians lost a captain and several men killed, and a lieutenant colonel, several other officers and many men wounded with the Russians pursuing them.

The date of the engagement is not mentioned in the dispatch received.

The Merrimac Blown Up.

Santiago, April 6.—The collier Merrimac, which was blown up and sunk in the harbor by Constructor Hobson while Admiral Cervera's fleet was inside in 1898, was successfully destroyed by a ton of dynamite today. Hitherto it has been extremely dangerous for vessels to attempt the narrow entrance to the harbor, but now that this wreck has been destroyed it is perfectly safe. A great crowd of people on shore witnessed the blowing up of the old hulk.

Surrender at San Fernando.

Washington, April 6.—The War Department this morning received the following cablegram from General MacArthur, dated Manila, April 6th:

"Nineteen officers, 173 men, 133 rifles, nine revolvers, Pablo Teoson's command surrendered at San Fernando yesterday and took the oath."

Gold Discovered in the Philippines.

Manila, April 5.—Promising gold discoveries are reported from the island of Masbate (close to the Southern extremity of Luzon.)

Weldon National Bank Authorized to Begin Business.

Washington, April 4.—The First National Bank of Weldon, capital \$25,000, has been authorized to begin business.

Lived to be 101 Years Old.

Knoxville, Tenn., April 6.—Mrs. Mary Frye, aged 101 years, died suddenly yesterday at Limestone Cove. She had never been ill.

CONVICTS BRUTALLY TREATED.

Florida System Investigated by a Legislative Committee—Horrible Tales of Inhuman Treatment.

Tallahassee, Fla., April 4.—The special committee authorized by the legislature and appointed by ex-Gov. Buxham to investigate the convict lease system in this State, referred to at the time in the concurrent resolution as "the shame upon the fair name of Florida," reported to-day and submitted a measure intended as a remedy for the present conditions. The report was made by Senator Crill. It finds that the present system "does not meet the demands of an enlightened convict system in accord with humane treatment of prisoners." It says that the subleases are paying for the convicts they employ under their subleases prices far in excess of the price the original contractor leased them at, prices ranging from \$60 to \$180 per year for each convict.

The report carries with it a bill providing that State convicts shall be controlled by a commission of three members whose duties and powers shall be prescribed by law; that a State penitentiary shall be established at Marianna, where all males and youths shall be employed on State farm work. It provides further that the commission shall establish State farms for the convicts.

The present system works all of the convicts, regardless of sex or age, under the lease system principally in the phosphate mines and turpentine camps.

Horrible tales of brutality or bad treatment are frequently heard. In Hillsboro County to-day a special committee appointed by the county commissioners has been investigating charges of inhumanity made against some of the lessees in that county. This action results from the story of James Miller, a white convict, who alleges that he was thrown to the ground, a negro was made to sit on his head, while four others held his hands and feet, and in that condition he was unmercifully whipped. He alleges that Susie Brown, a woman convict, was stripped and held upon the ground in the same way whipped. He alleges a number of other instances of equal or more revolting brutality.

Eaten by an Alligator.

City of Mexico, April 6.—News has just been received of the horrible death of Lieutenant Jose Carmona, a popular young officer of the engineer corps, who was graduated from the military academy at Chapultepec four years ago. Lieutenant Carmona was in bathing in the Tames river, near Tampico, where he was stationed, when his companions warned him that a monstrous alligator was making for him. He made desperate efforts to escape, but was seized and devoured in the presence of his companions just before he could gain footing on the bank.

Scarlet Fever Closes a College.

College Park, Md., April 4.—The Maryland Agricultural College was closed yesterday, and all of the students went to their homes on account of four cases of scarlet fever in the institution. Those who have the fever are Cadet Capt. H. C. Whitford, of the senior class; T. M. Underwood, and John Hopkins. School was to have closed to-morrow. Mr. Whitford was captain of the baseball team, and it is thought his illness will prevent the team taking its Easter practice trip through Virginia.

Gov. Hunt Takes Possession of the Executive Mansion.

San Juan, P. R., April 4.—Persistent rumors of the impending resignation of G. V. Allen, now on his way to the United States, are in circulation in San Juan. Mr. William H. Hunt, secretary of Porto Rico and acting governor, reiterates his denial of any intimation from Mr. Allen of such an intention; but it is regarded as significant that Mr. Hunt moved his family and effects to-day into the executive mansion.

Robbers have a Desperate Fight with Watchman.

Chardon, Ohio, April 4.—Half a dozen robbers this morning blew open the safe of the Citizens' Savings Bank. After a desperate fight with the night watchman, Pomeroy, and Dr. Hudson, they succeeded in escaping with two hundred dollars. One of the robbers was shot by the night watchman before the latter was gagged.

Left Arm Torn Off.

Davis, W. Va., April 4.—Jacob McDonald, an employee of the Blackwater mill here, was fatally injured yesterday by having his left arm caught in a rapidly revolving wheel, and torn entirely off. McDonald was married, and about thirty-five years old.

Election Judge Arrested.

Denver, Colo., April 6.—Frank Fisher, a judge in the twentieth precinct of the Ninth ward at the recent city election, was arrested to-day. He is accused of having mutilated about one hundred ballots cast by Republicans, thus causing them to be thrown out.

A Big Shipment of Havana Tobacco.

New York, April 4.—The steamer Mexico, which arrived to-night from Havana, was delayed two and a half days at Havana, waiting for a shipment of tobacco. She brought the largest cargo of tobacco ever shipped from the port of Havana, having on board over 7,000 boxes.

COLLEGE GIRLS TRIED TO ELOPE.

A General Fight Kept Between the President and the would-be Grooms.

Chicago, Ill., April 4.—A special to the Chronicle from Owensboro, Ky., says:

"A sensation that happened in Bowling Green last Saturday night held the undivided attention of the grand jury today. The affair comprehends an interrupted elopement of five young women from Potter College, Bowling Green, one of the prominent seminaries for young women in the South.

"About midnight five young men, all members of wealthy families, drove in carriages to the college and with ladders aided four young women to leave the building, by climbing through the second story windows. While assisting the fifth one to the ground the young men made so much noise that President Cabell was aroused. Seizing a shotgun the president began shooting at the young men who returned a his fire. Two of the young men were wounded, but the president was not hurt. The girls screamed, but returned to their rooms and the swains went away without them."

The Five Men Arrested.

Bowling Green, Ky., April 5.—Five young men, belonging to some of the wealthiest families of Bowling Green, were indicted by the grand jury to-day, for alleged participation in the escape at Potter's College Saturday night in which several young women attending the college were also involved.

Those indicted are Roland Fitch, Willis Potter, Pleasant Potter, Floyd M. Nahn and Harry Nahn. It is charged that they placed a ladder under a window of the college, and that Prof. Cabell, president of the college, shot at them, they returned the fire, but without wounding him. The young men declare they intended to take the girls to a supper.

A Negro Woman 109 years old Buried to Death.

Wilmington, N. C., April 4.—In a fire in the negro quarters of the city this afternoon Hannah Richardson, a colored woman, reported to have been 109 years of age, was horribly burned to death. She was in the house alone, and when members of the family reached the scene and opened the door the interior was one mass of flames. The body was burned almost beyond identification. The old woman's age was recently brought to light by a visit from a census enumerator who was shown her age in the usual Bible record as a corroboration of the statement.

Lieut. Boyer Charged with the Theft of Fifty Cases of Bacon.

Manila, April 5.—Lieut. Frederick Boyer, of the Thirty-ninth volunteer infantry, chief commissary for the second district of the Department of Southern Luzon, has arrived at Calamba, Province of Laguna, where he has been charged with misappropriating fifty cases of bacon and with other irregularities. It is alleged that the shortage in the commissary depot in Manila aggregate \$185,000.

The accounts of the custom house, internal revenue department and license office have been inspected and are reported perfectly straight.

Man Found Dead in Road near Greenville.

Greenville, N. C., April 4.—A white man was found dead in the road near the river at Greenville yesterday. From a cottonseed bag there it was learned that considerable money hangs around this death. On yesterday the deceased was granted a divorce from his wife, and it seems was en route home, judging from the direction taken on leaving town. There was no mark of violence on the body.

Even the Horses Thought it a Rotton Play.

Washington Post.

A pair of horses used in the New York production of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" rebelled and jumped off the stage the other night. The intelligence of the horse continues to assert itself.

A Shirt Waist Causes Trouble.

Washington Post.

A North Carolina judge got into a street fight because, at the suggestion of his wife, he took the pains to admire the pretty shirt waist of another man's wife. The attractive things in shirt waists always did cause more or less trouble.

Canadian Government Collects Heavy Revenue on Coal.

Washington, April 4.—The discovery of coal in the Klondike has induced the Canadian government to issue an order that royalty shall be paid on coal as well as on gold. Dawson consumers have protested at the resulting rise in coal prices.

Sentenced to ten Years Imprisonment.

Maj. W. H. Martin, ex-clerk in State Treasures office, was sentenced to ten years imprisonment in the penitentiary for misappropriating some of the penitentiary funds. The amount not yet known.

The Curfew Law in Force in Danville.

Danville, Va., Dec.

The curfew law was heard for the first time in Danville last night. The festive kids had taken heed. It was hard to find a man on the streets after half past 8 o'clock, to say nothing of the boys.

DYING OF HUNGER.

THE POPULATION OF INDIA REDUCED BY FAMINE AND CHOLERA.

THE DECREASE IN CENTRAL PROVINCES.

Five Millions have died since 1896 from causes directly due to famine—since 1891 it has been over a million when the increase should have been over a million and a half.

London, April 6.—The depopulation of India through famine and cholera is assuming alarming proportions. The latest advices from India say the census returns of the central provinces show a decrease of over a million since 1891, when under normal conditions an increase of a million and a half might have been expected.

It is estimated that five millions have died in India since 1896 from causes directly due to the famine. In Western India things are even worse. The Orissa poor State returns show a decrease of 840,000 or forty-five per cent of the population; the State of Bhopal shows a decrease of 808,000; the district of Banda shows a decrease of 124,000. In Bombay city the population has diminished by fifty thousand souls.

The localities which escaped the plague, show a satisfactory though unimpressive increase. For instance, Madras, which has gained eight per cent over 1891.

A Big Snake Story.

Freemont Visitor.

A wonderful story comes from the grader's camp on the Great Eastern, on the Mill Branch just back of T. E. Yelverton's. Last Friday a negro hand was taken with convulsions and after some time vomited up a snake ten inches long. The negro immediately got better and as he walked about among the crew the snake would follow him. Later the snake was caught and put in a bottle and when the man who had vomited it would go near the bottle the snake would exhibit great concern, paying no attention to any one else. We give the story as it was told us.

FIRED INTO STEAMER, GREENWOOD.

Five persons, including a Lady, Wounded—Seeley's Reckless shot.

Point Pleasant, W. Va., April 5.—William Seeley, living in a shanty boat on the Kanawha, when the steamer Greenwood was passing out of the river fired into the boat with a shotgun, wounding five persons, among them a woman.

Seeley claims some one tried to flirt with his wife, which aroused him so that he picked up the gun and blazed away at the boat. Seeley had escaped before they could get to him.

A Better Demand for Yarn.

Charlotte, N. C., April 4th.—For the first time in many days the yarn market is reported as showing considerable activity, one commission house having purchased in the neighborhood of one hundred thousand pounds of yarn.

This state of affairs is attributed to the belief that cotton is more scarce than supposed. It is further predicted that cotton will continue upward and that mills will not sell any lower, but will advance yarn within the course of a few days or a week.

Georgia Fruit Crop Not Materially Damaged.

Griffin, Ga., April 4.—Commissioner of Agriculture O. B. Stevens has just returned from a trip through southwest Georgia, the fruit section of the State. He says there is no indication of serious injury to the fruit crop from the recent cold weather and he regards it as now out of danger. Mr. Stevens says Georgia farmers, as a rule, are not going to increase the cotton acreage.

Prize Fighting in Manila.

Washington, April 4.—Prize fighting is one of the sports introduced in the Philippines by the American army. Soldiers have organized the Manila Athletic Club in the Philippine capital, and sparring bouts are of weekly occurrence. According to latest advices a fight for the championship of the islands is scheduled to take place there on the 25th instant.

To Remodel Wake County Jail.

Raleigh Times.

Chairman Green, of the board of county commissioners, has the matter of changing the jail in charge. This will certainly be done at an early date, and adequate provision will be made for female prisoners so that they will be in a different wing from the males, and not hear language used by them.

Many More Massacred.

Vancouver, B. C., April 4.—"The North China News," announces the massacre of fourteen unaccounted for missionaries, with many women and children.

The Governor has appointed Mr. Francis D. Winston Judge of the second Judicial district and Mr. G. A. Jones Judge of the sixth district.

THE LEGISLATURE MET WEDNESDAY.

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They were: Arrington of Nash, Broughton of Wake, Woodard of Wilson, and Glenn of Guilford.

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Senate 1671, H. B. 2267—Bill supplemental to an act to appoint members of the county board of education.

S. B. 1642, H. B. 2266—Bill supplemental to an act entitled an act to provide for the division of the State into judicial districts and to provide for holding the courts therein, ratified March 11, 1901.

S. B. 1673, H. B. 2260—Bill supplemental to an act amending an act to establish a stock law in certain portions of Wayne county.

S. B. 1676, H. B. 2261—Resolution to pay clerks and other employees mileage for their attendance upon the present session of the General Assembly.

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At the request of Senator Broughton the resolution providing for the payment of \$100 to Judge T. B. Womack for services in preparing the bill for the division of the State into sixteen judicial districts, was taken from the calendar and put upon its third reading. The bill passed its final reading.

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Mr. Winston introduced resolution 2261, authorizing the payment of mileage to clerks and employees. The resolution was adopted.

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House bill to increase the number of commissioners of Iredell county to five, to become effective after the next general election, was passed.

House bill to supplement an act to amend chapter 82, private laws of 1899, was passed.

A bill introduced by Senator Woodard increasing the number of commissioners for Wilson county to five after 1902 was passed.

President London then ratified the bills awaiting his signature.

A House bill authorizing all persons required to give bond to the State of North Carolina to give the same in surety and guarantee companies was passed.

By Ways to increase the number of county commissioners in Wilson and Iredell.

By Winston, to authorize all persons required to give bond to the State to give security in guaranty companies. All these passed.

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A bill passed abolishing the office of enrolling clerk and placing that matter in the hands of the Secretary of State.

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