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## SENSATIONAL ARREST OF TWO SUPPOSED TRAVELING MEN, CHARGED WITH ROBBERY SAFE OF THE MT. OLIVE POSTOFFICE

At the Instance of Postoffice Inspector F. N. Davis, the Police Arrest E. P. Virgin and W. F. Adams at the Leland Hotel

### BOTH RELEASED UNDER BOND

Men Claim to Be Traveling Men Representing Western House-Postoffice at Mt. Olive Was Robbed of \$225 and Stamps

E. P. Virgin and W. F. Adams, two well dressed young men of prepossessing appearance, were arrested at the Leland Hotel in this city this morning on a warrant sworn out by Postoffice Inspector F. N. Davis, Mr. W. S. Orr, served the warrant.

These two men are suspected of being guilty of breaking into the postoffice safe at Mt. Olive, in Wayne county, and taking therefrom \$225 in money and about \$50 or \$75 in stamps.

The robbery of the Mt. Olive office took place several weeks ago. Since that time Inspector Davis has been on the trail of these men and finally located them in the Leland Hotel this morning.

In a short while after the men had been spotted, United States Commissioner Maxwell issued a warrant for their arrest and placed the same in the hands of Mr. W. S. Orr.

On going to the hotel, Mr. Orr was taken to the room of Virgin and Adams. He informed the two men that he had a warrant for their arrest and that they would have to go with him. Both expressed great surprise, saying they were commercial travelers and could prove this. They produced receipts showing that they had been selling furniture and other household goods on the installment plan. Both men were searched but no money of any consequence was found on them.

One of the men who gave his name as Adams, produced about 15 cents, saying this was all of his ready cash. The other produced a telegram that he had received from a Western city stating that money would be sent him.

The men claimed that they expected a letter at Charlotte containing a check for which they intended paying their expenses.

From the hotel, Virgin and Adams were taken to the office of United States Commissioner Maxwell where a short investigation was held. They denied most positively that they were in any way connected with the robbery at Mt. Olive, though they acknowledged being in the town about the time the postoffice at that place was robbed.

After the investigation was gone through with, Inspector Davis asked that the men be held. He stated that the government was not ready for a hearing in the case and asked that the matter be postponed for a few days.

Both Virgin and Adams protested vigorously, saying that a mistake had been made and that they did not think it right or the part of justice to require them to be thus humiliated; that they were honest, hard working men and though circumstances seemed to be against them, they were innocent of any wrong doing.

Inspector Davis insisted that the government desired the men to either give bond for their appearance or go to jail, pending a later investigation.

Commissioner Maxwell bound both of them in a \$500 bond each. Failing to give this, they were taken to jail.

The preliminary hearing was set for Tuesday morning, April 7th, at 10 o'clock. At this time Inspector Davis says he will be ready to produce the government's evidence associating these men with the crime at Mt. Olive.

## BIG STEAMSHIP IS STUCK IN THE SAND

Fruit Carrier Goes Ashore in the Gale - Her Four Passengers and Crew Are Rescued By Life-Savers

Atlantic City, March 31.—The steamer Brighton, a fruit carrier, from Port Antonio for New York, went ashore off here at 10 o'clock last night.

Four passengers and her crew of twenty-two were rescued by life-savers early this morning. The passengers are now at the life-saving station.

The vessel is in poor condition and is foundering heavily. It is thought she will be a total loss.

Postoffice Inspector Davis states that he has been shadowing these men for some time. Several times he has been right up with them but was never able to lay his hands on them until this morning. He is satisfied that he has the right parties and thinks he can produce splendid evidence going to show that they either committed the robbery themselves or are a portion of the gang who have been committing the various robberies throughout North Carolina.

WILL RECEIVE \$154.

Mr. Orr Will Be Rewarded For Capture of Claude Ingram.

Chief H. C. Irwin received a telegram last night from M. J. J. Langan, captain of the Detective Bureau of the city of New York, stating that the owner of the jewelry, found in the possession of Claude Ingram, had forwarded the commission demanded by Mr. W. S. Orr. The letter containing a check for \$154 is expected to arrive in Charlotte tonight.

The telegram came after Mr. Monahan, the New York detective, had left for his home. It is supposed that he or some other officer will return to Charlotte after Ingram and the jewelry.

In case the authorities here will not release Ingram, the New York papers will be lodged against Ingram and when he has served his sentence here, he will be taken back to the scene of his greater crime.

Entire Levee Swept Away.

New Orleans, March 31.—The entire levee at Angola, La., the State farm, 150 miles above here, has been swept away. The State property is inundated at the point where the new Red River railroad crosses.

## TO SELECT SITE THIS AFTERNOON

Water Commissioners will Decide on This Important Question and will Also Buy New Pumps

The water commission meets this afternoon for the purpose of locating the new site and purchasing a new pump.

There was a short meeting of the commission yesterday afternoon out owing to the fact that some matters had to be settled, definite action was postponed until this afternoon.

As to the site for the new plant there seems to be but little doubt but that the location on Irwin's creek, to the North of the city, will be selected.

Two firms are represented who are anxious to sell the new pump. These are R. A. Wood & Co., of Philadelphia, and the Worthington Pump Co., of New York. A pump of from 3 to 5 million gallons capacity daily will be bought and the price to be paid will be in the neighborhood of \$30,000.

Owing to the fact that the Highland Park Company is to locate its extensive plant on the present water-shed, the water commission will have to make other arrangements. This change would have been a necessity in a few years, anyway. The cost of changing the plant will aggregate something like \$150,000.

The commission met at 4 o'clock out nothing had been definitely decided when the News went to press.

### THIS NAIL EATER DIED CRAZY.

Six Pounds Of Metal Found In Stomach At Post-Mortem.

Kalamazoo, Mich., March 31.—Six pounds of nails, screws, lead, iron, cartridge shells and other foreign substances were taken from the stomach of Fred Cerrow, a Michigan asylum patient, at post-mortem examination. For years Cerrow had walked about swallowing metal, lumps of coal, small stones and brick dust with great avidity. The stomach contained the following articles: One twenty penny spike 4 inches long; 22 ten penny nails; 79 eight penny nails; 23 shingle nails, 150 bent nails of various assorted sizes, 29 pieces of wire; 1 iron washer, 1 1/4 inch in diameter; 4 suspender clasps; 17 assorted buttons; 126 small stones; 12 pieces of tin; 8 screws, upper halves of 3 twenty penny spikes, three 32-caliber cartridges and 28 pins. Many of the larger nails were partially destroyed by the acids of the stomach. One large 4-inch nail, which pierced the stomach is believed to have caused an abscess on his liver, which resulted in death.

The receipts of cotton at the local platform today amounted to 13 bales. Best price 9.90. For the same day last year the receipts were 107 and the best price was 9 cents.

## Judge Murphy Holds BURDICK MYSTERY IS UNSOLVED

### His Verdict Rendered This Morning and Court Declares That the Identity of the Murdered Man Was Not Proven By the Inquest

Buffalo, March 31.—Judge Murphy this morning rendered his verdict in the Burdick case. The Judge said: "I find and certify that Edward L. Burdick came to his death in the early morning hours of February 27th, 1903, at his residence, No. 101 Ashland Avenue, in this city." The cause of death was compound, multiple fracture of the skull. That said fracture was the result of several blows by some person with a dull edged weapon, delivered principally on the back of his head. That said blows were delivered with homicidal intent. "THAT THE IDENTITY OF SAID PERSON HAS NOT BEEN PROVEN."

The inquest was held for the purpose of determining whether or not the crime was committed and whether or not there is reasonable ground to charge some person with the same."

The Judge, continuing, gave a general review of the testimony taken.

## ROOSEVELT READY FOR HIS JUNKET

Party Will Start West Tomorrow Morning—Mayor Harrison Calls on Windy City to Take Holiday

Washington, D. C., March 31.—President Roosevelt is about ready to start on his two months tour of the West. Today he is winding up his correspondence, signing papers and attending to many details necessary on the eve of a journey.

The only persons who gained an audience with the President today were cabinet members, Senators and chiefs of bureaus, who called on important department matters.

The Presidential party is scheduled to start promptly at nine o'clock tomorrow morning. The first stop will be Pittsburg, at 8:30 in the evening.

### Chicago To Take Holiday

Chicago, March 31.—Mayor Harrison will issue today a proclamation asking the citizens of Chicago to join in the reception to President Roosevelt. The proclamation will make Thursday, April 2, a legal holiday and merchants and business men will be asked to decorate their offices and stores.

### Received With Honor.

Rome, March 31.—The American delegation to the International Historical Congress to be held here, including Prof. Henry Boume, Drs. Ernest Richardson, Roscoe Thayer, Coorthington and Ford, have arrived at Rome and was received with the greatest honor.

## THE LATEST FOREIGN NEWS AND VIEWS

### PARKS ADVISES GREATER ECONOMY

Retrenchment and Closer Trade Relations He Says Are Necessary to Meet American Competition

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### FIRST BLOOD OF CAMPAIGN.

As Politics Grow Warmer the Blood Begins To Boil.

The first fight of the campaign was aired in the Recorder's court this morning. The participants were Mr. William Hargett, the well known cotton cutter, and ex-Constable J. A. Porter. Mr. Hargett states that if he is here when the Mayor's election takes place in May, he will cast his vote for Capt. Franklin. The two met on East Trade street, in front of the Charlotte Drug Co.'s place of business, last Saturday evening. Both, heretofore, had been good friends and when they met they grasped each other's hands. Mr. Hargett asked Mr. Porter who he was going to support for mayor. Mr. Porter's reply was, Franklin. Mr. Hargett remarked that he was a Brown man and there the argument commenced. It waxed warm for a few minutes and then blows followed very harsh language.

A big iron post that stands in front of the Charlotte Drug Co.'s place, received some regular "St. Sullivan" punches from Mr. Hargett, while Mr. Porter took better aim and struck Mr. Hargett square in the face. Officers Pitts and Summerrow say the battle waging, from the opposite side of the street, and they quickly were on the scene. They parted the two enthusiastic partisans and summoned them to court. Mr. Hargett did not appear yesterday morning, so the case was continued until this morning. Both acknowledged that they had fought and both agreed that politics was at the bottom of it. The Recorder remarked that as it was the first blood of the campaign, he was inclined to deal leniently with the participants and allowed, both to go on paying one half the costs.

Mr. Hargett, the Brown man, was a little bit disheveled but he remarked that he was still in the ring and, while he hoped he would not have to repeat the occurrence, he was just as loyal to his man.

### Situation is Unchanged.

Lowell, March 31.—The cotton mill situation this morning is about the same as last evening. From the mills where work was finished yesterday, men and women employed, gathered with others in union halls today. Police stationed at the gates of the various mills report no disturbance today.

### Assessing Union Men

Fall River, March 31.—Secretary Albert Hibbert, of the United Textile Workers of America, will tomorrow send out circulars to 20,000 members assessing them for the support of the Lowell strikers. The amount of the assessment is kept secret at labor headquarters, but it is believed to be about a dollar a member weekly.

## SHAMROCK SHOWS CLEAN PAIR HEELS

Glasgow, March 31.—Shamrock III and Shamrock I went on a sail-stretching spin in the Clyde today. A light wind was blowing.

The Challenger led Shamrock I, the new boat going through the water in beautiful form with scarcely a ripple of the wind.

The challenger created a good impression when the breeze freshened. She appeared remarkably quick in stays, due to the shortness of her fin-keel. The yachts kept wide apart, but the new racer is by far the faster.

### Lisbon, March 31.—The greatest

care is being taken to arrange that King Edward, during his visit to Portugal, be surrounded by the most perfect protection. In addition to the regular police, a number of detectives keep near His Majesty and ten English detectives arrived this morning so as to be on hand on the arrival of the king. Seventeen persons suspected of anarchistic tendencies have been expelled from the country.

Portsmouth, March 31.—King Edward left Portsmouth this morning for Lisbon. A stiff breeze was blowing when he started, but the fierce gale of yesterday had, to a great extent, died down.

### Russia Backing Revolutionists?

St. Petersburg, March 31.—The Official Messenger today publishes a report from the Russian consul at Uskub Macedonia, which states that the revolutionary movement in the Balkans is increasing, notably in Valley of Kosova. An attempt, the consul says, was made to dynamite the artillery barracks and military stores at Ishtip. Despite official warnings the people believe Russia is backing the revolutionists.



SIR THOMAS LIPTON.

## STRIKERS WOULD CALL KNITTERS OUT

They Have Few Interests in Common With Other Operatives and Strike Would Be Hailed as Victory

Lowell, March 31.—The Textile Council meeting today will attempt to formulate some plan by which the knitters employed in the Lawrence Hosley Mill may be induced to come out.

The knitters are better paid than the operatives employed in the same kind of work in other New England mills and consequently have few interests in common with the strikers.

Their coming out would in all probability mean the closing of the mill and be hailed by the union leaders as a distinct victory.

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## AMMUNITION EXPLODES, KILLING SOLDIER; MOLTEN METAL ROASTS THREE WORKMEN; TWO MEET DEATH IN HEAD-ON COLLISION

### COTTON TAKES A DROP.

Bears Again Had It All Their Way Today.

New York, March 31.—C. W. Lee & Co. say: There were stop loss orders encountered this morning and prices declined rapidly. August went down without any support to 917. Then, after every one seemed to have sold out, shorts tried to cover and August shot up to 930. This was quite to be expected. We will have this sort of thing for weeks to come. The price will react easily. As long as May people hold on, a drop of 30 or 40 points is all that can be expected before the rally comes. There is no cotton here of any account, and as long as spot markets hold firm there is every incentive for shorts to run when the pool buys.

For a while the tendency of the market should be towards a gradually lower level. But the pool will attempt to prevent a bad break and for this reason August is to be sold on bulges only. We have insisted for some time that this is a market to avoid on a break. Everything pointed to a decline this morning and common sense led one to take in short cotton. On a bulge over 930 tomorrow we would let August go again for a break. Receipts are getting larger and weather should bring about more new crop talk. But the position is strong and a short seller in May can easily find no cotton to deliver when the time comes. The market is in shape to bull easily when the May people buy and for this reason we would sell only on the bulges.

### Revolutionists On Warpath.

Berlin, March 31.—Tageblatt today reports that Macedonian revolutionists made another attempt to wreck a Constaatinople train at Luxe by blowing up the bridge between Adrianope and the Bulgarian frontier. The train narrowly escaped going over the bridge.

## M'COLL ASKS THAT SUSPECTS BE HELD

Knuckles, Patterson and Unruh About to Be Released By the Local Police when Telegram was Received

J. H. Knuckles, H. M. Patterson and J. R. Unruh, the three strangers who have been held in this city as suspects, were today taken to a photographers place and their pictures were taken.

As nothing could be brought against the men, here, they were to have been released.

Just as the men were about to secure their freedom a telegram was received from McColl, S. C., asking Chief Irwin to hold the men until tomorrow in order that some parties from McColl might take a look at them.

It will be recalled by News readers that the postoffice safe at McColl was blown open several nights ago and about \$1,000 in cash and stamps were taken. Although that section of South Carolina has been thoroughly covered, no trace of the safe crackers has been found. As these three men came from the direction of Hamlet, it is thought that they may be implicated in the robbery.

The men will be held in Charlotte until the authorities at McColl look them over.

### GIRL GETS A NEW NOSE.

Unusual Surgical Operation in Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, March 31.—For the second time within a year Miss Maud Frazier, of 29 East Liberty street, underwent a rather unusual surgical operation recently at the City Hospital. She was in need of a new nose. The one that has been gracing her countenance was not altogether to her liking. It was anything but symmetrical, having been dished out by an accident until it assumed a puggish character and rendered her otherwise beautiful face rather unsightly.

The operation consisted of taking paraffin wax and melting it at a temperature of 110 degrees Fahr., and then while it was still in a liquid state, injecting it under the skin of the nose in the same manner as any hypodermic injection is made. When a sufficient quantity of the paraffin had been injected the nose was ready to be molded in any desired shape.

When asked what style of nose she preferred Miss Frazier replied that she had not given that part of the operation much study, but thought she would have her new nose built up straight or something on the Greek order. She got just what she asked for, and if everything goes well she will surprise her friends by the wonderful change in her features when she returns home. The operation is said to have been highly successful.

Army Officers and the War Department are Mum Over a Fearful Accident That Occurred at Ft. Meyer During a Drill

### BLAST FURNACE EXPLODES

Light Engine Dashes at Great Speed Into Passenger Train Killing 2 Employes and Injuring a Number of Passengers

Washington, March 31.—One soldier was killed and four others seriously wounded by the explosion of ammunition in one of the caissons in the light artillery station at Fort Meyer during a practice drill yesterday morning. The dead man is Corporal S. J. Slaven.

The details of the accident are shrouded in mystery. Officers at the army post and the War Department refuse to discuss it.

The dead soldier and the injured served a gun from the caisson which met with the accident.

### MOLTEN METAL LITERALLY ROASTS THREE WORKMEN.

Pittsburg, March 31.—By the explosion of blast furnace "I" in the Edgar Thompson steel works at Braddock at 4 a. m. this morning, fourteen men were seriously burned, three of them fatally.

The men were casting and without warning the big furnace let go, throwing the molten metal all over them. All were taken to Mercy Hospital in this city.

### TWO ARE KILLED IN HEAD-ON COLLISION.

Waterbury, March 31.—In a collision between a light engine, south bound from this city and a passenger train, on the Berkshire division, about a mile south of here this morning, two were killed and one fatally injured.

The dead are: CHAPMAN, engineer of the Light engine.

BERT NEWMAN, fireman of the passenger train.

The fatally injured: EXPRESS MESSENGER SCULLY.

The passengers were thrown from the seats and a number injured by the force of the crash. Several were cut by flying glass, which went in every direction.

### NEW PLAYS FOR FROHMAN.

Successes Of the Paris And London Stage Are Secured.

Paris, March 31.—Charles Frohman has arrived in Paris and signed contracts for the American rights of "The Return to Jerusalem," which is to be produced at the Gymnase next October. The piece tells the story of a young Jewish woman who marries outside her faith, but afterward leaves her husband and, entering Jerusalem, makes atonement.

Mr. Frohman has also bought for America "The Other Danger," a success of the Paris stage.

While in London he secured from the executors of Sir Augustus Harris the drama of "Cheer, Boys, Cheer!" Yesterday he completed an arrangement with Paul Potter, who is in Paris, to Americanize the play. The scenes will be laid in America, Paris and the Philippine Islands. "Cheer, Boys, Cheer!" will have its first American production in New York, where it will follow a big revival of "Ben-Hur."

Miss Maude Adams passed through Paris last week and is now in Cairo. She will leave there at the end of the week for Jerusalem.

## CUBAN RECIPROcity TREATY IS SIGNED

Hay and Quesada, Acting For Their Respective Governments, Sign Constructive Copy This Morning

Washington, March 31.—Minister Quesada for Cuba, and Secretary of State Hay, for the United States, this morning constructively exchanged ratifications of the Cuban Reciprocity Treaty.

As there is only one copy of the treaty in Washington, the other being enroute from Havana, the exchange of ratifications was constructive rather than actual. Secretary Hay accepting as sufficient the assurance that the Cuban copy has been dispatched to Washington.