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WOMAN AND CHILD CRUELLY BEATEN BY FIEND

Neighbors Find Them Unconscious on Blood-Stained Floor--Woman Revives Sufficiently to Tell of the Fendish Attempt upon Her Honor--She will Die

Strange Man Entered Her Home and Beat Her Into Insensibility--Child also Beaten to Quiet It--Club with Which Deed was Done Found in the Room

(By Associated Press.) Northfield, Vt., Sept. 23.—Neighbors who went to the house of Mrs. Stephen Trombler at South Northfield early today found the woman and her young child lying apparently dead on the blood-stained floor. Beside them were a club with which they were beaten.

The woman revived sufficiently to relate how a strange man, whom she had discovered in her room, had inflicted her injuries in an attempt to outrage her and then she lapsed into unconsciousness.

She is expected to die. The child, aroused by the disturbance, was beaten to keep it quiet while the crime was attempted.

COMMITTS SUICIDE.

J. H. Polemus, Well Known Railroader Kills Himself.

(By Associated Press.) Charleston, S. C., Sept. 23.—J. H. Polemus, formerly city passenger agent here and in Savannah for the Plant System, killed himself this morning at his home at Summerville. He went into the yard, with a parlor rifle, the muzzle of which he placed against his breast and pulled the trigger. His body was found by his child. The bullet had gone through the heart.

King Peter's Cabinet Will Resign.

(By Associated Press.) Belgrade, Sept. 23.—At King Peter's request the cabinet will resign tomorrow, but ministers will remain in office until a meeting of the Skuptschina.

LENGTHY SENTENCE FOR NOTED CROOK

Boston Judge Sends Edward Cranston, Alias Condit, to Prison on a Charge of Forgery--Spends His Time Beating Stock-Brokers

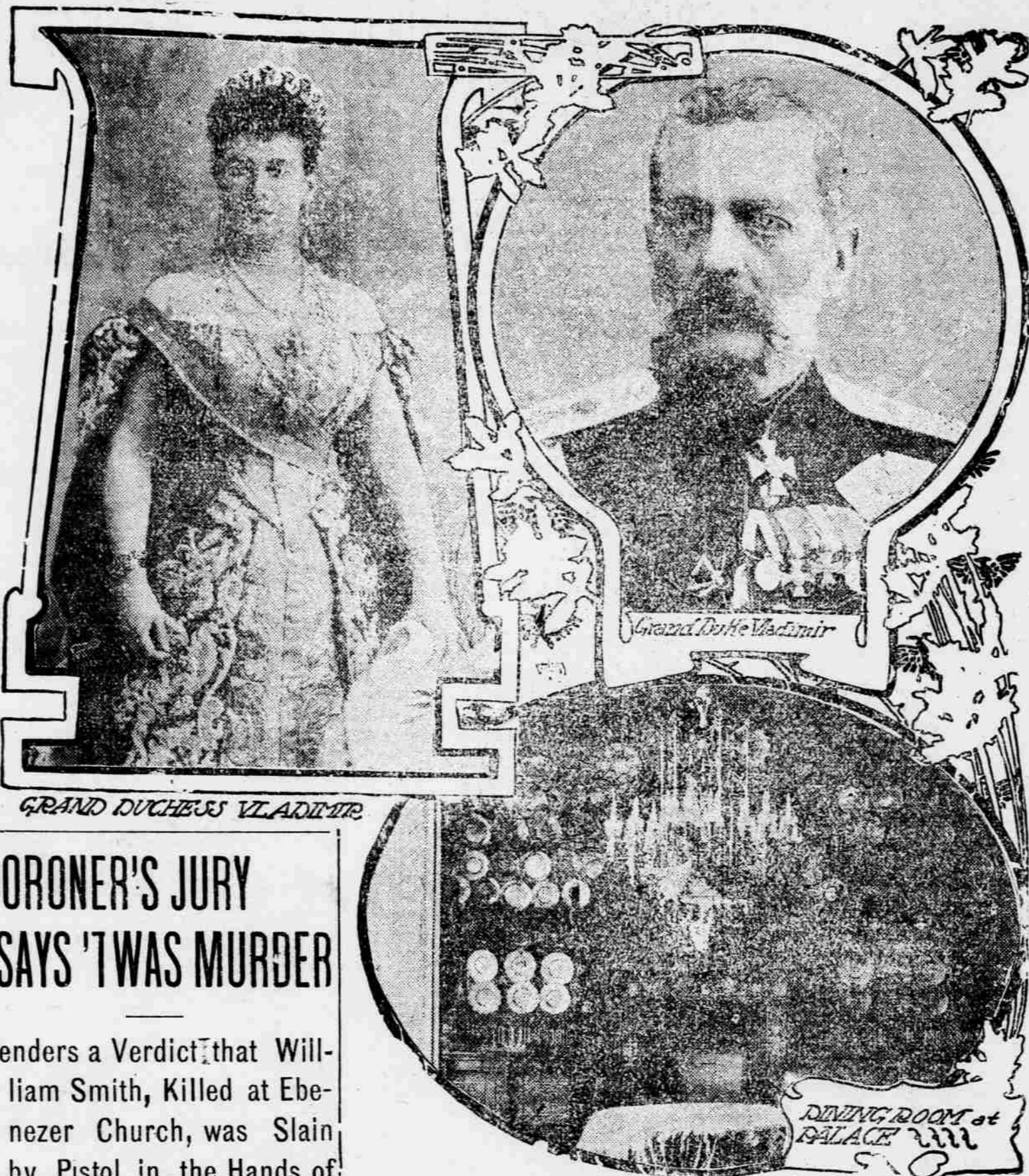
(By Associated Press.) Boston, Sept. 23.—In the Superior criminal court here today Judge Sherman sentenced Edward Cranston, charged with forgery to not more than fifteen nor less than ten years in State prison.

On the stand the prisoner denied that his name was Cranston and said he was Edward Augustus Condit. Chief Inspector Watts hunted up the records which show that Condit, if he is the same person, is known all over the country as an expert-beating stock broker. He is said to have at one time been wealthy.

His plan was to open an account with a broker, who would accept his check on a country bank as margin. If the trade showed a quick profit he would close the account and take up the check, letting it go by default if the speculation showed loss. Cranston began to speculate, the records say, in 1872.

He was convicted many times in the East and under the name of W. S. Carson was arrested in 1892, in Wisconsin on a forgery charge. In 1898 was arrested in Chicago on a similar charge but was released.

GRAND DUKE AND DUCHESS VLADIMIR.



CORONER'S JURY SAYS 'T WAS MURDER

Renders a Verdict that William Smith, Killed at Ebenezer Church, was Slain by Pistol in the Hands of John Kirk

The coroners jury that met Monday afternoon to inquire into the cause of the death of William Smith, the negro who was killed near Ebenezer church by John Kirk, finished its deliberations yesterday.

The verdict of the jury was that Smith came to his death from a pistol shot wound, the pistol being in the hands of one John Kirk.

The evidence as adduced before the jury of inquest does not sustain the theory that the killing was accidental. On the other hand there was considerable evidence that Kirk killed Smith after deliberation and too, after the men had engaged in a quarrel.

Immediately after the coroners jury adjourned, a warrant was issued for Kirk charging him with the murder of Smith.

Returning to the city yesterday afternoon Coroner Cathey placed the warrant for Kirk's arrest in the hands of Sheriff Wallace who will use every effort to locate the man.

It seems that the report that Kirk had returned to Sharon and was ready to give himself up, was entirely erroneous. The facts are that Kirk left the Sharon neighborhood immediately after the tragedy and has not been seen since.

From what is learned, the negroes had some words at the school entertainment Friday night in regard to a woman. The two left the house while angry and went out on the grounds where a large fire had been built. They renewed their conversation and while both were cursing each other, a pistol shot was fired. Smith fell to the ground, and expired a few minutes. Kirk remained only a few minutes after the shot was fired and then disappeared down the road at a rapid pace. He has not been heard of since.

The witnesses who were standing around the fire when the shot was fired, all state that the two men were angry with each other and that the pistol was fired by John Kirk.

The first report that reached Charlotte was that the shooting was entirely accidental and that the tragedy was the result of Kirk playing with an old pistol.

The evidence before the coroners jury, however, puts a different phase on the case and if Kirk is apprehended he will be tried for killing Smith.

Will Renew Funding Operations. (By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 23.—Secretary Shaw authorizes the statement that owing to the scarcity of 2 per cent. bonds both for circulation and security for Government deposits he will renew the funding operations to the extent of \$20,000,000, in accordance with previous circulars.

Owing to the sickness of the Czar's brother, Grand Duke Michael, it is considered a strong possibility that Grand Duke Vladimir will succeed to the throne if the Czar should die without a male heir. He is acknowledged to be a believer in the theory of Peter I. that Russia may rule the world.

COLLIER CASE SETTLED.

Famous Will Litigation In Atlanta Is Ended By Compromise.

(By Associated Press.) Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 23.—An agreement by attorneys of the contest case of George W. Colliers will, disposing of two million dollars, reached here this morning by which is decided for all the claims in the contest to be settled out of court.

Judge J. N. Bateman and H. L. Collier will retire as executors and administrator and will probably be appointed. This means the will is to be done away with altogether. Judge J. H. Lumpkin is disqualified in the case and Judge Roan will in a few days hear the consent verdict. The caveat was amended so as to state that George W. Collier was mentally incapable of writing a will at the time, and on this ground the consent verdict will be taken.

Evils of the "Open Door." (By Associated Press.) New York, Sept. 23.—There has been a fresh rush of immigration to America and during the past three days the inspectors on Ellis Island have been working over time. Tuesday 5,000 persons were passed by the authorities.

According to reports received from various parts of Europe immigration into this country this fall will be greater than ever before.

President Framing Annual Message. (By Associated Press.) Oyster Bay, Sept. 23.—No visitors were received by President Roosevelt at Sagamore Hill today. Already the President has begun work on his annual message to Congress. This work is simply preparatory, and nothing yet has been reduced to definite form. The message is to be presented to the extraordinary session and will not be issued until about the middle of October.

No News of Canal Treaty. (By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 23.—The State department today posted the following bulletin: "Department of State this (Wednesday) afternoon received from Minister Beapree at Bogota a telegram dated September 22nd 5 p. m., stating that since the introduction of the proposed law in regard to the canal treaty and its first reading there has been no decision of the measure in the Colombian congress and that the situation is unchanged.

Col. Cunningham Accepts. Col. J. S. Cunningham, of Person county, has been tendered and accepted the Chief Marshalship for Mecklenburg Fair.

—Miss A. J. Gatewood who has been employed as stenographer at Norfolk has returned to Charlotte and now has a position with the Dowd & King Supply Co.

HON. R. B. GLENN ENTERS THE LISTS

In an Open Letter to the People of the State He Announces his Candidacy for the Gubernatorial Nomination--Leaves all to the People

The following open letter to the people of North Carolina has been sent out by Hon. R. B. Glenn, one of the candidates for the gubernatorial nomination:

Winston-Salem, N. C., Sept. 22, 1903. To the People of the State: Unable to answer all letters received, I take this method of announcing to my friends throughout the State, that I will be a candidate before the next Democratic State Convention for the office of Governor.

Having been actively canvassing the State for twenty-six years, the people know me, so I will open no headquarters and enter into no scramble for the nomination. I can campaign for my party and beg votes for my friends but it is a new role to electioneer for myself, so I will submit myself into the people's hands, asking them to let my candidacy be known, so that those desiring to aid me can do so, by seeing that I get in the primaries all the votes to which I may be entitled.

To be Governor of North Carolina, is a high and laudable ambition, and I most earnestly desire to attain this high office, as both a token of the people's esteem and a proof of their confidence in me.

If nominated, I will canvass the State, using every effort to insure Democratic success, which means the State's safety and prosperity. If elected, knowing no man or class of men in the discharge of my duty, I will strive to advance all the interests of the State, endeavoring to procure "the greatest good to all, without detriment or injury to any." Having faith in the people I believe I will be nominated. If, however, any of my worthy competitors are selected by the convention, I will cheerfully abide its decision, and continue in the future, as in the past, doing all I can to promote true Democracy, as my party's success is to be valued more than my personal ambition. I regret that I cannot meet the people face to face and discuss with them the great issues before us, but this seeming impracticable, I leave all to them in convention assembled.

Respectfully,

R. B. GLENN.

COTTON FIRMS MERGE.

Mr. O. P. Heath and Mr. Van Lundingham Join Their Forces.

The firm of Heath Bros. & Co., has been dissolved and the firm of O. P. Heath & Co., succeeded the old firm.

Mr. B. D. Heath, president of the Charlotte National Bank retires from the cotton business as does Mr. Julian Little.

Mr. O. P. Heath and Mr. John Van Lundingham have formed a copartnership and will continue the cotton business on a large scale.

Mr. Heath will continue in charge of the present office of the old firm on South College street and Mr. Van Lundingham will remain at his present office on North College street.

There will be no changes in the present forces at each office.

Both Mr. Heath and Mr. Van Lundingham are experienced cotton men and both have made a success of the business. The News wishes the new firm a continued successful business career.

Judge Purnell Here.

Judge Thomas R. Purnell, judge of the Eastern Federal circuit of North Carolina, spent last night in Charlotte.

He was accompanied by his son, Master James Purnell.

The father and son left this morning for Belmont, where Master James Purnell will enter St. Mary's College. Judge Purnell has not visited Charlotte for a number of years. He was especially struck with the many improvements on every hand and was surprised at the rapid strides our city has taken.

Honorable Artillery Comes A-Visiting.

(By Associated Press.) London, Sept. 23.—To the strains of "The Star Spangled Banner," "Marching Through Georgia" and other American airs, about 200 members of the Honorable Artillery Company left London armory today and took a train for Liverpool to embark on the Dominion steamer Mayflower, bound for Boston, Mass. A large crowd of friends of the artillerymen assembled early at the armory to wish the company a successful campaign.

Herndon-Kraus.

Tonight at the home of the bride's parents on East Seventh street, Mr. James R. Herndon, of Roanoke, Va., and Miss Esther L. Kraus will be united in marriage. After the ceremony the couple will leave for Roanoke, where they will reside.

RUNAWAY FREIGHT TRAIN.

An Exciting Experience At Blacksburg, S. C.

'Squire L. M. McAllister and wife have returned from a visit among friends and kinspeople in York and Cherokee counties, S. C. While at Blacksburg Monday afternoon between 3 and 4 o'clock 'Squire McAllister witnessed what came very near proving a serious railroad accident. A heavily loaded freight car at the top of a heavy grade became uncoupled and started at a rapid rate down the incline through an open switch. It was bearing down with almost lightning speed on a passenger train of the C. & G. which was standing ready to pull out. The passenger engineer took in the situation at a glance and with rare presence of mind reversed his lever and backed his train. The race kept up for about a half mile, when the runaway car struck the level grade, slowed up and the passenger caught it, no damage being done. But for the engineer's prompt action there would have been a telescope and a bad smash up.

COL. CUNNINGHAM TALKS OF TOBACCO

Greatest Tobacco Farmer in the State has Something of Interest to Say to a News' Man--He Says the Outlook is Very Good

Col. John S. Cunningham, of Cunningham's, Person county, reached here this morning from Danville, Va., and is quartered at the Buford. Between about a half bushel of mail, telegrams, etc., which were awaiting his arrival, and callers from among his host of Charlotte friends the Colonel has been kept busy today--strenuously busy.

Col. Cunningham is becoming more rosy as the years go by. His girth has increased some since he came here six years ago, the Democratic leader of the Legislature, with reference to some legislation, in which Charlotte was interested. But he is the picture of health withal, with a hearty handshake, the old cordial smile and a twinkle in his eyes that would discount "Sunny Jim" himself. This is and always was the Colonel's way.

"What do you consider the outlook for the tobacco farmers?"

"On the whole, good," responded the Colonel. "I cannot but regard the depressed prices on tobacco as temporary. I can see no valid reason for the decline in prices and I am satisfied they will not long continue. I am urging the farmers to hold their tobacco for better prices, which I believe to be sure to come. The consumption of tobacco, like that of cotton, is increasing both at home and abroad. The manufacturer's product is advancing in price and there is no reason why leaf tobacco should not command better prices somewhat in proportion. There has been no overproduction of tobacco and the law of supply and demand is bound to eventually hold up the price of tobacco like that of cotton."

In this connection it is proper to state that Col. Cunningham is the largest tobacco raiser in the world, cultivating plantation after plantation of the rich, waxy tobacco for which the "Golden Tobacco Belt" of North Carolina and Virginia is famous. He studies the tobacco market closely--both that of the leaf and the manufactured product. What he says should have weight.

Col. Cunningham will address a farmer's rally in Danville Oct. 3rd. He is president of the North Carolina Farmers' Protective Association, an organization perfected of representative farmers in about twenty counties of the State. Col. Cunningham has always used the authoritative position he holds among the farmers of this State and Virginia to urge them to diversify their crops, raising supplies first and cotton and tobacco as surplus crops.

Col. Cunningham's visit here at this time is no political mission. He comes on a social visit and for the transaction of private business. When questioned about making the race for Governor in this State, for which so many have urged him to declare himself, he replied that he had not yet made up his mind, but would announce his determination before long.

Col. Cunningham has given his youth, his manhood and his ripper age to the Democratic party. For 28 years he has been a hard worker in its ranks, working wherever he could do the most good, at no time asking anything for himself and always contributing liberally of his substance to the necessities of his party. He has held office to strengthen the position of his party, but he has never sought it for himself. He is a Democrat, as he is a gentleman, of the old school and one who in the gubernatorial chair would administer that high office according to the high traditions of Vance, Jarvis, Scales and Aycock. He belongs to that line of Romans and it would be but a matter of common gratitude for the Democracy to earnestly consider the honorable ambition of one of the State's favorite sons and one who has done her some service in her time of need.

BRIDAL GOWN WAS BAPTIZED IN BLOOD

Raleigh Bride Wore High Heeled Shoes, to Her Sorrow, and Meets with a Painful Accident as She is Leaving the Church

Nothing Daunted by Evil-Omened Mishap, they Continue Their Journey--Several New Corporations Chartered Today by Secretary of State

(Special to The News.)

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 23.—As a bridal party were retiring from Edenton Street Methodist church this morning at 10:30, after the marriage of Edward H. Vaughan and Miss Mary Lea Spillman, the bride had the misfortune to catch the heel of her shoe over the top stone of the high entrance step and fell to the bottom, fully ten feet, striking her head on one of the lower steps.

An ugly gash was cut on her forehead, in which it was necessary for a physician to take four stitches. Blood flowed copiously and her wedding dress was completely ruined. However, nothing daunted, the couple left on the 11:45 train for a bridal tour North. State Treasurer B. R. Lacy was the best man and Miss Daisy Young maid of honor for the wedding ceremony, which was witnessed by a large and fashionable audience.

The Carolina Barytes Co., of Madison county, was chartered today with \$30,000 capital to deal in timber and mining lands, mine barytes, talc, etc. H. J. Moore is the principal incorporator.

The Candor Fruit Growing Company, of Candor, Montgomery county, was chartered with \$25,000 capital. J. G. Tomlinson, H. R. Clark and Junius R. Page are the incorporators.

The Southern Chemical Company (Fertilizer Works) of Winston-Salem files a certificate of the directors reducing the capital stock from \$200,000 to \$25,000. R. J. Reynolds, W. H. Martin, T. W. Huske, Clement Manly and W. T. Brown are the directors.

NEW VERSION OF THE GOMEL RIOTS

Russian Correspondent, in a Private Letter to the London Times-Dispatch, Gives Account of the Affair Differing from Russian Version

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Sept. 23.—A Russian correspondent in a private letter from Gomel dated September 14, during the anti-Semitic riots, contradicts the Russian version of affairs, in the Times-Dispatch of London. It, in part, follows:

"The trouble began Friday with a wrangle between a Jewish fish seller and a Moujik, leading to a free fight wherein several were injured, one Moujik mortally.

"Saturday and Sunday the anti-Semitic agitators went about exhorting the people not to leave their fellow-Christians unavenged. Most of the Jews remained in doors, all drinking shops were closed and the streets patrolled. A hundred workmen from the railway workshops mustered in the principal street Monday and began breaking the windows of Jewish houses, which they entered and plundered.

"Number of Jews were turned back by the soldiers from the streets, where the plundering was going on and beat and arrested those who did not obey forthwith. Soldiers stood by while the plundering mobs were committing all kinds of excesses.

"One could hear the shrieks of children on the streets which the patrols blocked against help from the Jews outside. Some of the Jews tried to force their way down one of the side streets and the soldiers shot six dead. Troops protected the rioters. Gomel has 25,000 Jews out of a total population of 40,000."