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YOUNG LADY SAID TO HAVE BEEN LOCKED IN ROOM FOR NINE WEEKS BY CHINAMAN

Sensational Discovery of a White Girl in the Squalid Room of A Chinaman—She Was Elegantly Dressed.

Said She Married Chinaman Two Years Ago—Story Not Credited—Home Thought to Be in Baltimore.

Chicago, March 26.—Living in a squalid room with a Chinaman, a young white girl, apparently 16 or 17 years of age, was arrested last night.

Secretary Cortelyou Issues A General Circular

Washington, March 26.—Secretary Cortelyou has issued a general circular announcing that the amount appropriated by congress for the transportation of silver coin for 1908 has become exhausted.

House Parties at Asheville. Asheville, N. C., March 26.—The large house party of Miss Sadie Jones, of Asheville, has been greatly augmented during the last few days.

Bodies Were Exhumed

Many Bodies Crumbed to Dust But Hair Was Well Preserved—Will Plant Corn in Old Grave Yard.

Special to The News. Pineville, N. C., March 26.—The old church yard of Hebron Methodist Church where the dead of that vicinity have long slumbered, was quite a scene of activity and attraction several days last week.

Want Judge Removed. Richmond, Va., March 26.—A resolution was introduced in the house delegates that Judge Blackstone be removed from office for gross immorality and neglect of duty.

Stevens Dies From Wounds

San Francisco, Cal., March 26.—Durham White Stevens, the diplomat who was shot down by a Korean Monday, died last night at the hospital after an operation which disclosed a more serious condition of his wounds than had been apprehended by the surgeons.

Murderer Hears News. The Korean who fired the shots which proved fatal to Stevens, when informed at the jail of his victim's death, received the news with surprise and with manifest delight.

Comptroller Meets Gets Threatening Letters

New York, March 26.—Comptroller Meets has received letters threatening him with death unless work on the proposed subways in this city is begun at once.

The writers declared themselves neither black hand nor anarchists, but laborers out of employment, who must either work or starve.

New Incorporations

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., March 26.—A charter was issued to the Leaksville Light, Power & Milling Company, of Rockingham county, to operate a lighting plant, electrical engineering, flouting and grist mill.

A commission was issued to W. C. Rowman, of Washington, N. C., major of the Second Infantry, the resignation of J. S. Lewis, first lieutenant Co. E, of Goldsboro, was accepted, he having moved to Rocky Mount.

The Carolina Paper Box Company, of Winston-Salem, was chartered with a \$25,000 capital authorized, \$3,000 subscribed by W. D. Hemingway and others of Norfolk, Va.

Another charter is to the Johnston McCubbin Investment Company of Salisbury, at a capital of \$130,000 authorized, and \$9,000 subscribed by Thomas P. Johnston, J. S. McCubbins and T. H. Vanderford, for a real estate and investment business.

VICTORY FOR SOUTHERN.

Judge Moore Renders Decision Regarding Taxes in Buncombe County, North Carolina.

Asheville, N. C., March 26.—Judge Fred Moore yesterday morning rendered his decision in the matter of the Southern Railway company vs. the board of county commissioners of Buncombe county and the tax collector, sustaining the contention of the complainant and continuing the injunction prayed for.

Ban on Newspaper.

Washington, D. C., March 26.—Postmaster General Meyer issued an order annulling the second-class mail privilege granted to "La Question Sociale," an Italian publication issued by an alleged anarchist group at Patterson, N. J.

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Albany, N. Y., March 26.—Chester Gillette, of Cortland, must die in the electric chair at Auburn prison next week for the murder of his sweet-heart, Grace Brown, of South Otseatic, at Big Moose Lake, two years ago.

Governor Hughes definitely announced last night that he has carefully examined the evidence in the case, and had found no ground to justify him in interfering with the judgment of the court.

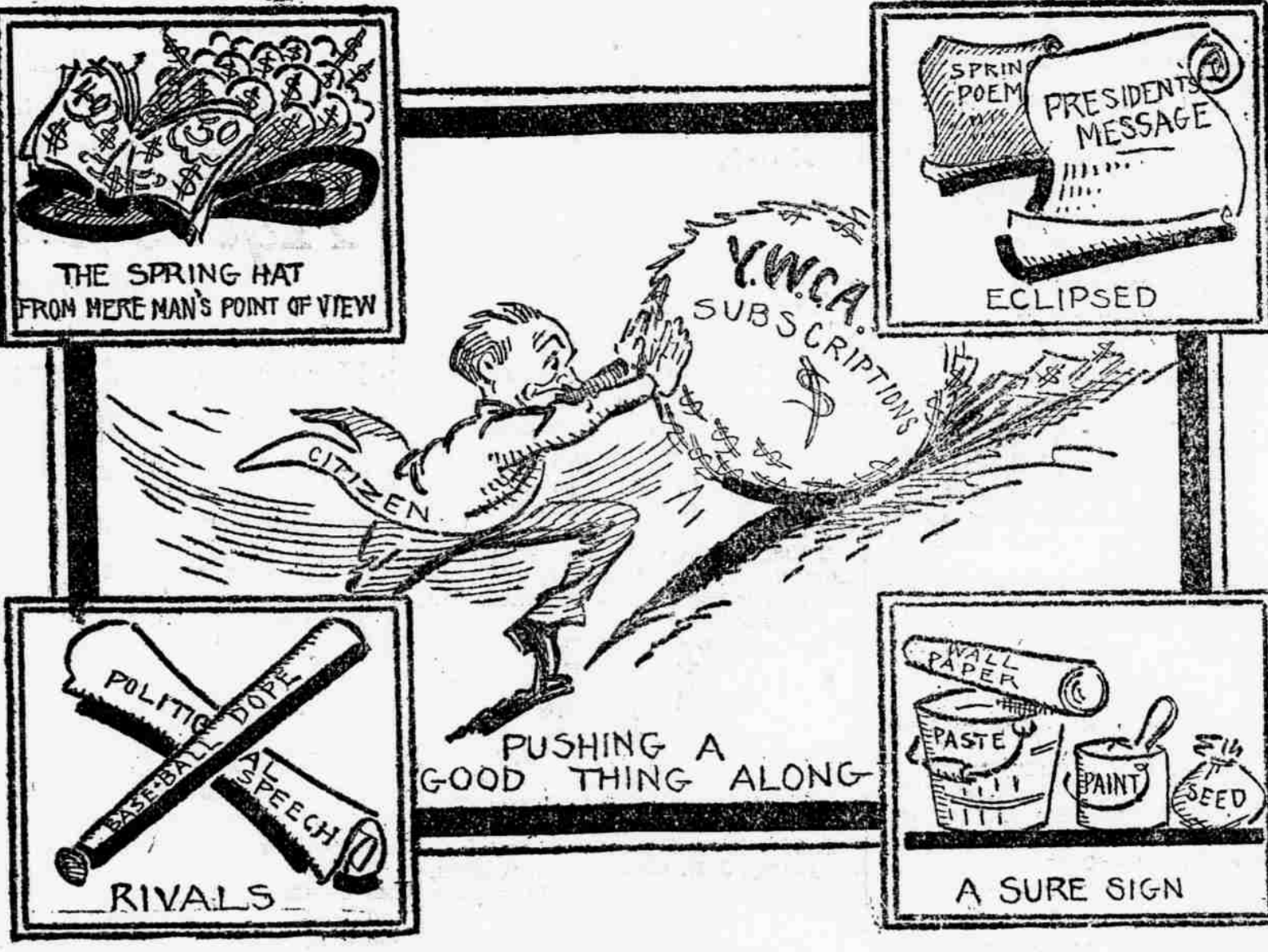
Apparently nothing can save Gillette now from death, probably next Monday morning in the death chamber at Auburn, except the remote possibility of a stay of execution, pending appeal to the United States Supreme court.

A Disastrous Fire. Springfield, Ill., March 26.—Fire practically destroyed the Leland Hotel, one of the best known hotels in the country today.

Plans of Fleet. Washington, D. C., March 26.—Because May 5th will be election day in San Francisco the battleship fleet will be delayed its arrival there until the sixth, or a day later than originally provided for in the itinerary.

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Chm. McNeill Talks Of Recent Decision

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., March 26.—Asked as to the real effect of the United States supreme court decision just delivered at Washington in the Wood habeas corpus appeal growing out of the sensational railroad rate litigation, in which the state sought to prevent the federal courts from interfering with the enforcement of the 2-1-4 cent passenger rate, Chairman Franklin McNeill, of the North Carolina corporation commission, said that the ruling of the supreme court has merely the effect of establishing the right of Judge Pritchard to take jurisdiction of the subject matter of the litigation—the passing upon the constitutionality of the legislative act reducing the passenger rate, whether it was confiscatory or not—the state contending that the federal court could not take jurisdiction because the act was self-executing, the corporation or other state officers having no duties to perform in putting the act into operation.

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Capital City News Briefs

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., March 26.—The supreme court heard argument this morning in an appeal in which the Sanford Sash and Blind Company procured \$14,000 damages for the burning of its plant, the fire being started, it is alleged, by sparks from a passing Seaboard Air Line engine.

The case was argued by Major John D. Shaw and Murray Allen, and the plaintiffs by W. C. Adams, Seawell & Melver and H. F. Seawell.

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A general change in Seaboard schedule will be made on April 12, details not being yet known.

After April 1 all holders of 2,000 and 1,000 mileage books sold in connection with the rate compromise will be required to exchange mileage for tickets at the local agency for each trip before boarding the train.

The Seaboard's 500 mile books at 2-1-4 cents will not have to be exchanged.

Raleigh now has three moving-picture shows, two having been recently added.

Very few cities the size of Raleigh have so few. And in the other cities with greater numbers of the attractions the admission is five cents, while ten cents is the Raleigh charge.

Patrons of these attractions are hoping for some new concern to come in and cut the price to five cents, the rate enjoyed by sister cities.

This was the day set for the trial of the cases growing out of the terrible Auburn wreck in which Engineer W. W. Kippay and Conductor C. M. Oakley are indicted for criminal negligence in forgetting meeting orders and the two train dispatchers directing the trains for not using the middle order system.

However, the cases taken up yesterday in which the Chamberlains brothers are being tried for forcible trespass, held the trials all day.

Ex-Governor Aycock, who is to participate in the defense of Rippey and Oakley, is here to take up the defense if the case is reached at this term.

The Chamberlaine case is one in which the three brothers went to the house of Lonnie High, colored, and forcibly entered, shooting at the negro repeatedly and also one of the boys firing at the negro's wife who was sitting up in bed.

Shotguns were used. She held up a quilt for protection. This and the headpiece of the bedstead were in court as evidence for the prosecution, the headboard being peppered with shot as was the quilt.

Ten shot took effect in the woman's head, but she was not seriously injured. The defendants, Tom, Joe and Seymour Chamberlaine are well known farmer boys. They deny the charge. The negroes swear they recognized them, however.

Senator Tillman's Condition. Columbia, S. C., March 26.—A dispatch from Trenton, S. C., Senator Tillman's home, states that the Senator's condition is improving very slowly.

He has been up but once since his illness began and was very feeble when standing. The Senator has no idea when he will be able to return to his work again. It is the opinion of his physicians that Senator Tillman needs a complete rest before resuming his accustomed activity.

Big Tobacco Warehouse Destroyed by Fire. Covington, Ky., March 26.—The leaf tobacco warehouse of T. H. Hamilton & Company was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss estimated at \$150,000.

Objections to Hill Aired

By Associated Press. Berlin, March 26.—The intimation from the German government that Dr. Hill was not regarded as adapted to the post of American ambassador to Germany appears to have been made at the suggestion of Emperor William.

It is clear, from inquiries made, that the personal conviction grew up in the emperor's mind that Dr. Hill would not adequately and agreeably represent the United States at this court.

Something in the nature of a private and personal message was then conveyed to President Roosevelt.

No particular incident seems to have taken place between Dr. Hill and Prince Henry.

There was, however, several happenings, each important in itself, but which, taken together led to forming of an unfavorable estimate of Dr. Hill by Prince Henry and his entourage.

Long Wait For Germany's Explanations of Hill Case

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., March 26.—Just why, in these days of cable communication, it should be necessary for the state department to wait a week upon the arrival of a letter to learn the exact nature of representations made by Germany in connection with the selection of Dr. Hill as American ambassador at Berlin is not clear, yet, according to an official statement such is the case.

The fact is that as far as official records go the state department is not even yet possessed of information that Dr. Hill's selection was not acceptable to Germany.

It does know, however, that Ambassador Tower, whom Dr. Hill was to succeed, has dispatched a letter from Berlin to the state department in relation to this matter and if the public interest in the subject continues to increase the officials here may decide to call upon Tower to anticipate his letter by cabling the substance of it.

Tower, for the time being, will remain at Berlin.

Prominent Textile Manufacturer Dead.

East River, Mass., March 25.—Hezekiah A. Branton, a prominent cotton manufacturer, died suddenly yesterday after only a day's illness. He was 75 years of age.

Mr. Branton had been treasurer of the Sagamore Mills for 29 years. He was the last survivor of a family of five brothers, all of whom are actively interested in cotton manufacturing.

Exalted Ruler of Washington Elks.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., March 26.—Ernest W. Emery, the newly appointed day manager of the Washington office of the Associated Press was last night elected exalted ruler of Washington Lodge No. 15 B. P. O. E.

The lodge has just completed a handsome new home and Mr. Emery will be the first exalted ruler to be installed therein. He has been identified with the Elks for many years and has taken a most active interest in the order.

Reward is Offered.

Special to The News. Raleigh, N. C., March 26.—United States Marshal Claudius Dockery offers \$100 reward for the arrest of James Staley, the negro who seriously shot Deputy Marshal Reece, near Spout Springs, Harnett county, March 20th.

It is known that Staley was wounded twice at the time of the shooting and that he took the north bound train at Pine View Sunday, presumably for Staley, N. C. He is about five feet 10 inches tall, rather slender, dark yellow complexion, with short thick mustache, about 25 to 28 years old.

An important meeting of the Committee of One Hundred of the Laymen's Missionary Movement will be held this afternoon at 5 o'clock at the Y. M. C. A.

ACTION TAKEN AT DIFFERENT STATE CONVENTIONS--BRYAN ENDORSED IN INDIANA TO-DAY

LAND TRANSFERS

Nine Deeds Filed in Clerk's Office Today. The following deeds were filed for registration today:

Suburban Realty Company to John Ford, for \$375, a lot in Piedmont on Tenth street, 50 by 150 feet.

Suburban Realty Company to E. L. Keesler, for \$495, a lot in Piedmont on Seigle street and Jackson avenue, 182 by 232 by 150 feet.

Suburban Realty Company to Lula O. Whitaker, for \$520, a lot in Piedmont on Louise avenue, 66 by 150 feet.

Suburban Realty Company to E. L. Keesler, for \$470, a lot in Piedmont on Seventh street extension, 50 by 200 feet.

P. A. Stough to R. J. Stough, a lot in Davidson containing 28,200 square feet, the consideration being \$700.

Joseph T. Campbell to W. A. Campbell, for \$750, an undivided one-half interest in 79-1-2 acres of land near Providence church and Rocky Branch.

Southern Real Estate Loan and Trust Company, for \$500, a lot at Stonewall and Caldwell streets, 21 by 112 feet.

E. T. Cansler, trustee, to Q. A. Adams, for \$1,875, 10 acres of land in Sharon township.

Primary in Arkansas.

Little Rock, Ark., March 25.—Democrats of Arkansas are engaged in a general primary today, the results of which will be equivalent to election. Candidates are to be selected for governor, secretary of state, attorney general, state treasurer, superintendent of public instruction, state auditor, associate justice of the supreme court, and several minor state officers.

The campaign which closed yesterday has been one of the liveliest this state has seen in a number of years. Interest centers chiefly in the contest for the governorship.

The candidates for this place are W. F. Kirby, who has the support of Senator Jeff Davis and his crowd; George W. Donaghey, the choice of the opposition, and former Superintendent of Public Instruction Hineman.

Bryan's Eastern Trip.

Washington, D. C., March 25.—William J. Bryan paid a visit to the capital today, not to feel the public pulse in regard to the Johnson boom, but merely, as he stated, to confer with some of his political friends on the general outlook for the coming campaign.

During the day he had brief talks with many of the democratic leaders in congress. Mr. Bryan will go from this city to Pittsburg and will wind up the week with a public speech in Parkersburg, W. Va., Saturday night.

Cotton Receipts.

The receipts of cotton at the platform today amounted to 43 bales at 10 1/2 cents. On the same date last year the receipts amounted to three bales at 11 cents.

Union Will Give Big Dry Vote

Mr. Samuel W. Stewart, Who Used to be "Ham of Mecklenburg," Predicts a Heavy Prohibition Majority There.

Mr. Samuel W. Stewart, who once lived in this county and was familiarly and affectionately known as "Ham of Mecklenburg," but who now claims Union county as his home, was in the city today, and enthusiastic in his expressions of confidence that Union would go dry by one of the biggest majorities of any county in the state, and that Sandy Ridge township, "the banner township for democracy and every other good thing" would continue to be the banner township.

"There is but one man in our school beat, Beulah, or district No. 9, who has not come out for prohibition, and we have some 50 good and true in our beat. We are to try to persuade him to help us to make it unanimous. Already a strong committee has been elected to approach him and make a strong appeal to him.

"In my opinion there has never been such an important election in the state as the one which will be held on the 28th of May. It will be one of the greatest fights the christia's people of the state will ever wage and I am glad my name will be enrolled in the great cause. I think the liquor traffic is the greatest evil on earth.

"I am confident that Union county will give the best vote for prohibition of any county in the state and remember that Sandy Ridge will continue to be the banner township."

Prominent Couple Wed.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., March 26.—Miss Foulke, daughter of Charles M. Foulke, of this city, and Emanuel Haventh, Belgian minister of Persia, were married here today.

Illinois Republicans Declare For Joseph Cannon For Presidency—Delegates Instructed For Bryan.

Rhode Island Republicans Think Negro Disfranchisement Laws in Several States Are Unfair—To-day's Doings.

By Associated Press. Providence, R. I., March 26.—The platform presented to the republican state convention contains the following:

"We believe the civil and political rights of the colored citizens should be accorded them in every state in the union, and that legislative enactments virtually disfranchising them are unfair and repugnant to the law of the land, and the states adopting such methods should be made to suffer a reduction in representation in congress and in the electoral college."

Indiana For Wm. J. Bryan

Indianapolis, Ind., March 26.—Instructions to the 30 delegates to the national convention to vote for Bryan for the presidential nomination were unanimously adopted by the democratic state convention.

Illinois Republicans For Uncle Joe

Springfield, Ill., March 25.—The republican state convention endorsed Joseph G. Cannon for the presidency, and praised President Roosevelt's administration.

The tariff plank of the platform declares for tariff "adjustment" in place of revision.

Tariff Provisions. The platform declares that two main ideas should pervade the provisions of the tariff protective principle and that no illegal combination, trust or monopoly shall find encouragement or shelter in any of its provisions.

Objects to Admission of Smith. Washington, D. C., March 26.—Senator Burrows, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections made objection to the swearing in of Senator-elect Smith, of Maryland, who was chosen to succeed the late Senator White. Mr. Burrows based the objection on the ground that Smith's election had not been in accordance with the form prescribed by the constitution.

"BILL BALIEY" AGAIN. The Incurable Again in the Toils of the Law.

"Bill Baliey," the notorious little fellow who has been on the chain gang time and time again for disorderly conduct is again in the toils of the law.

He was arrested this afternoon for engaging in another of his tantrums, and will be before the recorder tomorrow.

Funeral of Mr. White. The funeral of Mr. Sylvester White, who died yesterday at his home in Belmont, was held this afternoon at the residence at 2:30. Rev. W. C. Hale conducted the services, and the pallbearers were members of the Woodmen of the World. The interment was at Elmwood.

The members of the Earnest Workers' Society of Tenth Avenue Presbyterian Church will give an ice cream supper in the lecture room of the church, on Friday night from 8 to 11 o'clock. The public is invited.

It is well to be up before day-break.—Aristotle.

Low Wages to Be Continued

By Associated Press. Boston, Mass., March 26.—Cotton mill officials here hold out little encouragement that the wage scale prevailing before the pending cut will be restored with the recovery of business.

It is assumed that when business revives all branches will proceed on the scale proportioned to the new condition. Prices for goods and for raw material are already in many lines much lower and the average price of commodities has sagged sharply, reducing the cost of living.

Mr. Chas. C. Blanton, of Shelby, is in the city visiting his father, Mr. Burwell Blanton, who is now recovering from a successful operation at the Presbyterian Hospital.