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VIRGINIA IS KICKING.

Charges of Playing a Professional On the Carolina Team.

THE CHARGE IS GROUNDLESS.

Koehler is Not a Professional. Virginia Plays Professionals Herself and Raises a False Cry Against the Carolina Boys.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 25.—A sensation was sprung here this afternoon in football circles by the report that Virginia and North Carolina would not again play for the southern championship, Virginia charging that on yesterday North Carolina played a professional in the person of Koehler. Captain Rogers, of the Carolinians, denies this and says he can prove that Collier, of the Virginia team, has played in professional games. A special from the University of Virginia says that Virginia before yesterday's game, notified Carolina that if Koehler was played all future athletic relations would be broken off. No reply was made, and Koehler was played. Since then, however, there has been no meeting of the Virginia Athletic association, and no action has been taken. It is held by some that the admission of Virginia in writing as to the game of Thursday bars any action regarding Koehler, even if it shall be shown that he is a professional.

Virginia's Charge Against the North Carolina Football Player Groundless.

Chapel Hill, Nov. 26.—The University of Virginia is indignant for the quarrelsome spirit displayed in its athletic contests. Through the medium of the Associated Press, it is at present endeavoring to "talk" the University of North Carolina out of the fruits of its great football victory of Thursday by patting up baseless charges of professionalism. It is charged that Koehler, Carolina's wonder-kick end, is a professional, and this charge is being worked by the Virginians for all it is worth.

Your correspondent this afternoon interviewed Capt. Rogers, of the University team, the champions of the south, in regard to this charge. He pronounced it absolutely without foundation. He said that Dr. Wakeley, president of the Orange, N. J., Athletic club, on whose team Koehler had played football, was present at the game in Richmond, and said that Koehler was an amateur; that he had not received a cent of salary from the athletic club for his playing. North Carolina boys who were in Richmond heard Dr. Wakeley make this statement, and bear Capt. Rogers out as to what he said. Capt. Rogers developed another important and interesting fact. It is that Summerhill, of the Virginia team, played on the Elizabeth, N. J., athletic team against Koehler. The Carolinians made no attempt to have Summerhill disqualified; but he knew that Koehler was a phenomenal player, and it was doubtless at his instigation that the Virginians attempted to prevent him from playing. Koehler is a bona fide student of the University. He is taking a full academic course, and will return next fall to study law. Virginia's unwarranted charge against him is regarded as an insult not only to him, but to University athletics as well. Carolina's pride is that she has always played clean ball.

North Carolina's Advance.

Atlanta Journal. The progress of North Carolina as a manufacturing State has been truly remarkable. Only a few years ago she was far outclassed by both Georgia and South Carolina in cotton manufactures; now she has both the greatest number of cotton mills and is the largest producer of cotton goods among the southern States.

North Carolina is rich in water power, but no richer than Georgia, and she produces nothing like so much cotton as Georgia. Her rapid advance in cotton manufactures is therefore all the more creditable to her.

North Carolina has also made much progress in woolen manufactures. The textile manufacturers in that State are enterprising men and their success has encouraged the investment of capital in various industries.

Now that North Carolina has thrown off the miserable misgovernment which has afflicted her for several years past, we may expect to see her advance even more rapidly in material development and prosperity. The State is very rich in natural resources and we are glad to see so fine a prospect of their development.

WRECKED THE VESSEL.

A Possible Danger of Steam Jets as Fire Extinguishers.

For many years steam jets have been considered excellent means for extinguishing fires in inclosed spaces, and examples of their good services have been abundant. The theory of their action of course is, like that of the several kinds of fire extinguishing powders which have been proposed at different times, that the steam in the one case and the stifling fumes from the powders in the other displace the air in any particular space under consideration, and with it the oxygen as well, by which alone combustion can be sustained.

In at least one instance, however, the position was taken that if the steam jets did not extinguish a fire promptly they soon became a source of danger, and as such were held accountable for the loss about a year ago of a cargo steamer carrying several hundred tons of coal and as many more of miscellaneous chemicals and old rope. Fire broke out in one of the holds, which were fitted with steam jet fixtures, and the jets were at once turned on. On the day following it was proposed to try a hose in addition to the jets, and one of the upper deck hatches was therefore taken off.

The almost immediate result was a violent explosion, killing one of the officers and seriously injuring another. All the other hatches were blown off at the same time, and the ship began to leak, so that she soon had to be abandoned. One explanation advanced was that the steam from the jets, passing over the incandescent cargo, formed water gas, which, with suitable air admixture, became explosive, with the result noted. The theory is not a comforting one, but whether it portrays a possible condition of things yet remains to be demonstrated.—Cassier's Magazine.

EASY FOR MORPHY.

A Story of the Great Chess Master and a Celebrated Painting.

On reading the notes on Paul Morphy's visit to Philadelphia I am reminded of an incident in connection with his visit to Richmond about the same time, which was related to me some years ago by the Rev. Mr. H. of that city. I do not remember ever to have seen it in print. Mr. Morphy was Mr. H.'s guest while in the city, and on his arrival was first ushered into the library, and his attention was at once attracted by a painting over the mantel, which was a fine copy of a celebrated painting representing a game of chess between a young man and the devil, the stakes being the young man's soul.

The artist had most graphically depicted the point in the game where it was apparently the young man's move, and he seemed just to realize the fact that he had lost the game, the agony of despair being shown in every line of his features and attitude, while the devil from the opposite side of the table gloated over him with fiendish delight. The position of the game appeared utterly hopeless for the young man, and Mr. H. said he had often set it up and studied it with his chess friends, and all agreed the young man's game was certainly lost.

Mr. Morphy walked up to the picture and studied it for several minutes, when finally, turning to Mr. H., he said:

"I can win the game for the young man."

Mr. H. was of course astonished and said, "If it is possible?"

Mr. Morphy replied, "Get out the men and board and let us look at it."

The position was set up, and in a few rapid moves he demonstrated a complete win for the young man, and the devil was checkmated.—Robert Manford in American Chess Magazine.

England's "Rose Regiment."

The custom of wearing roses in their headgear by the Lancashire regiment on the anniversary of the battle of Minden originated in a curious manner. On the day of the battle, Aug. 1, 1759, the men passed through a field of roses, each man plucking a rose and placing it in his bonnet, wearing the flower during the fight. This commenced the custom which obtains at the present day of wearing roses on the anniversary of the battle.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

Matters of Interest Condensed into Brief Paragraphs.

A LITTLE ABOUT MANY THINGS

The Pith of the World's News That Might Interest Our Readers. Some of It Fresh. Some May Be "Salty," But Not Spoiled.

Grant C. Gillett, the great Kansas cattle king, has failed for about \$1,000,000.

Eighteen Alaskan prospectors were killed by the Indians while asleep. They had been shipwrecked, were rescued by the treacherous Indians, but only to be foully murdered by them.

Gen. Wood, at Santiago, has issued a notice imposing a fine of \$1,000 upon any promoter of a cock fight. In the case of a cock fight the fine will fall upon witnesses as well as promoters.

The United States government Friday night rebuffed the American commissioners to make no concessions. They will insist that the demands of the United States, as presented to Spain a few days ago, be considered without further modification. That they will be acceded to by the Spanish commissioners is the earnest belief of the members of the cabinet and the president.

The comptroller of the currency finds that he cannot issue a charter to a national bank in the Hawaiian islands. This will be a severe disappointment to several ambitious politicians in Washington, who have been planning for some months to secure the first charter for a national bank at Honolulu. The same crowd is after national bank charters in Porto Rico and Manila. It is believed that congress will have to give specific authorization before the comptroller can issue charters in any of these places.

The commission appointed by the president will recommend a constitutional form of government for Hawaii, with a governor, a delegate to congress and a legislature. The legislature will be elected by the qualified voters of the islands, but there will be property and educational qualifications imposed upon those who vote for members of the upper house of the legislature. The franchise will not be extended to the Japanese or Chinese in the islands, but the Portuguese who become citizens will not be excluded under the restrictions imposed.

Gen. Leonard Wood, commander of the department of Santiago, has sent an official report to the war department, of which the following is an extract: "I have sent rations all along the sea coast and by pack trains over into the interior, using every effort to scatter the ration about in such manner as to enable the people desiring to return to their farms in the interior to do so with reasonable assurance that they can obtain food while waiting the development of their first crop. Santiago today is as clean and healthy as any town of its size along the American coast south of Fortress Monroe. Excellent order prevails; there has not been a murder since our occupation."

A Good Watchword.

Shelby Star. Economy should be the watchword of our Democratic legislature. Let all unnecessary offices be abolished, no matter how many Democrats may want to fill them. There is no use for one-third of the judges and laborers employed by the legislature. We are in favor of letting the members put on their own overcoats and do bookkeepers and save the taxpayer the money. Another thing we do not see any reason why the clerks should receive more pay than the members do. We can get plenty of good clerks for \$3 per day instead of \$5. All of these things will come up and if we inaugurate a system of rigid economy, the people will rise up and call us blessed.

Confessed the Crime Before Being Hanged.

Wilmington, N. C., Nov. 26.—John Brooks, the negro convicted of criminal assault on a white woman at the last term of court in Brunswick county, was hanged in the jail yard today. He denied the crime up to last Thursday, when he made a confession, and again confessed his guilt on the gallows today.

"And remember, Bridget, there are two things I must insist upon—beautifullness and obedience." "Ye, mum; and when you tell me to tell the ladies you're out, when you're in, in which shall it be, mum?" —Yonkers Statesman.

Did Dr. Johnson Eat Horse?

Dr. Johnson in his journal mentions the interesting fact that he had on a certain day had "palfrey for dinner." Now these three words have caused not a little trouble to the critics, and for this reason, that they know not what palfrey really is. It has been suggested that palfrey is a clerical error made by the doctor himself for pastry, but the doctor wrote so legibly, and there is so much difference between the words palfrey and pastry that this position is not at all tenable.

Palfrey is defined in Johnson's celebrated dictionary as "a small horse fit for ladies," and some have thought that the doctor (whose feats as a trencherman were notorious) may have broken a record on the day in question and disposed of a small horse. All these and other conjectures are wrong, and we will proceed to give the correct explanation.

The word palfrey (sometimes pampfrey by the interchange of l and m) is still in use among the rustics of Scotland and the north of Ireland, and means young cabbages when they first come to table in the spring. Such cabbages have not begun to "close" or become solid in the center. They are generally spoken of as "early pampfrey" and are considered a luxury. Dr. Johnson probably picked up the word from his friend Boswell or from some other Scotch acquaintance.—Notes and Queries.

Sir Colin Campbell.

Russian horsemen were coming on fast, and a grim silence fell on the highlanders. Then, as the beat of the hostile troops sounded deeper and louder, a curious quiver ran down the long two deep line of the Ninety-third. The men were eager to run forward and charge. "Ninety-third, Ninety-third!" rang out the fierce voice of Sir Colin Campbell. "D—n all that eagerness!" He had previously ridden down the line and told his soldiers: "Remember, there is no retreat from here, men. You must die where you stand." And from the killed privates came the cheerful answer, "Aye, aye, Sir Colin; we'll do that!"

The Russians were now within range, and the fire of the highlanders rang out sudden and sharp. A few horses and men came tumbling down, and the Russian cavalry wheeled instantly to the left, threatening the right flank of the highlanders. Campbell, a cool and keen soldier, saw the skill of this movement. "Shadwell," he said, turning to his aid-de-camp, "that man understands his business." So, too, did Campbell, who instantly deflected his line so as to protect his right, and met the advance with a destructive volley, before which the Russian horsemen at once fell back.—Cornhill Magazine.

Ruined by Mules.

M. P. Le Grand, an Alabama farmer, says that many negroes in the south are ruined by mules, and he thinks he has proved it. He owns a great deal of farm land, which he rents to negroes on condition that they shall do their work with an ox instead of a mule. As a result, all his tenants are prosperous and pay their rent promptly. The ox, he explains, is entirely capable in all the requirements of the cotton patch, but he has his limitations, and his colored master does not think of mounting him and riding off on useless errands or pleasure trips. As the negro cannot ride to distant churches, cake walks or "hoe downs," and as he will not walk, he goes to bed and is rested and ready for labor in the morning.

So far as the inference from this experiment goes, the negro, plus a mule, is a shiftless and unreliable citizen, but eliminate the mule and substitute an ox, and he becomes regular in his habits, businesslike and prosperous.—New York Tribune.

Antique.

Says a dealer in antiquities: "I had a fat woman in here the other day. Well, sir, she was a caution, was that fat woman. She would have the antique all through her house, sir, nothing but the antique for her house decoration. Why, sir, judging by what that fat woman said and bought in this shop, I should judge she was heartbroken, sir, that she couldn't get the shades of her ancestors for her parlor windows." —New York Tribune.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Interesting North Carolina Items in Condensed Form.

CLIPPINGS FROM EXCHANGES

Of Items That Will Interest North Carolinians. Some News, Some Politics—All of Some Interest to True "Tar Heels."

This State won two gold medals at the Omaha exposition; one for the best collective exhibit of fertilizers, the other for the best exhibit of tobacco.

An appeal has been taken from the decision of the supreme court of North Carolina in the Wilkes county bond case to the supreme court of the United States.

Judge Timbriake decided that W. S. Cozart, Republican, is elected sheriff of Granville county by a majority of two votes. The Democratic candidate appeals.

By a technicality of an act of the legislature authorizing the issue of bonds for the construction of the Yadkin extension the sum of \$100,000 invested in these bonds was repudiated. The case will be watched with much interest, because it will then settle "the principle of repudiation."

Greenville Reflector: A colored man named Henry Wilkerson, who was drunk and trying to raise a row, was shot and killed in Dudley's barroom, at Washington, on Friday night. From what we can learn there were no eye witnesses to the killing and no particulars could be obtained as to just how it occurred.

The big livery stable belonging to Abernethy & Whitner at Hickory was burned to the ground Friday evening. One horse, 46 sets of harness and about 30 vehicles were destroyed. The owners estimate their loss at about \$2,000, with \$1,000 insurance. Mr. John Marshall lost 350 bushels of corn stored in an old barn near the stable.

Leonor Topic: A gentleman just from Mitchell county says Messrs. Evers and Lambert, the Democratic candidates for the State senate in this district, were over in that county last Saturday investigating the election, and it was found that at one precinct, Big Rock Creek, the managers of the election had all got drunk on the evening of the election and the ballots were not counted till next day; when it was discovered that there were many more ballots in the boxes than were registered in the precinct.

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