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PERDEE WAS CONVICTED Former S. A. L. Car Inspector in Raleigh

UMPIRE IS HAVING TROUBLE. Board of Equalization is in Session. Additional Stock for Neuse Cotton Mill Co.—Executive Committee of Postmasters to Meet in Greensboro. Special to The Sun.

Raleigh, N. C., July 21.—Frank Perdee, 33 years old, who grew up in Raleigh, always maintaining a good character, and who served for three years as a car inspector for the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company here, was last evening found guilty by a jury in Wake court of stealing a number of lams and other freight from a Seaboard car. Perdee has a wife and three children, the youngest about a month old. The theft was last March when a great deal of stealing of this sort was going on here. The goal of a car was broken and the hams removed. A detective found them hidden in a ditch and set watch over the place. During the early evening Perdee and a friend drove out near the place and Perdee came to the ditch, went down into it and began piling the hams out when the detective, "King" Kelly, now manager of the Raleigh league ball team, arrested him. It was on Kelly's testimony that Perdee was convicted. The defendant claiming that he went into the ditch for an entirely innocent purpose and found the hams there. Perdee has been out on bond but is now in jail awaiting sentence.

Raleigh lost to Wilson last afternoon 3 to 7, and the Raleigh fans are indignant at Empire Ruhland, who they claim robbed Raleigh with grossly unfair rulings. Director Albert Cox, of the league is authority for the statement that Ruhland will be released tonight or tomorrow morning. In the sixth he called Reid out at second when he was clearly safe and a little later called a Wilson runner safe on second when he was clearly not safe. Raleigh also charges that he ruled "balls" and "strikes" as obviously against Raleigh and in Wilson's favor. Score follows: R. H. E. Raleigh 003 000 000—3 5 4 Wilson 000 106 240—7 9 4 Batteries: Brandon and Wrenn; Thompson and Holt. Three base hits Holt and Turner for Wilson; two base hits Moore, Miller and Holt for Wilson, Fox for Raleigh. Double plays Turner and Bell, Wilson; Hill and Reid, Brandon and Reid Raleigh. Time 1:40. Attendance 500.

The North Carolina board of equalization, created by the 1907 legislature in session here, effected formal organization by making Lieutenant Governor Francis D. Winston chairman in the absence of Governor Glenn, and Edward Baker chief clerk to the state auditor, secretary, the board then adjourning until August 4th for any action that is to be taken in the matter of equalizing the property tax assessments as between the several counties of the state. There was a statement presented by the state auditor showing the tax abstracts from the various counties, these to be the basis on which what ever work the board does will be based. However it was deemed necessary to procure additional information before any work of a final nature is done, and it was for this reason that the adjournment was taken. The abstracts submitted by the state auditor showed that within the past eight years the assessed valuation of property in the state has increased from about \$300,000,000 to over \$600,000,000. The board is composed of Governor Glenn, Lieutenant Governor Francis D. Winston, and other state officers constituting the council of state with Chairman Franklin McNeill of the corporation added.

An amendment to the charter of the Neuse Cotton Milling Company, Smithfield, provides for the issuance of \$5,000 additional preferred stock. The president of the corporation is E. J. Holt. The executive committee of the North Carolina postmasters association is called to meet in Greensboro Saturday July 25th, to select the time and place for the next annual meeting.

Postmaster W. G. Bright, of Raleigh is chairman and Postmaster J. R. Jones, of Raldisville, secretary of the committee. It is ascertained in the office of the state superintendent of public instruction that within twenty years the number of rural public schools for white children has increased by 1,248 and the colored schools 104, there being 5,297 white and 2,134 colored rural schools. There has been no change in the average school population of the districts, remaining 77 for the white white the colored districts have decreased from 86 to 84. The public school fund in the state is increased by 1,343, 625, and the pay of white teachers, averaging from \$76 to \$100 and colored from \$68 to \$94.

PENNSYLVANIA COAL SUPPLY. Will Last 400 Years at Present Consumption, Says Expert. That the coal originally in the Pennsylvania anthracite fields aggregated 21,000,000,000 short tons, and in the bituminous fields 112,574,000,000 short tons, leaving still in the ground 17,000,000,000 short tons of anthracite and about 110,000,000,000 of bituminous, is the estimate of the situation reported by M. R. Campbell, of the United States geological survey. He figures that at the rate of production reached in 1907 the available coal supply in Pennsylvania will last about 490 years.

ORDERS A MISTRIAL

Jury Argues Question With The Court

If You Know as Much About it as the Court, We will Order a Mistrial, Said Judge Neal—Raleigh Evening Times Goes Back to Owners.

Raleigh, N. C., July 21.—Judge Neal this afternoon ordered a mistrial in the case against Nettie Barber, conducting a bawdy house. Jury came in to court to ask if the statement by a witness of the confession of a woman prior to 1907, had been made later, when the judge informed them they had nothing to do with that. Spokesman Holden though they had said so, and argued with the judge who ordered a mistrial. "If you know as much about it as the court," he said, "we will order a mistrial." No sentence was imposed today.

Judge Neal signed an order dismissing the receiver and restoring the property of the Visitor Press Publishing Company to the company and turning the affairs over to the company. Receiver W. H. Pace states that since February 26th the Raleigh Evening Times has made eighteen hundred dollars, after paying rent, etc.

MISSION FIELD AT HOME.

Conference at Cumberland Told by Secretary to Work at Home. Cumberland, Md., July 21.—The missionary and church-extension conference ended at Mountain Lake Park yesterday. The annual address in the interest of the Woman's Home Missionary Society was made this morning by Mrs. Della Lathrop Williams, corresponding secretary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. A platform mass meeting was held this afternoon, Rev. Dr. W. W. Davis presiding.

This evening Dr. J. H. Fitzwater, Delaware, Ohio, presided, and Rev. Dr. Alfred G. Kaynette, of Philadelphia, recording secretary of the board of home missions, lectured on "America, Our Mission Field."

DR. J. EISENDORF DEAD.

Well Known Minister and President of Dutch Reformed Synod. By Wire to The Sun. Saratoga, N. Y., July 21.—Rev. Dr. Joachim Eisendorf, a wide known minister of the Dutch Reformed church, and former president of the synod of that denomination, died here today, after an illness of several months. Dr. Eisendorf was born in Rochester, N. Y., 31 years ago.

McCABE WINS Y.M.C.A. RACE Reached Mayor Bussell at 9.30 Today

12 HOURS CLIPPED OFF SCHEDULE. Race Was Made in 119 Hours, 36 Minutes and 30 Seconds, Elapsed Time—Bad Roads and Storms in New York and Ohio Bothered the Runners.

Chicago, July 21.—William McCabe, of Evanston, Ill., last runner in the Young Men's Christian Association 1000-mile relay race of New York to Chicago, bounded up the steps of the city hall at 9:30 this morning and handed Mayor Bussell's secretary a silver tube, holding a message sent by Mayor McClellan, of New York. The runners clipped nearly twelve hours from the schedule, total elapsed time being 119 hours, 36 minutes, thirty seconds. Enormous crowds cheered young McCabe as he completed his last lap of the greatest athletic feat of the year. Bad roads and storms in New York and Ohio bothered the runners on the middle section of the route or even better time would have been made.

MILITIA MISSES CONVICTS.

Surrounds Camp of Escaped Prisoners, But Finds Them Gone. By Wire to The Sun. Front Royal, Va., July 21.—Sheriff Marshall, of this county, received word yesterday that the four convicts who escaped from their camp, near Orange Court House, Va., a few days ago, were seen in proximity to this place.

He was fortunate enough to find Company D, Virginia volunteer infantry, 72d regiment, in camp, preparatory to going to Chickamauga Park, and called on them for assistance. Lieut. Waller and 35 men were on the march in fifteen minutes after the call. After marching eight miles, they surrounded a gully and closed in, only to find their birds flown, but the remains of their camp. Lieut. Waller then threw out his man as skirmishers across Bucks Mountain, where they beat through heavy underbrush, but no trace of the convicts could be found.

DRIVE AWAY SPARROWS.

Richmond Fire Alarm Officer Makes a Nature Discovery. By Wire to The Sun. Richmond, Va., July 21.—William Thompson, superintendent of the Richmond fire alarm department, is a student of natural history. He recently discovered that on the north and west sides of the city hall sparrows congregated in large numbers, while on the south and east sides they do not.

He learned that on the sparrowless sides of the hall numbers of sparrows hawks have built themselves homes. This fact led to the conclusion that the hawks had driven the sparrows away. Now he is training the hawks to take up their abode on the north and west sides of the hall. Every afternoon he feeds the hawks, which have become so tame they will alight on the window sills and eat from his hand. Two have become so tame that they will follow him about. He believes he can persuade them to build on the infested sides of the hall and drive the sparrows from the building.

SAW HER HUSBAND DROWN.

Wife, on Shore, Powerless to Aid When Squall Upsets Boat. By Wire to The Sun. Weira, N. H., July 21.—Walter D. Martin, president of the common council of Maden, Mass., who has been spending the summer with his wife and two children on Pine Island in Lake Winnepesaukee, was drowned in the lake this noon. While he was rowing in front of his cottage, and within sight of his wife, his boat was capsized by a sudden squall. When Mrs. Martin saw her husband sink she collapsed. Her condition tonight is serious.

MISS MATTIE HAVIS FOUND She Mysteriously Disappeared From Charlotte

IN WAITING ROOM AT STATION. Bored and in a Dreamy and Disconsolate Mood—Only Smiles When Brother-in-Law Rushed up to Greet Her—Caught by Strategy.

Columbia, S. C., July 21.—Miss Mattie Havis, the young lady who mysteriously disappeared from her home in Charlotte, N. C., early Friday morning, was picked up at five o'clock this afternoon in Columbia. She was found in the waiting room at the union station, bored and in a dreamy, disconsolate mood. When her brother-in-law, Mr. A. E. Cohen, of Charlotte, rushed up to greet her she looked up and smiled, but did not rise from her seat and apparently his coming was of little concern to her.

Miss Havis was neatly attired, having donned a clean shirt waist yesterday morning. She wore the same blue serge skirt which she had on when she left Charlotte. She wore no hat and said she had thrown away the one she left home with. In her hands she carried a new pair of patent leather shoes and a soiled shirt waist. Her face was literally covered with mosquito bites. While Miss Havis talked rationally to a certain extent, there was unmistakable evidence of an unbalanced mind and she did not appear to appreciate her predicament. She talked freely and answered questions without hesitation, but her reason for so suddenly leaving her home in Charlotte still remains a mystery. When asked why she left home Miss Havis smiled sweetly and said: "I can't tell you that."

Miss Havis left Charlotte Friday morning at 7:15, purchasing a ticket for Spartanburg. At Spartanburg, she bought a ticket for Union. She left Union walking, coming in the direction of Columbia, on the Southern Railway. She spent Friday night along the road, reaching Blair, twenty-six miles below Union, Saturday morning. At Blair she purchased a ticket to Columbia, arriving here at 2:40 Saturday afternoon. Miss Havis said she spent Saturday night in the woods near the city. Sunday night was also spent in the woods.

She came to the city this afternoon and went direct to the union station, where she placed a call for her sister, Mrs. A. E. Cohen, in Charlotte. Mr. Cohen and Mr. W. W. McDonald, brothers-in-law, arrived in Columbia yesterday afternoon. The telephone exchange was informed about her and the long distance operators were requested to give her Mrs. McDonald's number in Charlotte in case she should call up, regardless of who she said she desired to talk with. They were then asked immediately to communicate to the chief of police any information.

At five minutes of five o'clock, while Messrs. Cohen and McDonald were at the police station in consultation with Chief Cathcart, the long distance operator informed the chief that Miss Havis was at the union station, having placed a call for her sister at Charlotte. Mr. Cohen and a representative of the State went to the union station in a hack, where the young lady was found sitting alone in a far corner of the waiting room.

Miss Havis came near losing her life Friday evening on the Broad river trestle near Shelton. The train approached this trestle at a high rate of speed and the engineer observed a woman about midway the trestle. The emergency brakes were applied and the train was brought to a standstill not a great distance from the young lady. Mr. Cohen took Miss Havis immediately to a hotel and after getting supper and purchasing a net hat for her, they left for Charlotte.

POISON VICTIMS MAY LIVE.

Rector's Wife and Children She Tried to Kill in Serious Condition. By Wire to The Sun. Portsmouth, Va., July 21.—Mrs. William A. Brown, wife of the rector of St. John's Episcopal church, who attempted to poison herself and two small children yesterday by carbolic acid, administered while seized by a fit of insanity, were still alive today, although their condition is described as critical. William, the three-year-old boy, has a better chance of recovery than either of the others. But little of the poison got down his throat, as he succeeded in spitting most of it out.

This is shown by burns around his mouth. It was thought last night that the infant, Mary, eight months old, would die, but the physicians now hold out some hope for her. Mrs. Brown is conscious at times, but her mind is seriously affected. If she should recover, it is improbable she will ever be well again. It was stated today that her husband's recent illness unbalanced her mind. Suffering from diphtheria, he was at the point of death for many days.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ramsay, of Alexandria, Va., the parents of Mrs. Brown, arrived today, as did the father and sister of Mr. Brown, from Danville.

ARREST IN HOLD-UP

Samuel Herman Captures Suspicious Negro

Mrs. John Gabriel, Who Was Robbed in Woods, Will Attempt to Identify Him Today. Baltimore Sun.

Taking the law into his own hands and exercising his right as a citizen, Samuel Herman, of Bengies, arrested Harry Leight, a burly negro, early yesterday morning. He believed the negro to be the man who attacked Mrs. John Gabriel Saturday afternoon near Skjinner's run, and who not only choked and threw her down, but robbed and threatened to kill her. As Mr. Herman was on his way to visit a neighbor he saw Leight sneaking out of the barn of Mr. James Jones near Bengies, where he apparently spent the night. Having heard the report of the hold up of Mrs. Gabriel, he cautiously watched the negro and concluded that his description tallied with that given by Mrs. Gabriel.

Mr. Herman called to the negro to stop. Instead he hastened away. In hot pursuit Mr. Herman followed, calling to the fleeing negro that he would shoot if he did not cease running. Though he was unarmed, Mr. Herman carried the "bluff" through successfully and the negro halted. Following his advantage, M. Herman was soon at his side and told him he was arrested for assaulting and robbing a woman.

The negro protested his innocence and was about to fight, when Mr. Jones and his neighbors arrived and overpowered the negro. News of the arrest spread rapidly, and before long nearly every inhabitant of the neighborhood was on the scene. Threats of violence were made, and some of those present spoke of lynching the negro at once.

It is said he made many conflicting statements in reference to his presence in the neighborhood, but cooler heads prevailed, and, upon the suggestion of Mr. Herman, a team was secured and the negro was handed over to Back River, where he was handed over to Patrolman Woods, of the Baltimore police station, where he will be given a hearing this morning.

Mrs. Gabriel was communicated with, but she was so nervous from her experience of the previous day that she could not go to the station house to identify the negro.

According to Sergeant Mann, the description of the negro tallies exactly with that given by Mrs. Gabriel, except that the negro held wears a suit of blue jeans, indicating that he is a workman. Mrs. Gabriel said the man who held her up was well dressed and wore a nearly new hat.

Notwithstanding the arrest the Canton police spent nearly the whole day running down clues. The woods and unfrequented places in the neighborhood of the assault were searched without success. The police are of the opinion that the

PRECAUTIONS BEEN TAKEN

To Protect Distinguished Visitors at Quebec

MILITARY GUARD IS READY. United States Warship New Hampshire Greeted by Booming Cannons—Thousands on Shore Applaud Magnificent Ship.

By Wire to The Sun. Quebec, July 21.—Extraordinary precautions have been taken today for the safety of the distinguished visitors here tomorrow to help the city celebrate its three hundred anniversary bounding. The Prince of Wales will arrive on warship Indomitable and Vice-president Fairbanks, representing the United States, will reach here on a special train in time so that the Englishman and American will reach the city at precisely same minute.

The military guard is ready to escort Fairbanks to Spencerwood, where he will make his headquarters while in the city. The arrival of the United States warship New Hampshire in the river was greeted by booming of cannons, while thousands on shore applauded the magnificent ship. The city is gaily decorated for tomorrow's exercises and if today's blue sky and lovely weather continue nothing will mar the civil and military program arranged.

CHARITY RACE TABOOED.

Ministers Call King's Daughters' Plan to Raise Funds Improper. By Wire to The Sun.

Suffolk, Va., July 21.—The United Workers' Circle of King's Daughters is disturbed over the stand taken by local clergymen regarding the charity horse races which they had arranged for next Tuesday. For several weeks they had been planning the races, and had filled three classes, 2:50, 2:40 and 2:30, horsemen having tendered their trotters free. There was to be neither purse or betting. The entire proceeds were to be for charity.

The ministers had a meeting yesterday and decided the plan was improper, and, it is understood, prepared a petition to be presented to the Daughters on Monday. The Circle heard of the meeting Saturday night and canceled newspaper advertising, but a big banner announcing the races still floats over Washington Square.

The Daughters will have a meeting tomorrow to reach a final decision.

GAVE JEWELS FOR MISSIONS.

In Religious Zeal, Alliance Congregation Broke Records. By Wire to The Sun.

Lancaster, Pa., July 21.—Scenes of wild religious enthusiasm attended the closing services today of the encampment at Rocky Springs Park, of the annual great convention of the District Christian Missionary Alliance, embracing Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia. Records were broken by contributions, those for foreign missions aggregating \$52,000. In their excitement, many people gave up their jewelry.

man guilty of the series of hold ups in the neighborhood is connected with one of the shores, or lives in a shack. While scouring the woods yesterday on the water front, Mrs. Gabriel's pocket book was found near the scene of the hold up. It evidently had been thrown away after the contents, several dollars, had been removed. At the station house the negro arrested gave his name and address as Harry Leight, 824 Stephen alley. He declared he was innocent, and said that he left Highlandtown Saturday afternoon, went to Back River, and from there walked across the country toward Bengies, intending to seek work in the country.