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ANGLO-RUSSIAN DISPUTE UNCHANGED

London Thinks Too Much Made of Incident.

A MORE HOPEFUL VIEW

Officially Stated That Great Britain Has No Intention of Resorting to Hostilities Whatever the Outcome of Negotiations.

TIEN TSIN, March 18.—The Anglo-Russian dispute is unchanged. The French troops are quieter. Over 40 arrests have been made.

LONDON, March 18.—There is a disposition here to think too much has been made of the Anglo-Russian incident at Tien Tsia and a much more hopeful view of the affair is taken today. This is aided by the statement in Morrison's dispatch from Peking yesterday to the London Times which is taken to mean that the combined efforts of the allied powers are having the effect of causing St. Petersburg to check any tendency to any undue aggressiveness on the part of the Russian representatives in China.

The comments of the afternoon newspapers has repeated the news of the majority of the morning papers, namely, that diplomacy will be able to smooth the friction. The officials of the British foreign office have not yet received official confirmation of Russia's alleged backdown in regard to Manchuria Tuesday, and Mongolian inquiries on the subject are now being made at St. Petersburg. The British foreign office is not relaxing its efforts to secure a more satisfactory statement of the intentions of Russia, but the officials deprecate the action of the British press. It is officially said that Great Britain has not the slightest contemplation of resorting to hostilities against Russia, whatever may be the outcome of the present negotiations.

MR. CARNEGIE'S LIBERALITY.

Rev. Dr. McArthur Pays High Tribute to Great Philanthropist.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The Rev. Dr. R. S. McArthur's sermon at Calvary Baptist Church, Sunday, was on "Missions." He urged a more generous spirit of giving, both among the rich and the poor, and commented on Andrew Carnegie's big offer to New York City.

Mr. Carnegie, in the generosity of his gifts, said Dr. McArthur, "has startled the world. He is certainly one of the most remarkable men in his acquirement and distribution of money the world has ever known. He has himself told me it required as much thought and effort to distribute money wisely as to acquire it freely. He is making heroic efforts to die poor. His act is a rebuke to many churchmen who profess a longer creed, but whose list of good deeds is shorter. Thousands will rise up to honor the name of this noble Scotch-American."

MILLIONAIRE KILLS HIMSELF

A Wealthy Ohioan Commits Suicide in Florida.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 18.—F. H. Carpenter of Ohio, a retired millionaire, who has visited Florida during the winter for a number of years, and owns two magnificent estates in this state, committed suicide at his winter home at Leesburg by placing the muzzle of a gun under his chin and firing the same with his foot.

The suicide was deliberately planned. His head was blown almost into fragments.

Mr. Carpenter owned a valuable place also on Lake George and had real estate investments in Jacksonville and other cities. In Ohio he owned property in several places, largely in Cincinnati.

GENERAL HARRISON IS DEAD.

The Ex-President Passed Away Peacefully at His Home.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 14.—General Benjamin Harrison died at 4:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon, without regaining consciousness. His death was quiet and painless, there being a gradual sinking until the end came, which was marked by a single gasp for breath as life departed from the body of the great statesman. The relatives, with a few exceptions, and several of his old and tried friends were at the former president's bedside when he passed away.

He Kept His Word.

BENNETTSVILLE, S. C., March 19.—Thomas Troy Breeden committed suicide today at his home near Bennettsville. He and his children had been down with the grip, and when the physician called Breeden told him he would not be alive this morning when the doctor came. He kept his word. Breeden on his throat and then shot himself. He was about 55 years of age.

Deserter Arrested.

MACON, March 15.—Theodore Seifert, a naval apprentice, who deserted from a ship at New York two months ago, was arrested here last night and taken to Pensacola, Fla., for courtmartial. He is a member of a prominent family and had been appointed at the instance of his mother.

Fight for a Franchise.

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 19.—There is a warm fight going on in Sumter for a telephone franchise. The Sumter telephone exchange is endeavoring to hold the exclusive right to operate phones there, while a new company is making strong efforts to get into the city.

Captured Rebel Leader.

MANILA, March 19.—Captain Shauka of the Eighteenth United States infantry has captured Diocino, the noted Tagal leader, in Capi province, island of Panay. Two rebels were killed and three, including Diocino, were wounded.

GREEN GODS MAN BAGGED.

Had Swindled People in Many States of the Union.

LAURINBURG, N. C., March 18.—Post-office Inspector Jere Conolly last night arrested H. T. Allen, a green goods man, with dupes actually located in nearly every state in the Union.

Allen advertised in The New Idea of Philadelphia and other publications under such heading as "Uncle Sam's Money," "Thousands of Dollars For You If You Only Know How to Get Them," etc. Getting addresses in this way he would offer receipts for Allen's patent leather enamel and Allen's chemical whisky, accompanied by fac-simile party checks, which he expressly stated in his circular letter he did not sell, but gave away. This was the scheme on some of his circulars. On others he boldly offered his goods at \$25 for \$3, \$50 for \$5; \$100 for \$10 and so on.

For several years Allen has had a steady income from his goods and could have amassed a small fortune had his habits been good. He went under several aliases, among them Dr. H. T. Allen and M. Allen. He was given a preliminary hearing before United States Commissioner Cox today, but as it required some time to get witnesses, the hearing was postponed until March 23. In default of bond for his appearance the accused was committed to jail.

Postoffice Inspector Conolly has been on Allen's track since last July.

MR. M'LAURIN STANDS PAT.

South Carolina's Junior Senator Says He Is a Democrat.

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 16.—Editor Koester of the Columbia Record has received the following message from Senator McLaughlin:

"The statement that I requested my name to be stricken from the Democratic caucus roll is absolutely false. I merely stated that I felt a delicacy in attending the caucus on certain questions where I differed widely from my party associates, as it might embarrass their deliberations.

"It is nothing but a deliberate and premeditated attempt to prevent the people from hearing both sides of great national issues which nothing could ever reduce to mere party questions. My health and strength permit, I shall present these issues as best I can in the next Democratic primary."

A Narrow Escape.

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 18.—Mr. and Mrs. W. Boyd Evans, living in the north suburbs, had a narrow escape. They awoke to find the roof of their home about to fall in on them, and barely escaped through a window. The house was burned to the ground. Mrs. Evans had time to rescue her jewelry case with several thousand dollars' worth of diamonds, nor did Mr. Evans get his clothing, containing a wallet with \$300. A handsome old silver service and the household effects were destroyed.

New Enterprise at Wadesboro.

WADESBORO, N. C., March 16.—The oil mill of the Anson Oil and Ice company is well under way and will be completed this spring. The ice plant will be fitted up and will be ready to make ice by the middle of April. The Anson Oil company has not yet begun its building on the site just north of the depot. They have had their well bored and a sufficient supply of water obtained. It is rumored that instead of an oil mill, the company will soon start another enterprise here.

Police Stop Probable Lynching.

CHARLESTON, March 18.—William Ford, a negro highwayman, entered the store of Samuel Schwan, in this city, knocked down the proprietor with a lead pipe and robbed the place. Schwan's arm was broken. Ford was captured. A crowd of Schwan's friends surrounded the prisoner and he was bound to a telegraph pole with wire. Violence had been done had not a motorman summoned the riot squad from the stationhouse.

Strange Burial Place.

GREENVILLE, S. C., March 18.—W. B. Webb, a plumber, while placing pipes in the courthouse between the ceiling and roof, found a coffin containing human bones. The find was soon known and a crowd gathered. The lot where the coffin was found was a place of hiding for a Ku Klux gang during the civil war, and the supposition is that the bones are those of a member of the gang.

Shad For Carolina Rivers.

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 15.—Colonel J. M. Bowers, United States fish commissioner, Washington, D. C., announces that he has arranged to stock with shad the Ashepoo, Edisto, Combahee, Pee-Dee, Santee, Salkehatchie and all other rivers in South Carolina about May 1.

Carnegie's Charlotte Gift.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 15.—Andrew Carnegie has tendered to the city \$30,000 with which to erect a free public library, provided the municipal authorities will donate a site and appropriate \$2,500 annually for the support of the library. The offer will probably be accepted.

Will Unveil Monument May 29.

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 18.—Extensive preparations are already being made by Veterans, Sons of Veterans and Daughters of the Confederacy for the unveiling of the South Carolina monument at Chickamauga. The ceremony will take place May 29.

She Rode Into Postoffice.

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 18.—Miss Waterbury of Westchester rode into the Aiken postoffice today to get her mail, as is her custom at home. She was summoned before the mayor today. She appeared by attorney and was fined \$5.

South Carolina Postmasters.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The president has appointed the following postmasters in South Carolina: Mrs. E. A. S. Mixson, Beaufort; Emma Harp, Sebe.

COUNT CASTELLANE FIGHTS DE RODAYS

Duel Was With Pistols Near Paris Saturday.

DE RODAYS HIT IN THIGH

Count de Castellane Was Not Injured. Duel Stopped After First Exchange of Shots—Wound Is Not Considered Dangerous.

PARIS, March 18.—Count Boni de Castellane, the husband of Anna Gould, fought a duel today with M. De Rodays, whose jaws were boxed by Castellane on account of a newspaper article.

M. De Rodays was hit in the right thigh at the first exchange of shots.



COUNT DE CASTELLANE.

Count de Castellane was not injured. The duel was then stopped.

The meeting occurred at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the Parc des Princes, where many cycling events have occurred.

The Count de Dion directed the duel. M. De Rodays, whose wound was in the lower fleshy part of the thigh, bled abundantly but is not seriously injured.

The duel came off according to program, notwithstanding it had been announced that both sides had accommodatedly notified the police. This will doubtless close the incident, the honor of both parties being satisfied.

REPORTED TRANSACTION.

Rockefeller's Interests Absorbed by United States Steel Corporation.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The report is circulated here that all the interests of John D. Rockefeller in the iron, steel, and coal mines, including mines, railroads and lake transportation lines are to go into the United States Steel corporation. These interests include the Lake Superior consolidated iron mines, which concern has a capital stock of \$50,000,000, of which \$29,877,448.90 is outstanding. It was incorporated under the laws of New Jersey in 1893 to acquire and operate iron mines in the Mesaba range, Minnesota. The company owns extensive properties in this region and leases some of its mines to the Carnegie Steel company and other large steel manufacturers. It owns the Duluth, Mesaba and Northern railroad, extending from Duluth to Iron Mountain, Minn., and embracing about 130 miles of road.

J. P. Morgan & Co. has affirmed the statement that the lake iron mines, railroads and lake transportation lines owned by John D. Rockefeller are to be taken in by the United States steel corporation.

MILLIONAIRE GILMAN'S GOLD.

Disposal of the Estate Attracts Wide-spread Interest.

NEW YORK, March 18.—The disposal of the estate of the late George F. Gilman of Bridgeport, Conn., continues to attract attention both in this city and at Bridgeport, Conn.

It is announced by one of the heirs that Theophilus Gilman and Edward L. Horton, the administrators appointed in New York, have discovered \$105,000 to the credit of George F. Gilman in the National Bank of North America in New York city. Aside from the \$750,000 worth of real estate involved in the partition suit instituted in the New York supreme court last Monday by Frederick H. Theophilus Gilman, his brothers, this bank account is the most valuable asset known to have been found by the administrators in their search through strong boxes and safety deposit vaults. There is a growing belief among the heirs that the value of the estate has been greatly overestimated and that it will not amount to more than \$3,000,000.

Can't Agree on Price.

CHARLESTON, S. C., March 19.—The property which will be needed by the government for the naval station site at Chicora park has not been purchased, and a hitch is still on between the owners and the navy department. Rear Admiral Endicott, who has received the report of the board of survey, says he will not give over \$200 per acre for the land, which was the price originally agreed upon. A price which the admiral considered just and reasonable. This land is owned by Mrs. W. W. Lawton. Some people here are afraid that Charleston may lose the naval station if the Lawtons persist in holding out for exorbitant prices.

Pullman Cars Burned.

PALATKA, Fla., March 18.—Two Pullman sleeping cars of train No. 32 of the Plant system, Tampa to Jacksonville, were completely burned at an early hour yesterday morning at Buffalo Bluff, 7 miles from this city. All that remains of them is a mass of twisted iron, wheels and trucks. The sleepers were filled with tourists and all of them were asleep at the time of the fire. They escaped, but most of them lost their clothing and valuables.

Killed by Avalanche.

LONDON, March 19.—A special dispatch from Rome says eight soldiers and customs officers have been killed by an avalanche near Lake Como.

SAYS LOVE IS HEAVEN-BORN

Wealthy California Woman Weds a North Carolina Soldier.

GOLDSBORO, N. C., March 15.—J. W. Williamson of Mount Olive and Mrs. P. S. Carllis of California, if not already man and wife, are to wed very soon. Williamson, having done two years' service in the Philippine islands, returning to his home, stopped some weeks in California, where Mrs. Carllis became infatuated with him. Williamson, a few weeks ago, came to Mount Olive, to be followed later by the widow to claim him as her own. Since Saturday the couple have been guests at the Kennon hotel, this city. Yesterday they telegraphed Williamson's parents at Mount Olive that they were married here. Today the couple boarded the westbound train for some point in Colorado. Mrs. Carllis says they will stop enroute tomorrow and be married.

The woman is reported to be quite wealthy, owning a large estate in California, and a profitable mining interest in Colorado. She seems to have plenty of cash and is paying all expenses. She is a woman of culture. With her is her child, a little boy about 8 years old. The little fellow is very bright and talks quite freely. His mother claims that Mr. Carllis is dead, but the child says his father is alive and resides at Cape Nome.

The woman claims that her love for Williamson is heaven-born and that she cannot live without him and she is fully able to prove it. Williamson is about 25 years of age; the woman is older.

GORED TO DEATH BY A BULL.

Infuriated Animal Attacks Owner With Fatal Result.

RUTHERFORD, N. C., March 18.—A. Wernag of West Asheville is dead, the result of injuries received in an attack by a bull.

The attack took place in a stable, near Wernag's dwelling. He had taken the bull in the stall to tie him, when the beast became suddenly infuriated, knocked his owner down and began goring him. Wernag cried for help and was heard by a negro employe of his. Rushing to the stable the negro attacked the infuriated animal, but failed and succeeded in beating him off his master and bleeding victim.

One leg was gored to the bone and the flesh ripped open 8 inches. The other leg was severely lacerated, and there was a wound in the back. Wernag was also injured internally by the pressure of the bull's head. He suffered greatly all day, his pain becoming more acute as death approached.

STOLE STATE PRISON FUNDS

Clerk in North Carolina Treasury Confesses Theft.

RALEIGH, March 15.—A sensation was created in the legislature and in the city also by a message sent yesterday afternoon by the governor announcing that William H. Martin, who for four years up to March 1 was clerk in the state treasury, had defaulted for \$4,000, and had confessed the theft. The money was stolen from the penitentiary by raising warrants.

The crime had been going on at least a year. The money was immediately arrested and is in jail in default of a \$4,000 bond. He was during the civil war major in a New York regiment and was for 12 years chief clerk in the revenue office here. His age is about 60.

He says he will not go to the penitentiary and it is believed he contemplates suicide. He is under bond in a security company for \$30,000.

Child Killed by Creosote.

STATESVILLE, N. C., March 16.—John Hatchett, a farmer, lives 2 or 3 miles from town. Mrs. Hatchett had been suffering from toothache and had used creosote to ease the pain. A small boy, 4 or 5 years old, had seen his mother use the creosote for her toothache, and when no one was watching, he got hold of the bottle and poured some of the poison on the face and in the mouth of the 3-weeks-old baby, saying that he wanted to give the baby medicine for his toothache. The child died from the effects of the creosote, the boy having no idea of the danger.

Candidate For Lynch Law.

MOORESVILLE, N. C., March 16.—Mrs. Killian, a highly respected widow, was returning to her home after milking yesterday evening, when a negro man sprang from a hiding place and caught around her with one arm while with the other he began to choke her. She called his name, whereupon the negro released his hold and ran. He has been caught and is now in jail at Newton. The citizens are much stirred up over the matter.

Fire in Rockingham, N. C.

ROCKINGHAM, N. C., March 16.—Last night fire destroyed M. L. Hinson's livery stable, the grocery store of R. B. Terry & Co., J. R. Coley's bar, Hendley's livery stable, Terry's blacksmith shop, residence of D. Gay and his wood shop, residence occupied by Henry Stogdun and a store on course of construction belonging to R. B. Terry & Co. The loss is estimated at about \$10,000, with \$4,100 insurance.

Wrong Man Convicted.

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 16.—The governor has granted a pardon to Will Williams, convicted in Laurens in February last of house breaking and stealing certain articles. Since the trial all the articles were found in the possession of another negro, who has confessed that he alone did the act and that Williams knew nothing of it. The authorities at once asked the pardon, thus correcting the error made.

Dewey Will Rest at Aiken.

COLUMBIA, S. C., March 16.—Aiken is preparing for Admiral Dewey. Information was received there today that the admiral's physicians had ordered him south, and he had chosen Aiken as his resting place.

Two Hundred Dollars Reward.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., March 16.—Governor Avcock has offered a reward of \$200 for the capture of Pink Fulton, charged with killing Rand Hart.

DANFORTH BURIED AT SEA.

Wishes of the Brunswick Suicide Were Carried Out.

BRUNSWICK, Ga., March 15.—Miss Elma Danforth, sister of Danforth, who committed suicide, arrived here yesterday, and, after a consultation with Mrs. Danforth, decided to accede to the last request of the dead man and bury him at sea. This information was conveyed to the Oglethorpe lodge, Knights of Pythias, and a committee from this organization at once set about making arrangements for the peculiar funeral.

After consulting a number of sea captains the committee gave orders for making a canvas shroud, in which the body was securely sewed. The 100-pound weight was placed at the feet. A pine board 6 feet long was strapped back of the body and straps at the knees and chest held it in position. The body was carried 10 miles out from the sea buoy, as a sea burial is not allowed in eight of land. It was then placed on the rail of the boat, and after reading the marked paragraphs in "Spencer's Education," as requested, was gently slipped into the ocean.

The burial occurred at 9:30 this morning.

FIGHT AT A NEGRO DANCE.

In Trying to Suppress Riot County Police Have Lively Time.

ATLANTA, March 18.—In attempting to suppress a riot and arrest the rioters at a negro dance 1 mile from East Point yesterday morning a squad of county police had a desperate hand to hand fight with a crowd of drunken negro men and women and pistols and knives were used indiscriminately.

One of the county police had his hand severely slashed with a knife and another was killed. The rioters were carrying a heavy piece of timber, and two negroes were cut, one shot and three clubbed into submission.

The rioters had shot and cut each other before the arrival of the police. Several arrests were made and the rioters are occupying the town.

The affair is said to have been quite exciting while it lasted, and for a few minutes it looked serious for the officers. It required quick and energetic work to disperse the drunken negroes, who seemed determined to kill the police and each other.

CARROLL WILL HANG MAY 1

He Murdered His Father and Mistress in Cold Blood.

MACON, March 15.—Last night at ten minutes past ten o'clock the jury in the case of Levi Carroll, who murdered his father, Hardy Carroll, and his mistress, Dinah Lockart, brought in a verdict of guilty, and Judge Felton sentenced Carroll to be hanged on Wednesday, May 1.

Carroll confessed to the double crime on Feb. 23, and in 14 days thereafter he was tried and sentenced to be executed. Carroll had no provocation whatever for the murder. He stabbed the two negroes, killing them instantly.

Carroll is doing the double crime on the gallows the day following that on which Minder, the white tailor, has been sentenced to hang.

Bible Conference.

ATLANTA, March 16.—The Tabernacle Bible conference is in session at the Baptist tabernacle with a large attendance of Atlantans and visitors from all sections of the country. The attendance from a distance promises to be three or four times larger than ever before in the history of the conference. Many prominent laymen as well as ministers are arriving. Those attending from outside of the city are cared for by the boardinghouses and the hotels at their expense. Rev. F. B. Meyer, the distinguished London divine, and William Philip Hall of New York, arrived today to take part in the conference.

Attempt to Wreck Train.

SAVANNAH, Ga., March 18.—An attempt was made to wreck southbound passenger train No. 33 on the Southern railway, just north of Barnwell, S. C. The attempt was partially successful, the engine being deranged. Rocks and iron were piled upon the track. When No. 33 arrived within view of the obstruction the speed was too great for Engineer Broom to bring his engine to a stop, and it crashed into the rocks and iron with a force that caused it to leave the track. Fortunately no one was injured.

Murdered His Nephew.

MACON, March 16.—This morning in the superior court Arthur Taylor, a negro, was put on trial for the murder of his nephew, Frank Taylor. The jury retired on the case about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon and in 25 minutes rendered a verdict of guilty. Judge Felton sentenced Taylor to be hanged on Thursday, May 2. Taylor's attorney says he will make a motion for a new trial.

Run Down by a Train.

COLUMBIA, Ga., March 18.—On the double track of the Central and Seaboard railroads, 2 miles southeast of the city, an old negro man and two negro girls were caught on a trestle by a train. One of the girls was badly mangled, one her arm and foot being torn off. She is still living and the two others were painfully but not seriously injured.

Fatally Burned.

ANNISTON, Ala., March 18.—Mrs. Mary Morris died today from effects of being burned at Ozona. She has been blind two years and was unattended at the time of the accident. She reached for a comb on the mantle and her dress caught on fire from an open grate. Parts of her body were burned to a crisp. She leaves a husband and baby.

Car Wheel Caused Wreck.

LEEDS, Ala., March 18.—A defective car wheel on an eastbound freight train on the Southern railway caused a bad wreck at Leeds. Quite a number of cars were wrecked and passenger trains were delayed many hours, it requiring all night to clear the track. The trainmen all escaped injury, but the property damaged amounts to several thousand dollars.

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Shooting at Bessemer.

BESSEMER, Ala., March 18.—Ed White was shot and severely wounded by Dan Dondley at this place. The men had a quarrel in a saloon while drinking. Dondley was bound over to the grand jury in the mayor's court for assault, and was also fined \$50 for carrying concealed weapons. Both men were laborers.

Birmingham Improvements.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 18.—A building permit has been issued to A. J. Krebs company for the construction of a large 3-story brick building on the corner of First avenue and Eighteenth street, to be used as a store by the mercantile firm of Earle, Terrell & Co., who will own it. It will cost \$30,000.

Will Plant Broom Corn.

OUTBERT, Ga., March 18.—The farmers in and near Outbert will plant large quantities of broom corn to supply the broom factory recently organized here.

SHOT BY THE CONDUCTOR.

Desperate Negro Creates Sensation on Electric Car.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 18.—Forest Gooden, conductor on the Gate City electric car line, shot and seriously wounded a desperate negro while on the late outgoing car. It seems that while collecting fares Gooden was assaulted by the negro. One negro paid attention to the conductor, being either drunk or playing drunk. The conductor shook the negro, when another negro, sitting behind the first one, jumped up and saying to the conductor that he must not handle the passengers so roughly, struck him a blow. The conductor recoiled from the blow, and when he came face to face again with the negro the latter had a revolver out. Before he could use it, however, the conductor had his weapon in hand and fired on the desperate negro. The bullet struck the negro in the abdomen. The conductor ordered his car backed and intended carrying the negro to the police station, but all of a sudden, though desperately wounded, the negro jumped off the car and made his escape.

TO MEET AT MONTGOMERY.

State Convention of Alabama Democrats to Assemble.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., March 18.—A state convention of the Democratic party of Alabama will assemble in this city tomorrow at the Auditorium.

The purpose of the convention is to nominate four candidates for delegates from the state-at-large to the constitutional convention and to ratify the nominations of the congressional and senatorial districts of candidates to the convention.

The convention will be composed of 504 delegates and there will no doubt be a full attendance, as great interest is being manifested in the question of the approaching election for the calling of a convention by the people throughout the state.

BOY SHOOTS HIS FATHER.

Family Quarrel Results in a Sad Tragedy in Alabama.

HAMILTON, Ala., March 18.—Mae Amberson, white, living at Piedmont, 18 miles north of here, was killed by his son, a boy about 17 years old.

It is said that the father assaulted his son with a stick, whereupon the latter drew a pistol and shot him in the groin. Death resulted instantly.

The Ambersons are quite prominent in that section of the country. The family is a very old one. The trouble between father and son grew out of family affairs.

CREMATION STORY A FAKE.

Reported Burning of Sixty Negroes Proves False.

MOBILE, March 16.—Careful investigation of the report of the burning of 60 negroes in a turpentine camp fire in Baldwin county shows that there is absolutely no foundation in fact for the report.

A story was published this morning to the effect that three negroes who had been discharged fired the camp at night out of revenge, and that 60 sleeping negroes had been burned to death.

Republican Delegates to Convention.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 16.—The Republican county executive committee has been called to meet here on Tuesday next at noon, the purpose being to nominate six candidates for delegates to the constitutional convention and a delegate from the senatorial district. At the same meeting the congressional district Republican committee will meet and name two candidates to represent this congressional district at the constitutional convention. The Republicans, while opposed to a new constitution, are hopeful of electing a sufficient number of delegates in the event the convention carries to prove a strong minority factor in the convention, thereby preventing radical action on suffrage and other questions.

Big Damage Suit.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 18.—In the city court the Alabama Coal and Coke company has filed suit against the Ivy Coal and Coke company for \$100,000 damages. The plaintiff alleges that the defendant mines coal for certain of its lands, and sues for damages for the conversion of the same. It is alleged that 200,000 tons of coal were so mined between Jan. 1, 1898, and Dec. 31, 1899. The property in dispute is located in Walker county.

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