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RICHMOND POSTAL ROBBERS.

Trapped in New York Shadowed by Secret Service Men Until Claimed. Officer Disguised as Baggage Man Seizes Frank Chester, of St. Paul, and Crowds Pursue and Capture Fred Cunningham, of London. Third Man Escapes—Thousands in Stamps and Cash Found.

New York, March 29.—Two men were arrested after a fight and chase in front of the Grand Central Station to-night, and were safely locked up at police headquarters in connection with the postoffice robbery at Richmond, Va., early Monday morning, when \$85,000 worth of stamps and \$3,000 cash were taken from two iron safes.

The men are Fred Cunningham, thirty-four years old, of London, England, and Frank Chester, fifty-four years, of St. Paul, Minn. A third man was with them, but escaped.

The arrest was made by detectives from police headquarters and postal inspectors. With the men were seized three trunks, one of them containing the tools with which the safes were broken open. Another contained between \$27,000 and \$30,000 worth of stamps.

The trunks arrived in town today by circuitous routes and after many transfers.

They were watched all the way from Richmond by postal inspectors and Secret Service men.

One of them, that containing the burglar's tools, was traced to the Hotel Avon.

The second, with nearly half the stamps, was left at the Grand Central Station until 8:30 o'clock to-night, two boys to go in and present the check and have the trunk turned over to a transportation company.

Detective Joe Bailey, disguised as a baggage man, told the boys to take the check back to the man who gave it to them. They did so, and when Chester went there and got Bailey, following them, grabbed Chester. There was a fight which lasted for some minutes, until Bailey finally knocked his man out with a blow on the jaw.

Cunningham, who was standing near, took to his heels when the fight commenced, but was caught after a chase in which citizens and half a dozen policemen took part.

CHICAGO'S EGG-EATING RECORD.

40,217,400 Required for the Easter Holidays—Meat Prices Lower.

Chicago, March 27.—Forty million two hundred and seventeen thousand and four hundred eggs. This is the number of eggs required by Chicago in observing the Easter holiday.

The supply was twice as large as it was a week ago and nearly 5,000,000 eggs in excess of the arrivals for the same week in 1909, but prices held at 1-2 cent lower than last week and one cent higher than a year ago.

Changes in meat prices were confined to a drop of 1-2 cent a pound in chickens and a reduction of 2 cents a pound in the wholesale price of live turkeys. These reductions were attributed to the fact that poultry values have been held at such a lofty level that the demand has fallen off to insignificant proportions, compelling commission men to make concessions in order to dispose of their holdings.

HOMICIDE IN SAMPSON.

Hosea Mayner and Nehero Denning Get Into a Dispute the Former Killing the Latter.

Clinton, March 30.—News reached Clinton this morning of a homicide late yesterday morning of a homicide late yesterday near the Johnston county line. Hosea Mayner and Nehero Denning got into a dispute over a road. Mayner hit Denning over the head with an axe and killed him. Mayner has made his escape. The coroner went to the scene this morning, but has not returned. Both men are white. The particulars are not known.

Ancient Cemetery Found.

Paris, March 25.—A cemetery from 2,000 to 3,000 years old has been found at Pogny, near Rheims. The tombs contain a quantity of beautiful vases, bracelets, and necklaces and some decorated jewels.

BREWER DIES FROM APOPLEXY.

Supreme Court Justice is Stricken At Home. Passes Away Before Doctor Arrives. Wife Finds Him Unconscious in Bathroom. Second Oldest Member of Supreme Court.

Washington, March 28.—David Josiah Brewer, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, died to-night at 10:30 o'clock as the result of a stroke of apoplexy. His death followed within a minute or two before he could be carried to his bed. Mrs. Brewer was with him when the end came. Justice Brewer was 73 years old.

The end came unexpectedly. Although he had not been feeling well for the last few days, the aged jurist was up and out today and apparently in the best of health and spirits. He was in equally good spirits at dinner and spent the evening in reading.

Shortly after 10 o'clock he retired to his room and within a few moments Mrs. Brewer heard a heavy fall and went to investigate the cause. She found her husband on the floor of the bathroom. He did not regain consciousness and died before a physician, hastily summoned, could reach the house.

The two daughters of the aged jurist, Mrs. James Karrich and Mrs. H. J. Jetmore, were summoned at once, but reached the residence too late.

Justice Brewer came to the Supreme Court of the United States from the Federal Court in Kansas. He was the second oldest member of the court, Justice Harlan only being his senior. He was regarded as the most democratic of all the members of the court, most affable, approachable and accommodating. He was the one man on the bench who had proof copies of his opinions prepared for the newspapers, and this he did consistently.

EASTER HATS IN RICHMOND.

Franklin Street Rivals Fifth Avenue in Riot of Colors. Brilliant Scene, But Oh, Those Hats!

Kaleidoscopic in its brilliant color, West Franklin-ward the course of the Easter parade took its way yesterday afternoon. It almost seemed Fifth Avenue, in New York, or Beacon Street, in Boston; the superb new gowns, the high hats, swinging canes and the flying squadron of autos made the illusion very real. In fashions fair femininity brought Paris to Richmond. It was a dress sight that made the eyes sparkle and the cynic comment on what wonderful progress has been made since the days when Eve appeared in greenhouse costume.

Oh, those hats! In all hues flamed the famous "Chanticleer," which has brought glory to poor Edmond Rostand, glory that may be immortal when the names of his plays are faded and forgotten. The dame with the slim purse wore a pullet wing; the stout lady, with her henpecked husband, who has the coin, wore a whole roost that stuck up like a fighting turret on a battleship. But all were chic and Frenchy.

Sometimes the hats coming down the pike looked like a covey of scarlet pigeons on the wing; again they looked like a perambulating flower garden, and sometimes like a traveling fruit display. Some of the hats were loaded down with cherries; they looked so real that the bar-tenders who failed to lay by a stock of joy oil for Sunday got thirsty at the thought of many a dear, dead cocktail decorated with the matchless Maraschino.—Richmond Times Dispatch.

THE "DRYS" WIN A COUNTY.

Carry Steuben County, Indiana, After a Busy Day Tuesday.

Angola, Ind., March 29.—Steuben County voted under the local option law to-day, and the returns indicate that the "drys" have carried it by a majority of about 900. The temperance people were out in force in every precinct, while the liquor element appeared to take little interest in the result. In some parts of the county members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union held religious services in the morning and then dispersed to the polling places, where they worked throughout the day.

FEARFUL HUNGARIAN DISASTER.

Between 300 and 400 Persons Victims in Ball Room Holocaust. Were Caught in Death Trap. Fire Broke Out in Building After Exit Had Been Nailed Up—Women and Children Trampled in the Panic.

Mate-Szalka, Hungary, March 28.—The village of Oekoerito and the adjacent districts have been thrown into mourning by a terrible disaster which occurred at the former place last night and which resulted in the death of between 300 and 400 persons and the serious injury of 100 others.

A public ball was announced to be held at the hotel of the village, where the coach house had been fitted up as a ball room. It was a great barnlike structure, decorated with tinsel and June branches taken from a previous entertainment to which were added other decorations and Chinese lanterns. The festivity attracted pleasure seekers from the whole surrounding country, and the building was so packed just before the ball commenced that the single door which afforded entrance and exit was nailed up to prevent the admittance of scores who clamored outside.

While the dancing was in full swing a pine branch caught fire and fell to the floor. It blazed furiously and almost instantly dresses of the several women were in flames which spread astonishingly rapidly. A dreadful panic ensued, the revellers losing their heads completely. Many of them with flames shooting out from their garments, rushing toward the barred exit where a surging mass were jammed together. Women fell and were trampled under foot. Those in front vainly endeavored to tear open the door, but were crushed helplessly by the pressure of the crowd behind. The roaring and crackling of the flames mingled with the despairing shrieks of the doomed throng.

Soon the roof crashed in, the blazing wreckage falling upon the helpless victims, so many of those, who, hitherto had escaped the flames, were struck down by the beams or buried under the debris. The scene was horrifying.

When the door finally was broken open some few persons escaped, but most of those collapsed before they got far. Inside the building were heaps of charred corpses, and heart-rendering screams and groans still were audible from the smoking piles. A detachment of troops was immediately ordered to the scene to clear the wreckage and help bury the dead.

SNOWSTORM RAGES OUT WEST.

The Wires Are Down and Trains Are Blocked in Wyoming.

Denver, March 29.—The heaviest snow storm since last December has been raging all day in Wyoming. The fall is nearly three feet already, and the storm still raging.

The gale which accompanies it has filled all cuts, and the railroads are completely tied up. Telegraph and telephone wires are down and it is difficult to get trace of the locations of stalled trains.

Two newspaper trains are snow-bound at small stations west of Cheyenne, where the Union Pacific enters the mountains. With only one wire working to the East, the Western Union has been badly crippled all day, and to-night has no wires except to the West. The Postal Company was crippled all day, but tonight has service to the East.

HUSBAND DETAINED 40 YEARS.

Wife Asks Representative Roberts To Explain Captain's Absence.

Way back in March, 1868, Capt. Charles Lee Moses, U. S. N., a survivor of the fight between the Monitor and Merrimack, and an officer of the Kearsage when she sank the Alabama, wrote fondly to his wife from Bangkok, Siam, that he was about to sail for home in the brig Swallow.

Just the other day—forty years later—his wife wrote to Representative Roberts, of Massachusetts, asking him to find out what was detaining the captain. Mr. Roberts, who has been in Congress for ten years, thinks this is in some ways the most remarkable request he ever got.—Washington Herald.

THE NEW RULES COMMITTEE.

Representative Currier Reports the Resolution Naming the Committee And It is Adopted by Viva Voce Vote—Dalzell Chosen Chairman by Strict Party Vote.

Washington, March 25.—By a unanimous vote the House to-day adopted a resolution, naming a committee on rules, composed of six Republicans and four Democrats, in pursuance of the provisions of the Norris resolution.

Mr. Currier of New Hampshire reported a resolution naming as a committee on rules Dalzell of Pennsylvania, Walter I. Smith, of Iowa, Boutwell, of Illinois, Lawrence, of Massachusetts, Fasset, of New York, Smith, of California, Republicans, and Clark, of Missouri, Underwood, of Alabama, Dixon, of Indiana, and Fitzgerald, of New York, Democrats.

After a brief discussion, which made it a matter of record that the members named in the session had been selected in party caucuses, the House by a viva voce adopted the resolution.

Soon after the election of the "reformed" rules committee, the members retired to the ways and means committee room and proceeded to organize. Mr. Dalzell was chosen chairman as had been expected. Five Republicans voted for Dalzell and three Democrats for Champ Clark, both Mr. Dalzell and Mr. Clark refraining from voting.

There was a brief informal discussion about the future work of the committee by several members, but nothing was determined upon.

The selection of the new rules committee means the loss of \$1,000 annually to L. White Busby, secretary to Speaker Cannon, who was clerk of the old rules committee and drew that amount in salary as clerk. The new committee will have a new clerk.

PREMATURE DEATH A CRIME.

Dr Wiley Gives Straight Talk to Cornell Students.

Ithaca, N. Y., March 24.—"Every man is intended to live a certain length of time; if he doesn't it is a case of suicide or homicide. It is a crime to have a cold. The first business of an architect is to see to it that his building will furnish enough pure air for the people who will occupy it."

These were some of the statements of Dr. N. W. Wiley, Chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, United States Department of Agriculture, in a lecture to Cornell students today.

"He said: 'The science of public health is the science of the individual always, and what I have to say I mean for each of you to apply to himself. Man is an animal that is intended to live a certain time. Of course, accidents happen and people die of disease, mostly preventable.'"

"Because disease is preventable, death may be said to occur either by suicide or homicide, in respect whether it is brought about by carelessness or the condition of environment."

"It is a crime for anybody's child to have a cold. Since children may not be old enough to know better, I am not going to say whose crime it is. A man once came to me whose children all had colds, and wanted a cough medicine which did not contain alcohol. I told him I could tell him of a remedy that didn't contain alcohol; that was to go home and put the windows of their sleeping room wide open."

"People don't have colds at the north pole. Ask either of the gentlemen—I will not mention their names. Lient Shackleton didn't have a cold on his trip toward the south pole. But when they get back to civilization they do have colds. One would never have a cold if he didn't breathe foul air."

WILL VOTE AT DANVILLE.

To Determine Whether the Sale of Liquor Shall be Licensed.

Danville, Va., March 26.—Judge A. M. Aiken, of the Corporation Court, today issued an order calling for a special election to be held on April 28th to determine whether the sale of liquor shall be licensed. The order was in response to a petition signed by 308 voters constituting more than two enough necessary to assure the election. Danville is one of two towns in the county.

EASTER CONTESTS AT BENSON.

The Representative of the Benson And Kenly High Schools Give An Interesting Debate at Benson Monday Night. Baseball in the Afternoon.

On Monday, March 28, the boys of the Public High Schools of Kenly and Benson had an Easter contest in baseball and debate. The exciting and inspiring scenes took place in Benson.

The Ball game, as we are informed, resulted in a tie, standing 9 to 9, and came off in the afternoon. The playing was fine.

The debate came off at night, the following query being discussed: "Resolved, That Federal Law Should Prohibit Children under 14 years of Age in all the States from Working in Cotton Factories." Benson had the affirmative and was represented by Messrs. Ezra Parker and R. E. Parker, while the negative was defended by Messrs. Wade M. Brannan and Grover Woodard, representatives of Kenly. The debate was especially fine and exciting. After hearing the discussion the judges, Messrs. W. S. Stevens, of Smithfield, L. H. Allred, of Selma, and J. C. Clifford, of Dunn, awarded the victory to Benson. This sets the schools even since Kenly won the debate last year.

MATTERS OF INTEREST.

Municipal grafters by wholesale are being unearthed in Pittsburg, Pa. Some 25 or more have confessed, some 37 have been indicted and 16 others implicated. Some of them sold out for less than \$100.

Without a quiver the Senate Monday passed a bill appropriating \$3,600,000 for the enlargement of the Capitol grounds. It authorizes the purchase of 12 blocks of ground and looks to the creation of an avenue 150 feet wide extending from the Union Station to the Peace Monument at the west side of Capitol Park.

A dispatch from Atlanta says the women of the Southern Methodist Church are preparing for the battle in the coming quadrennial conference at Asheville, N. C., for a recognition in the Church. They are demanding the same rights granted to laymen in the councils of the Church and their organization is confident that their demands will be granted.

A total of 225 persons perished by shipwreck and 83 vessels met with disaster off the New England and British North American coasts, or while engaged in the New England, Canadian or Newfoundland trade, in the fall and winter season of 1909-10, ending Monday. Of the vessels involved 13 were steamers or tugs, 1 was a full-rigged ship, 4 were barks, 3 barkentines and 62 schooners. A number of barges were lost, but they were not included in the list. The financial loss exceeds \$1,000,000.

Drinks Gasoline and Dies.

Eagle Mountain, Va., March 27.—Margaret Finney, the eighteen-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Finney, of this place, took a big swallow of gasoline yesterday, and within three minutes the child was dead. Mrs. Finney was using the gasoline on the back porch for some purpose, and the child, unnoticed by its mother, picked up the bottle and drank some of the fluid. Despite heroic treatment, the little one passed away.

FATHER OF THIRTY-FOUR.

Dedham Carpenter Does Not Believe in Race Suicide.

Dedham, Mass., March 27.—The birth of a healthy baby boy in this town has made Joseph Sears the father of thirty-four children. He has been married twice in the past forty years, his first wife giving birth to eighteen children, and the present Mrs. Sears to sixteen. Twelve of the large family are living. Mr. Sears is fifty-seven years old. He is a carpenter by trade.

Visits Insane Mother and Loses Mind.

Lexington, Ky., March 29.—Andrew McMillin, aged twenty-eight years, visited his insane mother at the Eastern Kentucky Asylum here today. Shortly after leaving the institution he became violently insane, and it was necessary to incarcerate him in the asylum.

POU NOT OPPOSING STANCIL.

Congressman E. W. Pou Makes a Statement to the Press in Which He Declares That He is Not Fighting the Confirmation of the Smithfield Postmaster.

Washington, D. C., March 30.—Congressman E. W. Pou, of Smithfield, has given the following statement to the press about the postmaster-ship muddle at his home town:

"Because of the mention of my name in connection with certain charges against Mr. J. C. Stancil postmaster of the town of Smithfield, I ought to say that at no time have I made any charge against Mr. Stancil and am not opposing his confirmation by the Senate. Furthermore I regret that the matter has been brought to the attention of the President."

"When the name of Mr. Stancil was first sent to the Senate, I did ask Senator Overman to hold up the matter until I could have opportunity to talk with the President, thinking the President had probably overlooked a conversation last Summer with Messrs. James A. Wellons, John A. Naron, J. D. Parker and myself relative to the appointment of a postmaster at our town. In talking with the President I learned that he had entirely forgotten the conversation referred to, but from the tenor of his conversation I came to the conclusion that he had no intention of changing his action relative to the appointment at Smithfield. Shortly thereafter I saw Senator Overman and told him that so far as I was concerned there would be no opposition whatever to Stancil's confirmation. In about a week after this conversation, Mr. Stancil was confirmed by the Senate. I know that both Senator Overman and Mr. W. W. Cole, attorney for Mr. Stancil, will bear me out in this statement and I deem it proper to make it because it has been stated in a newspaper published in Smithfield that Stancil had been confirmed over the opposition of myself and others. The truth is he was never confirmed until Senator Overman allowed it to be done and the Senator's action in permitting the confirmation to go through was taken at my request."

"Until very recently Mr. Stancil has never been a resident of Smithfield. I do not believe a resident of one town should be permitted to move to another town for the purpose of receiving an appointment such as postmaster. There are very many persons in Smithfield well equipped to run our post office. I do not think a resident of that town for instance should be permitted to move to Benson or Clayton for the sole purpose of receiving the appointment in either of those towns. For that reason I asked Senator Overman to hold up the matter until I could talk with the President."

"I made no mention to the President of a visit of Mr. Stancil to my office in Smithfield during the March term last year of our Superior court. I have never said to any one that he had offered me a bribe. I make no such charge now. I am not making any charge against him and as I have said am not opposing his confirmation. While his friends admit that his conduct on the occasion of his visit to my office was not proper and while I thought it improper I was willing to excuse him on the ground of ignorance. I regret that my name has been brought into this matter and I sincerely wish I might never hear of it again."

Fee Question Settled in Stewart Case.

A final settlement has been made in the contest as to fees in the Stewart case in Harnett county. W. A. Stewart, a lawyer of Dunn, was killed by a train on the Atlantic Coast Line and the road paid his estate \$25,000 in settlement of the case by compromise. The administrator had contracted to give attorneys 25 per cent of the amount recovered, this being \$6,250. The widow objected and at a hearing before the clerk of the court the allowance to the attorneys was cut to 15 per cent.—\$3,750—while the administrator was allowed 5 per cent.—\$1,250. An appeal was taken to Judge O. H. Allen and he increased the allowance to the lawyers to \$4,000 and put the allowance to the administrator to \$950, the total being \$50 less than was allowed to the clerk.—Ex.