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PATTERSON PARDONS COOPER.

The Murderer of Senator Carmack Turned Loose. Hot on Heels of Decision of Supreme Court Affirming Sentence of 20 Years. The Governor Showed His Contempt for Law and the Courts by Writing the Pardon for the Murder While the Supreme Court of Tennessee Was Confirming the Opinion of the Lower Court.

Nashville, Tenn., April 13.—While the Supreme Court of Tennessee today was confirming the conviction of Col. Duncan B. Cooper for the slaying on November 9, 1908, in a Nashville street of former U. S. Senator E. W. Carmack, Governor Patterson wrote a full pardon for the defendant declaring that in his belief Colonel Cooper was not guilty. The Supreme Court remanded for re-trial the case of Robin Cooper, convicted of the same crime as his father.

The situation is tense tonight, because of allegations by friends of Carmack that politics entered into the case. It is probable that Robin Cooper will never be retried, it is said. Both Coopers had been sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment.

The court was divided both in confirming the sentence of Colonel Cooper and in remanding the case of his son. It was while Chief Justice Beard was reading a dissenting opinion in the case of Colonel Cooper that Governor Malcolm R. Patterson pardoned the defendant, declaring in the document:

"In my opinion neither of the defendants is guilty and they have not had a fair and impartial trial, but were convicted contrary to the law and evidence."

Colonel Cooper was still at the capitol when the pardon was entered in the Secretary of State's office. He was at once surrounded by a crowd of friends seeking to congratulate him. The reversal in his son's case seemed to please him to the exclusion of his own freedom.

"I wanted Robin's vindication more than I wanted a pardon," was his remark when told of the Governor's action. Leaving the crowd, he entered a carriage, and, accompanied by Marshal Robert Marshall was driven to the county jail, where formalities in connection with the pardon were gone through with. Then he was released. Robin Cooper is under \$25,000 bond.

Col. Cooper is the close personal and political friend of Governor Patterson, who is the leader of the anti-prohibition forces in Tennessee. Carmack was the chief of the prohibition movement. Patterson was an important witness for the defense at the trial of the Coopers for the killing of Carmack.

The Supreme Court room was packed today when the various opinions in the case were read. Much interest was manifested by many persons who thought the decision of the Supreme Court at this time might have some effect on the coming State Judiciary elections.

The reversal in the case of Robin Cooper was based on assignments of error in the trial judge in failing to charge separately as to Robin Cooper's theory of self-defense, linking the defense of the two defendants together, excluding testimony of Governor Patterson as to talks with Robin Cooper and advice given him as to Col. Cooper before the tragedy and the admission on cross-examination of Robin Cooper as to intent of certain State's witnesses in testifying as to certain incidents.

FIRST SNAKE STORY OF SEASON.

Reptile Acting as Mother to Four Chickens.

Columbus Ind., April 10.—On the farm of George Wagner, near here, is a nature misalliance, the like of which has never before been known in these parts. While strolling through a strip of woods on his farm today, Mr. Wagner came upon a snake which was doing duty as a mother to four small chickens. As the snake crawled along it would displace the leaves and grass and the chickens would follow in its wake and pick up the seeds and insects, as they were thus revealed to them. Mr. Wagner did not kill the snake, nor did he take the chickens away, but preferred to watch the outcome of this strange attachment. He thinks the chickens were charmed away from his barnyard by the snake.

GENERAL NEWS.

A police censorship for bathing costumes has been established in Chicago.

Two men were killed in an explosion in a powder-house at Colte-wah, Tenn., Saturday.

In a wreck on the Central-Hudson Railroad, Fireman Michael Basset was killed near Oriskany, N. Y., Friday.

The Insurgents are preparing to reply to the administration speeches and will lead off with Senator Dolliver.

New York Sunday experienced the driest Sunday since the time when Mr. Roosevelt was Commissioner of Police.

To insure a "safe and sane" Fourth of July citizens at Hamilton, O., have bought out the stock of local dealers in fireworks.

Owing to the many important measures to be considered the adjournment of Congress is not expected until about June 25.

The Spanish Government has fixed May 8 as the date for the elections of the Chamber of Deputies and May 22 for the Senate.

The farmhouse where Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the Christian Science cult, was born, was destroyed by fire at Bow, N. H., last week.

Over 100,000 Socialists were allowed to march through the streets of Berlin Sunday without a policeman in sight. There was no singing or shouting.

Sulzberger & Sons Company, meat packers, has been incorporated at Albany, with a capital of \$32,000,000. The principal office of the corporation is in New York.

Two miles of buildings were burned on the old Morris Park racetrack in New York Sunday. The buildings, which were of frame, had been used as stables.

The French Parliament, which was elected in 1906, ended its labors last week. The general election will take place April 24 and the new Parliament will assemble June 1.

Former President Roosevelt opened a boulevard named in his honor at Porto Maurizio, Italy, Sunday, and accepted the title of honorary citizenship conferred by the Mayor.

Of more than 60,000 applications for new free rural delivery routes filed during the past month nearly 43,000 will be allowed, more than doubling the present number of routes.

H. B. Alverson, of Fort Worth, ninety-four years old, has been sued for divorce by his wife, aged sixty-eight. The couple were married in 1880. They lived happily until six months ago. The plaintiff charges cruelty.

Joseph Hartwell Barrett, last surviving member of the Ohio delegation to the convention that nominated Abraham Lincoln for President, died at Loveland, O., Sunday. He was 87 years of age and former political editor of the Cincinnati Gazette. He also achieved distinction by writing a biography of Lincoln.

Rosa Trotter, a 13-year-old girl, was arrested at Greenville, S. C., Monday afternoon charged with raising a \$2 bill to \$20. The money had been sent in a letter to a Chicago firm, and Special Government Agent Thomas worked up the case. The girl was held on \$500 bond. She is from the mountains near Greenville.

Fire broke out in the Julian Hotel at 3 o'clock Monday morning at Dubuque, Iowa, while 600 guests were asleep. A wild panic followed and a number were injured. Sam Levy, of Chicago, was fatally hurt. By jumping from a third-story window Chas. Evans, of Philadelphia, suffered internal injuries. The hotel was ruined. Loss is \$500,000.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has announced a decision holding that it is "unjust and unreasonable" for the Pullman Company to charge equally for upper and lower berths in sleeping cars, and has ordered reductions in specific instances, which ruling is recognized as an opening wedge for a general readjustment of sleeping car rates. The rates for a short night's journey are fixed at \$1.50 for a lower and \$1.10 for an upper berth. The Pullman company will take the decision to the courts.

STATE NEWS NOTES.

The Post says 68 automobiles are owned in Salisbury.

Senator Overman will deliver the Memorial Day address in Henderson on May 10th.

The aldermen of the town of Wilson have levied a tax of \$1,000 on dealers in near-beer.

Mr. A. H. Boyden is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for State Senator from Rowan.

Victor W. York, night watchman at the Melrose Knitting Mill at Raleigh, committed suicide Sunday night.

The State Sunday School Convention, which was in session at Wilson last week, adjourned to meet in High Point next year.

Leslie Godwin, a printer 33 years old, was run over by a shifting engine in Wilmington one day last week and instantly killed.

Dr. J. C. Caldwell, president of the Atlantic Christian College, has been selected as Memorial Day orator at Wilson on May 10th.

Judge E. B. Jones has resigned his position as judge to enter the race for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the Fifth District.

Grace M. E. church at Winston will build a brick edifice to cost \$10,000 on the site of the present church. The seating capacity will be about 500.

Congressman Webb has introduced a bill to appropriate \$100,000 for a public building in Morganton. These little matters are largely of campaign interest.

The first strawberries of the season were shipped north last week from Rocky Point by J. L. Bell. Until last week there had been no rain in that section in six weeks.

Near Yanceyville, Caswell county, last Wednesday, John Richmond shot his brother as the result of a quarrel, the latter dying in a short time. John Richmond is in jail.

Last week in Guilford superior court Wade Coble was found guilty of the murder of John M. Staley and given a sentence of twelve years in the penitentiary. Manslaughter was the verdict rendered.

Last week Wadesboro decided to issue \$10,000 of bonds for improvements, the vote being 180 for and 44 against. Owing to the fact that many believed the bonds would call for increase in polltax, the vote was lighter than usual.

A young man named Bivens, who killed a young man named Fowler, in Granville county several weeks ago, has surrendered to the officers. Before surrendering, however, he consulted and retained lawyers, who will defend him.

Rev. W. F. Fleming, a colored minister, was convicted in Moore county Superior Court last week of attempting to burn a dwelling he owned, which was heavily insured, and was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

The town of East Spencer voted Tuesday to issue \$25,000 in bonds for the purpose of building a waterworks and electric light plant, not a vote being cast against the issue. Steps are being taken to install both water and light at an early date.

Editor John B. Sherrill of the Concord Times has bought the Concord Tribune. He will consolidate the Semi-Weekly Tribune with The Times and continue the publication of the Daily Tribune. J. B. Hurley was editor of The Tribune.

The debate between representatives of the State University and Washington and Lee University, Va., at Greensboro Thursday night, resulted in a victory for the Carolinians, H. E. Stacy and W. R. Edmonds representing the Chapel Hill institution.

At the meeting of the Association of Southern State Superintendents at Little Rock, Ark., last week Hon. J. Y. Joyner, our worthy State Superintendent of Schools, was elected President. Mr. Joyner is President of the National Educational Association. The next meeting will be held in Jacksonville, Fla.

Squire John M. Stant, who lives in the south-western part of Alamance county, celebrated his 100th birthday last week. He has been a member of the Flint Ridge Methodist Protestant church for 76 years, a member of the Pleasant Hill Temperance Society for 75 years, and has all these years been an active Sunday school worker.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

The Standard Oil Company has announced a reduction of fifteen points in the price of refined petroleum.

There were 240 business failures in the United States during the week ending April 7, against 229 the week before.

Six deaths within four days, all apparently from poisoning as a result of whiskey drinking, are to be investigated by the authorities of Westley, R. I.

Thos. F. Walsh, millionaire mine owner, died at his home in Washington Friday night after a protracted illness. Walsh was born in Ireland in 1851. He came to this country when 19 years old and located in Colorado, where he made a fortune in mining enterprises.

A Washington dispatch says that for the first time since the Payne-Aldrich tariff act went into effect, August 5, 1909, the net ordinary receipts of the government Friday showed surplus over the net ordinary expenditures. The day's total amounted to \$122,000, of which \$100,000 came from the new corporation tax.

At Pa'm Beach, Fla., Saturday E. V. Pierce shot Mrs. O. W. Weybrecht and her 12-year-old daughter, Louise, and then committed suicide. The girl died later and the mother may not recover. Pierce was from Portland, Ore., where he has a wife and child. It is said the shooting followed Mrs. Weybrecht's refusal to endorse a check for Pierce.

A. C. Shaw, the North Carolinian recently dismissed from the forestry service and disbarred from practice before the Interior Department, will settle in Portland, Ore., for the practice of his profession. The President has been urged to revoke the order as to practice before the Interior Department, but refuses to take action until the Ballinger-Pinchot case is concluded.

At Coal City, Ill., Wednesday night robbers blew open the safe of the local bank and escaped with \$2,000, having first tied the night watchman. The watchman managed to reach a telephone and notify a point some distance away, where the robbers were fired on. Later three of the men, wounded, were captured at Morris, Ill., but the money was not found. Two of the party escaped with the loot.

An explosion on the steamer Cairnrona, on the Atlantic Ocean last week caused a panic among the 900 passengers. Men fought women for possession of the boats, but were driven back by the crew. Several persons were pushed or fell into the sea. The passengers were rescued by two steamers and taken to Dover. Scores were injured by the explosion and during the panic. The Cairnrona was en route to Portland, Me.

The Manchester Master Cotton Spinners' Federation has voted in favor of a 5 per cent. reduction in the wages of operatives and has called a joint meeting of employers and operatives to discuss the matter. The step was taken owing to the depression in the cotton trade. It is believed that the operatives, who already are suffering from the effects of the curtailment in work, will strongly resent the proposed reduction in wages.

Two battleships were authorized by the naval bill passed by the House last Friday. This action was taken by the decisive vote of 162 to 110, thirty-three Democrats voting with the Republicans for two battleships, while twenty-four Republicans voted with the Democrats for one battleship. The House adopted an amendment by which the two battleships and two fleet colliers authorized by the bill must be built by firms operating under the eight-hour law. As passed the naval bill appropriates about \$138,000,000.

An animated debate occurred in the Senate Thursday of last week on a suggestion by the special committee on the cost of living, looking to the expenditure of \$65,000 for the extension of the work of the committee in gathering information regarding wages, Senator Hale suggesting that these facts should be supplied as speedily as possible to be used in answering questions in the coming campaign. Senator Bacon deprecated such use of the information. The committee suggested a time limit on all foods placed in cold storage.

ITEMS OF ALL SORTS.

Ex-Governor R. B. Glenn is billed to speak on prohibition in Charlotte on April 24.

The average condition of winter wheat on April 1 was 80.8 per cent., against 82.2 at the same period last year.

The Hickory Presbyterian church is engaged in raising \$1,350 to get an additional \$750, to make \$2,000 in all for the purchase of a pipe organ. Carnegie offers the \$750.

Congressman Morehead asks congress for \$50,000 for the Guilford Battleground, half to go to a monument to General Greene, and half to monuments to other patriots who fought there and to beautifying the place still more.

A beautiful new home, costing \$10,000 and belonging to Joseph Edwards at Goldsboro, was almost destroyed last week. The structure was only recently completed and furnished. The loss is heavy but is partly covered by insurance.

More than 300 saloons were voted out of business by the people of 19 Michigan counties. Elections in 35 counties resulted in 16 voting wet and 19 voting dry. Ten had been dry for two years and two voted to change back wet.

Art lovers and collectors paid \$162,220 for 43 pictures of the collection of the late Charles Yerkes at the opening session of the auction by which the New York man's treasures will be disposed of. The highest price paid for a picture was \$22,600 for "Spring," painted by Alma-Tadema, Henry Reinhardt, of Chicago, paying this.

Elections in 240 Illinois towns and cities last Wednesday show a reversal in some cases of the vote on whiskey of two years ago. Numerous cities having large populations which had been dry, went wet. Two score dry towns went wet, while 19 wet towns went dry. The saloons in 72 wet towns were retained and 110 dry towns remained dry.

Expert medical men say that the number of school children who appear under the influence of wine and beer is startling, and that is, together with the increase of cigarette smoking among women and girls is gradually but surely bringing about the decay of the human race—in New York. New York does things the rest of the country don't do.

Fire which started on a farm belonging to Miss McDonald, of Cumberland county, where land was being cleared, spread to adjoining lands last week and gave the farmers of 71st township the time of their lives to save their very homes and other property. Before the flames were checked several thousand acres had been burned over and not less than \$10,000 had been turned to ashes.

The house Friday by a vote of 162 to 110 authorized the construction of two new battleships to cost six million dollars each. Thirty-three Democrats, including Pou, of North Carolina, voted for the bill. The other Democrats voted for one battleship, and 24 Republicans voted with them. Hobson wanted three battleships at least, and would have liked four, or four hundred. The naval bill appropriates \$128,000,000 in all.

Notices have been sent out by the board of directors of the Hocking Valley railway calling a special meeting of stockholders in Columbus May 11 for the purpose of increasing the capitalization of the company from \$11,000,000 to \$26,000,000 by the issue of \$15,000,000 new stock. The new issue will take the place of the \$15,000,000 preferred stock, which will be retired by the company April 30, so that the total capitalization of the company will be unchanged from that at present.

Continuing demands for a thorough probing of alleged legislative corruption in New York seem to be wearing away the stone of opposition, and definite action by the Legislature is promised in the near future, possibly this week. It is expected the legislative leaders will seek the advice of Gov. Hughes and Superintendent of Insurance Hotchkiss before reaching a decision. The Governor favors ripping off the cover of alleged legislative inquiries, and he will be asked whether, in his opinion, this can be best accomplished by two committees, one of which shall confine its activities to insurance matters, or by a single committee with no restrictions.

BLIND TIGERS ARE ORGANIZED.

Sentenced to Six Months on the Roads, M. L. Winner Declares That "Association Number Six," to Which he Paid Regular Dues, Had Agreed to Protect Him.

Wilmington, April 12.—Marion L. Winner, a middle-aged white man, convicted in superior court Saturday night of selling whiskey and sentenced to six months on the roads, Judge Cooke sustaining the judgment of the recorder's court, to-day made a sensational affidavit in which he made full confession and declared that there are more than one hundred holders of government liquor license in Wilmington; that the "blind tigers" have a thorough organization known as "Association Number Six;" that he has paid regularly into the coffers of the association \$5 a month to be used for political purposes and otherwise; that the members had been given to understand that if arrested and carried before the recorder the severest punishment would be a fine and costs; that in case public sentiment was such that it would be necessary to give road sentences the members were to be warned in ample time. The affiant then sets out that he was not warned and that he has been made a scapegoat of by his former pretended friends.

In conclusion the affiant says that the confession and exposure of those he says have deserted him is made for the sole purpose of aiding him in his effort to have his sentence stricken out or reduced.

Winner's attorney will go before Judge Cooke tomorrow and ask for a hearing of the matter. It is understood that many rank prohibitionists will give Winner their moral support in view of his affidavit.

Swallowed a Table Knife.

Los Angeles, April 11.—Seventeen physicians assisted at an operation yesterday for the removal of a table knife 9 inches long from the stomach of Mrs. Sarah Carlson, an insane woman. The operation was successful, and Mrs. Carlson is recovering. The knife had been in the stomach of the woman for several hours before the physicians could be induced to believe that the woman who told of having swallowed it was not joking about the matter.

Couldn't Find Trace of Cook.

Fairbanks, Alaska, April 12.—The Fairbanks expedition to Mount McKinley, the tallest peak in North America, reached the summit April 3, after a climb of one month from the base it was announced to-day. No traces of Dr. Cook's alleged ascent were found.

AGE NO BAR TO WEDLOCK.

Married Three Times, Man of 87 Weds Woman of 85.

Nashville, Ind., April 11.—John Poling, a veteran of the Civil War, wealthy and eighty-seven years of age, and Mrs. Rebecca Graham, eighty-five, have entered upon another matrimonial venture, Mrs. Graham having been married six times and Poling three times.

Ten People are Drowned.

Saint Erelux, France, April 12.—The pilot boat Hirondele has been wrecked off Cape Frehel in the Egyptian English channel, 10 persons were drowned. After striking the vessel turned turtle.

Transfer of Rural Route.

Washington, D. C., April 8.—Rural route No. 3, Selma, Johnston County, has been transferred to Middlesex, Nash county, and designated as route one.

Cargo of Double Eagles.

New York, April 12.—The net amount of gold to be exported to London tomorrow on the Mauretania has been raised to \$4,000,000 all in double eagles. The Hanover National Bank withdrew \$1,500,000 from the treasury to-day for shipment to the Bank of England, and Kidder, Peabody & Co., engaged \$2,500,000 for consignment to the same institution. This makes a total of \$11,500,000 shipped to London since the beginning of the present export movement.