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DARING ESCAPE FROM PENITENTIARY

Seven Convicts Make a Break For Liberty

GUARDS FIRED IN VAIN

Five of the Escaped Convicts are Federal Prisoners.—A Well-Considered Plot for a General Escape.

Seven convicts this morning made their escape from the State penitentiary here. It was a daring scheme, executed with unsurpassed recklessness by the desperadoes confined there.

This morning about seven o'clock a train from the Raleigh and Cape Fear Railroad entered the penitentiary enclosure for the purpose of carrying out some empty cars. When the train entered the guard over the convicts working there had to move to one side, and this was the time that the convicts had arranged their break. They made a mad rush straight for the stockade struck a board in the stockade and it gave way before them. Two of the guards were in sight and seeing the men escaping, raised their guns and fired on the fleeing convicts, who made straight for the woods. This checked the others from making for the opening and the prison bell was immediately rung summoning the convicts within the prison block. Two convicts failed to answer the bell, but were found in hiding waiting for a chance to escape and were carried into the prison block. However, seven were still missing and parties were immediately formed and started on their trail. Bloodhounds were also used, but on account of the condition of the woods they seemed to be of little or no service.

Of the seven convicts who escaped five of them are Federal prisoners and are white men.

The band was led by Frank Moss, a postoffice safe cracker, serving a ten-year sentence.

The other Federal prisoners who escaped were Miller the safe cracker and postoffice robber, who was sentenced here last May for ten years.

Harry Wright, a five-year safe cracker, was sentenced at the same time as Miller and belonged to the same gang. These three men are noted desperadoes and are wanted in many parts of the United States.

The other two Federal prisoners are Henry Johnson, serving eight years and Warren Goodwin, a three year man from Georgia.

The two State convicts who also escaped were Harrell, a two-year man from Mitchell county, and Metcalf serving an eight-year sentence.

Manager Arndell in speaking of the escape of these men, said: "This is simply one of a dozen or more recent plots. Twenty-five or thirty convicts were implicated, but only seven succeeded. They had some assistance from the outside, probably ex-convicts. These assistants doubtless sawed the plank in the stockade so that it gave way for them."

When the last message was received from the prison this afternoon none of the escaped convicts had been caught.

DEWEY'S MEN ATTACKED.

Leghorn, Aug. 21.—A party of sailors from Admiral Dewey's flagship "Olympia" while on shore leave, were assaulted on the streets by a band of ruffians and five of the men were arrested. The attack is greatly deplored by the authorities of Leghorn.

FAIR AND WARM.

For Raleigh and vicinity: Fair, continued warm tonight and Tuesday.

An extensive low pressure area exists north of the Lake region, with a pressure below 29.00 at Marquette, Mich. A little rain occurred at Marquette, St. Louis, and at a few south Atlantic points, but elsewhere the weather remains fair and warm. A remarkably heavy downpour of 2.10 inches occurred at Port Eads.

DON'T BE FOOLED.

Get the worth of your money by going to Richmond Wednesday. Round trip \$2.25. Special rate New Ford's Hotel \$1.50 per day. For less than \$5.00 you can take an outing of two days. Where can you see so much for so little money? Train leaves 9 a. m. sharp. Arrives Richmond 2 p. m. on a delectable Richmond 6 p. m. on the 24th.

Weather's Christian guarantee a trip not surpassed by the regular trains. Only trip to this city this season.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Regular meeting of Centre Lodge No. 3 every Monday night. Visiting Knights cordially welcomed.

G. J. TURBEVILLE, Chancellor Commander. W. W. WILLSON, K. of R. and S.

SUNDAY RIOTS

360 Parisians in Hospital as a Result

CAUSED BY GUERIN AFFAIR

Government Must Act With Greatest Rigor—Government Securities Decline Heavily

Paris, Aug. 21.—The city is intensely excited today after last night's riots, but a majority believe that the government, although it has shown weakness in dealing with Guerin, and the anti-Semite conspirators in its desire to avoid bloodshed, is fully able to cope with the situation. Soldiers, gendarmes, detectives and guards are everywhere in larger proportion to the forces concentrated in the districts of last night's outbreak.

Three hundred and sixty persons are in hospitals as a result of last night's trouble and eighty prisoners and fifty nine police agents are among the wounded.

The Renten declined 1 1/2 centimes. Comparative steadiness of these government securities in the face of riots was shown by the fact that they declined 97 half just before the second trial of Dreyfus, and reached the lowest price in years. The figure considers the riot troubles over and says the government has decided to act with the utmost rigor against Guerin. It also says the Premier thinks there will be no further disturbance on the streets of Paris.

Petit-Bleu and other papers urge the government in view of the seriousness of the situation to reassure the provinces by hastening the proceedings in the prosecution case against those charged with conspiring against the republic.

MINISTRY RESIGNED.

Berlin, Aug. 21.—The Emperor has accepted the resignations of the Prussian ministry.

SERIOUS MOBS.

Prague, Aug. 21.—Serious disturbances occurred at Graditz because of radical differences between Czechs and the Germans. Detachments of gendarmes are guarding the municipal buildings. The mob stoned adjacent houses. They unsuccessfully tried to eject the assailants. Gendarmes were fired on during the night. They charged the mob with drawn swords. Four rioters were killed and several injured. Troops were sent to the scene.

DECORATIONS FOR FAIR WEEK

The Chamber of Commerce Should take Action—A Trade Procession.

The merchants and others who are interested should begin to take some organized steps to look after the matter of decorations for the coming State Fair. Fayetteville street especially should be alive from bottom to top with flags and streamers.

The Chamber of Commerce which embraces nearly all the business and professional men of the city, should call a meeting and take steps which would insure a decoration which would be a credit to the capital of North Carolina.

Some of the merchants are already discussing the subject of decorations and will decorate their houses, regardless of what others do, but there should be an organized movement in the matter in order that the city may do the matter full justice. The effect that the proper decoration of the stores would have on the visitors cannot be estimated. It will mean many dollars to the merchants, not only for fair week, but for future trade.

Secretary Pogue is working hard for a one cent a mile rate and it is very probable that the railroads will give this rate. He is also interested in getting up a trade procession on Wednesday of Fair Week. This would be a big feature for the fair and the business men should join heartily with him and make it a certainty.

Chief Marshal L. A. Carr, of Durham, is working up interest in the fair, especially in his section and it is possible that several floats for the trades procession will be sent from Durham, so if Raleigh is to hold up its end her business men must be up to the second.

THE ONLY ARMLESS EDITOR.

(From the New York Tribune.) Aaron Smith, editor and manager of the Mount Pleasant (Tex.) Times-Review, is the only armless editor of a newspaper in the United States. Notwithstanding this he turns out "copy" as fast as any veteran in the business, and manipulates a typewriter with his feet with a rapidity calculated to astound the envy of any stenographer in the land. Mr. Smith was born in Miller county, Ark., a little more than 30 years ago, armless, but endowed with a high degree of natural ability, an indomitable perseverance and an unquenchable ambition.

Wanted a good solicitor, a man of good character, intelligence and energy, between the ages of 25 and 45 years. Experience unnecessary. K. K. Lively, Supt. Life Ins. Co. of Va.

LIFE A BURDEN

Mr. Wallace, Age 90 Finds Wife Too Lively

ASKS FOR A DIVORCE

He is a Veteran of the Mexican and Civil Wars—He is Three Times as Old as His Wife.

Daniel Wallace today filed complaint in his suit for divorce from his wife, Mary S. Wallace.

Wallace lives about 3 1/2 miles from Raleigh. He is a veteran of two wars, having served in the Fourth Artillery in the Mexican war and now lives on his pension for the services he rendered the government in that contest. Upon the conclusion of the Mexican war he continued in the army and served throughout the civil war.

Wallace is now over ninety years old but one would judge his age to be about eighty-five. In his eighty-second year he fell a victim to Cupid's remorseless arrows and surrendered to the charms of his present wife. The knot was solemnly tied in 1890, the groom being 82 and the bride 23. Since their marriage twins have been born, within the last three years, and at their birth Wallace came to Raleigh and reported the fact with the utmost pride.

Wallace now asks a divorce for two reasons: (1) his wife, who is now 32, curses him and quarrels with him until his life has become a burden. He wants the law to lift this unbearable weight from his shoulders that his last end may be in peace; (2) he charges his wife with undue intimacy with Top Smith, of New Light.

Messrs. Argo & Snow, attorneys for Pleasant Prendergast, today filed complaint in the clerk of court's office in a divorce suit entitled Pleasant Prendergast vs. Jane Prendergast. The complaint alleges that they were married in September, 1872 and in May, 1877, the woman unlawfully abandoned her husband and has lived apart from him since that time.

Sheriff Page has returned from his summer vacation. He spent most of the time at Chase City. He reports a delightful time and feels greatly benefited by the trip.

GREELEY'S BARN BURNED.

Chappana, Aug. 21.—The barn on Horace Greeley's estate was burned this morning. It is believed to have been incendiary. This confirms Rev. Clendenin's belief that the fire in St. Peter's church was a result of the Briggs controversy.

DOING THEM UP BY LAW NOW.

Seattle, Aug. 21.—The steamer "City of Topeka" brings the news of a triple hanging at Dawson City on August 4th. Those hanged were two Indians and a white man named Edward Henderson. This was the first legal hanging in the Klondyke.

THE FIRST ONE.

(From the New York Tribune.) Gen. T. H. Stanton while in a reminiscence mood told this story to an Omaha reporter:

"One morning I go around to the Army and Navy Club, in Washington, and found none of the distinguished members there. I felt a little lonely, and touching a bell, I summoned a waiter.

"Have any of the old drunkards been here this morning? I asked.

"No, sah; you're de first one," he replied."

PREACHERS AND LAY WORKERS

The Local Preachers' and Lay Workers' thirtieth annual session held at Clayton was a decided success.

President J. B. Floyd opened the Conference on Thursday with an address on Christian Citizenship, and was responded to by Rev. J. T. Draper, pastor of the Clayton Methodist church.

Friday was taken up with routine work and talks by Rev. Dr. Levi Branson in the afternoon and sermon at night by J. H. Buffalo. Saturday was a full day.

OMINOUS.

If Bryan is to go to Kentucky to try and save it how long may it be before they'll need him even in Texas to save that State?—Philadelphia Times.

SETTLED.

Hon. John Wesley Gaines, of Tennessee, has pledged the entire South to Bryan and the Chicago platform in 1900. This incident having been closed, other matters may now be taken up.—Birmingham News.

Several negroes who had been imported at Weir City, Kan., to fill the places of striking laborers became dissatisfied for want of company recently, and their employers thereupon undertook to secure for them wives of their own race. The services of Rev. Mr. McCrery, an old colored preacher, were enlisted, and several negro women were sent to the town. Thus far the preacher has nabbed sixteen of them to the lonely laborers.

Mr. Oscar Bailey returned to the city this morning.

FIRST ON RECORD

Mayor Powell Fines R. W. Levy \$15 For

FAILURE TO PAY

SANITARY TAX

Sanitary Inspector Sale has Other Names on His List and Warrants May be Issued for Them Tomorrow.

For the first time in the history of Raleigh a citizen was today arraigned before the mayor for failure to pay a tax prescribed by the city and punished for his failure.

Sometime since Sanitary Inspector T. P. Sale sent out the following notices to persons who had failed to pay their sanitary tax:

"At a regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen, held January 7th, 1899, an ordinance was passed requiring the owner or occupant who shall maintain or use a surface privy on any lot or premises within the corporate limits of the city of Raleigh, to obtain from the sanitary inspector a license.

"The fee for such license is fixed at one dollar per annum for each privy, and must be obtained during the month of May in each and every year. The ordinance further provides a fine of twenty-five dollars to be imposed by the mayor against all delinquents; and you are hereby notified that unless you comply with the provisions of said act within ten days from date of this notice, you will be prosecuted against as the law directs."

However, many failed to take this warning and patience ceased to be a virtue with the sanitary inspector and the mayor, so they determined to enforce the law strictly. Accordingly this morning a warrant was issued for the arrest of Mr. R. W. Levy, who lives on South Blount street, charged with violating the city ordinance in failing to pay the sanitary tax.

He was arraigned before Mayor Powell and fined \$15 (the maximum is \$25), and costs and in addition made to pay his license tax. Thus by failing to pay the license tax for the past two years, Mr. Levy had to pay \$125 whereas if he had paid his tax on time it would have cost him only \$2 for the entire two years.

Inspector Sale says that warrants for others who failed to pay will be issued tomorrow.

STATE LIBRARY

Mr. Wyche Arrives to Classify the Books

A COMPLETE CHANGE

Sup't. Mebane Received Over Sixty Answers to His Advertisement in The Times Visitor.

"Well, I had a treat this morning," said Superintendent of Public Instruction Mebane today, with his broadest smile. "I put a little advertisement in 'The Times-Visitor' Saturday afternoon that a few young ladies were wanted to assist in the work of cataloging the State Library and when I reached my office there were between forty and fifty young ladies and boys waiting to see me. Besides this number some 10 or 12 called at my house by supper time Saturday afternoon."

Superintendent Mebane is greatly interested in this work of re-cataloging and classifying the library. The trustees of the library are the Governor, the Secretary of State and the Superintendent of Public Instruction. The trustees have employed Mr. Benjamin Wyche to undertake the work. Mr. Wyche is an expert in the business. He arranged and classified the library at the University of North Carolina and Dr. Winston got him to do the same at the University of Texas. While in Raleigh Mr. Wyche will also arrange the A. and M. College library.

Mr. Wyche arrived in Raleigh this afternoon and expects to begin the work in the morning. He is thoroughly familiar with the system of the library at Washington and very much the same method will be employed. The classified card system, which has been perfected after years of toil, will be used after the books have been classified as to subject matter and authors. A case costing about \$125 will be placed in the library in which the classified cards are kept on adjustable files.

In this work Mr. Wyche will have for his assistants Mr. J. D. Simpson, Mr. Russell Sherrill, Miss Beulah Walker, Mr. John B. Brown and Miss Eugenia King. The work will require several weeks and this force will probably be increased after a few days.

COITTON.

New York, Aug. 21.—Cotton bids—August, 78; September, 75; October, 90; November, 90.

AROUND AND ABOUT

Items of Interest Gleaned by the Wayside

SHORT STATEMENTS.

Familiar Faces From the Passing Through—Movements of People You know—Snatches of Street Gossip Today.

Mr. Emm Levy is in town.

Miss Tillingham, of Morganton, is visiting Mrs. William West.

Capt. J. W. Lee will erect two stores on East Martin street next to the Wyatt Harness Company's factory.

The ladies of Brooklyn church will give a lawn party tomorrow night on the lawn in front of the church. The public are cordially invited to attend. The best cream and cake will be served.

Mr. Allen Higgs has returned from a trip to the springs.

Mr. Frank Royster spent Sunday at Norfolk and returned this morning.

Remember that the Raleigh Male Academy will open September 4th and it is important that parents should have the boys there at the opening. There is no better academy in the State.

Many of the merchants after removing the signs have left the poles still hanging across the sidewalks. This greatly detracts from the otherwise improvement.

Mr. W. W. Jones, formerly of Raleigh, but now of Wilmington, is here for a week's vacation.

Capt. W. H. Hood, Sr., was holding down the register of deeds office today. Mr. Fort is out of the city on a vacation and Mr. Adams went home sick today.

Messrs. James Litchford, John West and Thomas West have returned from a visit to White Springs.

Mrs. Mitchell and son, Master Hamilton Mitchell, and Miss Josephine Mitchell, who have been visiting Mrs. D. S. Hamilton, have returned to Philadelphia. Miss Josephine Mitchell will pursue the study of music at the Conservatory of New York city this fall.

Mr. Garland Upchurch left Saturday night for Norfolk where he spent Sunday.

Mr. John D. Briggs continues quite sick at his home on North Dawson street.

Mrs. Harris Honeycutt died at Rex Hospital this morning and the remains were sent to the country for interment.

Rev. A. L. Betts has returned from Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, where he conducted a very successful meeting last week. There were twelve conversions.

Rev. W. C. Barrett occupied the pulpit of the First Baptist church yesterday morning and Mr. John Pullen preached in the afternoon.

The ladies of Central M. E. church will have a lawn party for the benefit of the church tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in Baptist Grove in front of J. D. Rignall's residence. Let all attend and spend a pleasant evening and help a good cause. Cream and cake will be served in abundance.

Mr. Ed Chambers Smith, trustee, has purchased from Mrs. Anne Parker, 167 acres in Middle Creek township, adjoining the lands of Crowder, Myatt, Rand and McCallers, the tract being the same conveyed to Mrs. Parker by Argo and Mordecai, commissioners.

Miss Estelle Pridden, of Elm City, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. J. H. Sharp, returned home this morning.

Mr. J. R. Riggan, a young Raleighite, but now of Portsmouth, Va., is here on a visit to relatives and friends.

Mr. Claude Barbee went down to Morehead City this morning.

Mr. Henry Miller returned to the city this morning.

Judge T. B. Womack returned from Pittsboro this morning.

Mr. E. W. Poon came in this morning.

Mr. Herbert Norris, of Apex, spent the day here.

Mr. Gavin Hogg left this morning for Lehigh, Pa.

Acie Bunn, colored, was arraigned before Mayor Powell this morning charged with cursing Officer Herndon and Jud Clark, who was assisting the officer, and Bunn will spend thirty days on the roads.

G. H. English, white, was made to pay \$7.25 for disorderly conduct in front of Mr. Willis' home on South Blount street.

Mr. J. D. Bonshall went down to Kirtland this morning.

Mrs. Mary Simmons, who has been visiting her son, Hon. F. M. Simmons, left for home this morning.

PRISONERS ESCAPE

Five Got Away From County Road Squad

ONE CAUGHT HERE

Robbers of Lumsden Store Among the Number—The Force of Eleven Was Working on the Little River Bridge.

County Superintendent W. G. Allen this morning received the meagre information of the escape of five county convicts, members of a squad working on the extreme northeast corner of the county.

Supervisor McMackin notified Superintendent Allen this morning before starting for that section to overlook the work.

Eleven prisoners were sent to work on the Fowler bridge over Little River. They were in charge of three guards, Joe Massey, George Massey and Goodwin. The escape was made about 8 o'clock last night by tearing up one of the boards in the floor of the room where they were sleeping.

Parties were organized and all day a search has been in progress for the missing men. One name Pettiford was caught at 11:30 today on the Bowery by officers Thompson and Woodall. The others are still at liberty.

The four who have not been caught are John Williams and Henderson Williams, and men named Rowland and Fuller. All were for short terms except the two Williams negroes, who were sentenced for five years for robbing the store of Mr. J. C. S. Lumsden.

Mr. Allen says that the guards who were in charge of the squad are experienced men and have good records.

\$15,000 IN NEW PIPE

Work Laying 10 Inch Main to Begin Shortly.

The Standard Gas and Electric Company has placed an order for new pipe with a Lynchburg furnace and will in a few days begin laying a 10-inch main from the works up Fayetteville and Hill-boro roads.

The new manager, Mr. Linton, is a great believer in fuel gas and says that in less than a year he will have all the economical, wide-awake housekeepers using gas ranges. He is ready to demonstrate that gas at \$1.50 is cheaper and cleaner than wood at \$2.50 to \$3.00 per cord. He already has orders for two dozen or more gas stoves and will supply the demand as speedily as possible.

SAD CASE.

Ill Health Causes a Lady to Wander from Her Home.

The police of the city and various friends of the family were all of Sunday engaged in the sad mission of searching for a lady who suddenly disappeared from her home Saturday evening. About six o'clock Saturday evening Mrs. T. B. Alderson left home and no trace of her could be found, although a vain search was made that night. Sunday the search was continued and she was finally traced out of the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad track towards Crabtree. It was finally learned that she spent the night at the home of Mrs. Barney Beasley, near Argo's spring, northeast of the city, and left there Sunday morning. She was found at the home of a Mrs. Williams in this city Sunday afternoon and returned home Sunday night. The greatest sympathy was expressed for the family yesterday. Mrs. Alderson's disappearance was due solely and entirely to her suffering from nervousness, the result of ill health.

It is said that at the next session of Congress Senator Harris, of Kansas, will offer a constitutional amendment to lengthen the Presidential term to six years, with no re-election; to make the terms of Representatives four years instead of two, and to provide for the election of Senators by the popular vote.

In Massachusetts it has just been decided that the sanitary condition of picnic grounds and summer resorts in general is not all that it might be, and with a view to improving it the State Board of Health has undertaken to make a careful examination of all these places. Special attention will be paid to the sources of water supply, and it is believed that by suggesting, and when necessary by enforcing, a general cleaning up the number of typhoid fever cases among people returning from vacations can be materially decreased.

"No," said the widow of the writer, addressing the tombstone man, "I will not accept this monument. I do not care to advertise my poor, dear Henry's business over the grave."

"Why, madam," the man asked, "I won't have it, with that lamb-on-top and under-it-them words, 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.' A person might think he had just taken an order for a mutton chop."

DREYFUS TRIAL

The Prisoner Confutes Capt. Junck

JUNCK FOR PROSECUTION

He was the Star Witness Today—Labori Was Not Well Enough to Attend the Court Martial.

Reunes, Aug. 21.—The Dreyfus court martial convened early today. Labori, Dreyfus' wounded counsel, who was expected today, did not appear.

Five witnesses, all anti-Dreyfus men, testified. None of these brought out any testimony.

Col. Prequart arose for the purpose of contradicting these witnesses. Junck sneered and said, "What, again?"

The audience booed and hissed at this and Junck turned red.

Capt. Junck testified that Dreyfus was allowed to see the papers in all the bureaux because he was preparing a paper on the differences between French and German artillery. He said he accused in this way obtained the knowledge he treacherously communicated.

When Junck concluded Dreyfus arose, pale and calm, with pencilled notes in his hand, and speaking in an ordinary tone controverted Junck's points one after another. He spoke five minutes with telling effect.

The judges then adjourned court until tomorrow.

New York, Aug. 21.—The New York Journal's Paris special says that it is informed from higher authority that Col. Schneider, the Austrian military attaché at Paris, will come from Ems next Wednesday to prosecute General Mercier, who produced a document at the Rennes court martial purporting to be that report Schneider has his government incriminating Dreyfus.

LADIES, CERTAINLY!

Many people are asking if there will be many ladies on the excursion to Richmond. A large number of ladies are going. The managers promise a trip not excelled by any passenger train so far as comfort, order and attractive features are concerned. Any lady desiring assistance in Richmond or elsewhere on the trip will be looked after by the managers.

Train leaves 9 a. m. Wednesday, 23d. Fare \$2.25 round trip.

PROPOSITION DECLINED

Transvaal Makes Fresh Advances to the British Power.

Cape Town, Aug. 21.—The report that Transvaal had handed a reply to the British agent at Pretoria to be transmitted to Milner is confirmed today. It is believed that the British proposition will not be accepted, but fresh proposals advanced. Strong feeling is aroused by the fact that Transvaal is sending large quantities of war material for distribution among followers in Cape Colony and Orange Free State.

HE WANTED A COMPROMISE.

If General Joseph Wheeler does as active fighting in the Philippines, where he has recently been ordered, as he did in the South during the civil war, he is apt to make his presence felt. General Horace Porter tells the following story, which is both true and timely. It was about the middle of the civil war when a freshly appointed colonel with a newly enlisted regiment joined the union forces in the far South. They were beautifully new, both in experience and in uniforms, and they were very anxious to fight. The routine of camp life drove them to mutiny. One bright October morning word was received that a small detachment of General Wheeler's cavalrymen were on the other side of the hill, and a force started out in pursuit. The next day the Confederates were reported miles distant in the opposite direction. The third day the new colonel and a veteran brigadier started out for a pleasure ride. A mile from camp they rode into the fugitive Confederates, who had been circling the camp for a week. It was a narrow escape, but they got away unharmed. After it was over the general said to the colonel:

"Well, what do you think of war now?"

"Is Wheeler in this neighborhood much of the time?" replied the colonel, evasively.

"All the time. He is here, there and everywhere. What do you think of the prospect?"

"Well," answered the colonel reflectively, "I wonder whether there isn't some way this infernal thing can be compromised."—Philadelphia Post.

Little Tompkins (on his dignity)—Marie, I've been a good husband to you all these years. Have been patient and have put up with every humiliation,