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DESPERATE BATTLE WITH INSANE MAN

Three Dead Others Wounded—A Pullman Car of Passengers Terrorized.

Wilmington, Del., March 28.—An exciting battle in which three men were killed took place on a northbound Baltimore & Ohio train this afternoon. The fight began at Newark, Del., and ended in this city. Several persons were wounded in the deadly affray, which occurred at the Delaware Avenue station here following the arrival of the train at 5:17 o'clock.

The triple tragedy was the result of an altercation between Bethea, who was a passenger, and Williams, the porter in the pullman car, Mercury. The car was bound from Washington to Jersey City.

Bethea, who had been drinking heavily, shot the porter through the heart, killing him instantly. When Conductor Wellman saw the porter fall he ran to the scene to remonstrate with the passenger, who still held the smoking revolver in his hand. Bethea fired a second shot into the negro's body. Then without a word Bethea shot Wellman through the heart.

The conductor fell dead in his tracks. When the desperado fired the conductor threw up his right arm to protect himself. The bullet struck his arm and continuing, ploughed through his body and lodged in his heart.

Before the passengers could interfere the double murderer barricaded himself in the toilet room of the pullman car and threatened to kill the first person who approached.

Meanwhile the train reached Wilmington. When it came into the station a hurry call was sent to the police station and a squad of patrolmen headed by Police Captains Kane and Evans and reinforced by park guards and a posse of citizens and trainmen ran to the scene.

The police called upon Bethea to surrender. As an answer he opened the door of the toilet room a short distance away and opened fire at the police and the crowd with an automatic revolver. Chief of Police Black, who also rushed to the railroad station dodged behind an express office on the train floor just in time to escape several bullets.

Bethea is believed to have had at least 100 rounds of ammunition, for he succeeded in holding the posse at bay and also held up the train from 6:17 until 6:35. During this time many shots were fired on both sides until finally all the windows of the car were riddled. Travel over the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad was also tied up. When the battle had lasted about an hour the police realized that they would be unable to drive the man from cover.

A call was sent to a local fire company nearby. The firemen responded with their engine. Attaching a high pressure hose to a fire plug and with the firemen barricaded behind trucks and boards a stream of water was played upon the window of the toilet room.

The desperado fired a number of shots at the firemen, but they were not injured. Subsequently Bethea, drenched with water, staggered to the platform and the posse once more called upon him to surrender. His reply was several shots in quick order from his revolver.

Several of the policemen had armed themselves with shot guns and just as Bethea fired the last shot Police Captain Evans fired a load of shot into his face. Notwithstanding this injury he kept on blazing away. Patrolman Boughman opened fire with a pistol and struck Bethea in the right

Negro Preacher Guilty. Special to The Observer.

Monroe, March 25.—The jury in the case of John Crawford, the colored preacher tried for shooting W. C. McDonald while the latter was conducting services in the colored Baptist church at Waxhaw one Sunday night some weeks ago, returned a verdict of guilty in the superior court last night. McDonald testified that he recognized Crawford shooting at him through a window near which he was sitting, and that he was so "kerfium-mixed" by the first shot he was rooted to the chair until three shots were fired. The first two bullets lodged in McDonald's clothes, and the third went wild. Curiously enough, none of the bullets got any farther than McDonald's vest pocket and his body did not receive a scratch, though he did not know this until he was taken home; he thought he was "dead" before this very important discovery was made by the doctors called to attend him.

Crawford's defense was an alibi, and evidence was also produced on his side to show that McDonald made no claim to having recognized the person who shot at him until the day after the shooting, and had allowed his friends to secure Detective McKnight from Charlotte to ferret out the shooter. The court has not yet passed sentence on Crawford, but it is likely that an appeal will be taken whatever the punishment.

DRUNK, CRAZY AND ARMED.

Charlotte Observer.

The South Carolina man who killed a porter and conductor on a Baltimore & Ohio train, yesterday, who was in turn killed after a really terrific battle with officers, was as a matter of course, both drunk and crazy. He might have been both and no tragedy would have ensued, but for the fact that he was a victim of the pistol-toting habit. No ordinary revolver would suit his purpose. He was supplied with the most deadly form of weapon—a magazine pistol and cartridges enough for a fight with Indians. Drunk and boiling with rage over an insult from the negro, and conscious of the completeness of his arsenal, what impulse more natural than to draw and shoot? This he did and the next thing, in his disordered and excited state of mind, was to shoot the approaching conductor. The law that permits the carrying of pistols is responsible for these additional splashes of blood on its pages. And here is another thing. The man was from South Carolina and he will be regarded by the world as a sample of the citizenship of that State. That is where it hurts.

The desperado man tried to fire again, but Sergeant Kelleher opened fire and also managed to spring upon Bethea. When the police took hold of him he fell dead in the arms of a patrolman.

Wiley, the park guard and Haley are not seriously injured. They were both struck by stray bullets fired by Bethea. A tragic incident of the affair was that when Williams, was shot he fell into a seat in the car. All through the battle the dead porter sat with the appearance of one looking from the window.

Bethea was well dressed. While it was believed by some of the passengers who fled when the train reached Wilmington that the desperado was insane, other passengers stated that he appeared to be sane, with the exception that he had been drinkin'.

DR. COOK IN BAD CONDITION.

Broken in Health and Out of Money.

Bellingham, Wash., March 23.—Dr. William H. Axtell, who was a personal friend of Frederick A. Cook, today received a letter from Mrs. Cook, dated Valparaiso, Chile, in which she says the explorer is broken in health, without funds and unable to continue his fight to establish his claim that he discovered the Pole. Dr. Axtell said today:

"Mrs. Cook tells me in her letter that Cook made considerable money out of his trip when he first arrived in New York, but that he spent it in defending himself against bitter attacks from his enemies before the Copenhagen decision was made public.

"Cook left New York later to escape contumely, says Mrs. Cook, and to go before the board of inquiry at Copenhagen as his own representative. Then Mrs. Cook followed him, met him in England found him a nervous wreck and very ill.

"She writes that it was her fault that Cook did not appear publicly at the time he was unfavorably reported on. She says she took him to Holland, France, Italy, and then to Spain where they embarked for Buenos Ayres.

"From Buenos Ayres they went around Cape Horn to Chile. Cook is still very ill and will be in no condition to take up his fight for the honors, which he still says should have been his."

Dr. Axtell added that according to the letter the explorer and his family will arrive quietly in New York and will settle down for a quiet life.

"Mrs. Cook says," he continued "that her husband has no funds with which to go to the Arctic regions after the proofs required by the University of Copenhagen and that if he had the necessary cash he knows of no one he could trust to do the work for him."

Special Tax Carries.

It is a matter of general gratification all over the county that the special tax, for schools in district No. 2 Little River Township carried by a good majority, last Saturday. There was some opposition to, as there always is to such measures, but the people are beginning to know a good thing when they try it and want more of it, as is the case in this instance. From all reports the people of this particular district have been having a good school taught by a capable teacher, hence they want more of it and are willing to make a small sacrifice in order to get it. We rejoice that the measure carried and trust that all bad feeling, if any was engendered by the contest, will soon fade away and that they will all work together and make their school a model in every way.

Gen. W. P. Roberts, the youngest Brigadier General in the Confederate army, died last Sunday in Norfolk, where he had gone for treatment. Recently he had a fall and fractured his hip which was the cause of his death. He was 69 years old and commanded a brigade at the age of 23.

The town of Lilesville had a very destructive fire last Saturday night. Practically every business house in the town was destroyed. The loss is very heavy and only partially covered by insurance.

Swindlers' Prey.

Charlotte Chronicle.

The government has succeeded in bringing to justice at Council Bluffs, Iowa, a daring gang of swindlers that has operated all over the country. These rogues have been defrauding people for years and generally found victims that could ill afford to part with the money that they lost. The greed for rapid gains is prevalent and between the race horse tip sharks and the get-rich-quick mining swindlers they have nearly always found enough victims to make gain and flee from one town to another as soon as the government sleuths got the wind of them. Several years ago many of the newspapers in the big cities accepted advertisements from questionable people, but the trend the past few years has been to reject all advertising that looked suspiciously like a fraud or where preposterous returns are offered to investors. People have money to invest should not be taken in with the prospect of big returns.

Investments that bring a moderate rate of interest are the safest. The fakirs who advertise big returns to ensnare the gullible are getting suckers, it is true, but the government is making strenuous efforts to stamp them out. The mails are now closed to all schemes that have any flavor of the lottery to them and the postoffice officials are making the regulations more stringent than ever.

The man who will devise schemes to rob the unwary, and nearly always robs the man who has earned his money by the sweat of his brow, should have severe punishment meted out to him. He is no better than the highway robber. Because a man has not learned the art of investing his money and is willing to be ensnared is no reason why the government, as well as the local authorities, should not lend a protecting hand.

Whitel.

Correspondent of The News.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Nifong contemplate moving back to Winston Salem, where they will likely make their future home.

What has become of all the news writers, come along with the items and fill the columns to overflowing with neighborhood happenings.

Mr. Gus Beard has lumber on his lot recently purchased from Mr. W. W. Deal and will in the near future erect a nice modern dwelling house.

Mr. Robert Setzer is pushing forward with the work on Mr. J. W. C. McCall's house and we are glad to see the buildings spring up throughout the country especially here.

Easter passed off very quietly here, and everyone seemed to enjoy the time honored custom, of which we all are more or less acquainted with, so far as the writer knows there was no celebration by an egg hunt, but eggs of all colors were in abundance.

On last Friday morning Messrs. Frank V. and John W. Harris, sons Mr. V. Harris, left for the West. They will no doubt locate at Carnegie in the southwestern part of Oklahoma. Their intentions are to work at the carpenters trade at that place, as it is a thriving, growing thrifty town of the western spirit; while we regret to see men leave the "Old North State" yet we hope they will have success.

The Harp eagle of Brazil feeds exclusively on monkeys.

Brief News Items.

Heavy losses are reported from prairie fires in certain parts of Nebraska.

Twenty-two people are reported to have lost their lives in a fire in Chicago, on last Friday.

It is said that North Carolina furnished 60 per cent of the Yellow pine cut in the Carolinas and Virginia during the year 1909.

Lloyd Daniels colored was shot and killed by another negro named John Miller at Kinston last Friday. Miller is in jail.

Mount Castellazzo, a mountain in the Mt. Aetna district of the Island of Sicily is in volcanic eruption and causing much uneasiness in the vicinity, though no fatalities have occurred up to this time and the hope is entertained that the worst is over.

Mrs. W. M. Christenbury, of Derita Mecklenburg county, whose husband was killed recently by an automobile, has brought suit against the owner of the machine. The machine was driven by a negro at the time and was occupied by the owner's wife and a friend and ran over and killed the husband of Mrs. Christenbury, who was walking along the road. The lady will sue for \$20,000 or \$25,000.

Linville Items.

Correspondent of the News.

Mr. and Mrs. Jennings have been very ill with something like La Grippe.

March has been so far beautiful, but we fear that April or May will pay cold weather back for this spring like weather.

The Sunday school is progressing very nicely. We feel that we were fortunate in selecting Mr. Josh Gibbs for su.

Mr. Rowe is having a new addition put to the Eciola Inn, which will add much to the Hotel and also to the town.

Rev. Tufts of Banner Elk, filled his appointment here Sunday at 3 p. m. also preached for us Sunday night at 8 p. m. We all like Mr. Tufts and wish he could preach for us oftener.

Mr. John Henley, has gone to Bakersville to put in prison a young man by name Claude Beck, the young man has been caught fishing on the Company's land here.

Married at the bride's home, Mr. Jeff Crow of Montezema to Miss Hettie Forbs; Esq. Joe Hartley, officiating. We extend our congratulations to the young couple.

The School is progressing nicely with an average of 25. We hope to see more children out, every parent should remember that to start their child at an early age is best. Too many of us neglect these educational affairs too long.

The Debating Society met last week, the subject to be discussed "Resolve that Intemperance has been more destructive to the human family than war," too many speakers to mention, but the affirmative won the decision. A large crowd attends the Debating Society and every thing is carried out nicely.

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THE CAUSE OF COLDS.

Good Advice Regarding the Prevention of Coughs and Colds.

If people would only fortify and strengthen the system, the majority of cases of coughs, colds and pneumonia might be avoided. These troubles are frequently due to weakness, which produces a catarrhal condition of the mucous membrane which is an internal skin of the body. When this skin is weakened it becomes easily infected with germs which cause many of the diseases to which flesh is heir. Healthy mucous membranes are essential safeguards of the body's general health.

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The Outlook Promising for The Appalachian Park Scheme.

Washington, March 25.—The Weeks bill, which means the forest bill, providing \$11,000,000 for the purchase of lands about the heads of navigable streams, has been reported from the House committee on agriculture by a vote of 10 to 7. Stanley of Kentucky was away and his vote would have gone with the majority. This looks promising for the Appalachian park scheme. It is the purpose of the committee to get the bill on the calendar for Wednesday. One million is to be spent the first year and two each year thereafter until the appropriation is exhausted.

The bill also provides for \$200,000 for fire protection for the States that spend an equal amount. This bill provides for a forest reservation commission composed of the Secretaries of War, Agriculture and Interior, two Senators and two Representatives. The land purchased would be under the supervision of the forest bureau. Since the insurgents floored Cannon this bill may pass.

Luther was confirmed for postmaster at Biltmore today.—Charlotte Observer.

How Good News Spreads.

"I am 70 years old and travel most of the time," writes B. F. Tolson, of Elizabethtown, Ky. "Everywhere I go I recommend Electric Bitters, because I owe my excellent health and vitality to them. They effect a cure every time." They never fail to tone the stomach, regulate the kidneys and bowels, stimulate the liver, invigorate the nerves and purify the blood. They work wonders for weak run down men and women, restoring strength, vigor and health that's a daily joy. Try them. Only 50c. Satisfaction is positively guaranteed by J. E. Shell.