

DESPERATE FIGHT

Possee Held At Bay By One Man

TWO MEN INSTANTLY AND

Seven Others of the Possee Severely—Finally Shot to Death and Burned.

scumbia, Ala., Special.—In a desperate battle, fought near this place yesterday between a sheriff's posse and Reynolds, a negro desperado, members of the posse were killed and seven wounded by the dead-end of the negro, who after being killed and his body thrown into a burning building. The dead were Hugh Jones; Bob Wallace and Reynolds (colored.) The wounded: Sheriff Gassaway, mortally; Gassaway, mortally; P. A. Prout, seriously; J. K. Payne, seriously; Jessie Gassaway, mortally; and Robert Pat-

son, in the day, accompanied by Gassaway, a deputy, Sheriff Gassaway went to a negro settlement near town, to arrest Will Reynolds, on a charge of obtaining goods by false pretenses. The negro was located in a house and opened fire on a Winchester, mortally wounding Sheriff Gassaway and Will Gassaway, who was about 300 yards distant. As soon as the news of the encounter reached town, a posse left for the scene. Owing to the location, some of the officers could venture into the open space. Dynamite was used and the house in which the negro had fortified himself was fired but to no effect. At 1 o'clock the posse, of the Wheeler Rifles, armed with 12 guns and 1,000 cartridges, which were distributed among the posse men. This company was ordered around the house and ridged it, but the negro had taken refuge in the cellar and returned the killing of Jones and wounding of Gassaway. Coal oil was then procured and after four hours of hard work adjoining houses to that in which the negro was fired. At 8 o'clock the house in which the negro was located was fired by the Wheeler Rifles, who had arrived on the scene. The negro fled to a shed and rekindled fire, killing Wallace and wounding Davis, but fell in the next moment from the posse and militiamen. A crowd, numbering 1,000 seized the riddled body and threw it in the burning building. Wallace, who was killed, was advancing on the negro, who shot him through the body. His body fell in the burning debris, but was recovered. Gassaway and Falkner were the only ones who fired the building. Relics of the bodies were burned in the effort to reach the negro and several others were killed in the battle. It is reported that the sheriff and his posse have no chance to live. So it was the negro's aim that it possibly an hour before the body of Prout could be recovered. Not a word was heard from those whom he was believed to have killed. The excitement was intense. Fully 2,000 people gathered and Sheffield were here every surgeon in the town was called into service. No fear of an outbreak among the negroes is anticipated.

The Philippine Cable.

San Francisco, Special.—George G. Brown, of New York, vice president of the Commercial Cable Company, is here, to select a landing place for the projected cable between the coast and the Philippines. Mr. Brown is accompanied by Charles Curtis, the company's chief electrician. Mr. Ward will consult with John W. Mackay, president of the company. Mr. Ward said: "We are going to build the cable in the perspective of congressional action. The first link between San Francisco and Honolulu will be completed by the end of next October. The cable is shipped from England next week. It has not yet been decided whether it will land on this coast. It either be at Monterey, or this probably the latter."

For Relief of Boer Women.

Chicago, Special.—A certified check for \$5,000, drawn to the order of President Roosevelt, was forwarded to the president on March 28th by the committee of citizens which Governor Roosevelt appointed, in December last, to raise funds for the relief of Boer women and children, sufferers in the concentration camps of South Africa.

SIMMONS OPPOSES MULLEN.

Senator Makes a Fight Against Charlotte Postmaster.

Washington, Special.—Senator Simmons has placed himself squarely and emphatically in opposition to the confirmation of Mr. Mullen as postmaster at Charlotte, N. C., at a meeting of the postoffice committee. He referred back to the committee the papers in which the President had nominated Mr. Mullen in these words: "I decline to submit the report on this nomination on my own responsibility. Personally I shall oppose the confirmation on the ground that I am unwilling to advocate the nomination of a man to such an important office, when his conduct was such as I understand his to have been." Mr. Simmons followed this declaration with the suggestion that the secretary of the committee should be instructed to procure copies of the report made by the inspector with reference to the charges against the Charlotte postmaster, which suggestion was promptly agreed to. Before leaving the subject Senator Simmons recited some of the facts which had led the President to withdraw the nomination of Mr. Mullen after the agreement to re-appoint him. The chairman of the committee, Senator Mason, of Illinois, directed the secretary of the committee to secure the papers in the case without unnecessary delay.

Spoke for Good Roads.

Charlottesville, Va., Special.—Senator Hanna, ex-Secretary of the Interior, Bliss, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Brigham, Congressman Tongue, Davis, Littlefield, Prince, Bowersock and McCreary, together with 80 other guests, arrived on a special train from Washington, over the Southern Railway, to attend the Good Roads Convention, now in session here. A hard rain kept the attendance down this morning. Hon. W. L. Dickerson, of Springfield, Mass., spoke on "Improvement of Our Highways;" Col. Chas. E. Harrison, government expert of New Jersey spoke on "Practical Road Construction;" Hon. P. H. Hanes, of North Carolina, also spoke on road construction.

Many Deaths From Cholera.

Manila, Special.—Up to noon Thursday 117 cases of cholera had been reported and 72 deaths from the disease had occurred. The health board since the establishment of the detention camp, has been having much difficulty in finding the whereabouts of cases of cholera. As soon as the members of a household find a case they either send the sick person out of the house or flee themselves. Major Maus, the insular health commissioner, has written to the bishop objecting to the action of the priests in informing the people that no cases of cholera have occurred; that only cases of cholera have been discovered and that the sanitary precautions are only taken to annoy the people.

New York to Charleston.

New York, Special.—At Friday's meeting of the Merchants' Association of this city, a letter from Mayor Low was read, saying that April 23 had been suggested as New York Day at the Charleston Exposition. The mayor said he thought it desirable that New York should take advantage of this suggestion to show the Southern people the city's interest in their commercial advancement. The mayor requested the association to take charge of all necessary arrangements and a resolution was adopted to this effect.

Suffrage Plan Adopted.

Richmond, Special.—The constitutional convention adopted the suffrage plan by a large majority. Then came up the rescinding resolutions and all were considered and rejected, except those relating to change in the hold-over Senate question and the election of Supreme Court judges by the people. A resolution to adjourn Friday afternoon until May 22 was adopted by a large majority.

\$100,000 for College.

Lexington, Va., Special.—A telegram received here from President Denny, of Washington and Lee University, who is in New York, announces the completion of the Wm. L. Wilson memorial fund of \$100,000 to found the Wilson memorial of economics at the University. Former President Grover Cleveland is chairman of the fund committee.

PARTIES TO COMBINE

Eight Organizations Band Together For Mutual Opposition

REFORM FORCES COME TOGETHER

Delegates Must Subscribe to the Initiative and Referendum—General Organization.

Louisville, Special.—The movement for the formation of an allied party comprising adherents of all parties opposed to the Republicans and Democrats or as the call for the meeting started "a union of the reform forces against plutocracy," took definite shape Wednesday afternoon when a convention attended by about 200 delegates, representing eight States, and as many different parties, was called to order in this city. The work today was of a preliminary nature, a temporary organization being effected and committees appointed to prepare for the permanent organization. The convention adjourned at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon to meet again tomorrow morning.

Rev. Senator Gill, of Indiana, offered prayer, after which Dr. Joseph E. Chambers, of St. Louis, outlined the purposes of the convention. He urged that a party be formed with a platform broad enough for all to stand on. Not only were the politicians concerned, he said, but the great common people and the financiers of Wall street were greatly interested. He compared the meeting with the Continental Congress in Philadelphia. He urged that all little differences should be thrown aside and said that, while he advocated a platform of few planks, he wanted every one to be strong enough to hold all humanity.

Chairman Parker, of the national Populist committee, read the call for the meeting, after which he read the agreement reached by the conference at Kansas City last June, when the meeting in this city was provided for. This agreement stated that delegates to be entitled to seats in the convention must subscribe to the initiative and referendum and the imperative mandate, the public ownership of all public utilities; the land, including all natural resources shall not be monopolized for speculative purposes and alien ownership shall be prohibited; that all lands now held by corporations, in excess of natural needs, or held by aliens, shall be reclaimed and held for actual settlers; in scientific money based upon the wealth of the people of the nation and not redeemable in any specific commodity, but to be full tender for all debts, public or private, to be used by the government only and without intervention of banking sufficient in quantity.

Col. Milton Parks, of San Antonio, Texas, said that while he was with any party opposed to the Democrats or Republicans and would even unite with Emma Goldman or Herr Most to defeat the common enemy, he wanted it understood that he was not willing to surrender the principles of the People's party.

Blow to Texas Anti-Trust Law.

Austin, Tex.—The Court of Civil Appeals has dealt a severe blow to the anti-trust laws of Texas in affirming the suit of the State of Texas against the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, from McLennan county, and the case of the State of Texas against the Shippers' Compress and Warehouse Company. The court held in the case of the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, which was brought under the act of 1889, that it is unconstitutional to recover penalties and that it contains the same provisions as the Illinois act, which was declared to be unconstitutional by the United States Supreme Court. In the Shippers' Compress and Warehouse Company case the court held that the act of 1889 is unconstitutional and the case from Illinois is applicable to this case.

South Carolina Farmer Killed.

Augusta, Ga., Special.—W. L. Collins, a farmer of Edgefield county, S. C., was assassinated by a negro on a road five miles from Augusta, in South Carolina, Wednesday afternoon. George Woods was driving with Collins and resisted a hold-up when the negroes fired upon the men, killing Collins and slightly wounding Woods. The negroes escaped.

LIVE ITEMS OF NEWS.

Many Matters of General Interest In Short Paragraphs.

The Sunny South.

The loss on cattle in Oklahoma from winter storms will not exceed 3 per cent.

The threatened strike of street carmen at New Orleans, La., is said to have been averted.

In a prairie fire near Anadarko, I. T., Mrs. Hattie Hand and her two children were burned to death.

Five hours' liberty was all that J. C. Campbell, a Federal prisoner at Atlanta, Ga., secured as a result of breaking jail.

Floods in East Tennessee and Kentucky have caused considerable damage and the loss of several lives.

Charleston is making preparations for a big demonstration in honor of President Roosevelt when he visits the Exposition April 9.

The grand jury at Lexington, Ky., has indicted four officers of the Central Mutual Deposit Company for embezzlement.

Miss Mary Burkhart, of Lane, Wolfe county, is running for Congress in the Tenth Kentucky district.

Mrs. G. D. Walker killed J. S. Judd at Las Vegas, N. M., as she alleges, to protect her home.

At The North.

The wheat crop in Kansas is reported in better condition than usual.

A check for \$20,000 has been sent Carroll College, Waukesha, Wis., by Ralph Voorhees, of Clinton, N. J.

Osteopathy has gained State recognition in Ohio.

A Rock Island train coming into East Pueblo, Col., killed two women and the infant son of one of them.

A Compulsory Education bill has been sent to Governor Cummins to sign by the Iowa Legislature.

Seven large cotton mills in Lowell, Mass., employing 16,000 persons, will close to head off a strike.

Fire in the chair shop of the prison at Auburn, N. Y., caused a panic among condemned murderers, but none was hurt.

While in a fit Mrs. Mary Hively, of Warsaw, Ind., fell into a pan of boiling sugar and was scalded to death.

A shortage of \$12,500 is charged against Receiving Teller H. G. Bell, of the Riverside Bank, New York, who is missing.

The Executive Committee of the National Grain Dealers' Association is meeting in Chicago, Ill., to select the next convention city.

The Corn Exchange and Merchants' National Banks, of Chicago, Ill., will consolidate under the name of the former, with \$2,000,000 capital.

Commercial artists in Chicago, Ill., declared a strike in 14 establishments.

Iowa's House of Representatives yesterday declared in favor of popular election of Senators.

While loading nitro-glycerine into his wagon at Findlay, O., John Duran was blown to atoms.

New York reports state that Florence Burns will probably go on the stage.

At The National Capital.

United States Marshal Thompson of Oklahoma, has resigned, to the surprise of the Treasury Department.

Thirty-seven artists have entered the competition for designing the \$250,000 Grant statue for Washington, D. C.

From Across The Sea.

A thousand persons are reported to have been killed in riots at Ta Ming Fu, China.

The attempt of the American Tobacco Company to win the trade of England continues to be met by strong resistance.

The British Parliament failed to enact a single measure at the ten weeks' session just closed.

J. P. Morgan's famous Madonna, by Raphael, is being exhibited free in London.

A high Danish official says no commission is due to any agent for the sale of the Danish West Indies.

During the first 10 months in 1901 the exports from the Philippines increased \$1,511,565 and imports increased \$4,239,989, compared with the corresponding period in 1900.

Miscellaneous Matters.

Bourke Cochran left New York Saturday for Rome to see Pope Leo.

Members of the Iron Molders' Union of America will receive a 5 per cent. increase in wages.

SOUTHERN INDUSTRIAL

Confidence in the South.

Mr. M. H. Atkinson, of Atlanta, Ga., who recently returned from the North after conferring with the stockholders of various public service companies of Atlanta, says that he found the stockholders much encouraged over conditions in that city. They apparently had great faith in their investments in the South, and believed they had done well to invest there. Furthermore, they would not dispose of their holdings. Continuing, Mr. Atkinson said he had spent three weeks in the North, and that during the entire time he has been living in the South, making occasional visits to the North, he had never seen business men of the latter section so thoroughly imbued with the idea that the South is the place for investments. "They are," he added, "going to do much for this section in the future, and the results of the present feeling will soon be felt generally."

To Double a Big Mill.

Mention was made recently of the fact that the Belton Mills, of Belton, S. C., had in contemplation the erection of a duplicate plant. The proposition was given consideration at a meeting of the directors on March 20, and decided affirmatively. This company now has an equipment of 27,000 spindles and 300 looms, which will accordingly be duplicated. The construction of the required additional buildings will be commenced at once, and contracts for the machinery will be awarded soon. Formal action to ratify the directors' decision will be taken in April by the stockholders. Capitalization is \$400,000, and probably \$300,000 will be the investment for the new mill. F. A. Smythe is president.

A Denim Mill Rumored.

Messrs. Moses H. Cone and Caesar Cone, of Greensboro, N. C., are negotiating the purchase of a water-power property near Roanoke Rapids, N. C., the power said to be obtained being 10,000 horse-power. It is rumored that if the property is purchased it will be developed to its utmost, and that a cotton denim mill of 2,000 looms and complement of spindles will be erected to utilize the power. The Messrs. Cone control the Proximity Manufacturing Co. at Greensboro, N. C., which operates 18,000 spindles and 1,000 looms in the manufacture of cotton denims.

Textile Notes.

(From the Manufacturers' Record.)
The Highland Park Manufacturing Co. of Charlotte, N. C., and Rock Hill, S. C., will build a cotton-seed oil mill to be operated in connection with Mill No. 2 at Rock Hill. It is proposed to expend about \$100,000 for the erection and equipment of the addition. Doubtless this is a step toward adding a gin and fertilizer factory, and thus the company would be enabled to manufacture from cotton all its marketable products.

Piedmont Manufacturing Co., Portsmouth, Va., states that its proposed equipment, lately mentioned, will be of sufficient capacity to produce 400 dozen garments of ribbed underwear daily, employing 125 hands when in full operation. The building completed is a two-story structure 40x80 feet, with a 30x30-foot ell. Capital is \$25,000.

Rapid progress is being made with the reconstruction of the Globe Cotton Mills at Augusta, Ga., and the plant will be in operation in the near future. The old building has been remodeled and rebuilt, and will hold 5600 spindles. The new loomhouse is built of brick 149x156 feet, and will hold 400 looms. A new wheelpit will be built, and new equipment of water-wheels will be installed.

R. M. Oates of Charlotte, N. C., is about to purchase the Green river shoals property near Hendersonville, N. C., with the intention of developing the property and erecting at the site a large cotton mill. Mr. Oates also has under consideration removing to the site a Charlotte mill, instead of erecting new plant. The Charlotte mill has 15,500 spindles and 300 looms.

Messrs. W. C. Kimball & Co. of Tallapoosa, Ga., stated that their knitting plant, reported recently, will require an investment of \$2,000. The two-story building, 25x80 feet in size, is now being erected to hold the ten machines for producing hosiery.

Ellawhite Cotton Mills of Uniontown Ala., contracted for a 500-spindle addition, not a 3500-spindle addition as stated last week. All contracts have been awarded. Work has begun on the erection of the required buildings.

Robertel Manufacturing Co., Rockingham, N. C., states that plans have not been formulated as yet for its No. 2 mill. Announcement of the decision to build this addition was made at length last week.