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NOT A TRACE OF FEAR

Captain Cota Was Nervy to the Last.

HE KILLED HIS MAJOR

HE WAS SHOT BY DETACHMENTS FROM ALL THE GARRISONS.

About 1,500 Men Were Drawn in Line on Three Sides of the Square--Even Then His Courage Did Not Forsake Him--Smoked Cigarette to the Last.

City of Mexico, Sept. 20.--Capt. Cota, of the Twelfth Infantry, was some time since condemned to death for insubordination for the killing of a major of his regiment in Sonora during the Yaqui rebellion. He was shot here Saturday. Detachments from all the garrisons were present, about 1,500 men being drawn up on three sides of the square.

By 5:45 all was ready, and a carriage containing Capt. Cota and three friends, guarded by soldiers drew up. At the further end of the square, opposite the eastern mound, in front of which the execution was to take place, the coach stopped and the condemned man alighted. He was immediately conducted to the place of execution by a picket of infantry.

His nerve was indomitable and courage superb. As he advanced down the length of the square, a distance of at least 100 yards, he was quietly puffing at a cigarette, and when the squad halted he walked deliberately to the position assigned to him.

Not even there did his courage forsake him, for when the officers strode toward him, bandage in hand, with the intention of blindfolding him, Capt. Cota at once motioned him away, declaring that he was not afraid.

Not even as the officer in charge of firing party took his place, and with his sword motioned the orders to the men, "Ready, present, fire," not even during this trying period was there the least trace of fear on the face of the condemned man. At the first discharge he dropped.

Kite Records Broken.

Blue Hill Observatory, Mass., Sept. 21.--All kite records were broken here this afternoon, when the topmost kite of a string of seven, all of the Hargrave type, with four miles of wire, attained an altitude of 10,016 feet above the sea level, or 9,386 feet above the summit of the hill. An aluminium box was sent up containing an instrument for recording pressure, temperature, and humidity, and was swung 130 feet below the topmost kite.

At the highest point the instrument recorded a temperature of 38 degrees, while at the same time it was 63 at the surface of the earth. At a height of 4,000 feet the humidity rose rapidly, but sank again at a mile, where it was quite low. At 7,000 feet it again rose, and soon reached a point where there was almost a complete saturation in the air. From there up the atmosphere became dry, until at the highest point there was scarcely any moisture recorded. At the ground the humidity all the afternoon was quite low. The entire ascent was made without a mishap, the kites going up easily, and after getting above the southerly wind getting very steady.

Treaty of Arbitration.

London, Sept. 21.--The Times this morning says:

The statement of the American press that the State Department at Washington and the British Ambassador have received instructions to reopen negotiations for a general treaty of arbitration is at least premature.

It is not improbable that the negotiations, which have never been broken off, may be resumed next month when Sir Julian Pauncefote returns to his post, but it is difficult to see how a treaty of any practical value can be concluded so long as the Senate maintains the hostile and obstructive attitude it displayed when it last discussed the question.

Sir Julian Pauncefote will return to his post in time for the conference of the special Bering Sea commission, to be held at the end of October, or the beginning of November. Prof. Dacy Thompson is now en route for home, and will start for Washington next month.

Baptized at Neuse River.

Mr. Jackson, pastor of Samaria, baptized four converts at Neuse River morning at 10 o'clock.

KANSAS CITY STOCK ASSOCIATION.

Judge Foster Renders a Sweeping Decision Declaring It Illegal.

Topeka, Kans., Sept. 20.--United States District Judge Foster made a sweeping decision this morning when he declared the organization known as the Kansas City Live Stock Association illegal under the provisions of the anti-trust law.

The exchange is an organization of commission men who control the sale of live stock in Kansas City. All stock which enters the city must pass through the hands of this organization. Judge Foster enjoins the commission from doing business, and declares it an unlawful combination.

Air Brakes Failed to Work.

St. Louis, Sept. 21.--A collision occurred near the Union station this morning between the outgoing Wabash passenger train and an incoming St. Louis, Kansas City and Colorado passenger train. Those injured were:

Charles Williams, Moberly, Wabash conductor; Mrs. A. T. Davis and child, Lowry City, Mo.; Mamie Hummel, St. Louis, and Jacob Hummel, St. Louis. The Wabash was just entering a switch from the main track, when the Colorado train, which had the right of way, came rushing along at thirty miles an hour. The engineer of the latter train, seeing an accident was imminent, shut off steam and applied the air brakes, but they failed to work, and the next moment the Wabash engine was thrown from the track, overturned, and partly demolished. Conductor Charles Williams received serious injuries. The others hurt suffered bruising and shaking up.

Murdered in a Greenhouse.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 21.--Eugene Otto Ledate was murdered to-night in the greenhouse of Jacob Katoll. Frederick Katoll, a son of the keeper of the greenhouse, is under arrest, charged with the killing, and has confessed to the crime. Ledate came here some time ago from Philadelphia. A quarrel arose between the two men over money said to have been owed to Katoll by Ledate. Katoll struck Ledate on the head with a heavy hammer, causing almost instant death.

Swept From a Capsized Boat.

Chicago, Sept. 20.--Peter Praesen, a laborer, and Henry Blank, a fisherman, were drowned in the lake near the mouth of the Calumet river this afternoon. The two men were gratifying a wish of Mrs. Praesen to ride on the lake when it was rough, and the laborer's wife barely escaped. When the boat capsized she managed to grasp hold of it and hang on until rescued by the life-saving crew, but the high sea swept the men away, and they sank before help came.

Yellow "Jack" on the War Path.

Mobile, Ala., Sept. 20.--Sunday afternoon the hot spell was broken by a delightful rain which served also to wash out the gutters and improve the city's sanitary condition. This morning real autumn weather was experienced. The spirits of the people rose rapidly. At noon the people were almost jubilant over the health report. Saturday there were eleven new cases, and yesterday as many more, so that the public expected at least a score of new cases to be announced to-day, but the board of health reported as follows:

"One new case; no suspicious cases; no death."

A prominent member of the board said yesterday that he regarded the measures taken by the authorities as highly effective in surrounding and stamping out the disease, and that he expected the disease would be subdued and traffic and travel resumed before the middle of next month.

Edwards, Miss., September 20.--Total number of yellow fever cases registered 54. Everything is moving along harmoniously together. The quarantine is as strict and effective as is possible to make it. Dr. Burnell is in charge. Dr. Waldauer, of Vicksburg; Dr. McCullum, Dr. Rattliff and Dr. Pool, local physicians, deserve especial praise for their untiring zeal. Dr. Waldauer is fumigating infected residences and distributing disinfectants where most needed.

New Orleans, La., Sept. 20.--The largest number of cases reported on any day since yellow fever first made its appearance in New Orleans, two weeks ago, was recorded on the books of the board of health this evening at 6 o'clock, although at that hour not a single case had proven fatal during the day. There were eighteen cases in all having been duly flagged and put under quarantine regulations.

TO LEASE THE PEN

The Board of Directors Met This Afternoon!

FAVORED BY RUSSELL

THEY PROPOSE TO TAKE THE PEN OFF THE STATE'S HANDS.

They Will Purchase the Personal Property and Pay All Running Expenses of the Institution, and are to Have the Labor of the Convicts.

The directors of the State penitentiary met to-day, Chairman Dockery presiding. Hon. J. C. L. Harris, attorney, to the board was also present.

The object of the meeting was to consider the propositions made by private parties from this and other States to lease the penitentiary.

The propositions of these parties is to take the penitentiary off the hands of the State for a term of years to be agreed upon. They offer to buy the personal property amounting to \$30,000 belonging to this institution, consisting of stock, farming utensils, etc., and to pay all the expenses, salaries, etc., connected with it, and as a consideration they to have the fruits of the labors of the convicts.

For the faithful performance of the contract the syndicate is to give a \$50,000 bond to the State in the Northern Surety Company.

Gov. Russell and many Republicans are said to favor the lease, as the institution is running into debt.

The board received the propositions this afternoon. It was informally discussed, but no action was taken in the matter.

SCANDAL AT THE PENITENTIARY.

Grave charges are preferred against Dr. H. K. Smith, physician at the State penitentiary, who has charge of the criminally insane, and the air is full of scandal in consequence.

The last Legislature established a department in the penitentiary for the criminally insane. In accordance with this law the transfer of this class of patients from the asylums to the penitentiary has been made. Among these patients are Miss Aurelio Hampton, from Asheville, and Mrs. Mary Minish, from Iredell county, both sent here from the Morganton asylum. They occupy a ward in the eastern end of the building on the second floor. In the same hall is another woman--an attendant, Mrs. Franklin, who was sent to the penitentiary from Caldwell county for poisoning her husband, is a very intelligent looking woman, and seems to be perfectly trustworthy.

Miss Hampton bears the reputation of being a trickster and schemer. Mrs. Minish is charged with murdering her husband. She seems to be hopelessly insane.

The insane department is in charge of the attendant, Mr. Benton Williams, who carries the keys so that none can enter the department without his knowledge, nor at night can any one enter that department of the institution unless admitted by the corporal of the guard, Mr. Lowry.

The scandal arises from Dr. Smith's night visits to the rooms of these insane women, which he claimed were for the purpose of medical treatment.

These visits began about a month ago, and soon aroused the suspicions of Mr. Williams, who reported the matter to Dr. Kirby. As a result of an investigation of the case by Dr. Kirby, Superintendent Smith called for the resignation of Dr. Smith. Dr. Kirby is quoted as having said: "Dr. Smith has acted very indiscreetly, to say the least. It is not customary in any well regulated asylum for any physician, or even the superintendent, to go into the rooms of female patients without being accompanied by some one. The passions and utter untrustworthiness of many insane persons make this absolutely necessary to prevent scandals."

A Card From Mr. Brookwell.

To the Editor: I wish to correct an impression which an article in your paper of the 20th is liable to make. The scales used by Messrs. Hester and Upchurch are correct, and if there is any fault in the weight of cotton it must be from other causes than the Raleigh scales. Messrs. Hester and Upchurch had me to seal their scales September 10th, and at that time I found them correct, and they are correct now. Of course the cotton may not weigh as much as it does at the gin, but that is not the fault of the Standard Scales used by the Raleigh weighers.

Respectfully,
T. F. BROOKWELL,
Standard Keeper.

FIRE IN NORTH RALEIGH.

One Large Two-Story Dwelling on Firwood Avenue Burned.

The two-story dwelling on Firwood Avenue in which Mr. W. Loftin Nowell, an engineer on the S. A. L. resides, took fire this afternoon about 3 o'clock, and was almost entirely consumed. The house is the property of Mr. Richard Taylor.

The alarm was sent in from box 45, and was responded to by the Capital Hose and the Hook and Ladder companies. The Capital company soon had a stream on the building, but the pressure was not great enough to put the water on the roof of the house, and owing to this the fire gained great headway.

The other hose companies were called out, and were on the scene in short order, and extinguished the fire, but not until a blackened hull was all that was left.

The companies did good work, however, as no damages were done to neighboring houses, one or two of which caught fire, but was immediately put out.

The fire originated in the roof from a fire that was built in an upstairs room to-day. All the furniture and other property of Mr. Nowell was removed without damage.

The second alarm was sent in from the same box at 4:54. The fire had broken out afresh. The company responded and the fire was extinguished.

RAILROAD COMMISSION MEETS.

Considers the Matter of Cotton Freight Rates--Railroad Officials Here.

A very important hearing by the Railroad Commission has been in progress to-day, upon complaint on account of excessive cotton freight rates, by the North Carolina Freight Association through its Manager, Mr. R. C. Stanard, and others.

The Southern Railway was represented by its general counsel, Col. W. A. Henderson, of Washington, D. C. Among its prominent officers present were Mr. W. H. Finley, second vice-president; J. M. Culp, traffic manager; J. H. Drake, general freight agent, and J. B. Munson, division freight agent.

Messrs. T. M. Emerson, traffic manager of the Atlantic Coast Line, and H. W. B. Glover, traffic manager of the Seaboard Air Line, were also present. Messrs. Shepherd & Besbee and B. B. Winborne are counsel for plaintiffs.

It will probably be some time before a decision is reached by the Commission. Another suit will be brought up this afternoon, wherein the Meherrin Steamboat company is complainant, against the Atlantic Coast Line.

A. & H. C. DIRECTORS.

Governor Russell Appoints a New Board.

The following State directors of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad Company received their appointment to-day:

L. J. Moore, Newbern, proxy. Board of Directors: Daniel W. Patrick, Snow Hill; Dr. J. E. Person, Pikeville; Robert Hancock, Newbern; William H. Chadbourne, Newbern; Edward H. Meadows, Newbern; T. D. Hewett, Newport; W. H. Sawyer, Bayboro; and John F. Mewborne, Lenoir county.

In addition to these directors, who are appointed by the State, the stockholders of the road are entitled to elect four additional ones. The meeting of the stockholders will be held next Thursday for that purpose.

Joshua Got His Gun.

Justice Roberts had an old colored man from St. Mary's township before him this morning upon a charge of A. D. W. Joshua and another are partners in a crop. Joshua was not saving the crop, and the partner put some hands at work picking out cotton. Joshua ordered them away, and they went not. Then Josh got his gun and they went. The case will be heard on Thursday.

Charged With Larceny of a Still.

Garten Andrews, white, was before Justice Roberts this morning charged with the larceny of a still, binder and worm, once used in the classic territory of Milburnie. The case was postponed till to-morrow at high noon, when it is rumored that in the court room will be revealed some sensational evidence of moonlight blockading, illicit liquor selling and Sunday violations of liquor laws.

Market Improvements.

The ceiling of the market house is being kalsomined, and the supporters are being repainted.

Jr. O. U. A. M.

Regular meeting Raleigh Council, No. 1, this evening at 8 o'clock. Initiation.

WILMINGTON BOARD

Make Protest Against the Refugees.

DR. R. H. LEWIS TALKS

TELLS WHEREIN THE DANGER TO NORTH CAROLINA LIES.

Persons Fleeing From the Yellow Fever Epidemic Would Not Remain in Our Mountain Section--Little Danger to That Particular Section.

We recently mentioned the fact that Surgeon General Williams had asked Governor Russell's permission to offer the mountain plateaus of western North Carolina as an asylum to persons who were coming from the far South to avoid yellow fever, which is now epidemic in the Gulf States.

The City Board of Health in Wilmington to-day telegraphed its protest against the indiscriminate admission to our mountain counties of persons seeking safety in flight. Dr. Richard H. Lewis, of our town, who is Secretary of the State Board of Health, says that he would see little danger in admitting the refugees to the mountainous section, if there were any means by which they could be kept there. But usually, in such cases, people fleeing from a fever infected district use such a place of refuge simply as a doorway to the outer world, and there are places in North Carolina, and other States to which they might go, where the disease would work fearful results. It was probably such a view of the situation which led the Wilmington Board of Health to protest.

The Weather.

Rain, clearing Wednesday in western portion.

Conditions: The high area and cool wave occupies the entire central portion of the country from the Atlantic coast to the Rocky Mountains. Frost occurred at Davenport, Chicago, Pittsburg, Washington and New York. The lowest temperature was 38 at Pittsburg. Cooler weather extends over the entire south also.

A severe storm has developed over Florida. Jacksonville reports 2.42 inches of rain and Tampa 6.56 within the past 24 hours. It is raining up the coast as far as Charleston. High winds occurred at Port Eads, 30 miles, Jacksonville 36, Savannah 34, Charleston 64 (3), Tampa 36. The storm will probably pass up the coast.

To Aid Teachers.

A special to the News and Observer from Winton, N. C., states that for the benefit of the young men and women who expect to make teaching a profession that there is a fund of \$3,000 to the credit of the Winton Normal Institute to be used in aiding teachers to prepare themselves for their profession.

The scholarships will be good for a term of two years, beginning January 1, 1898. Board can be had at very low rates in the dormitory, which is a nice new three-story building, with nicely fitted rooms.

The institution is located on the Chowan river in Halifax county, North Carolina.

All who wish to secure aid from this fund will please write at once to the superintendent, Philip Ervin Shaw, Winton, N. C.

Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual meeting to-night at the Mayor's office, at 8 o'clock.

This is an important meeting, and every member is urged to be present. President Pogue is to deliver his annual address, which will no doubt be an interesting document. New officers will be elected. Raleigh day at Nashville will be determined upon, and other matters of importance will be discussed.

The chamber has been an important factor in the upbuilding of the city, and the organization should elect good officers in order that it may continue in the good work.

MR. B. R. HARDING DEAD.

An Honored Citizen of Raleigh Passes Away in South Carolina.

When Mr. B. R. Harding left Raleigh yesterday at noon, his friends little thought that they would see him no more alive.

While passing through South Carolina last night, he was taken sick on the train, and it becomes necessary to remove him from the cars at Clinton, in that State.

At 9:45 this morning, he breathed his last, and the remains will probably be brought to this city on the vestibule tonight.

Mr. A. M. McPheeters and other friends will go up to Monroe to meet the body.

Mr. Harding was one of the best known citizens of our town, a high-toned Christian gentleman, and one of the most active workers in the Presbyterian church, of which he has been a member for many years past. He leaves a large family to whom, on behalf of the community, we extend sincere sympathy.

For quite a number of years the deceased was master machinist at the shops of the Seaboard Air Line in this city.

Mr. Harding was a member of Raleigh Council, No. 651, Royal Arcanum, and holds a policy in that organization for \$3,000.

A Little Fight.

Eugene Utley accused William Rogers of stealing ten cents from his pocket. William resented the accusation by saying any one who said he stole ten cents lied, and Utley knocked Rogers down. Rogers got up and Utley knocked him down again. Officer Oaks got Utley and carried him before Justice Roberts, who, after hearing both sides of the case, taxed Utley with the costs of the case, and required him to enter into personal recognizance to keep the peace and to be of good behavior for the term of six months. Both are white, and employees of Raleigh Cotton Mills.

Careless Driving.

There is some very careless and reckless driving done by carriage and dray drivers in Raleigh, particularly in turning of corners. There is really no cause for such driving, and hackmen should be made to know their duty. Ladies and children crossing streets have to stop and wait for some empty carriage, thundering along at a rapid rate, to pass, before going on their way. This, too, when they are seen by the driver, who makes no attempt to slacken the pace of his team.

Afternoon Tea.

Chapter 4 of St. Mary's School Guild will give an afternoon tea from 5 to 7 o'clock on Wednesday, the 23d, at the home of Mrs. R. C. Badger, on McDowell street. The members of the chapter hope to make the entertainment attractive, and ask the aid of their friends towards the object of their work. Tickets, which are only 15 cents, are on sale at Mrs. Besson's, Miss Karrar's and the house.

Colored Teachers Elected.

Two colored teachers were elected by the city school committee yesterday to fill vacancies in the colored schools. Hattie Hyler was elected for Garfield school and Maggie Dunston for Oberlin school. The positions were chosen by competitive examination.

The Watson school will necessitate the election of three additional teachers.

Lawn Party Postponed.

The lawn party which was to have been given at the Catholic church to-night, has been postponed, on account of the weather. Ample notice will be given of the date. Tickets already sold will be O. K.

Marriage in Salisbury.

It is announced that Mr. Samuel H. Wiley, of Salisbury, will be married to Miss Beulah Bernhardt, of that city, on October 14.

Mr. Wiley has often visited Raleigh, and has many friends here.

Newbern Investment Company.

The Secretary of State to-day issued letters of incorporation to the Newbern Investment Company. Thomas Daniels, John W. Stewart and E. Wadsworth are the incorporators.

Services Discontinued.

Owing to the cold weather, services at the bush arbor, in the southwestern part of the city, will be discontinued. Services will be resumed as soon as the weather permits.