

FIVE IN JAIL

An Aiken County Tragedy Causes Great Excitement Near Scene.

MAN BRUTALLY BEATEN

Lady Dies From Shock Caused by Beating of Husband and Nephew by Parties Seeking to Prevent Marriage of Young Man and the Daughter of One of the Prisoners.

Five white men were lodged in the Aiken county jail Friday night, charged with implication in a most horrible affair Thursday night at Monetta, in this county.

As a result of the visit of a party of men to the home of the Spradleys, near Monetta, Thursday night, Mrs. Nettie Spradley lies a corpse in her home and her husband is in a critical condition.

His whereabouts are not known. He has not been seen or heard of since the difficulty Thursday night. Whether he was murdered and now lies hidden in the woods or whether he was frightened and left the neighborhood remains only a matter of conjecture.

No eye-witnesses are known to this awful tragedy other than the parties involved, and the elder Spradley, not having regained consciousness, the story has not been told and may never be unless Columbus Spradley is located alive, as the physicians do not entertain hopes of the elder Spradley's recovery.

The story as told is that Columbus Spradley was to be married to Julia May Holstein. The implicated men under arrest are the father, uncle and cousins of the girl. More arrests are expected to follow the coroner's inquisition.

The affair is one of the most horrible the county officials have ever known and particulars are eagerly sought after, but are hard to get on account of the distance from Aiken and the remoteness in which the tragedy is shadowed.

Both families are fairly well to do and are prominent in the section of the country in which the flogging occurred. When the parents of the young lady found that they could not break up the love match, members of the Holstein family went to the Spradley home Wednesday night and began flogging him in a merciless manner, telling him meanwhile that he would have to leave the community.

Ben Spradley followed the Holsteins and Lockrell to the field, and when he attempted to interfere was treated similarly, being so severely flogged about the stomach that he is still in an unconscious condition and physicians say he has little chance of recovery.

Columbus Spradley has not been seen since he was beaten. The affair caused great excitement in the community where it happened.

Mrs. Spradley, formerly Miss Ettie Sawyer of Aiken county, was the mother of a five weeks old baby, and in her weakened condition, hearing the screams of the flogged men and probably seeing the flogging going on, succumbed to nervous fright. She was found dead the following morning in the Spradley home.

Close investigation in Augusta does not bring Columbus Spradley, nephew of Mrs. Spradley, to light in that city. Spradley, who is a young man, about 28 years old, appears to be very well known throughout that section.

Family Seems Fated. Third of a family of children to meet a violent death, Robert Carter, son of a farmer in Valdosta County, Ga. died Friday as the result of being bitten by a big rattlesnake in a corn field.

THIRTEEN KNOCKED BY A STROKE OF LIGHT

COLUMBIA FRIDAY.

Electric Ball Plays Franks About Three Houses.—Several Stunned and Burned.—All Resting Well.

The Columbia State says thirteen persons were stunned on Friday when a bolt of lightning played pranks about three houses at "State Park," the site that has been acquired for the new State Hospital for the insane.

A white man standing in the doorway of one of the houses was thrown several feet into the yard. Several of those stunned described the bolt as a shot from a cannon or a dynamite bomb.

The bolt struck the first house on the corner, knocking off some shingles. The lightning then leaped to the next house and taking a clothes wire was conveyed to the third house.

Silas Lee was struck and seriously injured as he walked in the yard.

J. W. Bunch, the treasurer of the State Hospital for the Insane, was the first to give aid to the injured. Dr. J. W. Babcock was called and gave all assistance possible.

"It seems almost incredible that there should have been no fatalities," said Dr. Babcock in talking of the accident.

James Hoopnough, white, was the most severely injured, being knocked unconscious. Dr. Babcock said Friday night that Hoopnough was resting well.

Joe Parer, a negro, suffered a burn on the shoulder, Huber Cannon was severely shocked over his body and was unconscious for one hour.

Those injured were employed at "State Park" and had gone to the home when the rain commenced to fall.

PLEAD HIS OWN CAUSE.

Alleged Safe Robber Tried at Spartanburg on Friday.

William Howard, alias Portland Ned, was tried at Spartanburg Friday for breaking into the Enoree Manufacturing Company's safe on November 12, 1902, and, together with partners, taking over \$8,000.

Howard acted as his own attorney and questioned each of the 22 witnesses with great skill. He was well versed in the law of evidence and raised a number of objections which were sustained by Judge Watts.

The defendant then made a plea in his own behalf before the jury, which was very touching. He reviewed the evidence, pointed out the weak parts and asked for mercy.

"The biggest mistake I ever made in my life was the signing of the plea of guilty before Judge Brawley, in the Charleston Court. I regret that more than anything else, and the poor advice of my attorney is what induced me to do so.

"I meet you as man to man and ask that you turn me free. I have served seven years in jail. Give me a chance, men, and for the sake of my God do not send me back to another living hell like the Atlanta prison."

DEVIL IS A JOKER.

Preacher Declares Satan Is as Wiley as a Politician.

"The devil is a reality. He may be a joker but he is no joke. He is as subtle as a Twentieth century politician and the biggest liar the ages have produced."

The closing session of the fifty-second annual Desplaines campmeeting in Chicago, Ill. "Man has not changed in the essentials of his character since the days of Adam and Eve," continued Dr. King.

Charlotte Gets Water.

With practically 1,000,000 gallons of water received from the Catawba river at Charlotte and surrounding towns in the past twenty-four hours and lowering clouds, with a prospect of rain, the water situation there has assumed a decidedly brighter outlook.

Five Persons Drown.

At Crystal Falls, Ill., a launch carrying a party of seven berry pickers capsized near the mouth of the Fence river and five of the occupants drowned.

Kills Baseball Player.

Failure to dodge an inshoot caused the death of Fred White in Leroy, O., last week. He was struck on the head and died within a few hours.

WILL FIGHT IT OUT

SIMON FLEES FROM HAITI TO ESCAPE HIS ENEMIES.

While Two Negro Generals Are Apt to Fight for the Presidency of the Little Republic.

A dispatch from Port-au-Prince says Antoine Simon, the fleeing President of Haiti, sailed Friday night for Kingston, Jamaica, the refuge of Hayti's fallen heroes.

He follows in the wake of Nord Alexis, whom he overthrew in 1908, and he leaves the capital in the possession of Cincinnatus LeConte, whom he had driven into exile with his deposed chief, and Antenor Firmin, a rival for the presidency whom he placated by sending as minister to Cuba.

Nord Alexis ruled for six years. On December 31, 1908, Simon, then at the height of his popularity, led an overwhelming revolutionary army into Port-au-Prince and was everywhere proclaimed as a savior of the country from tyranny.

Nord Alexis, who had found safety on the French cruiser Duguay Trouin, later boarded the German steamer Sarnia and proceeded to Kingston, where, embittered against his countrymen, he died in the spring of 1910.

With Simon disposed of, attention has turned to his successor, and there is much uneasiness regarding the future. LaConte and Firmin both are avowed candidates for the presidency.

The danger now is that neither logo will be disposed to retire in favor of the other and that the issue must be literally fought out. The diplomatic corps is doing everything possible to avoid a conflict.

Early Thursday evening Simon and a handful of followers with their baggage were transferred from the American schooner Bradford C. French to the Dutch steamer Prinz Nederland, and an hour later the vessel sailed for Kingston.

I feel quite ready to place the Katabdin and her guns under the fire of an enemy; I am desirous of encountering enemies, and of injuring them in ever manly manner; but I can not further prostitute the dignity of my profession, as I conceive I have done today, without an earnest and respectful appeal to your authority.

FLOODS FOLLOW FAMINE.

Awful Destruction Reported in the Yangtze Valley.

"All Yangtze Valley flooded. Awful destruction and death. Terrible famine this autumn." So runs a cablegram from the Rev. Z. Charles Beals, an American missionary stationed at Wuhu, China, which was received in New York last week.

I confess, sir, that I blush to report that while the troops of the St. Maurice were thus engaged in this unsoldierly and ungentlemanly, not to say disgraceful, operation I opened my fire upon guerrillas hovering in the rear, apparently occupied in preventing such acts of the United States troops.

STAND PATTERS ALARMED.

Fear Passage of Tariff Bills Over the President's Veto.

Adjournment of Congress is confidently expected about the fifteenth. Chairman Penrose, of the Senate finance committee, said Friday that his committee would not wait until the 10th to report the House cotton bill to the Senate, as it could do under the resolution of instruction, but would report it Friday.

"The acts of the troops in pillaging (if true) are without palliation or excuse. Certainly no more to be justified than this is improper, bombastic and ridiculous rhodomontade of a sub-lieutenant of the navy."

Killed by Lightning.

Henry B. Langston, a farmer living about four miles from Orlando, was struck by lightning Thursday morning and instantly killed.

Thrown From Horse.

U. D. Benner of Warrenton, Va., was thrown from his horse in the high jump event at the Orange Horse show Thursday, and so badly injured, that he died that night.

Pass it Over Veto.

Democratic leaders in the House believe they have enough votes to pass the wool tariff revisions over President Taft's veto, if necessary.

ROBBED LADIES

A Federal Naval Officer Who Objected to Northern Methods of CONDUCTING WARFARE

Received a Most Sarcastic Reply From his Superior Officer, Gen. Beast Butler, Who Was One of the Most Brutal and Rascally Officers in the Northern Army.

The State says Capt. Perry M. DeLeon, who is visiting in this State, was a visitor to Columbia Friday, en route from Sumter to Camden Capt. DeLeon is well posted on the events of the War between the Sections and talks interestingly about them.

He told of the experience of a lieutenant, F. A. Roe, a gallant officer of the United States Navy, who objected to robbing women and children, with Major General Benj. F. Butler, better known as "The Beast." The following letter from Lieutenant Roe, to Gen Butler more fully explains the incident:

U. S. Gunboat Katabdin. Mississippi River, Sept. 11, 1862. Sir: I was overhauled yesterday by Lieut. Camdonding Lowrey, of the Scotia, while at Bonnet Carre Point, and directed him to follow on as convoy of three transports of the United States army.

Upon arrival at Donaldville this day the transports landed at the upper part of the town, landed a party of troops and commenced receiving on board sugar and other merchandise.

I respectfully request instructions if the guns of the Katabdin are to be used for the protection of soldiers upon a marauding expedition and if I am to use them to protect drunken, undisciplined soldiers in the wanton pillage of a private mansion of wine, plate, silk dresses, chemises and female apparel, to say nothing of the confiscation of sugar, which I believe to be without proper and lawful reasons therefor.

I feel quite ready to place the Katabdin and her guns under the fire of an enemy; I am desirous of encountering enemies, and of injuring them in ever manly manner; but I can not further prostitute the dignity of my profession, as I conceive I have done today, without an earnest and respectful appeal to your authority.

Very respectfully, Your obedient servant, F. A. Roe, Lieutenant Commanding, Commodore Henry W. Morris, Commanding Naval Forces, New Orleans, La.

Commodore Morris forwarded the protest to Butler, who replied to it with characteristic brutality, questioning the truth of Lieutenant Roe's statement and speaking of him in contemptuous terms, to his own disgrace.

Major-General Commanding. But what could one expect? Roe, a brave sailor, a gentleman of lofty ideas, and a chivalric foe: Butler a political general of no military capacity and brutal and vindictive. Time brought its revenge. Roe became an admiral honored by all men, while Butler became known, after his Petersburg fiasco, thanks to Gen. Grant's report, as the "bottle imp," and his name associated with spoons and other spoils.

First New Cotton.

The first bale of new cotton grown in Barnwell county and what is probably the first in the State, was sold on the Barnwell market Friday by R. H. Lutz, who lives three miles from town.

Youth on Long Walk.

Ralph D. Tompkins is walking from New York City to Chicago, Ill., on a wager that he cannot make the trip and return in four months.

Walks Off Boat.

Alex Tilke, of Uniontown, Ky., woke suddenly while sleeping on a boat near Morganfield and walked off the boat and into the river where he was drowned.

DEATH ON THE RAIL

ONE MAN KILLED AND ANOTHER SERIOUSLY HURT.

Mrs. Arthur Jeter of Santuc Section Meets Sudden Death With her Children, One of Them an Infant.

Friday about two o'clock, Mrs. Arthur Jeter and two small children were killed about one mile north of Santuc, in Union county, by an engine on the Southern railway.

The road approached the railroad at an angle, and when the vehicle reached the track it was struck by the engine going in the opposite direction. It is said that the engineer was endeavoring to reach the siding at Santuc before meeting the "Carolina Special" from Columbia.

Mrs. Jeter and two children, one a baby only a few months old, were instantly killed, while the other two children were thrown from the track without any serious injuries.

Friday afternoon about 5 o'clock, the second fatal railway accident of the day for Union county occurred. The Union and Glenn Springs train, while en route to Buffalo and about a quarter of a mile from the depot, ran over and killed Bud Lipsey, a white man. It is said that Lipsey was rather deaf. It is also understood that he is a married man about thirty years of age.

H. R. Whitman agent for the Seaboard and Bennettsville and Chesaw roads at Kollock across the river from Cheraw was injured probably fatally, Thursday night in some unknown manner. It is thought that he was struck by a northbound Seaboard train about midnight.

Twenty men and women had their hair singed when lightning struck a boarding house in Monticello, N. Y. Not one of the persons in the house, who numbered 60, was injured seriously by the bolt and the house was not damaged to any extent.

A bolt set off a charge of dynamite in a mine at Pottsville, Pa., last week, causing the death of Philip Ellinger and George Gollestene, expert tunnel drivers.

Robert Collins, of Bridgeport, Conn., was hurled from his automobile while driving at the rate of thirty-five miles an hour and wasn't even scarred. He landed on his feet.

George F. Fletcher, a farmer living near Taunton, Mass., was struck while embracing his wife and killed. Carrying a baby in her arms and leading a son by his hand, Mrs. Chas. Steele, of Indianapolis, Ind., was instantly killed. The children were not injured.

COTTON IN BAD SHAPE.

Menaced by Caterpillars and Boll Weevils in Many Places. A dispatch from Grand Cane, La., says reports of the ravages of the cotton caterpillar in that section continue to come in, farmers resorting to the use of Paris green for relief.

Also the caterpillar has already made its appearance in the Plancherville section and fear is entertained for the safety of the crop. Rains and the boll weevil are also tending to shorten the harvest.

The cotton caterpillar and the boll weevil are playing havoc with the cotton in the Mansfield section, according to report brought here by planters. A shortage of paris green is causing much uneasiness.

Admiral Togo Arrives.

Admiral Count Toga, sea fighter and conquerer of the Russian fleet in the Russo-Japanese war, arrived at New York Thursday night from England on the Lusitania and was welcomed down the bay by representatives of the government at Washington and the Japanese government and carried to Washington on the derelict destroyer Seneca.

Predicts Early Frost.

The rasping notes of the katydid throughout the middle west is taken to mean an early frost, as those who believe in the insect say frost follows six weeks after the appearance of the katydid.

FOUND IN AUGUSTA

SPRADLEY TELLS THE STORY OF HIS WHIPPING.

Did Not Know of His Aunt's Death Until Told.—Wedding Had Been Arranged.—Will Go Back.

A special dispatch from Augusta to The State says Columbus Spradley, the younger of the two men outlawed by the Holstein crowd in Ward's township, Aiken county, on Thursday night, was located there Saturday afternoon.

He freely told the story of the entire affair, so far as it related to himself, but knew nothing of the attack upon his uncle, Ben Spradley, and did not know until he was informed of the death of Mrs. Ben Spradley, as all of this occurred after the crowd had left him at the lonely spot on the roadside, from which he made his way to Johnston by walking the 15 miles distance during the night, arriving there in time to catch the Southern railway train to Augusta and reaching that city at 11:15 o'clock.

Back of the whole story is a romantic love affair between young Spradley and Miss Gussie Mae Holstein, the daughter of Augustus L. Holstein, said to be the leader of the attacking party, and it seems that the Holsteins took this means to intimidate Spradley and break the match by driving him forever out of the community.

But their efforts will probably fail, as the young man fully expects to return to Monetta and claim the girl to whom he is engaged soon. The young couple had planned to meet at 9:30 o'clock. A horse and buggy were to be waiting and they were to drive to Saluda, where she would sign the certificate and the ceremony would be performed.

The girl had concealed her hand baggage in a vacant house, known as the old John Grice house. Ben Spradley and his wife knew nothing of the engagement and knew nothing of the planned elopement and were innocent victims.

Young Spradley went to Monetta Thursday prepared to carry out plans for the elopement and marriage at 9:30 o'clock that night. While he was sitting on the front piazza of the house of his uncle, Ben Spradley, between eight and eight-thirty o'clock, he says, two men appeared at the front gate and halloed. Columbus answered them and in reply to their question told them his name.

They called him to the gate and as he approached he declares he recognized the two as Richard Holstein and Grover Holstein, nephews of his sweetheart's father.

Spradley had stepped up to them, he says, when Richard Holstein leveled a double barreled shotgun at him and Grover Holstein covered him with a magazine pistol, and both ordered "hands up!" He obeyed this command, and one of the Holsteins searched but finding no pistol or other weapons they informed the young man that they wanted him and he was marched down the road to a buggy about 100 yards from the house, into which he was placed and driven some distance, perhaps a quarter of a mile, to the old John Grice house, where the other members of the party were awaiting them on the roadside, in the semi-darkness.

In this group were six men, of whom Spradley says he recognized Gus Holstein, the father of the Miss Gussie Mae Holstein; his son, Albert Holstein; Sidney Holstein, another nephew, and Doc Cockrell, who, he says, is not related to the Holsteins. The two other men he could not recognize. They were all armed with guns or pistols and were careful that their prisoner should see them.

When the buggy had been stopped the men backed off a short distance and held a conference as to what to do with their helpless victim, now that he was at their mercy, but watching him sharply against his escape.

Spradley says he could hear all that was said and it almost made his hair rise on his head when Gus Holstein insisted that they hang him to a large tree nearby and shoot his brains out, but this was objected to by the others, who said that they did not want to kill him.

The young man cut their argument short by telling them he would leave the country if that was what they wanted. He says he was pulled from the buggy and dragged to the roadside where every member of the party, displaying their weapons, prodded him with them. He declares he was stripped to the skin, thrown face downward to the ground and held, while A. L. Holstein plied his back with a buggy trace until he was all but insensible, and telling him to leave the community and never return.

Spradley was left lying on the ground in an almost nude state, while the mob drove away. He walked from there to Johnston and came to Augusta. He knew nothing of the flogging of Ben Spradley or the death of Mrs. Spradley, not having heard anything from there since he was flogged.

Says They're Dying Out.

Dr. Ernest C. Levy, chief health officer of the Richmond health department has come to the conclusion after close comparative study of the mortality statistics of that and other cities that the American negro is slowly and steadily dying and will be virtually extinct in the 21st century.

HEAT WAVE KILL

Over One Thousand People Fall Victims to It Over in Germany

CAUSED BY DRY SPELL

Water So Low That Fish Cannot Be Eaten When Caught.—Five Hundred People Die From Fever as the Results of Gastritis Caused by Lack of Water and Ice.

A special cablegram to the New York World from Berlin, Germany, says over a thousand deaths have resulted from sunstroke during the ten days of Germany's heat wave, as well as many more from heart failure during bathing, and some 500 from gastritis and typhus caused by lack of water.

An epidemic has broken out in the Moselle valley, caused, according to medical reports, by decaying fish, which were netted in shoals. Vast quantities have been handed the public authorities for destruction. The fish were suffering from a kind of septicemia owing to the overheated water.

In many German cities the water-works supply water for a couple of hours daily. The police have had to issue orders that no water from the ordinary city supply pipes be used except for drinking. Even in Berlin the authorities have suspended street watering except in the main avenues, as fears are entertained that the supply may run short.

In the South German states almost all the governments have suspended work in public departments, except for a few hours in the early morning, as sickness resulting from the heat, has demoted the staffs.

Schools will not be reopened in the middle of August as usual because the doctors declare that only strong children would be able to endure brain work in the intense heat. Meteorological authorities say the weather must get hotter before the heat wave passes.

Americans declare that the heat is more intense in Berlin than in New York, but not so deadly. Americans who reached Berlin this week almost all left again for the South, as the city is simply a furnace.

Ice supplies are running short. Chemists, who are ordinarily bound to supply ice from distilled water, will only sell it now on a doctor's certificate that it is absolutely necessary.

WHITE MAN SHOT BY NEGRO.

From Ambush While Riding Along Country Road.

The News and Courier says while riding on horseback Friday afternoon on the public road near McClellanville, not far from the Awendaw bridge, where he was superintending some road work in his capacity as township commissioner, Horace W. Leland, son of A. W. Leland, a member of the Sate House of Representatives and a well known planter, was shot from ambush and his horse wounded by Isiah Brown colored.

Immediately after the shooting a posse was organized and the negro captured and taken before Magistrate Beckman, by whom he was dispatched to the Charleston County Jail. It is said that there was some talk of doing the negro bodily harm and haste was made to get him to Charleston.

The only cause which could be assigned for the shooting was that the negro and Mr Leland had been seen in a dispute on the Fourth of July. Mr. Leland's wounds, which are in his left thigh and wrist, are said to be serious, but the physicians believe he will recover.

ASKS PRAYERS FOR RAIN.

Head of Farmers' Union Urges that It Be Statewide.

E. W. Dabbs, president of the South Carolina Farmers' Union, has issued from Mayesville a call to all ministers of the gospel of all the churches and devout men and women, in the State requesting that next Sunday be set aside as a day of prayer for rain, as information from many sections of the State tells of prevailing drought; which in some localities is as bad as the drought of 1881. Those people who have been blessed with rain are asked to join in the prayer and all in thanksgiving for showers wherever they have fallen.

All Records Are Broken.

The 115th company of coast artillery at 10-inch gun practice at San Diego, Cal., Friday, blew its target out of the water at 8,500 yards with the fifth shot and had to stop. Col. Fred K. Marsh of the department of coast defense expressed belief that all practice records for 10-inch guns at that range had been broken.

Train Was Ditched.

Five were seriously hurt and 20 received lesser injuries Friday when Train 23, of the Southern Railway, was derailed six miles west of Salisbury, N. C. The engine and all of the coaches left the track and a chair car went down a twenty-five foot embankment.