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## AWFUL TRAGEDY

A Drunken Man Slays Two Men on a Train Near Wilmington, Del.

## KILLER SHOT TO DEATH

J. H. Bethea of Dillon, S. C., Kills a Colored Porter and the Conduc-Pullman Car and Is Ftnally Killed in Battle With the Police.

An exciting battle in which three men were killed took place on a north bound Baltimore and Ohio The fight began at Newark, Del., and ended at Wilmington, Del.

Several persons were wounded in train at 5:17 o'clock.

40. of Philadelphia, conductor of the said to have been in Jersey City; and very ill. J. H. Bethea, aged 40, Dillon, S. C.

grazed by flying bullets. The foi lowing graphic story of the awful tragedy was told by one of the mem bers of the train crew.

"We left Washington at three o'clock " said the member of the honors which he still says should crew, "but nothing peculiar in the been his." actions of Bethea was observed until the train pulled out of Baltimore. We had scarcely reached the outskirts of the city, when Bethea, who and settle down for a quiet life was occupying a chair in the parlor car, threatened to chastise Williams. because of no apparent reason, other than he took exception to the por-

the car. He was busy onening a lo the work for him." ventilator, when Bethea arose and lunged toward him. The porter hurriedly left the car and reported the matter to Conductor Wellman. The latter told Williams to remain out of the car unless it was abscrutely necessary for him to enter. Bethen In the meantime had taken a scat in a coach.

When the train was be ween Harva de Grance and Newark, the Wabash Avanue, Chicago Friday... porter started through the coarn, notas the colored man passed him he rose and said: 'You --- negro; I'll shoot you full of holes."

"Williams was less than four feet from the enraged man and as Bethea spoke Williams turned half around in evident surprise. As he did so Bethea fired a shot into the porter's heart. Williams fell back into a seat, and as Conductor Wellman anproached the murderer, Bethea fired again. This last shot went through Williams' thigh and buried itself in the woodwork in the side of the

"By this time pandemonium reigned. There were about thirty persons in the car and they made a mad rush for both doors. Conductor Wellman apparently didn't know that Williams had been fatally shot, as seat. As Wellman spoke to Bethea the latter turned livid with rage. and placing his revolver almost on the conductor's chest, fired. Wellman dropped without moving an inch and Bethea, flourishing his re Lillis of Recent Notoriety Exiles volver, backed toward the tollet

room, entered and closed the door. "In the meantime the train had reached Newark, Del. No stop was made but a message was thrown off asking the railroad officials at Wilmington, 12 miles distant, to have policemen on hand to arrest Beth-None of us knew at this time that either Williams or Conductor-Wellman was dead. Before the train reached Wilmington the door was barred from the outside and a hasty examination of both men showed that life was extinct.

"So bitter was the feeling against the desperate man among the passengers that he could have been torn limb from limb had they been able to gain admittance to the tollet.

When Wilmington was reached a score of policemen and citizens were waiting on the station platform. The top of Bethea's head could be seen above the window blind as he was standing in the toilet. Captain Kane of the Wilmington police force was the first man to step on our train. He was followed by half n dozen other policemen. As they approached the tollet room Bethen threatened to murder the whole bunch, if they attempted to enter the room. The officers withdrew from the car and held a consultation. This conference was interrupted by several shoth from the toilet winpolicemen returned the fire.

convenient posts and waited develop-In a few minutes Bethea staggered from his arsenal. He was of J. H. Bethea, Dillon, S. C., aged still firing his revolver. As he start- 40 years.' ed to leave the car an officer shot him in the face and a second later on his body. He was shot in the another shot shattered his arm. Still arm, face and shoulder. struggling to thrust his revolver member, the man dropped dead.

## COOK'S SAD PLIGHT

BROKEN IN HEATH AND WITH-OUT FUNDS OR FRIENDS.

Knows no One He Could Trust to go to Arctic Regions After Proofs if He Had the Money.

Dr. William H. Axtell, of Bellingham, Wash., a personal friend of Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the explorer. Wednesday 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 North Pole.

Dr. Axtel said: "Mrs. Cook tells me in her letter that Cook made conrailroad train Wednesday afternoon. siderable money out of his trip when he first landed in New York, but that he spent it in defending himselft against the bitter attacks from his the deadly affray which occurred at enemies before the Copenhagen de- of the dead had been recovered and board of pardons. cision was made public. Cook left eleven of those identified. mington following the arrival of the New York later to escape contumely, says Mrs. Cook, and to go before the The dead: O. E. Wellman, ared board of iquiry at Copenhagen as his own representative. Then Mrs. train Samuel Williams, aged 50, ne- Cook sought him, met him in Enggro Pullman porter, whose home is land, found him a nervous wreck

"She writes that it was her fault The injured: John O. Wiley, aged that Cook did not appear publicly at 40, a park guard of Wilmington. the time he was unfavorably report-Del., shot in the hand and leg; Mat- ed on. She says she took him to thew Haley, a citizen of Wilming- Holland, France, Itally and then to ton, shot in the leg. Others were Spain, where they embarked for Buenos Aires.

> "From Buenos Aires 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

> Dr. Axtell added that, according to the letter, the explorer and his family will arrive quietly in New York "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 "A short time later the porter if he had the necessary cash, he again had occasion to pass through knows of no one he could trust to

#### TWELVE GIRLS PERISH.

In Factory Ftre Caused by Explosion of Benzine.

Twelve persons are reported dead

noticing Bethea. The latter was ap- girl who jumped from a third story parently dosing in his seat, but just window died at a hospital. The dead were trapped, it is said on the fourth ductor, identified one of the bodies fifty and sixth floors, when an ex- as that of Rosie Bruncke, whom he plosion of benzine on the fourth was to have married on Easter Sun-

Ladders were raised to the sixth floor, the topmost one, in a desper- cluding an engagement ring he had ate effort to resuce any person who might be alive there.

The fire is said to have started repair rooms on the fourth floor. probably from a carelessly dropped match. Two cabinet makers who at work in the repair room were among those who escaped slightly

When a great shheet of flame shot they managed to crawl to the front dow. Horrified spectators in the stairway, whence they made their the negro was sitting upright in the oscape to the street below. The fire. the said, was preceded by an explosion which shook the building.

## QUITS KANSAS CITY.

Jere F. Lillis, president of the Western Exchange bank of Kansas City, who was arracked by John P. Cudahy three weeks ago in Cudahy's juries received in her fall. house, left Wednesday on an indefinite vacation, but his designation perate leap, a crash as if of floors is not known by the public. Order- falling was heard, and the faces at ed by his physician to take a long the window disappeared. Dr. Kinsrest. Lillis may go abroad before returning to Kansas City. He has not lence as follows: esigned as president of the bank. A friend of Lillis was asked if the anker did not expect to meet Cud-Lillis' trip. Cudahy recently was in

Asheville, N. C. Burns Self to Death.

A shocking tragedy occured at an early hour Friday morning in West Watene, Kershaw County, when Mrs. Sam Kirkland committed sulide. The unfortunate woman is reburned so badly that death soon resulted. She is survived by her husband and five or six children.

Acres of Dead Fish. Capt. Johnson, of the Ward liner, Morro Castle, reported to agents in New York city, that his vessel has dow. Bethea then drew back as the sighted an immense quantity of dead fish in West Indian waters. The "At this juncture a fire appartus mass was half a mile long and 500 appeared and a stream was turned feet wide, covering a surface of 30 in the broken window. Bethea kept acres. A submarine volcano is supon firing, but we had all secured posed to have cause the wholesale destruction.

"There were half a dozen wounds

"I never saw such a scene in my from his injured arm to the sound life and never want to see a rep- on a rampage and came near killing etition of it. The women passen-"In the tollet room we found near- gers were screaming and were so ly fifty empty cartridges, while the hysterical that they even attempted window was a full of holes as a pep- to jump from the train. Even after it was known that the murderer There was no way of identifying was dead we had our hands full in

## DIED IN FIRE

Fourteen Persons Probably Perished in the Chicago Burn.

## DEATH TOLL FEARFUL

Falling Walls Halt the Search for Bodies.—Grapic Description Horrible Burning of Men and Women in Fire Caused by Accidental

Explosion of Benzine. Search of the wreckage for the their lives in the Fish Furniture ber 2, 1909. Company fire horror at Chicago on

fourth and fifth floors of the Fish granted March 18, 1909. building s high as twenty, later and with considerable certainty that sontence, fine of \$60 or six months escaped with their lives, which baves restore to citizenship.

but two more to be accounted for. Leo Steckel, a clerk of the Fish ty; crime manslaughter; sentence Company, who by accident is said to two years imprisonment. Pardon have started the fire, told his story granted October 19, 1909. to Fire Attorney Frank Hogan Friday afternoon. Although Stoeckel, pable, Attorney Hogan says that he to use as witness April 24, 1909. will bring some charge against the young man to insure his attendance

Stoeckel was brought before the fire attorney with his hand, which had been burned, swarthed in ban- crime, entering house with intent to dages. He appeared heart-broken, and told his story with difficulty. "About 4.45 p. m.," Stockel said, "Mr. Mitchell, who is a member of the firm, gave me three piece cigar ty; crime, burglary and larceny; lighters, and told me to go to the sentence, life imprisonment. Parfinishing room on the fourth floor don granted Jan. 6, 1909. and fill them with benzine. I had

at the inquest.

plosion "A sheet of flame almost blinded me, and I did not fully regain my senses until I had reached the street. in a fire which attacked the L'Fish nighted one of them or not. I don't of board of pardons.

Alexander Bush, a street car condoor wrapped the building in flames. day. He recognized her through the medium of a number of trinkets, in- Oct. 18, 1909. given her.

One of the victims lost his life in from an explosion of benzine in the to the aid of the women and girls imprisoned above.

Ten women and girls it is said of the flames was almost instantan- of the board of pardons. eous, and when the girls rushed to street saw Emma Ltchenstein step to the window ledge and heard her ty; crime, obtaining goods under scream for help. Then she jumped. false pretences, sentence entrance to the store, she lay un- October 15, 1909. conscious until Dr. Wm. L. Kingsed her up. She was taken at once to St. Luke's Hospital, only a few Dr. Kingley suffered slight burns.

Emma Lichtenstein was 20 years old, and was employed as a filing

ley graphically describbed his exper- ed April 8, 1909.

"I was nearby when the fire started, and when I reached the scene the sentence, 18 months on chain gang. sight fairly made my hair stand Pardon granted to restore to citizen thy in the South, but this friend on end. The floors of the building ship for witnessing July 15, 1909. were a mass of flames. Smoke in great clouds was rolling out of a ty; crime, obtaining money under windows. I noticed 'something must false pretences; sentece, fine imposbe done, but lke many others there, ed by magistrate. Pardon granted was so stricken by the sight of to restore to citizenship March 17. the faces half revealed in the sixth 1909. story windows that I could scarcely move. The girls were shouting 'for God's sake send us help,' and others were crying for the firemen to raise Pardon granted to restore to citizenported to have poured kerosene oil the ladders. I tried to get up the ship. on her head and set fire to it and was front stairway, but at the third floor a gust of flame burnt me about the face and hands and the next thing I knew I was back in the street again. Then came the cries of the poor girls trapped in the upper story came to my ears and I saw one of the girls throw up her hands and

plunge out of the window. canopy over the front end of the store. Scarcely knowing what I did. I ran up-stairs to the first floor, crawled out on the window and then carried her down a ladder which a fireman had raised."

## Made Sick Bull Drunk.

Wishing to cure his prize bull of

"Suicides."

## MANY PARDONS GRANTED

THE YEAR 1909.

Nearly Every Crime and County Is At Oklahoma City, Okla., Were He ceived Pardons

An examination of the pardon record for the year 1909 shows that Nows and Courier says Postoffice Inthe following pardons were granted: spector Gregory, who went to Oklaty; crime, manslaughter; sentence, president of the Metropilitan Loan

granted August 2, 1909. Matthew Atkinson - Darlington county; crime, drunkenness and stealing; sentence, thirty days on remaining bodies of those who lost chain gang. Pordon granted Octo-

W. R. Cade-Williamsburg coun-Friday was discontinued Friday af- ty; crime, murder; sentence, life imternoon owing to the danger from prisonment. Pardon granted April the falling walls but not until twelve 24, 1909, upon recommendation of

number of victims trapped on the months in the penitentiary. Pardon Mike Durham-Spartanburg counmore thorough investigation indicates ty; crime, receiving stolen goods;

J. M. Cortex-Aiken county; crime

there were but sixteen. Two of these on chain gang. Pardon granted to Henry Fowler -- Spartanburg coun-

Ransom Gardner-Lancaster county; crime, receiving stolen goods; who is but 20 years of age, is ad- sentece, fine of \$1,000 or two years mitted more unfortunate than cul- in the penitentiary. Pardon granted tract business. No provision was

ty; crime, burglary and larceny; sen- right to sell the right was what ence, life in penitentiary. Pardon granted Dec. 1, 1909. Gus Jackson-Fairfield county

kill; sentence, one year in the penitentiary. Pardon granted to restore to citizenhip Feb. 17, 1909. Abram Jeffords-Lexinton coun

Lark Kirby-Greenville county; filled two of the lighters, consisting crime,, statutory burglary and larof a gallon can and was working on ceny; sentence, impirsonment for the third, when there was an ex- life, but commuted to five years, Dec. 18, 1907. Pardon granted to be used as witness May 6, 1909.

John Martin-Hampton county; erime murder; sentence, imprison-The lighters contained a contrivance ment for life. Pardon granted Apto make a spark, but whether I ig- ril 24, 1909, upon recommendation

mmendation of board of pardons. Robert Robinson - Greenwood county; orime, petit larceny; sentence, 30 days impriso ..... Pardon granted to restore to citizenship,

Shelly Robinson - Orangeburg county; crime, housebreaking and larceny; sentence, three months on desperate endeavor to rush upstairs chain gang. Pardon granted to restore to citizenship, August 10, 1909. Walter Samuels-Edgefield county; crime, rape; senetnce, ,life in the were at work on the sixth floor when penitentiary. Pardon granted Octothe explosion occurred. The spread ber 19, 1909, upon recommendation

Lige Simpson-Newberry county the stairways they found escape cut crime, receiving stolen goods; senacross the floor they were knocked off. They next turned to the front pence, pay a fine of \$30. Pardon down, but although almost stifled of the building, smashing the win- granted to restore to citizenship, December 6, 1909.

Robert Singletary-Florence coun Falling on the awning over the front don granted to restore to citizenship

Samuel Smalls, George Simmons, ley, crawling out on the canopy, lift- Thomas Rivers-Charleston county; crime, rape; sentence, life in the enitentiary. Pardon granted April blocks away, but died soon afterward. 24, 1909, upon recommendation of oard of pardons

B. N. Terry-Greenville county; rime, bastardy; sentence, three Minclerk. Death was due to internal in- dred dollars fine to be paid twentyfive dollars each year for twelve Soon after Miss Lichtenstein's des- Pardon granted October 19, 1909. S. C. Timer-Spartanburg county; crime, manslaughter; sentence three years imprisonment. Pardon grant-

> Blic Thompson -Barnwell county crime, housebreaking and larceny; K. S. Villepigue-Kershaw coun

William Westmoreland-Lexing-

ton county; crime, adultery; sen-

## MORE CORN PRIZES.

Several Hundred Dollars to be Distributed in Boys Contest.

J. J. Reasor, superintendent of the agricutural department of the Ap-"Her body crashed against the palachian Exposition to be held in stated that Rhoden was unarmed. It Knoxville, Tenn., September 12 to October 12, is in the State, in the interest of the corn exhibit to be made at the exposition. Several hundred dollars in cash prizes, scholarships in fourteen colleges and a number of farming implements will be given to the boys of eight southern states. South Carolina among them, that pneumonia, Philip Jones, of Green produces the best ten ears of corn. Castle, Ind., gave half a pint of He hopes that the members of the dwelt a married woman who repuls whiskey. The stuff must have been clubs will enter the contest. The ed his advances, Daniel Roe, convictof the fighting kind for taurns went boys clubs will enter the contest. The ed of arson in the first degree, must receive \$100 as first prize, second serve twenty years and one month in his owner and butting his own brains best will receive \$75; the third the penitentiary. He is twenty-eight prize will be \$50; the fourth \$25, years old. and fifth, \$12.50. The cash prizes have been offered by W. J. Oliver. According to the verdict of the The merchants of Knoxville have coroner of Marion, Ind., Bob Austin also offered prizes and fourteen colhim by baggage, as we could find quieting some of the more nervous and Charley Richardson, negroes, larges in the South have offered in the mouth of the Elbe river, dur-

## THEY RAN HIM DOWN

BY THE PARDON BOARD DURING MAN WHO SWINDLED PEOPLE IN THIS STATE CAUGHT

> Was Running a Bigger Swindle Than at Greenwood.

A special from Greenwood to The Usra Alman-Spartanburg coun- toma to arrest W. J. Nicholls, former two years imprisonment. Pardon and Trust Company, has returned atter having performed his part of the business in locating the man, arristing him and having the Feder-

authorities there "put next." Inspector Gregory's report of the trail and final capture of Nicholls. as well as the varied career of Nich-"s, himself, reads like a romance, When located in Oklahoma City, Nicholls, now going as "Mr. C. L. Jackson," was at the head of a concern that was doing about the big- Thursday night the gravest fears are has been changed from 14,000 Re-While earlier estimates placed the housebreaking; sentence, eighteen gost business in that hustling com-

He had an office like a railroad resident, and Mr. Gregory said he had seventeen stenographers, young men and young women as busy as ees. His oncern was alread attractig attention from Uncle Sam's men and Federal district attorney there nabbed.

He was "selling the right to sell stove, a sort of endless chain conmade as to seeing how or where the Joseph Green-Orangeburg coun- stoves could be secured but the Jackson was doing. It was the washing machine swindle attempted in this State some years ago with stoves substituted for washing machines. Mr. Gregory said when he calle

on Nicholls he had no little trouble in getting into his private office. When he finally reached it, he found his attorney there, and his private stenographer also present. He ask- duced to continue. The hot cinders ed Nicholls or Jackson for a few covered the ground like a thick carwords in private, and was told to pet, rendering walking difficult. A go ahead as the other two were in peasant was encountered coming a confidential relation.

finally returned to an adjoining room is ike a red hot river." and then Mr. Gregory addressed him a: Nicholls, and asked about Greenwood. Jackson was quite indignant could be observed. Occasionally at the joke, and carriet his part out they were cut by flashes of fire, prewell, until. Mr. Gregory showed him senting an awe-inspiring spectacle.

As an indication of what a rushing ousiness Nicholls was doing in selling below. the right to sell the right to sell a stove that needed no right to sell a hardware man at Oklahoma City Rinazzo seven miles from the crater, had paid him ten thousand dol- peasants houses. It came in severa lars cash for a lot of stoves to be streams and united in one great used by his demonstrators. People love to be swindled.

## GONE TO SEE TEDDIE.

# And Talk Over Party Troubles in the

It is said in Washington on the est of authority that both Garfield and Pinchot wrote letters to Roosevelt at Khartum, telling him of the sad occurrences there under the lead- ling from many miles around. Every- Nevada Legislature Is Anxious to ership of Taft. They told Roosevelt where the villagers are carrying im that if he wished it one of them either Garfield or Pinchot would meet him in Europe and give him

further particulars. Roosevelt cabled to them to come. Garfield was to go, but owing to the Ohio government matter Pinchot went. Now what does it mean? "All have gone forward. The prefect of that question.

Back from Elba? Is that it? Mr. Taft is now squarely alligned with the so-called "reactionaries" have all along been fighting the socalled "Roosevelt policies"—the central idea of which, as we all understand, is to stay the threatening storm of wrath against the alliance of the Republican party with "predatory wealth." The same man that made these "policies" made also Mr. Taft, and promised the American people that Taft would carry them out. Now what is he going to do when he gets back here? Echo answers "what"?

## ANOTHER FATAL SHOOTING.

Clinton Rhoden Shot to Death by W B. Glenn on Street.

A fatal shooting took place at Patesburg on Thursday when W. B Glenn, superintendent of the electric light plant, shot Clinton Rhoden, to death, on one of the main streets of the town. The weapon used was a pistol; four shots were fired, and each shot took effect. One witness is stated that there had been bad blood between the men for some time. Much sympathy is expressed for all parties concerned, as each man has a large family. The affair has cast gloom over the town. Incendiary Sentenced.

For having twice set fire to tene

ment houses in New York, where

Fifteen Drowned. The Norwegian steamer, Dixie, bound from a Scotland port capsized none. In his pocket was a mem- in the run from Wilmington to this lynched there last week, "came to scholarships worth from \$60 to ing a severe storm Thursday and the 1° crew of 15 were drawned.

# **AETNA ACTIVE**

Rivers of Red Hot Lava Rushing Madly Down the Mountain Side.

## ASHES BURIES HOUSES

of Peasants, Who Congregated at Nicholls to Watch the Scene of Stricken and Implore Mercy .-

Mount Aetna, near Catania, Sicily, whose eruptions in the past have entertained as to the results if the publican majority to 6,000 Democrat eruption continues in its present vio- ic majority.

From Catania correspondents motored in the direction of the moan-of square to watch the volcano, which appeared a as black phantom above. Now and then it was illuminated with flashes of light, appearing almost red. Higher up the rain of cinders became thicker and extended like a veil across the mountain. A deep roaring was heard and detonations like the sound of artillery fol-

on, while the earth shook under One of the guides cried: "An earthquake," and could hardly be indown. He said. "The fire is rushing Mr. Gregory insisted, so these two down, burning everything. The lava

fowing one another in quick success-

Proceeding a little further, four Furniture company building at 1906 know. I either dropped the can of Wabash Avanue, Chicago Friday.

About 40 employes escaped. A front of me, or it was blown out of years in the penitentiary. Pardon by denied that his name was other like a torrent from Mount Capriolo, spreading out in the valley

The lava flow had already reached ed the vineyards above San Leo and old Mr. Gregory that Nicholia and had buried a large number o mass about twenty feet in height and 1,500 feet a minute, varying according to the condition of the ground. This mighty wall of lava was not more than five miles from Bolosasso and N colosi

The meteorological station, on the montain side, has been destroyed, and the village of Borrello is in serious danger. The populace, terror stricken, are flying from their homes. The earth shocks have reached about fifty in number, but there s a continuous vibration and trembages in procession and imploring mercy. Twelve new craters have een opened up.

Help for the people of the devasated region is being organized. A detatchment of soldiers and a large number of engineers and doctors Washington" is speculating upon Catania, returning from the scene Thursday evening, said

"I have witnessed a spectacle of desolation and ruin which only those who saw the eruption of Vesuvious of the Republican party, those who in 1906 can imagine. The present eruption can be compared to no other."

.The authorities have issued orders that no one shall be permitted to go beyond Pelpasso and soldiers have been stationed at various points to see that these orders are obeyed The village of Berell is surrounded by the lava and the inhabitants have fled to Belpasso.

Prof. Ricco, director of the Mount Aetna Observatory, said: "The crup- was recommended to the mercy of tion is very grave, and I think it the court. Simmons killed McAdams will become much more serious. The in February, 1908, and was sentenlava has covered five miles in six-ced to hang last July. A new trial een hours and if my calculations are was granted on the ground that a

## LOOKS GOOD TO THEM

RECENT ELECTION RETURNS PLEASES DEMOCRATS.

#### The Election in Massachusetts Tuesday Turned Out Better Than the One in Missouri.

Zach McGhee says the Democrats in Washington are jubilant over the results of the by-elections in Misthe Eruption .- They Are Terror souri and Massachusetts. The Micsouri district, the one formerly in presented by the late David A. De Armond, is taken as a typical Middle Western district

In it the Democratic candidate wrought great destruction, is again made large gains in the election in n a violent state of activity. A January, Now in Massachusetts, in pronounced movement within the the most hide-bound Republican diserater beginning early Wednesday triet of all New England, one never evening, increasing in volume, and heretofore known to go Democratic

In each of these district the tariff and the Republican ring rate were the issues. Mr. Llody, the chairman the Democratic congressional Passing the village of Mas-committee, who went up there last calucia, twelve miles in a direct line week, came back with the printon old Mr. Gregory that as soon as the from the crater, a thick curtain of that there would be Democratic gains night. time was ripe he would have been smoke was encountered, which en- and declaring that if the 14,000 Retirely concealed Actna. At Nicolosi, publican majority should be cut ten miles from the crater, the entire down to 6,000 Republican major ty the right to sell." a certain kind of population had gathered in the the Democrats would be doing mighty

well and should be highly satisfied day night, with 12,000 more Den :- cum, aged 50 years, Mrs. H. L. Green cratic votes than Mr. Lloyd nad and Gen. Bell. Mrs. Slocum, who counted on, there was jollification received internal injuries, was reindeed and the Republican were awe stricken. The Republicans do not retend to minimize the significance, out frankly admit that the situation is omninous of a Democratic tidal wave a November, unless it can be stayed. They generally stay these threatening tidal waves, you know; and they may be able to stay this one; but they are wearing exceedingly gloomy faces.

The whole political situation gets more and more interesting every day. On Capital hill the Democrats at the Wyoming, a department house are standing together in solid phalanx, and, contrary to the usual habit, Fort Myer to visit Mr. and Mrs. Pell, are saying mighty little. The breach collossal columns of black smoke in the Republican ranks shows no on terms of intimate friendsh p. It signs of healing. Not even the threat of Democratic victory seems that the fatal collision of surred. to frighten either faction into mak-

north from Georgetown through the true, and all the insurgents are sure of it that they have strengthened Crossing the Georgetown bridge from their own individual position at home by finding a scape goat in Cannon for the sins of their party. But these same insurgents have

little spirit in any further attacks field street the collision occurred. last week, so far as they are concerned, is a sort of Borodino. They may have captured Moscow by it but are so disabled as to be unable to hold it. And it looks as if they are going to let Cannon dominate the rules committee after all. The regular Republicans, or the Cannon orces, are counting on Mr. Taft to help them out, if not in the house, then in the country, and Mr. Taft seems in truth to be doing all in his power to fulfill the expectation.

## BOGUS BONDS AGAIN.

Take Them Up. A special dispatch to the Char- Falls From Moving Train and Is otto Observer from Raleiga says Governor Kitchin received a tole graphic request from the Governor of Nevada asking for all possible information regarding the repudiates North Carolina special tax bonds. some of which have been offered Nevada in order to induce that State to sue North Carolina 'In Governor of Nevada says he decities to accept the bonds, but the Legislature is trying to force him to do so. Governor Kitchin and Attorney General Bickitt sent him a mass of information showing how fraudulent the bonds were.

## Simmons Guilty Again.

At Anderson Webb Simmons, young mill operative, was found on Wednesday guilty of the murder o United States Deputy McAdams and

pressed his opinion on the killing.

CAKE.

hot biscuit.

hot breads.

pastry, are

lessened in cost

and increased

wholesomeness,

Baking Powder

Bake the food at home

and save money

and health

in quality and

# FATAL WRECK

Army Chief of Staff Seriously Injured in Auto Crash.

## MRS. SLOCUM IS KILLED

A Trolley Car and an Automobile Crash in Washington, by Which Mrs. Herbert J. Slocum Loses Her Life and Gen. J. F. Bell was Very Seriously Injured.

Maj. Gen. J. Franklin Bell, chief of staff of the United States army, who was injured early Wednesday in Washington in an automobile accident, in which Mrs. Herbert J. Slocum, wife of Maj. Slocum, U. S. A., was almost instantly killed, was reported at a late hour that night to be resting comfortably. One of his ribs was broken and he suffered some scalp wounds but no internal injuries have been discovered and no complications of any sort have set

Maj. Slocum, who is a member of the Seventh Cavalry, now stationed at Governor's Island, N. Y., arrived in Washington Wednesday

The accident was caused by a south bound trolly car of the Wisconsin avenue car line, near Tenskirts of the city, colliding with an automobile owned by Gen. Bell. The When the returns came in Tues- car was occupied by Mrs. H. J. Slomoved to Georgetown hospital in an automobile, where she was proiounced dead.

Chauffeur Ward was unhurt, but cas soon arrested, tigether with the motorman and conductor of the troley car. They were latter released from custody, however, on orders from Coroner Nevitt, who instructed them to appear at the inquest. Mrs. Slocum, whose husband is a

ephew of Mrs. Russell Sage, was visiting her sister, Mrs. H. L. Green, in Washington, but Tuesday went to with whom she and her husband were was on the way back to the Wyoming The Tennallytown road, officially known as Wisconsin Avenue, runs

nvirons of the city, and is Fort Myer, the car turned forth into Wisconsin avenue and was about to turn easterly along the northerly boundary of the city when, at Gar-The fast moving troffey car, when

the two came together, completely demolished the automobile. The automobile was hurled about five feet against a trolley pole. It finally urned over. General Bell was thrown out. Ward was pinned under the front of the car, but managed to extricate himself. Mrs. Slocum was crushed

inder the body of the car. Bleeding about the hands and head, Gen. Bell directed the passengers on the ar and others in lifting the automobile from the injured woman. Mrs. Slocum was then hurried to the hospital.

## BEATING A RIDE.

While beating his way on a freight rain Wednesday afternoon Charles lockabill of Lexington, N. C., beter known as "Clad", fell under the noving train and was cut in two across the stomach, dying almost instantly. The accident happened in the eastern part of Thomasville, a short

listance above the cliege. No particulars further are known f the killing. Lockabill has a wife ind four small children. He was brickmason by trade and was conddered a good peacable fellow, except at times he would get on a spree.

## SHOOTS DOWN GUARDS.

#### Mortally Wounds Wardens at City Workhouse

At Wilmington, Del., Stephen flunter, a negro prisoner at the Newright the eruption of the volcano will member of the grand Jury had ex- to Delaware from South Carolina eastle workhouse, who recently came shot and fatally wounded two guards Walter Hastings and Thomas McCulough. The negro struck down Hasings as the latter handed him his breakfast through the cell door. Seenring the guard's revolver he emptied two shots into Hasting's body and then dropped McCullough, who had come to the rescue. The negro was himself wounded before being overcome. His mind is believed to have become deranged.

## After White Slaves,

The American consulate in Antwerp is engaged in an attempt to trace two New York white slave importers, who are believed to have shipped 90 women from Paris on outgoing steamers. British and coninental ports are being watched, and he American and Canadlan authoritles have been notified to scrutinize closely all incoming passengers.

#### Founds Coker College. Maj. J. L. Coker has given Coker

college, a girls school founded by him some two years ago at Hartsville, \$150,000, the interest on which is available at once. This benefactor had already given about \$50,000 to this school before this. This insures for the institution a successful career henceforth.