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REMARKABLE RALLY OF PONTIFF AT ROME.

DR. LAPPONI LEAVES PATIENT'S SIDE FOR FIRST TIME.

Up and Listens to Mass—Improved Condition Continued Throughout Sunday.

Rome, July 12.—Pope Leo has lived to see another Sunday, and the Sabbath quiet that fell upon Rome came also a peace and even progress to the pontiff. Beginning this morning with distinct signs of improvement, he maintained this throughout the day. Tonight Dr. Lapponi made the following important statement in answer to the question if he believed that the improvement in the Pope's condition could continue: "I believe that if the improvement lasts until July 21, we may not perhaps achieve an absolute cure, but we will secure such a general state of health in the patient as will allay our anxiety."

During the morning the pontiff participated in the celebration of mass. The ceremony was held in the chapel adjoining the sick chamber, Mgr. Marzoni being the celebrant. The door connecting the sick room with the chapel was opened so that his holiness might follow the service. He insisted that Dr. Lapponi and his valet, Centra, should leave his side and enter the chapel in order to better hear the mass.

GARLINGTON TO PROBE.

South Carolinian Appointed By Secretary of War to Explore Glove Scandal.

Washington, July 9.—Under the instruction of the Secretary of War, Col. Ernest A. Garlington of the inspector general's office, on duty at New York city, in the Department of the East, has been detailed to make a thorough investigation of all the facts connected with the award of contracts for supplying the army with gloves, in which Representative Litaner of New York is said to have been concerned, and to prosecute the investigation as rapidly as is consistent with thoroughness.

Col. Garlington, who had been summoned from New York for the purpose, called on Secretary Root at the War Department in company with Inspector General Burton and was personally informed of the Secretary's desires in the matter. He will receive all the facilities and assistance within the power of the officials of the War Department and all the records and files of that department including those of the depot quartermaster's offices in Philadelphia and New York, will be open to his inspection.

WON PALMA TROPHY BACK

Great Victory of American Rifleman at Bisley, Eng.

Bisley, England, July 11.—American today recaptured the Palma trophy. Her team scored an aggregate of 1,570, out of a possible 1,800, and beat all the best shots of Europe, South Africa, Australia and Canada, congregated for the first time on English soil to compete for the world's premier shooting trophy. Great Britain was second, with 1,555. With the exception of the 800 yards' range, at which the United Kingdom beat them by 3 points, the American team demonstrated superiority over all comers. The other grand aggregates are: Australia, 1,501; National, 1,399; Norway, 1,341; France, 1,280.

A DESTRUCTIVE CLOUDBURST.

Entire Town of Winchester, Va., Submerged in From Three to Six Feet of Water.

Winchester, Va., July 12.—This afternoon the most serious cloudburst ever experienced here broke over the city, submerging the entire town in from three to six feet of water. The damage will reach thousands of dollars, as every store, residence and building in the centre of the town is several feet under water.

MADE DASH FOR LIBERTY.

Two Convicts at State Farm in Lexington Attempt Escape—One Killed, Other Desperately Wounded.

News and Courier.

Columbia, July 11.—Two convicts attempted to escape from the State farm in Lexington yesterday afternoon, and as a consequence one of them is dead and the other desperately wounded. The dead man's name was Perry Horton and he came from Lancaster. The other is Geo. Mancio, who came from Greenwood.

The convicts, with others, were ploughing in a large field yesterday afternoon. Guard Kibler had charge of the gang, of which these two were a part. Their rows brought them to a heavy clump of bushes beside the field. Just as they got to them on one round they made a dash to escape. Guard Kibler got one shot at them with his rifle, but missed, and his gun getting out of order, he failed to shoot again, and the two men made good their escape in the thick underbrush. The farm is in the vicinity of that of Mr. B. L. Swygert's place. Last night he and some neighbors organized themselves into a posse to assist the guards in recapturing the men. They visited various negro houses without results, but finally came upon the negroes in the woods. They started to run, but Mr. Swygert opened fire with his shotgun and killed Horton. Others of the posse fired and Mancio was wounded so that he fell, but his wounds are said not to be fatal. Horton was in for five years and had served about five months. Mancio was in for eighteen months, but had served only four. An inquest was held to-day and the usual verdict was rendered.

SLEPT WITH HIS BOOTS ON.

Farmer's Wife Gives this as a Reason for Asking for a Divorce.

New York Sun.

Indianapolis, Ind., July 8.—Mrs. Ellen Kendall, wife of a well-known farmer of Rush County, brought suit for divorce today, alleging an unusual cause. She says that she was married to Kendall in December and they separated in June, and she has not been in his home since.

She says in her complaint that Mr. Kendall formed a habit early in life of sleeping in his boots, and that, "though she expostulated in a wifely manner against the practice," he continued to sleep in them, winter and summer, to her great annoyance and in constant jeopardy to her health."

It is intimated in the complaint that Mrs. Kendall would have been glad to occupy another room, but her husband would not permit her to do so.

WANTED TO WED BROTHER.

Because She Could Not, Girl Kills Herself With Poison.

Cincinnati, July 11.—Heartbroken because she could not marry her brother, Miss Henrietta Distler, aged 18 years, has committed suicide by taking poison.

The girl and her brother, George, aged 20 years, came to this country, when they were infants. They lost their parents and were cared for in the children's home in this city. Subsequently the girl was adopted by Herman Neiderheim and the boy by another family. They never knew of their relationship until a year ago and after it was discovered an intense affection sprang up between the two.

The two young people continued to see each other until two weeks ago, when the young man discontinued his visits. Distler met her Tuesday and told her that while he could regard her as a sister he could not marry her. She then returned home and took Paris green and died several hours later. She left a pitiful farewell letter in which she declared her love for her brother and requested him not to marry for two years after her death.

DOCTOR RELIEVED OF DUTY.

Farmer Finishes His Victim on Operating Table—Brutal, but Very Determined Act.

Bluffton, Ind., July 12.—John Terrell, a wealthy farmer living near Petroleum, nine miles from here, killed his son-in-law, Melvin Wolfe, this afternoon, firing both barrels of a shotgun into his head as Wolfe lay on a doctor's operating table to have a leg amputated, necessitated by a wound from Terrell's gun a short time before. Wolfe deserted the girl, it is said, leaving her with a young child. A suit was brought to compel him to support his wife. It is reported that Wolfe had twice driven by the Terrell home shouting insulting remarks and shaking his fist at Terrell. The third time he drove by Terrell jumped from some bushes along the roadside and fired at his son-in-law with a double barreled shotgun. The first charge shattered Wolfe's right leg. The second barrel missed. Wolfe was hurried to the office of Dr. Saunders at Petroleum and placed on an operating table to have the leg amputated.

While a crowd stood outside watching the doctor Terrell came up from his home in a buggy, broke in the doors of the doctor's office, drove out the crowd at the point of his gun and with the remark, "I am after him, and I am going to get him yet," fired both barrels into his son-in-law's head. He was terribly mutilated. At the time he first came the young man was only half conscious. Terrell got in his buggy, loaded up his shotgun and pointed it at the mob that had hastily formed, held it at bay and drove to the sheriff's residence.

CONSTABLE MAY DIE.

Chico's Driver May Answer Serious Charges in Court.

Charleston, July 10.—Information reached her today to the effect that Constable Lykes, who was run down and injured last week by one of Vincent Chico's delivery wagons, is in a critical condition. Constable Lykes was trying to capture illicit liquors when he tried to halt Chico's wagon and its drivers, negroes named Reid and Perry, ran him down. They were subsequently sent to the chain gang for reckless driving.

Today Dispensary Auditor Z. Searson, appeared in court here and ordered that the charges against Reid and Perry be changed to assault and battery with intent to kill. He said that Lykes was in a critical condition and that it was possible his injuries might prove fatal in which case the negroes would be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

SKINNED NEGRO ALIVE.

He Kidnapped a White Girl and Death Quickly Followed.

Roanoke, Va., July 10.—A young white girl, living at Devon, Ming county, Virginia, was kidnapped the first of the week. A searching party found her last night, three miles away, tied to a tree in the woods, where she had been bound by a burly negro. The party of searchers heard the girl's story, left her tied and hid in the bushes. The negro returned last night, bringing the girl something to eat. When she told him her friends had seen her he threatened to kill her. The men came out of the bushes and caught the brute, who made a desperate fight. He was skinned alive from head to foot and died in awful agonies. The girl is in a serious condition.

On last Wednesday night Miss Dossie Stewart, a young lady of Lancaster, discovered a negro trying to enter her room. She called her brother and the negro escaped. Later Ernest Blakely, one of the hands on the plantation was suspicious, and confessed that he was the man. His purpose was evil. A lynching was prevented only by the efforts of the young lady's brother, Mr. R. S. Stewart.

SITUATION AT EVANSVILLE.

All Troops Ordered Home Except One Company—Seven Funerals Thursday.

Evansville, Ind., July 10.—After talking with Governor Durbin over the telephone yesterday afternoon, Brig. Gen. McBea ordered all troops, excepting one company, to return home. The city will be left in charge of the police department. Seven funerals were held yesterday. All were conducted quietly. The ministers in one or two cases prayed for the city and county administrations, and said in their addresses that this was not a time for criticism, but for sympathy with the friends of the dead. Two more of the wounded are pronounced to be in a critical condition. Adam Broski and John Bee are sinking, and if they die the list of deaths will be increased twelve. The grand jury is taking testimony on Monday night's shooting. Several prominent citizens were examined concerning any knowledge they might have of the looting of the gun stores by the mob.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Items of More or Less Interest Condensed Outside the State.

A terrible explosion of 400 kegs of powder at the Birmingham, Ala., Powder Mill on Saturday instantly killed four white men and completely wrecked the building. Gilbert Mullin, a Federal prisoner at the Junction City, Kan., jail, who headed the mutiny at Fort Leavenworth prison in 1901, and who was confined awaiting trial, escaped on Saturday with three other negroes, overpowering the Sheriff. He is a very desperate character.

There were the heaviest rains ever known in Pensacola, Fla., the latter part of last week. In three hours on Friday the official measurement was nearly five inches. The streets were inundated and trolley and railroad traffic were impeded.

A train on the Belt Railway at Chattanooga on Saturday night struck five white people who were walking across a trestle. A woman was beheaded, another dismembered, and a man and two women seriously injured.

A negro riot was stirred up in West 63d street, New York, on Sunday, by the attempt of a policeman to arrest one of a gang of negroes creating a disturbance on the streets. Police reserves were called out and the disturbance quelled.

Joseph W. Cummin, cashier of the Cornwall bank, Newburgh, N. Y., has been arrested on charge of defaulting. He has confessed that he is \$50,000 short.

A severe wind storm occurred at Baltimore Sunday afternoon, unroofing fifty houses in about four blocks, injuring twenty people, and causing a total damage of about \$100,000. No one was killed.

A wreck on the Missouri Pacific near Kansas City on Sunday morning caused the death of two tramps and an unknown man and injured about fifty people, mostly negroes.

During a thunderstorm which passed over Washington on Sunday lightning struck a boat house near the Potomac river, in which a dozen men had taken refuge on their way home from the bathing beach, killing one man, fatally injuring another, and wounding still another.

The Baptist Young People's Union of America, in session at Athens, Ga., last week, adopted resolutions strongly condemning the liquor traffic, and a member from Illinois pleaded that past differences between North and South be forgot. "We need to cease giving ear to the prattle against the South," he said, "and unite in praising the name of Lincoln and Lee, of Grant and Jackson."

The Belton cotton mill at Anderson was struck by lightning last Thursday. Considerable excitement among the operatives was created, but no damage was done.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Items of More or Less Interest Condensed In the State.

The case of Hoyt Hayes the young man in Oconee county charged with having murdered his wife several months ago, was tried last week at the regular term of court for Oconee and resulted in a mistrial.

Foster Wood, a white lad of 12 or 14 years of age, was run over Saturday night and instantly killed within the corporate limits of Union. It is said the boy was stealing a ride, and in jumping from the train was drawn under the wheels.

Joe Friday, the negro bell boy who killed a waiter, Stephenson, at Wright's hotel in Columbia some time ago, was captured on Saturday night at Wigginsboro. He was taken off the train. His ticket read from Blythewood to Charlotte.

On Saturday afternoon just after Mr. Elias Fowler, an aged citizen of Enoree, had returned home from a business trip two burly negroes walked into his yard and after addressing him in a friendly manner one of them knocked him over the head with a pair of brass knuckles, completely stunning him, and then the negroes robbed him of \$20 and escaped. Saturday night the entire community was wrought up and searching parties were out.

A negro wearing an Elks' badge and claiming that he came to Spartanburg to organize a negro lodge of Elks was quietly told last week by members of the local lodge of Elks to get out of Spartanburg, and he immediately got.

The sleeper and dining car of the Seaboard vestibule were wrecked at Greenwood on Sunday at noon. The cars were derailed at a grade crossing. Several persons were injured, but none very seriously.

A. A. Brown, a young man 22 years old, whose home is at Hillsboro, N. C., was derailed off the trestle at the plant of the Catawba Power Company at Rock Hill Friday morning, his dead body falling into the Catawba river. He was in the act of trying to stop three loaded cars when the cars dashed off the trestle, carrying him into the river. He was an excellent young man, a graduate of the A. & M. College, working for the Catawba Power Co., in order to gain practical experience in his chosen profession—civil engineering.

Not In His Hip Pocket.

It does not always pay to appear too independent, especially in a court room. They are telling the following story on a former Missourian, who is now a judge in Oklahoma. A gambler was tried before the judge recently and convicted of playing poker. He appeared in court dressed in a flashy style and with plenty of money in his pockets, apparently unconcerned as to the outcome of his trial. Looking over his spectacles the judge in a squeaky voice, said: "Jim, stand up."

The gambler obeyed. "Jim, have you got anything to say before I pass sentence on you?" "No, sir."

"Jim, I'm going to fine you \$500"—"All right, judge," interrupted the gambler, "here it is in my hip pocket."

"And give you sixty days in jail," continued the judge. "Now, look and see if you've got that in your hip pocket too."—Exchange.

Week End Rates.

From points on the Atlantic Coast. Line to Seaside Resorts, tickets on sale Saturday, good returning including Monday following, attractive schedules, unsurpassed service. Summer Tourist Tickets to Mountain and Seaside Resorts limited for return passage to October 31st on sale until September 30th.

For full particulars, rates, etc., call on Ticket Agents or write, W. J. CRAIG, General Passenger Agent, H. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager, Wilmington, N. C.

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY NEAR CLINTON.

THE KILLING OF J. L. RAMAGE BY JOHN G. WHAM.

Life of Young Woman Wrecked and Her Kinsman Slain to Save the Perpetrator from Lynchers.

Columbia State.

Laurens, July 9.—A homicide which has startled Laurens county as no other homicide has done since Joe Crews was killed probably saved from lynching the man who shot the other today. In the yard of the slayer, L. W. Ramage was killed by John G. Wham. Both men were prominent and for a time most serious trouble was feared, but it is not likely now.

The case is a most interesting one and there is the usual woman in it. The scene of the affair is Simpson's Cross Road, six miles from Laurens and three from Clinton, on the Columbia, Newberry and Laurens railroad. John Wham's home is on the road coming up. Across the road lives Thomas Simpson, a Confederate veteran, who has a large family. It seems that on Tuesday Miss Mattie Simpson, about 16 years old, received a note purporting to be from Miss Coleman, a sister-in-law of Wham, asking Miss Simpson to come over to Wham's where Miss Coleman was visiting and stating that all the others had gone away.

Mrs. Simpson got hold of the note and her suspicions were aroused. She went with her daughter to Wham's house, where Wham was found alone. Asking the meaning of the note Wham replied that he found it addressed to Miss Simpson after his wife and Miss Coleman had gone to Clinton and had simply sent it over. This did not satisfy the Simpsons and they finally elicited from Wham the information that he had sent the note with improper purposes in view. However, he declared this was nothing new and asserted that he had on four occasions within the last year made attempts to have relations with Miss Simpson with her consent. This statement, it is said, was made to Mr. Simpson, the girl's father, when he went to Wham's house to demand satisfaction. Wham, it is said, refused to come out and meet old man Simpson, who declared that nothing but Wham's blood would satisfy him.

VICTIM A PEACEMAKER.

News of this reached Clinton yesterday and there was much indignation there against Wham. Last night, it is now reported, a crowd surrounded Wham's house and it was known that some serious results must come. Either yesterday afternoon or early this morning Mrs. Wham got in her buggy and drove to the home of Mr. L. W. Ramage, several miles from her home. Her object was to get Ramage to act as peacemaker, but she says she did not ask him to come to see Wham. This morning about 8 o'clock Ramage got in his buggy and started for Simpson's crossing. On the way he picked up Ried Blakely, a friend. The two drove on to Wham's house and Wham came out to meet them. There was a shotgun in the buggy and Wham had a pistol in each coat pocket, but Wham and the two visitors shook hands in a friendly manner.

According to the testimony of Blakely at the inquest, Ramage opened the conversation by saying, "John, this is a bad affair you are in." Wham replied, "Yes, and I am willing to make any acknowledgments that are proper." Ramage then suggested that they all go over to Simpson's but Wham said he wanted to wait until his preacher came, that he had sent for him. Wham then started to the house, the other two following.

Blakely suggested to Ramage that if Wham got into the house he might give up his weapons. Ramage called on Wham to stop, but Wham went on in the house and up stairs. From the front window he called to Blakely to "Get out of my yard," and

Blakely got. Ramage had gone around the right side of the house and on the rear.

A COLD BLOODED MURDER.

Blakeley says he stood at the gate and looked through the hall which runs through the house and that he could hear Mrs. Wham and Ramage talking, but could not distinguish what they said. He saw Wham upstairs pick up something and then saw him come down stairs with a gun in his right hand. As he left the staircase he passed out of Blakely's sight and the shot was fired almost instantly. Ramage called to Blakely, heard him fall, and says he knew his friend was dead but did not go to him. With the shot gun in his hand he went to the corner of the fence where he could see Ramage lying back of the house.

SPLENDID ACTING.

When Mrs. Wham ran out to the front piazza screaming Blakely asked if it were safe for him to go to Ramage's body and she replied it was not safe. Here was enacted as wonderful a bit of acting as ever a woman did on or off the stage. The wife to whom Wham had been untrue, either in intent or act, for nearly three hours played an artistic role in order to give him time to escape. She knew that if Wham was taken by the friends of the other woman his life would be the forfeit, and so not only to Blakely, but to the dozens of others who gathered there this nervous woman pretended that her husband was upstairs and that it would mean more bloodshed and instant death to any man or any set of men who might attempt to enter that yard or that house. With prayers and pleadings of this sort she kept the crowd at bay while the dead man lay right at her back door and her husband was making his way to safety. For it must have been as soon as the shot was fired that John Wham rushed past his victim across the cotton field and into the woods 200 yards in the rear of his house. He has not since been seen in those parts and at this writing his whereabouts is unknown.

When it was found that Mrs. Wham had been playing a part and that her husband was gone the crowd made bold to approach the man who had been lying there dead these two hours and more. But this was not until word had been sent to Clinton and Laurens and Sheriff Duckett had arrived with a posse. Even then Mrs. Wham begged the sheriff not to turn over her husband to the mob, and acting on her fears the sheriff addressed the crowd, cautioned them against violence, and by this time Wham was putting miles between himself and the cold body of Ramage there in the back yard. Whether he went on foot or had a horse is not known, but since he had known for two days that he must get away or suffer it is probable he had prepared means of escape. It is said by conservative men that if Wham had been taken this morning either before or after the shooting he would have been lynched, as there were a number of men congregated at the Simpsons with all kinds of guns and feeling was hot against Wham both on account of the girl and of the death of Ramage, but the testimony at the inquest caused this feeling to partially subside.

SHOT HIS WAY TO SAFETY.

It is known from the guarded statements of Mrs. Wham that Ramage asked Wham to come out and go to the Simpsons and that Wham refused, telling Ramage that he could not protect him from that crowd and that it would mean death for him (Wham) to go there. It is supposed Ramage commanded Wham to come out and Wham decided to shoot his way to safety without more delay. His judgment seems to have been good as was his aim, for under Ramage's body was found a loaded Smith & Wesson selfacting revolver while the wound under the dead man's arm indicates that his left arm was raised and the fingers were twisted as if in the act of grasping the trigger. Wham shot with a Remington 32-calibre rim fire target rifle and the

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