

BEATS BILBO WITH PISTOL

MISSISSIPPI STATE SENATOR ASSAULTED ON TRAIN.

Assailant Former Penitentiary Warden, Whose Character it is Alleged was Assailed by Victim.

Starkville, Miss., July 6.—State Senator Theodore Bilbo, candidate for lieutenant governor, was attacked and severely beaten here to-day by J. J. Henry, claim agent of the Mobile, Chicago and New Orleans Railroad, and former penitentiary warden, the encounter coming as a direct sequel to a campaign speech delivered by Senator Bilbo at Blue Mountain, Miss., recently, in which he is credited with having assailed Mr. Henry, impeaching his character.

The affray occurred aboard a railroad train, in which Mr. Bilbo was proceeding from Columbus to Sturgis, Miss., where he was to speak this afternoon. Using the butt of a pistol, it is asserted, Henry struck Bilbo repeatedly about the head and body.

One Version of Affair.

Henry, it is stated, as he approached Bilbo, who was seated in the smoking car, demanded that the utterances in question be retracted and an apology made. Then he struck the State senator repeatedly about the head and body with the butt of a pistol. Henry surrendered to the sheriff here, and was released on his own recognizance. Other than a few cuts and bruises about his face and hands, he was not hurt in the slightest.

Bilbo continued his journey to Sturgis, where he was given surgical attention. A special train was made up at Sturgis to convey him to Jackson.

Stated Bilbo's Skull Fractured.

Reports as to the extent of Bilbo's injuries are conflicting. At first it was said that his wounds were not serious, but late this afternoon a dispatch quotes Dr. Murphy, who was called to attend Bilbo at Sturgis, as saying his skull is fractured, but he is not necessarily fatally hurt.

Following an investigation by the legislature into some charges of irregularities in the election of United States Senator Leroy Percy, a court trial was held, at which Senator Bilbo was an important witness.

Sound Like a Hold-up.

Ackerman, Miss., July 6.—Ross A. Collins, candidate for attorney general, who was accompanying State Senator Bilbo to Sturgis to-day, at the time of his encounter with J. J. Henry, has given out the following statement:

"When the train reached Starkville, I was seated directly in front of Senator Bilbo in the smoking compartment, talking with Mr. Carruthers, of West Point. Carruthers left the train at Starkville, and I was looking out of the window at about half a dozen people on the station platform, when I heard a loud, dull tick. I heard a man groan and saw Senator Bilbo fall at the blow from a pistol. Immediately a man covered the crowd in the smoking car with a pistol and I understood that another person stood guard with him. Everybody was made to vacate the car and the two men prevented any one entering, while J. J. Henry administered repeated blows upon Senator Bilbo's head and body with the butt of a pistol. Some people on the outside of the car, thinking Bilbo dead, begged Henry to stop, which he did, after having inflicted probably twenty or thirty blows."

Government Figures.

Comparing the figures on the cost of producing corn with the cost of producing wheat it is observed that cost of corn production in 1909, including the item of rent or interest on investment, was 37.9 cents per bushel, or \$12.27 per acre; wheat cost 66 cents per bushel, or \$11.15 per acre.

The excess of value of the crop over cost for corn was 64 per cent, and for wheat 50 per cent. The average size of a corn field in the United States is about 30.2 acres, and of wheat 50.6 acres. The value of corn-growing lands in 1909 averaged \$50.46 and wheat lands \$54.95 per acre.

Postal Bank Will Open.

Chester, July 6.—Chester has been designated by the postoffice department as a postal savings bank. Postmaster Duvoant having received information to this effect a few days ago. The bank will be opened for business on the 31st of this month, that is, the postoffice will begin to receive deposits on that day. What bank the money will be deposited in will be designated by the government.

Deposits are taken from \$1 up to \$500 and when that figure is reached they can be converted into United States bonds. There have been several of these postal savings banks established over the country and the fact that Chester is now included in the list is a matter of gratification.

SOAKED FOR \$25.

Large Number of Corporations Fined for Not Making Returns.

Many South Carolina corporations failed to make their reports to the commissioner of internal revenue on the first day of March, and also failed to apply on or before that date for the extension of 30 days, which is allowed under the law, if formal application is filed with the government. Corporations which made their reports on the 2nd or the 4th of March are equally culpable, technically, with those which did not report until March 30. The fine provided by the statute for such delinquency is from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for each offence, but the secretary of the treasury has decided that the law gives him authority to reduce the penalty and he announces that he will impose a fine of \$25 upon each of the corporations appearing to have violated the statute unintentionally.

As there are about 8,000 corporations in the whole country who come within this class of delinquents, the assessment of a fine of \$25 against the whole lot will put an extra \$200,000 into Uncle Sam's pocket.—Washington special to News and Courier.

A Characteristic Speech.

According to the published accounts of Gov. Blease, in his Fourth of July speech at the Drayton mills, Spartanburg county, condoned lynching; made a tirade on the negroes; antagonized the Yankees; jumped on the University of South Carolina, and is president, Dr. Mitchell; stated that several of the State institutions are being extravagantly operated; that the State of South Carolina is the most extravagant State in the Union; took a shot at the Columbia State and the Spartanburg Herald; paid his compliments to the State Supreme Court in the matter of special judges; defended his pardon record, taking particular pains to explain his pardon of George Hasty, the Cherokee murderer; expressed his admiration for Congressman Jos. T. Johnson, stating that Johnson had more sense than all the other South Carolina congressmen put together; praised Senator Smith and President Snyder of Wofford college; vowed he would tour the State and go to the United States senate as succeeding Tillman if the legislature impeached him; offered to quit the governor's chair if he failed to prove a case of offering bribe to a State official against Lawyer Tom Felder; declared there is no such thing as prohibition in this State; stated it was the duty of the dry counties to enforce the law themselves, giving this as an explanation why he had withdrawn whiskey constables from prohibition counties; approved the action of the board of education in eliminating 80 per cent. of the text books of the State, and took a few random shots at other things that entered his mind. Incidentally he expressed his love for his friends being so great that he wanted to be with them after this life no matter where they went. He stated that the governor's mansion was the home of the people, excluding his enemies, "apes and baboons," and extended an invitation for his friends to make the mansion their stopping place while visiting Columbia.—Anderson Advocate.

Dynamiter Gets Freedom.

Anderson, July 5.—Because his usefulness on the county chaingang had come to an end, on account of disability, and because he is needed at home to mind the children while his wife works in the cotton mills at Pelzer to support the family of several children, Ben McElreath, a white man, 32 years of age, who was convicted in September, 1910, of assault and battery, and who was sentenced by Judge Gary to serve five years on the chaingang, was paroled by Gov. Blease to-day.

In the summer of 1910 two men, McElreath and Hall, were arrested and brought before Magistrate Bonner at Pelzer, charged with assault and battery, they having thrown a stick of dynamite under the house of a white man named Webb, who lived between Williamston and Pelzer. The dynamite exploded before it got under the house, and no damage was done other than killing some stray dogs.

Anderson, July 5.—

On January 4, last, while working in the woods near the county home, a tree, cut by a convict, fell on McElreath, crushing him to the ground, and breaking his left leg in two places just above the ankle.

Negro Held for Murder.

Walterboro, July 5.—Frank Anrum, a negro from Whitehall, S. C., has been committed to jail here to-day charged with the murder of Joe Singleton, another negro. It seems that they had some dispute which resulted in the death of Singleton.

This is the first time for many years that there is only one murder case for trial in Colleton county.

KILLED BY FALLING TREE.

Claude Armstrong, Sixteen Years Old, Meets Sudden Death.

Spartanburg, July 6.—Claude Armstrong, 16 years old, was struck by a falling tree and killed while cutting timber on the plantation of his uncle, Edward Armstrong, Jr., near Duncan, about 5 o'clock this afternoon.

With his cousin, Gary Armstrong, his grandfather, Edward Armstrong, Sr., and negro workmen, he was engaged in cutting down trees to be used as telephone poles. Gary Armstrong, who is about 16 years old, had cut a small tree with an axe and as it cracked and tottered he shouted to Claude to look out.

The unfortunate boy jumped, but in the wrong direction, and the tree struck his head and felled him to the ground. His neck was broken and the back of his head badly bruised, but he breathed for several minutes afterward. Dr. Marchant and Dr. Holtzclaw were called from Greer and Dr. Moore from Duncan but they could do nothing.

Claude Armstrong was an orphan, his mother having died 12 years ago and his father, the late J. R. Armstrong, in December, 1909. The boy inherited property valued at more than \$10,000 upon his father's death.

The Meanest Man.

Two strangers met at one of the small tables in a dining car. They found a common bond in the effort to secure something to eat, and by the time the coffee came they were on friendly terms.

"I wonder if you will do me a favor?" said the first one, as he paid his bill. The other man seemed receptive, and the first one continued: "Have you a lower berth for tonight?" The man across the table nodded. "Well, I am traveling with my mother, who is rather well along in life, and I am anxious to make her comfortable. Would you be willing to give her your berth?"

"I should be delighted," responded the stranger. They went back to the sleeper, where the accommodating man was presented to the other's mother, a white-haired old lady with a charming face. The Good Samaritan had exchanged his lower berth for the upper, belonging to the old lady, and was radiating with a sense of kindness. It led him to remark affably to the other man, "But where are you going to sleep?"

"Oh, that's all right," was the answer, "that's my lower berth over there."—Mack's National Monthly.

Cutting and Shooting Affair.

Winnboro, July 5.—Tuesday afternoon at the store of the Fairfield Cotton mills William Cathcart, a book-keeper employed by the mill, shot one Hayne, after he had been terribly slashed with a pocket knife across the left side. The eye-witnesses to the difficulty say that Hayne, who is a mill operative, came into the office of the mill, which is in the rear of the store, and demanded that his "time" be paid him, and when told that it would not be paid until Saturday, became angered and commenced a flow of profanity. Mr. Cathcart remonstrated with him, when he struck with his fists, and after a number of blows were exchanged used his knife. Seeing that he had been cut the bookkeeper used his pistol, shooting the belligerent operative in the groin and then beat him over the head with the butt of the weapon. Neither of the wounds received by the men is considered dangerous by the physicians. Deputy Sheriff Richardson placed Hayne in jail, and Cathcart, after having his wounds attended to, was removed to his home.

ALLEGED DEFAULTER HELD.

Left Note Intimating He Had Drowned Himself.

Richmond, Va., July 5.—Louis L. Gregory, the alleged defaulting cashier of the Atlantic Coast Line railway, arrived here to-day in charge of Detective McMahon from Denver, Col., where he was arrested some 10 days ago on information from the police department here. He was at once taken to jail to await trial on the charge of grand larceny. He has already been indicted. His shortage is said to exceed \$25,000. Gregory disappeared from Richmond May 20, after leaving a note suggesting that he had drowned himself in the James river.

Georgia Woman Kills Neighbor.

Waycross, Ga., July 6.—As the culmination of a neighborhood quarrel, Mrs. R. L. Robbins, this afternoon shot and killed Mrs. Belle Smith, opposite the latter's home in Gilchrist park, this city.

Mrs. Robbins was arrested and is held without bail in the county jail. Several neighbors saw the shooting. Mrs. Robbins recently caused the arrest of Mrs. Smith, charging her with a minor infraction of city ordinances. At the trial Mrs. Smith was freed and Mrs. Robbins fined.

TOWNSHIP BOARDS RESTRAINED.

More of Blease's Beaufort Appointees Enjoined.

Beaufort, July 4.—Judge George W. Gage at Walterboro, issued a temporary injunction restraining the township commissioners of Bluffton, Yemassee and Sheldon township from exercising the functions of their office. The commissioners were ordered to show cause at Beaufort on September 4 why the injunction should not be made permanent. The commissioners enjoined were named by the governor without the recommendation of the Beaufort county delegation.

Another temporary injunction restrains G. Sanders, treasurer of Beaufort county, and Joseph H. Claghorn, supervisor, from paying funds on the order of the commissioners. It also is returnable September 4.

This action was brought by A. W. Simmons, E. P. Hodge, Bayard Riley, J. D. Cosby, W. J. Coaler, G. M. Guess, O. M. Reed and Israel Keyserling, who were recommended as commissioners by the Beaufort county legislature delegation.

The township commissioners enjoined, who were named by the governor without regard to the recommendation of the delegation, are: Bluffton township—C. A. Verdier, J. R. Coaler and W. H. Hutson; Yemassee township—R. A. Coburn, G. A. Walker, S. S. Keller; Sheldon township—D. F. Boineau, Ben Jessellon and Ward.

The county attorney to-day said that in his opinion the injunction against paying money out on order of the township commissioners applied only to the orders of the commissioners included in the first injunction.

The county commissioners were in session to-day, the county supervisor making up the necessary quorum. So far, with the injunction issued by Judge Gary at Walterboro March 9, the township commissioners of all but three of Beaufort county townships have been enjoined from exercising the functions of their office.

If an injunction is issued against the township commissioners of Beaufort county, there would be no quorum in the county board and the affairs of the county would be thrown into chaos. What action will be taken is not known, but some developments are expected within the next few days.

Would Check Jug Trade.

Greenwood, July 6.—The following resolutions were adopted by the Greenwood Ministerial union at its last meeting:

"Whereas the city of Greenwood is greatly annoyed by the shipment of whiskey by express from Augusta, more of it coming from Augusta than any other point, and

"Whereas, we are informed that if the liquor traffic from Augusta were cut out the situation in Greenwood would be immensely improved; and

"Whereas, Augusta is a prohibition city, we, the Ministerial union of the city of Greenwood, desiring to put ourselves on record:

"Be it resolved, First, That we express our sympathy with the towns of Georgia, such as Warrenton and others, that have passed resolutions condemning the unlawful traffic on account of the great injury it is doing, to say nothing of the injustice of the shameful traffic.

"Second, That we extend to the law-abiding citizens of Augusta our sympathy in their efforts to have the law enforced, and pledge all the support we can give them.

"Third, That we call upon the authorities of our sister city to enforce the law and save their city the shame and disgrace that is being brought upon it by the lawless liquor dealers of that place.

"Fourth, That we pray the Southern Express company to discontinue the shipments of liquor in violation of law from Augusta to our city.

"Fifth, That we ask that these resolutions be published in the Greenwood papers and in the Augusta Chronicle and the Augusta Herald."

Faces Serious Charge.

Alpharetta, Ga., July 7.—Postmaster L. K. Webb, of this place, in a warrant sworn out Wednesday, is charged with attempting to make an assault on the 16-year-old daughter of Sheriff T. A. McCleary. Webb has given bond and will be tried at the August term of the superior court.

About 8:30 o'clock Wednesday night some one entered the home of the sheriff. The young woman had been out walking and had just entered, when some one grabbed at her. She evaded the unknown and escaped by way of the back door to a neighbor's home. Whether the man was white or black she does not know. Persons who happened to be passing at the time say they heard the young woman scream, but saw no one run from the house.



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