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TWO SAD DEATHS

Two Young Men Go To a Watery Grave While Fishing.

THE BODIES FOUND.

They Visit Their Trout Line on the Dam in a Bateau, and Not Returning, Causes Alarm and Leads to a Search, Which Results in the Finding of the Bodies of the Two Young Men.

Early Thursday morning the news was received in Anderson of the drowning of J. C. Walker and John Dickson, which occurred at 2 o'clock that morning on the pond of the Belton Power Company, six and a half miles from Belton, on the Saluda River. Both of these young gentlemen were well known in Anderson, as it was their former home.

It seems that the two men set out trout lines across the pond Wednesday evening, and at two o'clock last Thursday morning they were in a batteau visiting the lines, when the batteau capsized for some unknown reason.

As neither of the gentlemen returned to their home in time to go to work Thursday morning, a search for them was made. The lifeless body of Mr. Walker was found on one of the hooks of the trout line. The body of Mr. Dickson was found about noon about 40 feet below where the boat turned over.

Mr. Walker and Mr. Dickson were brothers-in-law. They were electrical engineers and were in charge of the power house at the dam. They had been connected with the company only a short time. Both were about twenty-five years of age.

Mr. Walker worked at the sub-station of the Anderson Power Company four or five years. He left his position there about five months ago. He went down on the Laurens road of the Charleston and Western Carolina Railroad and from there he went to work at the Belton dam. He married Miss Bessie Dickson, the sister of John Dickson and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Dickson, who are now residents of Anderson. His wife survives him.

Mr. Dickson worked at the substation with Mr. Walker two years. He left the services of the Anderson Water, Light and Power Company last February, when he moved his family to the Belton power dam. Mr. Dickson married Miss Rossie Kay, who, with a child of two years and a child of one week, survive him.

The mother, father, sister and brother of Mr. Dickson went to the scene of the horrible accident Wednesday morning. The bodies of the men were carried to Anderson where the interment took place.

MATRIMONIAL SWINDLE.

Victim of His Desire to Wed a Titled Woman.

The arrest of Johann Fiedler, a tradesman, of Hermannstedt in Transylvania, and his wife has revealed a bare-faced swindle practiced on a simple minded but welthy land owner of Roumanian nationality named Konstantan Brateanu.

Fiedler learning that it was Brateanu's ambition to marry a lady of title introduced him to Frau Fiedler who posed as the Baroness Ida Kun who was unmarried and possessed of $100,000, in her own right.

Frau Fiedler played her part with complete success, and on the day of her betrothal her husband received $15,000, as a commission. Fiedler next offered to obtain for Brateanu the title of Baron from the Hungarian Government for another $5,000, and this too, the simple landowner paid.

Then Fiedler and his wife vanished and Brateanu realized for the first time he had been victimized. ?

TRAFFIC IN WIVES.

Said to be Quite a Practice Among French Peasants.

The court of the Haute Loire at Paris has before it a case brought by a peasant who claims $600 damages from another peasant for the nonfulfillment of a contract for the sale of his wife.

The man who brought the action bargained to buy the wife of a neighbor for $600. When the woman heard of the transaction she not only refused to leave her husband's house but told the two men strongly what she thought of them.

The buyer was furious at not being able to obtain the execution of a contract duly drawn up and signed and he determined to seek legal redress.

It is stated that the sale and purchases of wives have taken place several times during recent years.

HE GETS BIG PAY.

John Hays Hammond Highest Paid Man in the World.

John Hays Hammond, the mining engineer of New York, receives a salary aggregating $800,000 a year, which is more money than any other man ever received for his personal services. Men make millions on investments or by manipulations of speculations, but Hammond is the only man in the world who is paid so nearly a million dollars a year for professional advice.

Hammond is the greatest soldier of fortune of modern times, perhaps of all times, and was the model from which Richard Harding Davis drew his hero in "Soilders of Fortune." He was born in San Francisco fifty-two years ago, and graduated from the Sheeld Scientific School of Yale. During his boyhood in California he heard and dreamed of nothing but gold, for the Western coast was gold mad during this period.

Convict Killed.

In an attempt to escape from the penitentiary at Raliegh, N. C., Thursday by three young convicts, ne of them, C. L. Scruggs, was killed and the others, Jack Williams and Dodd Wilson, were recaptured, by the guard.

CITY WIPED OUT

In Mexico by a Sudden and Destructive Earthquake.

It is Reported That Five Hundred People Were Killed by the Terrible Disaster.

A dispatch from Chilpancingo, Mexico, says that city has been completely destroyed by one of the most serious earthquakes that has ever visited that section. Up to Monday evening the known dead number 11, and the badly injured seven.

A panic prevails everywhere and people are fleeing to the open country. The earth continues to rock at half hour intervals, and many minor shocks completed the work of destruction.

All telegraphic communication to the outside world ceased shortly after 11:50 o'clock Monday night, when the first shock was felt. The telegraph operators have installed temporary quarters in an open square.

The town of Chilapa, 42 kilometers to the northeastward, has also been destroyed. As yet no details have been received as to the number of dead and wounded, but it is feared that the number will be large.

Both the volcanoes of Colima and Jorullo are in this region and the people fear that the recent eruption of the earth may cause these mountains to become more active and to destroy much property and many lives.

A dispatch from the City of Mexico says the National Bank of Mexico has received a telegram saying that 500 lives were lost in the destruction of Chilpancingo and Chilapa. The telegram adds that both cities were completely destroyed. In governmental circles the report is not credited.

It is admitted that both cities were severely damaged, but it is not thought that the death list will even approximate 500 owing to the fact that the houses are massive affairs, built of stone in order to resist earthquake shocks.

The government of the state of Guerrero has dispatched military engineers and troops to the destroyed district and the work of rescue and sanitation is being carried on in a systematic way.

A dispatch from the City of Mexico on Monday night says heavy earthquake shocks continued on the west coast until 4 o'clock Monday morning. At that date news from the area of greatest destruction shows that the devastation was greater than at first supposed.

Besides the destruction of Chilpancingo and Chilapa, it is now reported that Tixtla, between these two cities, containing about the same population as Chilpancingo, was also leveled.

Messengers from the coast who have reached Chilpancingo say that the towns of Ayutlo and Ometepec have been destroyed and that the loss of life is very heavy. It will be several days before full porticulars will be received.

BAD STATE OF AFFAIRS

One of the Troubles Small Counties Have to Contend With.

According to a letter containing much vigorous language, Governor Ansel received Thursday from Mr. W. N. Faulling publisher of the Echo and Press at Monck's Corner, in Berkeley county, somebody has been tampering with the court schedule in that neck of the woods for the purpose of securing delay in the trial of a number of criminal cases.

Mr. Faulling encloses an editorial clipping from his paper, which cries out against "the shame that has been practiesd against the people of Berkeley county." He says that for some reason, which he is unable to explain but on which Senator Haynes of the county may be able to throw some light, the February term of court was passed up altogether, although the criminal docket was the heaviest in the history of the county, five murder cases awaiting trial now.

And according to the new court schedule for Berkeley, which was provided for in the last Legislature, there will be no more regular terms till next September, which will be 12 months from the last term. Mr. Faulling says the chief justice has signed an order for a special term to be held this month, but he wants the governor to look into the situation generally.

In the editorial clipping some judge, whose name is not called, is severely scored for enquiring when the next train left Monck's Corner soon as he landed in town. The editor says that the next Judge who came to hold court there should have the fact impressed upon his mind that Berkeley is a part of the State.

WAS A MAD MAN.

Champ Clark Relates an Incident at Gridiron Dinner.

Champ Clark of Missouri made a speech at Des Moines the other evening in the course of which he said that the half had not been told of the incidents at the Gridiron dinner at which Foraker and Roosevelt slashed at each other.

"I was sitting a little way from the President," he said, "and say, I have seen six men meet violent death at different times, but I never saw a madder man than Roosevelt was at that time in my whole life."

"If," he continued, "we compel the Harriman-Bliss-Odel gang to tell the truth about the campaign contributions, we would sweep the country. If we had a district attorney in New York that was worth powder and lead to blow him to hell, Sing Sing would be so full of those theiving Republican bosses that their arms and legs would be sticking out of the windows."

Killed His Son.

At Gadsden, Ala., O. P. Dodson, a telegraph operator, shot and killed his three-year-old son Thursday while in a demented condition, and at the same time tried to kill his wife. He escaped to the woods, but was lated captured by aid of dogs.

Killed by Cigarettes.

Capers Jones, eighteen, son of L. M. Jones, a prominent planter of Starrsville, Ga., ended his life at noon Friday by shooting himself through the heart with a shotgun. It is stated that the young man's mind was undoubtedly affected from cigarette smoking.

WHOLE WORLD

Was In the Throes of Hugh Earthquake Last Week.

THOUSANDS KILLED.

The Series Has Been Most General and Severe in History and Were Accompanied By Darkness, Lightning Storms and the Stifling Odor Burning Sulphur. Authorities Trying to Suppress Real Loss of Life.

Dispatches received from four continents indicated that the whole world has been in the throes of a remarkable series of earthquakes.

More than 1,000 lives have been loss in Merico and many towns have been swallowed in the rents of the earth.

Violent earthquakes are reported in the Russian trans-Caspian territory in Asia; in Southern Spain, in Tyrol and throughout Turkey and Syria. The startling eruption of a volcano in Chile is accompanied by darkness, lightning, storms and the stifling odor of burning sulphur.

A dispatch from El Paso, Texas, says more than a thousand persons were killed in the earthquake which devastated the territory southwest of Mexico City.

The list of dead may be increased greatly, according to late dispatches received Friday from the affected country. New volcanoes have broken out and the burning lava has set fire to the forests and people and live stock are fleeing for their lives.

Scores of towns lying between Mexico City and the Pacific ocean have been wiped out by the earthquakes In many instances the earth opened and in the great chasms thus formed, swallowed whole villiges.

The greatest damage done between the City of Mexico and the Colima volcano, which seemed to be the starting point of the disturbance. Colima is now in violent eruption, the most severe in the history of Mexico, and no estimate can now be placed on the extent of the damage done or yet to be done.

One of the most alarming features is the indication that there has been a large loss of life in the City of Mexico, a fact which the authorities are trying to suppress. Efforts to communicate with the authorities have failed, but privat advices to commercial houses say that the loss of life has been heavy, but that no announcement would be made by the officials.

Messages received at the town of Jaurez, in Mexico, just across the river from El Paso, say that when all of the dead in the scores of towns and villiages to the southwest have been enumerated, the list of dead will far exceed 1,000.

This series of earthquakes was the most severe in the history of the country. Not only did the disturbance extend from Mexico City to Colima, but there was a great disturbance on the bottom of the gulf of Mexico.

Fishing boats returning from the red snapped banks report that they were overtaken by most remarkable storms in which cross tides attacked them, water spouts appeared, and great columns of steam shot from the ocean. Several of these boats were made so hot by the steam from the sea that ice which their fish were packed with, was melted.

All of the railroad lines in the southern and western part of Mexico, have been practically destroyed. In scores of places the roadbed was carried completely away.

This has interfered greatly with the execution of the government's measures of relief. The bishop of Chilapa telegraphs that the destruction of Chilapa was almost complete that in many instances whole families were killed and that the need of relief was urgent.

The tidal wave which swept over the town of Acapulo did great damage. The tigal waze led two meterologists to believe that the earthquake was of world-wide dimensions.

MAIL CARRIER ARRESTED

W. L. Lovinggood Charged With Tampering With Pouches

W. L. Lovinggood, collored, mail messenger at the Orangeburg postoffice, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant sworn out by Postoffice Inspector J. H. Irving, charged with cutting mail pouches. Lovinggood's duties are to take the mail to and from the trains, and it is understood that several times during March the locked pouches which contain letters and other valuable mail were delivered at the postoffice cut, showing that they had been tampered with.

The postoffice authorities in Washington were notified and Inspector Irvin assinged the case. It is not known what evidence the inspector holds, or whether any valuable mail was taken from the cut pouches, but these facts will doubtless come out at the preliminary hearing which United States Commissioner Robert Lide fixed for April 26. Whether the bags were cut on the train or after they left the train is the question.

Lovinggood bears a good reputation, and has been mail carrier between the postoffice and the various trains for several years. This is the first time that any suspicion was ever thrown on him, and there are many who do not believe that he is guilty of the crime charged against him. If he wanted to rob the mails he could have done so wihout cutting a mail bag as he is in and out of the postoffice at all hours of the day and night. Lovinggood was bailed and is now out. Postmaster Webster reported the matter as soon as he discovered it and had the matter investigated with the above result.

Girl Defends Self.

Entering a farm house six miles south of Decatur, Georgia, where Ada Smith, a fifteen year old girl was alone with a three year old child, Jim Elliott, a negro, threatened to kill the girl with a knife which he carried threateningly. Miss Smith retreated across the room and seizing a shot gun leveled it at Elliott who jumped through a window to escape two shots fired by the brave girl. Elliott was given a hearing and held for trial.

POISON PLOT

May Kill Three Little Children in the City of Chicago

Father and Mother Slain. All the Victims Suddenly Ill After Eating Oatmeal.

Three of the surviving members of the ill-fated Mette family, of No. 2849 North Harding avenue, are dying at the Swedish Hospital, Bowmanville, Chicago, as a result of a second poison plot discovered Thursday by the Irving Park Authorities, in the poison mystery that has already resulted in the death of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mette, father and mother of the latest victims.

One member only of the family which consisted of father mother and four children, is now in danger of death. This is Mrs. Mary Sladek, the married daughter, who is now at Dunning being examined for her sanity.

The names of the victims of what the police believe to be a new attempt to exterminate the entire Mette family are: Joseph Mette, nineteen; Rudolph Mette, thirteen; Frank Mette, Jr., ten. All of the victims became suddenly ill Thursday after eating oatmeal for breakfast.

The boys were unconscious when the policeman arrived and placed them in the ambulance. It was discovered there was no room for the victims in Dunning Hospital. The police took them on to the Swedish Hospital in Bowmanville, the institution where their father died.

"The condition of the three boys is so serious that they are likely to die at any time," said Captain Haines. "One of them will not recover and there is little chance for the others."

Lieutenant Collins, of the Irving Park police station, detailed a dozen policemen and detectives on the case. A quantity of the oatmeal found on the table was given to a cat, which at once was thrown into spasms. The police are now certain that food in the house is impregnated with poison.

Mrs. Mary Sladek, who was taken to Dunning Hospital, was again examined for the "third degree."

Coupled with this renewal of activity by the police came the report that Emil Sladek, husband of Mrs. Mary Sladek is about to bring suit for divorce, having left her and gone to Los Angeles.

The police say the woman was on the verge of a breakdown and a confession was expected momentarily. The Coroner says the woman is not insane.

MILLION DOLLARS ASKED

As a Ransom for the Little Stolen Marvin Boy.

A dispatch from Dover, Del., says one million dollars is the ransom asked for little Horace Marvin by Salvatore Antone, of Hoboken, from whom Dr. Marvin received a letter Thursday morning.

Antone says he has the child in his custody, and if an advertisement is inserted in a New York paper telling where Dr. Marvin will meet him, he will deliver the baby. On the back of Antone's letter, a large black hand was drawn.

Dr. Marvin received about thirty letters Thursday morning from all parts of the country. Most of them offered condolence, the writers expressing the belief that the child is dead. One writer suggested that Dr. Marvin advertice in the papers of 10 largest cities of the country. Cleveland was underscored several times. Dr. Marvin said he would advertise in all the Cleveland papers.

Dr. Marvin was informed Thursday morning that the Pinkerton detectives, who had been working on the case, since the child was reported missing, had withdrawn.

The distracted father was hurriedly summoned from the Capitol Hotel Thursday morning by the report that his baby had been found dead in the woods near the farm at Dover, Del. The rumor proved to be untrue.

MANY WAR SHIPS.

Will Be in the Fleet During the Exposition.

Never in the history of the United States Navy has there been such a formidable array of warships as that will gather in Hampton Roads this month to participate in the Jamestown Exposition

The largest fleet ever previously assembled under the command of one United States naval officer was that which was reviewed by President Roosevelt in Long Island, September 3, 1906.

While the Jamestown aggregation of fighting sea monsters will not quite equal that of Oyster Bay in number of numerical strength, it will surpass it in fighting power, and counting the foreign vessels of war, which will form a part of the naval display, the Jamestown fleet will be superior to the review last fall.

Visitors to Jamestown, however, will be given the opportunity to see both fleets, for the navy department has decided to place in the government building an exact reproduction by model of the Long Island Fleet. Rear Admiral Evans will be in command of the Jamestown fleet, which will consist of 36 war-vessels. There will be 16 first class and one second class battleship, whereas the Oyster Bay fleet contained only 12 battleships.

AN UNLAWFUL WEDDING

Pastor of African Church at Orlean, N. J., Arrested.

Rev. W. F. Coffey, pastor of an African church at Orlean, N. J., was arrested Friday night on the charge of unlawfully marrying Arthur Jones, colored, and Dora Hitchcock, white. Coffey was held for the grand jury in the sum of $500. Fred Hitchcock, the father of the girl, and Arthur Jones, to whom she was married were arrained. They pleaded not guilty to disorderly acts.

SAFE AND SANE.

Harmon of Ohio Is Suggested as Such a Candidate.

Some Are Of the Opinion, However, That He Is Too Safe and Sane to Win.

Zach McGhee, the Washington correspondent of the State says the conservative Democracy has fixed upon a candidate for the presidency, so the tale goes in Washing ton. It is Judson Harmon of Ohio. He was attorney general in President Cleveland's second term.

The information comes from an Eastern Democrat of national reputation, and it strongly appears that the forces of the Parker nomination in 1904 are back of it. Harmon is to be the "safe and sane" candidate as against Bryan, the "unsafe and insane" candidate. That's the program.

Harmon made an excellent attorney general, and since his retirement has been practicing law in Ohio. He did one notable public service about 3 years ago when President Roosevelt appointed him to look into the alleged violation of the anti-rebate law b the Atch son, Topeka and Sante Fe railroad.

Harmon looked into it and found that Paul Morton, a member of the president's cabinet was the guilty party, for Morton was president during the time the rebates were given.

Harmon and his associate in the work recommended that prosecutions be instigated against Paul Morton and some of the other officials of the road. This did not suit the administration though, at all, which wanted to prosecute the railroad tracks, the locomotives and things of that sort, and put them all in jail.

Harmon expressed the opinion that if rebates were given somebody was responsible and they offered to show the president pretty quick who and how, but the president had no idea of allowing his friend and cabinet officer to be prosecuted. Harmon thereupon quit and the case was dropped.

Harmon is quite much of a man all right, but the opinion is that he is too "safe and sane" for the sentiment of the party and of the country at this time.

BIG DISPENSARY TRADE.

What Was Taken During the First Month.

According to figures which State Auditor W. B. West has just checked up, the gross sale of the Carey-Cothran dispensary liquor throughout the State for March, the first month of business since the new system was inaugurated, amounted to $153,444,-66. There are now only nineteen counties under the new system, and some of these, particularly Charleston, did not get started under the new system at once.

The sales by counties were:

Abbeville	$ 5,553.85
Aiken	7,917.19
Bamberg	2,668.90
Barnwell	2,015.25
Charleston	17,991.83
Chester	6,900.12
Clarendon	3,826.40
Colleton	1,537.10
Dorchester	3,328.10
Fairfield	3,1f7.32
Florence	6,343.65
Georgetown	9,014.95
Kershaw	7,325.35
Laurens	4,466.95
Lexington	1,669.90
Lee	2,769.85
Orangeburg	16,756.85
Richland	38,438.30
Sumter	11,805.98

EDITOR SENT INTO EXILE.

Whipped, Imprisoned and Banished for Offending Guatemalan Ruler.

Francisco Osorno Rojas, former editor and proprietor of a daily paper in Guatemala City, is at New Orleans, an exile.

Rojas says that just before the Guatemala congress assembled President Cabrera sent him a copy of his message, with instructions to display it in the nert isue of his paper. The first page had already been made up and printed, so Rojas printed the president's message on the last page.

Cabrera thought this was les majeste, had the luckless editor arrested and beaten with a bul whip, and then kept in durance vile for a month. Finaly he was given his liberty on promise that he leave the country. The only possession he has today is the bull whip.

DISFRANCHISES NEGROES

The Florida Legislature Dont Want Him to Vote.

The Florida nate by a vote of 25 to 5 adopted a joint resolution to declare the fourteenth and fifteenth amendmentsin the federal constitution void and to disfranchise the negro in Florida.

The resolution was introduced by Senotor John S. Beard, of Pensacola, who spoke at length upon the subject. Senator John S. Beard, of Pensacoli, that the supreme court of the United States would uphold th action of the state in disfranchising the negro.

The house is overwhelmingly for the resolution and the question of the legality of the amendments in question will thus go before the United States supreme court. Crowded galleries cheered the action of the senate.

LITTLE BOY STOLEN

Strange Man Gave Child Money and Candy to Lure Him.

John Sahol, aged six, was kidnapped on Sunday afternoon from his home at Hauto, Pa. The boy is the son of a Slavoian miner.

John and his three-year-old brother, Joseph, went for a walk. A short time later Joseph returned and said that a strange man had given John a dollar and some candy to go along with him.

There is no known motive for the kidnapping, as the father of the lad is in ordinary circumstances, and the kidnappers could not hope for a ransom.

THE OLD VETS

Program of the Reunion to Be Held in Columbia

WILL HAVE BIG TIME.

The Sponsors Are Provided For. They Will Be Given a Reception and a Ball. In Most of the Events, However, Place of Honor Has Been Reserved for the Old Confederate Veterans.

Mr. E. B. Clark, chairman of the committee of the chamber of commerce which has charge of the preparations for the Confederate reunion at Columbia May 7-9, has completed the detailed program. It is as follows:

Tuesday, May 7.

11 a. m.—Presentation of Gen Johnson Haygood's portrait at Columbia theatre.

12 m. to 5 p. m.—Band Music on Main street.

5 p. m. to 7 p. m.—Reception to Sponsors at Metropolitan club.

8 p. m. to 10 p. m.—Concert on capitol grounds by Columbia Brass band.

8.30 p. m.— Columbia Theatre.

Wednesday, May 8.

9:30 a. m.—Assembly of all who will occupy seats on the stage at the Columbia theatre. This will include all specially invited guests, the mayor and aldermen of the city of Columbia, participants in the program, members of the reunion executive and reception committees and the auxiliary executive committee of ladies, the commander of the army of northern Virginia, and staff, commander of the state division and staff origade commanders, commander of the state division, sons of veterans and staff; president of the state organization of Daughters of the Confederacy, and the department, division, brigade and regimental sponsors of the U. C. V.

10 a. m.—Opening exercises of the annual reunion of the state division, United Confederate veterans, the program being as follows:

Overture, Columbia ochestra; doxology, assembly called to order, Capt. W. D. Starling, commander of Camp Hampton; opening prayer, Rev. Dr. J. W. Flinn; address of wescome on behalf of the city of Columbia, Hon. T. H. Gibbes; music, Columbia orchestra; address of welcome on behalf of the Columbia chamber of commerce, Gen. Wille Jones, president; music, Columbia orchestra; address of welcome on behalf of Camp Maxey Gregg, U. S. C. V., Hon. Porter McMaster, commander; music, Columbia orchester; address of welcome on behalf of Camp Hampton, Col. U. R. Brooks; music, Columbia orchestra; address of welcome to the Confederate veterans by his excellency, Hon. M. F. Ansel, governor of South Carolina; response on behalf of the South Carolina division, U. C. V., by General Thomas W. Carwile; music, Columbia Orchestra; reunion formally opened; ceremonial tribute of respect to the Confederate dead by the assembly; presentation of credentials and calling rolls of camps, annuoncements, adjournment.

4 p. m.—Reunion assembles at Columbia theatre; visit of children of the city schools.

4:30 p. m.—Business session.

8 p. m.—Presentation of sponsors atColumbia theatre by Hon. George Bell Timmerman; music, Columbia orchestra; response on behalf of the sponsors by Miss Grace Lumkin.

9 p. m.—Presentation of the comedy drama, "For Her Country's Sake.

Thursday, May 9.

9 a. m.—Reunion assembles for business.

12 m.—Delivery of the anual address to the division by Hon. Andrew Crawford.

5 p. m.—Annual veteran's parade headed by military and flower children. Line of march from postoffice to state house.

5:30 p. m.—Reception to the Confederate veterans by the ladies and children of Columbia on the capitol steps.

8 p. m.—Reunion assembles for business.

8:30 p. m.—Experience meeting.

9 p. m.—Confederate war tableau and camp scenes, "Auld Lang Syne;" final adjournment.

10 p. m.—Annual reunion ball at Craven Hall.

DON'T BELIEVE IN WAR.

Bryan Makes Notable Speech Before the Peace Conference.

William Jennings Bryan was the last speaker before the New York Peace Congress on last Thursday night. He said:

"War comes from misunderstandings. At the finish both parties will tell you that it was a defensive war. When they will submit to having a through understanding of their grievances, war can be avoided.

"I believe one of the subjects of this convention is to cultivate peace and to dispel the idea that man must die in the battlefield to be a patriot. And this convention will not do its duty unless it impresses upon the world the idea that it is as much a man's duty to live for his country as it is to die for it.

"I expect to see the world loved into peace. Love is the great force. Don't tell me that to secure peace you must build great armies and navies. I want to see peace by love and not by force.

MYSTERY CLEARED.

Mail Agent Caught Who Took Ten Thousand Dollars.

The mystery concerning the disappearance of $10,000 in transit by the Atlantic National Bank of Wilmington to the Chemical National Bank, of New York, N. Y., was cleared up by the arrest at the instance of Postoffice Inspector Edward A. Nelson, employed by the mail service.

Nelson, whose home is at Wilmington has made a confession. His run was between Wilmington and Rocky Mount, N. C. Most of the money was found under Nelson's house where he had buried it. Altogether $9,400 was recovered.

FELLED BY MANIAC.

Paroled Lunatic Attacks An Old Lady and a Man.

The Old Lady Struck in the Head And the Man Assaulted With an Axe and Knife.

While in a fit of violent insanity and thinking, as he said, that someone was trying to kill him, Joseph W. Hagood Saturday made a murderous attack upon Mrs. Eugenia Smith with an axe, fracturing her skull, and with a long knife stabbed Mr. John J. Riley in the back in Columbia. Mrs. Smith and Mr. Riley are now under care at the Columbia hospital and some doubts are entertained as to their recovery.

The State says Hagood has been on a parole from the insane asylum for just 30 days and up to his tragic deed Saturday has been conducting himself commendable since his relief. But Saturday morning he was seized with a terrible malady and getting an axe he went to the house occupied by Mrs. Smith, Mr. Riley and others, and battered down the door of the roon in which the helpless was. With a blow he felled Mrs. Smith across the bed, inflicting a serious fracture of the skull, and then he went to the room where Mr. Riley was in bed.

Mr. Riley, a one-legged man, hearing the noise in the back part of the house got out of the bed and started to leave the house when he was seen by Hagood. The maniac gave chase to Mr. Riley and soon overtook and overpowered him, dealing him a blow on the hip with the axe and then stabbing him in the back with a knife near the backbone.

About this time a general alarm had been given by Mrs. A. Andrews who was in the house at the time, and Mr. J. H. Faulk and others overpowered the maniac and after summoning the police patrol placed him in the wagon, where he was carried to the station and locked up.

Dr. C. F. Williams, the city physician, who is attending the injured people, said he can not say just yet what will be the outcome of their injuries. Mrs. Smith's fracture is of a very serious nature and may prove fatal. Mr. Riley will probably get well, unless the knife penetrated into the lung, which the doctor fears. Both parties were resting well late Saturday night. Saturday afternoon the unfortunate man was remanded to the State hospital for the insane again.

He was carried to the hospital in the patrol wagon and was very orderly and quiet, the only thing that seemed to worry him was that he feared some one would at any time do him harm, it seems. Hagood is a huskster by trade and is married. His wife saw a part of the sad affair and tried to control her husband, but could not. She seemed not to be afraid of him, as she had seen him undergo spells at other times.

DELIGHTFUL MEETING

The Doctors Had a Pleasant Time at Bennettsville.

The State Medical Association met at Bennettsville this year and the members had a most pleasant time, The following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year.

President, Le Grand Guerry, Columbia; vice presidents, R. A. Marsh, Edgefield, J. Adams Hayne, Greenville, Mary R. Baker, Columbia; secretary, Walter Cheyne, Sumter; treasurer, C. P. Almar, Charleston.

State medical examiners, 1st district, W. P. Porcher, Charleston; and qistrict, J. A. Rosamond, Easley; 5th district, R. A. Bratton, Yorkville; 7th district, J. J. Watson, Columbia. The members from the other districts hold over.

State board of health, Robert Wilson, Charleston; H. T. Hall, Aiken; C. C. Cambrell, Abbeville; J. A. Hayne, Greenville; W. J. Burdell, Lugoff; James Evans, Florence; C. S. Williams, Columbia.

Committee on scientific work, G. A. Neuffer, Abbeville; J. T. Taylor, Adams Run.

Committee on public policy and legislation, C. B. Earle, Greenville, T. Grange Simons, Charleston; J. H. McIntosh, Columbia.

R. A. Marsh was elected alternate to the American Medical Association. The delegate, J. H. Hamilton, was elected last year. F. H. McLoed was elected delegate to the North Carolina Association.

The resolution to make Columbia the permanent meeting place was defeated, and Anderson selected for the next meeting.

SECURED DIVORCE

Because His Wife Wanted Him to Commit Suicide.

Arthur E. Masher, of Adrion, Mich was recently granted a divorce from Sarah Comfort Mosher, for alledged cruelty of an unuasual nature. Shortly after the marriage he claims his wife wanted him to enter into a suicide agreement; but he declined.

Later they occupied seperate bedrooms and one night, he testified, she came into his room after he had retired and uncovered the magazine of the coal stove so the gas would escape. Another time while out driving he said she wanted him to drive in front of an approaching train. Both are Quakers.

SHOULD BE HANGED.

Husband Saw Two Brutes Brutally Assault His Wife.

At Kingsport, in the presence of her husband, and fourteen-year-old daughter, Mrs. Frank Belcher was assaulted at an early hour Friday morning by two masked white men. With draw weapons the men entered the Belcher home and compelled Belcher to get out of bed and be tied. One man then assaulted Mrs. Belcher while the other made an attempt on the girl. Belcher's frantic efforts to get at the men were stopped by a blow on the head which rendered him unconscious.

Citizens are wildly excited over the outrage and there is open talk of lynching. Posses are scouring the country.

LITTLE SHOCK

Of Earthquake Was Felt in Charleston Last Friday.

IN SUMMERVILLE TOO.

But Nowhere Did Any Damage Result and There Was Little Alarm Over It. Probably a Reflex of the General Disturbance Over the Earth Some People Were Awakened.

A little shock of earthquake was felt in Charleston Friday morning, causing some alarm among those who experienced it, but the seismic disturbance was not serious and did no damage except to scare timid people.

The Post says the shock occurred at 3:30 o'clock and was said to have lasted between eight and ten seconds and to have been accompanied by a light roaring sound, puff of wind and wave motion, the disturbance seemingly moving from southeast to the northwest.

The shock was more distinctly felt in Summerville than in Charleston. At the pineland resort, it is said to have been attended with the breaking of ornaments which fell from mantels, but this was exceptional.

While the shock was naturally more generally felt in Summerville than in Charleston, at neither place did the disturbance reach any decided proportions or cause exits from houses or any stampede. The shock was quite perceptable but it was not comparable to the shocks which preceded the great earthquake of Tuesday night, August 31st, 1886.

There is no seismograph n Charleston and no register of the undulatory motion of the earth could be recorded. The weather bureau has many delicate instruments with needles, dipped in ink, moving over tabulated sheets, recording wind and rain variations, but none of these was affected, by the disturbances, which goes to show how mild the tremor really was.

The fact that a slight tremor was felt should cause little if any uneasiness for the press reports have been noting these disturbance for some time. Only a few days ago, reports of similar occurrences were heard from Tennessee and Kentucky and at different times and places report of earthquake shocks have been made.

The fact that Charleston was stricken with a big shock nearly 21 years ago has no significance and it does not follow that there will be another terrible earthquake there. Another may strike some other city or section of the country and prehaps visit those places with greater destruction than was ever wrought at Charleston. Earthquakes are things which can not be avoided and run away from.

People may flee from an epidemic of fever or other disease, but they can not run away from an earthquake, for they never know where one will occur. The disturbance at Charleston Friday was probably caused orconnected in some way with the disturbances in Mexico and the tremor of the ground may probably be simply the settling of the portions within the earth and the resumption of normal condition, after the violent shaking up in Mexico.

The Evening Post received a number of telegrams and long-distance telephone messages from newspapers of many cities making inquiries about the extent of the damage by the earthquake. Some of the inquiries said that it was reported at these places that Charleston had been destroyed and that property which the earthquake had not shaken down was being devoured by flames.

These exaggerated reports were of course promptly denied and messages were put on the press wires assuring the people of the country that Charleston was unhurt, that not the slightest damage had been done to property, and that the shock was in fact so light that most people did not feel it and did not know that it had occurred until they heard it talked about during the day.

KILLED BY PHONE.

Turns on Light Reaches for Receiver And Falls Dead.

At Marlboro, Mass., Miss Anna Greenwood, aged twenty-nine, was killed by electricity while using the telephone at her home. An examination showed a slight burn on the wrist, indicating that a cuff button had touched the switch as she turned on the light, the current passing through her body into the telephone instrument, which she was touching with her other hand.

After dinner she left the table laughing at a remark made by her father and stepped from the dining room to telephone to a friend. There is an electric light directly over the telephone, and she reached to turn it on she started to ring for central tral. Instantly all the lights in the house were extinguished, and Mr. Greenwood heard his daughter fall. He hurried to her but she was dead.

BITTEN BY WILDCAT.

Never Flinched or Murmured Under Pressure of Beast's Jaws.

When a vicious wild cat bit Henry T. Justice in the ankle while he was hunting in the Maine woods, Sam Prevost, aa guide, was astonished at his employer's bravery.

Justice never winced nor made an oring to tear the flesh he took careful oring to tear the flest he took careful aim and fired at the animal. He missed the cat and it escaped.

The guide, after he had recovered from his astonishment at the wonderful exhibition of bravery, suggested that they hurry to a doctor. "No," said Justice, "what we need is a carpenter. You see the cat bit my cork leg."

Killed By Her Child.

At Jacksonville, Fla., Friday Mrs. Mary Gardner was shot and killed by her five year old son, who was playing with his father's shot gun, which was accidentally discharged.