

SLAYS PRIEST.

Father Heinrichs Murdered While Administering the Sacrament.

DIES AT THE ALTAR.

The Awful Deed Done by Alo Guiseppe, An Italian Anarchist, Who Was Kneeling at the Altar When He Fired the Fatal Shot.—The People Wanted to Lynch the Assassin.

At Denver, Colo., Father Leo Heinrichs was shot and killed Sunday by Alo Guiseppe, an avowed anarchist and priest hater, while the priest was administering the sacrament at early mass in St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church. Kneeling at the altar rail between two men, Guiseppe pressed the muzzle of a revolver against the body of the priest, after receiving from him the consecrated water, and shot the priest through the heart. Exclaiming "My God! My God! My God!" Father Leo fell prone in front of the altar and died.

The assassin sprang into the aisle, and, brandishing the pistol, dashed to the church door. For a moment, the hundred or more persons in the church were dazed. Then a woman screamed and the congregation became panic stricken. Several women fainted and many others became hysterical. Several men, including Patrolman Daniel Cronin, started in pursuit of the murderer. Policeman Cronin overtook the fleeing Italian at the church steps. Guiseppe attempted to shoot the policeman but was foiled, and overpowered after a desperate struggle.

REVEALED IN A DREAM.

Long Lost Ring Recovered by Its Owner This Way.

A vivid dream three repeated showed George Chester of West Livingston, N. J., where to find his wife's wedding ring, which she lost nearly five years ago. The dream came to him first on Friday night. He saw himself walking along Roseland Avenue toward Caldwell. About half way to Caldwell he seated himself under a big tree. After resting a while he got up. His foot slipped and displaced a small stone. Then he saw a bright object and picked it up. It was the ring.

A LITTLE HERO

Loses Her Life Trying to Save a Little Companion.

At Cartersville, Ga., in an attempt to rescue her six-year-old companion Dave Rogers, from an approaching train recently Lillie May Kline, 12-years-old, was struck by the train and with the child in her arms both were crushed to death while the father of the girl who was walking with the children looked on.

For State Senator.

Ex-State Dispensary Director Hub Evans authorizes the announcement of his candidacy for state senator from Newberry. He was formerly mayor of the town of Newberry, and as recently defeated for another term in that office by only eleven votes. He is one of the few state dispensary officials of his period of service not under indictment. And personally he is one of the most popular men in the state.

OFFICERS KILLED

By Violators of the Law They Attempted to Arrest.

Murders Took Place in Columbia, S. C., Dillon, S. C., and Fayetteville, N. C.

Three officers were killed last week while trying to arrest violators of the law. The first was in Columbia on Saturday, when W. H. Sellers shot and killed Constable Jas. Farmer. Sellers is a notorious blind tiger, and Constable Farmer and Detective Ogg went to his house, where he stores whiskey, with a search warrant to hunt booze. Sellers refused to let them in and they forced the door. Sellers fired and jumped behind the door. Farmer fell mortally wounded and Ogg beat a retreat. Sellers was arrested and is now in jail.

Another Constable Killed. Mr. Ragland R. Brunson, of Dillon, who for several months has been acting as constable for upper Marion, was shot and instantly killed at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon by a negro whom he was attempting to arrest. He had previously arrested a negro on Dr. Stackhouse's place, about eight miles above Dillon, and was returning with him in a buggy when he met another negro for whom he had a warrant driving a buggy. As he got down to serve the warrant, the man drew a pistol, firing three shots into Mr. Brunson, who turned and endeavored to get into the buggy. With the assistance of the negro already under arrest he got into the buggy and requested the man to assist him to Dr. Keilar's office, about two miles back. He lived only a few minutes, dying in the buggy. Great excitement prevails in Dillon, Mr. Brunson being a very popular and highly esteemed man and having a large family connection in the town and surrounding country.

Chief of Police Killed. Jas. H. Benton, chief of police of Fayetteville, N. C., was shot and killed early Sunday afternoon by a negro. The murderer, Sam Murchison, was captured an hour after the crime and despite three distinct efforts to lynch him was safely lodged in jail.

Murchison quarreled with one of his own race and shot his antagonist, inflicting a slight wound. Chief Benton started out in search of Murchison and after a few words the negro drew his pistol and shot the officer through the head.

Murchison fired one shot at a citizen who attempted to stop him and was wounded by one of three shots fired by Charles Benton, 17-year-old son of his victim, who took his father's pistol and started in pursuit of the murderer. Murchison continued his flight to the outskirts, when, after 20 policemen and many citizens had hunted him for an hour, he was overhauled.

An unusual circumstance of Sunday's tragedy is that it is the second time within a year that Fayetteville has lost a police chief at the hands of a desperate negro. Less than a year ago Chief of Police Chesson and one of his officers were shot by a negro desperado.

POWDER PLANT EXPLODED.

Four White Men and Twenty-Four Chinamen Killed.

With a force that shook the entire bay region like an earthquake, the packing hot of the Hercules Powder Works, Pinole, 14 miles north of Berkeley, Cal., blew up at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon, and in the explosion four white men and twenty-four Chinamen were killed. Ten tons of dynamite went up in the terrific blast, shattering the sheds to dust and splinters.

W. M. Stilwell, foreman of the packing house, was blown to atoms at his post of duty. Manuel Enos, Joseph Grace and W. A. Rodriguez were the other white men killed. The twenty-eight dead included every man who was at work in the packing house.

Flames burst forth in the ruins following the explosion and threatened the gelatine house, where two score of girls were at work. A panic ensued and many were cut by flying glass and crushed and trampled in the mad rush for the doors.

AN AUTOIST SUED

For Making a Mule Run Away and Killing Driver.

Mr. Harry Buhl, a wealthy resident of Pittsburg, Pa., who winters in Augusta, Ga., is being sued by Melissa McClady, a negro woman, for \$3,000 for the death of her husband. While autolung on a country road a few miles out of Augusta, Mr. Buhl's machine frightened a mule which the woman's husband was driving, causing it to run away and kill him.

LAI D TO REST.

Remains of Sen. Asbury C. Latimer Sleeps in Home Town.

FUNERAL CEREMONIES

Were Most Impressive.—Throng of Friends and Associates Gathered to Pay the Last Tribute to Their State's Deceased Representative.—Body Laid in the Family Plot at Belton Cemetery.

A dispatch to The State from Belton says all that was mortal of Asbury C. Latimer, late senator from South Carolina, was laid to rest in the family plot at the Belton cemetery Friday.

That Senator Latimer was esteemed by his colleagues in congress was evidenced by the kindly expressions uttered by them, that he was esteemed by the citizenship of his home community was evidenced by the unusual tribute paid his memory by his townspeople in the suspension of business and the large outpouring of people, not only from the town but from all neighboring localities, was apparent at every hand.

Almost every store and business house of the town was closed from 11 o'clock until after the funeral in the afternoon, and nearly every business house was draped in mourning as a tribute of respect to his memory. The postoffice and the public schools were also closed in honor of the distinguished dead.

The special train over the Southern railway bearing the body of the deceased senator accompanied by the committees from the senate and house of representatives, arrived on time. The body was immediately taken to the Methodist church of which the senator was a consistent member, where it lay in state until the hour of the funeral. Each train brought delegations from various organized bodies and individual citizens who had come to pay the last tribute to their representative in the senate and their personal friend.

The little town of Belton, the home of the late senator, swarmed with people from every section of the State, who were there to honor the memory of the man who had done so much for himself, but who had done more for his constituents, in that he has been a faithful and diligent public servant.

The funeral arrangements were in charge of Mr. E. Livingstone Cornelius, assistant sergeant-at-arms of the senate, and the train was in charge of Mr. C. W. Fletcher, city ticket agent of the Southern railway in Washington. Col. R. W. Hunt boarded the train at Spartanburg and looked after the funeral party to Belton.

The funeral services were held at the Methodist Church, of which Senator Latimer had long been a member. The Rev. W. L. Halroyd, the pastor, assisted by the Rev. W. T. Tate, pastor of the Baptist church, and the Rev. A. J. Cauthen, presiding elder of the Anderson district, Senator Latimer's former pastor, conducted the church service.

Perhaps the most moving feature of the funeral was the touching and eloquent prayer of the Rev. Mr. Cauthen. "Asleep in Jesus" and "I Need Thee Every Hour" were sweetly rendered by the choir and at the conclusion of the church service "Nearer, My God to Thee" was sung by the assembly, after which the body was removed from the church and the service was concluded at the grave.

A touching incident while the body lay in state was when the old family servants, about 25 in number, passed through the little church to take a last look at their dead master. One old negro woman, nearly 90 years of age, said with tearful face, "God bless him," and fell in a faint, having to be assisted from the church.

The congressional escort, the honorary pallbearers, headed by Senator B. R. Tillman first entered the church and were seated near the bier.

The active pallbearers were: A. M. Carpenter, R. S. Ligon, J. M. Payne, C. F. Jones and J. J. Fretwell of Anderson, and W. K. Stringer, John A. Horton, L. D. Harris, D. A. Geer and Dr. W. R. Haynie of Belton.

In accordance with resolutions adopted by the general assembly of South Carolina the following members were present to represent the senate: G. W. Sullivan, George J. Holliday, T. I. Rogers and J. R. Earle.

On the part of the house these gentlemen attended: K. P. Smith, J. T. Cox, J. A. Hall, L. S. Clinkscales, G. W. Dick, E. L. Richardson, Allan Johnson, J. H. Miller and Herbert Gyles. Among the floral tributes, which

A CHOICE PLUM

Several Gentlemen Hope to Succeed Late Senator Latimer.

POLITICAL GOSSIP.

Legislature Expected to Hold Election on March 3 to Fill the Unexpired Term.—Various Persons Are Mentioned for the Place. Names of the Candidates Who Expect to Run in the Primary.

The announcement of the death of Senator Latimer on last Thursday threw the General Assembly into political turmoil. Coming within two days of the expected end of the session with the certainty that the Legislature must fill the vacancy before it could adjourn, the whole aspect of legislation was changed. In addition, the removal of Senator Latimer from the race in the primary entirely alters the condition of affairs, and that the political situation in South Carolina had been completely transformed.

Within an hour after the announcement that Senator Latimer was dead had reached the State House, it was seen that the names of more than one member of the General Assembly would be presented for the unexpired term and their friends at once got to work. This may have appeared somewhat heartless, but at that time it was the prevailing opinion that the election would have to be held on Saturday and it was realized that in this case no time could be lost.

Investigation of the law was set on foot however and it was then discovered that the General Assembly might not have to elect at this time, and further, that it was possible that the election could not be held at this time. Though no official information was served from Washington until transmitted through the message of Governor Ansel Thursday night, the judiciary committee of both House and Senate met and considered the question that was presented. Senator Carlisle, chairman of the State judiciary committee then got into communication with Washington and talked with Senator Bailey on the long distance telephone. Mr. Bailey being regarded as an authority on such questions.

Mr. Bailey informed Mr. Carlisle that after consulting Senator Tillman he and Senator Tillman were of the opinion that the General Assembly could at once elect upon receipt of official notification of the vacancy but that Senator Hale and other Republican Senators, who would in the final analysis decide the point if it were raised, held differently and thought that the General Assembly could not elect until the second Tuesday after the receipt of official notification of the vacancy.

Senator Bailey then advised as it was a Democratic legislature electing best not to elect anyone now, but to follow the procedure which Senator Hale considered legal. In accordance with this opinion the Legislature adjourned on Saturday until Tuesday, March 3, when it will meet and elect a Senator for the unexpired term of Senator Latimer, which has about one year to run yet.

On the understanding that the General Assembly would elect some one to fill the unexpired term alone, and not one of the candidates for the long term, the following members of the General Assembly were at once suggested:

Lieutenant Governor T. G. McLeod of Lee County; Hon. Frank B. Gary, of Abbeville; Hon. George Von Kolnitz, of Charleston; Hon. James Cosgrove, of Charleston; Hon. W. L. Mauldin, of Greenville; Hon. LeGrand Walker, of Georgetown; Senator; Hon. E. M. Rucker, of Anderson. The name of Gen. Willie Jones, chairman of the State Democratic committee, was also presented.

The list of candidates and probable candidates, as published in The News and Courier a few days ago, was as follows: Col. John J. Dargan, of Statesburg, Sumter County; Hon. O. B. Martin, of Pickens County, at present State Superintendent of Education; Hon. D. S. Henderson, of Aiken; Hon. Jas. A. McCullough, of Greenville; Hon. George Johnstone, of Newberry; Hon. E. D. Smith, of Florence.

were numerous and beautiful, were pieces from the senate committee on immigration of which Senator Latimer was a member, the guests of the Congress Hall Hotel, where the Senator lived, and individual offerings from the various members of the senate and other friends.

HE WILL RUN.

Mr. C. C. Featherstone Will Oppose Gov. Ansel This Summer.

The Distinguished Prohibitionist Announces His Candidacy on an Anti-Dispensary Platform.

The Columbia correspondent of The News and Courier says the political situation was still further complicated by the announcement Thursday night that Mr. C. C. Featherstone, of Laurens, will be a candidate for Governor in the primary this summer.

Mr. Featherstone was in Columbia Thursday night on his way home from Orangeburg County, where he had gone to deliver two prohibition speeches. He said he believed the time for the enactment of a State prohibition law had arrived and that he had acceded to the wishes of his friends to enter the race for Governor to advocate that policy.

Mr. Featherstone was a candidate for Governor in 1898 on the prohibition platform and was defeated by a combination of peculiar circumstances, and by a very narrow majority. He has not since that time partaken in the next campaign is not known.

Mr. Featherstone is one of the strongest lawyers in the State, is a man of fine address and manners and is personally very popular. He has served as grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, and is an active and prominent member of the Methodist church.

Governor Ansel some time ago announced that he will be a candidate for reelection. He was elected two years ago on the platform of local option, but before that campaign he was an out and out State Dispensary advocate. Just where he will stand in the campaign is not known.

Mr. Featherstone is a candidate that will have to be reckoned with. Those who think that Gov. Ansel will have a walk-over in the campaign this summer will find that they are mistaken at the end of the campaign. Many who believe in the dispensary will support Mr. Featherstone against Gov. Ansel.

Gov. Ansel is not near as strong now as he was two years ago, and many who voted for him then will oppose him now. Many people regard him as dictatorial in the extreme, and this has made him many enemies in all parts of the State.

There has been considerable talk to the effect that Mr. John G. Richards, of Kershaw, may enter the race for Governor this year and Mr. Richards in reply to a question said he had the matter under consideration. He is also for State prohibition.

WILL BE IN RACE.

Gov. Heyward Announces His Candidacy for United States Senator.

Ex-Gov. D. C. Heyward Thursday night announced that he would be a candidate in the Democratic primary this summer for the nomination to the United States senate. Gov. Heyward has received messages and communications from all parts of the State urging him to announce his candidacy. Last night he stated definitely that he will become a candidate, and he expects to win.

"I will be a candidate for United States Senator in the Democratic primary this summer," he said, "and will make the race on my record and qualifications for the office, which I trust are known to the people of South Carolina."

The constitution of the Democratic party in South Carolina provides that each candidate for the United States senate shall file a pledge that he will support the political principles of the party during the term of office for which he may be elected and work in accord with his Democratic associates in congress on all party questions. I will of course abide by that pledge and will therefore be bound by the platform adopted by the national Democratic convention at Denver. At present it is not necessary to discuss national issues.

I only wish my friends to know I am in the race and in to win."

Gov. Heyward came into politics six years ago. Up to that time he had a considerable personal acquaintance over the State. Capt. Heyward, with four opponents, lacked 11,000 votes of receiving the nomination on the first primary. In the second primary he had a sweeping victory, a majority of 10,000 votes. In his own county, Colleton, he lost but 58 out of 2,200 votes. Another remarkable feature of his career is that he had no opposition for re-election, the first time in years, possibly since the war, that such had been the case. It is understood that Gov. Heyward is not seeking election at the hand of the legislature to fill the unexpired term, but is in the campaign this summer.

FOUND GUILTY.

Gen. Stoessel Condemned to Die For Surrendering the

POST OF PORT ARTHUR

Court-Martial Which Has Been Trying him for Cowardice in Surrendering Port Arthur Returns Verdict Sentencing Famous General to Death, but Recommending Ten years in Prison Instead.

Lieut-Ge. Stoessel was condemned to death Thursday evening by a Military Court at St. Petersburg for the surrender of Port Arthur to the Japanese. The Court recommended that the death sentence upon Lieut. Gen. Stoessel be commuted to ten years imprisonment in a fortress and he be excluded from the service.

Gen. Frock, who commanded the 4th East Siberian division of Port Arthur, was ordered reprimanded for a disciplinary offence, which was not connected with the surrender, and Gen. Smirnoff, acting command-Reiss, chief of staff to Gen. Stoessel, were acquitted of the charges against them for lack of proof.

Gen. Vodar, president of the Court, read the sentences amid a tense silence. By a great effort of self control Gen. Stoessel maintained rigid soldierly-like impassivity. Gen. Smirnoff also was seemingly unmoved, but there were tears in the eyes of Gen. Reiss.

The sentence of death was pronounced upon Gen. Stoessel, "for surrendering the fortress before all the means of defence had been exhausted, for failing to enforce his authority and for military misdemeanors."

Commutation of the sentence was asked on the ground that "Port Arthur, beset by overwhelming forces, defended itself under Gen. Stoessel's leadership with unexampled stubbornness and filled the world with astonishment at the heroic courage of its garrison; that several assaults have been repulsed with tremendous losses on the part of the enemy; that Gen. Stoessel throughout the siege had maintained the heroic courage of the defenders and finally that he had taken energetic part in three campaigns."

Before the sentence was read, measures were taken to prevent a demonstration in favor of Stoessel by a number of the younger officers, and witnesses who were present. These later sent a dispatch to the Emperess saying that they would humbly bear testimony that Gen. Stoessel was the soul of the defence of Port Arthur; that he had always encouraged and put heart in the garrison, and that in case of war they would wish to serve again under such a hero. They asked the Emperess graciously to bespeak from the Emperess a full pardon.

There was a dramatic moment after the reading of the sentence when a detachment of soldiers filed into the hall. The spectators, thinking they were about to seize Gen. Stoessel, displayed great excitement, several women fainting. It developed, however, that this was merely a guard for the disposal of the Court.

Gen. Stoessel, who was accompanied by his son, was the object of a sympathetic demonstration, friends kissing and shaking him by the hand as he left the Court leaning on his son's shoulder.

The basis of the indictment upon which Lieut. Gen. Stoessel, Gen. Frock, who commanded the 4th East Siberian division of Port Arthur, and Major Gen. Reiss, chief of staff to Gen. Stoessel, were tried for their lives, was a secret report made by Lieut. Gen. Smirnoff, on the defence of Port Arthur.

Smirnoff was acting commandant of the fortress, Stoessel being commander of the Kwang-Tung Peninsula. Smirnoff categorically accused Stoessel of cowardice and incapacity, and finally of the deliberate and treasonable hastening of the surrender to save his own life and defiance of the decisions of two successive councils of war.

Gen. Smirnoff declared that the fortress, which was surrendered to the Japanese, January 1, 1905, could have held out for six months longer. The stands taken by Gen. Stoessel, Reiss and Frock were that the fate of Port Arthur was sealed with the capture of the "Eagle's Nest," and two other positions.

The indictment against Gen. Smirnoff charged him with having failed to remove Gen. Frock from his command, although he suspected the agreement between Gen. Stoessel and Frock to surrender the fortress.