

CRUEL CRIME COMMITTED.

AIKEN COUNTY WOMAN FRIGHTENED TO DEATH.

Mystery Shadows Details—Husband Lies at Point of Death and Nephew Has Disappeared—Five Men Arrested.

Aiken, Aug. 4.—Five white men were lodged in the Aiken county jail tonight, charged with implication in a most horrible affair last night at Monetta, in this county. The men are: Dock Cockman, A. L. Holstein, R. H. Holstein, Sidney Holstein and J. C. Holstein, all of whom are prominently connected. As a result of the visit of a party of men to the home of the Spradleys, near Monetta, last night, Mrs. Nettie Spradley lies a corpse in her home and her husband is in a critical condition, with their nephew, Columbus Spradley, disappeared. His whereabouts are not known. He has not been seen or heard of since the difficulty last night. Whether he was murdered and lies hidden in the woods or whether he was frightened into leaving the neighborhood remains merely a conjecture.

No eye-witnesses are known to the awful tragedy other than the parties involved, and the elder Spradley, not having regained consciousness, the story has not been told and may never be unless Columbus Spradley is located alive, as the physicians do not entertain hopes of the elder Spradley's recovery.

The men were brought here tonight by Rural Policemen Samuels and Busbee, Sheriff Raborn, Rural Policeman Holly and Solicitor Gunter are now at Monetta investigating the tragedy. Coroner Johnson is tonight holding the inquest, which will not be completed before tomorrow.

The story as told tonight is that Columbus Spradley was to be married to Julia May Holstein. The implicated men under arrest are the father, uncle and cousins of this girl. More arrests are expected to follow the coroner's inquisition.

It is said that last night a party of white men visited the home of the Spradleys, the elder Spradley was thrashed into insensibility, sustaining serious injuries, from which he is not expected to recover.

Mrs. Spradley, who was in the house was frightened to death. She fainted and never regained consciousness. Columbus Spradley, about whom the entire affair occurred, can not be found. His friends believe that he is dead or seriously wounded. Mrs. Spradley gave her birth to a

baby five weeks ago and the baby survives her. The affair is one of the most horrible the county officials have ever known and particulars are eagerly sought after, but are hard to get tonight on account of the distance from Aiken and the remoteness in which the tragedy is shadowed. The coroner's inquest is likely to reveal a horrible state of affairs.

SURPRISE AT WILEY HEARING.

Paper Declaring Remsen Board Illegal Appears Mysteriously.

Washington, Aug. 2.—Sprung from an unknown source, but certified to today, in surprise, by Attorney General Wickersham, a memorandum by one of his assistants, declaring the Remsen board illegal, a view contrary to that officially promulgated later by Mr. Wickersham, featured the meeting of the House committee investigating the charges against the Remsen pure food board and Dr. Wiley.

The memorandum that never became the department's official finding and that never had been made public, was given by Assistant Attorney General James A. Fowler, a Tennessean, who held office until a year or two ago, at times acting head of the department of justice, and to whom the whole matter of the board's legality was referred by Mr. Wickersham. The Fowler memorandum would have been a body blow at the ultra-scientific referee board, challenging not only the legality, but the wisdom of the board's existence.

Light on the board is sought by the committee before taking up the charges that led to Attorney General Wickersham's recommendation that Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the chemistry bureau, be removed for technical appointment irregularities. Dr. Ira Remsen, president of Johns Hopkins University, and a Roosevelt appointee, as chairman of the referee board, testified today as to the work of the board and will continue tomorrow.

Loss of Time Means Loss of Pay. Kidney trouble and the ills it breeds means lost time and lost pay to many a working man. M. Balent, 1214 Little Penna St., Streator, Ill., was so bad from kidney and bladder trouble that he could not work, but he says: "I took Foley Kidney Pills for only a short time and got entirely well and was soon able to go back to work, and am feeling well and healthier than before." Foley Kidney Pills are tonic in action, quick in results—a good friend to the working man or woman who suffers from kidney ills. Sibert's Drug Store.

MAY OVERRIDE VETO.

DEMOCRATS HAVE CONFIDENCE IN THEIR STRENGTH.

Democrat Leader Underwood Believes That the Bill Will Finally Be Agreed On.—No Agreement Yet on Wool.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Democratic leaders in the house of representatives believe tonight they have enough votes to pass the wool tariff bill over President Taft's veto if necessary. Mr. Underwood and Senator La Follette, the insurgent Republican, to whom the senate confided its part of the wool conference, as a subcommittee, spent two hours today discussing the two bills out of which it is hoped to form a compromise wool tariff measure to send to the president.

"We have reached no basis of agreement," said Mr. Underwood tonight, "but I have confidence that a bill will be finally agreed upon. Senator La Follette explained his bill to me and I explained our bill to him, but we undertook no definite settlement of the differences. The free list bill which has been sent by both houses to the same conference committee as that handling the wool bill is to be considered at the same time. Mr. Underwood said that while separate reports would be brought in, both bills would be discussed together. This gives the house Democrats additional trading stock in negotiating for a compromise on the measure.

The cotton tariff revision passed by the house late yesterday was sent to the senate finance committee today by a resolution of the senate, which requires a report on the measure by August 10. Senator Penrose, chairman, has called a meeting of the finance committee for 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning, and when the senate convenes tomorrow Mr. Penrose probably will report the bill back with an adverse report.

This was the procedure followed with reference to the wool and free list bill. The effect that the changing tariff situation will have upon adjustment of congress is a matter for conjecture. In both houses the leaders do not believe that consideration of the cotton bill by the senate will necessarily lengthen the rapidly closing session, which many of the leaders say may end between August 12 and August 15. Mr. Penrose said today he would ask for an early vote and Mr. Underwood advanced the opinion that if this measure were pursued in the senate there was no reason to believe that congress would be in session more than a week or two.

The house committee on ways and means has already begun work on the iron and steel tariff, which is the schedule on which W. J. Bryan attacked Mr. Underwood and on which Mr. Underwood replied with the unanimous support of the house Democrats. The committee has taken no affirmative action toward preparing new tariff rates, but Chairman Underwood has put experts to work compiling data.

"If congress continues in session an iron and steel revision bill will be brought in at this session," said Mr. Underwood. "If there is to be any early adjournment the announcement will be made to the house before adjournment that the iron and steel tariff will be ready for action when congress assembles in December.

The insurgent leaders of the senate are likely to bring the iron and steel tariff up at once in the senate fight on the cotton bill. Senator Cummins of Iowa is anxious to make the senate consider steel and iron revisions and revision of the rubber and sugar schedules as amendments to the cotton tariff bill. He has said that if the woolen or other textile tariff rates are to be changed, there ought to be immediate changes in the tariff on all machinery and supplies which American manufacturers are compelled to use so there will be no unjust discrimination against American industries.

CAPT. GEORGE A. SHIELDS DEAD.

Columbia Loses Valued and Venerable Citizen, Aged 91.

Columbia, Aug. 3.—Capt. George A. Shields, who had spent fifty-nine of his ninety-one years in Columbia, serving well his adopted State and as volunteer fireman, as city councilman, as director of the State Penitentiary during the construction of the Columbia Canal and as armorer to the Confederate Government during the War Between the Sections, died this morning at 10:20 o'clock, in his home, 831 Laurel street, as the result of a general decline in health, which commenced several weeks ago. Capt. Shields was proprietor of the Palmetto Iron Works, this being the long established business in which he was first employed as foreman upon his arrival in Columbia in 1852.

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THE RAILROAD TRUST.

GOVERNMENT FILES SUIT CHARGING TRADE RESTRAINT.

Blow is Struck by Uncle Sam at Amalgamated Railroad and Coal Land Control.

Columbus, Aug. 4.—Suits were filed by the United States government in the federal circuit court here today against six railroad companies and three coal mining concerns, charging a combination in restraint of trade and asking that the combination be enjoined from continuing business.

The government charges that the Hocking Valley railroad amalgamation ownership of the capital stock of the Toledo and Ohio Central, the Kanawha and Michigan and the Zanesville and Western roads, and its connection with the mining concerns named, have crushed competition.

The defendant companies are: Lake Shore and Michigan Southern; Chesapeake and Ohio, Hocking Valley, Toledo and Ohio Central railroad, Kanawha and Michigan, Zanesville and Western, Sunday Creek Coal Company, Continental Coal company, Kanawha and Hocking Coal and Coke company.

The government petition alleges that the combine thus formed affects the great coal mining districts, namely the Pittsburgh, the West Virginia and the Kanawha Valley.

The whole suit hinges on the Hocking Valley railroad. The officials of this company, it is alleged, were placed in offices corresponding to those in the parent company soon after the Hocking Valley road gained control of the capital of its subsidiaries and according to the place instructed to operate the roads along the same line as the parent company had been managed.

The company then, the government charges, set about controlling the larger coal companies and succeeded in placing the Continental Coal Company, which owns 28,000 acres of coal lands in the Hocking Valley district on its list along with the Kanawha and Hocking Valley Coal Company, The Sunday Creek Coal company was formed, the petition alleges, to permit the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern road and the Chesapeake and Ohio, along with the four Ohio companies, to stifle competition by merging all the roads and the principal companies in the State into one corporation, while still retaining their own individuality.

The government's stand regarding the syndicate is not made plain.

Five agreements between the railroads, the coal companies and the Central Trust Company of New York are offered in evidence.

One of these agreements made, the Continental Coal company and the Toledo and Ohio Central railroad, stated that in exchange for the coal company placing its entire capital stock with the exception of five shares in the hands of J. P. Morgan and Co. as guarantee of its good faith and subject to the disposal, but not the sale of, the Toledo and Ohio Central railroad, the railroad would take a block of the coal company's bonds off its hands.

In conclusion the government prays the court to adjudge the combination between the railroad companies and the coal companies unlawful and in restraint of trade and to grant an injunction, forever enjoining them from paying each other dividends on the stock they hold in the companies named as defendants in the suit. The petition also asks that the companies be forever barred from voting stock they hold in any of the defendant companies.

The suit was filed by Sherman T. Pherson, United States district attorney for the southern district of Ohio. The petition, which contains 83 pages was signed by Mr. McPherson, George W. Wickersham, attorney general of the United States, and E. Harrison, special assistant to the attorney general.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.

Florence Farmer Struck While Walking From House to Barn.

Clanta, Aug. 3.—Henry B. Langston, a farmer, residing about four miles of here, was struck by lightning this morning and instantly killed. Mr. Langston was going from his house to his barn when the storm came up and stopped under a large oak for protection. The lightning struck the tree, killing him instantly. He is survived by a wife and several children.

25 HURT IN WRECK.

Southern Train Derailed Near Salisbury—None Dead.

Washington, Aug. 4.—Five were seriously hurt and twenty received lesser injuries today, when Train 22, of the Southern Railway, was derailed six miles west of Salisbury, N. C. The engine and all of the coaches left the track and a chair car went down a twenty-five foot embankment.

Charlie Singleton and Carrie Patterson, colored, were granted a marriage license certificate Friday.

The survivors of the Chester county Klu Klux Klan will hold a reunion at Chester August 7th.

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The State of South Carolina, }
County of Sumter. } Court of Common Sense

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Plaintiff.

Versus

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Summons for Relief

(COMPLAINT SERVED)

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PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY

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