

A KISS; A THUNDERBOLT.

LIGHTNING KILLS A MAN IN HIS SWEETHEART'S ARMS.

The Woman Paralyzed—They Had Just Been Reconciled After a Quarrel and Were Struck Down While Kissing—House Filled by Lightning, Trees Felled.

Upper New York generally gets a share of the weather whenever a tornado starts from Jersey up to the Hudson Valley, and it got a plenty yesterday, with a scouring wind, violent lightning, and sheets of rain. One freak of the lightning was to strike a pair of newly reconciled lovers as they were kissing each other in an orchard in Tibbitt's Brook Lane, Kingsbridge. The man was instantly killed and the woman stunned and paralyzed.

The man was Charles Fennelly, a big, strapping fellow of 38. He met Louisa Costello about eight months ago in the family hotel in New York. She is a native of Louisiana, who is the looking girl of 23, worked in the Owl cigar factory, in East Twenty-sixth street, and all her friends congratulated her when she announced her engagement to Fennelly, for he was sober and industrious, and had a good job in the Street Cleaning Department.

Soon, however, the lovers quarrelled over a trivial matter, and a coldness sprang up between them. Neither could give any particular reason for the disagreement. Both were proud in their way, and as time went by they drifted apart. It was in the last of the summer that their engagement was proclaimed, they ceased to speak to each other. They were reconciled yesterday, but their joy was short-lived.

According to Miss Costello's story she and Fennelly attended mass in the same church yesterday morning. Through some common friends the quarrel was made up, and in a short time they made up the quarrel and determined to celebrate the event with an outing. At 11 o'clock in the morning they went to Van Cortlandt Park, and after spending several hours in the woods they returned to the city.

They were walking on the main road, near Van Cortlandt avenue. They sat down under a cherry tree, and having a great deal to say to each other, neither noticed the flight of time nor the dark bank of clouds which had gathered overhead. At 12 o'clock the storm broke in a series of distant thunder, and when a few drops of rain fell the lovers started up and walked out of the orchard, intending to go home.

Louisa took off her hat and Fennelly threw his coat over her head. When they reached the main road they began to kiss, and the lovers, thinking the storm would soon blow over, determined to return to the shelter of the cherry tree.

Finally helped the girl to the top of the old stone wall that surrounds the orchard, and, jumping over, he held out his arms for her. She stepped into them, and the next moment Fennelly caught her and kissed her. At that instant there was a blinding flash of lightning, and both fell to the ground. The bolt struck Fennelly on the left shoulder, tearing the sleeve of his shirt into ribbons and killing him instantly. After the lightning struck Fennelly, the girl fell on the right shoulder. The sleeve of her light blue dress was burned through, and retaining its impress in the form a huge black mark upon her skin.

Fifteen minutes later, when the rain had ceased, Policeman Veltch, who lives in the neighborhood, happened to be passing, and he saw the girl lying on the ground. He picked her up and carried her to the hospital. She was taken to the hospital, and until 7:30 o'clock last night she was not aware of the fate of her lover. When they told her that he was dead she moaned and sobbed as though her heart would break. She was taken to the hospital, and she will recover, but it is not certain that she will ever regain the use of her right arm and leg.

CHINA'S REAL RULER DEAD.

The Autocratic Dowager Empress Passes Away.

PEKIN, June 21.—The mother of the Emperor of China died on Friday.

Tsou-Hsi, Dowager Empress of China, had been practically the supreme ruler of the Middle Kingdom since 1861, when the Emperor Tsching-tsi died, although there were several emperors in the mean time. It is a peculiar law regulating the imperial succession, the Dowager Empress was able to keep control of the Government.

The two emperors who succeeded Tsching-tsi were mere infants, and Tsou-Hsi reigned as Empress Regent until February, 1880, when the present Emperor, having ascended at the age of 18, ascended the throne. He and his Government, however, have been dominated by the strong-minded old dowager.

Tsou-Hsi was born on Nov. 17, 1834, and was therefore nearly 95 years old at the time of her death. She was not the mother of the infant who succeeded to the throne on the death of Tsching-tsi. The mother of that infant Empress was Tsai-tchou, who was known as the Empress of the West, reigned as co-regent until 1881, when she died. Her only son, the Emperor, died in 1875.

The Empress of the East is said to have been dominated by the stronger-minded Empress of the West. When the boy Emperor died in 1875 she was 41 years of age. She was a woman of great skill of politicians, and she continued to exercise power. The means for doing this was to surround herself with a circle of favorites.

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TWO TORNADOES NEAR US.

A BIG ONE AT NUTLEY AND A BIGGER ONE AT Poughkeepsie.

The Former Made a Noise Like an Express Train on a Bridge and the Latter Rotted Over the Ground Like a Great Cylinder—Houses Blown Down, Trees Torn Up.

Two distinctly marked tornadoes were reported yesterday, one at Poughkeepsie and one at Nutley in New Jersey. The time at which they appeared, if accurately reported, make it highly probable that one was entirely separate from the other.

Besides these tornadoes, very high winds, accompanied by heavy falls of rain, with lightning and hail, occurred about the same time at Spring Valley, N. J. in the upper part of this State, and at Nyack. Squalls are reported from Sing Sing, and there appears to have been an unusual weather disturbance from south to north in the vicinity of the Hudson river.

Poughkeepsie, June 21.—A big inky cloud tumbled over the hills on the west side of the Hudson about 4 o'clock this afternoon, and, as seen from this city, appeared to crush down buildings and trees in its path. Its motion was like that of a huge cylinder rolling over the ground.

As it crossed the river the scene was exciting. The schooner yacht Alaca, owned by Mr. Watson of Rochester, was blown ashore, but was not seriously damaged. Dr. Miller's steam yacht (Typhoon) had a collision with the schooner, and was damaged. The Knickerbocker icehouse at Fox's Point was blown down. The falling walls struck a cottage in which six people had taken refuge, but in some way they escaped injury.

The tornado at Nutley, N. J., was reported to have started at 9:20 P. M. when the damage on this side of the river is confined to a territory about a mile square at the south end of the town. A number of houses were damaged by falling trees.

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THE PRESIDENT AND CUBA.

DECISIVE ACTION MAY FOLLOW THE RECEIPT OF GEN. LEE'S REPORT.

Mr. Cleveland Delays His Departure for Gray Gables Until It Has Been Received and Considered—Action May Be Taken Before the Chicago Convention.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—President Cleveland has delayed his departure for Washington for Gray Gables, where he had intended joining Mrs. Cleveland this week, until a report has been received at the State Department from Consul-General Lee, which is now understood to be on the way. This report is said to represent the result of an unprejudiced investigation into the situation on the island from a military standpoint, and is made in accordance with instructions received by Gen. Lee before his departure from Washington.

It is known that the Administration has always been averse to recognizing the belligerency of the insurgents, but in some quarters it is asserted that if Gen. Lee insists that there is no probability of a cessation of hostilities on the island, and that the Cuban army is prepared for an almost indefinite fight, it is believed that the President may conclude to take some measures toward bringing about a conclusion of the war. Gen. Lee, before leaving Washington, said that he was most friendly disposed toward the struggling Cubans, and that there is little likelihood that he has lost any opportunity to gather every particle of information bearing on the true situation. His selection as Consul-General was made on the direct request of Mr. Olney, who recognized that it was impracticable to establish a military mission before the Democratic Convention in Spain, and that the only way an intelligent and trustworthy account of the situation could be secured was by the appointment of a military man as Consul-General. Since Gen. Lee has been at Havana there have been few encounters between the opposing sides, and taking advantage of the temporary peace, he has busied himself in finding out just what the strength of the contending forces is, and the prospects of success.

The General's first report is awaited with some anxiety by the Administration, although the most intense partisans of the insurgent cause have little hope that the President will do anything at once to bring about a prompt cessation of hostilities. If the report of Gen. Lee convinces the President that a state of war exists in Cuba which demands the immediate attention of this Government in order to prevent the destruction of our interests there, the most probable course taken will be reference of the whole subject to the Spanish officials, with a request that this country be informed what it proposes to do, if anything, to put an end to the atrocities said to be practiced by Weyler's troops on all Cuban residents.

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MR. WHITNEY'S STATEMENT.

GOING TO CHICAGO TO HELP AVERE A PARTY DISASTER.

Eastern Democrats Will Never Support the Free Coinage of Silver by the United States Alone—Believe Silver Monometallic and Have Wished to Follow—Whitney Emphatically Not a Candidate for President—No Eastern Man Can Be Nominated.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN.—Sir: I find it necessary to make a public statement embodying my views of the situation, to correct misconceptions and save the time now occupied in answering questions.

Far too great importance has been attached to my decision to go to the Chicago Convention. I have been practically out of politics for four years, and there are now many Eastern Democrats who can do much more for the party. I shall not assume any position of leadership. My decision to stay was simply based on the duty of every citizen who believes in the party for its principles, to stand by and lend his aid and take his chances when a great crisis is upon the Democratic party.

The great question to my mind is whether the party meets in Convention now as in 1880, with issues and differences that are for the moment irreconcilable. For the last fifteen years leaders of public opinion in the South and West have been a constant reminder to the party to incorporate the free coinage of silver into its platform, with or without the cooperation of other nations.

It has come to be believed in there, quite generally and conscientiously. A large majority in the coming Democratic Convention have been elected by the people for the purpose of incorporating that doctrine into the platform of the Democratic party.

Our people on the other hand, entirely disagree with these views, and believe almost universally that it will bring general ruin to the business and agriculture of the country. It is deemed a new doctrine when proposed to be incorporated into the platform of the national Democracy. It is true that in no previous platform of the party can it specifically be found.

Consequently no party obligations heretofore assumed obligate us to surrender to it. Under these circumstances it is the duty of the Democratic Convention should to establish as the issue of this campaign the free coinage of silver at a rate of 16 to 1, independent of other nations. In the intensity of feeling likely to exist it is to be only apprehended that a disruption of the Democratic party might occur. Certainly no substantial following could be secured for the doctrine among Eastern Democrats. They might not vote the Republican ticket for other reasons (believing that the Republican party stands for other issues than the free coinage of silver), but the Democrats in the East would not, in my opinion, vote for it.

This movement for free coinage purports to have for its object the establishment and maintenance of gold and silver as the money of the country upon equal terms with each other, and a parity of value between the two metals. The proposed measure that object could be secured, there would be no substantial disagreement in the party. Every national Democratic platform that has heretofore spoken upon the subject has declared for both gold and silver money. It is the duty of the Democratic Convention to maintain the double standard at the present time is not a question of desire, it is a question of ability. The commercial value of silver has declined greatly in the markets of the world. Whatever the causes are, and whoever it is to be blamed, the fact remains that silver and free coinage now at 16 to 1 is the same as offering for all the silver in the world, about twice what it is selling for in the market. International exchanges have to be paid in gold. And it would seem plain that if we, under these conditions, open our mints to the free coinage of silver and gold at a rate of 16 to 1, we would be able to maintain the double standard, even with the cooperation of the United States. If the result of the measures proposed would be to carry us to a silver basis, it is not felt here that such a proposal would be in line with the principles of the Democratic party. It is not the double standard with the purchasing power of the dollars at parity with each other, but it is changing from one standard to another, and that change being to a depreciated coin.

And it is also felt, aside from the absence of any Democratic principle in this matter, that you cannot have a disturbance of value. A silver basis would come from changing from a gold to a silver basis without such a shock to confidence, the hoarding of gold, and contraction of your available circulating medium, as would bring, in the opinion of many people, the worst and most disastrous results in the country. The creditor classes are prepared for it. The obligations, mortgages, railroad and otherwise, are quite generally payable in gold. Debtors would still have to be paid in gold, but wages in silver, the sufferers, as usual, being the poorer class.

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