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ALL LOOK TO CLEVELAND

Action On Cuban Resolutions Eagerly Awaited in Havana.

CUBANS WILL FIGHT IT OUT

More Than Ever Determined on an Uncompromising Warfare—No Faith in Spanish Promises—Lying News Dispatches to Affect Elections in Spain—Late Battles.

Havana, April 11, via Tampa, Fla., April 13.—All the talk here this week is conjecture as to what Mr. Cleveland will do with the resolutions of the two Houses of Congress.

The brief cable dispatches from the States, which the Havana papers publish after the press censor has edited them, have been read with interest by all classes of citizens. Little light has been thrown upon the subject so far, although the loyal Spaniards still claim to be confident that the President will not recognize belligerency.

The systematic suppression of truthful news of the progress of the revolution, has blinded many people here, and has undoubtedly been of great help to Spain abroad. The official report of every engagement is carefully cooked so as to make it appear that the Spanish have won a victory, and even then if there is danger of a wrong impression being created abroad, the foreign correspondents are not allowed to telegraph the news.

On the eve of the elections, the Madrid authorities, impatient at trivial items with losses of one, two and three rebels, cabled here for encouraging news.

SAID GOMEZ WAS DEAD.

The emergency was met by sending out the report of Gomez' death and designating the place of his burial at Matanzas, when he was marching with an escort of 5,000 men in another province.

Spaniards here profess to believe that President Cleveland will not recognize the belligerency of the Cubans, but they base their assurances upon Minister De Lome's dispatches, and even their confidence in government messages is weakening.

There is no war talk among Spaniards here. They say that recognition of belligerency will not help the Cubans materially and claim that the sending of additional men-of-war from Spain will offset any advantage gained. All talk of compromise between Spain and the men in arms is idle. Cubans have no faith in promises of autonomy or reforms.

The insurgent leaders declare they will never lay down arms until Cuba is free.

The decrees of Gen. Weyler, the harsh treatment of political suspects, and the killing of pacificos has made compromise out of the question. All intelligent people here recognize that the difficulty between the Cubans and Spaniards is to be settled once for all. Many property owners who have opposed the revolution until now, thinking it impossible to break Spain's rule, are now in hopes the rebels will win, or that some other nation, preferably the United States, should interfere, on the ground of humanity, and the destruction of property.

SPANISH REPORT VICTORIES.

Havana, April 13.—Col. Cort reports that the column under his command has had a series of fights with 2,000 insurgents led by Maceo, Castillo and others.

The scene of the engagements was south of Guira de Melena, in the southwestern part of the province of Havana. The rebels awaited the approach of the troops with a line of cavalry, one kilometer in extent, the insurgents on foot forming an ambush on both sides in the shape of a horse shoe.

The vanguard of the troops deployed to the right and left, and the artillery fired grenades and grape shot into the enemy. The fight lasted two hours. The rebels then retreated for a distance and awaited the troops behind the ruins of the buildings on the Luisa estate.

The troops used cannon and made several bayonet charges before they succeeded in dislodging the insurgents. The official report says that the rebels retreated in complete disorder, after leaving twenty killed and eighty wounded. The troops lost five men.

Col. Segura reports having had an engagement with insurgents near Piedra, Providence of Santa Clara. According to Col. Segura twenty-four rebels were killed, while the troops had only five of their number wounded.

Maceo is camping in the hills south of Cabanas, in the northeastern part of the province of Pinar Del Rio, and a comparatively short distance west of Havana. Gomez is near Sancti Spiritus.

It is now said that the elections yesterday in Sancti Spiritus and Remedios resulted in the return of Gonzalez Fuentes and Marin Bacena, in place of Augosto de Figueroa and Martin Zoyosa, the candidates of the Union Constitutional party whose election was announced yesterday. The election of Senor Barcena, however, is doubtful.

WEYLER'S EFFIGY BURNED.

Monster Cuban Demonstration Held by Jacksonville Citizens.

Jacksonville, Fla., April 13.—At Key West, Fla., there was a tremendous demonstration last night in favor of Cuban belligerency.

Five thousand persons marched in procession, bearing transparencies denouncing Spain and Weyler. At the head of the procession was borne an effigy of Weyler wrapped in a Spanish flag, which was hooted.

The Montgomery Guards, a local military company, in full uniform, and carrying a United States flag, marched behind the Weyler effigy, which they frequently prodded with bayonets. The procession marched to the beach where Weyler's effigy and the Spanish flag were burned. The Spanish consul is very indignant over the affair.

Troops in Rhodesia.

London, April 13.—In the House of Commons today Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, colonial secretary, stated that Sir Hercules Robinson, governor of the Cape Colony, had wired the government that he was about to send 500 regular troops to Rhodesia from Natal, in addition to the volunteers, and 250 Basutos, who have already left for Rhodesia. The war office is making arrangements to replace the troops that have been ordered to the interior.

Imprisoned for Insulting the Emperor.

Munich, April 13.—Prof. Quidde has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment upon conviction of lese majeste. The offense upon which the charge against him was based was committed in the course of a public speech in which the professor made use of language insulting to the emperor and the administration of the affairs of the empire.

Violent Gales at Calais.

Calais, April 13.—A violent gale has prevailed in the channel today, rendering navigation extremely perilous. A fishing boat belonging here foundered in the channel this morning and six of her crew were drowned.

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ELECTIONS AT COLONIAL BEACH.

Prohibitionists and Antis Making Things Warm Down the River.

(Special to The Times.)

Colonial Beach, Va., April 13.—There is considerable interest being shown by the people of this place in the local option fight which is now being waged between the saloon keepers and some of the residents.

An election will be held on the 23d of this month, and both sides are now making preparations to capture the vote. From present indications it appears that the license advocates have every chance of winning. They are the money men of the town.

The approaching municipal election is also claiming the attention of the winter residents and those Washingtonians who occupy cottages here during the summer. There are already two tickets in the field and there is every prospect of lively times to come. The ticket which will receive the support of the Washingtonians is as follows:

Dr. A. E. Johnston for mayor; for council, Daniel Pfiel and N. E. Welch of Colonial Beach and J. B. Hammond and Frank L. Burand of Washington. A strong effort will be made to prevent the summer residents from casting their votes, and the opposition has retained Judge Charles Ashton of King George county to represent them in the matter.

DEPEW IN A NEW ROLE

New York Railroad Magnate Badly Frightens Chicago Burglars.

Unsuccessful Attempt Made by the Marauders to Enter the Private Cars of Vanderbilt and Depew.

Chicago, April 13.—Cornelius Vanderbilt and Dr. Chauncey M. Depew were narrowly saved from a personal encounter with two thieves while in their private cars, "Yesper" and "493," early on Saturday morning. The cars were placed on a side track in the Lake Shore depot.

Vanderbilt and Depew paid a visit to two theaters on Friday night. After the performance they sauntered down Clark street toward their home on wheels. At the depot they requested the night watchman at the station to show them to their cars.

When all was still and the party was about to drop off into slumber, William, the head porter, heard a faint sound, as if someone were scratching on the car door. Investigation showed that a hole had been cut in the glass door of the car "Vesper." It was enough to admit a man's hand.

The job was done in a business-like manner, and indicated that the best of Chicago's thieves had undertaken to rob the New Yorkers. William thought it best not to test his master of his mettle, but decided to keep watch the rest of the night.

Seating himself in a chair near the broken door, the porter fixed himself for a long vigil. But the two wide-awake prowlers surmised the situation. Fearing they would be caught in the car "Vesper," they went to car "493."

They managed to get the door open, and one of them was in the car, when, with a crash, he went against the buffet bottled goods. The sound of the breaking glass was heard by the men in the car "Vesper." Mr. Depew jumped out of his birth and ran to the door. A revolver was in his hand, and he rushed outside boldly in his nightgown.

Chauncey was active for a man of his years, but the badly-frightened thieves made the run of their lives down the long platform of the station. While the crooks were retreating the excited railroad magnate stood on the carsteps and glared at the fleeing men, contemplating whether to discharge the revolver or not.

He decided not to shoot, and returned to the berth he had just left. Cornelius had discreetly remained in bed. The two cars left for New York soon after daylight.

FATHER DOHERTY'S WILL.

Bequest of $5,000 to the Catholic University.

Honesdale, Pa., April 13.—The Rev. Dr. J. J. Doherty, who for thirty-seven years was pastor of St. John's Roman Catholic Church of this place, and who died on April 7, made the following bequests in his will: Catholic University, Washington, D. C., $5,000; St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md., $5,000; St. Mary's Orphan Asylum, Emmitsburg, $2,000; Magdalena Home, Scranton, Pa., $500; Catholic Orphan Asylum, Scranton, $1,000, and the Magdalena Home, Springfield, Mass., $500. His executors are directed to spend an amount not to exceed $20,000 in the erection of a building in Honesdale to be known as St. John's Hall or Opera House.

ATE THEIR LEATHER BOOTS.

Men Afloat on the Ice Off Newfoundland Nearly All Saved.

St. Johns, N. F., April 13.—All the men who went adrift on the ice made their way ashore or were rescued by boats except two. The boats got within a mile of one of these and then lost sight of him in the darkness and he perished. The other man is supposed to have been drowned.

Several of the rescued men were driven to eat their leather boots before being found. Much relief is felt that the loss of life was so slight, there having been only three deaths, whereas fully a thousand men were seal-hunting on the ice.

VIOLATED POSTAL LAWS.

Two Virginians Sentenced to Prison for Different Offenses.

Richmond, Va., April 13.—In the United States district court today Judge Hughes sentenced to two years in the Kings county, N. Y., penitentiary Edward Gould, convicted of sending obscene matter through the United States mails.

John R. Waldman, convicted of pension frauds, was sentenced to three years, and Roland Scott, who pleaded guilty to robbing the mails, got two years.

Miss Barton's Heroic Work.

New York, April 13.—Spencer Trask, chairman of the executive committee of the national Armenia relief committee, gives the following to the press: "The national Armenia relief committee, Brown Bros., No. 59 Wall street, treasurer, have just received the following cable from Miss Clara Barton, at Constantinople: 'The epidemic at Marash is beyond control. Have ordered forward more physicians with supplies.' Funds to maintain this great and heroic effort are urgently needed and should be sent to the above address."

Nice Dies from His Injuries.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., April 13.—John Nice, who was assaulted in a most brutal manner at Plymouth a few days ago, died today. Michael Pushka, implicated in the murder, was arrested this afternoon and sent to the county prison to await a hearing. There are now twenty-four men either convicted or charged with murder in prison here. Four have been convicted of murder in the first degree, three of them sentenced to be hanged and the others are awaiting trial.

Saucy Lass a Fillibuster.

Columbia, S. C., April 13.—A special to the State, from Georgetown, S. C., reports that the Saucy Lass, a small two-masted schooner, in passing north, was seized off the bar at the point today by the United States marshal, as a Cuban fillibuster. The commander denies the charge but is offering her property for sale.

Lineman Killed by the Current.

Brooklyn, N. Y., April 13.—Richard Richards, a lineman forty years old, was instantly killed by an electric shock while connecting wires for the Municipal Electric Light Company on a pole this noon. Death was instantaneous.

SPRING ROUND-UP OF THE "McK." BRAND.

MAY PUT IN TWO TICKETS

Rumors of a Democratic Plot to Capture the Presidency.

LEAVE IT TO THE ELECTORS

Plot Is to Nominate Both a Gold and Silver Ticket, Split the Vote and Combine on a Man in the Electoral College—Scheme Said to Have Been Hatched by Southern Men.

A sensational piece of political news was discussed at the Capitol yesterday, and denied by no one thought to be in the deal.

It is no less than a scheme matured by a combination of leading Democrats to capture the Presidency by organizing a split at the Chicago convention. In brief the idea is to put two Democratic tickets in the field and then have the two wings of the party come together in the electoral college and select a candidate of that party, provided, of course, that the so-called regular Democrats and the bolting Democrats have jointly a sufficient number of electoral votes to turn the trick.

The story goes that the silver leaders first brought the idea to the front and that they submitted it to the "sound money" people and received the word to go ahead with the result that there is said to be a thorough understanding now between both factions on the subject.

THE PLAN AS PLOTTED.

To all appearances the struggle for supremacy in the Chicago convention is to be kept up from now until the 7th of July, the day of the assembling of the convention. If the silver men can control the convention a silver man is to be nominated on a 16 to 1 platform. If the sound money folks are the stronger they will select one of their number.

Then will follow a bolt by the losing faction, a rump convention and two Democratic tickets, one on a sound money platform and the other on a silver platform. The sound money ticket will be run to win in States where that sentiment is supposed to control and the silver ticket in States where the masses are believed to be of that way of thinking.

The tickets will not be brought into antagonism except in States that are overwhelmingly Republican and where the general result could not by any possibility be jeopardized by a friendly struggle for "points."

BUILT ON A THEORY.

The theory underlying this elaborate and far-reaching preparation for party triumph is a growing conviction that it will be impossible to reconcile the two wings of the party in the convention and that efforts in that direction may as well be abandoned first as last; that the question must be fought out in the party, and that the only way it can be done without committing willful suicide will be by the plan suggested; that the count will show beyond all question how the Democratic masses stand, and that with the verdict thus registered the electors can consolidate their vote upon a ticket committed to an agreed policy.

It is further urged in behalf of the plan as above outlined that its adoption will give the Democrats a living show to control the Fifty-fifth Congress as well as to elect a President and a Vice President.

ITS ORIGINATORS.

This scheme originated with Senators Harris, of Tennessee, Blackburn of Kentucky, Jones of Arkansas, Turpie, of Indiana, Vest, of Missouri, and Representatives Crisp, of Georgia, Richardson of Tennessee, and others of that group in Congress.

They claim the presidential electors would be perfectly free to vote for any man they might agree upon, even though his name had not been before the people, the theory being that the electors are responsible only to the party they represent.

While the scheme suggested is both novel and almost revolutionary, there were no Democrats of importance at the Capitol who did not think that there was more than an even chance if carried out, that it would prove a success.

"The cardinal principle of the Democratic party," said one Congressman, "is majority rule. If the vote in the various States shows the sound money men to be in the majority then the clear duty of the Democratic members of the electoral college of both factions would be to select a sound money man to the Presidency. If the contrary is true then a silver man should be selected."

Jumped from a Hospital Window.

Chicago, April 13.—Frank Marso, of No. 40 Superior street, who was taken to the county hospital yesterday suffering rom erysipelas, jumped from the third story window of the hospital at an early hour this morning, and, falling on his head, was instantly killed.

McKinleyites in Tennessee.

Knoxville, Tenn., April 13.—The McMinn county Republicans instruct its delegates for McKinley.

Warship Struck by a Merchant Ship and Injured.

A telegram received at the Navy Department yesterday reported a collision between the coast defense vessel Monterey and a Swedish merchantman of 3,000 tons at Seattle, in which the Monterey escaped with slight injury.

The Swede struck the warship on the starboard quarter dead abeam. She was going at half speed and the Monterey was at anchor. One plate of the Monterey below the water line was dented and the heads of three rivets were knocked off, while the Swede was badly damaged and in danger of sinking, when the telegram was sent. Capt. Ludlow of the Monterey reported the collision to the district attorney of the United States at Seattle, who has libeled the Swede.

Orders were sent by the Navy Department for the Monterey to proceed to Port Orchard dry dock, Washington, which is now ready for her reception, in order that the full extent of the damage might be ascertained and repairs made. Naval officers are greatly gratified over the manner in which the Monterey resisted the blow of the Swede and claim that it shows the warship to be a remarkably staunch vessel.

AFTER THE BEEF TRUST

Scores of High Officials Summoned by the Grand Jury.

DISCRIMINATE IN RATES

Officials Under Subpoena Must Appear May 4, and a Supreme Effort Will Be Made to Indict for Discrimination—Mode of Procedure a Secret—Evidence Secured.

Chicago, April 13.—Subpoenas for scores of the highest railroad officials living here and in the East, for the biggest packers of meat, shippers of dressed beef, manufacturers and wholesale merchants here have been issued by authority of the United States court for this district, commanding the appearance of these prominent citizens before the next federal grand jury, which meets May 4.

A supreme effort is to be made by the District Attorney General Black, his special assistant, Mr. Landis, and the agents of the interstate commerce commission, to indict railroad officials and shippers for discrimination in making and receiving rates.

TO COMPEL TESTIMONY.

At the same time they will make use of such testimony as may be secured from witnesses under the protection and compulsion afforded by the Brown decision of the Supreme Court to prove the existence of a beef trust among Chicago packers.

The closest secrecy has been observed in the office of the district attorney and United States marshal as to the mode of procedure and the grand jury which was drawn last week was selected with exceptional care in view of the important work to come before it.

SURRENDER OR CONTEMPT.

It is known that big Chicago shippers have in their possession reduced rates of shipment and they must either surrender to the grand jury or stand committed for contempt. They may also perjure themselves and go to jail.

Detective Marchani, the agent of the Interstate Commerce Commission, accomplished much during his investigation here, and the evidence in his possession is feared by the railroad men and shippers.

Schooner Acorn Ashore.

Newport, R. I., April 13.—The three-masted schooner M. A. Acorn of Rockland, Me., with 3,100 barrels of cement from Rondout, N. Y., consigned to Borden and Remington, Fall River, went ashore on the Newton, off Beaver Tail, at 8 o'clock this morning, and is in a dangerous position. A heavy fog prevailed when the vessel struck. The schooner struck heavily and ran her bow well up, so that she now appears to be resting on the rocks forward.

Take Advantage of the Amnesty.

Kingston, Jamaica, April 13.—Haytians who became refugees during the presidency of Hippolyte, are accepting the amnesty offered by the new president, T. Simon Sam, and are making preparations to return to Hayti. The submission of the Manigatists is regarded as suspicious.

Johnston Easily Nominated.

Birmingham, Ala., April 13.—Capt. Joseph F. Johnston, the free silver candidate, will have not less than 390 out of 504 votes. The News, a gold standard paper, concedes his nomination. He has carried Jefferson county, which was claimed by Clarke.

Back from Monticello.

The Washington party which attended the Jeffersonian ceremonies at Monticello, Va., returned to this city at 10 o'clock last night. There was some disappointment that the President did not attend, but it is understood that sickness in his family at this time prevented him.

LAW AND ORDER AT STAKE

Lacey Test Case to Be Heard in Richmond Today.

THIS IS IN THE BALANCE

Merits of the Lacey Case to Be Decided Today by the Virginia Supreme Court—Constitutionality of Old Dominion Anti-Gambling Laws Involved—Local Interests Affected.

The case of Richard Lacey, who was arrested for violation of the new Virginia anti-gambling laws, will be heard today before the court of appeals of Virginia at Richmond.

Great interest is manifested in the decision of the court by the backers of the outlaw track, and by the law-abiding citizens of Virginia and this city for the reason that this is a test case.

To restate briefly the case Lacey was arrested under the law, which prohibits the making of books either on the spot or by the plan of betting by telegraph which was attempted to be operated as a means of circumventing the provisions of the law.

Lacey was confined in the Alexandria city jail, but about ten days ago application for bail on writ of habeas corpus was made by his attorney, who is said to be acting for all the racing interests. This being a remedial right it was granted by the court, which, while granting the writ, did not pass on the real questions at issue. Today was set for the hearing of the law involved in the case.

SUFFICIENCY OF THE LAW.

The real question before the court is the sufficiency of the new law to meet the methods of procedure proposed by the race track gamblers. If Lacey is finally discharged it will be tantamount to saying that the law does not apply to this particular kind of gambling and the citizens will have to put up with the tracks and bookmaking by telegraph until the legislature meets to cure the defect in the law. It is generally understood, however, that the framers of the new law had carefully gone over all the possibilities, and that the law is complete.

The gamblers have made what is supposed to be their last stand in this fight. The law is explicit as to the local book and they are now trying to prove that the prohibition as to the foreign book is unconstitutional. This position is the sole basis of the fight made on behalf of Lacey by the race track managements.

EFFECT OF THE DECISION.

The fight against the gamblers, which was inaugurated by The Times last summer and which was carried to Richmond and into the office of the Governor of the State, was supposed to have been won when the Virginia legislature undertook to pass such laws as would make a repetition of the scenes which have disgraced the county of Alexandria an impossibility. It is for this reason that the people of Washington, as well as the people of Virginia, will watch with eagerness the opinion of the supreme court of Virginia, which may be handed down today.

If the decision be in favor of the backers of Lacey there may be expected a reinfesting of the country across the Potomac with all the vicious elements which follow in the train of outlaw tracks and their accompaniments of dens of thieves and low gambling joints. The misfortune of all of this is that Washington has been made the nightly resort of the camp followers of the race tracks and has consequently had charged against its good name more than its proportion of the infamous traveling public.

As intimated, however, there is a strong belief that the law will be construed as it was intended and that an adverse decision in the Lacey case will be the death knell of those who have assumed so defiant an attitude in respect to the well intended reform laws of the Old Dominion.

Robbed in a Railway Station.

A pickpocket relieved Moses Goldberg of $5 in the Pennsylvania Railroad station last night. The crime was reported to Detective Sergt. Perry at Detective Helan at police headquarters at 10 o'clock, and from the description of the man suspected, the officers believe that the job was done by Walter Anderson, colored, alias "Boss" Anderson.

Both Delegates for Quay.

Norristown, Pa., April 13.—The Republican conferees of the Seventh district, composed of Bucks and Montgomery counties, in convention at Ambler, this morning, elected James B. Holland, of Montgomery county, and Hugh B. Eastburn, of Bucks county, to represent the district at the national convention. Both are for Quay.

Silver Mines in Pennsylvania.

Susquehanna, April 13.—Capitalists from New York and Pennsylvania have organized a stock company to prospect for silver and copper at South Canaan, Wayne county, Pa. Ores taken from the land leased are rich in base metals. The company has secured an option of 552 acres of land for $55,000.

GARCIA WILL STAND TRIAL.

But He Is First Resolved to Fight for Free Cuba.

New York, April 13.—T. Estrada Palma, Cuban delegate, has received the following communication from Gen. Garcia:

"To the people of the United States of America: I am fully aware of the obligation which I have contracted, to stand trial for my alleged violations of the laws of your country. I have not remained to face the consequence of my acts, simply because I feel that I have a higher duty to perform as a soldier and a Cuban.

"Having fought for the independence of my country for ten years, and having ever since promulgated the idea for which we then fought, I deem it my highest and holiest duty, to fight and bleed, and if necessary, die, to attain the independence of my country.

"Should I fail, my death will expiate, I hope, in your eyes, any possible offense for which I might have to stand trial there; should I survive, I give you my word, as a man and a soldier, to return to your country and cheerfully abide by the consequences which the laws of the country may visit upon me. My conscience tells me that in this proceeding I will satisfy the laws of justice, and I am confident that the citizens of the United States will so judge of my conduct.

"CALIXTO GARCIA, Cuba Libre."

BRITISH REPORT ON CUBA

Foreign Office Says a Special One Is Not Needed.

President of Agriculture Long Cannot Accede to Canadian Request Concerning the Cattle Bill.

London, April 13.—Mr. James Kelly, member for North Roscommon, asked the government, in accordance with previous notice, whether it was the intention of Lord Salisbury to direct the British consul general at Havana to report upon the condition of Cuba with reference to the state of war which is alleged to exist there.

Mr. Curzon, under secretary for foreign affairs, replied that the British consuls in Cuba made regular rports to the foreign office as to the situation on that island, and, consequently, a special report was not necessary.

Right Hon. Walter Long, president of board of agriculture, announced that the government had received a copy of the resolutions passed by the House of Commons, of the Dominion of Canada, in reference to the diseases of animals bill before the British Parliament. Mr. Long regretted, he said, that he was unable to accede to the wishes of the Dominion government in the matter, as set forth in the resolution. It would be impossible to do so and still be consistent with the interests of home agriculture.

Mr. Curzon stated that the British vice consul at Mush had telegraphed under the date of March 27 that the local authorities, by virtue of an irade, required all foreign missionaries to leave Asia Minor immediately by the way of Alexandretta.

Sir Philip Currie, the British ambassador to Constantinople, Mr. Curzon said, had made representations to the porte and had learned that the irade did not refer specifically to missionaries, but applied to all persons involved in seditious movements.

No missionaries conforming to the laws would be molested. The United States charge d'affaires at Constantinople, Mr. Curzon added, had since been informed that the irade had been repealed.

ASSAULTED A LITTLE GIRL.

Maryland Negro Threatened with Lynching for a Revolting Crime.

(Special to The Times.)

Frederick, Md., April 13.—The citizens of this town and surrounding country are intensely excited over an attempted felonious assault which took place near Adamstown, this county, yesterday.

The attempted victim was the three-year-old daughter of Farmer John Padgett and her would-be assailant was John Frazier, a colored laborer on his place. Yesterday Frazier, with little Nellie, the Padgett child, and one of his own children, went to the barn on the place ostensibly to hunt for eggs, Padgett being away from home at the time.

Frazier took the little girl into the hay loft of the barn, leaving his own child below. A short while later the screams of the little girl were heard and several persons went to her assistance.

It was discovered that the negro had attempted felonious assault, as the child's clothing was badly torn and she was frightened into convulsions. A physician was summoned, but on examination he found that the attempt had been unsuccessful.

Constable Thomas was immediately notified and arrested the negro and brought him here before the news of the affair had gotten out. When the occurrence was learned here threats of lynching were made but it is not known just where the prisoner is confined. Every precaution has been taken to prevent any violence. The prisoner was before the court here some time ago, charged with forgery.

HIS EIGHTY-SIXTH BIRTHDAY.

Senator Morrill Entertained His Friends Last Night.

Senator Justin S. Morrill of Vermont, the venerable father of the upper house, was eighty-six years old yesterday, and last night he gave a reception to political and personal friends to celebrate the occasion.

It was a very enjoyable affair to all who took part, and Mr. Morrill received hearty congratulations from several hundred of those with whom he has been associated for many years.

His colleague, Senator Proctor, nearly all the Senators and members of the New England delegation, his fellow members of the Committee on Finance, and many prominent persons in public life attended the function.

PLUNGED THROUGH A TRESTLE.

Five Men Killed and Two Fatally Injured.

Louisville, Ky., April 13.—Five men were killed and two others fatally wounded at Bedford, Ind., at 9 o'clock this morning by a belt line engine and a flat car going through a trestle.

The killed are Charles Ogden, conductor; Sherman Carpenter, fireman; Warren Leermond of Walton, Ky., —— Masterson and —— Bevins. The injured are —— Davis and —— Menzer, engineer.

Policy Writings on Them.

James Pollard and Charles Maynard, colored, were arrested by Policemen Stenhouse and Banagan last night on a charge of promoting policy. It is said that these men have been running policy for one of the Jackson City shops and that the policemen suspected this. Policy writings were found on the prisoners.

Culmination of an Old Feud.

Chris Ford, colored, was arrested by Policeman Lewis yesterday morning and held at No. 8 station on the charge of assault upon Jennie Morse, also colored. The trouble occurred April 1 on Sherman avenue northwest and was caused by a family feud of long standing.

Stole from Her Mother.

Eva Graham, colored, was locked up at No. 2 station yesterday afternoon by Precinct Detective Barnes for the larceny of $9 in cash, a pair of scissors, a pair of shoes, a hat and numerous other articles from her mother, Martha Thomas, who lives at No. 1718 Fifth street northwest.

PNEUMATIC GUN BURST

Gen. Miles and Other Army Officers Narrowly Escape Injury.

ONE MAN WAS WOUNDED

During the Experiments at Glen Cove the Piece Exploded and Hurled Fragments in Every Direction—Escape of the Party Was Only a Miracle—Defective Projectile the Cause.

Glen Cove, L. I., April 13.—During a test of the new Ludley powder pneumatic gun today, the piece exploded, and Gen. Nelson A. Miles, and members of the board of ordnance had a narrow escape from death, or at least severe injury. A spectator named Joseph Rome was hit by a piece of metal and barely escaped with his life.

The first test had resulted satisfactorily and for the second experiment a target, composed of a large red, white and blue flag was put up against a sand bank about 2,100 yards distance from the gun.

AT THE THIRD DISCHARGE.

Two of the dummy missiles had been fired, when, on the third attempt to discharge the gun it exploded, scattering broken fragments of the gun metal in every direction.

The officers who were investigating the merits of the gun were standing in a semi-circle behind the piece when it exploded, and it is marvelous that none of them were injured.

ONE SPECTATOR INJURED.

Mr. Rome was hit on the side of the neck by a flying piece of metal and an ugly wound resulted.

The explosion put an end to the tests, but another exhibition of the merits of the new gun will be given as soon as the piece can be repaired.

The accident is supposed to have been due to the shattering of the wooden butt of the dummy projectile and a consequent choking of the gun. The compressed air had to escape, and the gun burst along the lines of the least resistance.

BIG BARN BURNED.

Fireman Hurt by Falling from a Ladder While Fighting Flames.

The fire department was called out on still alarms for several fires in the northern section of the city early last evening. The first blaze was discovered about 5 o'clock in the stables at the rear of Nos. 1361 and 1363 Columbia road northwest.

No. 9 engine and the chemical responded immediately. The fire spread so rapidly that at one time the residences adjoining were threatened. While the conflagration was at its height, Fireman M. Brown of No. 9 company, had his right hand badly cut by falling from a ladder. The wound was dressed at a physician's near by. The cause of the fire is not known. The property is owned by Lester Barr and Frank Sanner, and the damage is estimated at nearly $1,000, fully covered by insurance.

The second fire broke out at 7:30 in the residence of Mr. John F. Cooke, No. 2222 Sixth street northwest, and was caused by a lace curtain igniting from a gas jet. No. 7 engine was called but the flames were extinguished before the company arrived. The damage was trifling.

FAVORABLE TO GENERAL LEE.

Havana Americans Pleased with the Nomination of the Consul General.

Havana, April 13.—The American residents are greatly pleased by the nomination of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee as the successor of Ramon O. Williams, American consul here.

It is the opinion that Gen. Lee is a man of reputation and unquestioned Americanism, and that he is the one for the place at this juncture.

Left Nearly Two Millions.

Richmond, Va., April 13.—The will of Mr. John Pope, vice president of the American Tobacco Company, was probated in the Henrico circuit court today. The estate is valued at $1,750,000, and the bulk of it is left to Mr. Pope's brother and three sisters. There are bequests of from $1,000 to $5,000 to a number of Catholic and charitable institutions. Maj. Lewis Ginter and Mr. George Pope are among the executors.

Stoned at Jackson City.

Robert Robertson of 811 Twenty-sixth street was tempted out yesterday by the warm, spring weather. Robertson ventured over into Virginia. His city air and tailor made clothes aroused the wrath of some of the natives and they started to drive him across Aqueduct Bridge with a volley of stones. Two missiles took effect in his head and he had the cuts sewn up at Emergency Hospital.

Venezuela Makes Ready for War.

Panama, April 13.—The Star and Herald says: In his message to Congress the President of Venezuela states that after the reorganization of the militia, which has just been completed, the government is in a position to mobilize 200,000 men at any given moment. He calls upon Congress to provide for the acquisition of large quantities of war material.

Vessel Broke the Laws.

Panama, April 13.—The correspondent of the Star and Herald at Colon sends the following to that journal under date of April 1: On the 31st of March the Colombian gunboat Gen. Cordova left this port for Porte Bello, where, according to rumor, there was a vessel which had contravened the laws of the republic.

Congressman Strode Renominated.

Tecumseh, Neb., April 13.—Congressman Strode was renominated by acclamation at the First district Republican convention this evening. L. L. Lindsey, of Lincoln, and H. N. Davey, of Plattsmouth, were selected as delegates to St. Louis. Both are for McKinley, to whom they were pledged by resolution.

Ship Losing Her Cargo.

London, April 13.—The cargo of the ship Carnarvonshire, Hughes, from San Francisco for Queenstown, is washing out through a hole in the bottom of the vessel. The Carnarvonshire is ashore at Yokane Point, Ireland, as before reported.

Shooter Dead, Victim Recovering.

Knoxville, Tenn., April 13.—A. C. Williams, clerk of the circuit court of Smith county, who recently shot A. C. Garrett at Carthage, died today from nervous prostration. His victim is getting well.

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