

A BRAVE SPANIARD

Was the Commander at San Geronimo, in Cuba.

REFUSED THE INSURGENT DEMAND

To Surrender, After Tearing Gomez's Note to Pieces.

CAPTURE AND BURNING OF TOWN

By the Cuban Rebels Had Its Dramatic Features--The Women and Children Permitted to Leave Before the Attack Was Made--After the Surrender Was Forced the Rebel Leader Embraced the Gallant Commander of the Spaniards and Eulogized His Heroism, While the Soldiers Wept--The Town in Ruins.

HAVANA, June 28.--The facts about the raid and the burning of San Geronimo, news of which was cabled on Wednesday to the Associated Press, as they are learned in more detail, are found to be of importance.

San Geronimo is the most flourishing village in the province of Puerto Principe, and possesses several warehouses. It is situated about twenty-five miles from the town of Puerto Principe.

About 5 o'clock in the evening Maximo Gomez appeared near San Geronimo at the head of fifteen hundred men sent to the commander of the village saying that he must surrender or run the risk of being killed, either by bullets or fire. The Spanish commander, Lieut. LaBourde tore the note to pieces, replying: "Tell him to come at once and do what he pleases; that a Spaniard will never surrender."

Addressing his men, he said: "Soldiers, get ready." Through the night these men waited to be attacked. The families of the citizens, aware of Gomez's presence in the neighborhood, left the town, seeking shelter in the Guajamal Hacienda, at a distance of three miles. Meanwhile the rain was falling in torrents. The insurgents allowed the women and children of the families to pass out of the city, but held the men inside. At sunrise Gomez ordered the mayor of the town to tell the Spanish lieutenant that he had the town surrounded and that he must surrender immediately. Afterwards the mayor returned, saying: "Under no circumstances will he surrender."

Gomez then gave an order for four hundred of his cavalry to dismount and attack the place. At the same time they advanced toward the town and ordered their prisoners to set fire to the nearest houses.

Gomez was heard to say: "That officer is a brave man. He will not surrender in spite of shooting and fire."

He then commanded that the whole town should be burned. The fire increased rapidly through the town, and the fort in which the garrison was quartered was already burning. The troops kept firing until suffocated by the smoke, when the mayor lifted a white flag, and the insurgent's bugle gave the signal to stop firing. Lieutenant LaBourde, a lieutenant of guerrilla, fifty soldiers of the garrison, and twenty-two guerrillas came forward, and agreeing with Gomez as to the terms of the surrender, delivered their arms and ammunition. The marquis of Santa Lucia and Maximo Gomez embraced Lieutenant LaBourde, saying: "You can shout 'Vive Espana,' because you are a worthy defender of her."

The officers and soldiers, with tears in their eyes, revealed in their faces the anguish they felt at their surrender, to which they consented, although quite haughtily. But it would have been a mad enterprise to attempt to defend themselves.

A few hours afterwards nothing was left of San Geronimo but smoldering ashes. Probably it is.

TAMPA, Fla., June 28.--Col. Enriquez Collazo was called suddenly to New York by wire to-day. He left to-night. His brother Thomas accompanied him. Their mission is unknown, but it is supposed to be in connection with their contemplated expedition to Cuba.

THE PEARL'S OWNER. A Resident of the United States but a Native of Haiti.

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, June 28.--It has been ascertained that the Cuban filibuster vessel Pearl, which was vainly searched by the British warship Tartar, three days before her seizure by the authorities of Port Maria, for carrying arms and ammunition to the insurgents, is owned by Charles Love, a native of Haiti, and a resident of Nassau, N. H. Revelations in connection with the seizure of the Pearl implicate Lascelles and Bemerando, and also Levy, a Jamaica legislator. The Cuban passengers of the Pearl escaped, but the captain is in custody. The customs officials have a clew to those interested in the expedition in the shape of ten marked cases.

No Truth In It. HAVANA, July 28.--Further inquiries made here by the representatives of the Associated Press show that there is no truth in the story of the capture of the American yacht Neptunia by a Spanish warship and the imprisonment of those on board her.

Marti's Successor. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 28.--Word was received in this city to-day from Cuba to the effect that Gen. Bartholomew Maso in all probability has been named provisional president of the republic of Cuba in place of the late President Marti.

Important If True. SAN FRANCISCO, June 28.--Lord and Lady Sholto Douglas are living at Alameda incognito in a family boarding house. They intend to remain in seclusion indefinitely.

CORRUPT GOVERNMENT

Of Omaha Arouses the Indignation of the Honest Citizens.

OMAHA, Neb., June 28.--The demand for municipal reform in Omaha became so pronounced to-day that the business men and citizens, regardless of party feelings, have united in the publication of a proclamation calling for the organization of a movement looking to the introduction of business methods in the city government. The members of public indignation have been fanned for several months by the alleged corruption now existing in local municipal affairs. Months ago it was noticed that city money was being used by speculators, contractors and others with political influence.

The matter became so flagrant two weeks since, that the school board demanded an investigation as to its funds. The next day City Treasurer Bollin fled from the city, leaving a note that he had gone to commit suicide. Officers located him in hiding.

Developments showed that many members of the city council and other politicians owed the city from \$100 to \$2,000 each. The only security the treasurer had was a slip in the cash drawer indicating the amount due the city on the i. o. n. Cash was missing to the amount of \$20,000. Since then this has been reduced two-thirds by the i. o. n.'s being taken up.

The council, in the face of the situation, refused to depose Bollin, though many citizens were demanding his arrest. A week after his defalcations were made public, Bollin resigned. The mayor repeatedly sent names of citizens to the council to succeed Bollin, but that body refused to confirm the nominations, in the meantime leaving Bollin in office. After turning down many of the most reliable citizens of Omaha, the council, at 10 o'clock, after a week's delay confirmed J. H. Dumont city treasurer. The developments contributed so powerfully to the general demand for reform, that a proclamation signed by 1,000 of the most prominent citizens of Omaha, representing all political parties, was published to-day, calling upon citizens generally to join with them in a vigorous non-sectarian and non-partisan citizens' movement for municipal reform.

TOO ENTERPRISING. A Messenger Boy in the State Department Who Wasn't Satisfied With His Salary.

WASHINGTON, June 28.--For some time past the head of the passport bureau of the state department has been mystified by receiving demands from persons in various towns and cities for a prompt reply to their applications for passports, or the return of the money which had sent to the department. In each case investigation failed to show that any such application had been received.

It was certain that stealing was going on somewhere, and after close watching suspicion settled upon a boy named Kirk McMurtrie, a messenger whose duty it was to get the mail from the mail clerk and carry it to the passport bureau. It was found that he had been indulging in lavish expenditures, taking other boys on excursions down the river and generally showing that he had much money to spend. The amount of money taken is not yet known, but it is certain to run up well into the hundreds of dollars, from the number of complaints that have been received, and it is said one day, last Saturday, eighteen letters, each enclosing a dollar for a passport, were abstracted from the mail. McMurtrie has been discharged.

DUMB AS OYSTERS. Are the Treasury Officials Regarding the Bond Contract.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 28.--The treasury officials now in the city still maintain perfect silence as to what, if any modifications have been made in the bond contract, or what, if any, basis there is for the rumor that the syndicate will no longer use its influence to protect the government from gold withdrawals for export. The rumor, however, is given no credence here by persons having any knowledge of the situation. It is more than probable, it is said, that the syndicate has obtained permission from the secretary to make temporary deposits for domestic gold which is subsequently to be replaced by immortals from London.

The exact facts in the case, however, cannot in the absence of Secretary Carlisle be learned here.

Inquiry among the treasury officials to-night elicited the information that no uneasiness whatsoever was felt over the present situation as to the bond contract.

FREIGHT AGENTS PONDER. And Decide That Their Superiors Acted Wisely and Well.

CHICAGO, June 28.--The general freight agents of the lines in the Central Traffic Association met to-day and pondered over the action taken by the trunk line presidents and the executive officers of some of the central traffic lines in New York yesterday, when rates were ordered to be restored. The pondering of the freight agents terminated in the conclusion that their superior officers had done wisely and well, and a resolution was passed ratifying the action taken in New York. No other action was taken at the meeting, and it adjourned after everybody had promised everybody else that hereafter rates will be strictly maintained.

WASN'T MRS. CORBETT. Somebody is Personating the Pugilist's Wife in Dakota.

NEW YORK, June 28.--Lawyer A. H. Hummel to-day received the following telegram: "Do you not think it best to wire Dakota contradicting telegram in World that I am there. Please send up clerk. (Signed) 'OLLIE CORBETT.'" "All the stories about Mrs. Corbett being in Dakota are ridiculous," said Mr. Hummel. "She is a property owner here, has brought suit here, the case will be tried here and she is here now. This is not the first time a woman has impersonated Mrs. Corbett, and there may be an interesting sequel to this last episode in Dakota."

Mrs. Corbett is said to be quite ill.

Farrell Convicted. DENVER, Col., June 28.--Lawrence Farrell, the pugilist, was found guilty this afternoon of highway robbery. He took Mrs. J. J. Hubbard, a divorced woman for a driving, after having arranged with another man to hold them up on the road and steal her diamonds.

ON LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN.

Thousands of Epworth Leaguers Held a Sunrise Service.

CHATTANOOGA IS NOW CROWDED

With Twelve Thousand Delegates, But Has No Trouble to Entertain Them All--The Day Given Up to Methodism--A Colored Delegate's Appearance Creates a Sensation in That Southern City--The Program of the Day and the Night.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., June 28.--Today's session of the Epworth League conference was opened with a "Sunrise prayer meeting" on the bluff of Lookout Mountain in front of Lookout Inn. When the sun first made its appearance from behind the mountains in the distance there were congregated on the bluff and mountainside 2,200 delegates from Maine to California. The exercises were led by Rev. George R. Stewart, who is associated with Sam Jones, the evangelist. Following the exercises a wonderful experience meeting was held, in which delegates from nearly every state in the union participated.

During the recital of the experiences several of the delegates became so impressed with the fervor of the occasion that they shouted.

It is estimated that there are 12,000 Leaguers in the city to-day. In spite of the vast crowd now here, Chattanooga was so well prepared for the coming and entertainment of the visitors that not one-fifth of her entertaining capacity has been exhausted. The residents report that they are not crowded in the least. This fact will be of interest in view of the approaching date for the park dedication.

The topic for to-day was "Methodism; Its Life and Mode of Expression." The conference assembled at 9:30 o'clock this morning in second day's session, Judge Estes, of Memphis, presiding. The splendid chorus choir led a short service of songs, after which the morning topics were taken up, in ten minute speeches by delegates.

"Life in the Local Church--Intellectual Duties" was the first subject, by Rev. W. E. Ray, of Macon, Ga. Rev. W. E. McClellan, of Berwyn, Ill., delivered an address along this line, emphasizing the idea of what to read. Under the head of "Educational Opportunities" Rev. S. C. Royal, of Cincinnati, Ohio, Rev. J. W. E. Bowen, of Atlanta, Ga., and Rev. R. J. Cooke, D. D., of Athens, Tenn., spoke. Rev. Bowen is a colored preacher and his appearance on the platform was the occasion of a wild demonstration. He started out with the proposition that thirty years ago it would not have been thought possible for a man of his color to stand before such an audience and discuss the question of education. He said he was not concerned in his ancestry or where he came from, but was most concerned in where he was going. The address produced a tremendous sensation.

Social duties and attainments was the topic assigned to Miss Clara Grant, of Winona, Minn., the first lady to appear on the conference program, and H. N. Holt, of Evanson, Ill., both of whom created great applause by their suggestions for higher class attainments in the churches. Other topics of the morning were as follows: Visiting--Rev. John A. Nelson, Georgetown, Texas. Official Duties of Church Officers--Our Duties to Them--Rev. W. L. Helms, Georgetown, Texas. Epworth League Officers--Our Duties to Them--Rev. E. D. Taylor, S. T. B., Boston, Mass.

Financial Stewardship--The Privilege of Giving--J. K. Ewell, Boone, Iowa. The Duty of Giving--N. B. Jackson, A. B. Moxie, Texas.

Frank Objects of Benevolence--Rev. Frank Siles, St. Joseph, Mo.; Rev. W. H. W. Ross, D. D., Cincinnati, Ohio.

The program for this afternoon beginning at 2:30 o'clock was as follows: The president officer being Rev. R. N. Baras, of Toronto, Canada: Devotions--Rev. H. M. Henderson, A. M. Winchester, Ky. Philanthropies--The Lost in our Cities. Secular Help--E. D. Fuller, L.L.D., Topeka, Kas.; John D. Walker, Spartan, Ga.; Rev. H. C. Weakly, D. D., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Brotherhood--Rev. L. E. Prantiss, D. D., Dayton, Ohio; Rev. E. H. Rawlins, R. D. Norfolk, Va. Spiritual Ministry--Rev. George W. Kerby, B. A., St. Catharine, Ont.; Rev. John W. Newman, D. D., Talladega, Alabama.

Municipal government--Address, "Christian Citizenship," Rev. Carlos Martyn, D. D., Chicago, Ill.

Rev. J. T. Berry, D. D., of Chicago, presided to-night. An address was to be delivered by Bishop Thoburn, of India, but owing to his inability to be present, he will be represented by Rev. Homer C. Stuntz, of Naima Tal, India. The program for to-night is as follows:

Gospel in Rural Neighborhoods--Helps--Miss Stella Rule, Knoxville, Tennessee; Rev. W. R. P. Lovejoy, A. M., Athens, Ga. Hindrances--Rev. F. I. Loveland, Clinton, Iowa.

Disciplining the Nations--(by proxy)--Rev. Edmund M. Mills, D. D., Elmira, New York; Rev. D. C. Kelley, D. D., Bellebuck, Tenn.; Rev. George Bond, Halifax, N. S.; (in person)--Rev. C. C. McCabe, D. D., New York; Rev. W. R. Lambuth, D. D., Nashville, Tenn.; Rev. Homer C. Stuntz, India.

THE SCENE ON THE MOUNTAIN. The scene on the Lookout mountain this morning at the sunrise service will long be remembered.

At half-past 2 o'clock a. m. the street cars began to move the thousands of young Methodists toward the mountains. As the cars ran through the city and suburbs their occupants made the air resound with the old-fashioned camp-meeting music. Darkness covered the face of the mountains as they reached its base, but that did not deter them from their purpose. With gladness and hearty shout the ascent was begun. On they went until a steady stream was scaling the side of the historic old mountain.

It was a grand scene that the eye beheld as the summit was reached. The gray of the early dawn had put in its appearance, and one could catch good glimpses of the surrounded landscape.

Great clouds of mist hung over the city and the valley. The faint outlines of the Tennessee river could be traced as it gracefully made its turn on the meandering bend. The assembled band of Wesleyan pilgrims, representing almost every state in the union, and also the Dominion of Canada, reverently uncovered their heads and began their devotions. Rev. Geo. H. Stewart, the celebrated evangelist, who assists Sam Jones in his meetings, led the meeting. As he stood and talked to the people of the love of God and of the power of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and as one looked upon the peculiar surroundings of the assembly his mind ran back to that noted meeting of nearly nineteen hundred years ago, when a great assembly of people heard the gospel proclaimed by its great founder upon a mount of Palestine. The worshippers stand as if lost in devotion and adoration. Their hearts are brought close to the God of nature, who is so beautifully and majestically revealing his power to them. They stand silent, and then, as there peeps over the distant horizon the first beams of the great King of Day, they all, as if moved by a common spirit, break forth with the long meter doxology: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

A good Methodist could stand it no longer. His pent-up feelings became exuberant and loud shouts were given and handshakes were exchanged on all sides. It was a scene never to be forgotten.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVORERS. The Methodist Protestant Contingent in Session at Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, June 28.--The fourth denominational meeting of the Christian Endeavor Union of the Methodist Protestant church opened in this city this afternoon. Over 500 delegates from all parts of the country are expected. The convention will close Sunday evening, and is held preliminary to the Christian Endeavor inter-denominational convention which meets in Boston next month. This afternoon's program included an address on "Laying for Power" by Rev. L. A. Barnes, of Grafton, W. Va., words of greeting by Rev. J. F. Cowan and others, of Pittsburgh, and an address on "Convention Power Houses," by Rev. R. B. Whitehead, of East Liverpool, Ohio. Another session will be held to-night.

The evening session was devoted entirely to addresses by President Paul M. Strayer, of Baltimore, and Rev. F. T. Tagg, editor of the Methodist Protestant.

FIGHT WITH MOONSHINERS. Two of the Outlaws Killed and Two Constables Fatally Wounded.

COLUMBIA, S. C., June 28.--In a fight, early this morning near Spartanburg, between State Constables Pettigrew, Toland, Stevenson and Joyce and a party of moonshiners, two of the latter, named Fisher and Darham, were killed, and Constables Pettigrew and Toland were fatally wounded. The constables had information that from one to two hundred gallons of whisky a week were being brought into Spartanburg and have been on the watch for the contraband goods for several days.

Last night, while watching in the woods, a wagon drove up, and the driver was ordered to stop. The reply was a volley from the occupants of the wagon. The constables returned the fire and the battle raged for several minutes in the dark. Jack Fisher, one of the moonshiners, was killed in the first fusillade. William Darham, his companion, after wounding Constables Pettigrew and Toland, received a mortal wound, and died in an hour. The constables came to Spartanburg, where they were placed under arrest. There is great excitement here and talk of lynching by Fisher's friends. Pettigrew, who is in jail, will not live, and late to-night it is said that Toland's condition is critical. The constables say that Fisher and Darham fired first, but Fisher's friends dispute this.

WHY IT WAS DONE. The Hoisting Valley Road's Embarrassment Preceditated for a Purpose.

COLUMBUS, June 28.--President W. E. Guerin, of the Columbus, Sandusky & Hoeking Railroad Company, stated to-night that the application for a receivership was intended to interfere with a private plan for the reorganization of the company which is on foot. He does not think, however, that it will have the effect intended, as the reorganization is well under way. The application for a receiver was made by J. H. Rogor, of Findlay, who holds four bonds of \$1,000 each, on which there is \$300 interest due. He is represented by Judge Bois, of Sandusky, and James Lenzy, of New York. Just who is back of the move cannot be learned. The Columbus, Sandusky & Hoeking has a capital stock of \$7,393,131 and a funded debt of \$9,120,693.

WHISKY DEPRESSED. Decreased Consumption Forces Distilleries to Close for Awhile.

PITTSBURGH, June 28.--Before July 10 all the distilleries in the Pittsburgh district will be shut down for periods of from two to six months. There is a depression in the whisky business and the suspension will be one of unusual duration. There are forty-eight distilleries in the Pittsburgh district, and all of these will be closed before the date mentioned. About ten will start up in September and the rest will start between that time and the first of the year. At the present time there is a greater amount of whisky in the warehouses and store rooms of the distilleries than was ever before known. The cause given by the distillers for the decrease in consumption is that they are now feeling the hard times that the country has just recovered from.

A Terrible Explosion. HONOLULU, June 28.--Seven persons were killed and several wounded to-day by the explosion of a boiler of a steam launch belonging to the German warship Kurierst Friedrich Wilhelm. The United States and other warships here have their flags at half mast as the result of the accident.

Will Go Into Blast. LEXINGTON, Va., July 28.--The two hundred ton furnace at Buona Vista and Victoria furnace, at Gosport, both in this (Rockbridge) county, will go into blast in a few days, after a shut down of several years.

THE SALISBURY CABINET.

Personnel of the New British Government Formed by the Marquis of Salisbury.

LONDON, June 28.--The marquis of Salisbury has completed the work of forming a new cabinet. The new ministry is as follows: Premier and secretary of state for foreign affairs, the marquis of Salisbury. President of the council, the duke of Devonshire.

Lord high chancellor, Viscount Cross. Chancellor of the exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach. Secretary of state for home affairs, the Right Hon. Matthew White Ridley. First lord of the treasury, the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour.

Secretary of state for the colonies, the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain. Secretary of state for war, the marquis of Lansdowne. First lord of the admiralty, the Right Hon. George J. Goschen. Secretary of state for India, Lord George Hamilton.

President of the board of trade, the Right Hon. C. T. Ritchie. President of the local government board, the Right Hon. Henry Chaplin. Lord lieutenant of Ireland, Earl Cadogan. Lord chancellor of Ireland, Baron Ashbourne. Secretary for Scotland, Baron Balfour, of Burleigh.

Chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster, the Right Hon. Sir Henry James. The other appointments are as follows: Financial secretary of the treasury, Mr. Robert William Hanbury. Under secretary for foreign affairs, the Right Hon. George N. Curzon.

EMILY HALL'S DEATH. The Trial of Dr. Seaman for His Alleged Complicity in the Case.

DETROIT, Mich., June 28.--All the testimony for the defense was submitted during to-day's proceedings of the trial of Dr. Seaman for manslaughter. Acquaintances of the doctor testified to his previous good character, and physicians testified regarding alleged difficulties in the way of determining the exact cause of death, the various possible reasons for premature birth and as to the defendant's general reputation. The letters shown to have been written by the Rev. Jonathan Bell were finally admitted in evidence. Both sides then rested and the arguments began, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Hunt opening for the state.

MURDER MYSTERY. Body of an Unknown Man With Two Stab Wounds Over the Heart.

LOWISTOWN, N. Y., June 28.--The body of a man six feet tall, weighing about two hundred pounds, was found in the river here last evening. It is entirely nude and evidently is a relic of the winter, for it has been in the water for a long time. Both legs are torn from the knee and one arm has sloughed off. The upper part of the skull is missing, so that identification is almost impossible. What appear to be two stab wounds over the heart suggest the gruesome suspicion that the body is that of a man murdered in Buffalo and thrown into the river, which found its way down here over Niagara Falls.

RALEIGH COUNTY TRAGEDY. John Smith Kills His Wife for Living With Another Man.

CHARLESTON, W. VA., June 28.--A special from Raleigh Court House, this state, says that John Smith, living near there, went to the house of John Cadle while the latter was away and shot Mrs. Smith so badly that she died the next day. The pair had been illicitly intimate while Smith was confined in the state prison, and upon his return a few days ago his wife refused to give up her relations with Cadle and was shutting the door in Smith's face when he fired, killing her.

A Frightful Death. Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer.

HENNINGTON, W. Va., June 28.--A frightful accident occurred at Blackfork, twelve miles south of this city, this evening. Melville Shanley, a young man, was riding horse back, when the horse became frightened and threw him violently to the ground, and then stepped on his skull, crushing the bone structure and producing death.

A Boy's Horrible Death. CADIZ, O., June 28.--Wesley Birney, a farmer, left his five-year-old boy to attend to a horse to-day while he picked a few cherries. The boy tied the hitching strap about his waist. The horse ran off, dragging the boy under its hoofs through three fences. His body caught in the rails of one fence and pulled through, crushing it almost to a jelly. On reaching the barn yard the other horses gathered around the runaway and the dead boy's body was rescued with great difficulty.

Catholics Won't Withdraw. MILWAUKEE, Wis., June 28.--Since the edict issued at Rome for Catholics to withdraw from the Knights of Pythias few have complied with the order.

There are five hundred Knights of Pythias in Milwaukee and about one thousand in the state, but the number of withdrawals from the order has not increased. It is announced that several Catholics have openly declared they will not withdraw from the order.

Charged With Robbery. DENVER, Col., June 28.--Ex-Marshal C. A. Carpenter, of Colfax, and his brother Oscar were arrested at Como to-day on the charge of having assaulted and robbed William Middleton, the aged market gardener, Monday night. Of the \$600 stolen from Middleton, \$545 was found in the possession of Carpenter, his brothers and their families. It was identified by marks of the stitches with which it had been sewed in Middleton's clothing.

Champion Machine Typewriter. BOSTON, Mass., June 28.--The Standard will to-morrow claim for G. W. Green, a compositor on the paper, the championship record for type-setting on the Morsenthaler machine, stating that this afternoon Mr. Green set 13,850 ems solid agate in one hour. There were only twenty-nine typographical errors in the lot.

IN HOT WATER.

Boss Croker's Man Simms Drove a Horse to Death in London.

THE ROYAL S. P. C. A. TAKES ACTION

And an Investigation is to Be Made to See if the Great Tammany Chief Himself Was a Party to the Act of Brutality--Mr. Labouchere and Jerome K. Jerome Bitterly Denounce Croker as a Leader of a "Gang of Inhumanity."

LONDON, June 28.--If certain reports turn out to be correct, and there seems to be no good reason for doubting them, Mr. Richard Croker's colored jockey, Willie Simms, is liable to find himself in the hottest kind of hot water. As cabled to the Associated Press on Saturday last, Simms has been amusing himself considerably at Newmarket and on Monday, June 17, (as the Associated Press dispatch also exclusively announced) he wagered he would drive a trotter from Newmarket to Cambridge and return within an hour, a total distance of about 26 miles.

Simms started in a sulky with a companion and made Cambridge in quick time. But when nearing Newmarket on the return trip the horse dropped dead and it is probable that Simms will be arrested and most severely punished as a result of an investigation into the affair which the officers of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals began to-day. A special officer of the society was dispatched to Newmarket this afternoon with instructions to thoroughly investigate the story of Simms' drive to Cambridge, and if the story of cruelty to the trotter is proven, a warrant for the jockey's arrest will be issued. The officer has also been instructed to find out if the companion of Simms in his drive was Mr. Croker himself, and if this should prove to be the case there may be serious trouble in store for Mr. Croker, as well as for Simms.

The action of the R. S. P. C. A. was due to Jerome K. Jerome and Mr. Labouchere. The latter says in Truth: "After reading an account of the performance, I expected to announce that Simms had brought an action for libel or had been fined the heaviest penalty for such diabolical conduct. No punishment is too bad for a man who would dog a horse to death, and I would cheerfully see Simms floored along the high road and made to run until he dropped dead."

Mr. Labouchere's article concludes with calling upon the R. S. P. C. A. to thoroughly investigate the matter. Mr. Jerome in a newspaper to-day writes that he had sent the details of the affair to the R. S. P. C. A., adding: "Simms is a half-cast who has come to England for a pure gambling speculation. He is employed by Messrs. Croker and Dwyer, concerning whom it is sufficient to remark that Mr. Croker was once prominently connected with that gang of rascality, Tammany Hall."

FREAK OF LIGHTNING. Strange Experience of a Boy and a Narrow Escape from Death.

LANCASTER, Pa., June 28.--Dr. E. O. Lyte, principal of the Millerfield Normal school, and his two sons, Louis M. and Joshua, aged eight and four respectively, had a narrow escape from death by lightning during the storm of last evening. They were standing in a hallway in a draught, close together, when there was a flash of lightning. The older boy putting his hand to his face said: "Pop, I am burned."

The lightning struck the boy at the base of the lower lip, ran to the turn of the chin, and making a jump of an inch struck him on the throat, dividing into two branches, from which countless minor lines diverged. Each of the main stems was about an inch long and they appear to have been broken up by the numerous radiations. The flesh was scorched, but not blistered or burned, and to-day the boy is apparently none the worse for his experience. Physicians and electricians who have been spoken to are unable to explain the remarkable freak of the lightning.

COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS. The Supreme Council in Session at Columbus, Ohio.

COLUMBUS, O., June 28.--The supreme council of the United Commercial Travelers of America convened this morning for its two days' annual session. The report of the secretary shows that there have been fourteen deaths during the past year, and that the present membership is 5,056, a gain over last year of 46 per cent. The receipts for the year were \$27,000, the disbursements \$24,000 and the present resources are \$24,000. It is not believed that there will be any material changes in the constitution of the order, and the business will be largely of a routine nature. The past year has been the most prosperous in the history of the order.

Advance at Cleveland. CLEVELAND, June 28.--The Cleveland Steel Company to-day posted a notice notifying their employees that owing to increased business and better prices for products, on and after July 1, 1895, the present tonnage rates on the plate mill and plate mill furnaces will be advanced 10 per cent. Common laborers also receive an advance in wages. About 150 men are benefited.

Looking for a Runaway. KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 28.--Mrs. Lizzie Hensley, of Paris, Ill., called on Chief of Police Irwin this afternoon to help to find her daughter, Alice Hensley, eighteen years old, who she says ran away from their home in Illinois with a man named James Hatchell. The daughter, she says, graduated last year in an eastern seminary.

Weather Forecast for To-day. For West Virginia, increasing cloudiness; cooler northwesterly winds. For West Pennsylvania, increasing cloudiness; slightly cooler; northerly winds. For Ohio, increasing cloudiness; cooler; northwesterly winds.

TEMPERATURE YESTERDAY, as furnished by C. SCHNEPP, druggist, corner Market and Fourteenth streets.

7 a. m. 70 2 p. m. 78 9 a. m. 70 5 p. m. 83 12 a. m. 67 Weather--Fair.