

FEMALE CONVICT MAKES ESCAPE

Lizzie Dodson, Colored, Gets Out of the Virginia Penitentiary.

ANOTHER WOMAN AIDS HER.

Scaled the West Wall and Dropped to Freedom While Other Prisoners Were Preparing for Breakfast.

Lizzie Dodson (colored) escaped from the Virginia penitentiary at 5:20 o'clock yesterday morning. She was a notorious character and was serving her second term in that institution.

Lizzie effected her exit by scaling the west wall of the prison, and in doing this used to good effect a long bench employed in the shoe department.

While all the prisoners were preparing for breakfast, Lizzie and Lou began their plan for escape. It was dark as midnight, the fog being dense and none of the guards could see what was going on.

GUARD'S STATEMENT. T. T. Gilim, the guard in the vicinity of the spot where Lizzie scaled the wall, speaking of the matter, said: "In locking up, after breakfast this morning, one of the sweepers reported to me that Lizzie Dodson was out of her room. I made an investigation, thinking probably she had gone into the room of some other woman, as they frequently do, although it is against the rules. I then had the building searched and could not find her. I then went out into the yard and examined the wall and found a bench taken into the yard. Lizzie Dodson escaped over the wall about 6 o'clock, and I made the discovery about ten minutes later."

CONVICT GAVE HINT. Lizzie had pulled off her striped clothing and left them in the yard. She was serving her second term in the penitentiary, having first been sent there for five years for burglary in Halifax county, August 30, 1897, when she was only sixteen years old. She was conditionally pardoned on March 25, 1899, but was convicted of grand larceny July 3, 1899, and returned to the institution for a period of three years. Since she went back to the penitentiary her conduct has been very unbecoming, and it was necessary, on several occasions, to whip her.

Lou Gallagher, who was arranging to get away with her, came here from Norfolk, June 4, 1895, under sentence to the penitentiary for two years. It was learned that the Dodson woman had gotten away, the fact was reported to the police headquarters of the city and men were sent out to scour the city for her. At a late hour last night she had not been located. It was learned yesterday that Lizzie and Lou had for months been laying plans to escape in time for Christmas.

THE FOOTBALL RECORD.

The Virginia Military Institute and Hampden-Sidney are Champions. (Special Dispatch to The Times.) LEXINGTON, VA., Dec. 24.—Following is the record of the football teams of Virginia during the past season. The State is divided into two sections, known as the Western and Eastern Divisions of the Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Association. The percentage is calculated from games played in its own division with the maximum percentage. It will be seen that the Virginia Military Institute and the University of Virginia each made the maximum record.

The Institute and Varsity played a tie game, making four for the former and three for the latter. Dr. W. A. Lambeth, of the University of Virginia, is president of the association, with Cadet Charles S. Holler, Jr., of the Virginia Military Institute, acting as secretary.

Western Division. Teams Played Won Lost P.C. Va. M. Ins. 3 3 0 1000. Univ. of Va. 2 2 0 1000. Wash. & Lee Univ. 3 0 3 000. Va. Poly. Inst. 2 0 2 000. Richmond College 2 0 0 1000. Eastern Division.—Hamp.-Sid. College 3 3 0 1000. Richmond College 3 2 1 666. Pam.-Maccon College 4 1 3 250. W. M. College 2 0 2 000.

THE CHAMPION HEAVYWEIGHT. Jeffries to Prepare in Indiana for the Rubin Fight. (Special Dispatch to The Times.) NEW YORK, December 23.—Jim Jeffries has come to train at West Baden, Indiana, for his coming championship battle with Gus Rubin, which is slated to be fought at Cincinnati on February 15th. Jeffries had at first intended to do his work at Lehigh, Pa., where he has trained for all his fights, but realized that it will be too cold here next month. He has been doing light training already for the encounter, such as taking long walks, punching the bag, skipping the rope and running ten rounds a day with his brother Jack. The champion weighs 225 pounds at present, and expects to tip the scales at 236 pounds when he meets Rubin.

Another Jack" Jack McCormick, the Philadelphia wrestler and fighter, and Billy Delaney, his old-time trainer, will prepare the big bubble-maker for this fight. Delaney will shortly come on from California.

Billiard Match. (Special Dispatch to The Times.) NEW YORK, December 24.—The statement made recently that Ora Morningstar, Indiana's champion short-stop billiard player, was desirous of making a match with Leonard Howson, has brought the desired result. Howson challenges Morningstar to play 1400 points fourteen inch ball, even up, in two evenings of play, the stake to be \$20 a side. Howson signs his willingness to post a forfeit stake to bind the match and arrange details later. Howson was under Sisson's wing at one time, and recently defeated Tom Gallagher, of Chicago, and Morningstar. The latter is a protégé of "Wizard" Jacob Sinafer.

Ballyhoo Boy. (Special Dispatch to The Times.) NEW YORK, December 21.—William C. Whitney's grand colt, Ballyhoo Boy, has been with influenza at his owner's stables at Westbury, but the attack was checked in time and danger of being supervening was averted. For two days and nights the colt was under the constant care of veterinary surgeons and watched

by reliable attendants. Neither Dr. Shepard, Mr. Whitney's head veterinarian, nor J. W. Rogers, his trainer, fear the horse will show any ill effects from the sickness when he begins his season next year.

Crescent City Races. (By Associated Press.) NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—Belle of Elgin, Lady Contrary, General Mart Gary and Sakatuck were the winning favorites. Summaries: First race—one mile, selling.—Castine (2 to 1) first, Ethlith (4 to 1) second, Donadage (12 to 1) third. Time, 1:43 1/2. Second race—five furlongs, selling.—Belle of Elgin (4 to 1) first, St. Bluff (9 to 2) second, Elsie Del (10 to 1) third. Time, 1:16. Third race—six furlongs, selling.—Lady Contrary (1 to 2) first, Diggs (3 to 2) second, Kiss Quick (15 to 1) third. Time, 1:16. Fourth race—handicap, mile and seventy yards.—General Mart Gary (even) first, Anny (5 to 1) second, Alex (3 to 1) third. Time, 1:47 1/2. Fifth race—selling, six furlongs.—Sakatuck (6 to 5) first, Early Bird (2 to 1) second, Mordelmo (5 to 1) third. Time, 1:16. Sixth race—five furlongs, selling.—Ep (7 to 1) first, Educate (5 to 1) second, Syncooped Sandy (3 to 1) third. Time, 1:03 1/4.

AMUSEMENTS. The "Three Musketeers" will be presented at the Academy this afternoon and evening by a very strong company, headed up by Harry Gardner and Waring, who will be superbly mounted. The Day version is to be used, and has everywhere been said to measure fully up to the standard fixed by the Salvini and O'Neill productions. Mr. Gardner is an actor of very brilliant talents and is said to combine all the dash of the younger Salvini with the finesse of the veteran O'Neill.

"The Christian" comes to the Academy for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with a matinee on the last named day. In a dense amount of interest has been excited by the announcement, and the demand for seats is quite unprecedented.

Fine Show at the Bijou. Mirth, music and novelty reign in perfect splendor at the popular Bijou this week, with a show quite up to what the patrons of the theatre then uses a "standing run only" card so often, might expect.

The principal laugh producing numbers were presented by two non-combating comedians—Wilson and Waring, and Stinson and Merton. The former team appeared first and earned much laughter. Wilson is a great comical character. Miss Waring is a good entertainer. Stinson and Merton's act is a good one. The comedian makes his mark every time.

The Five Whirlwinds are clever as acrobats. Miss Sadie Fox sang a number of selections in good voice and made a hit. Ameta's dancing, with the beautiful light effects, is quite a feature of the bill, and her posing, representing noted actresses and paintings, was encored. The world's comedy quartette is one of the best seen here. The comedians are clever, Bennett and Young, the popular song illustrators, added to the laurel wreath of success.

There will be a matinee this afternoon Y. M. C. A. STAR COURSE. Next Thursday night will witness the fourth entertainment of this season's star course. It will be a brilliant affair, and the assembly in the Y. M. C. A. Hall to hear the wonderful story and possibilities of "Wireless Telegraphy." This entertainment was to have been given by Professor Eugene C. Foster, of Philadelphia, but he has become famous, that the committee has released him and secured, through his cooperation, Professor W. J. Clarke, of New York city, the world's greatest electrical expert. Mr. Clarke is a popular lecturer. Mr. Clarke comes under one of the leading entertainment bureaus of the country, and was associated with Signor Marconi, in reporting the recent international yacht races by wireless telegraphy.

Mr. Clarke will not only explain fully how wireless telegraphy is accomplished, but he will perform a large number of astounding experiments at a distance from where he stands. His experiments have been successful where they have been—being lightning gas at a distance, stopping and starting motors, exploding torpedoes, sending telegraph and telephone messages, operating and steering horseless carriages, and many other graphs through space. Professor Clarke will come well equipped with instruments for experimental demonstration, and has the ability to make the duldest mind comprehend the details of this intricate science. Reserved seats will be placed on sale Tuesday, Christmas day, at 1 o'clock P. M.

WELLS' NEW THEATRE. Manager Jake Wells, of the B. M., has succeeded in securing the Lyceum Theatre, Atlanta, which will be added to the list which now embraces Richmond and Norfolk. This new theatre will be ready by the middle of January, about which time the Norfolk house will also be ready.

Mr. Wells will be general manager of the circuit, with headquarters in Richmond, and Mr. Charles I. McKee, Mr. Wells' associate here, will become the resident manager for Richmond. This arrangement will result in placing acts here that could not be touched before, and Richmond theatre-goers will profit by it.

Spth Needs It. There was a time in the fourteenth century when gold mines in Spain were worked at a profit. It is now rumored that several fresh discoveries of gold have been made. Some of the sands of the River Menyanares are said to contain enough gold to repay the cost of washing. A well-known miner has just asked for the concession of claims close to Madrid, which, like Pretoria, is said to be founded on a gold bed.—Philadelphia Times.

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FIFTY MILLIONS IS THE CAPITAL. Long Pending Plans for Reorganization of Pennsylvania Steel Company Concluded. (By Associated Press.) PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—The Press to-day says: "It is understood that the long-pending negotiations for the reorganization of the Pennsylvania Steel Company have been concluded. According to good authority, there will be a new company formed with a capital of \$50,000,000 to take over the old property and conduct its business in the future. The charter, which was issued by the State of New Jersey, is said to be very liberal, and will afford an opportunity to take up all the lines of business in which it is necessary for a modern iron and steel plant to engage. The capital stock of \$50,000,000 will consist of \$25,000,000 common and \$25,000,000 preferred stock, for which the present holders of Pennsylvania Steel shares will have an opportunity to subscribe on a basis which, it is said, will yield a profit. "There will be a large amount of this stock retained in the hands of the company for various purposes. The stock will be fully paid up and will not be assessable."

PROTEST AGAINST FRANCE'S ACTION. (Continued from First Page.) to-day of the building, assisted by two workmen, was removing material belonging to the United States. A force of police arrived and arrested all three on the ground that they were taking goods which did not belong to them. It is said that M. Lascies brought about the arrest. Major Brackett secured their release to-day. M. Lascies served him with a legal notice that he would not accept the pavilion in its present shape, and would demand damages for delay. The Frenchman will now be held to the strict terms of the contract, which included demolition, and a counter-claim will be entered of a forfeit of 20 francs daily from day 15 when the contract was called for completion, and June 23, together with a claim of 2,000 francs for defective construction, as the roof leaked and certain furnishings were ruined. More than this there will be a special claim of 2,000 francs if it can be proved that M. Lascies brought about the arrests, making a total of 26,800 francs. Another bone of contention may be the settlement of the restoration of the American pavilion, which has not been paid for.

THOSE MINING CLAIMS. No Official Notice Ever Taken of Consul Williams' Acts. (By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Inquiry at the State Department discloses the fact that no official notice ever was taken by the department of a statement affecting in some measure Oscar F. Williams, who has been Consul to Manila before the Spanish-American war. Captain Burrill was the author of this statement, and being in charge of the Mining Bureau in the Philippines, he gave the annual report on the subject to the Consul to Manila before the Spanish-American war. Captain Burrill was the author of this statement, and being in charge of the Mining Bureau in the Philippines, he gave the annual report on the subject to the Consul to Manila before the Spanish-American war.

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THOUGHT HER A WILLIAM. Filipino Tried by Military Commission for Murder. (By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—News has been received at the Department of a peculiarly atrocious murder in the Philippines, the circumstances of which were developed at the trial of six natives before a Military Commission at Capiz, Panay, P. I. appeared from the testimony that four of the prisoners, with seven or eight other men, went to the house of a native named Victor Perea and forcibly took him and his wife to the Panay river. The woman was struck with a bolo and her head body thrown into the river. Her husband witnessed her murder, and anticipating similar treatment, sprang into the river, and notwithstanding his arms were plinked, managed to reach the opposite shore. According to the witnesses, the motive

DOESN'T POSE AS A PHILANTHROPIST. He is a Friend of Labor in the Cotton Industry. SUSTAINED TUMBLING MARKETS. Manufacturer Borden, of Fall River, Kept Hundreds of Thousands of Hands at Work—What He Has to Say of It. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—"I do not wish to pose in the newspapers, or elsewhere as a philanthropist. I do not think I am one; I am simply a business man." Cotton Manufacturer M. C. D. Borden, of Fall River, Mass., who uttered these words yesterday in his office in this city, was recently presented a philanthropist by a leading newspaper, and type echoes of it are now ringing in his ears from all parts of the country. Mr. Borden was evidently sincere in the above utterance. Voice and manner alike carried conviction with it. The philanthropic frame has come to Mr. Borden arose out of an enormous purchase of cotton goods recently for which there was then no immediate demand in the trade. There was an overproduction at the time, and he had not been compelled to suspend operations or run on reduced hours, thereby throwing an army of workmen out of employment. That act of splendid courage and enterprise was in addition, it saved the vast manufacturing establishments going, and, in addition, it sustained wages. Deeds of this character are justly set down by the world as philanthropic; but Mr. Borden will not have it so in his opinion. He says, however, pure business, so far as he is concerned. HIS PURCHASES. On three other occasions, within less than a decade, has Mr. Borden confronted a market on the point of tumbling into a sound basis again. In 1881, when a calamity of that kind impended, he bought \$50,000 pieces of cotton goods. In order to give the lay mind an adequate idea of the magnitude of this purchase, it is necessary to explain that "a piece" averages from forty-six to fifty yards. Here, then, was the enormous quantity of more than forty million yards absorbed by one man in order to avert a crash in that great department of industry. In addition, he saved thousands and millions of hands from starvation, and in 1887, another crisis arose. Again, over-production threatened to bring on an industrial cyclone. The market grew weaker and weaker. When everything was on the verge of collapse, Mr. Borden again came to the rescue, and by the daring purchase of a million dollars' worth of cotton fabrics, restored confidence, revived credit, and put everything on a sound basis again. Exactly a year ago the ominous shadows of a great strike began to mass themselves in the Fall River industrial skies. An advance in wages was demanded by the mill operatives, and their employers refused to yield to their demands. Refusing to enter into their combination, Mr. Borden swung loose on his own account, voluntarily advanced the wages of his own workmen in number, and thereby compelled his fellow-manufacturers to fall in behind his leadership thirty days later. In Fall River alone, the action of Mr. Borden made an addition of \$5,000 a week to the wage fund, and not less than 100,000 operatives in other sections of New England were benefited by the broad and generous policy he pursued. AN OLD NAME. The name of Borden is an old one in the history of the cotton industry of Fall River. In fact, it is as old as the industry itself, for the father of M. C. D. Borden was the founder of the industry there. Three great establishments are controlled by Mr. Borden—the Fall River Cotton Manufacturing Company, the American Printing Company. The capacity of these works that require for their effective operation the services of over four thousand men is enormous. Mr. Borden's annual production amounts to 47,000 bales, from which are produced 17,000,000 yards of cloth. That would make a strip over 30,200 miles in length, and extend around the world, with many miles of yards to spare.

THE YOSEMITE DISASTER. (By Associated Press.) MANILA, Dec. 24.—Officers of the United States cruiser Newark, which has returned from the investigation into the circumstances of the disaster that befell the United States steamer Albatross, Yosemite of the Island of Guam, say there were supplies enough available when the Newark left to last three weeks, and that the inhabitants would then be dependent upon supplies sent from Cavite. They report that the soil will produce rice and corn by April, although at present everything wears a forlorn aspect. The United States cruiser Albany, Captain J. B. Greig, has sailed for Hong Kong to ascertain and repair the damage she sustained through grounding on a reef in Subig Bay.

AMEND THE AMNESTY BILL. (By Associated Press.) PARIS, Dec. 24.—The Senate this evening adopted the amendment to the amnesty bill by a vote of 201 to 11, after an hour's discussion. The bill, which was introduced by M. Waldeck-Rousseau, provides for the pardon of all political offenders who have taken refuge in the country from the nightmare of the Dreyfus affair.

CAR WORKS DESTROYED. JOLIET, ILL., Dec. 24.—Fire to-day almost completely destroyed the plant of the Pullman Car Works. The total loss is estimated to be above \$300,000, with only \$8,800 insurance.

THE "DAWN LINE." It Does Not Coincide Exactly With the Dawn Line. If the change of the centuries took place at either of the equinoxes—March 23 or September 23—then, since on those days the earth's axis is at right angles to the plane of the orbit, and there is no day or night, the dawn line, as the matter is called by the Premier, would coincide with the date line, and from Pole to Pole the first sun of the new century would rise at the same moment. But, unfortunately, the axis is not so, and the consequence is that the line of dawn, as it sweeps round the earth, first touches the date line to the south of the Equator, and then gradually creeps up this line till it leaves it far to the north. So the first sun of the twentieth century will rise on the places along or near the date line in the order of their position, from the south upwards. Now, there is no land along this line from the Antarctic Circle to Antipodes Island, hence the first sun of the new century will see the twentieth century dawn. A few minutes later Bounty Island will see it. Then it will sweep along the north-east coast of North Island, New Zealand; then over Vanua Levu in the Fiji Islands. It will then sweep the center of the islands of the Ellice group, and after traveling about nine degrees more to the north the light will touch the crossing of the dawn line and date line at 6 o'clock. Two hours and five minutes will elapse before it reaches the bank of the Yarra. In six hours and twenty-five minutes it will gild the temples and palaces of Calcutta. In nine hours and fifty minutes it will be flowing over Lion's Head and down the rugged sides of Table Mountain. In twelve hours and twenty-five minutes it will have crossed Montmartre and touched the base of Eiffel Tower in Paris. Five minutes later it will have passed the cross of St. Paul's and be flowing up Fleet Street, in so many hours and twenty minutes from the time it crossed the dawn line it will be flowing round the feet of the Statue of Liberty, and in three hours more it will have reached the Golden Gate. Thence it will cross a stretch of ocean unbroken by rock or islet, and in two hours and so will be accomplished the evening and morning of the first day of the twentieth century.

AFTER THE "CLOVER LEAF." CLEVELAND, (By Associated Press.) A source of railroad information in this city, hitherto reliable, is authority for the statement that the stock of the Clover Leaf is being purchased by heavy holders of Canadian Pacific interests, and that the Canadian Pacific will soon have possession of the road.

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THINK M'KINLEY WAS HARD HIT. Germans Comment on the Rejection of the Hay-Pauncefote Treaty. (By Associated Press.) BERLIN, Dec. 24.—Emperor William's bestowal upon Count von Buelow, the Imperial Chancellor, of the highest decoration, the Order of the Black Eagle, is interpreted to signify Imperial approval of his recent utterances in the Reichstag, particularly of his successful management of the China debate, as well as the Kruger agitation, as against the Pan-German sentiment. "The National Zeitung," a journal usually friendly to the United States, discussing the rejection of the Hay-Pauncefote treaty in its original form by the Senate says: "The incident means such a slap at the Executive as can scarcely be found not only in the history of the United States, but in the parliamentary history of the world. Presumably the treaty is not now acceptable to Great Britain."

Vessels Ashore; Crews Saved. (By Associated Press.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Superintendent Kimball, of the Life-Saving Service, has received the following dispatch from Keeper Hitchings, of the Smith Island (Va.) Life-Saving Station: "Tug Ocean King, the barge Roundest and barge Astoria ran ashore on Myrtle Beach, eight miles northwest of Smith Island station. Crews numbering seventeen saved in the Krakout by the Smith's Island and Cobbs' Island Life-Saving crews."

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