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SUMMARY OF DAY'S NEWS

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Forecast for Friday and Saturday:

Virginia and North Carolina—Showers Friday and Saturday, except fair on the coast; light, variable winds.

The predicted showers came yesterday and made the temperature exceedingly pleasant during the latter portion of the day. Similar weather is prophecied for to-day.

STATE OF THE THERMOMETER.

8 A. M.	74
12 M.	80
3 P. M.	82
6 P. M.	68
9 P. M.	70
12 midnight	68
Average	73 2-3

Highest temperature yesterday	83
Lowest temperature yesterday	68
Mean temperature yesterday	76
Normal temperature for May	67
Departure from normal temperature	09
Precipitation during past 24 hours	.02

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

May 29, 1903.

Sun rises	4:53	HIGH TIDE.	
Sun sets	7:21	Morning	6:24
Moon rises	10:11	Evening	6:57

RICHMOND.

Sensational charge of present corruption in the Council made by Commonwealth's-Attorney Richardson during the trial of John M. King—Scottish Rite Masons conclude their session—Date of Y. M. C. A. convention fixed and reports of secretaries submitted—New plan proposed to stop electrolysis—Committee named to aid in keeping the Clyde line from deserting Richmond—Gasser gets a contract for paving—Engineer and firemen killed in railroad wreck are laid to rest—Franchise recommended for new light and power company—A new real estate firm of brilliant hue launched—Interest in election of president of University of Virginia—Gambling case to come up in Police Court to-morrow—Deeply interesting sermon on the Jews preached in Norfolk—New corporation is formed—Big building opened at the Methodist Orphanage—Death of Mrs. W. F. Wickham in Powhatan—Dr. Pitt tells of an interesting visit to Buffalo—Annual convention of Missionary Alliance—Generosity of Lieutenant-Governor Willard—Governor goes to Harrisonburg to speak—Proceedings in the United States Courts—Arrangements for big mass-meeting at the Bijou Sunday—Cringan investigation not yet concluded—Richmond College trustees attend funeral of Mr. Josiah Ryland—Republican State and Executive Committees called to meet here—No further developments in street-car trouble—Mr. A. C. Braxton will probably be a candidate for United States Senate—A new liquor bill to be introduced—Hollywood Memorial exercises to-morrow—John M. King found guilty and given a year in jail; exceptions taken and to be argued later; King's bail bond doubled and he is released—Richmond plays Newport News at Broad-Street Park to-day—Y. M. C. A. banquet tonight. MANCHESTER—Derailment of cars being investigated—Voters urged to register—Anniversary entertainment—Wedding invitations—Benefit in Swansboro—Funeral services—Grocer assigns—Picnic today at Falling Creek.

VIRGINIA.

The Southern Presbyterian Assembly select Mobile as next place of meeting. Lively discussion over publication and Sunday-school reports—The Episcopal Council of Southern Virginia select Petersburg as next place of meeting. By close vote canon changed requiring vestrymen to be communicants—Successful point-to-point races of the Pine Hill Hunt Club at Front Royal, Va.—A site selected for the new Portsmouth postoffice—The schedule of games for the University base-ball team has been issued—Policeman Walk indicted for murder at Bristol, but he is gone—The Amherst Circuit Court renders verdict in ten cases against Southern Railway because train left passengers—The bones of a hog found in a saw log in Mecklenburg—School commencements at Franklin, Va., in male academy and female seminary—Teachers of the Ninth Congressional District meeting at Tazewell—Dr. Charles T. Pepper, distinguished physician of the Southwest, dead—A silver dollar paid from Confederate Treasure after surrender kept by veteran as souvenir—The oldest citizen of Portsmouth celebrates his ninety-seventh birthday—The French cruiser Tage exchanges courtesies with the Norfolk navy-yard—Rev. George R. Stuart makes a deep impression on the people of Petersburg—Programme of the commencement exercises at the University of Virginia—The decoration of graves at Suffolk on the occasion of Memorial exercises not affected by resolutions of Daughters of Confederacy—Member of the Virginia Constitutional Convention dies from the kick of a horse—Two negroes sentenced in Surry County Court—New bank organized and officers elected at Staunton—Hon. H. St. George Tucker to make literary address at Emory and Henry commencement.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Habeas corpus proceedings in the case of Ernest Haywood for the murder of J. Ludlow Skinner at Raleigh; new evidence introduced—The Black Star Steamboat Company of Washington, N. C., chartered; also Albemarle Lumber Co. of Hertford—Commencement exercises of St. Mary's School—A conflict between the State and Federal Court at Durham—Carnival at Reidsville comes to a close in a shower of glory; tournament and crowning of Queen of the Carnival; speeches to veterans and to farmers—Six-team ball league organized at Winston-Salem—One of the oldest cotton mills in Charlotte goes into liquidation—General Wheeler visits Salisbury—Southern Railway to make extensive improvements at Spencer.

GENERAL.

Irish Lad won Brooklyn Handicap from Gunfire by an eyelash and broke the race and track records—The Reliance wins another race, the Constitution having lost her topmast in a puff of wind after putting up a game race—Secretary of War makes public the papers in the case of Major Howze, accused of cruelty in the Philippines, and at the same time argues the case and presumes that the charges are false—Sir Charles Dilke declares the changes in British fiscal system, proposed by Mr. Chamberlain, are revolutionary, and opposed by an overwhelming majority of Parliament—Stock market was acutely weak, and the bears made their attack with confidence and success—Republican County Convention at Cleveland endorses the administration of President Roosevelt and favors him for the nomination—Feeley knocked out in match before the Savannah Athletic Club, and will probably die from the effects of the concussion—Two thousand people killed in an earthquake, which destroyed whole town of Aslatic Turkey—Petersburg boy wins bachelor of divinity degree at Yale—Atlanta is to make an effort to secure the shops of the Seaboard Air Line, recently burned at Portsmouth—Number of tramps thought to have been killed in the wreck on the Southern Railway near Birmingham, Ala.—Sir Thomas Lipton's new cup challenger sails for this country under convoy.

MET INSTANT DEATH FROM BOILER EXPLOSION

(By Associated Press.)

KNOXVILLE, TENN., May 28.—Two men met instant death this afternoon at a pumping station of the Southern Railway at Bridgeport, Tenn., by the explosion of a twenty-horse-power boiler. The dead men are Frank Owens, of Knoxville, pump inspector of the Southern Railway, and John Blanchard, engineer at the pump station. The building was practically demolished.

IRISH LAD WON RACE BY EYELASH

Took Brooklyn Handicap from Gunfire.

GREAT CONTEST FROM THE START

Record for Both the Race and Track Lowered.

LITTLE FILLY PUT UP A GAME FIGHT

She Was a Heavily Backed Favorite and Was Side by Side With Winner When the Wire Was Crossed. Great Crowd Saw the Splendid Contest.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, May 28.—Irish Lad won the seventeenth Brooklyn handicap at Gravesend to-day in 2:05 2-5. Ridden by O'Neil, with perfect judgment, he bore the colors of the Westbury stable, a partnership of Harry Payne Whitney and H. B. Duryea. Rated by the handicapper highest of the three-year-olds entered, Irish Lad carried 103 pounds.

Gunfire, 111 pounds, winner of the Metropolitan handicap, and favorite for to-day's race, was second, beaten by not more than three inches. Burns rode her for W. C. Whitney, father of the winner's half owner. Lengths behind the pair, eight, according to the official figures, came W. S. Fenshawe's Heno. Irish Lad lowered the record for the race, 2:06 1-4, made by Banister in 1899, and equally the record for the track made by Gold Heels last October.

John E. Madden owned and sold the first, second and third horses in to-day's Brooklyn handicap.

Mr. Madden bought Irish Lad as a yearling for $1,500. The price Messrs. Whitney and Duryea paid for him has never been authoratively published. Worth in gross $18,150, the winner's share of the Brooklyn handicap of 1903, was $15,150, the second horse taking $2,000 and the third $1,000.

No more evenly judged race was ever run, as the fractional time shows:

Quarter 25 seconds, half 50, five-eighths 1:02 1-5, three-quarters 1:14 2-5, seven-eighths 1:27 1-5, mile 1:40 1-5, one and one-quarter miles 2:05 2-5.

LED FROM POST.

Irish Lad led practically from the post to finish, successively stalled off the challenges of Oom Paul and Igniter and won after a final bitter struggle from his stable companion. Both trained by J. W. Rogers, the Whitney horses were the only real contenders for first honors after the field turned into the stretch. Irish Lad No. 6 from the rail, was away well at the start, and O'Neil rushing clear, took him over close to the inside fence. He led as they passed the stand, running easily under restraint with Oom Paul second, Gunfire third and Igniter fourth. Swinging around to the back stretch Heno and Injunction tried to join the leaders, but both were crowded back several lengths. Irish Lad was a length in front when the run down the back stretch began, but Oom Paul challenged at once and the two raced side by side for three-eighths of a mile. Gunfire appeared in difficulties for a moment. Igniter raced up to and passed her and Colonel Bill was making a sturdy bid. He reached the filly's throat latch as they neared the turn.

Then in a moment it was all over but for two horses. Igniter and Colonel Bill fell back, and Oom Paul's green and white jacket was hidden by Burns' blue as he took Gunfire into second place.

Irish Lad led into the stretch by a length, Gunfire close behind and Oom Paul still within striking distance, but apparently beaten. Straightened out for the run home, Whitney, father and son, had the race to themselves. Irish Lad had never faltered and O'Neil had rated him perfectly.

When Gunfire drew alongside the three-year-old a sixteenth of a mile from home and Oom Paul made a last effort the outcry from the stands was terrific.

With every muscle strained and every rider doing his utmost, Irish Lad and Gunfire raced to the wire. The filly gained on the colt inch by inch. Twenty feet from the end her nose was in front, but with one splendid burst of courage Irish Lad leaped forward in the very last jump and won by a hair's breadth. One jump from the wire the race was a dead heat. Little O'Neil, an obscure rider in the West last winter, took his first ride in the floral horseshoe, and another Brooklyn Handicap was history. Between 30,000 and 40,000 persons saw the great race.

SUMMARIES.

First race—handicap, six furlongs—Northern Star (12 to 1) first, Astarita (7 to 1) second, Invincible (15 to 1) third. Time, 1:09 2-5.

Second race—hurdle handicap, about one mile and six furlongs—Ohnet (13 to 5) first, McGrathiana Prince (11 to 10) second, Draughtsman (4 to 1) third. Time, 3:15 2-5.

Third race—the Expectation Stakes, five furlongs—Broomsticks (9 to 10) first, Tim Sullivan (10 to 1) second, Dimple (12 to 1) third. Time, 1.00 2-5.

Fourth race—Brooklyn Handicap, mile and two furlongs—Irish Lad (12 to 1) first, Gunfire (1 1-5 to 5) second, Heno (15 to 1) third. Time, 2:05 2-5. Injunction, Oom Paul, Hunter Paine, Colonel Bill, Articulate, Yardarm, Igniter, Bonnibert and Herbert finished in order named.

Fifth race—five furlongs, selling—Bath Beach (7 to 2) first, Latheron (6 to 2) second, Wallerin (4 to 1) third. Time, 1:00 4-5.

Sixth race—mile and seventy yards, selling—Wild Pirate (5 to 1) first, Daisy Green (10 to 1) second, North Brook (3 to 1) third. Time, 1:46.

RICHMONDERS BECOME STAUNTON BANKERS

A number of prominent Richmond men have become Staunton bankers, having purchased the controlling interest of the Augusta National and the Farmers and Merchants Banks of that city.

Among the Richmonders interested are Messrs. T. C. Williams, Jr., R. S. Bosher, Fred E. Nolting, and W. M. Habliston, who bought the stock in the banks owned by J. T. Harman, E. M. Funkhouser and C. P. Bowman.

Mr. Habliston was seen yesterday afternoon and asked about the report that the two institutions would be consolidated. At first he said he did not wish to make a statement. Then he replied that he did not think so.

TWO VIRGINIANS ARE SUCCESSFUL

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, May 28.—The following candidates have qualified for admission to the Military Academy, June 15, 1903:

Alabama—William L. Martin, Jr., Melvin G. Faris, Thomas L. Coles.

Florida—John R. Peyton.

Georgia—Warren Lott, Jr., Emmet Wilson, William R. Henry, Paul J. Horton.

South Carolina—Calhoun Ancrum.

Virginia—Hunter B. Porter, John B. Rose.

PETERSBURG BOY WINS HONOR AT YALE

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

NEW HAVEN, CONN., May 28.—Robert Ritchie Harwell, of Petersburg, is one of the lucky thirteen announced to-day as recipients of the degree of bachelor of divinity at the Yale Divinity School, next Wednesday at commencement. Harwell is a B. A. graduate of Hampden-Sidney College, in the class of '97, and stands among the highest in scholarship of the graduating class.

REPORT FOR REVISION UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED

(By Associated Press.)

LOS ANGELES, CAL., May 28.—In the Presbyterian General Assembly to-day a motion made by Dr. W. N. Page, for the adoption of the report of Committee on Revision of the Creed as a whole, prevailed by unanimous vote.

The moderator later was authorized to appoint a committee to confer with the Cumberland Presbyterian Committee on the question of uniting the two churches.

COLONEL DE PEYSTER DIED AT HIS HOME

(By Associated Press.)

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., May 28.—Colonel Johnston L. DePeyster died at his country seat at Tivoli on Hudson last night of cirrhosis of the liver. Three weeks ago a delegation of fellow-citizens visited his home and presented him with a medal for raising the first flag over the fallen capitol of Richmond, in 1865. He served as a lieutenant in the Civil War and was breveted lieutenant-colonel.

LADY COWELL-STEPNEY PARTED FROM HUSBAND

(By Associated Press.)

LONDON, May 28.—Lady Margaret Cowell-Stepney, daughter of Lord De Tabley, was to-day granted a judicial separation from her husband, Sir Arthur Cowell-Stepney on the ground of desertion. The baronet, who is a former member of Parliament and a wealthy land proprietor of Wales, is now in Boise City, Idaho, where he recently renounced his title and became an American citizen and also secured a divorce there.

MAY-POLE DANCE FOR THE HOSPITAL

A May-pole dance, given yesterday at St. Patrick's School, Twenty-fifth and Broad Streets, for the benefit of the Chimborazo Hospital, was greatly enjoyed. It will be repeated this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock, and it is expected and desired that a large crowd will be in attendance.

The dance was given under the Board of Lady Managers of the hospital, and was an entire success. Forty-four children took part. The sight was a most beautiful one from start to finish.

CUP CHALLENGER SAILS FOR THIS SIDE

(By Associated Press.)

GOUROCK, SCOTLAND, May 28.—Sir Thomas Lipton's flotilla, consisting of the Shamrock III., the Shamrock I., the steam yacht Erin and the ocean tug Cruiser, whose combined crews number 175 men, sailed from here for Sandy Hook to-day. Great crowds of people bade them farewell; flags were everywhere displayed, and bands, whistles and sirens combined with the cheering of the spectators to give the cup challenger a great send-off.

FOUR OF THE CREW OF PEERLESS ARE LOST

(By Associated Press.)

LUNENBURG, N. S., May 28.—News has been received from New Foundland of the drowning at the Bay of Islands of four of the crew of the schooner Peerless of this place and also of fourteen men drowned from another Lunenberg steam vessel, the name of which is not given.

THE KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS CHOSEN

School Board Names It in Honor of Mrs. Lily Mead Valentine.

At a meeting of the School Board, held last night at the City Hall, the following members were present: James H. Capers, chairman; R. E. Shine, William M. Turpin, F. C. Ebel, F. W. Stiff, Charles Hutzler, Reuben Burton, A. L. Phillips.

The superintendent's report shows: Total roll, 12,107; monthly roll, 10,801; per cent. of attendance, 92.8.

The board decided that the kindergarten in the Second District shall be named the "Valentine Kindergarten," in honor of Mrs. Lily Mead Valentine, the president of the Richmond Educational Association, to whose influence the kindergarten movement is much indebted.

The following were elected as directors of the kindergartens: Misses Anna B. Kirk, M. Annie Bates and Georgia Ryland; as assistants: Misses Isabelle J. Buchanan, Elsie C. Cranz and Alice B. Monoure.

THE RELIANCE WINS AGAIN

Constitution Had Accident and Dropped Out.

HER TOPMAST BROKEN OFF

She Had Sailed a Game Race, and Was Half a Mile Ahead of Old Cup Defender When the Mishap Occurred.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, May 28.—The Constitution's hoodoo almost spoiled the race of the trio of cup defenders in Long Island Sound to-day. After sailing nine miles of the first leg of the race the Constitution's topmast was carried away in a little puff of wind, and she was out of it for the day. When the accident occurred the Constitution was half a mile behind the Reliance, and was leading the Columbia by an equal distance.

Reliance and Columbia finished the race, but it had become a procession, for Columbia was never formidable after the first five miles had been sailed. Reliance crossed the finish line a winner by 8 minutes and 27 second. Constitution had sailed a game race until the accident. She had been handled skilfully, but had been unable to hold the fast Reliance.

After a bit of jockeying at the starting line Captain Rhodes put the Constitution in the best position he could on the windward quarter of the Reliance, though Captain Barr had sent the Reliance the whole length of the starting line clear to the mark opposite the committee boat before he would give way and permit the Constitution to cross and take the position. The luffing gale continued after the starting line was crossed and until the Reliance's superior speed had pulled her out of a bad position.

SNAPPED OFF.

Reliance had drawn away half a mile on the Constitution, when the latter felt the disastrous puff. The starboard upper spreader, which stiffened the topmast, gave way, and the hollow wooden topmast snapped off eight feet above the mainmast head. The broken spar, together with the club topsail pole, the balloon jib topsail and the topmast rigging hung suspended by the club topsail across the main peak halyards.

The yacht was hove to and the wreckage quickly cleared away. No one had been injured. After the wreck the Constitution came tipping home under her lower sails.

Reliance beat the Columbia four minutes and thirty-two seconds on the first leg, and thirty seconds on the second leg. The last leg was a long slant close-hauled, fetching the finishing line without a tack or pinching too closely into the wind. It was the prettiest spectacle of the day, for the wind had freshened to 12 knots, and the Reliance had her lee rail down into the froth and was reeling off 11 knots to the hour, while the pride of former years dragged a mile and a half astern. Reliance had beaten her three minutes and five seconds on that leg.

PRESIDENT LOUBET TO VISIT ENGLAND

(By Associated Press.)

PARIS, May 28.—It was officially announced to-day that President Loubet will proceed to London between July 18 and July 20, to return the visit of King Edward, and that he will stay there three or four days.

SITE CHOSEN FOR PORTSMOUTH BUILDING

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 28.—Assistant Secretary Taylor has selected as a site for the postoffice building at Portsmouth, Va., the property on the southeast corner of Court and King Streets. Price, $15,000.

HON. A. C. BRAXTON FOR U. S. SENATOR

Believed He Will Announce His Candidacy to Succeed Martin in a Few Days.

Hon. Allen Caperton Braxton, of Augusta, the brilliant Democratic leader and author of the corporation ordinance of the Constitution, is in the city on private business, and it is the opinion of those close to him that he will in all likelihood announce his candidacy for the United States Senate to succeed Hon. Thomas S. Martin before he leaves for his home.

Mr. Braxton is engaged in trying a case in the Circuit Court of Chesterfield county, and will probably be here for several days.

He is staying at the Westmoreland Club, and when seen last night he talked in the most interesting manner concerning the senatorship.

"As at present advised, I am not ready to announce myself," said Mr. Braxton, "if, indeed, I shall later on decide to enter the race.

"It is a laudable ambition to aspire to represent one's State in the United States Senate, and I confess that I am not averse to performing the duties of the office, should I be chosen, but it is to me an exceedingly delicate thing to think of asking the people to vote for me.

"I regard the station as the highest in the gift of the people, but for the mere matter of entering public life I do not desire it.

"If by going to the Senate I could render some service to my people, and they should honor me with their preference for the distinguished position, I should feel that I had repaid them to some extent for their kindness, but it will never be the hankering after public position that will lead me to enter the struggle.

"I am deeply touched by the kindly solicitations that are made by my many friends, both personally and by letter, to induce me to run for the Senate, and I confess that I have not yet decided what I shall do."

Mr. Braxton has declared unequivocally in favor of the senatorial primary plan, and said that whether he should be in the race or not, he would do all in his power to preserve the evident will of the people on this subject.

A VERDICT OF GUILTY IN THE CASE OF KING.

JOHN M. KING HEARING HIS FATE.

Twelve Months and Fine for John M. King.

WILL TAKE CASE TO HIGHER COURT

King's Bail Doubled and He Is Again Set at Liberty.

SENSATIONAL CHARGE OF MR. D. C. RICHARDSON

Declares that There Is Still in Existence a Combine, Which a Councilman and a Former Member of the Street Committee Are Connected With—Interesting Proceedings.

We, the jury, find the prisoner guilty as charged in the within certificate of appeal of the Police Justice and the copy of the indictment therewith attached, and fix his punishment at one year in jail and assess his fine at $100.

JOHN C. FREEMAN, Foreman.

With a verdict of guilty, a sentence of one year in jail, and the imposition of a fine of $100, the trial of ex-Alderman John M. King, of Jefferson Ward, charged with having accepted a bribe, terminated a few minutes before 12 o'clock last night, when the Hustings Court room, in the City Hall, was yet comfortably filled with expectant and anxious spectators, including several members of the City Council. The jury deliberated forty minutes in reaching its verdict, and it is understood only two ballots were necessary.

Immediately after the reading of the verdict, the bail bond of the accused was increased by Judge Ingram from one to two thousand dollars, this action being taken at the instance of Commonwealth Attorney Richardson. Bail was furnished by D. O'Sullivan, and King was released from custody.

Notice of Appeal.

Following the announcement of the verdict, the dismissal of the jury and their discharge for the term, Mr. Hill Carter, one of the two able lawyers who has been representing the accused, moved to have the verdict set aside as not in accordance with law and the evidence. This was overruled, whereupon he filed notice of appeal, and the exceptions to the case will be argued on Saturday, June 6th.

The prisoner received the verdict with the least display of feeling imaginable, and, if he was surprised at the finding or received just what he anticipated, his countenance failed to betray it. He never flinched, looking Clerk Walter Christian straight in the eye as he read the sentence.

There were noticeable about the forehead of the accused, when the verdict was read, a few beads of perspiration, but it is hardly probably that this sudden show of heat was caused by undue excitement over the result, as the room was a trifle warm. And even when King walked from behind the rail, where he had been sitting next his attorneys, to the desk of the clerk, where bail was furnished, he displayed not the slightest sign of emotion.

No Show of Feeling.

Waiting until after the intricate details of the appeal had been perfected, King walked beside his lawyers, slowly out of the City Hall. They were conversing in an ordinary tone, and apparently all were in the best of humor, their spirits not being at all ruffled.

It would be erroneous to say that the spectators, using this word to convey the interested ones in the sense of even a majority, were surprised at the verdict. In fact, there was a firm belief prevalent at the conclusion of the evidence, before the first argument was made, that a conviction was probable. And even those who did not expect a verdict of guilty were quite willing to admit, after the opening argument of Mr. Richardson, that the best King could hope for was a hung jury.

However, there were among a few friends of the prisoner, a few members of the Council, who hooted the idea of anything but acquittal, but in such instances the wish seemed the father of the thought.

The conviction of King is a great victory for Commonwealth's Attorney Richardson and a hard and unexpected blow to Messrs. Hill Carter and Wyndham R. Meredith. Each of the gentlemen have exerted their best efforts in the respective way they were directed, and no stone has been left unturned on the one side to establish the guilt of the accused and on the other to prove the innocence of the prisoner.

A Hard Fight.

Mr. Richardson has probably never before in his career as Commonwealth's Attorney faced a more capable pair of attorneys than in the fight which has just concluded, and at every turn he has encountered opposition of no mean ability. To him belongs much credit.

While, quite naturally, public interest centers in the final outcome of the famous case, the startling but not surprising announcement of the established guilt of King will create but little more surprise than was manifested in the Hustings Court room yesterday afternoon while Commonwealth's Attorney Richardson was in the midst of his opening argument for the State.

Mr. Richardson said that there existed in the city of Richmond at the present time a combine or pool somewhat similar to that formed by Gude, Gasser and Weinbrunn, paving contractors, and he added with force that a certain member of the Council was president of the syndicate, while a former member of the Committee on Streets was treasurer. This startling declaration fell like a bomb in the midst of the spectators assembled, as a result of which many are yet thinking, and will continue to think, possibly, until Mr. Richardson sees fit

ARRAIGNED FOR MURDER

Curtis Jett and Thomas White Plead Not Guilty.

CASE IS SET FOR MONDAY

An Attack on Jail Last Night Was Prevented by Firing of the Guard and a Fierce Storm Which Raged.

(By Associated Press.)

JACKSON, KY., May 28.—Curtis Jett and Thomas White were arraigned to-day for the murder of J. B. Marcum, and pleaded not guilty. After considerable delay a consultation among the attorneys was held. French, of Winchester; Noble, of Jackson, and J. B. O'Neil, of Covington, participated. This consultation resulted in White and Jett filing affidavits asking Judge Redwine to remove Elizor Little, on the ground of prejudice. They allege that Little said they ought to be hanged. Judge Redwine was sick, and announced that he was too unwell to hold court to-day. The attorneys then argued a motion as to when trial should commence. The defense wanted two weeks' time, claiming they cannot get their witnesses sooner. The case was set for Monday, which is the first day of the regular term of court, and there is a special term over Saturday. The grand jury is still working on the Cockrill case.

SHOTS EXCHANGED.

Early last evening a body of about sixty armed men were noticed in Jackson. They were not together, but kept close to each other. At midnight the prowlers began to sneak across the street from the bank south of the jail. The guards commande them to halt. They refused, and in reply fired several shots. The guards returned the fire. The prowlers ran about a hundred yards further and fired again. The guards then poured three volleys into them in rapid succession. Moving objects were discovered on the north side of the jail, and the guards fired again and killed a cow. A few moments before the firing a flash of lightning revealed a squad of men in the hills in the rear of the jail. It was then expected that concerted action was to be made to reach the jail and the troops prepared to give any comers a hot reception, but a terrible storm was raging and it was absolutely dark, so that no further demonstration was made.

Colonel Roger Williams left to-day for Lexington. The camp of the troops was almost swept away during the storm last night. It is thought that Colonel Williams will ask for more troops and more equipment.

ATLANTA STRIVES FOR S. A. L. SHOPS

Will Offer Site Free and Will Send Committee to Confer With Mr. Williams.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

ATLANTA, GA., May 28.—Atlanta is to make an effort to get the shops of the Seaboard Air Line, recently burned at Portsmouth, located here instead of being rebuilt on their former site. The movement was started by the Journal, an afternoon paper, which to-day, in a two-column editorial, calls upon the City Council and the Chamber of Commerce to take the matter up with the railroad officials and to send committees to Richmond to confer with President Williams.

Interviews with a number of prominent citizens are published. All agree that Atlanta is the logical location for the shops and promise to join in subscribing to a fund to purchase a site. The proposition is to furnish the railroad company a site free of cost if it agrees to locate the shops here.

MORE ARMY SCANDALS

Conduct of Major Howze to Be Looked Into.

WANTS COURT OF INQUIRY

Secretary of War, In Making Public the Papers, Argues the Case for Major Howze, and Presumes Him Innocent.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Secretary Root to-day made public all the papers in connection with the charges made against Major Robert L. Howze of having authorized the brutal and fatal whipping of hostile natives held as prisoners at Laoag, Luzon, in the spring of 1900. Secretary Root says, in part:

"Howze's character of conduct afford a very strong presumption against the probability of his having done the things charged. The charges are sustained solely by ex parte affidavits of a large number of native Filipinos, who were hostile to the American troops, and who unite in telling a story, which, if it is to be believed, exhibits the most revolting cruelty. Major Hunter, who collected these affidavits nearly three years after the incidents to which they relate, appears by his own letters and the testimony of his brother officers to have entertained a bitter personal animosity towards Major Howze. It is clear that, with the feelings which he retained, Major Hunter was not likely to be capable of making a really impartial investigation, and that for this reason he was an unfit person to be assigned to that duty."

Major Hunter, who made the charges, sent them to Governor Taft, and not through the regular military channels. The secretary says this was "designed to secure Major Howze's removal from command, and was underhanded and most reprehensible."

CHARGES FALSE.

The secretary quotes from a report of the Philippine commission into the charges. Its findings were to the effect that the cruelties charged never existed.

Secretary Root concludes as follows:

"Upon all the papers now produced, it appears that the charges against Major Howze are false.

"Major Howze has asked for a court of inquiry, and I direct that a board of three officers be detailed by the commanding general, Division of the Philippines, to proceed to Laoag and call before them the witnesses and report the testimony."

In his letter of transmittal of the papers in the case Major-General Davis is severe on Major Hunter, charging him with "unmilitary conduct" and "reprehensible methods" in making charges against a brother officer in a personal and confidential letter to Governor Taft and in other ways.

General Davis takes up the matter of the allegations as to whippings and says:

"Unless all the native witnesses have sworn to lies, Colonel Howze was not justified in making the statements that he 'thoroughly investigated the matter' and that 'none were whipped severely,' and unless two witnesses swore falsely Howze specifically ordered the whipping of one Gasper. Also, I am forced to the conclusion that if Colonel Howze did not specifically authorize the whipping of native prisoners, he directed the local presidente 'to get the truth from these prisoners,' apparently leaving it to the presidente to adopt such measures as he saw fit for the purpose."

BIG STRIKE IMMINENT IN THE QUAKER CITY

(By Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, PA., May 28.—One of the greatest strikes in the history of the textile industries of the country will be inaugurated in this city and vicinity at quitting time to-morrow night, unless the textile manufacturers grant the demands of the workers, who ask that their working time be reduced from sixty to fifty-five hours a week. It is expected that by Monday 80,000 persons will have voluntarily laid down their work in the hope of forcing the manufacturers to give them shorter hours.