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## GOVERNMENT TO CONTINUE FIGHT

### Effort to Be Made to Secure Revision of Decision Favoring Oil Trust.

### BONAPARTE DENIES STORY OF DINNER

Declares Report That He Will Be Guest of Rockefeller's Son-in-Law Is "Wholly Free from Any Taint of Truth."

Conference at Lenox.

LENOX, MASS., July 29.—After an all day conference of the leading government prosecuting officers and Frank B. Kellogg, of Minnesota, one of the special counsel for the government in certain civil suits, it was announced by Attorney-General Bonaparte that every effort would be made to secure a revision of the recent decision and opinion of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in the case of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, and that an application for a reargument of the case and a motion for a modification of the opinion would be submitted to that court.

Although no time is fixed, this action by the government will be taken at the earliest possible moment, and the pending prosecution against the Standard Oil Company and all other prosecutions in which the giving or receiving of rebates is charged will be pressed to trial. The decision to take such action was unanimous.

**Statement Issued.**

Attorney-General Bonaparte called to conference Solicitor-General Hoyt, of Washington; Edwin M. Sims, of Chicago, United States District Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; James H. Wilkerson, of Chicago, Mr. Sims's first assistant, and Frank B. Kellogg, of Minnesota. Mr. Hoyt, Mr. Sims and Mr. Wilkerson arrived here yesterday and had a consultation in the afternoon with the Attorney-General. Mr. Kellogg arrived this morning and participated in two conferences, which were held to-day, and which ended with the issuance of the following statement by Attorney-General Bonaparte:

**"The government will make every effort in its power to secure a revision of the recent decision and opinion of the Circuit Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit in the case of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, either by the Court of Appeals itself, or, if necessary, by the Supreme Court of the United States.**

**"The gentlemen who have been in conversation with me all unite with me in my opinion that in the interest of impartial and effective administration of our laws, such action on the part of the government is imperatively demanded by the circumstances of the case and the possible consequence if this opinion should stand as authority without question by the government. To this end an application for a reargument of the case and a motion for a modification of the opinion will be submitted to the Circuit Court of Appeals on behalf of the United States at the earliest possible moment. Other appropriate steps will be taken afterward, their character to be determined by the court's action upon this application. The pending prosecutions, in which the giving or receiving of rebates, or offenses of like character, are charged, will be pressed to trial and judgment by the government with all possible energy and as promptly as may be practicable. In the view of the government's legal advisers, the reversal of the judgment in the case recently decided in no way affects the merits of that controversy or the necessity and duty of bringing to punishment, if possible, in this and any other cases, any individual or corporation shown to have evaded or defied the laws."**

**Story Not True.**

In discussing the various aspects of the case Attorney-General Bonaparte took occasion to refer to the report published in certain newspapers to the effect that W. Parmelee Prentice, the son-in-law of John D. Rockefeller, had given, or was to give, a dinner to the Attorney-General, Mr. Rockefeller and Judge Grosscup. Mr. Bonaparte said in this connection:

"The tale is wholly free from any taint of truth."

District Attorney Sims and Mr. Williamson left during the afternoon for Chicago, followed by Mr. Hoyt, who started for Washington. Mr. Kellogg will remain until to-morrow, but the main part of the conference was finished to-day.

**Court Has Jurisdiction.**

MOUNT AIRY, GA., July 29.—In the petition of certain merchants of Macon, Ga., and others throughout the State, for a permanent injunction restraining the railroads of the Southeastern Freight Association from putting into effect an increase of freight rates on staple products from Western to Southeastern points, Judge Emory Speer, of the United States Court, to-day decided that the court has jurisdiction in the case.

An adjournment was then taken until to-morrow, when arguments on the application will be heard.

## AMERICANS KILLED

**Mexican Troops and Revolutionists Have Battle Near Texas Line.**

EL PASO, July 29.—A special to the Herald from Del Rio says it is reported there that Mexican troops and revolutionists had an engagement in Mexico opposite Comstock, Tex., and that two American residents of Mexico were killed. American troops, it is said, have been dispatched from Del Rio to the scene of the fight.

**Steamer Goes on Rocks.**

PORT ARTHUR, ONT., July 29.—The steamer Mechan, owned by the Tonawanda Iron and Steel Company, and laden with 9,000 tons of coal from Port Arthur, went on the rocks at Passage Island last night in a fog. The peak and forward tanks of the vessel are full, and she lies in a most exposed position. Wrecking tugs have gone out.

## OLD FOES JOIN HANDS

**E. H. Harriman and George J. Gould Have Formed Alliance.**

NEW YORK, July 29.—A conference to-day between George J. Gould, head of the Gould railroad system; E. H. Harriman, president of the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific Railroads, and representives of the banking firms of Kuhn, Loeb & Co. and Blair & Co., was accepted as giving substance to the report that Mr. Harriman and his associates are about to enter upon a friendly arrangement with Mr. Gould, harmonizing the relations between Gould and Harriman interests. One of the immediate results of this and other similar conferences is expected to be the financing of the $8,000,000 of notes of the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad Company, which fall due next Saturday, and which are guaranteed by the Wabash Railroad. Both of these roads are Gould properties. Blair & Co. have financed the Gould properties extensively in recent years, while Kuhn, Loeb & Co. have been associated with Mr. Harriman in some large financial undertakings. It was stated late to-day that the Wheeling and Lake Erie situation would be settled in a satisfactory manner. It is expected that a formal statement will be made public by Mr. Gould to-morrow.

In Wall Street the belief prevails that Harriman is likely to figure prominently in any financial support which may be given to the Gould properties. It is believed he will accept a place on the Wheeling and Lake Erie directorate, and this will be followed by an alliance, or at least "a working agreement," between that road and the Erie. Mr. Harriman declined to discuss any phase of the situation to-day.

## WET WHEN HE WHISTLES

**Mysterious Signs by Which the Thirsty Know How to Get Drinks.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

DURHAM, N. C., July 29.—The continual fastening down of the prohibition lid in Durham has developed some new tricks by the "blind tigers," which can see more than those with both eyes open. A lame negro here, who has been before the courts several times for selling liquor, has become a notorious character by his walking about the streets continually whistling. That is a sign that he has liquor on hand, and the fellow who comes across secretly can get his supply. When he walks about not whistling, that is a sign that there is nothing doing. When he passes a given place and gives a little dab of a whistle, that means he has just a few small drams in the tiger's lair—just enough for the person who understands the sign. Another feature is that some of the suspected places, when they have a supply on hand, are locked up as tight as a drumhead—tighter than the fellows who frequently come out of them; and when the liquid fire is out and not even the ashes are smoldering, they stand wide open for a good airing. This is the way of the blind tiger in Durham.

## BANKERS ARRESTED

**Took Money of Savings and Loan Company to Keep Mining Company Going.**

NEW YORK, July 29.—Two prominent Brooklynites, Colonel Edward E. Brittin, president until yesterday of the Eagle Savings and Loan Company, of that borough, and Quarantine Commissioner Frederick H. Schroeder, second vice-president until yesterday of the same institution, were arrested to-day after being indicted on a charge of grand larceny. They were released on $10,000 bail each, and Friday was set for their examination.

Both admit that they took approximately $44,000 of the cash of the company and used the money to keep the Home Stake South Extension Mining Company, a South Dakota concern, upon its feet. This company was organized by Brittin and Schroeder. The arrest of the two bankers followed a grand jury investigation.

The following statement was given out by the Eagle Savings and Loan Company:

"As the surplus of the company, after deducting the above amount, is in excess of $120,000, the corporation is solvent, and will continue its business as heretofore and without interruption."

## DIVIDE VIRGINIA TROOPS

**Battalion of Browns Attack and That of Blues Defend Snodgrass Hill.**

BY CAPTAIN CHARLES M. WALLACE.

CAMP WILLIAM H. TAFT, CHICKAMAUGA PARK, GA., July 29.—The Seventieth Regiment was divided to-day into two parties, Major Martin's and Major King's battalions constituting a brown army, under Lieutenant-Colonel Craighill, and the Richmond battalion, under Major Cary, being a blue army. The browns were to make the attack and the blues to defend a position on Snodgrass Hill, which one of the Richmond boys renamed, calling it Billy-Goat Hill. The battle was hotly contested, the men being extremely enthusiastic, and the officers very intelligent.

Quite a friendship has sprung up between the officers of the Virginia regiments and the First South Carolina, whose camps are adjacent to each other.

Captain McDonough, of the United States Engineer Corps, a very brilliant young officer, gave a lecture in the Dyer field on intrenching, which was highly appreciated.

The Virginia troops are expected to break camp Friday.

## RIOT AT MINES

**Thirty Men Hold Four Hundred at Bay Until Officers Arrive.**

WHEELING, W. VA., July 29.—In a riot to-day at the Providence coal mines, in Belmont county, O., thirty Montenegrans, employed as miners, held 400 native and foreign miners at bay until the arrival of Sheriff Amrine and a posse, when, after a brief but fierce battle, peace was restored, temporarily at least.

The following were injured: Superintendent Thomas, clubbed about head and body; David Thomas, his son, struck on head with a stone; condition serious; two mine bosses, head and body cut.

Two Montenegrans were discharged yesterday because they loaded inferior coal on the mine cars. When the other miners reported for work to-day they were met by the discharged men, who urged them to strike. The company summoned the sheriff, and a fight followed. The company officials will attempt to adjust the difficulty.

## WILL KEEP HANDS OFF IN NEW YORK

### President Informs Woodruff That He Will Not Interfere in Local Politics.

### MUCH PLEASED WITH GENERAL SITUATION

Taking Nothing for Granted, and Wants Party Everywhere to Work Hard for Election of Taft—Candidacy of Governor Hughes Is Discussed.

OYSTER BAY, July 29.—"President Roosevelt is very much pleased with the political situation of the country in general," said one of the participants in the conference at Sagamore Hill this afternoon as he was about to depart from Oyster Bay. He explained that the President is taking nothing for granted, and is anxious to see the party everywhere working its hardest for the election of Judge Taft.

**Will Not Interfere.**

For over three hours to-day Mr. Roosevelt was in conference with Timothy L. Woodruff, chairman of the New York State Republican Committee, and Francis B. Loomis. Mr. Woodruff and Mr. Loomis arrived on the 12:19 P. M. train from New York, and were taken in an automobile to Sagamore Hill. The conference began before luncheon, and continued until a quarter of four o'clock, the President entertaining his visitors at length.

The general political situation in the entire country was discussed, but very little more than this fact could be learned after the conference was over. Mr. Woodruff said the conferees talked over the national political situation and discussed the State situation only as far as it had a bearing on the national. The candidacy of Governor Hughes for renomination was referred to in the same manner with which the other possible candidates for nomination were treated. The President told them, Mr. Woodruff said, that he would not interfere in local politics.

**Conditions in Ohio.**

Continuing, Mr. Woodruff declared that he had not come to Oyster Bay to talk with the President regarding the candidacy of Governor Hughes. He expected to see the President often during the summer, but at the present time had no definite engagement for a future date.

Mr. Loomis said he had been asked to come to Oyster Bay to talk over the national situation with the President. He had informed Mr. Roosevelt regarding matters in his home State, Ohio. He believed the outlook very favorable.

## TAFT HAD NARROW ESCAPE

**Unknown Man Fires on Boat Carrying Distinguished Party.**

CINCINNATI, O., July 29.—William H. Taft, accompanied by Mrs. Taft, left Cincinnati at 9:10 o'clock to-night for Hot Springs, Va., where they will remain until the opening of the campaign, the first week in September. At that time Judge Taft will return to this city, where it is his present intention to remain until election day.

**Member of Brotherhood.**

The candidate was made a member of the International Brotherhood of Steam Shovel and Dredge Men to-day. In accepting membership in the organization, Judge Taft had this to say regarding labor:

"I am very glad to have at your hands this expression of confidence in my efforts to do justice while I was in office. The work upon which many of your members and I were engaged, in one capacity or another, endeavoring to facilitate the greatest constructive work of modern times, adds a great deal of interest to me in the compliment you pay me to-day. I am espe-

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## FOR INSULT TO MISS IRVIN

**This Reported Cause of Attack Made on Roanoke Dentist.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ROANOKE, VA., July 29.—The attack on Dr. W. S. Gregory yesterday by Professor E. M. Coulter and Mr. Lee Keedick, of New York, is the sensation of the day here. Both parties engaged counsel last night, and to-day through their lawyers issued statements.

Dr. Gregory's counsel stated that the lady, Miss Theodora Irvin, of New York, became hysterical after taking chloroform, but was at no time unconscious, and left the office in good humor, and made an engagement to come back at 5 o'clock; that the doctor has nothing to conceal, and insists upon a full investigation.

Messrs. Coulter and Keedick state that Miss Irvin was afraid the dentist would kill her if she gave any evidence of feeling outraged; that she was in the office alone with him, and that he gave her chloroform under protest.

Miss Irvin is a distinguished dramatic reader of New York, and Mr. Keedick, who attacked Dr. Gregory, is the manager of a lyceum circuit and brother-in-law of Professor Coulter. A warrant would have been sworn out last night but for the desire of Messrs. Coulter and Keedick to shield Miss Irvin from any notoriety, and the present purpose of the parties is to await until after the preliminary hearing, which is set for to-morrow, but will hardly take place, on account of the condition of Dr. Gregory.

In his statement, Dr. Gregory charges that Coulter drew a pistol on him and told him if he resisted he would be shot. Coulter denies using the pistol. Keedick says after he struck the first blow, Dr. Gregory said: "Hold on, and I will explain."

**Hearst is Chairman.**

CHICAGO, July 29.—The national committee of the Independence party to-day elected William R. Hearst as chairman; C. F. S. Neal, of Indiana, and M. W. Howard, of Alabama, vice-chairmen, and Charles A. Walsh, of Iowa, secretary.

## TAFT HELD BACK BY CONVENTION

### Republican Candidate Not Satisfied With Stand Taken by Party, Bryan Declares.

### FEARS UPRISING, BUT HESITATES TO ACT

Attempts to Amend Platform by Engrafting Upon It Some of Planks Adopted by Democrats—Nebraskan Outlines Plan of Campaign.

### Notification of Bryan

**MONTGOMERY, ALA., July 29.—Congressman Henry D. Clayton, who was chairman of the Democratic National Convention at Denver, today announced that the committee on notification of Mr. Bryan would meet in Lincoln, Neb., at noon on August 12th, and that Mr. Bryan would be formally notified of his nomination during the afternoon of that day. As permanent chairman of the Democratic convention, Mr. Clayton became chairman of the committee on notification, and will deliver the notification speech.**

FAIRVIEW, LINCOLN, NEB., July 29.—Charging that William H. Taft "is not satisfied with the work of the Chicago convention," which nominated him as the Republican candidate for President, and that "he is deeply impressed with the Democratic convention," William J. Bryan to-day issued a statement in which he expresses the opinion that Judge Taft "fears the uprising which Republican abuses have caused, and yet hesitates to adopt real and substantial reforms."

**To Reply to Taft.**

The statement was called forth by the allegation of Judge Taft in his speech of acceptance at Cincinnati on yesterday that Mr. Bryan was a destroyer of business. In regard to the speech, Mr. Bryan said:

"I read it, and shall discuss it as I deal with the various subjects upon which it treats. For instance, in a speech at Topeka, between now and the 1st of September, I shall discuss the guaranty of banks and contrast Mr. Taft's position with the Democratic position. In my Labor Day speech at Chicago, on September 7th, I shall discuss his attitude on the labor question. In other speeches I shall discuss his attitude on the tariff question, the trust question and other questions on which he has expressed himself.

**"The most noticeable feature of his speech is his attempt to amend the Republican platform by engrafting on it some of the planks of the Democratic platform. He is evidently not satisfied with the work of his convention, and is deeply impressed by the work of the Democratic convention.**

**"He is uncharitable, however, in not giving the Democratic party credit for having pointed out the reforms which his own convention repudiated, but which, in a half-hearted way, he indorses. The speech shows that he fears the uprising which Republican abuses have caused, and yet hesitates to adopt his real and substantial reforms."**

**Bryan's Campaign Plan.**

Confirmation was given by Mr. Bryan to a story printed in the afternoon that it was not his intention to make any extended campaign tour, but only to deliver a few prepared speeches at central points before the first of October, and that during that month he expects to remain home and assist in the educational work of the campaign through the discussion of public questions in the form of signed articles, interviews and letters.

"The outline of my plan of campaign, as printed to-day," said Mr. Bryan, "is substantially correct, but I am not prepared yet to announce the number of speeches or the places. Besides speaking at Topeka in August and at Chicago on Labor Day, I shall attend the Democratic convention at Peoria on September 9th, the notification of Mr. Kern at Indianapolis on a date not yet fixed, and a farmers' congress at Madison, Wis., about September 26th."

**Speech of Acceptance.**

Although the heat was intense today, a large number of visitors rode out to Fairview and paid their respects to the Democratic leader. One of these was J. T. Flynn, of Bellaire, Ohio, who was a delegate to the Denver convention.

Mr. Flynn discussed politics with Mr. Bryan for some time, and expressed the belief that Ohio would be found in the Democratic column in November.

The actual writing of his speech of acceptance has not yet been begun by Mr. Bryan, but he said to-day that his ideas were about formulated, and that he would enter upon the work of preparation in a day or two. The fact that an additional stenographer has appeared on the scene is an indication that all is in readiness for this important task.

**Money for Campaign Fund.**

Charles W. Bryan to-day remitted to Governor Haskell, treasurer of the National Democratic Committee, $1,504, given by 101 contributors to the campaign fund.

Governor Haskell telegraphed that two hours after his selection as treasurer had been announced $2,780 was contributed by sixty-two local residents. This sum, he stated, came without solicitation.

## LOOKING AFTER NEW YORK

**Conners and Murphy Begin Activities—Mack to Meet Leaders.**

NEW YORK, July 29.—William J. Conners, chairman of the Democratic State Committee, came here to-day to confer with Charles F. Murphy about the political situation in Brooklyn. Messrs. Conners and Murphy are also to fix a time and place for the State convention, and to call a meeting of the State committee.

Norman E. Mack, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, is ex-

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**WEATHER.**

*Local Rains.*

## SPEEDING TO WIFE, KILLED UNDER CAR

### Stepson of W. K. Vanderbilt Loses Life in Terrible Accident Near Paris.

### TIRE BURSTS AND AUTO CRASHED INTO TREE

Explosion Set Machine Afire and Sands, Already Fatally Hurt and Unable to Move, Was Horribly Burned—Chauffeur Not Seriously Injured.

PARIS, July 29.—In one of the most terrible automobile accidents of many years in France, G. Winthrop Sands, a stepson of W. K. Vanderbilt, was killed this morning just outside the grounds of Mr. Vanderbilt's beautiful country seat, the Chateau St. Louis de Poissy, twenty miles from Paris.

Mr. Sands was driving his fifty-horse-power car along at a terrific clip, in order to reach the chateau, where Mrs. Sands and her infant daughter were staying. He had always been known as a reckless driver, and, as he had been delayed at railroad crossings, he opened the throttle wide as he approached the chateau grounds.

**Pinned Under Burning Car.**

Almost immediately a tire burst, and the machine crashed into a tree, turning turtle, burying Mr. Sands under the forward part and pinning the chauffeur, Pickins, to the ground. An explosion followed, and in a moment the car was in flames.

Peasants working in the adjoining fields were the only witnesses of the accident. They rushed to the rescue, but fearing a further explosion of the gasolene tank and deterred by the sweep of flames, they stood idly by, not knowing how to give assistance to the injured men. Finally they managed to raise the rear of the car and release the chauffeur, both of whose feet had been held tight. A little later, after beating down the fire, they dragged out the torn, bleeding and burned body of Sands.

**Terrible Injuries.**

Help soon arrived from the chateau, which is in the centre of Mr. Vanderbilt's great breeding farm. The two injured men were carried to the house, where it was found that Sands was beyond the hope of recovery, but that the chauffeur was not seriously hurt.

Fearing the effect on Mrs. Sands, the servants concealed from her the gravity of the accident and persuaded her not to enter the room where her dying husband had been placed. A doctor summoned from Poissy arrived soon afterward, but Mr. Sands was beyond mortal aid.

Never had be seen, the doctor said, such a pitiful human wreck. The stump of the leg had been burned to a crisp, the face and body were black and scarred by flames. In addition to his internal injuries, Mr. Sands's right arm and shoulder were broken. The physician could only try to alleviate his suffering with opiates. Several times the man regained consciousness and cried out in agony, his last words being a cry for water.

**Wife Told of Tragedy.**

Mrs. Sands was not informed at once of her husband's death, but William Duke, trainer of Mr. Vanderbilt's racing stable, advised him by telephone, and he and Mrs. Vanderbilt, accompanied by Stephen Sands, went to Poissy by train, arriving there at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon. All was over when they arrived.

Mrs. Vanderbilt broke the news to her daughter-in-law, who bore up bravely under the strain. Telegrams of condolence began to arrive late in the afternoon, and a score of automobiles drove out from Paris.

It was announced to-night that the funeral arrangements had not been completed, but the services will probably be held in Paris, and the body later taken to the United States for interment.

## MANY KILLED IN CANTON

**Typhoon Wrecks Thousands of Native Craft—Houses Collapse.**

CANTON, CHINA, July 29.—In a devastating typhoon here yesterday morning, thousands of native craft, including the entire fleet of flower boats and numerous launches, cargo boats and lighters were swamped, many people being drowned. The British river gunboat Robin and the French river gunboats Argus and Vigilante went adrift and were considerably damaged. The West river steamer Tung Kong foundered, the officers of the steamer Chay Sang gallantly rescuing Captain Basin and his crew, seventy-eight survivors in all. In the city many houses collapsed, entombing the occupants. The public gardens were wrecked.

## QUEEN OPPOSES WEDDING

**Thinks Duke D'Abruzzi Should Marry a European Princess.**

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.]

COMO, ITALY, July 29.—Despite the reported preparations for the marriage of the Duke D'Abruzzi and Miss Katherine Elkins, Queen Margherita is still persisting in her opposition to the marriage. One of the dowager's intimate friends said to-day that should the marriage take place she will cut both the duke and his bride. She has no objections to Miss Elkins personally, but believes the duke should wed a European princess, several of whom have been suggested.

**RICHMOND MAN IN BIG MARBLE COMPANY.**

ALBANY, N. Y., July 29.—The Alabama Marble Company of New York was incorporated here to-day, with a capital of $3,000,000, to quarry marble, stone and building materials. The directors are: Henry Evans, G. Trowbridge Hollister, George B. Mackay, Eugene Meyer, Jr., Henry K. Pomeroy, of New York; John Kerr Branch, of Richmond, Va.; John Stephen Sewell, of Gannts Quarry, Ala.

## MURDERED AND BURNED

**Finding of Half-Charred Body Reveals Atrocious Crime Near Brooklyn.**

NEW YORK, July 29.—In the finding of the half-charred body of a young woman early to-day in an isolated section of Williamsburg, Brooklyn, one of the most atrocious and cunningly planned murders that has been given to the police to solve in many years was revealed. Death was caused by a cut across the throat, and then in an endeavor to utterly destroy all evidences of the crime the murdered slipped the body in an oil-soaked mattress, poured oil over the victim's clothing and set fire to the bundle. A powerful acid had previously been poured over the face to obliterate the woman's features and make identification impossible.

Although two arrests have been made the police do not believe they have in custody any one who can shed any light on the mystery. The prisoners are James Ruddick, an old man who lived in a stable not far away from where the body was found, and his son, Joseph, a peddler, who discovered the body.

It was James Ruddick who notified the police of the finding of the body. He told three different stories, thus exciting suspicion, and his arrest followed.

The body was found in a vacant lot. The nearest buildings are stables, and there is a dismal stretch of a quarter of a mile between them and the spot where the body was found. It was impossible at first to tell whether the charred body was that of a woman or man. The sex was disclosed at the coroner's autopsy. A scapular was found on the murdered woman's breast, and this is about the only clue the police have. With this slight clue the police hope to discover the identity of the victim.

A woman has been found who says she heard a wagon drive to the spot where the body was found about 3:30 o'clock this morning. A few minutes later she heard the wagon being driven rapidly away.

The murdered woman was apparently a woman of gentle breeding. She was about thirty years of age, and had been a mother.

## WARDENS GET TWO SALARIES

**Paid by State, but Also Accept Money from Convict Lessees.**

ATLANTA, GA., July 29.—That convict wardens all over the State who are receiving pay from the State to guard convicts are also receiving additional pay from convict lessees for work done at the camps was brought out to-day before the legislative investigating commission inquiring into the conduct of the State prison board.

A large number of wardens and deputy wardens were examined and testified that they could not live on what the State was paying them. They made themselves useful around the camps and got a salary for actual work done.

L. D. Slater, formerly connected with the State prison farm, told of a negro who died shortly after being brought in from the fields. The witness denied that the man had been whipped. He said practically all the men at the State farm were cripples. Asked as to the severest whipping he had administered, witness testified that he had given a negro fifty lashes with a leather strap.

John T. Moore and W. T. Dunwoody, of Macon, testified that they were opposed to the whole convict lease system. They said they worked convicts, but would be glad to see the system abolished.

## CARS FOR COAST LINE

**Officials Soon to Ask Bids for the Construction of 500.**

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

BALTIMORE, MD., July 29.—Officials of the Atlantic Coast Line are preparing to ask for bids for 500 box cars, which will soon be submitted to the car-building companies for proposals. As these companies are not at present overcrowded with work, it is thought that any one of them which may obtain the contract can start immediately on the construction of the equipment.

This large order will indicate that the Coast Line management has confidence in the early revival and expansion of Southern trade, and is preparing to meet the increased traffic when offered. It is taken as a healthy sign of returning prosperity when cautious railroad experts are willing to assume new obligations in providing rolling stock. In dull times such railroad men hesitate to spend money or incur debts over freight cars or motive power which might remain as a dead asset for want of sufficient traffic.

## CLASH IN ALABAMA

**Negro Killed and White Man Injured in Labor Trouble.**

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., July 29.—In a clash that occurred near Pratt City today between union and non-union men, Lige Nelm, a non-union negro miner, was killed, and C. E. Mills, a union man, was shot through the jaw. Six arrests were made. Disorders have been reported in several parts of the district to-day, but nothing of a serious nature. A large squad of special deputies was sent out to Wylam tonight because of threatening reports which had reached the sheriff's office.

## COLLISION AT SEA

**Italian Steamer Giovanni Injures a Schooner.**

NEW YORK, July 29.—The Italian steamer Giovanni, in to-day from Mediterranean ports, was run into last night about sixty miles east of Fire Island by a four-masted schooner, which struck the steamer on the port quarter, smashing the rail and doing some minor damage.

So far as could be seen, the schooner's name began with "Frederic."

The weather was hazy and the schooner quickly disappeared before the extent of her damages could be ascertained. A piece of the schooner's jibboom, broken off in the collision, was left on the steamer's deck.

**TRAINS COLLIDE ON ELEVATED RAILROAD**

NEW YORK, July 29.—Three persons were injured, one seriously, and fifty or more were severely shaken up, in a rear-end collision between two Ninth Avenue trains on the elevated railroad at Eighty-sixth Street and Columbus Avenue late to-day. An express train returning empty from Harlem ran into the rear car of a South Ferry train, which was well filled with passengers.

Axel L. Porter, motorman of the express train, was locked up on a charge of assault.

## THREE ARE KILLED IN ATTACK ON JAIL

### Terrific Battle Between Pensacola Sheriff and Mob After Negro.

### OFFICER'S VAIN PLEA TO CROWD TO DESIST

As They Batter Down Entrance, Those Guarding Prison Fire Upon the Angry Mob, Driving Them Back, to Come Again With Overpowering Numbers.

PENSACOLA, FLA., July 29.—Three men dead and a score wounded, some probably fatally, is the record of an attempt to-night by a mob to storm the county jail and take out the negro, Leander Shaw, who to-day assaulted Mrs. Lillian Davis near here.

The mob numbered probably 1,000 persons, and gathered early, but there was no apparent indication that the crowd, which completely surrounded the jail, contemplated making a rush until nearly two hours later.

The first indication was when a railroad iron was brought into play by about a dozen men upon the iron gate of the jail yard. At the same moment the entire mob seemed to catch the spirit, and with yells and curses dashed for the jail entrance. Some climbed over the tall iron fence, while others hammered upon the gate.

**Pleading in Vain.**

The sheriff, with half a dozen deputies, stood in windows upstairs with drawn revolvers and riot rifles. The sheriff pleaded with the mob, at the same time telling them he would defend the prisoner at the cost of every life present. His words had no effect, and the moment the first blow was struck on the gate a volley of shots flashed from the upper windows of the jail. This was answered by the crowd, which poured volley after volley into the jail windows, wounding two deputies. The mob was momentarily driven back with many wounded and one dead as a result of the deadly aim of the sheriff and his deputies.

At midnight the mob, which in the meantime had been reinforced by many residents of the surrounding country, made another attack upon the jail.

The sheriff and officers were overpowered by the men, who had crept over the rear walls and covered them with rifles and revolvers. Others broke down the cell door and took Shaw out. The negro was carried to the centre of the plaza and hanged to an electric light pole, after which fully 500 shots were fired into his dangling body.

In this latter fight, H. C. Kellum, a street car conductor, was killed, while two deputies and four or five of the mob were wounded.

At 1 o'clock this (Thursday) morning everying is quiet and the mob has dispersed.

## STORY OF THE ATTACK

**Woman's Throat Cut and Baby Hurt in Struggle.**

PENSACOLA, FLA., July 29.—In a desperate fight with a negro named Leander Shaw at her home, near this city, to-day, Mrs. Lilliam Davis sustained a gash across the throat and was otherwise injured, her baby also being hurt in her struggle to resist the attempts of Shaw to assault her. When accosted by Shaw, Mrs. Davis secured a revolver and ordered the negro from the house. He grasped the weapon, and, taking out his knife, drew the blade across her throat. Escaping from the house, he struck the baby.

A deputy sheriff captured Shaw after a hard fight, and Mrs. Davis, although in a critical condition, has identified him. Intense excitement prevails.

**Riddled With Bullets.**

LYONS, GA., July 29.—Alonzo Williams, a negro who is alleged to have assaulted Miss Clare Bowen last Friday near Ohoopwa, was last night taken from the Lyons county jail by a mob, carried to the woods nearby and riddled with bullets. The sheriff was placed under guard while the mob broke into the jail and took the negro away.

## LOOKED TOO HARD AT BALLOON

**Man Lost Balance, Fell From Housetop, and Was Killed.**

BALTIMORE, MD., July 29.—Ernest Gill, a young business man of this city, accompanied by Lincoln and Hillery Beachey, professional aeronauts, made a successful balloon voyage from Baltimore to Hagerstown to-day. The air craft descended at 1:16 P. M., and at 4:55 o'clock the party landed safely about four miles north of Hagerstown. Its passengers reported that the experience was pleasant, with no untoward incidents.

A man in Hagerstown watching the balloon from the roof of his house, lost his balance, fell to the ground, and was killed.

## SVEN HEDIN IS SAFE

**News Brought to Lhasa From Leh by Caravan.**

SIMLA, July 29.—A caravan that has arrived at Lhasa from Leh, in the valley of the Indus, brings a report that Sven Hedin, the Swedish explorer, is in good health and that his caravan is in good condition. A protracted silence from Sven Hedin gave rise to anxiety with regard to his safety, which will be set at rest by the Lhasa report.

**ADMIRAL EVANS INDORSES HAMPTON INSTITUTE WORK.**

LAKE MOHONK, N. Y., July 29.—At a meeting of the Hampton Institute of Virginia, held in the parlors of the Lake Mohonk Hotel to-night, Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans was present, and when asked to make a speech, heartily indorsed the work of the institute.

**Privy Council Passes Treaty.**

TOKIO, July 29.—The trade-mark and copyright treaty between America and Japan was passed to-day by the privy Council.