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ELEVEN KILLED

Artillerymen Die When Big Disappearing Guns Burst.

TEN STILL MISSING

Two Heavy Cannon Exploded at Breech at the Beginning of Practice at Fortress Monroe, Va.—Disaster Witnessed by Wives of Several of the Men Killed.

Eleven artillerymen are dead and a number of others seriously injured, including two officers, as the result of the blowing out of a breech block in a twelve-inch shore gun at the De Russy battery at Fort Monroe, Va., during the coast artillery practice there Thursday.

The accident happened while student officers were endeavoring to sink a fleet of towed targets, representing an imaginary hostile fleet proceeding toward Washington. The battery was under the immediate control of Seargent Harry Hess of the Sixty-Ninth company, U. S. coast artillery.

The known dead are:

SEARGENT HARRY G. HESS, of Phoebus, Va., gun commander.

CORPORAL CHARLES O. ADKINS, address unknown, gun pointer.

CORPORAL ALBERT BRADFORD, Dorothy, Va.

PRIVATES A. J. SULLIVAN, of Perkins, Ky., ROYAL DUFFY of Kenova, W. Va.; H. A. ADEY, Brandonville, W. Va.; C. W. KING, of Dayton, Ohio; JOHN W. CHADWICK of Taxewell, Tenn.; ALFRED W. SMITH of New York; JUDD E. HOGAN of Geyer, Ohio, and JAMES H. TURNER of Ripley, Tenn.

One private was blown into Chesapeake Bay with the breech block.

Lieut. Van Dusen sustained a broken leg and Lieut. Hawes was injured about the face.

Many prominent officers of the army and navy, who went to Hampton Roads to witness what was expected to be the greatest practice of this character that had been attempted anywhere, saw the accident.

It was the more horrible for the reason that wives and children of several of the men killed, no danger having been anticipated, were permitted to see the target practice. A number of them witnessed the accident.

De Russy battery, where the explosion took place, was located in about the middle of the fort and was equipped with three twelve-inch disappearing rifles. It was named after Brig. Gen. G. A. DeRussy, who served with distinction in the civil war, and died in 1891.

The battery was manned by the entire enlisted strength of the Sixty-ninth company, which was about 105 men, distributed among the three rifles. About 22 men were in each firing squad and were stationed upon the implacement of the guns, the others being below in the magazines.

Which of the three guns exploded was not reported, but officers of the coast artillery say that the heavy death list indicated that the explosion took place after the gun had disappeared and was in a reclining position in the pit. They point out that had it exploded while the gun was up, the damage would have been comparatively slight. Explosions of the latter character have occurred before in the coast artillery, but never with such disastrous results.

A report to the war department says eight men were killed, two fatally injured and two others slightly injured, Thursday at the beginning of the coast artillery battle practice at Fort Monroe Va.

FOUGHT MAD COW.

Farmer Had Narrow Escape from Death in Tennessee.

Coolness, courage and the ability to handle a big stick saved the life of John Godwin when he was attacked by a mad cow on a tract of land near LaGrange, Tenn. Godwin, with several other men, was preparing to drive a herd of 150 cattle into a new pasture. With a companion he had dismounted and together they were trying to get a young cow started with the herd. Suddenly she turned on them, charging straight at Godwin. So sudden and close was the attack that he had no time to turn and the row's horn caught his clothing. She flung him high in the air.

Fortune favored Godwin to the extent that he alighted on a big stick just as the animal turned for a counter charge. As the cow came at full speed Godwin picked up the club and dealt a blow which knocked one horn from its socket. This force swerved the cow enough out of her course to prevent her striking him, but it did not lessen her desire for his death. Just as quickly as she could turn she charged again, and again Godwin dealt her another blow which knocked the other horn entirely off. Again she wheeled and charged, and this time Godwin's club landed so hard across her nose that the bones were broken.

The cow then gave up the fight and was made to join the main herd. While this struggle for life was in progress Godwin's companion was safely up a sapling. He had established the Fayette county record for speed in climbing when the first charge was made.

Knife Draws Lightning.

An electric current attracted by a large butcher knife in the hands of Mrs. Joseph Hbar, of Princeton, N. J., rendered the woman unconscious.

DEPUTIES KILL NEGROES.

Resisted Arrest and the Shooting Began.—Two Wounded.

Five negroes were killed and two others were mortally wounded on Thursday, when the seven, taking issue with Deputy Sheriff Sid Cauley, at Elliott, Miss., who was endeavoring to take them into custody on a minor charge, advanced on the officer with farming implements as weapons and with the avowed intention of "cutting him down."

Carrying a warrant charging the seven with assault, Cauley and two citizens deputized to assist him, went to the home of Henry Beck, a colored farmer, near Elliott Thursday afternoon. As the posse approched the negroes ceased their work in the field and, grabbing pitchforks, and other farming tools, made for the deputy. Cauley, however, opened fire with two revolvers before the belligerents came within striking distance and, before the others of the posse had regained their wits, five of the attacking party were dead and the remainder wounded. The deputy surrendered, but was released to appear for formal hearing.

Several days ago an attempt was made to effect the capture of the negroes, but the arresting officer withdrew when they employed similar tactics to those of Thursday.

TENEMENT FIRE.

Boy Missing and 300 People Driven Out by Flames.

One person was killed, another is missing and three hundred tenement dwellers were driven from their homes in a panic, as the result of a fire which early Thursday at New York burned out the three upper stories of an eleven story factory building at Lewis and Rivington streets, near the Manhattan end of the Williamsburg bridge. The dead man was Parrish Eged, a watchman, whose burned body was found on the sixth floor where he had fallen while trying to escape. An unnamed boy, who was given permission to spend the night on the roof, is believed to have perished.

BOY BLED TO DEATH.

Stingaree Shoots Barbed Spine Into His Neck.

At West Palm Beach, Fla., death in an almost unheard of form waited for Laurence S. Baker, an eleven year old Jacksonville lad, when he dived from a boat while swimming off Lake Worth. A stingaree, a huge flat bodied gruesome specimen of salt water fish, was lurking just under the boat. One of the barbed spines which this fish carries on its whip-like tail pierced the boy's neck, cutting into the jugular vein. He rose to the surface crying for help and bled to death within four minutes after his companions had lifted him from the water.

WOMEN TYPIST NOT WANTED.

Government Prefers Men, Who Will Obey Orders.

Women stenographers apparently are no longer wanted in the Government service. This announcement was made Wednesday at the civil service commission in an effort to put a stop to a steadily increasing flood of letters from women throughout the country who seek information about an examination for stenographers to be had next Tuesday in all the State and Territories. This examination is for the purpose of recruiting only men stenographers and typists, the demand for whom the civil service commission has been unable to meet. Practically all the various departments of the Government are seeking to replace women stenographers with men, on the plea that the latter are more amenable to discipline.

HAS ATTACKED GEORGIA.

Bugs Have Attacked Cotton and Are Thought to be Weevils.

A peculiar variety of bugs have wrought much damage to the field of cotton owned by G. T. Anthony, near Washington, Ga. The fact was discovered Wednesday and specimens sent to Hon. T. G. Hudson, commissioner of agriculture in Atlanta.

Parties who have seen the insect and noticed the damage to the bolls and squares on the cotton, declare them to be the genuine boll weevil, which has proved such an enemy to the cotton planters of Texas and other western states.

An Engine Balked.

A loaded passenger train on the Georgia and Florida railroad spent last night in the woods, three miles north of Valdosta, Ga., because the engine balked. An official in his private car was on the train and kept the passengers supplied with food. The engine began moving about sunrise.

Damages by Forest Fires.

General reports from all parts of British Colufbia confirmed by dispatched to Premier McBride, Lanu Minister Ellison and other officials at the capital, place the aggregate loss of the present week by forest fires at not less than $1,000,000, with fully half million more will be lost in the enforced suspension of affected industries.

Farmers Fed Milk to Hogs.

Rather than sell their milk for two and two and a quarter cents a quart, farmers in northern Ney Jersey counties are feeding it to their hogs. They say the prevailing price is three-fourths of a cent less than it costs to produce the milk.

THE LEAD STEAL

Senator Bristow Shows How the People Are Plundered by the

TARIFF ROBBER BARONS

With the Assistance of the Republican Party and a Few Renegade Democrats Who Vote With Them to Pass the Thieving Tariff Laws Through Congress.

Senator J. T. Bristow, of Kansas, one of the Insurgent Republican Senators, in a speech at Manhattan, Kansas, Friday night, charged Speaker Cannon and the "standpat" Congress with manipulation of the lead schedules of the tariff bill in support of the "smelter trust" so-called. "A duty not measuring the differences in the cost of smelting at home and abroad as promised in the Republican platform, but from $2.50 to $6 higher than the entire cost of smelting in this country was imposed on lead," the Senator said. "This was done not in the interest of protecting a struggling American industry, but in the interest of a monopoly controlled by the Guggenheims, backed by the great Rockefeller financial interests.

"Because I presume to object to this sort of thing Mr. Cannon calls me a Democrat, a demagogue, a lunatic and a pickpocket. Mr. Cannon, holding the office of Speaker of the House of Representatives, second in power and dignity in this government, has been routed over Kansas for a number of days denouncing the 'insurgents,' myself in particular. Instead of indulging in vituperation, why dosen't he give the reasons why he insisted on ignoring the plain declaration of the Republican national platform? Why did he stand by the Senate in the interest of the Guggenheims?

"The duty on lead in ore, as the tariff bill passed the House was $30 a ton. The duty on pig lead or lead bullion was the same. The bill came to the Senate and was referred to the committee on finance, to which Mr. Aldrich is chairman, and was reported back with the duty on pig lead increased from $30 to $42.50 a ton, making a difference of $12.50 between the lead in the ore and the lead bullion. Therefore, according to the Republican national platform and our campaign pledges, $12 a ton should measure the difference in the cost of smelting lead in the United States and in our competing countries.

"Edward B. Rush, general manager of the American Smelting and Refining Company, an organization which controls 90 per cent of the lead smelters of the United States, testifies before the ways and means committee of the House that the entire cost of reducing lead from ore to bullion, from actual figures ranged from $5.50 to $10.05 a ton. No witness before the ways and means committee gave as the entire cost of smelting a greater figure than $10 a ton.

"A most vigorous effort was made in the Senate to reduce the duties of the Senate bill back to those provided in the House measure, but without effect. To protect our struggling American industries a duty, not measuring the difference in the cost of smelting at home and abroad, but a duty of from $2.50 to $6 a ton or more than the entire cost of smelting at home was imposed.

ANOTHER COTTON PICKER.

Said to Pick Open Cotton Without Green Bolls.

Patents have been recently issued to Crawford Eliot on a cotton picker or harvester which he has perfected as the result of nearly seven years constant effort. The basic patent granted covers forty different claims. The machine has been tested for two years in the cotton fields, and with it one man and team of mules will do the work of forty hand pickers. Only the ripe cotton is picked, and this is done without injury to the green cotton or the blooms.

The principle of the machine is a double row of bristle brushes about one and one-half inches in diameter and fourteen inches long, spinning rapidly in such a manner that the revolving brushes are introduced into the plants close to the ground and drawn up in a vertical line through the plants, the brushes penetrating the bushes from both sides of the row. The ripe cotton adheres to the brushes, while the rest of the plant is not in any way affected, the brushes travelling to a receptacle where they are stripped of the cotton and the operation is repeated.

It is said that the machine has been thoroughly tested and demonstrated that it will do the work of a quarter of the cost of hand labor which means a saving of $150,000,000 a year to the cotton growers. The invention, which has been purchased by the National Cotton Harvester Company of Chicago, Ill. means much to the growth and expansion of the cotton industry, and it will undoubtedly add immensely to the annual wealth of all the cotton growing state.

Wife Transferred for $1.

A document has been filed in the Onendago County court at Syracuse, N. Y., whereby Frederick A. Joss, a business man, transfers his wife to Harry W. Rogers, a bookkeeper, for the sum of $1. Rogers has been a roomer in the Joss home for several years.

PAYS PENALTY AT STAKE

TEXAS MOB BURNS WOULD-BE NEGRO ASSAILANTS.

When Pursued By Mob, Shot Constable from Ambush.—Surrounded in Corn Field and Lynched.

Henry Gentry, a negro eighteen years old, paid the penalty of his crimes, murder and presumably intended assault, at the stake Friday night at Belton, Texas, while two others, a brother of the man lynched and a companion, charged with implication, missed a like fate, only by pleadings of Sheriff Burke and several citizens.

Early Friday the negro attempted to force an entrance into the home of Mrs. Lamb, a widow, but was frightened away with a shot by the woman's daughter. Several hours later, while Gentry was being searched for by a posse headed by Constable James Mitchell, the man, firing from ambush killed the posse leader.

Then the mob formed and after an all day search, surrounded the fugitive in a corn field. As the mob closed in Gentry made a dash for liberty, but was brought to earth by two well directed bullets. A rope was quickly brought and the man dragged to an automobile and hurried to Belton, where several thousand frenzied men and boys awaited his coming.

As the public square was reached the rope was tossed to a man on horseback and the negro dragged about the square to the pyre. The applying of a torch was the work of a moment and while several hundred shots were fired into his body, the already dying negro was incinerated.

When the work of the mob was ended there, a dash was made for the city prison, with the intent of lynching the two others charged with aiding Gentry in the killing of Mitchell. Pleadings and a show of force stopped the mob before an attempt was made to storm the jail. The crowds then dispersed and further disorder is not anticipated.

RETURNED AFTER 46 YEARS.

Bible Taken From Female Institute by Union Captain.

A copy of the Bible taken from the Atlanta Female Institute in 1864 by Capt. Paul Collison, of North Chemung, N. Y., was returned Friday to Miss Mayson, a member of the class of '60, which presented it to the school. The presentation was made at the reunion of the Forty-second Georgia infantry, known as the "Fightning Forty-second."

Some time ago Capt. Collison, who was a member of the Seventeenth New York Volunteers, announced through his home paper he would gladly return the Bible to the proper person. Miss Mayson, who is a sister of Rev. J. S. Mayson, founder of the Atlanta institute, was located by a local paper, and arrangements made for the presentation.

FLAMES RAGING.

Officers of Steamer Dolphin Tell of Great Conflagration.

Officers of the steamer Dolphin, which arrived from Skagway, Alaska, at Seattle, Wash., Friday, tell of tremendous forest fires, a hundred square miles in extent, which they judged to be twenty-five miles in shore from the Straight of Georgia, north of Howe sound. "This was the biggest forest fire I have ever seen," said First Officer Deneen. "We were nearest to it on Wednesday afternoon. The air was perfectly still and tremendous clouds of smoke rose in the form of a cauliflower, narrow at the base and gradually spreading all over the heavens. Along the horizon was a broad streak of flames. I judged the flanmes to be several hundred feet high."

MUST QUIT COUNTRY.

That's the German Belief and Mormon's Not Allowed.

Herr Dalwitz, Prussian minister of the interior, upon recommendation of the political police, says a Berlin dispatch, has signed orders for the expulsion of twenty-one Mormon missionaries, fost of whom are Americans or Englismen and they will be conducted to the frontier. The missionaries had assembled from various parts of Germany at the Mormon headquarters on the East Side to meet Superintendent McKay, an American usually resident in Switzerland. They were holding a service when an agent of the political police who was seated in the audience, rose and declared the gathering dissolved.

Prisoner Attends Dance.

John H. Miller, of the defunct cotton firm of Steele, Miller & Co., of Corinth, Miss., who was arrested at Decatur, Ala., Friday, charged with using the mails to defraud, was taken to Huntsville to arrange his bond. After his arrest Miller was allowed to attend a dance. He is socially prominent, having married a descendent of one of Alabama's Governors.

Giving Them Away.

Unable even to give away the fine Elberta peaches with which the peach trees are loaded, and unable to ship them away on account of the scarcity of cars, orchardists at Americus, Ga. are ploughing the peaches under the ground, to be used for fertilizing purposes. Every one was invited to come and take as many of the peaches as they are wanted.

ALMOST A LYNCHING

WHITE MAN CHARGED WITH MISTREATING A CHILD.

The Crowd Disagreed as to Method of His Death, and the Sheriff Got the Fiend to Jail.

The lynching of a white man, Thomas Yarborough, was prevented in the Silver Street section of Newberry county early Wednesday morning only by disagreement among the crowd as to the manner of death and probably the lack of a leader.

Yarborough is charged with an attempted criminal assault on a 7-year-old white child on July 2. The matter did not become public until Wednesday night, and then it is said through a letter which the wife of Yarborough wrote to the mother of the child, which led to an investigation.

Some of the crowd which gathered during the early hours of the morning wanted to swing Yarborough to a limb, riddle his body with bullets and then cut him down and let his body be carried away by the river. Others favored other modes of sending him to the great beyond.

Magistrate Hendrix got in communication with Sheriff Buford, and the sheriff with his deputy, Pope Buford, was on the road within fifteen minutes after receiving the message and carried Yarborough to the Newberry jail.

Acting on advices received as to the feeling of the community, Sheriff Buford got in communication with the governor's office and it was decided that it would be best to take Yarborough to the State penitentiary for safekeeping, and, this will be done.

Yarborough is between fifty and sixty years of age, and has his third wife. The crime is alleged to have happened near Yarborough's home, in a secluded path. Yarborough was formerly an operative in the Mollohon mill. He has been living for some time on the Spearman place, near Silver Street. He claims that the charge is a result of spite work.

WHITE FIEND WANTED.

He Is Charged With Assaulting a Young Girl.

Charged with criminally assaulting Irene Fratus, the twelve-year-old adopted daughter of John Basford and wife, Paul Combell, a white man of prominent family, is surrounded in the Pinewoods, north of Waveland, near Biloxi, Miss., by a posse of citizens of Bay St. Louis, who are bent on Combell's capture, and may lynch him if their search is successful.

Darius Combell, brother of the hunted man, promised to deliver Combell to the posse if they would agree to protect him from violence. Leaders of the posse agreed, but later Combell had not been delivered.

The crime which Combell is alleged to have committed occurred a month ago, but not until Thursday did the child inform her foster parents of what is alleged to have occurred. Hearing of her confession, Combell, it is said, fled to the forests.

LIGHTNING STRIKES AIRSHIP.

While Flying Along High Up With One Man Aboard.

While he was taking a cross country flight Wednesday, near Barcelona, Spain, Aviator Ehrmann's aeroplane was struct by lightning and fell blazing to the ground. The aviator escaped uninjured, which is regarded as almost miraculous.

There has never been a more startling aerial exhibition than that which Ehrmann's unwillingly afforded and those who witnessed it could hardly believe their eyes when the airman emerged from the singed framework, none the worse for his experience. Ehrmann was sailing along at a moderate height when he got in the path of a sky bolt. Instantly the aeroplane was enveloped in flames, its canvas winds shriveled up and clinging to the skeleton of his craft. Erhmann came down with a thud.

HUNG TO A LIMB.

And Riddled With Bullets for Attacking Ladies.

Ending a two days pursuit, a mob during last night took Evan Roberts, a negro, from Constable C. V. Riggs, in a lower part of Sylvanio county, Ga., strung the negro up to the limb of an oak tree and poured at least 500 bullets into his body. The negro attacked two white women who were driving along a lonely road Saturday afternoon in a buggy. The horse became frightened and ran away and took the women out of danger, though the negro pursued them with a pistol. Constable Riggs captured Roberts and hid him from the mob for twelve hours. Short work was made of the negro when his hiding place was found.

Explosion in Quarry.

Five men, all foreigners, known by numbers, were killed in the quarry of the Nazareth, Pa., Portland Cement company by the premature explosion of a charge of dynamite. This is the same quarry in which seven men were killed in a similar manner a few weeks ago.

Child Drowned in Tub.

Hazel Best, twenty-one month's old was drowned in a water tub at his parents home Tuesday. The child was playing about the tub and lost its balance and fell in.

DUG UP BONES

An Old Cemetary is Dug Into by Ditch Diggers in Charleston.

SKELETONS ARE FOUND

The Bones of a Man of Huge Stature Discovered in One of Several Coffins that Were Found.—In Another Place Several Old Cannon Balls Were Dug Up.

No one would suppose that there was much of mystery or any tinge of romance in the work of the hardy ditch-diggers who are laying the sewerage pipes in various streets in the city of Charleston, says the News and Courier, but mystery and romance have a way of turning up where they are least expected, and only the other day one of the gangs ran into something that made the negroes who wield the pick and shovel feel nervous and apprehensive of what might follow as the result of interfering with the long sleep of those who had passed from earth many years ago.

The News and Courier then goes on to relate the following: On Queen street, between Franklin and Logan, just opposite the Medical College, the pickmen found a grave yard about four feet beneath the surface, and being compelled to stick to their work, for the sewer pipes must be laid, grave yard or no grave yard, and in spite of the danger of rousing the wrath of ghosts, they unearthed before long seven coffins. All these were badly decayed and fell apart as soon as an attempt was made to lift them to the surface.

Of the bodies that they had once contained only the skeletons were left, and these quickly decomposed on coming in contact with the air. Several of the skeletons were those of children or small women, but there was one especially that filled the laborers with wonder as they looked upon it. It was the skeleton of a man, and such a man! More than six feet four inches tall, with shoulders of wonderful breadth and big bones that made up a frame of remarkable strength, he must have been well-nigh a giant.

The negroes looked at the white bones and wondered; and white men who saw the crumbling vestiges of what must have been one of the finest specimens of physical manhood in the South, were curious to know whether some record of this Hercules who had been laid to rest in this forgotten cemetery long ago, might not be found somewhere and the history of the man brought back to mind.

On Ashe street the diggers came across cannon balls that had evidentally been fired during the Revolutionary war. They were of a kind unknown during the War Between the States, and were evidently much more ancient, each of them weighing not more than four or five pounds. In addition to these several smaller grape-shot were unearthed.

NEW MOTOR CAR

That Will be Tested by the Southern Has Come.

The first gas-electric car for local traffic to be used by the Southern railway experimentally on the Greenville-Anderson run reached Spartanburg on Friday. Several hundred people gatered at the depot there to see it when it arrived.

The motor car was switched on to No. 41 and carried to Greenville where it will be used between Greenville and Anderson. It was in charge of A. H. Fleet, mechanical engineer for the Southern. Mr. Fleet said his car would carry gasoline sufficient for a trip of 200 miles. It seats forty-six passengers.

High officials of the Southern met in Columbia Friday to fix the schedule of the new cars. Those participating in the conference are Assistant Passenger Agent Meek, of Atlanta, Assistant General Passenger Agent Pegram, of Charleston, Superintendent Williams, of the Columbia division and General Manager Anderson, of the Blue Ridge road.

If this service proves satisfactory in the Greenville territory it will be extended to other parts of the Southern system, where the local traffic is heavy. They will certainly prove a great convenience to the traveling public.

THREE CHILDREN BURNED.

Locks Her Children in House With Fatal Results.

A negro dwelling on the plantation of Mr. J. E. Privett, in the Back Swamp section, about six miles north of Florence, was destroyed by fire about 10 o'clock Monday night, in which three children lost their lives and another was so badly burned that it will probably die. Mitt Kely, the mother of the children, locked them up in her house and went to church, leaving them in the charge of the oldest girl, about 8 years old. Not long after the woman left, the house was seen to be on fire and assistance was given, but before anything could be done the three children were roasted alive. The oldest child managed to get out of the house and being frightened, ran to a neighbor for assistance, forgetting about the other four in the house, one of which escaped, after considerable effort, in a horribly burned condition.

Smith and Brown are having it out again over in Georgia over the governorship, and the people are holding their noses.

LURED BY A RASCAL.

Warning to Young Women to Beware of Strange Men.

A special to the News and Courier from Richmond, Va., tells a sad story about a young girl from this State. The dispatch says a young woman, 17 years old, said to be the daughter of a cotton planter near Cowpens, S. C., is detained in Richmond by the police and is under the care of the Associated Charities there, until such time as she is sent for by her parents or earns enough money to buy a ticket back to her home. She wishes to get back as soon as she can, according to her statements. The story the girl is alleged to have told is a pathetic one. According to the police, she went to Richmond in company with a man, whose name the authorities do not divulge. He was a stanger to the young country girl, and they met when on a train, and she was en route to her parent's home, from Spartanburg. She is alleged to have been lured away by smooth and false talk of the stranger. She says he proposed that she go to Richmond, and she followed him, after arriving living as his wife at a boarding house there.

The man left Friday night, telling the girl to come to Petersburg, but the landlady became suspicious and called in a policeman, and the girl was taken to the police station where arrangements were made for her care. There is no charge against the girl, but the officers are searching for the man, who will be charged with an ugly offense when found. The girl is pretty and unsophisticated, and has evidently been imposed upon.

AUGUSTA LADY MISSING.

Supposed to Have Jumped Into the Sea from Ship.

Mrs. Marion Mayo, of Augusta, Ga., reputed to be wealthy and of social positoin, who took passage on the steamer City of Columbus from Savannah, was missing when the steamer reached New York Friday. It was feared that she had been lost overboard.

Captain Johnson, of the City of Columbus, said he believed Mrs. Mayo had stolen out of her stateroom during the night and thrown herself into the water. He said she appeared to be melancholly and had kept to her quarters nearly all the time during the vovage.

Capt. Johnson said Mrs. Mayo was an interested spectator of the burial at sea of a negro cook and after that she went to her cabin and was not seen again. As soon as Mrs Mayo was missed Friday her cabin was examined and all of her clothing was found to be intact.

MAY HAVE BEEN MURDER.

Peculiar Appearance of Corpse Lead Coroner to Hold Inquest.

Because of suspicious circumstances surrounding the death of B. A Jackson, a farmer of Cedar Creek township, near Fayetteville, N. C. reported to the Coroner since the event, July 10, a coroner's inquest was held Tuesday in order to ascertain the nature of Jackson's death. Evidence was produced that Jackson seven months ago married a widow Parker, whose children strenously objected to the marriage; that one son, Grover Parker, who recently escaped from the county chaingang made threats against his stepfather, who died suddenly, without apparent cause, last Sunday during the presence at home of another stepson, who left immediately thereafter. Suspicions of foul play were aroused by the peculiar appearance of the corpse.

SOLDIER SHOOTS NEGRO.

Shooting Ascribed to Strong Racial Feeling That Had Developed.

The authorities at Fort Myer, near Washington, are aiding the Washington police in an effort to apprehend a soldier, presumably of the post, who Monday night shot a negro on the bridge leading from Georgetown to the fort. The negro, Wm. D Smith, is in the hospital in a dying condition. Apparenatly the atack upon the negro was unprovoked. The soldier, who was unknown to the negroe's two companions, first struck the victim with his fist and then fired unon him as he lay prostrate. Then the soldier fled. The shooting is ascribed to strong racial feeling that has developed among some of the soldiers at the fort.

Shot His Man.

Asked to return a borrowed pistol, Tump Ellison, returning at day light, drunk, from drinking and gambling all night, Monday shot and killed Will Moore, in Newberry County, near the Laurens county line. Both parties are negroes.

Succumbs to Pellagra.

At Columbia, Allen C. Wyse, aged twenty-nine, a graduate of the University of South Carolina in 1901, editor of the Southern Furniture Journal of High Point, N. C., died early Wednesday morning at the Columbia hospital of Pellagra.

Dispute Ends Sadly.

Following a dispute relative to the settlement of his father's estate, Otis Brown, a prominent young society man of Oxford, N. C., on Monday shot and dangerously wounded his step mother, Mrs J. S. Brown, and then blew out his own brains.

Many Cattle Lost.

A stampede of cattle at Columbus, Ga., preparatory to being loaded on a river steamboat, resulted in the drowning of all but ten of the number.

HOW DID HE DIE?

A Railroad President Shot to Death Mysteriously in His Home.

SUICIDE OR MURDER

Family Claim Burglar Did Shooting.—Possible Fraud Implication and Fear of Disgrace Advanced as Theory for Suicide.—Dead Man's Associates Not Surprised.

Ira G. Rawn, president of the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville Railroad (the Monon Route,) died of a bullet wound, at his summer residence in Winnetka; fifteen miles north of Chicago, early Wednesday morning.

Members of Mr. Rawn's family say he was killed by a burglar. The police are working on a theory that Mr. Rawn killed himself. As a basis of their suicide theory, the police advance the following reasons:

They point to the fact that Mr. Rawn was operating vice president of the Illinois Central Railroad at the time fraudulent car repair contracts were put through and that recently he was drawn into the Illinois Central graft investigation as a chief witness.

They saw that the action of Mr. Rawn's relatives in refusing to aid the Chicago detective department to search for the alleged murderer is suspicious.

They declare that there exists a lack of convincing evidence that an intruder had actually been in the Rawn residence.

Mrs. Rawn, wife of the dead man; R. G. Coburn, his son-in-law; Mrs. Coburn and two children, and three maids were in the house when the tragedy occurred.

Mrs. Rawn says that her husband was aroused from sleep at half past one o'clock in the morning by a noise on the first floor of the residence. She says Mr. Rawn picked up a revolver in his room on the second floor and started down-stairs and was down in the hall when two shots were fired. A minutes search of the front hall and adjoining rooms of the residence, however, show but one bullet, that fired from the revolver of Mr. Rawn and which apparently had passed through Mr. Rawn's body just below the heart.

Coroner Peter Hoffman took personal charge of the investigation into the death. He refused to say whether he thought the case was one of murder or suicide. He stated, however, that powder marks had been found on Mr. Rown's night gown, indicating that the bullet which killed Mr. Rawn was fired at close range.

Friends and business associates of the dead man say that he has been looking badly for several weeks. Some attributed Mr. Rawn's worried expression to the investigation of the conspiracy by which the Illinois Central claims it was mulched out of hundreds of thousands of dollars. This is now going on in court.

On two successive days last week Mr. Rawn begged for and secured a postponement of his examination as a witness on the plea that his wife was ill.

His examination was scheduled to be taken up again next Tuesday.

Mr. Rawn left the Illinois Central Railroad in November, 1909, and became president of the Monon. Early this Spring the Illinois Central fraud came to light. Though the investigation is not in such shape that any criminal responsibility for the frauds is fixed, it is declared that the reputation of some persons involved would be ruined and their future practically blotted out.

At the first hearing before Master in Chancery Thomas J. Taylor, Jr., Mr. Rawn testified that the car repair contracts all came under his supervision. He admitted that he was responsible for farming out the cars to the various repair committees.

DRUG USED UPON GIRL.

By An Unknown Intruder Into Her Home at Night.

Fanny May Pryor, the fourteen-year-old daughter of Owen W. Pryor, a prominent resident of Mobile, Ala., died early Wednesday from the effects of chloroform administered to the child Tuesday night by an unknown intruder who succeeded in making his escape.

The girl was found in an unconscious condition by her mother in a room that was almost stifling from the effects of the drug. A man wearing a black shirt and black trousers was seen to jump the fence about 1.45 o'clock by Mrs. Pyor, but his color could not be distinguished. The entrance was made through a rear window.

Examination by physicians who were summoned showed that the girl had not been assaulted, and why she was chloroformed can not be explained. The girl was sleeping with her little baby brother.

Boys Stone Balloons to Earth.

Ohio boys who can throw stones so swift and high as to puncture balloons have become a serious menace to aviation. Down came the Drifter, with Walter J. Collins and George Howard, of Cincinnati, in its basket, last week, because boys, throwing stones from a building at Hamilton, O., where the crowd had assembled to witness the ascent and christening of the aerostat, struck the gas bag and tore a hole in it. The gas had escaped slowly, and the balloonists were forced to land in less than 12 hours after starting.