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WOUNDS LEAD TO ARREST OF THREE MEN ON SUSPICION

Two Men Injured by Accidental Discharge of Weapon Held by the Police.

TAKEN BY OFFICERS IN LEXINGTON

One Believed to Have Burglarized Court House—Others Accomplices.

A bullet wound in the finger of George McVey, who gave Paducah, Ky., as his home, and the same bullet in the leg of James Wells, of Pittsburg, Pa., which caused him to seek medical aid at a hospital, caused the arrest of both men, together with Joseph Reynolds, of Richmond, Va., as suspects connected with the robbery of the court house last Friday evening. The injury to the two men was inflicted by the accidental discharge of an automatic revolver in the hands of McVey.

The men were arrested Sunday morning in Lexington by Detectives Thompson and Stuart, and were brought to Paris Sunday afternoon by Chief of Police Fred Link and lodged in jail.

Friday night an entrance was effected to the court house through a window in the office of Miss Mabel Robbins, county superintendent of schools. The window was forced with an old pair of scissors, and the intruder went through a lot of papers in the office, moving a desk from its usual position, but getting nothing of value. He then made his way to the office of Sheriff W. F. Talbot, where he secured a Savage automatic 32 calibre revolver, a pair of handcuffs and a knife. The office of County Judge C. A. McMillan was entered and the drawers of a desk ransacked and papers scattered over the floor. A safe belonging to Judge Denis Dundon was opened, and the interior broken in an effort to get to the money box, which contained a one dollar bill, neatly folded and in an old pocket book. This money was the first fee Judge Dundon had received when he assumed the office of County Judge and he has preserved it since.

Mud on the window sill and a card which was found in the corridor were the only clues that would lead to the apprehension of the guilty person, but the three men, who came here Friday night from Carlisle, were suspected and closely watched.

Some time during the morning Wells and McVey went to the commuter station on Mt. Airy avenue, where it is said the latter took an automatic revolver from a grip, when it was discharged, the bullet passing through the index finger of his left hand and entered the leg of Wells near the knee. They applied at the Massie uries were attended by Dr. Frank Pithian and the men left. The three boarded a late interurban car for Lexington where they remained Saturday night and Sunday morning Reynolds assisted Wells to a hospital where they were taken into custody, the police having notified the officials of the institution to communicate with them if a man answering his description made his appearance there.

McVey applied at the police station for lodging for the night and the bandaged hand aroused suspicion. He was held by the police and when his companions were arrested they admitted knowing him and the local authorities were notified. The knife which was taken from the Sheriff's office was found in McVey's pocket but he claims he bought it in Athens, O. It was identified by Deputy Sheriff Marshall. McVey said he threw the pistol he shot himself with in a coal car on the L. & N. tracks Saturday afternoon. He said the pistol was a Colt's while the weapon taken from the Sheriff's office was a Savage. The officers are confident he is the man who entered the court house.

The three men came to Paris Friday afternoon after visiting Flemingsburg, Ewing, Carlisle and Millersburg. Reynolds who claims to be a painter, was in Millersburg Friday morning according to information obtained by Patrolman King who went to that place Saturday morning. Wells said he was a painter and McVey is an umbrella mender.

Chief of Police Link, Patrolman King and Deputy Sheriffs McClintock and Marshall questioned the men at the county jail yesterday morning, but each denied any connection with the robbery of the court house.

They told conflicting stories about the object of their visit to Lexington. Reynolds said he went there to see a friend but declined to give the name of the person.

It is the belief of the police that one of the men at least is a lookout for an organized band of yeggmen and had been visiting the towns along the Maysville branch of the L. & N. with a view of pulling off

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VERDICT FOR W. E. HENRY IN DAMAGE SUIT AGAINST L. & N.

Jury Gives Plaintiff Judgment in the Sum of \$13,250 For Injuries Received.

TRIAL CONCLUDED AFTER THREE DAYS

Wiggins Convicted for Shooting Charles Mann—Sentences are Passed.

After deliberating three hours and forty-five minutes the jury in the damage suit of W. E. Henry against the Louisville & Nashville railroad returned a verdict Saturday afternoon in the sum of \$13,250. The amount asked for was \$25,000.

The case was called for trial Wednesday morning, and until Friday afternoon the entire time of the court was taken up in the hearing the testimony. A large number of expert witnesses were introduced on both sides in an effort to prove the condition of Henry, who, it was alleged, was injured through the negligence of the railroad company.

The accident occurred on August 1, 1913, at Berry Station, in Harrison county. Henry was engaged as a brakeman on a work train which contained several cars of ballast which was being unloaded on a fill near Berry. He was standing near the side of the train giving signals to the engineer. A cable attached to a locomotive which was drawing a plow across the top of the flat cars unloading the ballast from the train, which was on a curve, sprang over the retaining stakes, striking Henry and knocking him down. His head struck one of the steel rails, fracturing his skull, and he was otherwise injured. Experts on the stand for the plaintiff declared he was permanently injured.

When the evidence was all in Hon. E. M. Dickson, of this city, attorney for the defense, made his argument before the jury, while Col. Robt. B. Franklin, of Frankfort, spoke for the plaintiff. Shortly before noon Mr. Clark Barnett, one of the jurors, fainted in the jury box, and had to be removed. The case was postponed until the afternoon, when Col. Franklin completed his argument, and the case was given to the jury at 2:45 o'clock. At twenty minutes to six the jury filed into court and presented their verdict.

At the close of the case Judge Stout called the case of the Commonwealth against C. W. Wiggins, under indictment in the Bourbon Court on a charge of shooting and wounding another with intent to kill.

Some time was consumed in selecting a jury, which was composed of J. H. Ewalt, Gates Rice, C. R. Walls, J. D. Booth, S. D. Henry, Ami Dorsey, Davis Johnson, John Towles, C. M. Mattox, Lucien Rice, J. W. Larkin and W. H. Spears.

Attorney John Williams represented the defendant and Attorney P. A. Thompson assisted Commonwealth's Attorney Bradley in the prosecution. The jury returned a verdict of guilty of the offense charged in the indictment. Judge Stout sentenced Wiggins to the penitentiary for from one to five years.

Before adjourning court Judge Stout sentenced the following convicted during the term of court:

Roy Williams, colored, twenty-eight, malicious cutting and wounding, one to five years.

Lawson Holman, colored, twenty-five, stealing fowls, one to five years.

Ernest Shaw, colored, twenty-three, robbery, two to ten years.

George Hays, colored, twenty-eight, robbery, two to ten years.

Walker Harris, colored, twenty-eight, robbery, two to ten years.

John Williams, colored, eighteen, housebreaking, to Reform School.

Louis Hawkins, colored, twenty, housebreaking, to Reform School.

Jim Davis, colored, twenty-seven, willful shooting and wounding, one to five years.

Edward Stokes Graddy, white, twenty, robbery, to Reform School.

Fisher Williams, colored, twenty, robbery, to Reform School.

LOCAL FIRM RECEIVES NUMBER OF BUICK CARS

The firm of Pritchard & Ball Saturday received a large shipment of Buick cars which were unloaded from the train and stored in their garage. Saturday afternoon the machines, fourteen in number were paraded through the streets and attracted considerable attention. Several of the cars have been sold and will be delivered to the purchasers.

BECKHAM TO SPEAK AT CARLISLE SATURDAY

J. C. W. Beckham, candidate for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator, will speak in Carlisle on Saturday, April 4.

RUMOR CURRENT THAT STANLEY WILL QUIT THE RACE

Report From Lexington to Effect That He Will Withdraw at Early Date.

BECKHAM SPEAKS IN GEORGETOWN

Given Warm Reception By Scott Voters—Stanley in Mt. Sterling.

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 30.—Is Hon. A. O. Stanley on the point of withdrawing from the Senatorial race? This question is prompted by news received in Lexington this morning by way of Louisville.

It is reported from the Falls City, through highly confidential sources, that the active friends and supporters of Mr. Stanley, those who are now and are expected in the future to supply the real "sinews of war," are becoming convinced that his candidacy is unwise, and that he is not making good.

The impression is fast gaining ground that his method of campaign utterances and the circumstances generally which are characterizing his canvass has positively accentuated the fact that as between him and other elements are lining up solidly in his behalf. This is considered by many in view of certain conditions to be very dangerous.

At Louisville yesterday the receptions accorded Mr. Stanley in Carlisle and at Mt. Sterling were discussed and it was evident that the lack of enthusiasm at both those places was decidedly discouraging.

From the beginning of the campaign it has been patent to every observer of political conditions that the candidacy of both Mr. Stanley and Governor McCreary was simply dividing the opposition to Beckham.

WARM WELCOME

Accorded Mr. Beckham at Georgetown Saturday.

Before an enthusiastic audience of business men and farmers that filled the Scott county court house to capacity, and which had gathered from all parts of the country to hear him, former Governor J. C. W. Beckham spoke for over two hours at Georgetown, Saturday, in the interest of his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the United States Senate.

His speech was remarkably free from personal abuse and vituperation, and he was frequently interrupted by generous applause.

He referred to his term as Governor of the State, and spoke of his deep interest in the progressive principles of the party in this State and nation. Issues in this campaign, he said, were clearly drawn, and no efforts of an opponent to direct the attention of the public to irrelevant questions would be successful.

The greater part of his time he devoted to his own activity in State and on national issues, defining clearly his attitude on numerous and important questions of the day. He solemnly declined to descend to the mud-slinging political plans, upon which, he said, Mr. Stanley had attempted to pitch the campaign.

The tenor of Mr. Beckham's address at Georgetown was much the same as his Elizabethtown speech, though he made reference a time or two to the attacks of Mr. Stanley upon him in his recent speech at Carlisle.

He spent much time before his speech shaking hands with his many friends and adherents in the city.

Councilman J. L. Hambrick, one of the most popular and progressive young Democrats of Scott county, presented Mr. Beckham to the voters. In the course of his remarks he said: "Governor Beckham was the choice of his party six years ago, and met the Republicans in the Legislature as our choice for the Senatorship, but was defeated by four traitors of his own party."

The dignified and gentlemanly address of Mr. Beckham made a favorable impression upon his hearers. Scott county has heretofore been conceded to be for Beckham, but since his speech at Georgetown Saturday afternoon conservative politicians freely predict that he will receive fully 75 per cent. of the Democratic vote of the county.

ABUSIVE TOWARD BECKHAM.

Congressman Stanley Resorts to Mud Slinging at Mt. Sterling.

A large crowd, including delegations from Lexington and Winchester, wearing Stanley badges, heard Congressman speak at Ma. Sterling, Saturday afternoon.

J. Coleman Reid, a farmer, introduced the speaker, and paid a glowing

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