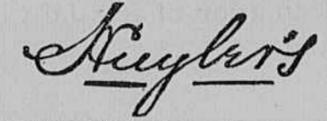


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Mangled by a Railroad Train.

COLUMBUS, Ga., July 27.—An outgoing noon passenger train on the Central railroad to-day ran over and killed William Shaw, a well-known man, who was driving across the track. A mule hitched to his wagon was also killed. Shaw was badly mangled.

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### French Vessels Run the Gauntlet of Shot and Shell.

### A SIAMESE GUNBOAT RUN DOWN.

Rammed and Sunk by the French Warship Inconstante—No Further Damage Done to Either Side—The French Fleet Now at Bangkok.

PARIS, July 27.—It is stated that an effective blockade of the Siamese coast by the French fleet will only begin on Saturday or Sunday next. Until then all powers will not have received notice of France's intention to establish a blockade.

The Chinese charge d'affaires, it is stated, has informed M. Develle that Siam had no territory east of the Mekong as far north as latitude 23, which parallel was claimed by the French as the northern limit of their influence. He regarded it as unlikely that the Black Flags would join the Siamese in the event of hostilities with France, but he thought that if they saw France and Siam embroiled the Black Flags might resume the offensive in Tonquin.

The Temps gives a detailed account of how the French gunboats forced a passage up the Menam river. The gunboats entered the channel about 6 o'clock in the evening, and immediately both forts and the Siamese gunboats opened fire on the French warships. The French gunboats crossed the bar, notwithstanding the explosion of a sub-marine torpedo directed ahead of the fleet. The Inconstante rammed and sunk a Siamese gunboat. About 9 o'clock the forts at Paknam opened fire at a range of one-quarter of a mile. The French gunboats all this time were making ten knots an hour against the stream. At 9:30 o'clock the French fleet anchored in front of the French legation at Bangkok. The cannonade had little effect, owing to the darkness.

Lord Dufferin had an audience with M. Develle yesterday. A cabinet council was held at 6 o'clock last evening, but the greatest secrecy was maintained as to what took place at the meeting. Another cabinet council will be held tomorrow.

The police of this city, by order of the government, are seizing cheap maps of Siam, which are offered for sale on the boulevards, and which represents the Siamese frontier in accordance with English ideas.

SAIGON, July 27.—Captain Villiers, who is in command of the French forces at this port, reports that the capture of Fort Donson by the French produced an excellent impression. The governor of the Island of Kong was killed during the attack and his death hastened the retreat of the Siamese. The French flag had been hoisted on the Island of Kong-siam, which will be made the basis of future operations. The French government has also decided to take possession of other islands on the Gulf of Siam.

LONDON, July 27.—A private telegram from Bangkok announces that the British gunboat Pigmy has replaced the Swift before Bangkok, for the protection of British residents. England has an adequate fleet on the East India and China stations, numbering twenty-eight vessels, including the Imperieuse, a cruiser of 7,300 tons. France can only muster nineteen vessels, of which the largest is only 4,700 tons.

It is believed that M. Develle hopes that this Pacific blockade will induce Siam to surrender at discretion. Should Siam still resist and the blockade be made effective, British interests would suffer severely. The London merchants interested in the Siamese trade have forwarded a joint letter to Lord Rosebery, pointing to the injury which would be inflicted by the blockade of Singapore and Hongkong.

The Standard's correspondent says he believes that the French cabinet is becoming more amenable in its negotiations with England over the Siamese dispute.

A Bangkok dispatch to The Daily News says that Captain H. M. Jones, British minister to India, acting under orders cabled from London, has maintained a strictly non-committal attitude in the matter of the Franco-Siamese imbroglio.

BERLIN, July 27.—The Tageblatt rejoices over the prospect that England, who scornfully holds aloof from the dreidrub, may become embroiled with France over the Siamese affairs. England, says The Tageblatt, will be taught a lesson, and she need not expect to receive German support. Other newspapers express similar sentiments, although in milder language.

BANGKOK, July 27.—Notice was given to-day of the blockade by the French fleet. Outgoing vessels have been warned that they must clear Bangkok and Koh-Si Chang before Saturday or submit to detention. The blockade will extend all along the entire north coast of the gulf of Siam. The French fleet, with M. Pavie, the French minister resident, has gone to Koh Si-Chang.

No Cholera at Chester.

PHILADELPHIA, July 27.—Dr. Benjamin Lee, secretary of the board of health, to-day sent Medical Inspector Atkinson to Chester to investigate the death of the Austrian workman, who died there yesterday from what was reported to be cholera. Dr. Atkinson found that the man died from aggravated cholera morbus. Contrary to reports sent out the Austrian had not arrived in this country lately, but has been here several months. There have no other cases in the neighborhood where the man died. The local board of health has quarantined and disinfected the house the man died in.

Another Lynching; Bee in Prospect.

COLUMBIA, S. C., July 27.—Sunday night Hiram Young, white, visited the house of Minnie Cornelius, white, who was sick in bed. Wednesday it was noticed that the little ten-year-old daughter of the woman was scarcely able to walk. An investigation revealed the fact that she was in a fearful condition, the result of an assault by Young. He told her that he would kill her if confessed, hence her silence. Young will be arrested and lynching is threatened.

Forecast for Virginia: Fair, followed by increasing cloudiness near coast; easterly winds.

## THE DYNAMO BROKE DOWN

### Horrible Scene at an Electrocution Yesterday.

AUBURN, N. Y., July 27.—William J. Taylor was to-day electrocuted for the murder of Solomon Johnson. Taylor and Johnson were convicts in Auburn prison, and worked together in the broom shop. The murder was committed to satisfy a private grudge. Taylor was a colored man and Johnson white. Taylor left a confession behind. It was twenty minutes to 1 o'clock when the warden invited the witnesses to follow him to the death chamber. The equipment was the same that had been used a month ago for Fitzhugh. State Electrician Davis was at the electric cabinet and his preliminary tests with the bank of incandescents were entirely satisfactory, the dial indicating a voltage of 1,320. In the morning it had run up to 1,820 volts. Two priests, three keepers and the condemned soon came in from an adjoining room and Taylor was immediately hustled into the chair and tightly pinioned. His face wore a look of set determination with his lips tightly compressed. He carried a crucifix in his right hand.

When all was ready the signal was given and the current was turned on. Taylor's powerful frame shot back and up in the chair until the straps creaked, and simultaneously there was a crash. The strain upon the foot rest had broken it, and the under pinning of the chair gave way. The body sank to a reclining posture with the victim's feet resting on the floor. The spectators were startled but did not move. It was supposed that the victim was dead from the effects of the shock when a strange noise was heard. He had begun to gasp for breath and saliva was seen to exude from his mouth.

"Up on the current," was the command from the warden, and Electrician Davis tried to obey but was dumfounded to find no response to the turning of the lever. The dynamo had broken down. The labored breathing of the victim continued and his chest rose and fell convulsively. Davis hastened outside to the dynamo room to ascertain the trouble and found the dynamo had burned out. It could be used no more to-day. The victim who was now grasping and groaning aloud, was unbanded and placed upon a cot and carried into an adjoining room. His pulse grew stronger and he endeavored several times to rise from the cot. The physician said he was unconscious precisely in the condition of a man stricken with apoplexy. He would recover, they thought, and the only way to carry out the sentence of the law was to again place him in the chair.

Linemen quickly connected the prison apparatus with the street electric light plant and in an hour all was ready for the second electrocution. Taylor continued to grow stronger and was given an injection of morphine. A small dose of chloroform was also administered. He was then carried bodily to the chair, which had been repaired, and was strapped into a sitting posture. The current was then turned on, the body straightened up and for half a minute 1,240 volts coursed through Taylor's unconscious form, and he was pronounced dead. A stethoscopic test was applied to the heart to make sure, and Dr. Jenkins and others declared that there was no pulsation. The witnesses had not been allowed to leave the prison and were invited to luncheon by the warden, after which they signed the death certificate and all was over. The first electrocution took place at 12:48 and the second at 1:35.

A Valuable Residence Burned.

CLEVELAND, O., July 27.—The suburban residence of Dan P. Ellis, at River Bank, was totally burned last night. The fire started in a bath room on the lower floor about midnight. Its origin was thought to be due to a leaking gas pipe. It was not noticed at once and when it was finally discovered the blaze had progressed too far for the limited means at hand to have any effect in extinguishing it. All the valuable works of art, relics and possessions gathered together in a life time were in the house and all were lost. The total loss will probably foot up to \$200,000; insurance not known.

A Displaced Cashier Suicides.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., July 27.—Cashier E. S. Francis, of the Pittsfield National Bank, shot and killed himself at his room in Maplewood Hotel to-day. He had disregarded instructions of the directors and they displaced him. An investigation of his accounts showed that he had allowed overdrafts amounting to \$8,000 and his personal account was overdrawn \$500, but these matters were not sufficient to account for his suicide.

King Alexander in Trouble.

BELGRADE, July 27.—The trouble between the radicals, the party in power, and the liberals, who were ousted on April 13th last, at the time King Alexander declared himself of age and assumed kingly power, have resulted in a crisis in the government. King Alexander has summoned M. Crisovic, who was prime minister during a part of the reign of King Milan, the father of King Aleksa d r, and is conferring with him as to the course to be followed.

Virginia Brain Products.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—The following is a list of patents granted to Virginia inventors on July 11, 1893, as reported from the office of Patrick O'Ferrall, solicitor of American and foreign patents Washington, D. C.: Anderson B. Cosby, Richmond, Va., tobacco wringing machine; James O. Hiner, Monterey, Va., vehicle wheel; Edward A. Quisenberry, Lexington, Va., car heater.

A Railroad Manager Resigns.

COLUMBIA, Ga., July 27.—Ceil Gabbett, general manager of the Columbus Southern railroad, has tendered his resignation to take effect August 1.

## WON IN THE NINTH INNING.

### And Daniel Made the Hit That Did It.

Roanoke Treated to Another Fine Exhibition of Ball Playing—Boyd Pitched in His Old Style, and Riley Made His Usual Home Run—McKenna and Glass, of Lynchburg, to be the Battery in To-day's Game.

The Charleston acrobats made their first appearance of the season in this city yesterday and were defeated by the home team after one of the most exciting games of the season. The Charllestons started off like sure winners. In the first inning the visiting team made five runs. Boyd hit Ransom and gave two men bases on balls and with the aid of several errors by the home team and a base hit by Chard, they brought five men across the plate. The home team went out in one, two, three order in their half of the inning. In the second inning Thompson and Boyd tallied on a hit and a base on balls and a sacrifice. The Charllestons made three in the fourth on a hit and a couple of errors. This ended the run getting as far as the visiting team was concerned. The home team made two more in the fifth inning. Wigmore was hit by a pitched ball and Riley got one where he wanted it and it landed on the other side of the fence. Riley seems to have the happy faculty of always making a home run when there is some one on base. The home team made another run in the sixth inning. Daniel made the circuit of the bases by wild throwing. This ended the run-getting until the last inning.

In the ninth inning Foster went to first on being hit by Chard and scored on wild throwing. Settles hit to third base and was safe on a fumble by Blake. He scored immediately after on Riley's hit to left. Meade followed with a hit and Wigmore, who was also hit by pitched ball, scored. Riley being put out at the home plate in an attempt to come home on the hit. Meade went to second on the throw-in and scored immediately on a single by Daniel to left field and the game was won.

The home team demonstrated their ability to play an uphill game. The playing of Farley, Corcoran and the catching of Schaffer were the features of the visitors' play. For the home team Daniel's catching, Settles' first-base play and the fielding of Thompson and Foster was of the star order. Boyd's pitching, barring the first inning, was as fine as has been seen on the home grounds this season. The following tells a full story of the game:

ROANOKE.		CHARLESTONS.	
R.	H.	R.	H.
Wig's 2b.	2 0 2	Easley cf.	2 0 0 0 0
Riley ss.	2 1 1	Corcoran 1b.	2 1 0 1
Meade lf.	1 1 0	Blake 3b.	1 0 2 1 0
Thompson 3b.	1 1 0	Ransom 2b.	1 0 3 3 0
Daniel c.	1 2 1 1	Farley 1b.	1 0 13 0 0
Boyd p.	1 0 2	Chard p.	1 1 0 3 0
M'G'n'cf.	0 0 0	Schaffer 0	7 3 1
Foster rf.	1 0 3	Payton rf.	1 0 0 0 1
Settles 1b.	1 0 3	Bradley lf.	0 0 0 1
Totals. 9 6 27 11 3		Totals. 8 3 26 16 4	

\* Winning run made with only two out. Earned runs—R. A. C.; Charleston, 1. Home run—Riley. Two base hit—Thompson. Base on balls—Boyd, 3; off Chard, 4. Hit by pitcher—Boyd, 2; Chard, 3. Time of game—1:50. Umpire—Foard.

NOTES OF THE DIAMOND.

The batting order of the home team to-day will be as follows: McKenna, p; Glass, c; Settles, 1b; Wigmore, 2b; Thompson, 3b; Riley, ss; Meade, lf; McGinnis, cf; Foster, rf.

Foster had but three chances in right field and he accepted all of them. Neither Meade nor McGinnis got a chance in their respective territories.

Glass and McKenna, the Lynchburg invincibles, will be the battery for the home team to-day.

Despite the fact that Settles painfully hurt a finger in the preliminary practice he played first base to perfection.

Boyd pitched in his old-time form yesterday, and the way he whizzed the ball over the plate surprised those acrobats.

And Daniels! Well shake, Stump.

An interesting game of baseball was played yesterday afternoon on the vacant lot near the general offices of the Norfolk and Western, between the Norfolk and Western Juniors and a picked nine of older employees of the office. The Juniors won the game by a score of 18 to 11. The batteries were Nelms and Home for the Juniors and Price and Comsey for the men. The game was interesting all through but the long home run of M. E. Howe deserves especial mention.

LEAGUE GAMES YESTERDAY.

At Cincinnati.....	1 3 0 0 2 0 2 x—8
Cincinnati.....	0 0 2 0 1 0 0 0—3
Hits—Cincinnati, 6; Pittsburgh, 8. Errors—Cincinnati, 3; Pittsburgh, 5. Batteries—Parrott and Murphy; Terry and Suggen.	
At Washington.....	1 0 0 0 2 1 1 0—5
New York.....	0 1 0 0 5 0 1 0 x—7
Hits—Washington, 9; New York, 13. Errors—Washington, 3; New York, 3. Batteries—Meakin and Farrell; Baldwin and Doyle.	
At Brooklyn.....	0 4 1 1 6 1 5 2 x—20
Philadelphia.....	0 2 0 0 0 0 0 0—2
Hits—Brooklyn, 13; Philadelphia, 6. Errors—Brooklyn, 1; Philadelphia, 7. Batteries—Geo. Sharrott, Stein and Kinslow; Taylor, Jack Sharrott and Clemente.	
At St. Louis.....	0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0—3
Cleveland.....	0 1 4 0 0 1 0 x—8
Hits—St. Louis, 4; Cleveland, 4. Errors—St. Louis, 4; Cleveland, 2. Batteries—Breitenstein and Gunson; Clarkson and O'Connor.	
At Louisville.....	1 0 0 2 0 0 0 0—3
Chicago.....	1 4 0 0 1 1 5 x—12
Hits—Louisville, 5; Chicago, 12. Errors—Louisville, 7; Chicago, 6. Batteries—Menefee and Grim; Hutchinson and Schriver.	
At Boston (first game).....	1 0 0 3 1 0 0 1—4
Baltimore.....	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—2
Hits—Boston, 6; Baltimore, 7. Errors—Boston, 2; Baltimore, 6. Batteries—Staley and Ganzel; Hawke and Clarke.	
Second game.....	1 1 5 2 1 1 0 0 x—11
Baltimore.....	1 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—1
Hits—Boston, 9; Baltimore, 6. Errors—Boston, 3; Baltimore, 6. Batteries—Stivets and Ganzel; McMahon and Clarke.	

## BLOWS AND BLACK EYES.

### Disorderly Scene in the House of Commons.

LONDON, July 27.—On the government programme 10 o'clock this evening was the hour set for closure of debate in committee on the home rule bill. Parts of the bill left over for discussions of last week and for divisions this evening were new financial clauses, schedules and preamble. The galleries of the house were filled with persons expectant of an exciting scene at the close of the committee's labors. Few members were absent from the benches on the floor of the house.

Obscure members continued debate until 9:45 or just fifteen minutes before closure was to be applied. Then Joseph Chamberlain rose to deliver the final broadside of the opposition. He was still smarting under the lash which Gladstone swung on Tuesday evening, and he spoke with corresponding bitterness. After a few scornful and biting words as to conduct of members he began giving his opinion of closure as applied by the government. Members, he said, were about to witness the last scene in a discreditable farce. Debate on the financial clauses had been a mere sham. The government had stood over friend and foe alike ready to let fall the gillotine without regard for justice or constitutional rights.

He then proceeded thus: "The prime minister calls 'black' and his adherents say it is good, the prime minister calls 'white' and they say it is better. It is always the voice of God. Never since the time of Herod has there been such." Chamberlain got no further. Immediately after resuming his speech he had been warned by the mutterings from the Irish benches that a storm was gathering. He could hardly have expected the suddenness with which it broke for with his half finished reference to Herod there came from the nationalists such a roar of indignation as has not been heard in the house since the days of Parnell.

T. P. O'Connor sprang to his feet and leaning towards Chamberlain, shouted "Judas," so loudly that the epithet could be heard throughout the house. The rest of the Irishmen took up the cry and half minute shouted "Judas" in chorus. Meantime the clock struck ten, Chairman Miller tried to put closure, but his voice could not be heard amid shouts of Irish and unionists, when came a scene unprecedented in parliamentary history.

The excitement grew until the house became a Doneybrook fair. Members came to blows, and black eyes, torn clothing and smashed hats were plentiful. The chairman and employees were powerless to quell the disorder for a considerable time. Finally Speaker Peel was sent for and the house quieted down.

The World's Fair Sunday Closing.

CHICAGO, July 27.—Chief Justice Fuller to-day decided the case of the World's Columbian Exposition against the United States of America in the circuit court and remanded the case for further proceedings. In the United States circuit court Judges Woods and Jenkins had granted a preliminary injunction closing the fair on Sundays. Judge Grosscutt, dissenting, delivered an opinion favoring the opening of the fair. The order of to-day leaves both sides free from any legal ties. Applications can now be made by the government to the circuit court for a permanent injunction and a final hearing had. From the decision then rendered another appeal could be taken. These proceedings would occupy considerable time and more than probable the fair would be closed long before the end was reached.

May Continue Selling Their Wares.

CINCINNATI, O., July 27.—Judge Wilson issued an order to-day, the effect of which is that the cigarette dealers may continue selling their wares after August 1 without putting up a special tax until a further order of the court. The wholesale and retail dealers combined to test the law. Petitions for an injunction were filed against the county auditor and county treasurer to restrain them from collecting tax on the ground that the law is unconstitutional. The retail tax is \$100 and the wholesale tax \$200 per year.

Killed the Wrong Man.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., July 27.—A special from Tarpen Springs says: Before daylight this morning masked men approached the house of Bud Stephenson and fired at him through an open window as he lay in bed. The shots missed him, but instantly killed Henry Osteen, who was watching with Stephenson. Stephenson is the man who killed Marshal Whitehurst last Fourth of July, and he has been in a precarious condition ever since from wounds received in that fracas.

An Archduke Coming.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 27.—News has been received here that Archduke Franz Alexander, heir presumptive to the throne of Austro-Hungary, may be expected in the United States in a short time. He is making a tour of the world and if he visits the United States he will come incognito, thus avoiding all official ceremony and recognition. He will probably enter the country from Vancouver, B. C., and his itinerary will include Chicago, New York, Washington and other large cities of the North and West.

More Railroad Victims.

MORROW, Ohio, July 27.—Last night Mrs. W. H. Clement, widow of President Clement, of the Southern road, and Mrs. Julia S. Frazer were struck by a Miami train while driving across the tracks. Mrs. Frazer's skull was fractured and her spine injured. Mrs. Clement's thigh was broken and her face badly cut. She is over 80 and her injuries will probably result fatally. Mrs. Frazer is her daughter and is also thought to be fatally hurt.

## MORE EVIDENCE OF ITS MERITS.

### The Good Results of the Houston Narcotic Cure.

Testimony of a Popular Business Man Who Had Been Addicted to the Whiskey Habit For Forty-two Years—After Thirty-five Days' Treatment He Is Completely Cured of the Habit.

In following up the investigation instituted by THE TIMES of the methods of treatment and the results obtained by the Houston Narcotic Institute of Roanoke, a reporter for THE TIMES called on a well known and popular business man of the city who for years has been addicted to the habit of intoxication and conversed with him at length on the subject of the Houston cure.

The gentleman's name is withheld by request, but any one desiring to see him personally can be directed to him by applying at the office of the Houston Institute, as he will be glad to explain his experience to any one interested.

He said: "I have been drinking whiskey periodically for forty-two years and am well versa in every phase of drunkenness. I know all about it and the evils attendant upon it. No human being can tell the misery and the agony I have passed through. The horrors of the damned could scarcely be worse. I have tried every conceivable way to stop the habit that enthralled me and be a man again, but in vain. Sometimes I would get up in the morning and vow to myself not to take a drop that day, but before night I would be drunk. My drinking was periodical and as the time passed on the periods were nearer together and the spree I indulged in were more frequent and my drunkenness came to be well nigh habitual and the amount of whiskey I drank was something enormous.

"I have had in my life several narrow escapes from death by accidents that are sorely due to my being intoxicated. My escape from some of these was something marvellous. Some time ago I attended a lecture by Luther Benson, and after listening to the horrors of intemperance pictured by him I resolved that if I could not quit by any other means I would take the course at the Houston Institute. I entered the Institute in January, 1893, and continued the treatment continuously for thirty-five days, and within that time to my great satisfaction I lost the taste for liquor entirely and came out perfectly and wholly cured. My sight is better, my hearing is better, my sleep is better and I am in better health generally than I have been since I was a young man. The cure was radical, perfect and complete. It has now been over five months since I was graduated, and since that time I have had no desire whatever for whiskey and am perfectly satisfied that I shall never want to drink again.

"Nothing on earth could induce me to return to the habit of drunkenness again to which I was such an abject slave and I fully believe that had I not taken the cure at the time I did I would soon have filled a drunkard's grave.

"During my stay at the institute my treatment was kind, considerate and courteous and everything possible was done by the management to make it pleasant and comfortable for me and the other patients. Since I was cured I have daily, for months, attended the institute at treatment hours and watched the patients in the various stages of their cure and I am now at this time even more enthusiastic over the good being done by these people than I was even at the time I was returned out a free and cured man and restored to the bosom of my family. I saw some patients come to the institute in a worse condition even than I was who in a few weeks were entirely cured from the terrible habit. I wish that every man in the city who is addicted to the habit of alcoholism, would take advantage of the Houston Institute, which I regard as being the greatest public benefactor in the city."

An appended are testimonials from two gentlemen, who were graduated five months ago and who are still enthusiastic over the result of the treatment: "I cheerfully recommend the Houston Narcotic Cure for the whiskey habit. It has changed me from a drunkard and all attendant evils to a sober man. I feel five years younger than I did before taking the course; am perfectly well in mind and body and I can never express my deep gratitude for being cured.

"The manager and all the officers are highly respectable gentlemen and stand very high in this city. I would say to any one, into whose life this terrible curse of drink has entered, go and be healed and be a man. Very truly yours,

ROANOKE, VA., February 3, 1893.

GENTLEMEN: My period of treatment has now ended and I consider it just and proper to return my thanks for the benefits I have derived from your cure. When I came here I was an almost physical wreck; was threatened with pneumonia. After a stay of three and one-half weeks at your institute I can now say that I am completely restored to manhood both mental and physical. No pecuniary consideration would ever tempt me to return to my former dissipated life. I now have no desire or thirst for alcoholic drinks of any kind. I return my many thanks to Dr. Staples, physician in charge, for his courteous and affable disposition under somewhat trying circumstances and his strict attention to the details of my case. The officials also have my thanks for their kindness to myself and other patrons. I sincerely hope every man who is addicted to the disease of alcoholism will take advantage of the opportunity now offered them, a speedy and permanent cure. They will never regret the step if once taken. You are at liberty to use this as you see proper,

Yours gratefully, M. A. SHEELER.