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LOUISIANA HAPPENINGS.

UNFORTUNATE SHOOTING AFFAIR IN BATON ROUGE.

Dead Man Found in a Train--Railroad Sold--Shooting Scrape at Lake Charles--Strike Causes a Shutdown at Kenner--A Good Record.

Her First Bale of Cotton.
VIDALIA.—Natchez has received her first bale of new cotton. It came from Concordia parish, La. It was produced on the Armandale plantation, and weighed 570 pounds.

Killed by a Falling Tree.
LAKE CHARLES.—Irwin Wilcox was killed Friday at the Loxley & Martin farm, in the piney woods north of here, by a falling tree. He lived some time after the accident, and died of hemorrhage.

A Good Record.
ZACHERY.—Bloch & Hoffman received from Hak. Young the first bale of new cotton for this season Saturday. These parties have handled the first bale of new cotton for the past four years in the parish of East Baton Rouge.

A Bad Negro Killed.
AMITE CITY.—Willis Pitman, a negro living fifteen miles east of Hammond, was shot and instantly killed Thursday just after dark by a posse of citizens who were attempting to arrest him on the charge of attempting criminal assault.

Gin Company Plant Completed.
NORWOOD.—The Norwood Central Gin Company, Limited, has completed its plant and will start ginning this week. This is the most perfect gin plant in this section of country and has a capacity of fifty bales per day and fills a long-felt want.

Railroad Sold.
MARKSVILLE.—The St. Louis, Avoyelles & Southwestern Railroad, which runs through this parish, was sold Saturday by order of the United States court, and was bid in by Amile Cahback for \$110,000. The road is worth more than this amount, but the bid was not run up.

A Shooting Scrape.
LAKE CHARLES.—Friday morning about daylight Gabe Pickney shot Munson Edwards twice, mortally wounding him. Gabe is a deaf, a respectable negro, and it is claimed that Edwards was creeping through the window into the apartments of one of the female members of Gabe's family, when he fired upon. Gabe is now in jail in default of \$300 bonds.

A Primary in Bienville.
ARCADIA.—Friday the Democratic executive committee of Bienville parish met in the courthouse at Arcadia to provide for the election of delegates to the Monroe convention, to be held Sept. 21, 1898, to nominate a railroad commissioner. The committee ordered the election of two delegates from each of the six wards on Sept. 15 to cast Bienville's voice for said convention.

Farmers' Institute at Coushatta.
COUSHATTA.—That the first farmers' institute held in Red River parish was a success was evinced by the large crowd which was present and the splendid interest taken in the meeting. All of the addresses were entertaining to the highest degree, and will prove most beneficial to the farmers. The open-handed hospitality of Red River parish made the social feature of the meeting most delightful and during the recess the crowd enjoyed a magnificent feast liberally provided by the people, of which a fine old barbecue was an appetizing part.

Thieves Made a Haul.
THIBODAUX.—On Wednesday night a thief, or thieves, entered the house of Mr. C. C. Johnson, and stole his solid gold watch, a gold scarfpin, with a chip diamond; one plain gold ring; one pair of cuff buttons, with K. of P. initials; one lady's watch, gold filled; one gold K. of P. breastpin, and \$45 in currency. The sheriff took the hounds and tracked the culprit as far as the main line of the railroad in Acadia. Several of the gang that are building the Napoleonville railroad were arrested on suspicion. A reward of \$50 has been offered for the arrest of the guilty party or parties.

Injured in Alighting From a Train.
ALEXANDRIA.—Mr. M. M. Marler, a merchant of Hineston, near Alexandria, took passage on the Texas and Pacific Saturday morning for Alexandria. He happened to be asleep when the train arrived at Alexandria and was taken some distance past his destination when he awoke and discovered that the train had passed the depot. He requested that it be stopped, and he stepped off, being still half-asleep and supposing that he would alight on the ground, but instead, the train had slowed up on a trestle, and he fell through to the ground, about eighteen feet, being rendered unconscious and otherwise sustaining serious injuries.

Dead Man Found in a Passenger Train.
LAFAYETTE.—Friday morning, on the arrival of the east-bound passenger

train from Lake Charles, a young white man, apparently 30 or 35 years of age, was found dead in one of the coaches. Coroner A. R. Tralian viewed the body, took charge of a few papers found on the person of the deceased and had the body interred in potter's field. Letters indicate that the man's name was Berna, a native of North Warren, Warren county, Pennsylvania. On the outside of an envelope was the address of James Berna, North Warren, Pennsylvania, and also J. F. Slavin, same address. The letters from mother, sister and brother all urge his return home and promise immunity from some trouble alluded to in a vague way. Berna had been some time since at Beaumont, Texas, but has lately worked as a section hand at or near Lake Charles. Coroner Tralian has communicated with the family of the dead man and asked what disposition of the body and effects they desired him to make.

Strike Causes a Shut Down.
KENNER.—The box factory of Sutherland, Innis & Co. shut down until Monday. Owing to instituting eleven instead of continuing ten hours a day, the employees organized a strike, preventing the mill from running. The grievance was pleaded before Judge Felix, who effected a compromise, but shortly thereafter the disaffected fellows refused to resume work and intimidated those that manifested a willingness to accept the conditions agreed on. These conditions were that eleven hours, instead of ten, shall constitute a day until the mill became in good running order (improvements yet being added to complete the factory), and that in the event of stoppages from break-downs laborers shall not lose their time except when such stoppages continued an hour or more. The sheriff has been appealed to for protection, and will take proper steps to prevent unlawful violence. Other laborers will arrive Monday, when work will resume.

Unfortunate Shooting Affair.
BATON ROUGE.—Saturday evening about 1 o'clock Eddie Kretz, youngest son of Mr. Louis Kretz, Sr., of this city, was killed by Harry Kleinpeter. The weapon used was a double-barreled shotgun loaded with buckshot, and the scene of the sad affair was opposite Tobias Brothers' ginhouse, in the northeastern section of the city. Immediately after the shooting young Kleinpeter drove out to the house of his kinsman, Hon. Josiah Kleinpeter, eight miles above the city, where he remained until the arrival of Sheriff Young and deputies, to whom he surrendered. He stated to Sheriff Young upon his arrival at the jail that he did not desire to make a statement to anyone, and the reporters were so informed by the sheriff. The dead boy, when picked up, was found unarmed, and pierced just below the heart with nine buckshot. The coroner's jury has not yet rendered its verdict, and no one thus far has stated positively that young Kleinpeter did the shooting, but the unpleasant relations existing between the two boys for several weeks on account of matters of a private and delicate nature caused the public, and especially the families of both, to regard it as almost certain that something such as happened would likely occur at any moment. This is one of the saddest affairs in the annals of Baton Rouge. The boys were yet in their teens, and both were bright and esteemed by their comrades. Harry Kleinpeter, the accused, is a grandnephew of Dr. O. A. Bullion of Hope Ville, La. He is a bright and polished young student of St. Vincent Academy, and is the oldest son of a widowed mother.

Stock Raising and Beets.
In all countries where the sugar beet is made a specialty much consideration is given the value of the beets as cattle food; that is, the residuum, after the sugar is extracted. By feeding stock in connection with the growing of the beets for sale to the factory, carrying home the pulp for stock food, the farmers' opportunities from the growing of beets are increased. Experiments in Pennsylvania show that the yields of beets range from ten to fifteen tons per acre, and the average amount of sugar to exceed 12 per cent. The farmer will have to contend with wet and dry seasons, and his profits will be more some years than during others, but it is believed that farmers have neglected the beet as an important food for cattle, independently of its use as a source for procuring sugar, not that the beet is as valuable as grain, but because farmers will find a larger increase in production from cattle by reason of the feeding of succulent food, and although there is some preparation required for all kinds of roots before feeding them to stock, such labor is unnecessary when the beet pulp from the factories is used, the combination of the pulp with grain giving better results than when beets or grala are fed separately. Philadelphia Record.

There are said to be two kinds of patriots in the market, those who are ready to go to war when they are needed, and those who are ready to go when they are not needed.

THE HAVANA SITUATION.

DISTRESS STILL CONTINUES AMONG THE POOR OF THE CITY.

Many Spaniards Favor Annexation--The Radical Change of Public Opinion is Wonderful--Insurgents Concentrating to Make a Triumphant Entry into Havana.

HAVANA.—The situation at Havana remains the same as during the blockade. Provisions and other necessities of life are very scarce and prices continue high. The colonial government imposed the highest customs duties, which continue in force, making prices high and rendering the situation of the poor very painful. The free kitchens which have been established in Havana furnish daily about 30,000 persons with food, but owing to the great number of poor in the city who are without food of any sort, the amount of supplies handled by these kitchens is quite insufficient to relieve the distress to any great extent. Women and children lie about the streets pale and emaciated and looking more like corpses than living beings.

Considerable excitement and discontent exists among the insurgent sympathizers, who condemn strongly all the acts of the colonial government, and many of these sympathizers are leaving the cities and towns to join the insurgents. During the past few days hundreds of uniforms have been sent to the insurgents from Havana.

The insurgent general, Mario Menocal, is at Rajanta, near Lugan, about two leagues distant from Havana, where he relieved Gen. Alejandro Rodriguez. It is reported that Gen. Maya Rodriguez is encamped near Guinos with 4,000 men.

An immense majority of the Spanish conservatives in the island and the natives favor the annexation of the island to the United States, which they consider the only means of securing a stable government in Cuba. In no country has public opinion ever apparently undergone such a radical and rapid change as in Cuba. Even the most ardent Spanish residents now favor annexation.

The colonial secretaries and a number of other officials met at the palace a few nights ago to receive orders from Blanco regarding the preparation of documents and other preliminary steps for the evacuation of the island.

It is reported that the insurgent forces from the provinces of Pinar del Rio and Matanzas are uniting in Havana province, purposing to make a triumphant entry into Havana city.

Fought for the Women.

PINEVILLE, Ky.—Friday B. Williams and J. Head, with two young women of bad repute, went to a peach orchard on a mountain farm near the head of Poplar creek. Later Marshall Malone and Isaacs Tunford approached them and demanded that the women leave the company of the first young men and go with them. The women had not time to answer before their companions entered a strenuous protest and backed it up by placing in evidence two 45-calibre revolvers. Malone and Tunford accepted the challenge, pulled their revolvers and opened fire. After the firing ceased and the smoke had cleared away, it was found that Williams, Head and Tunford were dead, and that Malone was dangerously wounded.

Not Yet Known.

WASHINGTON.—State department officials give no information as to when the members of the peace commission will be announced or as to its personnel, the general understanding being that the President himself is giving his personal attention to the subject. The same is true as to the successor to Ambassador Hay at London. As to the latter it is understood that no final choice has been made up to date.

Mrs. Atkinson Acquitted.

CHARLESTON, W. Va.—The indictment against Mrs. Myria Atkinson, wife of Governor Atkinson, for forgery, has been quashed, and the case against her dismissed by Judge Blizard on the ground that the indictment failed to allege guilty intent, and further that the dismissal of J. P. Owen, principal, would necessarily acquit Mrs. Atkinson, who was only charged as an accessory. This is believed to be the end of the case.

Admiral Schley Has Fever.

BRIDGEPORT, CONN.—Admiral Schley is confined to his summer home in Westport by illness, and no one except his attendants are allowed to see him or have any conversation with him. The illness is pronounced fever; the character of which is not yet known.

Austrian Regiment Falls in River.

BUDA PEST.—While a regiment was crossing a pontoon bridge over the river Maos, near Hoad, the bridge collapsed. Three hundred men were immersed and it is feared eighty were drowned.

Captain Evans Ill.

NEW YORK.—It is said at the Roosevelt hospital that Capt. Evans of the battleship Iowa, is suffering from typhoid malaria.

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