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YOUTH STABBED TO DEATH

In Fight Over the Favor of a Young Lady.

NEGRO WOMAN 115 YEARS OLD DIES

Grand Jury Unable to Fix Criminal Liability for Mandeville Disaster. Mysterious Murder of Italian at Berwick.

Anizeme Credeur, aged 20, son of Clobule Credeur, was stabbed through the heart and instantly killed while fighting with Jack Melancon, aged 17, a son of Charles Melancon, at a wedding ball given Friday night at the home of Dupre Hebert, in Marais Bouleau, about eight miles north of Rayne. Melancon was arrested. He denies that he used a knife, and his friends allege a third man did the stabbing. During the progress of the ball a misunderstanding arose between Credeur and Melancon over the favor of a lady, and the latter called the former outside to settle the difficulty. A deputy sheriff who was present stopped the fight at the house, and the combatants then repaired to a nearby pasture to renew hostilities. They had no sooner exchanged blows at the designated spot than Credeur was stabbed through the heart.

Wants Courts to Act.
At a meeting of the old School Board of Iberia parish, resolutions were adopted calling upon the appointees to make the issue in the courts at once so that an early decision and settlement may be had and the best interests of the schools safeguarded, and calling upon the judge of the District Court to try the case at once.

The old board protests against the action of the State Board of Education in removing the old board, since the State board is an appointive body, while the School Board of Iberia parish is elective and since both the attorney of the old board and the attorney general of the State, the legal adviser of the State board have held that the old board could not be removed in the manner attempted.

Merchant Injured by Falling.
E. D. Relchert, a merchant of Roseland, met with a singular though serious accident at his residence. He arose from his bed on the second floor of the building, and went to the front gallery, and was probably suffering from a dizzy spell. His wife called to him and he answered her, but suddenly she heard him fall and rushing downstairs, she discovered that he was lying on the ground badly hurt, having fallen about sixteen feet. He is suffering from bruises on the head and shoulders, but no limbs were broken, although it is yet undecided as to internal injuries.

Crop Conditions Improving.
The crop conditions around Collinston are improving rapidly, the frequent showers and hot sunshine stimulating the young plants to rapid growth. Some planters are using poisons on their cotton to kill the boll weevils, which are there and becoming quite numerous. The cotton crop is still fully three weeks late, and will not begin to bloom rapidly before the Fourth of July. Corn is improving rapidly, and with one more week of good weather will be in a fine state of cultivation. Most of the corn is late, as it has to be planted over as much as three times.

Negro Woman 115 Years Old Dies.
At Benton last Sunday the negroes held the funeral services of 61d "Aunt" Polly Darby at their church. It was attended by a large number of that race. "Aunt" Polly was a notable character, having reached an age between 115 and 120 years. She left four children, thirty-three grandchildren, 103 great-grandchildren, twenty-four great-great-grandchildren and two great-great-great-grandchildren. As a slave before the war between the states she belonged to the late Isaac Edwards, one of Bossier's first settlers.

Member of Jury Arrested.
C. C. Moore, of Lecompote, La., who was a member of the jury that gave a verdict that released George Herring at Alexandria, was arrested on a charge of perjury in connection with his oath as a jurymen. The charge was preferred by District Attorney John R. Hunter. Moore was released on a \$500 bond. Herring was charged with the murder of John R. Black, of Winnfield, which occurred here Dec. 22, last.

Unable to Fix Responsibility.
After a stormy session of several days the St. Tammany parish grand jury reported to the court that it had not been able to fix any criminal responsibility for the Mandeville disaster of June 6, when eleven lives were lost by the collapse of a wharf.

Increased in Value.
The police jury will meet again July 5 at Winnfield, at which time it has notified the timbermen to show cause why their assessments should not be changed, in that the lands should be differently classified. The changes they have made by taking land from one class and raising it to a higher class will raise the assessment of the parish by over \$1,000,000. Timber lands will be increased in value about 30 per cent.

Mysterious Murder.

Sheriff Peterman and Deputy Charles Peot are investigating the mysterious killing of Tony Mascina, an Italian, who conducted a grocery store in Berwick. His body was found in a room adjoining the store with a gash in the back of his head and his throat cut in two places. His trunk had been broken open, the drawers of a locker rifled, and his pockets in his trousers turned inside out. The body was discovered by Ed Babin, who gave the alarm, and shortly afterwards Babin and his wife were arrested and held pending a further investigation. Joe Sanders, a negro, was also taken in custody on suspicion. There were no eyewitnesses to the horrible deed. A couple of pins was found in the room with the body. The supposition is that the Italian was struck with this piece of iron and rendered unconscious, after which his throat was cut. Babin and his wife claim they know nothing whatever of the murder, and had entered the store about 9 o'clock, making the groomsome find, and immediately reported it to the neighbors.

Two Hurt in Runaway.
Steve Scanlon, employed in the office of the National Lumber Company, was seriously hurt, and Capt. G. W. Reed, superintendent of the plant, was slightly injured in a runaway accident at Hammond. The horse attached to an automobile, and away, dashing into a telephone pole and throwing the occupants out violently. Mr. Scanlon was thrown into a ditch, his head striking a hard substance and inflicting serious injuries. Captain Reed escaped with a few slight bruises.

Selling Liquor to Minors.
C. O. Weick, president of the Sumter House; Alex. Bryan proprietor of the Railway Exchange, and Louis Mayer, proprietor of the Mayer Hotel cafe, three of the largest saloons in Baton Rouge were found guilty of selling liquor to minors by Judge Brunot. Sentence was suspended in reviewing the three cases Judge Brunot said the evidence did not disclose a wanton violation of the law, but attributed the violation to negligence on the part of the employes of each place.

Great Northern Pushing Road.
The New Orleans Great Northern Railroad Company has a large force of men working on its new shore line track between Abita Springs and Sildell, and expects to be running trains through to Jackson, Miss., by July 1. It will also reduce its present schedule time between Covington and New Orleans about fifteen minutes.

Physician Fight It Out.
An echo of the Iberia School Board trouble was had at Jeanerette, when Dr. Paul M. Cyr president of the old School Board, was ousted, and Dr. J. G. Bouvier, one of the chief complainants before the School board last week, met on the street. The two physicians engaged in a fistfight and as a result both bear marks, but neither was seriously hurt.

Negro Assaulter Indicted.
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An assault on Mrs. O'Neal at Covington, has been indicted by the grand jury on the charge of breaking and entering in the night time armed with a dangerous weapon with intent to commit a felony. Perry has been brought here from New Orleans and is lodged in the jail at this place.

Woman Struck by Lightning.
Mrs. W. A. Moore, of West Lake, was struck by lightning and rendered unconscious for quite a while. The lady was preparing supper when she was struck, she fell prostrate to the floor, where she was found several minutes later by her husband. She recovered consciousness sometime later, and told of her experience.

Charbon Under Control.
The charbon epidemic in Calcasieu parish is believed to have been checked through vigorous measures instituted by a government expert.

Oil Producers Organize.
Thirty oil producers in the Caddo field met at Shreveport and effected temporary organization for protection of their interests.

Steamboat Traffic Inaugurated.
Steamboat traffic between Baton Rouge and points on Bayou Teche, through the Plaquemine Locks, has been inaugurated.

Million Dollar Loan Association.
The Calcasieu Homestead, Building and Loan Association, with \$1,000,000 capital, was organized at Lake Charles.

Ten Bitten By Dog.
Ten persons, eight of them children, were bitten by a mad dog at Scott, La.

Attempted Suicide.
A stranger from some town in Kentucky, who has been in New Iberia for a day or two, was arrested for petit larceny, having it is alleged stolen some books from the Lee Drug Store. After being placed in jail he became violent and attempted suicide by cutting a vein in his arm. He was taken to the office of Dr. Carstens, when it was found he was suffering from other diseases which affected his mind.

NEW PHASE IN SEIGEL CASE

Tried to Get Rid of Trunk Like One Body was Found in.

MYSTERY SOMEWHAT CLEARED UP

Murderer Claims to be a Descendant of Four Fabled Chinese Demigods Who Lived Before Chinese History Began.

New York.—The New York police have confirmed the new phase of the Sigel murder case brought to light in Newark, N. J., Monday—that Leon Ling was in Newark, early in the afternoon of the day of the murder with a heavy oval trunk like the one in which the body was found, and pressing anxiety to be rid of it. It has been ascertained that he attempted to leave the trunk in the Newark restaurant of Li Sing, but prudent Li Sing would not hear to having the trunk dumped on him. James Halstead the Newark caddy who is understood to have driven Leon and his burden back to New York the same day, was found to-night and identified the trunk as the one he hauled.

The mystery of just how Elsie Sigel was killed, was cleared up to some extent today with the announcement of the results of the coroner's autopsy, supporting in a way that the murder was not premeditated, but committed on the spur of the moment by the jealousy crazed China man.

Dr. O'Hanlon, of the coroner's office, said there had been found no ruptured blood vessels such as always accompany death by violent strangulation, but that on the contrary, there was evidence of congestion of the lungs, such as always goes with death by asphyxiation. The analysis of the contents of the stomach is not yet complete and on account of the advanced state of decomposition in which the body was found, it has presented many difficulties.

There is absolutely no confirmation of the statement made to the police by a clerical friend of the Sigel family that Elsie married Chu Gain, Leon Ling's rival, who is held under bond as a material witness. Chu Gain has protested that he has sorrows enough without being made out a widower.

Police Capt. Galvin was detached last night on a leave of absence, returned to town this morning as suddenly as he left and was back on his post again tonight without a word to say. Whatever his clue may have been, it seems not to have materialized. The district attorney's office today had Ong Pung, an English speaking Chinaman, up for a little quiz on the Chinese tongue, and their possible affiliations with the case. Ong Pung told the authorities that nothing was known in Chinatown to connect Leon with either of the tongs and that apart from his membership in the Chinese Mason (which the Masons deny) the only other society to which he belonged was the descendants of four fabled demi-gods, who lived in the cloudy days before even Chinese history began and who gather now for nothing more violent than to vaunt their descent.

Even if Leon is caught and his case comes to trial, it seems likely that the carefully guarded Elsie letters will ever be made public in their entirety.

Think They Have Ling.
Jackson, Tenn.—That they have in custody Leon Ling, the slayer of Elsie Sigel is the belief of the local authorities. The suspect, a Chinaman, whose facial expression and general appearance tallies with the published description of Leon, came to Jackson June 16.

MRS. GOULD VINDICATED.
Her Victory Was Complete Excepting as to the Alimony Allowed.
New York.—After a trial of nearly three weeks' duration, Katherine Clemmons Gould obtained a legal separation from her husband, Howard Gould, third son of the late Jay Gould, by a decision of Justice Dowling in the supreme court here. With the exception of alimony, her victory was complete, but in this phase of the case the court decided that \$36,000 a year was sufficient, although in her suit Mrs. Gould asked for \$250,000. She has been receiving \$25,000 a year from Mr. Gould.

SALOON WRECKED.
Twentieth of a Series of Mysterious Chicago Crimes.
Chicago.—Another bomb, the 20th of mysterious series during the last year, wrecked the saloon of Manning and Bows at 321 State street here, causing a loss of \$2,000. Windows in a nearby department store and a restaurant were shattered by the force of the explosion.

NEGROES SAW BOY DROWN.
But They Were Afraid to Tell Anybody About It.
Shreveport, La.—Willie Davidson, an eight-year-old negro boy, was drowned in Red River near the foot of Texas street Monday afternoon. He was in swimming with several other negro boys, who saw him drown, but were afraid to tell because the police had been instructed to arrest boys found swimming at that point.

GAVE HUBBY A DRINK.

Meridian Women Who Man Who Gave Husband a Drink.
Meridian, Miss.—Mrs. William Green, of this city, does not believe in any violations of the state prohibition law. Especially does she believe that her husband should obey the law to the very letter. Not only that, but she has no tolerance for any one who might tempt Mr. Green to violate the law by even taking a drink of whisky. Mrs. Green Tuesday morning started out from home with her baby in her arms to find her husband. She soon located him, with James Cunningham, in front of a grocery store. Mrs. Green charged Cunningham with giving her husband a drink of whisky. Following her charge she dashed across to a buggy and procured a whip from its holder. With her baby still in her arms she quickly covered the distance back to her husband and his friend, and in a flash had administered a severe whipping to Cunningham. Mrs. Green then gave her baby to her husband, and while he held it in his arms administered a similar treatment to him. Green could do nothing but hold the baby. Mrs. Green then grabbed the child from the arms of the father. The two men could not wait for further developments, but jumped into a buggy and made their escape. Both are prominent in the city.

TIPPLING OF WOMEN.

No Others Drink so Much as Do Americans.

New York.—"No where in the world do wealthy women drink so freely and so audaciously as in New York," declared Lee Theimer. Theimer has been manager of the main restaurant of the St. Regis hotel since its opening, and has had unexcelled opportunities to observe the convivial traits of rich women. "The way New York women are allowed to drink promiscuously is almost a crime," said Theimer. "It would not be tolerated in any other country in the world. In Arabia women are not even allowed to go out shopping; here they are allowed to go out tipping. New York women drink very freely. Their husbands seem to allow them carte blanche. I suppose the reason these women drink so much is because they have no work to do and find time hanging on their hands. In some places women are permitted to imbibe to their heart's content—some times even to the extent of becoming beastly—what do you call it? 'Soused.'"

KNOCKED FROM ENGINE.

Into Creek With Skull Fractured; Recovering.

Mobile, Ala.—Lee Bardwell, a fireman in the employ of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, was knocked from a trestle over Chickasabogue Creek last night by an engine of a freight train. Members of the crew and others who witnessed the accident saw Bardwell sink under the waters of the creek. A search was made and the body recovered. Although Bardwell was said to have been seriously hurt and otherwise affected by his double escape from death, the belief is expressed that he will fully recover.

DEFAULTER ENDS HIS LIFE.

David H. Barker, who Left Wells-Fargo \$14,000 Short Dies.
San Angelo, Texas.—David H. Barker, a defaulter to the amount of \$14,000 from the Wells-Fargo company at Hot Springs, Ark., over a year ago, committed suicide here Monday. While the suicide was known at that time it was not known that it was Barker until L. Q. Heard, traveling auditor for the company, identified him by a picture. Barker ended his life in a house of ill fame.

FARM LANDS IDLE.

Explanation of Secretary of Agriculture Wilson.
Washington.—Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, who has just returned from a trip through the western states, says lack of farm hands is the chief cause of the high prices of foodstuffs. "All through the west and northwest the same situation exists," said Mr. Wilson. "The country is as healthy and prosperous as ever it was, but thousands of acres of valuable land are lying idle because the owners cannot hire labor."

POSSE HUNT NEGRO.

Cuthbert, Ga.—Scores of armed men, with the county dogs, are searching this section for a negro named Albert Reeves, who made a desperate attempt to criminally assault Miss Mary Taunton, a young girl, living about four miles south of Cuthbert, on the Monroe plantation. The negro attacked Miss Taunton with an ax and almost cut one arm off, besides inflicting other dangerous cuts on the body.

NEW HARRIMAN COMPANY.

New York.—E. H. Harriman, through his new \$75,000,000 Southern Pacific Company of Mexico, N. J., will merge the various lines now controlled by his system in that country, and incidentally carry out extensive improvements mapped out just previous to his departure for Europe a short time ago. The capital stock is divided into 750,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each.

NEWS NOTES FROM WASHINGTON

Happenings of the Week Briefly Told—The Latest News From the Capital

The federal government is preparing to investigate the sugar trust. Senator Beveridge's speech has had the effect of stirring the senate to action on tobacco legislation.

President Taft's corporation tax scheme was introduced in the senate by Senator Aldrich.

The indications are that President Taft's corporation tax law will be passed at the present session of congress.

Republican members of the senate finance committee say that the corporation tax will be passed at this session of congress.

Stuart McNamara has resigned as assistant district attorney to devote his whole time to the prosecution of the Panama Ibel cases.

The United States government has warned Nicaragua that American interests at Blue fields must be protected.

Rear Admiral Mordecai T. Endicott, U. S. N., retired, who has been performing active duty, was detached from service.

To encourage American shipping Senator Elkins introduced an amendment to the tariff bill which would allow to American vessels a reduction of 5 per centum in tariff duties.

The hot weather apparently has had no effect on congress. Senators have provided themselves with electric fans and lemonade and are prepared to talk all summer.

The government suit against the New York, New Haven and Hartford, the Boston and Maine and other railroads for violating the anti-trust law has been dismissed.

Amendments increasing the duty on shoes from 15 to 20 per cent ad valorem and on sole leather from 5 to 10 per cent, the lower figures representing the house rate, were adopted by the senate. The duty on collodion also was increased.

In the senate the finance committee's amendment to take hides from the free list and place a duty of 15 per cent ad valorem on them was under discussion all day. Senators Warren, of Wyoming, and Carter, of Montana, spoke in favor of the amendment, while Senator Page, of Vermont, opposed it.

An emergency appropriation of \$10,000,000 for the taking of the next census was authorized by the house of representatives. The bill met with much opposition, although it was explained that unless the money was forthcoming the census bureau would be compelled to suspend business.

The question of the eight-hour law was submitted to President Taft in the form of a request by Thomas Dolan, president of the Steam Shoelers' Union, that the president obtain from the attorney general an opinion as to whether the law prohibiting payment for overtime is not being violated on the Panama canal.

Much voting and little talking characterized the work in the senate. The lumber schedule was disposed of, and the duty on pineapples was increased, the finance committee suffering a defeat in the latter case. An attempt to reduce the finance committee's rate of \$1.50 per thousand on sawed lumber to \$1, the house rate, was lost.

WIRE FLASHES

Another insurrection has broken out in Morocco.

The Sigel murder mystery in New York is still unsolved.

The Pope has been annoyed by the presentation of an automobile by Americans.

Fire at Lake George, N. Y., caused \$250,000 damage to the Fort William Henry Hotel.

Sarah Orne Jewett, the authoress, died at her summer home at South Berwick.

Seventeen men were killed and sixteen injured by an explosion in a coal mine at Wherum, Pa.

A. P. Puryear Confederate veteran and a Rankin County supervisor, died at Jackson, Miss., aged 76 years.

The German Reichstag rejected the government's bill for the taxation of inheritances.

The Sultan's troops were victorious in a battle with insurgents in Morocco.

Miss Bessie Day, school teacher, and her cousin M. E. Barton were drowned by the capsizing of a boat near Pittsburg, Kans.

The New York police think Leon Ling, the Chinese murderer of Miss Elsie Sigel, may be hiding in New Orleans.

William Carroker, a negro, accused of the murder of William Leonard, was taken from jail at Talbotton, Ga., and lynched.

The old school Board of Iberia Parish urged that early action be taken by the courts on the injunction against the new board.

Fire at Rayne La., destroyed the mercantile building and stock of David Levy. Loss \$70,000; insurance, \$40,000.

Oscar Lewisohn, the husband of Edna May, the former actress, is reported to have been killed in an automobile accident in Europe.

Three arrests were made in connection with the murder of Tony Mascina, an Italian storekeeper at Berwick.

Robert E. Eastman who murdered Mrs. Woodill near St. Michaels, Md., committed suicide in order to avoid capture.

Albert Reese, a negro who chopped off an arm of Miss Mary Taunton, was taken from jail at Cuthbert, Ga., and lynched.

Justice Dowling, in New York, granted Mrs. Howard Gould a separation from her husband and alimony of \$36,000 a year.

A man named Shelber, of Jesse, Ky., attempted suicide at New Iberia, La., after being arrested on a charge of petty larceny.

The Grand Jury at Covington reported that it was unable to place any criminal liability in connection with the Mandeville disaster.

Five American and four English tourists and two Irish boatmen were drowned during a storm on Lake Killarney, Ireland.

Myron H. Phelps, a New York lawyer, who, it is alleged, has been preaching sedition in India was ordered out of a London hotel.

Mrs. Katherine Clemmons Gould took the stand in New York as a witness in rebuttal in the trial of her suit for a separation from Howard J. Gould.

P. J. Gentry an actor, after serving fourteen years in the Pennsylvania Penitentiary for the murder of Madge Yorke, an actress has been pardoned.

The branch of the Wagoner Bank and Trust Company, at Fort Worth, Tex., was held up by a lone highwayman. The robber escaped with \$8,100 in currency.

Louis Mayer, Alex. Bryan and C. O. Weick were convicted at Baton Rouge of selling liquor to minors. Sentenced was suspended because of extenuating circumstances.

EUROPE FAVORS TRAFFIC

Glad to Dump Immoral Females on U. S.

SECRETARY KNOX TO TAKE A HAND

Will Hold Countries to Agreement on Subject. Believe Treaty Is Openly and Flagrantly Broken.

New York.—A special from Washington says: Secretary Knox is preparing to make diplomatic representations to certain European governments, protesting against the violations of the international treaty for the suppression of the white slave traffic. The State Department has information that some of the European governments are not only making no effort to break up this infamous traffic, but on the contrary are tacitly encouraging the shipment of women for immoral purposes to the United States.

The State Department's action will be based upon statements that have been received from Secretary Nagel, covering reports from the Bureau of Immigration. Marcus Brown of New York city is now traveling in Europe as a special immigration agent investigating the white slave traffic. Mr. Brown reports to the department that the treaty binding the nations of Europe to co-operate with the United States government in breaking up this business is being ignored.

The department has information stronger than this. It is to the effect that the officials of certain European countries are actually winking at the operations of the miserable creatures engaged in trafficking in white slaves. There is no hint at graft or official corruption in this connection. It is stated that the governments of Europe are anxious to be rid of this immoral element and are not disposed to interfere with plans that will take the women to other lands.

The treaty, whose violation Secretary Knox is to complain of, was the outcome of a congress called at Berlin in 1902. Delegates from seventeen countries participated, and an arrangement was made for the suppression of the white slave traffic. A treaty on the subject binding the United States to the terms of the agreement was adopted by our senate in 1905. In June of last year the President issued a proclamation setting forth the terms of the agreement. The other signatory powers are Germany, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, France, Great Britain, Italy, the Netherlands, Portugal, Sweden, Russia, Norway, Swiss Federal Council, Austria-Hungary and Brazil.

Under the terms of this treaty each of the governments bound by it agrees to exercise a supervision for the purpose of finding out, "particularly, the stations and ports of embarkation, the conductors of women and girls intended for debauchery."

While the Washington authorities decline to state what nations are disregarding this treaty, it is believed that France and Belgium are the chief offenders. The great majority of white slaves sent to America are recruited from those countries. Paris harbors a horrible lot of men who are engaged in the business of rounding up unfortunates.

The United States immigration authorities turn back a large number of these women every month. During May, for instance, thirty-one females were rejected at the various ports of entry on the charge that they were brought here for immoral purposes. They have been coming, however, in such large numbers that the immigration officials believe that the business of bringing them over is in some instances at least encouraging by the European governments.

SUPERSTITIOUS WOMAN

Suicides Soon After the Fall of Her Picture.

New York.—Clinging with morbid tenacity to an old superstition that her death was sure to occur on the seventh day after her picture had fallen from the wall, Mrs. Tobina Roloff, sixty-seven years old, jumped from the third-story window of her home in the East Side and killed herself. Ever since a week ago, when the woman's picture, loosened in some way from its fastenings, fell with a crash to the parlor floor, she had gone about the house moaning that she had "only seven days more to live." Her son did all he could to calm her, but she clung to the superstition, and refused to believe that the sign would fail.

NINE-YEAR-OLD SLAYER.

Lad Kills Seventeen-Year-Old Girl After Quarrel.

Waco, Tex.—Following a trivial quarrel, George Cohen, nine-years old, secured a target rifle and killed Maggie Farrell, eight ear his senior. The shooting occurred at Edgewood, a suburb of Waco.

SCAFFOLD FALLS.

While Normal Students Pose for Photograph.

While preparing to take a picture of the Summer Normal School student at the Louisiana Industrial Institute, the scaffolding which had been erected collapsed with about three hundred persons on it, and the greater part of it was totally wrecked. Six girls suffered broken legs; several received bad sprains, and two were hurt internally.