

SCOTT COUNTY KICKER
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NOT IN MEXICO.

Trinidad, Colo., April 20.—A four-hour battle between striking coal miners and members of the Colorado National Guard in the Colorado district today culminated late to-night in the killing of Louis Tikka, leader of the Greek strikers, and the destruction of the Ludlow tent colony by fire. Reports received here late to-night place the dead at thirteen, including eleven strikers, one soldier and one noncombatant.

Reader, this did not happen in Mexico, but in free America. The battle lasted 14 hours, and 13 were killed. How many were wounded or taken prisoner is not stated. The wonder is that the press told even this much. I took it from the Globe-Democrat, where it appeared on an inside page.

Had this occurred in Mexico it would have appeared under scare headlines on the front page with full details—and then some.

Our news service is the rottenest thing you get. We get what the rulers want us to have, and no more.

CIRCUIT COURT DOINGS.

Not much has happened in circuit court owing to Monday being lost to the dedication. While it was all right for the politicians to have a blow-out if they wanted to, yet it could have been held at a time when it would have been less expensive to the taxpayers and litigants. Nothing was done on Monday—yet the jurors, witnesses and other court costs must be paid, and a crowded docket is delayed.

There was a good crowd in attendance and the day passed off pleasantly. The forenoon was quite cool, but warmed up later in the day. The Morley brass band entertained the people on the outside, while speech-making, interspersed with orchestra music and singing was the program within the building.

In the evening the Honey band gave an entertainment in the Wiel building, which was followed by dancing at the court house.

Tuesday morning the docket was called. Nine cases in which the judge disqualified himself are set for May 4 and 5, with Judge Ranney presiding.

The court room was found to be a great disappointment. For some reason the headfiddler didn't set the sound-post just right, and it is difficult to hear—especially on the sides. The jurors complain of not being able to understand. In this respect the old court house was much better. Unless this can be remedied it will be a serious defect.

Tuesday afternoon the case of the State vs. O. E. McGee, charged with embezzlement, was tried. McGee was principal of the Chaffee school. The board had contracted with him for a nine months term, but at the end of seven months the money gave out. Another month was granted and paid for from private subscriptions. During this month it seems an entertainment was given and over \$100 realized to pay on a piano bought for the school. McGee kept this money, it seems, as pay for the ninth month when he did not teach—hence the charge of embezzlement. The court took the case from the jury and acquitted McGee on the ground that no criminal intent was shown.

Most of Wednesday was taken up in qualifying jurors for the trial of Harry Hall a negro charged with the murder of his mother-in-law at Commerce last summer. Hall, it appears, tried to kill his wife, but the bullet struck the wife in the arm and killed her mother, who was near. The trial begins Thursday.

As the Kicker goes to press Wednesday evening Frank Black of Chaffee is on trial charged with arson. Last summer the Boyd building in Chaffee was set on fire. Bob Goss was arrested and later confessed to having set the place on fire and implicated Black—claiming that Black hired him to do it.

THE BIBLES OF THE CHINESE

"The adoption by the President of the Chinese Republic of Confucianism," says the Springfield Republican, "has not the least discouraged the English Bible Society which has reserved eight hundred and forty-eight thousand Bibles for the Chinese."

But it must be remembered that the circulation of a book does not necessarily imply that it is read. The circulation of the Bibles in this country has never been so great as it is at the present time. Bibles repose upon every bookshelf, and are a conspicuous part of the library of every school. But they seem to be neglected in proportion to their increase of their circulation.

If, therefore, China, under a religion of its own, is about to use nearly a million Bibles, this is only due to the industry of agents, and not to the ambition of the Chinamen to be instructed in our religion.

3,000 CATTLE BURNED.

Peoria, Ill., April 20.—Fire early today swept over three blocks, destroying the cattle feeding barns and a block of baled hay belonging to the Nelson Morris Company.

Six thousand cattle were housed in the sheds and it is estimated that 3,000 of them burned. The others were turned loose and many with hides scorched raced through the streets into the Illinois River and swam to the opposite shore.

ARE WE INTO IT?

Vera Cruz, April 21.—Vera Cruz tonight is in the hands of forces from the United States warships, but the occupation of the fort was not accomplished without loss of American lives.

Four American, bluejackets and marines, were killed by the fire of the Mexican soldiers, and twenty fell wounded. The Mexican loss is not known, but it is believed to have been heavy.

COUNTY GRADUATION

The real dedication of the new court house took place Saturday when the county graduates, their parents and others interested in school work assembled for the graduation exercises. Superintendent Harris had arranged an unusually attractive program that was well rendered.

Mrs. Naeter's orchestra of a half dozen young ladies furnished splendid music and caused much favorable comment—as did also the singing of Prof. Lewis of the Cape Normal.

But the feature of the entertainment was the singing of a native born Bentonite, Miss Cleo Freeling, who has studied in foreign countries until she has become a singer of considerable reputation, and has appeared on the stages of many of the larger cities of Europe. She arrived here from the south Saturday forenoon.

There were 84 graduates including two colored graduates from Commerce, who were the first colored pupils to graduate in the county—Ruth E. Collier and Ardella Ellis. Both are females—showing that among the colored as well as the whites the female leads in learning.

In the spelling contest the medal was carried off by Earle Gibson of Morley.

Ed. Timmerstein of Benton Swiped the medal in the 8th grade declamatory contest.

In the High School declamatory contest the medal was awarded to Miss Erma Elmore of Morley.

Roscoe Choestner of Cross Plains carried off the Scholarship medal. The graduates are—

Morley—Earle Gibson, Bennett Taylor, Louis Bowman, Walter McDonough, Leonard Ford, Wm. Randol, Johnnie Foster, Maggie Nuckolls, Stella Bray, Jack Adams, May Hackett, Doffie Dillon.

Vanduser—Myrtle Hamilton, Jessie Kluge, Elsie Roberts, Mabel Mason, Anna Grant, Ray Utzage, Leonard Vaughn, Bryan Woodward, Claude Reeves.

Fornfelt—Raymond Moore, Elsie Becket, Willie Gear, Roy Fennel, Ruby Masters, Elizabeth Cannon, Wendoline Georger, Gretta Jones, Olive Mathis.

Benton—Frank Bertrand, Doris Brock, Iola Diebold, Ben Drury, Albert Guber, Bernedette Heisserer, Wade Miller, Ed Timmerstein, Commerce—Maggie Clymer, Sewell Dobbs, Hazel Hughes, Marshall Moore, Shadburn Old, Ardella Ellis, Ruth E. Collier.

Chaffee—Emma Jarvis, Eva Derby, Oscar Vlekery, Arthur Heeb, Reese G. Goddard.

Illino—Wilma G. Rolph, Chester McRayen, Mattie McRayen, Clyde Whaley.

Diehlstadt—Lloyd Estes, Florence Welch, Dora Kirkpatrick, Wanda Beyer.

Canham—Idola and Louviera Mond and Addie Walker.

Macedonia—Viola Weaver, Cixie Bell Anceel.

Tanner—Jewell Tyer, Paul Stone, Dolphine Randolph, Dunaver—Ben Clark, Dock Greer.

Sandy Prairie—Elmer Grant, Sallie Franklin.

Charley—Ora Houck.

Cross Plains—Roscoe Choestner, Freda Woods.

Keiso—Alina Dannennueller, Mary Kaffenberger.

Crowder—Maud Jeffries, Clyde Boswell, Wilbur Smith, Ben Boswell, Effie Page.

Bryeans—Grace Clubb.

Ward—Ethel Watson.

Lemons—Roy Mackley.

Hunter—Paul Heeb.

Sol Diebold of New Hamburg parish and all of his children, attended the graduation exercises here Saturday. Mr. Diebold has reason to be proud—having in his family the only county graduate of his parish, Miss Viola. His other daughter, Miss Dorothy, who attended the public school here, made splendid grades and was promoted to the eighth grade, from which she will no doubt graduate next year. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bertrand of Benton also have reason to be proud. They have the first graduate from this parish—excepting the Heisserers. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Drury, who are originally from Keiso parish, also furnished a graduate. I predict that next year the graduates from Catholic families will be greatly increased. The parents are beginning to understand WHY the priests are against education. If given a chance the children of Germans will not fall behind any other children in learning. Yet so many of our Germans can scarcely read or write through no fault of their own. If the people of New Hamburg parish have any grit, they will see to it that their so-called public school is taken out from under the heel of their priest and a real public school conducted. Some time ago I received a letter from a former citizen who is now in Arkansas. He was "educated" at New Hamburg and wrote: "All I learned was to take off my hat to the priest and mumble some prayers."

HIS PAW A PLUTE.

Teacher.—Now, children, you should never forget that it always pays to take an interest in other people.

Willie.—Please, Mm, My Pa says it pays better to take interest FROM other people.

Read the unmuzzled Kicker.

FROM NEW HAMBURG.

Louis Schmitt and Miss Sybilla Pobst visited relatives at Caney, Sunday and Eugene Essner and wife of near Benton visited the family of John Legrand.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Dirnberger of Bleda, Jos. Vogel and wife, Emil Stabenrauch and wife of Oran, attended church here Sunday.

Lawrence Westrich sold some logs to John Schmitt, which he and August Glaus hauled to Lambertville last week.

Mrs. Frank Essner and daughter, Miss Christine, visited the family of Peter Gosche one day last week.

The Misses Emma Schlosser and Dora Goets spent Sunday with Miss Clara Diebold near Lone Rock.

August Goetz's buggy is all right, it carries August, one and two girls—more girls than buggies.

Theodore Diebold bought a four months old calf near Jackson last week for which he paid \$100.

There was a dance at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dumez at Sal's Creek Monday night.

Alphons Schwartz and family Sunday with the family of Willie Schott near Oran.

Frank Grojean of Dutchtown spent one day last week with his uncle, Leo Grojean.

Wendelin Bucher has gone to the swamps to work for John Bischer this summer.

Frank Dumez of Anceel built a smoke house for his brother, Chas. near Chaffee.

L. A. Schaefer, wife and baby spent Saturday with his brother near Benton.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Auch of Keiso visited at Lawrence Bucher's on last Sunday.

Clements Westrich and family of Keiso attended church here Sunday.

Mrs. Katie T. Westrich, who is staying at the Cape visited home folks Sunday.

Ulrich Glaus and wife had business at the County seat one day last week.

Louis Legrand and daughter, Miss Theresia, were at Oran Saturday.

August Glaus and Ben Westrich hauled logs to Benton station last week.

Leo Compas of Keiso made his regular trip toward Caney Sunday.

Chas. Diebold broke new ground the first of the week.

John Stike visited at Oran one day last week.

Mrs. Frank Steimle is sick.

FROM RANDELS.

Leo Schaefer is learning singing. Sunday he was seen walking up and down the street with the page of a song book in his hand warbling "Casey Jones" like a jay-bird.

Wm. Halter sold his farm of 120 acres to Willie Gosche for \$6,000. Mr. Halter will move to Arkansas.

Leo Bollinger, who has been at work on a dredge in Southwest Missouri, is home on a visit.

Frank Mier received four mules from St. Louis for which he paid \$975, so he says.

Miss Annie Schlosser is staying with her aunt, Mrs. B. Vandenberg at Chaffee.

The public sale at Wm. Halter's had a good crowd and everything sold well.

Charley Robertson is back from Arkansas and is working for Frk Mier.

The dance at David Stoddler's was well attended.

Joe Schlosser was at the Cape Monday.

John Groselose has measles.

FROM ORAN.

Fire destroyed the fair grounds stables Sunday night occupied by Phil Simpkins as a breeding stable. Mr. Simpkins lost three fine Jacks, two stallions and a two-year-old race horse that was consumed by the flames. He estimates his loss at \$6,000 and no insurance. Two men who were sleeping in the barn narrowly escaped cremation. The origin of the fire is not known. It occurred near midnight.

Uncle Jim Allen got into a little difficulty with Editor Nations which resulted in the editor having him arrested. The case was hard fought—Mr. Allen having Attorneys Mosley and McWilliams to defend him while Attorney Joe Moore of Skeeton represented the prosecution. Mr. Allen was fined one dollar.

Mr. Simpkins saved the stallion, Major Dixon, and will continue his services at the fair grounds. He has tried to secure a jack to complete the season but has been unable to do so. For the present he will do the best possible and arrange to have a full line of breeding animals for next season.

The Benton patriots circulated posters here last week inviting us to their court house dedication. The poster tells us "this is your court house." This reminds one of being hit in the eye and told that it is "your black eye." If it is "your court house" why didn't they let you vote on it?

John T. Marrs and Andy Williams of Blodgett were here Saturday. Mr. Marrs says a large acreage is being put in melons and that farmers are behind with the corn crop.

Paul Bechel, who has been sick was taken to the Cape Girardeau hospital to be operated.

Frank Heisserer and Francis Bechel accompanied him.

Mrs. Matt Pfefferkorn and daughter, Miss Allie, of Keiso, visited the family of Louis Pfefferkorn Monday and Tuesday.

Frank Heisserer, who has the contract of putting up a brick building for Caleb Matthews, has a force of men at work.

A man who was locked up Saturday evening for drunkenness escaped during the night. He left no address.

Emil Stabenrauch and Joe Vogel and their families went to New Hamburg Sunday to visit relatives.

FROM FORNFELT.

The new town board met, elected Dr. Cannon chairman and John Amos marshal. The bid was put on Sunday moving picture shows. Everybody must go to church on the day that the saloons are closed.

Quite a crowd attended the lot sale here Saturday. The Cape Normal band furnished music. Owing to threatening weather, not as many lots sold as was expected.

The saloon known as the Fred Obermeyer saloon is still closed about a week ago the bar-tender had it attached for salary due. That seems to be an ill-fated joint.

George Manning and Harold Sage will soon have their building completed and give us a picture show.

W. O. Baumgartner has opened a pool room and restaurant in the rear of Losse's hall.

Mrs. E. C. Owens and granddaughter are visiting in Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gammel are visiting relatives at Melville.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Adams have returned from St. Louis.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. George Moore Monday.

Sam Vanell and family were at the Cape last week.

Mrs. J. A. Estes has moved back to Cape Girardeau.

FROM COMMERCE.

Mrs. Hattie Ranney and daughter, Miss Mabel, who have been visiting Mrs. Gaither, returned to their home at Cape Tuesday.

Saturday morning the fire alarm was sounded but before the engine could be gotten out the fire was extinguished. A spark from the flue had set Elbert Hall on fire.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Reynolds, Mesdames Mart Stroud, Ray Walb, H. T. Blackledge, Ella Old, Clara Anderson and Miss Belle Gaither attended the funeral of Mrs. J. M. Lettwich at Benton last week.

The Methodist ladies gave a box supper at the city hall to raise money to pay for the piano they bought.

Carter Cunningham of Kentucky is here visiting old friends which includes a very attractive young lady.

Presiding Elder Barnes preached two good sermons here Saturday and Sunday.

A. H. Davis of Cairo is the guest of a lady friend here this week.

Miss Cora Yanson and friend are the guests of Miss Lura Daily.

Mrs. Theo. Beruelli and Mrs. Daisy Knoche were at the Cape. Miss Marybelle Hallie visited home folks at Jackson Saturday.

Miss Eva McColgan of Dexter is the guest of her sister, Miss Reba. Mrs. F. M. Sanders of Macedonia were at the Cape Friday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Lipes on the 16th.

Mr. Mabray is visiting his father-in-law, J. W. Worsley.

Mrs. Daisy Knoche of Kentucky is visiting relatives here.

Miss Jessie Anderson is in St. Louis visiting relatives.

Mrs. Bernice Reynolds visited at Morley last week.

Mrs. B. C. Jones has returned from St. Louis.

Ben Gaither returned from St. Louis Friday.

COMMERCIAL F. F. D.

Farm Adviser Derr was at Keiso Thursday and gave an able lecture on hog cholera. He also started a farmers club with John Enderle temporary chairman and E. J. Ross secretary.

Ernest Dennis, Thomas and Lovie Ross and the Misses Ruth and Eva Dannennueller attended the graduation exercises at Benton Saturday.

The Misses Bertha and Julia Enderle visited at Chas. Heurings Sunday and Otto Blattel, Paul and Charley Enderle and Terril Baker visited the Isaac Ross family.

Victor Scherer and Ernest and Dennis Ross spent a while with the family of C. E. Fullenwider Sunday.

Grandma Fullenwider will move to her new home at Fornfelt soon.

Truth is mighty—but it has a devil of a time staying on top.

The party at Joe Glastetter's Sunday was well attended.

FROM MACEDONIA.

The little child of Lawrence Leist, which has been very sick with pneumonia, is improving.

The quilting and wood-chopping at A. C. Miller's Wednesday was well attended.

G. W. Greer, who has been home for a month, went to St. Louis this week.

Ray Walb and wife of Commerce were visitors at J. M. Spradlin's Sunday.

W. G. Spradlin and daughter, Miss Della, are visiting St. Louis.

Mrs. Beulah Woodson of Poplar Bluff is visiting relatives here.

Several from here attended the dedication at Benton.

Leonard Spradlin was home on last Sunday.

FROM ELLIS DISTRICT.

Our school closed Friday with an interesting program. Many patrons of the school were present. Three of the pupils received diplomas as 8th grade graduates. They were Joseph Weber, Robert Schiwitz and John Schoen.

Mr. L. L. Smith, our teacher, has taught a successful term of school and we hope to have him again next term.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Miller spent Sunday with George Miller and family of near Macedonia.

Will Edmonds and family of near Commerce will move to the sand next week.

Miss Rickie Robinson was the guest of Miss Nora Schiwitz Sunday.

Miss Eula McAllister spent Sunday with Miss Pearl Robinson.

Miss Clara Weber of Dutchtown visited her parents last week.

FROM MORLEY.

All the Morley teachers were re-elected except Miss Amy Boyce, who did not apply, and Prof. Hoy, who was for some reason rejected. The patrons were satisfied with Prof. Hoy, and he should have had the same position again.

Andy Cooper, a former president of Morley, but now of East Prairie, is here on business.

Prof. G. C. Vandover, a former principal of the Morley school was here Sunday.

Miss Stella Bray visited her aunt, Mrs. Geo. F. Norman, at Crowder, Sunday.

Rev. Chas. Harris, a former resident is here attending conference.

Ona, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Bryant, is very sick.

James Rowman has moved to the Dallas Roberts farm.

Mrs. Mollie Atherton is sick with catarrhal fever.

David Mize moved to the J. E. Smith farm Monday.

Mrs. Ida Gipson is reported as having appendicitis.

Prof. Crites of Diehlstadt was here this week.

L. L. Hunter recently sold two Hupmobiles.

FROM WARD DISTRICT.

Guy M. Watson, Will Franklin and the Misses Sallie Franklin and Ethel Watson attended the graduating exercises at Benton Saturday.

The Misses Daisy and Cecil Spradlin of Commerce and Nellie Jenkins of Parma are visiting Mrs. Linsion Dabbs.

Sunday School was organized here Sunday afternoon. The attendance was not as large as it should be.

Mrs. Maggie Vessell, who has been on an extended visit in Crittenden Co. Ky., has returned.

Miss Mabel Reeves, of Risco, is visiting her grand-mother, Mrs. N. Dabbs.

Earl Twitty, of Morehouse, visited John Evans last week.

Jake R. Smith will teach our school next year.

A. F. Franklin has 250 acres of corn planted.

FROM LITTLE RIVER.

Vanduser closed one of the most successful terms of school in her history Friday evening, due to the excellent work of the teachers. The following pupils graduated: High School—Ruth Alfultis, Thelma Vanduser and Lucas Potter, Grammer School—Jesse Kluge, Anna Grant, Myrtle Hamilton, Mabel Mason, Elsie Roberts, Ray Utzage, Leonard Vaughn, Claude Reeves, Bryan Woodward.

The Misses Francis Finley and Mary Baty of near Cary were visitors here last week and attended the graduation exercises at Vanduser Friday.

Miss Laura Smith, of Hickory Grove, who has been visiting among us returned to her home Saturday.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

T. A. Wylie has just returned from Cape County where he purchased one of Mr. Greens fine 15 hand four year old Jacks, "KLONDIKE" and will stand him with his other stock, one mile south of Chaffee. This being the Jacks first season in the neighborhood he will stand at \$10.00. All colts insured to stand and suck—Adv.

EGGS! From Rose-Comb Rock Island Reds and Indian Runner ducks for sale. 15 for 90c; 45 for \$2.00. Schiwitz Bros. Commerce.

For Sale—The Blumenberg farm on Commerce and Benton road. Apply to or address Louisa Knop box 71, Ilmo, Mo. 12-31.

EGGS! From full-blood Barred Rocks for setting. \$1.00 for 15; \$2.50 for 45 and \$5.00 for 100.

Farmers—I will pay the market price, cash, for duck eggs brot to me. Mrs. Chas. Warner, Perkins, Mo. 10-21.

TO PRINTERS. Having put in a type-casting machine the Kicker has for sale several hundred pounds of 6, 8 and 10-point news type in good condition at a bargain. Also 75 pounds of 10-point mailing type and other material.

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MRS. N. R. SCISM, FORNFELT.

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