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THE WINTER OF 1861.

Coldest of the Nineteenth Century In New England.

The winter of 1861 was noted for being one of the coldest, and, in fact, it was the coldest one, in the century. The coldest day of the winter was Friday, Feb. 25, and is known as cold Friday. There had been a heavy storm of light, fine snow. It cleared off cold, and the wind blew a perfect gale, thus making the cold more fearful. The air was filled with snow so thick one could see only a rod or two in any direction. Men who were obliged to be on the road perished and were found frozen as hard as marble statues. A very few travelers survived the ordeal. But few had thermometers in those days to tell how cold it really was, but what few there were registered 40 to 50 below zero in Androscoggin, and in Aroostook county it was even lower. Penobscot bay was frozen over so solid that Sam Randall of Vanalhaven took a horse and sleigh and, together with the Hon. Martin Kiff, who was the representative to the legislature from Vinalhaven, cruised from Vinalhaven to North Haven, then to Saddle island, then to Camden and thence across country to Augusta, where he left Kiff and returned to Vinalhaven again safely. Portland harbor and Boston harbor were frozen over solid. Thousands of the Boston people availed themselves of the fact, and the ice on the harbor was covered with skaters.—Lewiston Journal.

A Pair of Misers.

Mr. and Miss Dancer were reputed the most notorious misers in the eighteenth century. The manner in which this couple were found after death to have disposed of their wealth was even more strange than could have been their method of acquiring it. The total value was £20,000, which was thus disposed of: Two thousand five hundred pounds was found under a dunghill, £500 in an old coat nailed to the manger in the stable, £600 in notes was hidden away in an old teapot, the chimney yielded £2,000 stowed in nineteen different crevices, and several jugs filled with coin were secreted in the stable loft.

England's Magna Charta.

That shriveled parchment, the charter of English freedom, was saved, it is said, by the veriest chance from the scissors of a merciless tailor. Struck by the great seals attached to a piece of paper the tailor was cutting up, Sir Robert Cotton stopped the man and gave him fourpence for the document he would have destroyed. It is now in the British museum, lined and mounted and in a glass case, the seal a shapeless mass of wax and the characters quite illegible.—London Mail.

Said Maid to Mistress.

"Where have you been, Jane?"

"I've been to a meeting of the Girls' Friendly society, ma'am," was the maid's reply.

"Well, what did the lady say to you?"

"Please, ma'am, she said I wasn't to give you warning, as I meant to. She said I was to look upon you as my thorn—and bear it."—New Yorker.

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PRELIMINARY TRIAL

Of George L. Battersby and Richard S. Windham.

BRIEF REVIEW OF EVIDENCE. BOTH MEN ARE RELEASED.

Arcadia, Fla., July 7.—Judge Joseph B. Wall arrived here yesterday morning to conduct the preliminary examination of George M. Battersby and Richard Windhan, charged jointly with the assassination of Marshal Bowman, of Punta Gorda, on January 29th, 1903. He is accompained by Hon. H. S. Philips, state attorney, who is here to look after the interests of the State. Col. J. W Brady, of Bartow, attorney for I. E. Cooper, who is now in jail under sentence of death is conducting the prosecution of Battersby and Windham. Col. H. J. Spence, of Punta Gorda, and Messrs. Forrester & Burton, of Arcadia, are representing the defense.

Court convened at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the large court room being packed to the doors, more than fifty of whom were present as witnesses. As a prelude to the investigation, the court was addressed by Col Brady, who said that he desired to explain why he was present as attorney for Cooper, who had already been condemed to die. He said that he was employed by R. J. Clark, the detective who had sworn out the war rant against the defendants, and that the money had been furnished by brothers of Cooper. He made this statement, he said, with the view to set at rest certain reports that money to employ counsel was being furnished by unknown parties. He also explained that R. J. Clark was a citizen of Polk county and was not a Pinkerton detective, as had been reported. He said that Clark had heard the evidence in the Cooper trial and was convinced that a mistake had been made. He had approached the brothers of Cooper and was employed to investigate the matter with the view to ferreting out the guilty parties. Col. Brady said he was not present to comdemn innocent parties, but to throw the light of truth on on the whole matter.

The first witness for the prosecution was Hortense Bodiford, who was on her way home on the night of the assassination, and met two men near the plant of the Consolidated Ice Company going in the direction of Bowman's residence, one of whom she recognized as being Dick Windham. Windham had a gun under his arm and spoke as he passed. She did not recognize the other man. Thirty minutes later as she was entering her home, she heard the report of the gun which killed Bowman. She was positive that one of these men she met was Windham.

A. C. Grant was the next witnest. Mr. Grant was returning from Holmes' still on the evening of the assassination. His horse ran away and was stoped by a medium sized man near Bowman's residence between the hours of 6 and 7 o'clock. The man, he said, came from the corner near the new livery stable. The man did not look like either one of the defendants. This witness knew very little and was soon dismissed.

Steve Kerten was then placed on the stand. He was at the Alderman boarding house on the night Bowman was killed. He saw a man with a gun about two blocks from Bowman's house going in that direction. He was satisfied the man was not Cooper.

Will Johnson was placed on the stand and testified in reference to a conversation he had had with a woman named Hill. Nothing of importance was brought out in his testimony and he was asked no questions by the attorneys for the defense.

I. A. Silcox was the next witness. His testimony related entirely to some tracks that he had examined the next day after the killing and was considered immaterial.

Judge F. K. Adams testified that he held an inquest over the remains of the late Marshal Bowman. Windham, he said was questioned as to his whereabouts on the night of the killing. He had stated that he was alone in his oyster house. Battersby had also testified before the inquest that he was in a house on Marion street. J. W. Kimball also swore that Windham told him that he was alone in his oyster house at the hour of the killing.

Elias Keene was one of the most important witnesses for the prosecution. He had known both Windham and Battersby for a number of years. He said he had talked with Windham about a letter which he had received from M. L. Williams, which he was requested to show to Windham. Keen swore that when the letter was shown to Windham he remarked: "I have claimed all the time that I didn't know anything about the killing of Bowman and it is too late now to begin to learn anything." He had also had another talk with Windham in which he asked, in referring to Cooper, "Do you reckon if the d---n old fool should tell anything anybody would believe him." This conversation took place about three months after Cooper was convicted. He had also had a talk with Cooper since he had been in jail. Cooper told him that he (Cooper) had asked Windham if he had killed Bowman. Windham had replied, "No, I did not kill Bowman, but I furnished the gun that did the killing. Battersby did the shooting." Windham had also cautioned Cooper that he had better not say anything about it because "ten or fifteen persons are mixed up in it and you wouldn't live fifteen minutes." Keen said that he asked Cooper why he had not told this on trial. Cooper replied that Williams, his attorney, had instructed him to keep his mouth shut.

At the close of this witness' testimony, court adjourned until this morning, when I. E. Cooper will be placed on the stand and given another opportunity to tell what he knows about the killing of Marshal Bowman. It is not expected that the taking of testimony will be completed for two or three days. It is the opinion of the court official that nothing new or sensational will be brought out.

ARCADIA, FLA., July 8, 1904.

COOPER PLACED ON THE STAND.

Isaaiah E. Cooper, the man who has already been tried and sentenced to be hung on the 5th day of August next, for the murder of Punta Gorda's marshal, was placed on the stand as a witness against Windham and Battersby at the reconvening of the court of investigation Thursday morning. It had become generally known that Cooper would go on the stand and the court room was packed to its full capacity, many ladies being present. The man who is to die on the gallows on the 5th of next month unless some new light is thrown on the crime at this investigation, was perfectly cool and collected during the severe arraignment which his attorney, Col Brady, gave him while on the witness stand. Col. Brady told Cooper to look at Judge Wall and say to him whether or not he had killed J. H. Bowman or knew anything about it. Cooper looked the circuit judge straight in the face and calmly replied: "I did not kill Mr. Bowman and didn't have anything to do with it. I will say that if I go to the gallows. All I know," said the condemned man, "is what Windham told me. He said that he and Battersby killed Bowman." Cooper further testified that Windham told him that he was being prosecuted for selling whiskey and said that he was going to lose his case because Bowman was against him, and that he was going to kill Bowman or have it done. He said that he told Windham that he had better not do it, that it would get him into trouble. Windham's reply, the witness said, was that he "would do it in the dark." Upon being questioned by his attorney Cooper said: "I did not leave Alderman's yard more than ten feet the night Bowman was killed. I never had it in my heart in my life to want to kill a man, and positively don't know anything about it except what Windham told me." The witness further said that he went out to Windham's oyster stand on the night after the killing and asked Windham what he killed Bowman for, and that Windham replied: "I didn't shoot him, Battersby did it, but I was there with him." Cooper said he also had another talk with Windham two or three nights after this conversation. Said he was a witness for Windham in the case against him in the United States court for selling whiskey without a license, and in the course of their remarks, Windham said to him: "Have you heard anything more about me and George?" He had also said, "Don't you never breathe that; there are about fifteen in it and they will kill you." Cooper said that he had been advised by Mrs. Alderman the night before the killing that a mob had been formed to kill somebody and said he had remained at the Alderman boarding house the night of the killing for that purpose. "I was standing at the back gate of the Alderman boarding house when the gun was fired," said Cooper. "Mrs. Alderman came out and asked Steve Kirten what the trouble was. He replied that Bowman was shot." Upon cross examination Cooper said he had never been arrested by Bowman A man by the name of Gill arrested him once for carrying a pistol, he said. He said he had often thought of the awful manner in which Bowman was killed, but he had nothing to do with it. When asked why he had not told this on the stand he replied that his attorney, M. L. Williams, had told him not to.

F. B. Pitts was the next witness. He was a member of the Woodmen of the World order with Bowman and did some work to ferret out the crime. He verified Cooper's statement about visiting Windham on the dock. He was there for the purpose of watching Windham when Cooper passed him going out and returning. He saw a man come out of Windham's place and join Cooper on the dock. After conversing awhile, the man returned to the oyster shop and Cooper walked up town alone. He also swore that he had never seen Cooper hanging around McGehee's boarding house where Mathews was boarding, although he had spent several nights watching for him.

Records were offered to show that Windham was under prosecution for selling whiskey when Bowman was killed.

J. B. Taylor swore that he heard Windham tell Galligher about a month before Bowman was killed that he was under prosecution for selling whiskey and that he would kill the party that prosecuted him or see that it was done. This conversation took place about one month before Bowman was killed. The attorneys for the defense brought out the fact that Bowman was not a witness against Windham.

BOTH MEN RELEASED.

Judge Wall did not consider the evidence sufficient to bind either one of the defendents over to circuit court. The defense did not deem it necessary to place a single witness on the stand in their behalf. Battersby and Windham were both released from the county jail today and left for their respective homes at Punta Gorda shortly afterwards.

EDITOR IN ST. LOUIS

Writes Two Letters—Had a Pleasant Trip and Sees Many Floridians.

THE FAIR IS THE WHOLE WORLD BOILED DOWN.

ST. LOUIS, July 4, 1904.

Our party, consisting of the turpentine men, national delegates and others, left Jacksonville at 8:30 Thursday night and came through in royal style and without a mishap. The trip was a very pleasant one indeed, saving our being choked with smoke in passing through several tunnels.

We were stopped for an hour at Lexington, Ky., while the citizens showered us with courtesies and pleasing attentions. They took us on a trolley ride around the city, showed us their fa ous race track, Henry Clay's statue and former home, their splendid Chautauqua and its superb grounds and other attractions. On leaving, they loaded us with small bottles containing samples of the finest whiskey in the world.

A similar reception awaited us at Louisville, but we got there too late —10:30 Friday night. However, they left an agent at the depot who greatly replenished our supply of sample bottles of fine liquor. As I don't drink, I gave my samples to friends who are capable of appreciating them.

We arrived in St. Louis 10 a. m. Saturday and first proceeded to Hotel St. Nicholas. Then the party divided, the turpentine folks going to the Hamilton hotel, while most of our delegates remained at the St. Nicholas. Finding that the St Nicholas wanted $7 a day for a room with two in it and meals extra, General Gilchrist and I went with Editors Phil Isaacs and B. B. Tatum out on Olive street, where we secured rooms in a private residence. My room being small costs me $6 a week, but it is comfortable, well ventilated and has a nice bath room attached. Gen. Gilchrist took a larger room, for which he pays $10 a week. Each has his room to himself. There are plenty of nice rooms to be had at these rates out on Olive street about half way between the business center and the World's Fair and on a direct trolley line passing by the post office and running direct to the Fair and to Delmar Garden. There are plenty of restaurants everywhere, which furnish meals at 25 cents to $5 each. We take our meals wherever we happen to be.

There are about 150 Floridians here and they are scattered all about town. Most of them got together at 4 p. m. Saturday, in Congress Hall, World's Fair, where a lot of speeches were made in honor of Florida Day. That was all that was done—merely speech-making—and I said to myself, "Good Lord! haven't we poor afflicted Floridians heard speeches enough in the past six months to last nine years? And yet we are to be deluged with more of them from Wednesday till Friday night by the little and great orators in the National convention."

At these Florida Day "exercises" I met Leslie Dishong and his young, very pretty and charming bride. I fell in love with her at once and so did General Gilchrist and he made her a handsome and costly present on the spot. I know our Punta Gorda people will give her a most cordial welcome. Leslie and she are taking in the Fair and are as happy a couple as one can find anywhere.

Governor Jennings came up with us and stopped off at his former home in Centralia, Ills. He will be here during the convention.

The city is now overrun with statesmen, politicians and other fellows. It is a sight worth seeing to go into the lobbies of the big hotels and see the swarms of politicians with which they are crowded. The old expression, "thick as bees," gives a fairly correct idea of the huge and restless, always moving throngs going around and around, in and out, of the lobbies, corridors and saloons.

We expect a tremendous fight in the convention. Of course, I can't tell now what will be done or who will be nominated, but the telegraph and the daily papers will give it to HERALD readers as soon as it happens or very shortly after.

Readers who wish to know all about the World's Fair will have to come here and spend at least two months to get the desired information. It would require a book of 500 to 1,000 pages to give all the details. The Fair is simply the biggest thing of the kind ever seen. I have taken only a cursory glance at it. This included a running look at Queen Victoria's Jubilee presents, which are worth millions of dollars; a walk through the transportation building, where the most ancient and modern of locomotives and all other vehicles are exhibited; a stroll along the Pike, and a saunter about various portions of the grounds.

Gen. Gilchrist, Tatum, Isaacs and I will spend today on the Fair grounds and devote tomorrow to politics and politicians.

On Saturday night, our turpentine friends gave a superb banquet at the Hamilton to all male Floridians in town, but less than fifty were present Nevertheless, it was a delightful affair.

On leaving the banquet, Phil Isaacs discovered a fire engine trying to put out a fire; and, on the plea that he had not seen a real city fire in years, he insisted on taking the general and me to the scene. We went and found a private barn burning down. But our curiosity consumed so much time that we did not get to bed till 2 a. m. Sunday. I am going to saddle Phil Isaacs and Gen. Gilchrist with all the sins I may commit while here. At home, I try to behave myself, but there's no telling what mischief I may be led into here. For St. Louis is the wickedest place on the outside I ever saw. Every thing is run "wide open" on Sundays, and this means dance halls, bar rooms, beer gardens, distilleries and wholesale and retail stores of all kinds.

Congressman Sparkman and other friends are in the hotel lobby waiting for me, and I close.

JORDAN.

ST. LOUIS, MO., July 5th, 1904.

I wrote so hurriedly yesterday, to avoid keeping friends waiting for me, that I neglected to mention the mutilation of the air-ship of Santos Dumont, whose initial trial I had hoped to witness yesterday. Of course there was no trial, which was and is a great disappointment to me, for one of my chief objects in coming here was to see the trial of an air-ship. The mutilation of M. Dumont's ship occurred the night before our arrival. It is not known who did it.

The celebration of the Fourth yesterday was seriously marred by a down pour of rain that made nearly all the Fair grounds miserably muddy. Nevertheless, 175,000 people were on the grounds and were treated to inspiring spectacles. Amongst these, was a grand parade, which was reviewed by famous civic and military personages, including Cardinal Satolli. The general, Phil Isaacs and I had a splendid position to see the parade and the alleged great men who reviewed it.

And speaking of Phil, it should be said that he is invaluable to us. He has been here two weeks and knows where to go, when to go and how to do, which knowledge is of the highest value. He is very kind in giving us the full and untiring benefit of his knowledge.

There is such a vast mob here, both at the hotels and at the Fair grounds, that a fellow can scarcely think, much less write. It seems to me that *half* the world is here and every body is in a great hurry about something. Every body wants to see and talk with every body; consequently, there is no chance to rest or to write until 11 o'clock, p. m. or just after, when a few hundred thousand of these people have gone to bed. I write two lines and then talk ten lines to a friend standing at my elbow. That's my only chance to write at all. It is out of the question to undertake to tell anything worth telling about the World's Fair. To To give an idea of the impossibility of "writing up" the Fair, it may be said that the agricultural building contains seven miles of passage ways and there is something interesting at every step one takes. It would require a week at least to see and inspect in detail the exhibits in this one building. And there are a dozen or more buildings, not as large, but huge enough, and all filled with exhibits from every quarter of the earth. Indeed, the Fair is simply the whole world "boiled down" to occupy about 3,200 acres.

There is one singular thing I notice here, and that is, I am the only tobacco chewer in town.

Well, the national convention meets tomorrow and then "Old Harry," I suppose, will be to pay. The friends of Judge Parker are in the lead today, but there is no telling what may happen in a few hours. Lightening changes are already occurring, but fotunately not amongst the Parker forces. But the news of the convention will be in Punta Gorda and everywhere else before I can get it there by mail.

The Floridaians here are having a good time. Gov. Jennings, Congressman Sparkman and several other prominent Florida gentlemen are here. They are quartered in various places about town, but all make headquarters at Hotel St. Nicholas. JORDAN.

Cured of Chronic Diarrhoea After Ten Years of Suffering.

"I wish to say a few words in praise of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy," says Mrs. Mattie Burge, of Martinsville, Va. "I suffered from chronic diarrhoea for ten years and during that time tried various medicines without obtaining any permanent relief. Last summer one of my children was taken with cholera morbus, and I procured a bottle of this remedy. Only two doses were required to give her entire relief. I then decided to try the medicine myself, and did not use all of one bottle before I was well and I have never since been troubled with that complaint. One cannot say too much in favor of that wonderful medicine." This remedy is for sale by all druggists.