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TWENTY-SECOND YEAR.

SHOT DOWN.

A Fleeing Tramp Brought to the Ground

By a Shot From Policeman Capron's Revolver.

ACCUSED OF NO CRIME.

Now He Will Lose His Leg or His Life.

Owing to Brutal Action of Officer Capron.

LINDSEY IS ANGRY.

Regards the Shooting as Un- called For.

Wounded Man Neglected in a Heartless Manner.

One of Governor Lewelling's policemen shot one of Governor Lewelling's tramps at the Rock Island junction, in North Topeka, about 11 o'clock today.

The two free use of a revolver in the hands of Policeman Capron resulted in the wounding of James Brogan, a young man who admits he is a tramp but denies that he is a criminal.

Officer Capron, whose precinct is in the western part of North Topeka, when approaching the Rock Island junction, about 11 o'clock this morning, saw a crowd of tramps sitting on a large pile of lumber near the junction. The presence of these tramps at this place was nothing unusual, as most of the tramps who go through Topeka catch on going trains at this place, where the engine always runs slowly on account of the railroad crossing.

When Officer Capron got almost to the junction two of the tramps left the crowd and started down the track towards the city. The officer stopped and talked to the tramps that remained sitting on the ties a few minutes, and then started after the two who had left the crowd. He called to them to halt, but they started to run and turned down an alley when the officer was about 150 feet from them.

When the two tramps refused to stop at his command Officer Capron pulled his revolver from his pocket and fired at the smaller one of the two who was making the most active effort to get away and who stopped down as though he were going to pick up a rock.

The ball went whizzing past the head of the fleeing tramp but the officer was "out for game" and he immediately fired a second shot, this time at the other tramp and with better aim. The ball went straight to the mark and the tramp fell shot in the left hip.

When the wounded man fell his companion stopped and went to his assistance. They gave their names to the officer as Frank Brogan and James Harvey. Brogan is the name of the wounded man.

The patrol wagon was telephoned for and the injured man was taken to the police station and a messenger was sent for Acting City Physician Geo. L. Heers, who when he arrived did not have his surgical instruments with him and for that reason could not find the ball which seemed to be lodged near the hip bone.

Officer Capron in reporting the affair to Chief of Police Lindsey said he was notified that a gang of tramps was at the Rock Island junction and that they were looking for safe goods which they thought to have been stolen.

He said when he arrived at the junction two of the tramps started to run, but he stopped to search the others when one of them said to him, "Why don't you get those fellows? There are the ones with the stuff."

Capron said he then started after the two tramps and when they refused to stop he fired at them. He says that the man who was shot put his hand to his hip pocket as though he intended to pull a gun. When the tramp did that he fired at him and hit him.

Chief Lindsey deprecates the shooting and says he has given his men the most explicit orders never to use a revolver unless it is absolutely necessary, and never to pull a revolver from their pockets unless it was intended for instant use.

He says Capron has always been considered a good officer, but he is too hasty, and this morning's work is a terrible instance.

Brogan the wounded man, who is about 35 years of age, says he arrived in Topeka yesterday morning from Atchison and that he intended to go to Kansas City this morning. He slept in the Rock Island and home last night. His parents live in Philadelphia. His companion James Harvey, a boy only 18 years old is his cousin whose parents reside at 1056 Market street, St. Louis.

Brogan says he lay on one of the hard pine benches in the police court room this afternoon as an object of pity.

His clothes, except a pair of pants, were good, and he has an intelligent face, although he was suffering much from the wound, which had not been dressed at that time.

In telling his story to the reporter he said: "I ran to get away from the officer just because I did not want to go on the rock pile. I did not want to work for the city, for nothing I am used to work, but don't like to work unless I get something for it. I am not a criminal and I was not because of any guilt that I ran. There is a law against reckless shooting and that policeman had no business to shoot at me. He did not even see my face until after he shot me."

At 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, Acting City Physician Heers when asked to go at once and dress the man's wound, replied that he would attend to the matter at 4 o'clock. He was informed that that was not satisfactory to Chief Lindsey, who

wanted the man removed to a hospital where he could have proper care. In response to this Dr. Heers explained that he wanted Dr. Alexander to go with him to dress the wound and that he was waiting until Dr. Alexander could get.

The board of police commissioners at an informal meeting held in the governor's office at the state house discussed the shooting, and issued an order suspending Officer Capron pending an investigation.

Sunday, E. T. Young then telephoned the instructions of the board to Chief Lindsey, and Capron will be relieved from duty as soon as he reports at headquarters.

DEMOCRATS ARE HERE.

The State Central Committee Holding a Secret Session.

The Democratic state central committee, known as the "Jones committee" to distinguish it from the "stalwart committee" which met at the Copeland last week, is holding a meeting at the Throop this afternoon.

The committee was called together for the purpose of fixing the time and place and calling a state convention to distinguish it from the "stalwart committee" which met at the Copeland last week, is holding a meeting at the Throop this afternoon.

There is a difference of opinion as to when and where the convention should be held. Some of the members of the committee want the calling of the convention deferred until the call is issued for the Populist state convention. Others want the convention called at once and want the date fixed for early in May.

Col. W. C. Jones said to a reporter: "The action of the stalwarts will not influence our action in the least. We will call a convention, but it is for the members of the committee to say when it is to be held. The stalwarts can't expect us to give any attention to them, as they only had about 150 votes last fall."

The committee got together at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and the indications are that a majority favor a late convention to be held some time in July. The late convention means that the Democracy will give them an opportunity.

Later—3:45 p. m. The Democratic state convention was called for July 5. Place of meeting has not yet been fixed.

WERE THEY ROBBERS?

Reported Attempt to Hold Up Santa Fe Train at Hutchinson.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 27.—A special to the Star from Hutchinson says: An attempt was made last night to hold up the east bound Santa Fe passenger train at the Rock Island crossing, one mile east of this city.

A red light was going in front of the approaching train and they left in the middle of the track. Engineer McNeil suspecting something wrong, opened the throttle, and put on full speed.

Word was sent to this city from Kent, and a posse was at once organized, and immediately started in pursuit, but no trace of the men could be found. Engineer McNeil reported that the men were five in number, wore no masks, and from all appearances, ordinary tramps who were green at the job.

HARRISON'S VISIT.

The Train Arrives at 3:30.—The Ex-President Arrives.

Ex-President Benjamin Harrison passed through Topeka this afternoon, arriving on the California express at 3:00 and leaving at 4:10.

Mr. Harrison was greeted by a crowd of several hundred admirers who recognized the white-haired gentleman on the rear platform. The people in the crowd tumbled over each other in their efforts to shake hands with the ex-president. Mr. Harrison, however, did not leave the train during the stop here.

SCOTT MATSON DEAD.

A Business Man Well Known in Topeka, Dies Suddenly in St. Louis.

The following death notice appears in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat of today: "MATSON—Monday, at 3:45 a. m., 410 North Chestnut avenue, Scott, beloved husband of Ella Tully Matson, internment private."

Mr. Matson will be remembered by a large number of Topeka people as the traveling agent of the Graham paper company here last fall. He and his estimable wife resided at the Throop hotel during their stay in Topeka for several months. He was well acquainted among the business men of the city, and will be surprised to hear of his sudden death.

OMAHA NEEDS REFORM.

Feddles are Fined While Gamblers Fly Their Business Unimpeded.

OMAHA, Feb. 27.—A peculiar scene was enacted last evening in the district court when Judge Best proceeded to arraign the city officials on account of the gamblers.

"This court is absolutely hardbitten," he said. "It is absolutely impossible to run the criminal court under the order of things here in the city. Saturday they brought a man in here arrested for selling his wares without a license."

That act was made a crime by the same act from which I have the ordinance allowing gamblers to run gambling houses by consideration of \$150 a month. Yet I am threatened and told that I must not say anything about it."

"I hope there is a God in Israel, who will right this matter. When the authorities of the city will inaugurate a man for selling his own legitimate wares, it is no wonder the people have no respect for the courts. They call America a land of freedom. It is not so in Omaha. It makes a great deal of difference who is who, how much money, how much political influence one has."

Calverdo Solves to See Home.

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 27.—The senate has adopted a resolution providing for a final adjournment at 9 p. m. tomorrow. The resolution will probably go through the house this afternoon.

The state board of directors of the American Home Missionary society convened in the First Congregational church today. It brings together a dozen ministers from all parts of the state.

GOES OUT EASTER.

Today's Developments Indicate to Certainty,

That Gladstone Will Retire From the Ministry.

THERE IS A PANIC

Among Gladstone's Supporters in Parliament.

The Premier's Eyes Partly Covered With a Cataract.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The Evening News this afternoon says that the Earl of Rosebery has been offered the premiership and that he has declined it. The same paper says that the premiership was later offered to Earl Spencer, first lord of the admiralty, and that he has accepted it.

In conclusion the Evening News says that Mr. Gladstone's resignation goes into effect on Easter.

The Edinburgh News says he will retain his seat in the cabinet and will also continue to represent Midlothian in the house of commons.

Naturally this report, apparently based on something more than mere political rumor, has caused the greatest excitement in political circles and is causing a great and hurried exchange of telegrams between the great leaders and their intimate advisers.

Inquiries made hastily, in official circles shortly after the Evening News, of Edinburgh, circulated its report, shows that there are many people in official circles who believe that the report is undoubtedly based on facts.

Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M. P., writing to the Sun today says in connection with the rumor, that Mr. Gladstone has resigned and apparently leading to confirm the report, continues: "For some time, something like a panic has existed among his supporters in the lobby. Yesterday evening the rumor was current that his resignation was to be expected during the course of the week. Competent authority gives his eyesight as the actual reason for his resignation, but the situation is further aggravated by the position of certain members of the cabinet with reference to the naval programme."

"The premier had to face the possibility of Earl Spencer (the first lord of the admiralty) resigning. The cataract in the premier's eye is not yet ripe for operation, but when it occurs, he must spend six weeks in darkness. Nobody knows what a day may bring forth, though in my own opinion, Mr. Gladstone will refuse to leave the ship."

Generally Credited.

New York, Feb. 27.—The evening Post's London financial cable says: "The rumor of Mr. Gladstone's probable resignation is generally credited. If the Earl of Rosebery is appointed his successor, it will have a good effect on the markets."

CHIEF ARTHUR IS RICH.

Has Made at Least \$85,000 Out of Being Head of the Engineers.

CLEVELAND, O., Feb. 27.—The agitation of the Des Moines, Iowa, Knights of Labor, regarding the property upon which Chief Engineer P. M. Arthur pays the taxes in Cleveland and the statement that they would investigate the matter, has given rise to the inquiry as to how much property is owned by Mr. Arthur in this city.

An investigation of the tax duplicate for 1893 at the county court house, shows that last year Mr. Arthur paid taxes upon real estate upon a listed valuation of \$45,000. The taxable valuation of property is about 50 per cent of its value. This would make Mr. Arthur's estate worth about \$90,000.

Mr. Arthur's personal estate was assessed at \$1,100, which includes of course, his household effects and whatever else personal property he has listed.

MOURNING AT CHICAGO

For Steele Mackaye, Whose Remains Arrived There Today.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Steele Mackaye's body reached the city at 1 o'clock this morning. At 2 o'clock a funeral service was held in the Secularium on Michigan avenue.

Prof. David Swing conducted the services. Island Reed delivered an eulogy on the deceased actor and playwright on the part of the profession, and Elwyn A. Barron on the part of the press.

The music was furnished by the choruses of the Secularium company. In addition to the arrangements for the services in the afternoon, a committee consisting of Mr. Roland Reed, John Barron Key, Louis Mason, John Holland, Elwyn A. Barron, Milward Adams and Prof. Hermann was appointed to wait upon Mr. Mackaye's son on his arrival and tender their services as a committee to receive the remains at the depot, and to act as honorary pall bearers. The carriers were composed of members of the staff of the Secularium company.

A laurel wreath was the simple and suggestive offering of the profession as a body to be placed on the casket.

JUDGE RINER'S ORDER.

All Agreements on the Union Pacific to Remain in Force.

DENVER, Feb. 27.—Judge Riner in the United States circuit court today issued an order directed to the receivers of the Union Pacific system, that all agreements between the employees and the company affecting the operation of the property be and remain in force in all parts of Colorado until further orders of the court.

The Hon. Thomas F. Bayard, the United States ambassador to the court of St. James, has emphatically denied the report that he intends to tender his resignation.

STUDENTS TAKE ACTION.

One Thousand Cornell Boys Denounce the Outrage at the College.

ITHACA, N. Y., Feb. 27.—Over a thousand Cornell students gathered in the library lecture room to take action regarding the banquet tragedy. Prolonged discussion was held over the adoption of the resolutions as presented by the four class presidents.

It was entirely a students' meeting. There was none of the faculty or board of trustees present. The following resolutions were adopted:

"We, the students of Cornell university, in mass meeting assembled, formally express our regret at the deplorable occurrence connected with the recent freshman banquet, which, allowing for filled and highly colored statements, have nevertheless disgraced the university in the eyes of the public."

"We disavow the acts of the individuals unauthorized by any class or body of students in the university."

"We assure the civil authorities of our sympathy and co-operation in their efforts to bring the offenders to justice."

"We censure the authors of the exaggerated and sensational press reports which have placed the students of the university in a false light before the world, and unjustly tarnished the name and fame of the institution."

"We express our conviction, that if the freshmen are permitted to continue their banquets they should be held under the protection of the whole student body. It is the sentiment of the students of the university that they should be exempt from molestation by any individuals or classes."

The following resolutions were passed by the trustees this afternoon:

"Whereas, It now appears that the occurrence has not employed a special detective to ferret out the causes and agency by which Mrs. Jackson, the colored cook came to her death on the occasion of the banquet, and,

"Whereas, It is stated that the coroner is in doubt as to whether he has the right to incur any expense for that purpose, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That the coroner be authorized to draw on the treasurer of Cornell university for any sum not in excess of \$500, which he may need for the employment of such detective."

PLUMS FOR KANSAS.

Five Kansas Towns Get New Postmasters Today.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The president today sent the following nominations to the senate:

Treasury—Augustus Healy of New York, collector of internal revenue for the first district of New York.

State—Charles Jones of Wisconsin, consul general at St. Petersburg, Albert Fowler of Maryland, consul at Stratford, Ont., George Trumbull, commissioner of the District of Columbia.

Postmasters—Thomas McNulty, Stockton, Kan.; J. W. Stewart, Smith Center, Kan.; Bernard J. Sheridan, Paola, Kan.; Martin N. Sinnott, Arkansas City, Kan.; Matthew Thompson, Alma, Kan.

BIG GREEN PLACARDS.

Posted Up All Over Cork, Demanding Amnesty for Daly and Others.

CORK, Feb. 27.—Green placards have been extensively posted throughout the city by the Fenian Brotherhood. These placards were headed with the word, in large type—"Amnesty."

The placards declare that Daly and others are already living in the British prisons and if Mr. Morley, who is in Cork, is to be classed as a British statesman, who "for years has cajoled us with promises, we ask the fulfillment of his promise or release of the political prisoners."

Morley refused to receive an evicted tenant association.

The placards continued: "France and the United States have granted amnesty to political prisoners. Shall England be the only nation in the world to refuse?"

"Speak, John Morley, Ireland demands an answer. God save Ireland!"

MATTER WAS LIBELOUS.

But Victoria Woodhull Only Got Twenty-five Shillings.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—In the Queen's Bench division of the high court of justice the jury, after two hours absence, found that the matter contained in the two books relating to the Beecher-Tilton trial complained of by Mrs. Martin was libelous, though the defendants and their agents acted upon the honorable belief that they were discharging their powers and duties and did not know the books were libelous.

The judgment of the jury was that they be assessed damages to the amount of twenty-five shillings.

A MAN FROM KANSAS.

Blew Out the Gas in a Milwaukee Hotel and Dies.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 27.—Talbot Weese, a farmer 50 years old, whose home is at Hedden, Kan., came to this city last Wednesday and put up at the hotel Madison.

He blew out the gas that night and was found unconscious and has been so ever since. He was removed to the Emergency hospital and now lies at the point of death.

GLADSTONE'S EYES.

It is Reported That He Will Have an Operation Performed on Them.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—A morning paper publishes an unconfirmed report that Mr. Gladstone has informed the queen that he was about to undergo an operation for his eyes and that he desired the royal sanction to Lord Rosebery acting as premier pro tem.

INDIGNITY TO RUSSIA.

Prussian and Russian Soldiers Have a Fight That May Result Seriously.

FULL OF BEER.

That Was Not What Mr. Hainer Was,

But Mr. Pence Was Quoted as Saying So.

WAS 'FULL OF BEARD'

Is What the Colorado Statesman Said.

Investigation of Justice Brewer and Others Asked.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Mr. Pence, of Colorado, rose in the house this morning to a personal explanation. When the house adjourned last night, he said, it had refused on motion to permit him to proceed with an explanation he was making. When he arose this morning, he was amazed to find in a newspaper the erroneous statement of his remarks, which he understood had been sent to a number of papers by the United Press news agency.

He sent to the clerk's desk and had read this statement, which made him say that he charged Mr. Hainer with being full of beer than comprehension of ideas. What he said was: "Full of beard than of ideas."

He had immediately written a letter of apology, which he sent to the clerk's desk and had read. Acting under the advice of friends whom he knew to be wise and experienced in such matters, he said he thought he owed a more explicit apology to the gentleman from Nebraska. What he said was said in the heat of debate following a direct charge that he had said he desired to see this bill defeated.

Resolutions were presented to the house by Representative Somers of Wisconsin, to investigate the action of several United States judges, who have issued injunctions in railroad cases, most prominent among them is Justice Brewer of the supreme court. They include also United States Judge Taff Judge Hicks of Ohio, Judge, Pardon of Texas, Judge Dundy of Nebraska.

The house is again without a quorum on the Bland sequestration bill. Failing to obtain a quorum, the house proceeded to debate without limit.

GIVEN A HEARING.

Union Pacific Men Are to Have a Chance to Argue Their Case.

OMAHA, Feb. 27.—The Union Pacific employees are to have a hearing on the wage question. Judges Caldwell and Sanborn, upon application of John M. Thurston, have issued an order calling for a conference between the employees of the road and S. H. Clark, one of the receivers (and especially designated by the court for that duty, on March 15, to continue until a settlement is reached. In case any differences remain unadjusted they are to be clearly set forth in writing and presented to the court on or before the 15th day of March, the day set for the hearing of the petition of the receivers to annul the wage schedule.

The receivers are to grant to the representatives of the employees leave of absence to attend the conference and hearing and furnish them transportation to Omaha and return.

This order was deemed necessary and desirable by Judges Caldwell and Sanborn in order to secure uniformity out of the confusion created by different orders and rulings previously made.

CALLS HER A HARD NAME.

A Grand Mason Says Mrs. Leese Is a Prostitute.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—Secretary G. W. Barnard of the Grand Masonic Lodge of Illinois said today that Mary Elizabeth Leese is "a deliberate liar when she said she was a member of the Masonic order."

"The trouble with Mrs. Leese," said Mr. Barnard, "is that she is afflicted with the 'strong jaw.' Her story is absurd."

This was called forth by the publication in a morning paper here of the story told by Mrs. Leese of how she knew about Masonry. Mrs. Leese said:

"When I was 16 years old, I was living in Lockport, N. Y., a friend of mine who was a prominent Mason, put it in my way to witness a Masonic initiation and I saw the three degrees administered to a candidate."

"Were you admitted to the lodge room?"

"No, I was behind a door that had a sliding wicket in it and I saw the whole procedure through that wicket. So you see that is the way I became a Mason. For to be in possession of the secrets of the craft is to be a Mason."

MIKE THOMPSON ARRESTED

He is Charged With Running a Gambling House.

Mike Thompson, who has been accused of running a gambling place next door to the Collingworth place on East Seventh street, was arrested this afternoon by Officer Dugg on a warrant sworn to by Captain Gibb.

The arrest is a counterpoint to that of John Collingworth. Immediately after his arrest Thompson gave \$100 bond for his appearance in court tomorrow.

Peake's Bondsmen Pay Up.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 27.—The bondsmen of ex-Treasurer Peake, who was suspended from office by the mayor in 1890 because of irregularities in his office, he being short \$25,000, today agreed to make good the shortage to the city and paid over \$17,000 of the amount due. This amount is paid by the first term bondsmen, who will see the second term bondsmen to recover their share of the amount made good.

It Will Be reater New York.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 26.—The greater New York bill for the consolidation of New York and Brooklyn has passed the New York state senate just as it passed the assembly by a vote of 29, says 2.

LIBERTY IS IN DANGER.

The Statue is Dismaying—Government Can't Keep the Torch Lit.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—It is very probable that the government will soon transfer to the Sons of the American Revolution, or some kindred patriotic society, the privilege of maintaining the beacon light on the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor. The light house board, from whose appropriations this light has been maintained, some time ago strongly protested to the secretary of the treasury against the yearly expense of \$10,000 being taken from their already unjustified appropriation, and recommended, as that light from a practical point of view was useless, it should be discontinued.

It was then that a number of patriotic societies of New York proposed to relieve the government from this expense, and asked that they be given control of the statue on condition that they maintain the light. This will doubtless soon be done. It is said by persons who are in a position to know, that already the statue shows alarming signs of disrepair.

The thin veins of copper of which the statue is made is already rusted through in many places, so that one can readily see to ascend the stairs without the aid of artificial light. In order to preserve the statue and arrest the ravages of rust, the light house board has been compelled to paint the statue and as this has detracted somewhat from its appearance, the result has been unsatisfactory.

It is believed with the excellent care the light house board has bestowed upon the statue, it can hardly be expected to last more than ten or fifteen years longer. The society which seeks to relieve the government of the expense of maintaining the beacon now runs a ferry line to Bedloe's island and has already \$60,000 which it is willing to expend in repairing the electric light plant, which is nearly worn out, and in maintaining the light indefinitely.

DELLA FOX TO STAR.

She is Having a New Comic Opera Composed for Her.

ST. PAUL, Feb. 27.—Della Fox will star next season, with John Houshaw as leading comedian. Both Miss Fox and Mr. Houshaw are playing in St. Paul, Miss Fox with De Wolf Hopper, and Mr. Houshaw with Miss Tom Heuser.

Miss Fox said that arrangements for next season's tour were practically completed. "I saw a comic opera in Paris last season," she said, "which is being adapted by Cheever and Gaudin, and my friends agree with me that there is a good thing in store for the public. There has been no trouble between Mr. Hopper and myself, but of course a person is always anxious to better herself."

IS CLEVELAND SAFE?

Some Anxiety As To the Effects Of the Storm.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—President Cleveland's hunting expedition was worked for the morning along, when, not that any special anxiety is felt as regards the safety of the party, but on account of the sensational stories that abound that harm may have come to the vessel or passengers in the storm.

While about off shore there seems no way to gain tidings of the president. No newspaper men are aboard.

The president's companions are Secretary Grisham and Capt. Rollie Evans, secretary of the light house board. Their vessel is the little light house tender, Violet.

RE IS PROBABLY SAFE.

The President's Boat Seen in the Potomac River in Good Time.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—The Violet with the presidential party aboard, was sighted by persons at the government gun club proving grounds at Indian Head, about twenty-five miles down the river, at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. She kept on down the river