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SHUTTING THE DOOR.

The business of shutting the door after the horse has left the stable will, no doubt, be attended to by the several groups of investigators of the Eastland crime.

However regrettable the fact may be it seems to be a fact that nothing short of an occasional holocaust serves to stimulate the regulation of common carriers.

The conviction of the captain of the Gen. Slocum was of no value as affecting the tragedy his compliance with orders made greater than it would have been had he refused to steam from the pier without adequate live saving apparatus.

In the case of the Eastland culpability as great as that which caused the sinking of the Titanic cost two-thirds as many lives as were lost on the Titanic.

WHAT DOES THE FALL OF WARSAW MEAN.

According to telegraphic dispatches from London, Russia is virtually eliminated from the war by the enormous victories won by the Germans in Poland.

The Russians have done the bulk of the fighting for the Allies since the very beginning of the war. France and England together have not been able to drive the small German army from France, although they have been trying for a year.

Whether Russia sues for peace or not, she has been eliminated. By the fall of Warsaw and other important cities in Poland, Russia has given up the greatest fortifications in her possession.

Within a very short time Von Hindenburg and his mighty army, or at least the greater part of it, will reinforce the German army now in France.

A MESSAGE FROM COL. JIM.

On July 20th, The Tribune editorially mentioned Col. Jim Houchin's candidacy for Governor with the following comment:

Col. Jim Houchins is going to make another run for Governor of Missouri—that is, he is going to try and spear the Democratic nomination.

Col. Jim yesterday replied: Editor of The Tribune: I want to thank you for article that I read in your paper of July 20th.

Yours very truly, Jas. A. Houchin.

Now, whatever may be said about the Colonel, it must be admitted that he recognizes the value of publicity.

The Colonel has two important planks in his platform: One is "Give Missouri a business administration," and the other says: "Keep the family off the pay roll."

We hasten to endorse Col. Jim's second plank, but when he speaks of a "business administration," we should like to have him elucidate.

If the Colonel is unwilling to separate jackass and State, then we are unable to believe conditions in Jefferson City would be materially improved by his election.

We take it for granted that Mr. Houchin is depending upon the Democracy of Southeast Missouri to help put him over the plate, and with this idea alone in view, we call upon the Colonel to explain whether or not his election would promote the jackass business in this State.

ENGLISH NOTES AND NONSENSE.

England's notes, which attempt to outline what the United States shall do in her dealings with Great Britain, are the height of impudence.

"With Germany destroying American lives, ships and cargoes, it is neither just nor reasonable to ask Great Britain to deviate from her present campaign," is England's reply to the demand from the United States that the high seas be free.

This is puerile prattle. When America is dealing with England, the matters at issue have no bearing on controversies existing between this country and Germany.

Even if Germany committed the most flagrant violations of International Law, it would give England no legal right to do likewise.

It is time for the United States to take a stand and keep it. We have been a doormat about long enough.

THE REPUBLICANS CRUSADE.

The Evening Republican devotes a column to retell what it has said a hundred times in opposition to the plan of the city to acquire the Fairgrounds.

PRATT IS REMOVED TO JAIL IN JACKSON

Alleged Bigamist to Seek Freedom on Insanity Plea, is Belief.

Bryan G. Pratt, the alleged bigamist, was transferred from the jail at Poplar Bluff to Jackson yesterday, where he will be held until his trial, which has been set for Bloomfield during the second week of September.

Pratt was turned over to Sheriff Summers yesterday afternoon and locked up. It was announced in Jackson yesterday that bond in the sum of \$1,000 will be furnished within the next few days, and Pratt will be given his liberty until his case comes to trial.

Joseph Pratt, a brother of the accused man, stated shortly after Pratt's arrest, that drugs given Bryan G. Pratt while he was in Advance, was responsible for his second marriage, but this allegation is ridiculed by Attorney Harry E. Alexander, attorney for the two wives.

It is known that Pratt wrote affectionate letters to Miss McClatchey several weeks before their marriage, in which he also expressed the hope that she would become his wife.

Both wives will appear against Pratt at the trial in September. According to the report in Bloomfield, Pratt's attorney will plead temporary insanity for the prisoner's second marriage.

The two wives will present their marriage certificates at the trial and both will testify against their husband. Miss McClatchey's love for her husband has turned to hate since the exposures following her marriage.

Pratt still raves about his love for Miss McClatchey, and it is said that he will claim his affection for the pretty Cape Girardeau stenographer caused him to temporarily forget his previous marriage.

TEXANS BURN A NEGRO

Black, Accused of Murder, Is Taken From Jail and Slain by Mob.

Temple, Tex., July 30.—Will Stanley, a negro, was burned in the streets of this city tonight by a mob which stormed the jail and took possession of the negro. Stanley had been arrested on suspicion of having murdered the three children of W. R. Grimes, attacked his wife and fatally injured Grimes.

A negro entered the home of Grimes and knocked him unconscious with a combination spike maul and rail cutter. He then murdered the three children, after which he took charge of Mrs. Grimes and held her a prisoner for an hour. After releasing her he beat her into insensibility with his weapon and fled.

Stanley was one of several suspects arrested. Blood stains were discovered on his clothing, and when this discovery became known by the populace, a mob quickly formed and stormed the jail. He was taken down to the heart of the city and burned. A crowd estimated at 2,000 jeered and cheered as the negro was dying.

BEN LUNDY'S HOME BURNS

Overheated Flue Is Blamed for Loss of Residence.

The home of Ben Lundy, a mechanic on the dredging works, south of this city, was destroyed by fire at 8 o'clock yesterday morning.

The house which is located at 542 South Frederick street, is divided into two apartments, one-half being occupied by the Lundy family and the other by Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Stone, an aged couple.

The interior of the building was gutted, and all of the household goods belonging to Lundy was lost. The Stones, with the aid of neighbors, succeeded in saving the most of their household equipment. The walls of the building remained intact, and the roof was not completely destroyed.

The fire is to have originated from a fire that Mr. Lundy had started in his kitchen stove, while heating water preparatory to taking a bath. After taking his bath he had walked to Haarg and had forgotten to close the draft, and it is generally believed that the flue ignited causing the roof to take fire.

None of the Lundy family was at home when the fire broke out, and the blaze was discovered by Mrs. J. C. Davis, a near neighbor, who turned in the alarm to the fire station.

Lundy was in Haarg when the fire wagon passed through in response to the call, and he joined the throngs that followed to see where the fire was located.

BECKER GOES TO ELECTRIC CHAIR

STILL DEFIANT

Issues Statement Charging Gov. Whitman With Making Untruthful Charges.

DEMANDS THAT STATE EXECUTIVE RETRACT

Wife's Plea That Murderer's Life be Spared is Rejected.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., July 29.—After listening to the pleading of Mrs. Charles Becker for over an hour at a local hotel, Governor Whitman refused to intervene in behalf of Charles Becker, and the condemned man will be electrocuted at 5:45 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The Governor gave as a reason the fact that the Appellate Court had found Becker guilty and no new evidence had been produced.

Ossining, N. Y., July 29.—Charles Becker made a final plea tonight to Governor Whitman to retract certain statements he is alleged to have made last night at Albany.

Becker's statement demands "in the name of justice you disclaim" statements that Becker offered to plead guilty to murder in the second degree; that Becker offered to give testimony against unnamed persons of having grafted with him; that Becker sent counsel to two men arrested for Rosenthal's murder, and that Becker's first wife died under circumstances warranting suspicion of him.

The statement as originally prepared was replete with bitterest invidious adjectives and shocked the priests who read it. Becker modified it only after three hours of persuasion by attorneys.

"I shall go to the electric chair like a man," cried Becker, "but I will not have my memory blackened by deliberate lies."

KAGE AND WILLER WARNED

Mysterious "From a Friend" Asks Them Not Give Legal Advice.

Following Mayor Kage's receipt of an anonymous letter several days ago mysteriously warning him against giving legal advice, Justice of the Peace W. H. Willer yesterday received a similar missive, calling his attention to the session laws passed by the last General Assembly which forbid certain public officials to act as an attorney.

The note Justice Willer received was carefully typewritten and the signature was attached with the typewriter: "From a Friend."

The purport of the note simply asked the Judge to look at Session laws 99 and 100 which bear on the point in question.

The law itself declares that a public official shall not serve as an attorney and receive remuneration for it. Justice Willer and Mayor Kage both remarked that it is well nigh impossible to refrain from answering a few fundamental questions asked by persons who appeal to them in the course of transacting court or official business.

No remuneration has been received for his replies to such questions, Judge Willer declared, and he holds that his action is entirely upheld by the law.

MR. HOUCK RESTING WELL

Injured Eye is Now Causing the Chief Concern, Son Says.

The condition of Louis Houck was satisfactory, the Sister at St. Francis' Hospital informed The Tribune early this morning. He rested better than he did the previous night and he was less nervous yesterday.

His son, Maj. Giboney Houck, informed The Tribune yesterday that Mr. Houck has suffered constantly from his left eye, which was badly bruised when he was hurled against the tree in the runaway. He has not been free from headaches since the accident, and Maj. Houck is planning to have a noted oculist from St. Louis examine the injured optic.

The sight has not been damaged, but it is feared the injury has disarranged the nerves.

WORK SCHOOL FOR PRISONERS

New York, Aug. 2.—With the approval of Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, representatives of labor organizations have volunteered to send instructors to Sing Sing prison to teach the prisoners modern methods of manufacturing.

Skilled workmen of the United Garment Workers and International Boot and Shoemakers' Union will give the first lessons.

AUTO RUNS AMUCK, BUMPS OTHER CARS

Himmelberger Machine, Is Hit, Runs Into Another Machine and They Stampede.

The auto-delivery car of the Idanha Candy Co., became unmanageable yesterday afternoon, and despite the efforts of Will McClatchey to handle his unruly charge, for several seconds it was absolutely beyond his control.

It leaped across the street toward the Himmelberger electric car, and when Mr. McClatchey attempted to turn it in another direction, it completely encircled the astonished electric and made a second dash in its direction.

Mr. Himmelberger, in attempting to avoid the repeated attacks, was compelled to resort to the use of abrupt angles and compound reverse curves, and other cars in passing avoided contact by adopting the same methods.

An automobile belonging to Scott Reed was taken from the corner of Main and Broadway at about 6 o'clock last evening, and for more than an hour the efforts were made by the police to locate the machine and the parties responsible for its disappearance.

Police officers conducted the search, and from various sections of the city he received information from parties who had seen and recognized the car as it sped to all parts of the town. His investigations proved that four men were riding in the machine, but no one could give any information as to the identity of the guilty parties.

At about 7:30 o'clock the car was returned to within a block of where it was left by Reed, and while the parties who had occupied the car were being watched, the policeman was communicated with, and directed to where the fugitives were located.

When Beeve approached Jack Proffer, and questioned him as to his connection with the affair, he admitted that he had borrowed the machine in order to entertain some friends who had come up from Advance, his former home. He said that he had no intention of keeping the machine and that he only wished to entertain his friends for a short time.

He refused at first to contribute anything for the use of the car, and stated positively that he would not submit to arrest. He changed his mind a few seconds later when he heard the snap of the metal manacles as they clasped his wrists, and suddenly expressed a desire to pay off the obligation and dismiss the matter.

His request was granted, and after the claim was satisfied he was permitted to join his friends in a walk around town.

An automobile bearing a number of young people from Jackson became impaired just as the party reached the downtown section of this city last night, and they were compelled to stop in front of the St. Charles Hotel to correct the trouble.

Logan Hines, the young man in charge of the car, was lying on his back under the machine trying to make repairs when Sam, the colored porter at the St. Charles Pharmacy, walked out on the sidewalk with a canny bucket filled with scrub water, and without observing the mechanic under the car, pitched the contents of the bucket into the street directly toward him.

Mr. Hines received the full force of the sudden deluge, and was washed from beneath the machine to the center of the street, where he lodged on the street car track.

After the flood passed over him, he struggled to his feet, and hurled words of bitter denunciation toward Sam, who had sought seclusion in one of the secret chambers of the hotel building.

PHONOGRAPH TO BE USED IN COURT TO STOP FAMILY ROWS

Kansas City, Kan., July 28.—Installation of a phonograph in his courtroom to reduce to a minimum family quarrels, is the plan of Police Judge Joseph H. Brady of Kansas City, Kan.

Hereafter, when family quarrels come to court, Judge Brady announced today, a phonograph will take down each bit of testimony, recording the inflections and interruptions of witnesses. Then, a few days later, he will summon all who took part in the case, produce the phonograph records and have them listen to their testimony.

"There will be no further need for a Judge," said Judge Brady. "Those who took part will feel so ashamed of the entire proceedings they will drop the matter right there."

MOBS OF THREE ILLINOIS TOWNS HUNT FOR NEGRO

Black Accused of Attacking and Slaying Murphysboro Lawyer's Wife Sought.

SHERIFF FLEES FROM 3 LYNCHING PARTIES

Negro Paroled From Prison Was Servant in Home of Prominent Couple.

Murphysboro, Ill., July 30.—This city is in a state of frenzied excitement tonight over the discovery of the body of Mrs. James H. Martin, wife of a prominent attorney, who had been attacked and then brutally murdered in her home this afternoon.

Joe Debarra, a negro servant, who was found half dressed in a room in which the body of Mrs. Martin was found, was arrested. A mob immediately formed and started for the jail to take charge of the black. The sheriff learned of the mob's intentions and spirited the negro away to Marion, Ill., for safekeeping.

The news of the murder and the arrest of the negro reached Marion before the sheriff and his prisoner arrived, and another mob was quickly formed there and announced that it would hang the negro on the public square.

The sheriff was notified upon his arrival that the mob was awaiting him, boarded another train and went to Harrisburg. He had just reached Harrisburg when he discovered that the citizens of that city were enraged and had announced they would hang the negro upon his arrival.

The sheriff reached Harrisburg and then vanished. It is supposed that he encircled the city and escaped to another town with his prisoner.

Mrs. Martin, the murdered woman, induced Gov. Dunne to parole Debarra from the penitentiary at Joliet. At Mrs. Martin's request her husband, who also had helped the negro to get out of prison, employed him as one of the house servants. Since entering the employ of the Martins, the negro had been considered a faithful employee.

Mrs. Martin's sister, Mrs. Amelia K. Smith, and daughter, Mrs. F. M. Rolens, who are guests at the Martin home, were returning from a shopping trip, when they heard screams, and hurried into the house. They found Mrs. Martin lying with her body badly mutilated.

The two women gave the alarm and several men rushed in. The negro was found in an adjoining room. He was dressing when arrested. He denied his guilt but could give no satisfactory explanation.

The mob formed while Debarra was being taken to jail, and when he arrived there the sheriff took him in charge. The sheriff learned of the mob's plans and immediately fled from the city with the black.

FOOT ONLY WORTH \$10,000 IS THE BELIEF OF A JURY

A jury in the Court of Common Pleas yesterday placed the value of a human foot at \$10,000. This was the sum given Cal Watley, a brakeman for the Iron Mountain, whose foot was caught in a defective frog at Charleston last November and held it until a train passed over it, severing the limb.

Mr. Watley brought suit for \$30,000. The case occupied Judge Ranney's court all of Friday and a large part of yesterday. The jury held that a foot was not worth but one-third of the valuation placed upon it by Mr. Watley.

Watley was working on the train which robbed him of his foot. He left the train at Charleston in the transaction of his duties and as he attempted to board it again, his foot was caught and held tight. Before the engineer could bring his locomotive to a stop, the wheels passed over the limb, severing it.

He was represented by Harry E. Alexander and Senator Thomas F. Lane.

FIGHTING NEGROES JAILED

When Lawrence Shy and Henry Haden, two negroes, last night agreed to disagree on the corner of Main street and Broadway and temper their argument with a few "Jack Johnson" punches, they failed to reckon with the proximity of the police.

After they had been locked up at the City Jail, each nursing a bruised jaw or fist, they couldn't recall to tell the Chief what their difference was. They will be allowed to discuss the matter before Judge Fristoe in Police Court today. Neither was injured seriously in the fight, which attracted several witnesses on the street corner.

MR. HOUCK BEATEN; DOCTORS PLEASED

Arouses From Stupor and Asks Son Why His Horse Ran Away.

Louis Houck was reported slightly improved early this morning, but there was no decided change in his condition. Opiates are still being administered to induce sleep, but he was not so nervous yesterday as he was the previous day.

His mind has not been clear since the accident, but yesterday he revived sufficiently to ask his son, Major Giboney Houck: "I wonder why that horse ran away?"

He furnished no information, and fearing it might excite his father, Major Houck did not make a point of ascertaining the details of the accident.

From the question asked by Major Houck, it is now believed that his father became frightened and fell instead of shying into the track.

His attending physicians believe he will begin to recuperate rapidly during the next two days. They saw nothing unusual about Mr. Houck remaining so long in a stupor, but he begins to rally, they believe, and would become normal in a short time.

Mrs. Patrick Frissell, Mr. Houck's daughter, will arrive in the afternoon today from Douglas, Ark., and will remain with her mother and brother until Mr. Houck is out of danger. She was notified of the accident a short time after her father was found, and boarded the first train out of Douglas for Cape Girardeau.

H. A. LEHER, TINNER, IS OVERCOME BY THE HEAT

Is Stricken While at Work and Is in Serious Condition.

H. A. Leher, the Broadway tinner, was overcome by heat while working at his place of business late yesterday afternoon, and for several hours after being removed to his home at 808 Broadway, was in a precarious condition.

He complained of the oppressive heat during the afternoon, and shortly after 5 o'clock he was seized with violent cramping, and was in such intense agony, that it was feared he could not survive.

He was removed to his home and a physician summoned. The patient was packed in ice and after more than an hour of heroic effort on the part of the physician and his attendants, Mr. Leher was relieved and became restful.

He slept until about 3 o'clock this morning when he suffered a relapse, and for more than an hour was in great distress, after which he again became quiet and at last reports were resting.

Fred Steck, who suffered a sunstroke Tuesday afternoon, and was taken to St. Francis' Hospital, passed a restless day yesterday, but at last reports his condition was slightly improved.

HAY PARTY TOURS THE TOWN

Dozen Couples Ride Timothy-Covered Wagons Over the City.

Hay-ride parties is becoming a fad in Cape Girardeau. It is becoming a substitute for house parties and dilly balls.

Last night almost a dozen couples toured the city on a farm wagon covered with hay. After driving through the west end streets, the party of merry-makers drove down Broadway and then through Main street.

The wagon was halted in front of the downtown ice cream parlor and refreshments were served to the women and ladies on the hay. In the party were: Misses Erma Kemper, Clara Mully, Helen Eagle, Edith Lucille Ruch, Corolina Haas, Ann Hattie Goldmacher, Georgia Surber, Edna and Marie Schrader. The men were: Ray and Arthur Gray, Thur Poinsett, Roy Beckner, F. Deevors, Charles Koch, Leslie and Chick Stewart.

MRS. LEON J. ALBERT SELLS HER PROPERTY IN THIS CITY

Mrs. Leon Cairns Albert yesterday disposed of several pieces of property, in settlement of the estate of her late husband, Leon J. Albert.

E. J. Deal, president of the Southeast Missouri Trust Company, bought three lots, 6, 7 and 8, in block 27, West End Place, for \$1,166.

William H. Stubblefield, Jr., president of the Sturdivant Bank, bought two lots, one in the Red Star Addition was purchased for \$31, and another was bought by Mr. Stubblefield for \$42.

Tom S. Lilly bought the elegant home occupied by Robert Lamkin, for \$1,586, but agreed to assume payment of an indebtedness of \$1,300.