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NEW THEORY REGARDING THE LITTLE CASE

REPORT THAT COAL LAND BUYERS EMPLOYED HIM TO KILL MEADOWS FAMILY.

STORY LACKS CONFIRMATION

IF TRUE BELIEVED MEN WHO PROMPTED MURDERS WILL COME TO RESCUE.

According to a report received here today from a reliable source, testimony of a sensational nature will be offered at the trial on Thanksgiving Day of Howard Little, accused of murdering the Justice family at Hurley several weeks ago. It is said that a party of men engaged in the purchase of coal lands infuriated because they could not induce Abe Justice to sell the property he owned to them employed Little to murder the entire family thereby making it easier for them to secure a right to the land. So completely did the people want the family done away with that they had the fiend incarnate Little to burn the house in order to hide the foul crime is the report that has leaked out.

The prisoner has not been at all talkative since his incarceration and has possessed the serenity of one promised acquittal. The silence maintained by him from the time he was arrested on suspicion of being an accessory to the sextuple murder has caused many to think he was keeping something under cover until the day of the trial. The fact that none of the money Little is supposed to have gotten the night of the murders has ever been found leads the officers to believe his rapacious partners will come to his aid on the day he is tried.

Attorney Wilson of Lebanon, who will defend Little could not be reached by wire today, so this rumor has not been confirmed, but it is a well known fact, that a party of strangers were seen near Hurley several months ago, trying to buy a large portion of the undeveloped coal lands in Buchanan county, and who, it is claimed dickered with Aunt Betty Justice but could not agree with her on terms. It is feared by many who remember the visit of the strange coal land dealers that they will spirit Little away from the Grundy jail under the pretext that they are going to lynch him. Extra precaution has been taken to guard the jail at Grundy, and only the witnesses will be admitted to the court room when the trial commences tomorrow. It is expected that the trial will last several days. The whole day tomorrow will be consumed in arraigning Little on seven counts, and in selecting the jury.

IN FAVOR OF RACE SUICIDE

Philadelphia, Nov. 24.—Limit the number of children in each family and limit the migration to the United States, or else there is a grave danger of the population exceeding the available food supply. It is the advice of Scott Nearing, instructor in economics of the University of Pennsylvania.

Speaking before the Hebrew Literary Society this afternoon on the subject of race suicide, Prof. Nearing ridiculed former President Roosevelt's pet theory of the advisability of big families, declaring that the anti-race suicide sentiment was responsible for the increased cost of living expense.

Woman's sphere in life was given a new definition, he declaring that woman's function was not to bear children, but to rear a few children in the elements of future good citizenship.

GLEAN RIVERS COMMISSION

MEETING IN CHARLESTON TO STOP THE POLLUTION OF STREAMS.

Charleston, Nov. 24.—A meeting of the commission appointed by the Governor to investigate the pollution of West Virginia Rivers and streams, was held yesterday in the executive office at the capitol. Another meeting will be held today and probably the last part of the week the report of the commission will be delivered to the Governor.

A large delegation of the representatives of large tanning and pulp manufacturing companies on Cherry river, in Nicholas county, were present at the meeting for the purpose of stating to the commission what steps the companies have taken to remedy the existing conditions. The representatives of the companies who appeared before the commission were C. S. Westco, of Cerantona, Pa., president of the Cherry River Pulp and Paper Company, and C. B. Brownback, superintendent of the same company; S. M. Withmer, superintendent of the W. F. Moss Tanning Company; Messrs. Alderson and Breckenridge, attorneys, of Alderson and Cushing, an expert chemist, of Boston.

During the long conference which was held, the representatives of the companies explained that they believed the conditions of the water in the river to be better than formerly and that except for the water being slightly colored by the refuse from the mills very little sediment has been noticed in the river lately.

A member of the commission stated last night that the condition of the water in the river is very bad. He mentioned, as an example, that at the plant of one of the largest lumber companies in the state, which is located on the river below these mills, it had been found necessary to drill wells to obtain water pure enough to use in the boilers, as the river water was found to be ruinous. He also stated that he had been told that the companies, the refuse from whose mills caused the pollution of the stream had reimbursed the lumber company for the expense of drilling the wells.

Another meeting of the commission will be held today at the office of the Governor and following this meeting the members of the commission will devote several days' time in preparing the report which will be made to Governor Glasscock from the data which has been secured during the series of investigating trips which they have made along the rivers where pollution exists.

Former Governor W. A. MacCorkle stated yesterday that he had found the pollution of the river so bad that not only had the fish been killed or driven out by the acids in the water but that even the bullfrogs had been practically exterminated.

Governor Glasscock is chairman of the commission and the other members are Former Governor MacCorkle, State Senator Adam B. Littlepage and J. A. Wood.

SCHOOL CENSUS IN NEW YORK

New York, Nov. 24.—This city is beginning a school census that promises to be epoch-making in American cities. From now on parents must notify the police department when they move their children from one address to another. It is considered significant that New York City thus commits itself to a principle of a permanent registration in the hands of the police, for only two years ago there was a general objection to importing from Europe what was then respectfully called "police espionage." Mr. Felix H. Warburg, of the great banking firm of Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and a former commissioner of education, has for years been working for a permanent police registration but wants landlords, rather than parents, to be responsible for notifying the police of removals or new-comers in each house.

It is expected that this census will find many thousands of children illegally absent from school and possibly a few thousand illegally at work.

STEAL PAPERS IN LITTLE CASE

ITALIANS TAKE DETECTIVE'S OVERCOAT IN WHICH AFFIDAVITS WERE CARRIED

A detective in the employ of the Baldwin-Felts agency which arrested Howard Little, several weeks ago on suspicion of being implicated in the murder of the Justice family, at Hurley, was truly vexed when, leaving his overcoat in the smoking car and going to the diner on No. 3 Monday night returned to the smoker to find his overcoat containing a package of sealed affidavits; and other evidence to be used in the Little trial gone. A thorough search of the car was made but the missing overcoat could not be found.

When the detective got to Devon he wired to a member of the agency at Northfork who secured a description of all the passengers getting off at that point. Two Italians were described as having a package and an overcoat.

The detective went to the house where the Italians board but they were at work.

Upon searching the house the missing coat was found but the package of affidavits were gone. The Italians were arrested while at work and taken to the boarding place where one of them crawled under the house and got the important package thus preventing a delay in the Little trial. Both prisoners were taken to Welch and locked up.

The agency was advised last night of the theft and recovery of the affidavits. No motive is assigned beyond the getting of an overcoat as the Italians did not appear to know what the papers were for.

FOR STUDY OF PELLAGRA

Washington, Nov. 24.—The National Association for the Study of Pellagra, which was organized as a result of the national conference held in Columbia, S. C. a few weeks ago is planning to hold its annual convention in Peoria, Ill., in June 1910.

At the recent conference there were about 350 delegates present and papers were read by a number of prominent physicians and health officers from sections of this country and Europe where the disease prevails.

That spoiled corn is potent factor in causing the disease was conceded by all, but as to whether or not the disease is hereditary, the delegates were inclined to differ. Dr. H. H. Griffin of the State Hospital, Columbia, S. C., said that he considered Pellagra as hereditary only in the form of a predisposition or inherited tendency.

It was stated at the conference that while the discovery was a new one in this country it had been known for years in Europe and Africa. The problem had been studied by foreign physicians for many years, and it had been decided by some of the foremost that the disease is not contagious. For this reason it was argued that quarantine precautions were not necessary.

The highest estimates place the number of cases in the United States at 5000. The medical treatment for this sickness, as advocated by Dr. F. M. Sandwith, of London, consists of a nutritious diet, arsenic, suspension of maize, and elimination of intestinal parasites by appropriate treatment.

R. A. MOSELEY



R. A. Moseley, Secretary of the Interstate Commerce Commission, who got into a heated argument over the Esch bill with Commissioner Earle of South Carolina. Secretary Moseley held that the Interstate Commission should have the power to investigate the cause of railroad wrecks. Earle said they would fight that and when Moseley inquired with facts or what the commissioners thought there was going to be trouble. Earle's intention was that such power infringed upon state rights, but a majority of the commissioners voted in favor of the bill.

WILL DEMAND \$100,000 AND FULL APOLOGY

WASHINGTON GOVERNMENT HAS WARSHIPS IN READINESS TO SAIL IF CLAIMS ARE REFUSED.

ZELAYA JAILING AMERICANS

COSTA RICANS ARE BELIEVED TO BE AIDING THE REVOLUTIONISTS.

Washington, Nov. 24.—The United States government will demand \$100,000 indemnity and full apology from Zelaya for the murder of Grace and Cannon, and active preparations are being made to see that the demand is immediately complied with.

The execution of the two men by Zelaya is held to be unprecedented by the State Department.

The Pauduach and Dubuque are held in readiness at the Portsmouth navy yard to sail to Nicaragua in a minute's notice.

Washington, Nov. 24.—One of the main attractions of the World's Fair at Brussels in 1910 will be the International Exposition of Fine Arts, which will be housed in the halls and galleries of the Palace of the Jubilee. The exposition will open about May 1 and close about November 13. This country will be officially represented.

ROUNDS UP TOUGH BUNCH

CHIEF OF POLICE MAYS PULLS WHAT IS BELIEVED TO BE BAD GANG.

Chief of Police Mays of Pocahontas made an important capture Monday night, when he rounded up five tough looking men who have been making life miserable for the residents of Pocahontas. The gang has been there for a week, and lived in a shanty near the tunnel.

They all had assumed names, calling themselves Jesse James, Bob Ford and Frank James, and Howard Tracy.

When tried they refused to state where they were from, and said any place they could hang their hat was "home sweet home to them."

One of the prisoners is thought to be the man Farley wanted at Pulaski for shooting through a passenger car window.

The authorities at Pocahontas will hold them several days and try to connect them with the recent burglaries committed at Norton. Three girls were taken from the prisoner's car the night of the raid.

POSTAL SAVINGS BANK IN CANADA

Toronto, Canada, Nov. 24.—The faith of the Canadian public in the postal savings bank is indicated in a recently published report of the Canadian postal service for the last fiscal year. The report shows that there was an increase of 16 banks during the year, making the total 1102. The balance to the credit of depositors was \$45,190,484.

USE RESIDENCE AS COURT HOUSE

Charleston, Nov. 24.—By a proclamation issued today by Governor W. E. Glasscock, Lincoln county, where vandals destroyed the court house last night, was supplied with a new seat of justice when the State executive, through authority imposed upon him by the legislature, designated a building owned by Dr. E. W. Holley, at the corner of Vine and Mansion streets in the town of Hamlin, as a place for holding court until suitable quarters can be provided.

Joseph Adkins and John Adkins, who are charged with the burning of the Lincoln court house, were arrested Saturday by Sheriff Tobe Holley and a posse from Hamlin. Feeling was so high against the two men that they were hurried to the jail by the sheriff and his deputies.

The Lincoln county authorities say they have other evidence against the Adkins in addition to the fact that the hounds trailed them to the house where they were caught, about seven miles from Hamlin.

The burning of the court house with all the records of the county will cause the greatest confusion. The fire will be especially hard upon the poorer people of the county, many of whom will be almost powerless to prove their claims. The large companies owning lands in Lincoln county will be better protected, for in many instances they have duplicated records of their holdings.

163 MORE DEAD MINERS FOUND

BELIEVED THAT NO MORE ARE LIVING IN THE WORKINGS OF MINE.

Cherry, Ill., Nov. 24.—The bodies of 163 miners were found this morning huddled in a mass at the foot of the escape shaft.

All hope of finding any more men alive in the workings of the St. Paul mine has been abandoned.

TO STOP CHILDREN FROM ATTENDING PICTURE SHOWS

Philadelphia, Nov. 24.—Superintendent Martin Brumbaugh, of the public schools, has appointed a committee of principals to recommend steps for suppressing the attendance of school children at moving picture shows during school hours. The chairman of the committee, Edwin Y. Montague, has written to other large cities asking: To what extent is this practice an evil in your city? What laws or ordinances are in existence or should be passed, regulating the attendance of children at these shows?

DECIDED TO DIE TOGETHER

Rome, Nov. 24.—The sad end of ex-Judge Giuseppe Morosini, who with his wife committed suicide at Lugano, was the sequel to defeat in a fight against political bias, bribery and corruption.

A descendant of the Doges of Venice, Morosini was president of the tribunal of that city, and his wife was a noted beauty and society leader. He was a fearless and upright judge, and firm in his defiance of all the usual attempts to buy justice.

His political opponents finally secured his removal from office, and being too proud to accept an inferior post, he left Venice to wander about Europe. His wife, proud as himself, shared his fortunes and vicissitudes.

For years Morosini was laid aside by sickness, and finally the couple settled in the slums of Lugano, where he was forced to sell matches and newspapers in the gutter. The proud, fallen man refused all offers of help, which occasionally came from friends who had discovered his plight.

At last the couple decided to die together. They were found dead in bed, suffocated by gas.

ARE INTERESTED IN IRRIGATION

Washington, Nov. 24.—That the problem of irrigation is one that is not only of interest to the settlers in the arid regions of the West, but is being investigated by the general public is indicated in a request made by Census Director Durand on Arthur Hooker, Secretary of the national Irrigation Congress, of Spokane, for the average and yield of the various crops that are under irrigation, and the total irrigation area in the United States.

Mr. Durand says that there is increasing public demand for statistics and other information relative to water power, and that the bureau expects to develop data along this line in connection with its census of manufactures.

BAPTIST SEND GOODIES

For quite a number of years it has been the custom of the Baptist ladies of Bluefield to send a box of chocolate cake to the Baptist Orphanage located at Salem, Va. The present Thanksgiving was no exception to the rule, yesterday at the home of Mrs. G. M. McCulloch on Tazewell street the annual packing of the box was done.

Thirty large home-made cakes were sent in and a larger box than usual was needed as the cakes were of generous size. The cares of boys and girls at the home have become accustomed to look forward to the coming of this box each year. On tomorrow their little eyes will again sparkle with gladness as this gift of these women are unspeakable.

STATE PAPERS STOLEN FROM KNOX'S HOME

VALUABLE DOCUMENTS ARE TAKEN FROM SECRETARY'S RESIDENCE AT VALLEY FORGE, PA.

Washington, Nov. 24.—Secret service men are on the trail of some valuable state papers.

The state department is silent as to the robbery, but it is rumored that papers of the utmost importance were taken, and the theft is attributed to Japanese spies.

Valley Forge, Pa., Nov. 24.—Despite the denial of Caretaker Tomner, it is believed that some very valuable documents were carried away from the Knox home here. It is reported that the Secretary will be here tonight to make a personal investigation.

DOUBLE WEDDING AT HIGH NOON

Miss Nanie Hare and Richard Harrison Wainwright were united in marriage this morning at 11:30 at the home of the bride's brother, Dr. O. S. Hare of Tazewell street, Rev. Bullard performing the service. Miss Hare is the daughter of the late Dr. J. H. Hare and is greatly beloved by all who know her. Mr. Wainwright holds a position with the Western Union Telegraph Company and has a large circle of friends.

After the wedding Mr. and Mrs. Wainwright were driven to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Mastin on Princeton avenue where they witnessed the marriage of Miss Leah Foster and Mr. Guy K. Herr at high noon, Rev. S. H. Thompson officiating. Prof. Otto Brown, presided at the piano and Mrs. Chas. Duvall sang "I Love You Truly." Prof. Brown played Schumann's Traumeria during the ceremony softly modulating into Wagner's bridal chorus from Lohengrin after the service.

Mr. and Mrs. Herr left on the afternoon train for Lancaster, Pa., where they will spend their honeymoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Wainwright will spend their honeymoon at Christiansburg and Roanoke.

Mr. Herr is a jeweler at Randolph and Mifflin streets and has been a resident of the city for three years. He is one of the most popular young men in the city. Miss Foster, who is a niece of Mrs. Mastin and has many friends in the city.

BETTER IN MEXICO

Mexico City, Nov. 24.—Charles C. Gordon, of Cincinnati, Ohio, has just found the evidence which proves to his mind as well as to those of many of Mexico's historians, that Hernando Cortez, conqueror of this country, died and was buried here and not in Seville, Spain, as has been advocated by Parkman, Motley, and other historians of Mexico.

Mr. Gordon has been in Mexico for several years studying the people, conditions, and the history from the old unpublished manuscripts he has found that one of these is the will of Cortez, in which he said he wanted to be buried here.

Another is an attack of the will by a friend of Cortez, who details the death here in 1550 of Cortez immediately after his return from Spain.

THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday; slightly warmer Thursday.

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