

SHE REFUSES TO ELOPE; DENTIST SHOTS WOMAN

Prominent Pennsylvania Man Attempts to Kill the Wife of University Classmate.

SENDS BULLET CRASHING INTO HIS OWN TEMPLE

Lady Rejects Advances of the Pittsburgh Man and a Few Hours Later Begins the Would-be Murder and Self Destruction—Wounds Her in Shoulder and He is Dying in Hospital.

(By Associated Press.)
PITTSBURGH, PA., April 11.—Dr. Mark W. Blackburn, a member of a prominent and wealthy family, is dying and Mrs. Violet Getty, who rejected his alleged advances, is severely wounded from shots which Blackburn fired in a rooming house on Ninth street tonight.

Mrs. Getty is said to be the wife of a practicing physician at Hyndman, Pa.

Rejects His Advances.
At the Allegheny hospital, where she lay with a bullet wound in the shoulder, tonight she said that Dr. Blackburn had called at the house, 108th Ninth street, where she roomed, this afternoon and made a proposal that they elope. She rejected his advances, she said, and he left, but returned again early this evening. She was sitting on the porch at the time and dashed into the house when she saw him coming. She took refuge in the dining room, but Blackburn saw her through a glass panel in the door and through it he fired two shots. The first went wild and the second struck Mrs. Getty's right shoulder.

Shoots Self.
Blackburn rushed then to the front door and sent one of the 38 calibre bullets into his own temple.

At the Homeopathic hospital, where he was taken, it was said that his death was only a matter of hours.

Blackburn is a son of Mrs. B. M. Blackburn, of Wilson, a suburb of Pittsburgh, and the family is one of the oldest and wealthiest in that section.

His father, deceased, made a fortune in the grain business there. He is about 35 years old and had studied to be a dentist and although he got his degree, he is not known to have practiced. Instead, he was employed recently as superintendent of a coal mine at Kaylor, Pa.

Classmate of Husband.
Three brothers, who visited the hospital to see him tonight, would make no comment on the shooting.

Dr. W. E. Getty, husband of Blackburn's intended victim, was a classmate of Dr. Blackburn in the Western University of Pennsylvania, now the University of Pittsburgh, about five years ago. They were at that time almost inseparable. Mrs. Getty is 23 years old.

Florida Court Convicts Youth of Brutal Murder of Girl of Thirteen.

(By Associated Press.)
DELAND, FLA., April 11.—Irvin Irvin Hanchett, the 14-year-old Connecticut boy, was found guilty in the Criminal Court here today of the murder of Cleve Todder, 12 years old, and sentenced to be hanged.

The crime of which the youthful murderer was convicted was one of the most brutal in the criminal annals of this state. He met the little girl while she was on her way to school, and, after she has rejected his proposals, he stabbed her to death. Her body was a mass of knife wounds, one physician testifying at the trial that he counted 15 wounds.

Following the boy's arrest he only escaped lynching by being spirited away.

Throughout the trial Hanchett maintained a stolid indifference to the testimony and received the death sentence with the same demeanor.

Hanchett is a former inmate of the Connecticut State reform school.

Fruit Not Damaged.
(By Associated Press.)
RICHMOND, VA., April 11.—From reports received from various sections of the State by Commissioner of Agriculture Kolmer it seems that the recent frost did practically no damage to the fruit crop.

LIQUOR QUESTION IS DROPPED BY MINISTERS

Resolutions On Matter of Opening Local Option Fight in Richmond Ruled Out of Order.

RICHMOND, VA., April 11.—Not a dissenting voice was raised when Rev. Dr. J. N. Latham, pastor of Centenary Methodist church, presiding over the monthly meeting of the Ministerial Union, this afternoon ruled that consideration of resolutions with reference to the inauguration of a local option campaign was out of order.

This matter was brought up following the reading of the minutes and transaction of a small amount of routine business. Rev. Henry Pearce Atkins, the secretary, read the resolutions, which had been referred to the Ministerial Union at a called meeting of the ministers of Richmond held the latter part of last month.

Immediately after the reading of the resolutions had been concluded, Rev. Dr. Latham arose and stated that, inasmuch as the matter of opening a campaign against the saloon in Richmond had originated at a called meeting of the ministers and not at a meeting of the Ministerial Union, he would rule that it was out of order for the latter body to consider the question. Dr. Latham also stated that the purpose of the union were more of a social nature than otherwise, and he gave that as a second reason why the question should not be taken up.

Another reason advanced by the Centenary pastor was the fact that a considerable majority of the Richmond ministers seemed to have been opposed to projecting a local option at this time.

MEET OF THE EDITORS.
Executive Committee of Virginia Press Association Arranges Program.

RICHMOND, VA., April 11.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the Virginia Press Association held this afternoon at the Murphy hotel here, it was decided that the first day, July 12, of the annual affair be enjoyed on board a boat on the James river. It will also probably be arranged to have two succeeding days of the meet on the Rappahannock river.

Richmond will be the rendezvous for the editors, their wives and daughters, but no meeting will be held here. Negotiations with the chamber of commerce and the James River Transportation Company will be started at once.

THOMAS G. LEATH DEAD

President of Big Theatrical Circuit Dies in Richmond.

HIS CAREER A VARIED ONE

Prominent Showman Started Life as Clerk and Later Took to Stage and Was Connected With Many Troupes—Opened First Variety Theater.

RICHMOND, VA., April 11.—Mr. Thomas G. Leath, one of the most prominent theatrical men of the South, died at the Memorial Hospital at 11:45 o'clock this morning, after a lingering illness of several weeks with Bright's disease. Mr. Leath was brought to the hospital on March 20, from his winter home at West Palm Beach, Fla., where he had been ill some time before it was decided to bring him to Richmond for treatment. Since his arrival here the doctors had held out no encouragement, as it was seen at a glance that his case was hopeless.

Varied Career.
Mr. Leath's career was a varied one. Born in Appomattox county in September, 1842, he came to Petersburg when a young boy and worked as a clerk in several of the stores there. He entered the service of the Confederacy, and did valuable work as an entertainer while in the army, often amusing the troops by his magical tricks. He later visited the West, traveling the big waterways in theater boats. In his business career he had been a sewing machine agent, circus agent, theatrical press agent, treasurer and manager of road companies and engaged in other occupations of great variety. Immediately following the war Mr. Leath went to Philadelphia, where he became middle man in a minstrel troupe. He later became superintendent of a cemetery in Norfolk, which position he secured through his service in the army.

First Variety Showman.
He opened the first variety theater in Virginia. This theater was started in Petersburg and moved a complete failure. During his theatrical

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GOV. HUGHES URGES PROBE PUT DEEPER

Chief Executive of New York Sends Special Message to Legislature.

PUBLICITY NOT ENOUGH FOR RECENT SCANDALS

Commander of the Ship of State Says Aids-Congress Inquiry and the Insurance Investigation Are Enough to Make All Honest Citizens Tingle With Shame.

(By Associated Press.)
ALBANY, N. Y., April 11.—Declaring that the revelations in the recent Aids-Congress bribery inquiry and the facts brought out in the insurance investigation by Superintendent of Insurance Hotchkiss "have caused every honest citizen to tingle with shame and indignation and have made irresistible the demand that every proper means should be employed to purge and to purify," Governor Hughes sent a special message to the legislature tonight recommending "an immediate, impartial, thorough and unsparring investigation into legislative practices and procedure and into the use of corrupt or improper means for the promotion or defeat of legislation."

Opportunity is Presented.
Governor Hughes declares that a promising opportunity is presented to the legislature "to pursue the opening trails of corruption, to reveal illicit methods and agencies, to uncover the perfidious influences which have dishonored the state and thus to aid in securing the wholesome exercises of its beneficent authority."

"Important as would be the wholesome and corrective influences of publicity with respect to these matters," the governor continues, "the purpose and result of inquiry extend beyond the bounds of mere disclosure. No subject deserves more thorough consideration to the end that the opportunities of those who are willing to buy legislative favor or to use representative powers for personal profit, should be limited to the utmost degree."

Now the Time.
"It may be impossible wholly to eradicate these evils, but to the extent that the nature of the illicit intercourse is understood and the methods and instrumentalities which have been successful are exposed, there may be intelligent effort at remedial action through both statutes and legislative rules."

"The time is ripe, in my judgment for a full and painstaking inquiry to expose the worst of public wrongs and to prepare the way for needed improvements in our laws and legislative processes."

MR. PINCHOT AND COL. ROOSEVELT MEET

What Passes Between Ex-President and Former Forester is Secret.

(By Associated Press.)
PORT MAURIZIO, ITALY, April 11. Gifford Pinchot the former chief forester of the United States department of agriculture, whose interview with the former President has been looked forward with interest, spent the entire day with Mr. Roosevelt, and what passed between them is a secret. Mr. Pinchot arrived at the Carew villa before nine o'clock in the morning. He remained for lunch and accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Carew on a five hour excursion into the mountains.

They had dinner together also, and the former forester did not return to his hotel until shortly before midnight.

Mr. Pinchot declined to say what he had communicated to the ex-President and Mr. Roosevelt's prediction a few days ago that neither would have anything to give out concerning the meeting proved to be entirely correct.

Mr. Roosevelt's secretary gave to the anxious newspaper men a long and graphic account of how the party drove through the olive orchards of picturesque, Carmagna valley, then climbed six miles up the winding road to the famous little chapel, once visited by Charlemagne on his way to be crowned at Rome, which contains interesting relics of the Mediterranean slaves and votive offerings of sailors.

BARREL OF "COAL OIL" FOUND TO BE WHISKEY

Unique Plan of Handling the Ardent in Prohibition North Carolina Town Comes to Light.

(By Associated Press.)
RICHMOND, VA., April 11.—Whiskey is sometimes called the "oil of joy," but it is seldom that it figures as coal oil. A case of this sort has just arisen, however, at the little town of Hamlet, N. C., where the United States revenue officers, headed by Deputy Merritt, of Colonel Chapman's office, this city, have just laid bare an ingenious fraud.

A barrel, which came to Hamlet marked "coal oil," was found to contain a smaller barrel of whiskey. The larger receptacle of the two had a fifty gallon capacity and that containing the ardent spirits a twenty-five gallon capacity.

Of course the scheme was designed primarily to evade the prohibition laws of North Carolina, but it also violates one of the United States statutes as to the shipment of whiskey.

The "coal oil" came from Norfolk, but it is not known who sent it.

WRIT OF ERROR GRANTED.

Virginia Supreme Court Passes on Damage Suit.

(By Associated Press.)
RICHMOND, VA., April 11.—The Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals today granted a writ of error in the case of Elizabeth Landrum and others vs. the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company, the Salsphur Mining & Railroad Company, the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Company, and the Arminius Chemical Company.

The litigation comes from the Circuit Court of Louisa county and appears in the form of a damage suit for injuries to land resulting from the pollution of the waters of Contrary creek.

CULLING DOWN DEFICIT.

Postmaster General Says Good Showing is Made in Postal Receipts.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11.—Basing his conclusions on the auditor's returns of postal receipts and expenses for the first half of the current fiscal year and on preliminary returns for the third quarter of the year, which closed March 31, Postmaster General Hitchcock predicted today that the first year of the present administration would show a decrease of over \$10,000,000 in the deficit of \$17,480,000 handed down from the preceding year. The deficit for the first half of the current year was \$4,672,000 as against \$10,285,000 for the first half of last year, a reduction of over \$6,000,000 in six months.

SENT TO REFORMATORY.

Danville Young Man to Serve Time in Reform School.

RICHMOND, VA., April 11.—Acting upon a petition signed by influential citizens of Danville, among whom were Ex-Governor Swanson and Judge Barksdale, Governor Mann today commuted the sentence of Lane Noel, the Danville young man who pleaded guilty to having counterfeited cigarette coupons, and he will serve the time in the Laurel reformatory. Noel will be received here tomorrow.

THIRTY-ONE BODIES RECOVERED.

Rescuing Remains of Miners Buried Since Last November.

(By Associated Press.)
CHERRY, ILL., April 11.—"All alive 2 p. m. November 14." This, the latest message from the fatal St. Paul coal mine fire, was brought to light today with the recovery of 31 miners' bodies which had been entombed since the disaster of last November 13. The bodies were taken from the lowest level 500 feet below ground.

Meat Boycott Spreads.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, April 11.—The boycott against butcher shops today spread from Harlem and the Bronx where it originated, across the East river to Williamsburg, Brownsville and East New York. All meats advanced one cent a pound wholesale.

The protest against high prices is spreading more rapidly than any similar movement remembered in New York City.

RESPIES MURDERER.

Gov. Mann Gives Noel Time for His Wounds to Heal.

WILL NOT PAY FOR UNCLE JOE'S RIDES

Insurgents Join Hands With Democrats in Another Slap at Cannon.

AUTO APPROPRIATION VOTED DOWN IN HOUSE

Following the decision of Members to Eliminate Expense of Transporting Presiding Officers of Congress to and from the Capitol the Speaker Again Defies Rebel Republicans.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11.—Almost the entire "insurgent" strength of the house joined with the Democrats today in what was generally acknowledged to be an additional rebuke to Speaker Cannon. A conference report on the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill contained an agreement to appropriate, for the expenses of automobiles, previously provided for Speaker Cannon and Vice-President Sherman. The house reiterated its disapproval of these expenditures and by a vote of 111 to 123 refused to agree to the report, sending it back to the conferees for further consideration.

After this action had been taken Mr. Cannon, leaving the chair, went to the Republican side of the house and there delivered a speech that contained much sarcasm and invectives. He again defied the "insurgents," and intimated that they lacked courage to join with the solid minority in deposing him. Encouraging his Republican colleagues, and admonishing the Democrats, he declared he believed a Republican majority would be returned in the coming elections.

Rides Cost Too Much.
Minority Leader Clark made a speech in which he insisted that if given an opportunity the Democrats would endeavor to realize the suggestion of Senator Aldrich that the expenses of the government might be curtailed to the extent of \$200,000,000 annually.

Mr. Sims, of Tennessee, Democrat, was among the leaders in opposing the appropriations for automobiles for the speaker and the vice-president, declaring it cost \$20 daily to bring the speaker or the vice-president to the capitol.

With intense interest the call of the roll was listened to in order to determine how the insurgents were voting, as it was realized their attitude upon that subject would determine the result. It was not long before the result was foreseen and its announcement provoked applause on the Democratic side.

Then Mr. Mann, of Illinois, arose and in sarcastic tones, declared that this is mere child's play.

"If this is Democratic leadership," added Mr. Mann, "I hope I will be delivered from it in the future."

"You will," came from a score of Democratic members.

Replying to Mr. Mann's remark, Minority Leader Champ Clark, gave the house a statement of his purpose to work for economies whether that was denominated "child's play," or anything else. He was in favor of taking away all automobiles from officials in Washington he said. He said he would agree to make the salaries of these officials large enough to compensate them with such perquisites as automobiles.

Cannon Explains.
Mr. Cannon explained that the proposition for automobiles had originated in the senate.

"It is true," he added, looking straight in the eyes of Champ Clark, who occupied a seat just across the aisle, "that you have a desire to preside over this house when a different party may be in the majority."

Hand applause and Democratic shouts interrupted.

"Looking into the eyes of the gentleman from Missouri," said Uncle Joe, when he was allowed to continue, "I know that if he becomes speaker he will be the same Mr. Champ Clark that he is now."

He would be glad, he said, to abide by the action of the house, and added: "I am quite content, but I want to notify you that unless the Republicans on this side, who do not approve of the personality of their speaker, have the courage to join a solid minority in deposing him, I remain speaker, until March 4."

Didn't Ask For It.
For the first time, smiling upon his colleagues, Mr. Cannon continued to say that while he had not asked for the automobile, he would use the appropriation for its maintenance if voted to him.

He then entered into a defense of

LADY PHYSICIAN TO PLEAD FOR HER SON

Richmond Mother Goes to Savannah to Look After Son Who Says He Loves to Steal.

(By Associated Press.)
RICHMOND, VA., April 11.—Dr. Emily E. Runyan, mother of the youthful "Raffles," William Runyan, who, after his arrest in Savannah, Ga., confessed that he stole purely for the love of excitement, was deeply distressed today when the news of her son's misdoings was communicated to her.

The boy's mother is notable here as a woman physician and suffragist. She says the boy is not a criminal, but has an abnormal brain which an operation will render normal.

Young Runyan ran away from his home here three weeks ago and had not been heard from until the news of his arrest in Savannah came. His mother left today for the Southern city to plead for the release of her boy.

W. P. KENT WILL AGAIN ENTER CONSULAR SERVICE

President Taft Nominates Recently Defeated Republican Candidate for Governor of Virginia.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11.—William P. Kent, of Virginia, who resigned his position as consul-general to Guatemala to make a losing fight for governor of Virginia on the Republican ticket last fall, will again enter the consular service, President Taft today sent to the senate the nomination of Mr. Kent to be consul at St. Johns, N. B., Canada.

DR. HYDE'S CASE BEGINS

Kansas City Physician Faces Charge of Murder.

JURY IS BEING SELECTED

Man Accused of Causing Death of Millionaire Thomas H. Swope by Administering Poison to Him and Other Members of Family in Court.

(By Associated Press.)
KANSAS CITY, April 11.—Thirteen of the forty-seven temporary jurors from whom twelve men are to be finally chosen to try Dr. H. H. Hyde on the charge of murdering Thomas H. Swope, were selected during the opening session today in the trial in the criminal court.

President Judge Ralph Ladschaw tonight remanded more than fifty veniremen, who have not been examined, to the custody of the county marshal and instructed them not to discuss the case or read newspaper articles relating to it.

Wife and Mother Hostile.
Mrs. Logan O. Swope, who is responsible for the prosecution of Dr. Hyde, met her daughter, Dr. Hyde's wife, in the court room today, but they did not speak to each other.

This was the first time they had seen each other since last December 18, when Mrs. Swope ordered Dr. Hyde from her house and Mrs. Hyde, spurning her mother's charges against the physician, left the house with him. On March 7, while Dr. Hyde was temporarily in jail, Mrs. Swope called at her daughter's home, but was refused admission.

Hyde in Good Spirits.
Dr. Hyde displayed keen interest in the selection of jurors today, but took no active part in the sifting out of the veniremen. He seemed to be in the best of spirits and when humorous situations arose he joined in the laughter.

Chase Jordan, a negro Lerb doctor, who attended the Swope family to the extent of \$10,000, was arrested in Kansas City, Kansas, today on a warrant issued at the request of his wife, charging perjury. The matter involves a divorce suit.

BIG TRUST CASES TO BE HEARD AGAIN

Court Orders Re-Argument of Causes Against Standard and American Tobacco.

MAY MEAN A LONG DELAY OF THE ACTION

Step Taken by the Highest Tribunal of the United States Probably Will Postpone Disposition of Matter Until Next Year—Death of Brewer Regarded as Cause.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11.—Unwilling at this time to render decisions in the dissolution suits against the Standard Oil and the so-called "Tobacco Trusts," the Supreme Court of the United States today ordered a re-argument of the cases. This postpones the final disposition of the application of the Sherman anti-trust law to these corporations for weeks, and probably until after next October. The present term will end about June 1.

The immediate cause of the re-argument of the cases is regarded to have been the recent death of Justice Brewer. His death left only seven justices actively at work on the bench, as Justice Moody has been absent all of this term by reason of illness.

May be Long Delay.
It is believed the court will not advance the cases for re-argument until President Taft has been given ample time to fill the vacancy created by the death of Justice Brewer. If this vacancy is not filled before the senate adjourns for the summer, it is probable the cases will not be taken up again until after the first of next December, when the senate meets again. This is based on the assumption that a recess appointee would violate a precedent which has been unbroken for more than a hundred years, if he took such seat on the bench before being confirmed.

Chronological History of Standard.

1862: John D. Rockefeller started in the oil business with \$4,000.

1865: Rockefeller became the owner of a refinery in Cleveland.

1870: Organization of Standard Oil Co., of Ohio, by Rockefeller and others.

1871: South Improvement Company arranged for rebates from railroads.

1879: Organization of "Vilas-Keith-Chester Trust."

1882: Organization of so-called "Standard Oil Trust."

1891: Passage of Sherman anti-trust act.

1892: Dissolution of "Standard Oil Trust."

1899: Reorganization of Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, as holding company.

1906: Filing of petition for dissolution of Standard.

1910: Circuit court at St. Louis decrees dissolution asked for by government.

1910: Appeal to Supreme Court of the United States.

Fire Fight.
For years "Standard Oil" has been under the scrutiny of state and federal governments.

The first great fight over the methods of the Standard Oil interests was directed against the Standard Oil of Ohio. As a result of the litigation this organization was dissolved. The stock drifted into the hands of trusts of one form and another, and more litigation followed. Then the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey was reorganized in 1899. With its capital stock of \$110,000,000, it became the holding company; that is, it acquired various branches of the oil business. The task of fighting "Standard Oil" had outgrown the state, and the federal government took up the cudgel.

The bureau of corporations was organized, and as its first assignment, undertook an investigation of the Standard Oil. "It reached into the very vitals of the corporation," according to the description of that inquiry given in court by the Standard's counsel.

Suit Starts.
Then in 1906, Justice Moody, now of the Supreme Court, then attorney general of the United States, directed the filing of a petition in the Federal Circuit Court for the eastern district of Missouri, for the dissolution of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, as a combination in restraint of interstate trade and a monopoly, all in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. The petition was loaded with the ammunition collected by the states.

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