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## HELD IN MEXICAN JAIL FOR 8 YEARS

Florida Man Held This Time Without Being Given a Trial.

NOW EN ROUTE TO PENSACOLA

S. S. Smith of This State, and T. C. Sheperd and T. C. Connor of Georgia, Were in Charge of Train, Which Accidentally Ran Over and Killed a Peon, For Which They Were Arrested.

Mobile, Ala., Jan. 9.—Thrust into prison at Saragossa, Mexico, without the privilege of a trial, when a train of which they were in charge accidentally ran over and killed a peon, T. C. Sheperd and T. C. Connor, of Georgia, and S. S. Smith, of Florida, arrived here today after being released through the state department.

The three men were engineers, conductor and fireman, respectively, of a train which killed the peon as the train backed into a siding near Vera Cruz, Mexico. They were arrested, placed in jail, and never allowed trial and held from June, 1900, until Oct. 28, 1908, when their release was secured through an American photographer traveling through Mexico taking the matter up with the department at Washington.

The men have lost track of the years, months and days, and with great difficulty remember any dates. They say while they were worked hard, they were not mistreated and seem well and hearty. They came here from New Orleans, where they were landed after sailing from Vera Cruz, and tomorrow they will take passage on a steamer for Pensacola, from where they will make their way home.

## FINE IMPOSED ON HARVESTER CO. WILL STAND

SUPREME COURT OF KANSAS AFFIRMS VERDICT OF LOWER COURT IN \$12,600 FINE.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 9.—The supreme court, in a far-reaching decision today affirmed the verdict and fine of the district court for Shawnee county against the International Harvester company. The company was fined \$12,600 on forty-two counts, each charging a violation of the Kansas anti-trust laws. It will be appealed to the supreme court of the United States.

## TAFT WILL HEAR "HAIL TO THE CHIEF" ONLY ONCE

Washington, Jan. 9.—If President-elect Taft has a sensitive musical ear it will not be jarred on inauguration day with a constant repetition of the tune "Hail to the Chief."

## TANG SHAO WANTED TO BORROW \$50,000,000 IN U. S.

Washington, Jan. 9.—It was stated today unofficially but in responsible quarters that the amount of the loan which Tang Shao Yi, the special Chinese ambassador, desired to negotiate on his trip for internal improvements in China approximated \$50,000,000. His hope, it is said, was to negotiate the loan in this country.

## City of St. Louis Sues For Nearly \$1,000,000

St. Louis, Jan. 9.—Suits for nearly a million dollars were filed against the local street car companies in behalf of the city of St. Louis today. The United Railways company and St. Louis Transit company are defendants in the first suit, which is for \$147,621. The second suit for \$775,638 is directed against the former company only.

## Papers Were Taken From Tillman's Desk

Washington, Jan. 9.—In the preparation of his speech of reply to the president's charges, Senator Tillman has failed to find a number of papers bearing upon the Oregon land case, in connection with which the present controversy arose. These papers, he said, were enclosed in a large envelope and left in his private desk in the committee room at the capitol when he left Washington last March on account of illness. Notwithstanding the loss of this data Tillman is confident of his ability to make a satisfactory reply to the president. "He will be hoisted by his own petard," declared Tillman sentimentally. "Tillman is affording an illustration of the old adage, 'that trouble never comes singly.' In addition to the difficulty about the Oregon lands, Postmaster Barnes is trying to collect from him a bill of sixteen dollars for carrying through the mails a government typewriter, which the senator 'franked' from his home in South Carolina to Washington. As the typewriter is government property Tillman replied to Barnes by saying in effect he could collect from its owner.

## BOY HAD AMAZING AMOUNT OF MONEY

St. Louis, Jan. 9.—A money bag of amazing proportions which a small boy pulled from his bosom to pay his bill at a shooting gallery last night attracted the attention of a patrolman who questioned him as to how he got it. He confessed the amount in the bag, \$121.19, represented what was left of money he appropriated from the Brookport Milling Company's offices in Brookport, Ill.

## NO ENCORES PERMITTED AT METROPOLITAN

This Practice to Be Abolished as it Serves to Seriously Interrupt the Performance.

Washington, Jan. 9.—No encores are to be permitted at the Metropolitan opera house hereafter, according to an announcement made by one of the managers. It is as strongly suggested that the custom of handing flowers to the singers during the intermission is to be forbidden. The ban on encores is a result of recurrences of Thursday night when Signor Bonelli was applauded so long and persistently that the performance was seriously interrupted.

## SENATE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY HALE.

Washington, Jan. 9.—Acting Chairman Hale of the senate committee on appropriations today appointed Senator Gallinger, Hemenway and Clay as a sub-committee to consider President Roosevelt's reference to congress in that portion of his message which deals with the secret service.

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Chinese grand councillor, and the uncertainty attending the future policy of China, in both internal and external administration will, it is feared, render impossible any headway along this line in the short period before Tan's departure home following his recall.

## SIX NIGHT RIDERS SENTENCED TO HANG

Without a Tremor the Night Riders Heard the Court Pass Sentence.

FEBRUARY 19 THE DATE OF EXECUTION

Will Pay With Their Lives the Cold-Blooded Murder of Capt. Ranken at Reelfoot Lake—Court Overruled Motion For a New Trial, and Cases Will Be Appealed.

Union City, Jan. 9.—Without a tremor the six men of Reelfoot lake heard judgment passed today condemning them to pay with their lives the penalty for the part they were convicted in having had in putting to death Captain Ranken at Walnut Log, the deed of the band of so-called night riders, of which the six men are declared to be leaders. Whatever may have been their emotions, they faced the court to receive sentence with the same stoic expression as had been their marked characteristic during the sensational trial of which today was the climax. February 19 is set as the day of execution.

## DEFENSE IN HAINS TRIAL CONCLUDES

WILL CALL ONE OR TWO MINOR WITNESSES MONDAY AND THEN SUM UP THE CASE.

Flushing, Jan. 9.—With the calling of one or two minor witnesses Monday morning, the defense in the trial of Thornton Hains will sum up its case to the jury. All the session today was given over to rebuttal of the evidence that James Tierney, the defense's eye witness to the shooting, was on the boat when the tragedy occurred. Members of the Bayside club swore they did not see Tierney.

## HARRY THAW IS ENTITLED TO A TRIAL

COURT RULES THAT HE SHALL HAVE HEARING AS TO HIS SANITY AT PRESENT.

Nyack, N. Y., Jan. 9.—Harry Kendall Thaw is entitled to trial as to whether he has recovered his sanity, according to Justice Tompkins, who today heard arguments on a writ of habeas corpus obtained by Mrs. Mary C. Thaw, his mother.

## NO FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENT BY JUDGE TAFT

PRESIDENT-ELECT SAYS HE WILL HEREAFTER DENY ALL RUMORS REGARDING HIS CABINET.

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 9.—Beyond a reiteration of the announcement that Philander C. Knox will be secretary of state and Frank H. Hitchcock postmaster general in his cabinet, President-elect Taft has determined that no other cabinet appointments will be made known until March 4th. To make this determination effective, he will deny all rumors, predictions or announcements from any source or quarter whatsoever.

## CRUISER MONTANA EXPECTED TO PAY VISIT TO PENSACOLA

### THE GERMAN SCHOOLSHIP FREYA AT ANCHOR IN PORT

BRIDE OF TWO MONTHS INSTANTLY KILLED.

Big War Vessel Crossed the Bar About Noon and Came Up to City.

## 12,470,226 BALES COTTON GINNED TO DATE

Census Bureau Makes Report of Amount, Which is Nearly 3,000,000 in Excess of Previous Year.

Washington, Jan. 9.—The census bureau today reported 12,470,226 running bales of cotton ginned from the growth of 1908 to January 1 last, against 9,951,505 a year ago, and 27,386 ginneries operated against 27,276 a year ago. The percentage of the whole crop ginned to January 1 is 90 per cent for 1909 and 90.4 for 1908.

## HOUSE WILL NOT STOP AT THE REBUKE

ADOPTS SWEEPING RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY INTO AMOUNT OF MONEY EXPENDED FOR DETECTING FRAUD.

Washington, Jan. 9.—That the house of representatives does not intend to stop with its action of yesterday in rebuking the president in connection with his utterances regarding the secret service was evidenced today when, at the instance of Mr. Tawney, of Minnesota, and without a dissenting vote, it adopted a sweeping resolution of inquiry into the amount of money appropriated for the present fiscal year for detecting frauds and efforts made to bring to trial offenders against the law.

## SUING WOMAN FOR A BREACH OF PROMISE

DR. KIRKE STANLEY WANTS \$150,000 FROM MRS. JEANETTE DEERE CHAPMAN, HEIR OF LATE JOHN DEERE.

Chicago, Jan. 9.—A breach of promise suit in which Dr. Kirke Stanley, of New York, seeks to secure \$150,000 from Mrs. Jeanette Deere Chapman, one of the heirs of the millions of the late John Deere, of Moline, Ill., came to light today in the office of the clerk of the superior court.

Will Remain Here for Twenty Days and Then Start on Return Voyage—Has 570 Officers and Men Aboard.

The German school ship Freya, one of the largest foreign war vessels ever to enter a gulf port, entered port yesterday at noon, and steaming up the harbor to a position off Palafox wharf dropped anchor. The vessel, which is on cruise for the practice of the young men aboard, sailed from Kiel last June and came to Pensacola from Guantanamo, being one day late in her arrival.

## A Large Vessel.

The Freya is a large vessel, having a net register of 5,000 tons. She is 270 feet in length, has a beam of 54 feet and is one of the largest vessels in the German navy used as a schoolship. She drew 28 feet when she crossed Pensacola bar, being piloted in by Pilot Bell. The vessel has a total of 570 officers and men aboard.

## Official Calls.

General Consul Rolfs called upon the commanding officer yesterday afternoon shortly after the arrival of the vessel in port, and tomorrow morning Mayor Goodman, Collector Stillman and Consul Rolfs will pay an official call.

## FOR SOCIAL BETTERMENT.

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 9.—A state organization for social betterment was formed today with former Chief Justice S. D. Weakley as president. Among the officers is Mrs. E. Semmes Colston, of Mobile, a daughter of the great Confederate admiral, Raphael Semmes, and a sister of Mrs. Luke Wright, wife of Secretary of War Wright, of Washington.

## POSTMASTER ARRESTED.

Honolulu, Jan. 9.—John T. Slayton, assistant postmaster of the Honolulu postoffice, has been arrested by Postoffice Inspector Hare for opening letters that passed through his hands.

## YOUNG LADY IS KILLED AND FIVE INJURED IN STREET DUEL

Cincinnati, Jan. 9.—A Times-Star special from Williamstown, Ky., says: Miss Ethel Ransom, aged 25 years, was killed and five other persons injured, two probably fatally, as a result of a feud fight on the streets of this place at an early hour today. There had been bitter feeling for a long time between the Lantern and Ransom family and it led to trouble when they met at a dance given last night at the home of Wes Barnes, two miles from Williamstown. The first outbreak was suppressed but later the men met on the street and from words took to pistols and the throwing of boulders. Miss Ransom was killed by a bullet, her brother Sidney was shot below the heart and above the eye and his recovery is doubtful as is also that of Charles Clark, who was shot through the lungs.

## ALABAMA LIQUOR INTERESTS ATTACK PROHIBITION LAWS

Montgomery, Ala., Jan. 9.—Backed by any amount of money and supported by as good legal talent as the state affords, the anti-prohibition forces today began an attack on the constitutionality of the prohibition law in the United States court, seeking to have Judge Thomas G. Jones issue an injunction stopping all enforcement of the act pending a decision of the validity of its passage, which is questioned in many particulars. It is contended that the federal court has jurisdiction, the same points having been raised in the railroad acts which were enjoined, and that it should give relief to the business interests, every day losing thousands of dollars by the operation of the law.

Inquiry at the Navy Yard Received From the Navy Department.

## ASKED IF THE SHIP COULD ENTER PORT

It is Persumed by This That the Department Will Order the Big Cruiser to Come to Pensacola Navy Yard—Associated Press Knows of No Change in Plans of Taft.

The cruiser Montana, one of the largest vessels of her type in the navy, is expected to come to Pensacola at an early date, though for what purpose is not yet known. Yesterday the commandant of the navy yard received a telegram from the navy department, in which the department desired to know if the Montana could enter this port. The pilots were called upon for information and replied that the Montana or any other vessels of the navy could easily come into port. This information was wired to the department, but no further communication passed between the yard and department.

## Talked With Vessel.

It was stated at the navy yard last night that the wireless station had been in communication with the Montana at Norfolk, but the nature of the communication would not be divulged. That the cruiser is to be sent to Pensacola is without a doubt, but for what purpose remains somewhat of a mystery, unless it is that she is to proceed from here to some other point.

## What's Plans Unchanged.

When it was made known that the department was making inquiries regarding the depth of water on the bar and if the Montana could enter this port, it was thought at once that President-elect Taft had changed his ideas regarding the embarking point on his Cuban trip, and this may possibly be so, but as yet the Associated Press is not informed of the fact. A wire was sent the southern division of the Associated Press last night by The Journal asking if any change had been made, and the reply was that so far as known no announcement had been made by the president-elect of either embarking or turning by way of Pensacola.

## SNATCHED PURSE CONTAINING \$2500.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 9.—Mrs. John Kelly, aged 80 years, was attacked here today by a negro man at the corner of Jefferson avenue and Dunlap streets and her purse containing a \$2,000 check, a \$500 note and \$99 in cash snatched from her hands. She fell to the ground in a faint and was too feeble and frightened to call for assistance. She is in a critical condition and under the constant care of a physician. The police are scouring the city for her assailant.