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## COL. COOPER IS FREE; NASHVILLE IN FRENZY

Carmack's Convicted Slayer Pardoned by Governor Patterson—Retrial for Son.

### THREATS FOLLOW HIS RELEASE

Action of Tennessee Executive After Adverse Court Ruling Opens Political War.

Colonel Duncan B. Cooper, sentenced last year, with his son, Robin J. Cooper, to twenty years in the State penitentiary upon conviction of the killing of former United States Senator Edward W. Carmack in Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 9, 1908, was granted a full pardon by Governor Patterson a few minutes after the Supreme Court had affirmed his sentence. The court ordered a new trial for Robin J. Cooper. Colonel Cooper was released soon after his pardon was signed. His son is at liberty under \$25,000 bonds, and his friends freely predict that he will not again be arraigned for trial.

Governor Patterson's action has aroused Nashville and Tennessee as nothing ever did before. There is the most intense excitement throughout the city. The street corners, hotel lobbies and other places where crowds congregate have been the scenes of the most violent discussions. Rumors of the Governor resigning, of an attempted assassination and of a plot to lynch Colonel Cooper have filled the air since the pardon was issued.

Governor Patterson, in the pardon which he wrote for Colonel Cooper, said: "In my opinion, neither of the defendants is guilty, and they have not had a fair and impartial trial, but were convicted contrary to the law and the evidence. The action of the Supreme Court in vacating the judgment as to Robin Cooper, leaves the sentence of Paul conviction as to his co-defendant. The proof showed that Robin Cooper killed deceased and that D. B. Cooper did not fire a shot. Without reflection upon the court, it is inconceivable to my mind and repugnant to every principle of justice that a man should be found guilty of murder who was not in a conspiracy to kill and who, in fact, did not kill."

The Supreme Court's reversal in the case was based on the assignment of error in the trial judge's failing to charge the jury as to Robin Cooper's theory of self-defense, linking the defense of the two defendants together, excluding testimony of Governor Patterson as to talks with Robin Cooper and other points.

### DEATH ENTERS DR. HYDE TRIAL

T. T. Twyman, Important Witness for State Passes Away Suddenly.

Death has entered the trial of Dr. B. C. Hyde, who is charged with having by the use of poison killed Colonel Thomas Swope in Kansas City. It was just after City Attorney James A. Reed had concluded the opening statement for the State when the announcement was made that Dr. G. T. Twyman, one of the principal witnesses for the prosecution, had died. Dr. Twyman was taken ill Saturday and it has been announced that he probably would be the first witness to be called by the State. His death was attributed to acute diverticulitis.

The opening of the case was marked by a sharp clash between counsel for the State and defense, the latter objecting strenuously to Mr. Reed, as special counsel, making the opening statement. The objection was overruled.

### LOWER FOOD PRICES IN SIGHT.

New York Provision Men Look for Decline in Beef and Pork Values.

Close observers of the food products markets in New York expressed expectation of an era of low prices for foodstuffs. "The wish in some degree may be father to the thought," said one provision man, "as lower prices would help us as well as the consumer, but the tendency of prices now is unmistakably downward. It seems to me reasonable for people to look for a decrease in the retail prices of beef and pork in a short time. The plentifulness of grain has compelled the farmer to feed it to his cattle, which are waxing fat, and which must be put on the market." Other provision men expressed similar views, based largely upon the decline in the grain markets and predictions of bountiful crops, both here and abroad.

### HOOT AND BURN NEGRO SLAYER

Mississippi Mob Hang Black Killed in Jail, Then Set Body Afire.

Tom O'Neil, a negro, who shot and killed Jailer Temple in Meridian, Miss., was shot and killed by the mob in a fight in the basement of the jail. A crowd of nearly 2,000 people took the body of O'Neil, who was dying from the officers, carried it to a telephone pole and hanged it. After the body had been lowered the throat was cut and the clothing saturated with kerosene and set on fire. The body was rescued from the mob after the clothing had been burned. Temple was killed by O'Neil when he went to the assistance of a deputy whose revolver the negro had seized.

### TRADING STAMPS WIN IN COURT.

Supreme Tribunal of Minnesota Says Antichance Law Is Not Violated.

In an opinion in the case of Attorney-General Simpson vs. the Sperry-Hutchinson Company, a trading stamp concern, the Minnesota Supreme Court dismissed the writ in a suit to enjoin the company from continuing the issue of its stamps. The court held that trading stamps did not contain a sufficient element of chance to bring them within the prohibition of the statute against gift enterprises.

## HIS BUSY DAY!



### BASEBALL SEASON BEGINS.

Opening League Games Are Played in Eight Cities.

Big doings the other day on the ball lots of the National and American leagues. Smiling skies prevailed elsewhere, eight umpires each "tossed out a new white ball," eight umpires each in his finest voice cried "play ball," and in eight cities the sporting writers chronicled that "the game was on." At least these quotations have done service from time immemorial and there is no reason why they should be discarded at this late date.

It was the day when all the teams were equal and that marked the initial puncture or the initial impetus to the hopes of several million fans. What will the end be? Call around in October and the answer will probably be ready.

In the American League the rapid development last year of Philadelphia and Boston and the hard tussle that Detroit had to repeat for the second time her pennant performance, makes the picking of a championship team this year the merest guess work.

About the only thing that does seem assured is that the first division teams in each league will not differ materially from those of last year. Pittsburgh, Chicago, New York and Cincinnati again look to be certain in the National for the upper tier, while in the American, Detroit, Philadelphia and Boston appear reasonably safe, with either New York or Cleveland having a good chance to wrest from Chicago her berth in the upper division.

And added interest in the National's race this year is the adoption of a strong policy regarding the umpiring and the protection of the umpires. President Lynch bids fair to follow the example of Ban Johnson, of the American, in this respect, and it is predicted that the day of umpire baiting is forever past.

### SAFE IN POSTOFFICE BLOWN.

Crackmen Wreck Melrose Park Station and Escape.

Crackmen wrecked the safe in the Melrose Park (Ill.) postoffice with dynamite at 3 a. m. the other day and escaped with \$500 in currency and \$200 worth of postage stamps. The terrific explosion shook the building, shattered windows and tore away part of the flooring. The entire village was aroused and thrown into excitement. The safe-blowers escaped by boarding an out-bound freight train on the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. The Chicago police were asked to search for the robbers and several detectives were hurried to the Western suburb. The crackmen are believed to be Chicago crooks.

### Shoots Himself Before Family.

A Clyde Irons, manager of the Palace Vaudeville Theater, in Steubenville, Ohio, in the presence of his wife and young son, shot himself through the head in the theater. He probably will die. Financial trouble caused the act.

### Seven Die in Explosion.

Seven persons were killed in a terrific explosion in a building in the bonded warehouse district of Hamburg. Three great warehouses were set on fire. Many casks of oil were stored in the building. The fire burned furiously for hours.

### Clerk Has \$2,300,000 Estate.

Charles Ferdinand Hoffman, known as a confidential clerk for Brown Bros., bankers at 59 Wall street, New York, died a year ago. He left an estate valued at about \$2,300,000. He worked for Brown Bros. for more than fifty years.

### Escape from Industrial School.

Nine of the inmates of the Ohio Girls' Industrial School at Delaware were reported as missing to the Columbus police. It is believed that the girls headed for Columbus.

### ACTIVE LAKE NAVIGATION OPEN

First Boat Passes the Soo and Excursion Steamers Make Ready.

Reports to the effect that the first boat has gone through the Soo, coupled with the manning of Chicago's excursion steamers and the issuing of new pilot charts of the great lakes by the Hydrographical Department of the United States yesterday, signified the active opening of navigation on the great lakes. The first boat to enter the Chicago harbor was the City of Traverse, on March 13. On March 6 the ice had disappeared from Lake Michigan, according to reports in the weather bureau. The average closed season of navigation about the Chicago harbor is from Jan. 7 to Feb. 27, and the closed season in Sault Ste. Marie usually is from the middle of December to April 30. A report from Sault Ste. Marie stated that the steamer J. E. Upon, in charge of Captain J. B. Wood, the first up-bound boat to pass through the Soo this season, had signaled for landing.

### STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

Progress of the Pennant Race in Base Ball Leagues.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.			
W. L.	W. L.	W. L.	W. L.
Boston . . . . . 2	Cincinnati . . . . . 2	Philadelphia . . . . . 2	Brooklyn . . . . . 2
Pittsburg . . . . . 2	New York . . . . . 1	Chicago . . . . . 2	St. Louis . . . . . 1
AMERICAN LEAGUE.			
W. L.	W. L.	W. L.	W. L.
Cleveland . . . . . 2	Boston . . . . . 1	Washington . . . . . 2	New York . . . . . 1
Chicago . . . . . 1	Philadelphia . . . . . 1	Chicago . . . . . 1	Philadelphia . . . . . 1
Detroit . . . . . 2	St. Louis . . . . . 1	Detroit . . . . . 2	St. Louis . . . . . 1
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.			
W. L.	W. L.	W. L.	W. L.
Toledo . . . . . 1	Kansas City . . . . . 2	St. Paul . . . . . 2	Indianapolis . . . . . 4
Columbus . . . . . 2	Minneapolis . . . . . 1	Minneapolis . . . . . 3	Louisville . . . . . 1
Minneapolis . . . . . 3	Louisville . . . . . 1	Minneapolis . . . . . 3	Louisville . . . . . 1

### THE PRESIDENT IS HISSED.

Women Disapprove of Speech by Taft at Suffrage Meet.

President Taft was hissed while delivering an address of welcome at the convention of the American Woman Suffrage Association in Washington. The manifestation of disapproval was not unanimous, but it was pronounced. It interrupted the President's speech, but did not disconcert him. He waited a few seconds for the feminine ebullience of reproach, to subside and then finished what he had to say.

The President was describing the two conditions he would impose in granting suffrage to any class. "One is," he said, "that the class should be intelligent enough to know its own interests. The theory that Hottentots or any uneducated, altogether unintelligent class is prepared for self-government at once, or should immediately take part in self-government, is a theory I wholly dissent from—but that is not applicable to the present situation. The other qualification is that the class should care enough for their own interests to take part in the exercise of political power if it is conferred upon them. If they do not, then it seems to me that the danger is that the power conferred may be exercised by that part of the class least desirable."

### MILLIONS LOST THROUGH FROST

Heavy Damage in Iowa, Where Temperature Drops to 22 Degrees.

Secretary Wesley Greene of the Iowa State Horticultural Department estimated that the damage to the Iowa fruit and vegetable crop from the freezing weather will be between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000. He asserts that early fruit, cherries and plums in particular, have been destroyed, but vegetables may be replanted, thus regaining a part of the loss. Snow has been falling in many parts of Iowa. A temperature of 22 above zero was reported from the southern part of the State. Temperatures ranging from 27 to 38 above zero, accompanied by flurries of snow, represented the weather in Western Missouri, Eastern Kansas and Southern Nebraska. In Illinois frost has greatly damaged fruit at Galesburg. Springfield and Central Illinois were visited by a heavy snowfall and budding fruits were killed by frost. A cold, drizzling rain fell throughout Southern Illinois and hard rains fell in Southern Indiana and Western Kentucky, washing away many bridges.

### OCEAN LINER IS WRECKED.

Minnehaha Goes on Rocks, but Passengers and Crew Are Safe.

The Atlantic transport steamer Minnehaha, which sailed from New York on April 9 for London, is ashore on the sea rocks at the Scilly islands, near Bishop's rock, according to a wireless message received at Lloyd's signal station at the Lizard. The wreck was caused by a dense fog. The passengers and crew of the liner landed on Bryher island, one of the Scilly group. The Minnehaha sailed from New York with sixty-one cabin passengers. The boat is a cargo carrier of 13,443 tons, with limited accommodations for cabin passengers only. It was built in Belfast in 1900. The Scilly islands are off the southwest coast of England, about thirty miles from Land's End.

### WOMAN KILLS BABIES.

20-Year-Old Mother Slays Her Two Children in Ohio.

"The spirits kept bothering me," is the only explanation offered by Mrs. Rosa Marquardt, 20 years old, of Akron, Ohio, who killed her 2-year-old daughter with a club and so seriously injured her 1-year-old baby that the child's death is expected. The woman was committed to the Massillon State Hospital.

### Blow Safe and Get \$10,000.

Robbers blew the vault of the First National Bank at Spring City, Tenn., and escaped with an amount exceeding \$10,000. Bloodhounds soon were placed on the trail, but thus far the safeblowers have not been apprehended.

### Four Drowned Forging River.

While attempting to ford the Bush River in a wagon Mrs. Thomas Leard, a widow, her two young children and her sister-in-law, Miss Elizabeth Leard, were drowned near Fort Smith, Ark. Three other occupants of the vehicle escaped.

### Five Dead, Five Hurt, in Wreck.

As the result of a wreck on the Great Northern three miles east of Spokane at least three men are dead, five injured, and two thought to be dead are missing.

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRADE.

Bryan, Trip Ended, Points to Chances in South America.

William J. Bryan, who has just made a tour of South America, returned to New York the other day on board the Red D. Line steamship Caracas. Mr. Bryan talked of his trip to the newspaper men. He was enthusiastic over the possibilities of South America to be developed by the opening of the Panama Canal.

"South America is bound to become the great market for the products of this country," said Mr. Bryan. "Heretofore our merchants and manufacturers have been kept busy with the home markets, but now they are reaching out for the trade of the countries to the south of us, and they will gain it in time. The increased sale of our goods within a very recent period demonstrated that we are already beginning to see the necessity for reaching out and grasping the opportunities that lie all ready to our hand in the South American countries. The opening of the Panama Canal, which will not be delayed later than 1915, in my opinion will lead to a marvelous development of trade relations with the countries on the west coast of South America."

"During the next fifty years," continued Mr. Bryan, "between 25,000,000 and 50,000,000 emigrants will find a home in South America, and the social and economical changes that will be brought about by this shift in population will bring up for consideration wholly new and probably difficult problems."

Mr. Bryan would not discuss the letter sent by him to be read at the Jefferson day dinner in Washington.

### PERISH IN CHINESE RIOTS.

British Consulate Only Foreign-Owned Building Left Standing.

In the rioting in Chang Sha, China, in which not less than 24,000 persons, including the governor of the province of Hu Nan, have perished, all the foreign-owned buildings in the city have been destroyed by fire except the British consulate. All the buildings rented by foreigners have been looted. The Chinese officials as long ago as Thursday issued a proclamation that they were unable to protect the lives and property of foreigners, and thereupon all foreigners made haste to leave the city. So far as is known no foreign resident lost his life.

The missionaries attached to the American Episcopal Church and the United Evangelical Church and the Wesleyan and Yale missions, numbering forty-one in all, took refuge in boats. They lost all of their effects. The destruction of all foreign property, including the Japanese consulate and the British warehouses, followed. The fate of the Standard Oil Company's new tanks is unknown.

### ROB FAST MAIL TRAIN.

Two Bandits Hold Up China-Japan Fast Mail in California.

The China-Japan mail, which left San Francisco over the Southern Pacific Railway for the East at 9 o'clock Saturday night, was held up by two masked men at Sprig, two miles east of Benicia, Cal., at 12:30 o'clock the other morning and robbed of nine pouches of registered mail. The train carried no express matter. Four of the pouches have been recovered, but the robbers rifled the others and now are hiding in the hills and canyons between Martinez and Oakland. Sheriff's posse from two counties, detectives and postoffice inspectors on horses and in automobiles are engaged in the man hunt. The robbers were well armed and a battle is anticipated.

### Passengers on the Train Not Disturbed.

The passengers on the train were not disturbed and several of them did not learn of the robbery until the next morning. After getting the mail sacks the robbers cut the engine loose from the train and sent it wild, throttle open, down the main track to the east.

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### QUIT PULPIT FOR POLITICS.

Firmly in the belief as minister of the gospel he was living in a realm of fanciful theories and impractical ideals, Charles H. Braden, formerly pastor of Grace Baptist Church of Spokane, Wash., has abandoned the pulpit to enter national politics. He is an active candidate for Congress from the Third District of Washington.

### GIRL STRAGGLED BY HER HAIR.

Ella Pohl, of Berlin, a student in the New Mexico Agricultural College, while picknicking climbed a cliff, lost her hold and plunged over. She was caught in a crevice. Her hair acted as a noose and she died in a few hours.

### NEW BAN ON TUBERCULOUS.

If persons suffering from tuberculosis can be proved to be a menace to the health of others, boards of health may compel them to give up their employment, according to an opinion given by the attorney general's department.

### LINCOLN, NEB., REMAINS DRY.

At the special referendum election Lincoln, Neb., voted by a majority of slightly more than 900 to continue the policy of no license, inaugurated a year ago.

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