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## LYNCHED BY MOB

CROWD BREAKS IN JAIL AND SHOTS MURDERER.

## SHERIFF KILLED BY A VOLLEY

One Prisoner Escapes but is Afterwards Recaptured and Shot to Death—Jail Doors Battered Down by a Telegraph Pole.

BUTTE, Mont.—A special to the Miner from Red Lodge, Mont., says: Jim Gorman, who killed his brother about a year ago, and ran off with his brother's wife, and a man named Walters, who killed a widow named Hoover at Hot Springs two years ago, were lynched at Basin, Wyo., early Sunday. C. E. Pierce, a deputy sheriff, was killed during the attack on the jail.

A state of lawlessness now prevails in northwestern Wyoming, as a result of which all law and order seems to have been abolished. From President Moffett of the Montana & Wyoming Telephone company, who is now making a tour of inspection of his company's lines, comes the news of the lynching, and of an appeal for help from Sheriff Fenton of Big Horn county, who has arrested a number of prominent cattlemen from Thermopolis and has appealed to the governor of Wyoming for the assistance of the militia in getting his men to Basin.

It was reported by the sheriff Wednesday morning that a mob was coming up to Basin from Hyatsville and Tonsilp for the purpose of lynching Gorman and Walters. As a measure of precaution the sheriff took these two men and a horse thief out of the jail and secreted them in a gulch near town, under guard of Deputy Sheriffs Felix Alston and C. E. Pierce.

Gorman managed to slip his handcuffs and make his escape. He swam the Big Horn river, an unprecedented feat, and made for the mountains. A posse of seven men quickly organized and Gorman was recaptured about fifty miles from Basin. A mob of about fifty unmasked men rode up the bank of the Big Horn and compelled the ferryman to carry them across the river.

The mob proceeded at once to the county jail and fired a volley into the building. Deputy Moore and Special Deputy Meade were guarding the men at the time. One bullet grazed Meade's shoulders and entered Pierce's heart. Members of the mob quickly procured two telephone poles and battered the jail doors down. They first came to Walters, who was crouched in his cell, piteously begging for mercy. No needless torture was resorted to. Walters was shot instantly.

The mob next found Gorman, whose body was pierced by five bullets, and was left presumably dead. He lingered, however, for some time.

## IDEAS OF CORONER BURKE.

Will Suppress the Details of All Suicides.

CLEVELAND, O.—Coroner Burke said that he will make an attempt to suppress details in the cases of all suicides.

"The publication of suicide stories under glaring headlines, giving every detail of the crime," said Coroner Burke, "is most harmful to the public at large and is the direct cause of so many suicides. I have noticed that when a suicide is printed a number of suicides immediately follow, all taking their lives in the same manner."

Coroner Burke said he would ask the co-operation of the managing editors of the local press in his efforts to carry out his ideas.

## New Bug in the Corn.

COLUMBUS, Mo.—Prof. Stedman of the department of horticulture of the Missouri university, after a tour through St. Charles, St. Louis and Franklin counties reports that a peculiar bug is injuring corn. Prof. Stedman is going to collect a quantity of these bugs for experimentation. He hopes to be able to inoculate them just as the chinch bugs are inoculated.

## Burlington Borrows \$5,000,000.

NEW YORK—It was semi-officially announced Tuesday that the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad had secured a temporary loan of \$5,000,000 on notes due next March at 5 1/2 per cent interest, plus one-half per cent commission, making a total rate of 6 per cent. The Burlington company will use most of the money for pending improvements.

## BOTH OPIUM BILLS Tabled.

Philippine Commission Will Probe Regulations Elsewhere.

MANILA—The Philippine commission has tabled both the opium bills. The first bill provides for the proposed opium monopoly, the second is a substitute making the importation of opium unlawful except by pharmacists and permitting its sale on a physician's certificate.

A commission was appointed to visit Oriental countries and investigate the regulations in force there.

Governor Taft has championed the theory of regulation and has demonstrated that the passage of the first bill meant the prohibition of the drug to the 8,000,000 Filipinos and Moros and an effective regulation for the 100,000 Chinese in the archipelago more stringent than the English regulations. He declared that it was generally known that the opium habit as practiced by nearly all Chinamen was less pernicious than whiskey drinking and mercilessly exposed the corrupt combination of Chinese dealers who are circulating falsely signed protests and raising money for the defeat of the bill.

## IN A STATE OF COMA.

The Pope's Condition Now of the Gravest Character.

ROME—The pope lies this (Sunday) night in a state of coma, and there are grave doubts in the minds of his doctors whether he will ever completely emerge. His immediate dissolution seems only averted by the reliability of the action of his heart. His pulse, though weak, continues steady. Shortly before midnight Dr. Laponni said to the correspondent of the Associated Press:

"The pope at the present moment is in a state of coma, which may be called a condition preceding the last agony, the duration of which it is impossible to forecast, although everything leads to the belief that in this condition he cannot last long. To be more exact, he is still in a state of torpor and stupor, from which, however, he rouses occasionally when he hears sharp sounds."

## HE CAN'T SPEAK AT BOTH.

Bryan Will Choose Between Convention and Chautauqua.

URBANA, O.—The Urbana Chautauqua has made arrangements for William J. Bryan to deliver an address on August 5. The democratic county central committee decided to hold the county convention on the same day in order that Mr. Bryan might address the convention.

The Chautauqua managers have just met and decided that the editor of the Commoner shall not address the democratic convention. They think his speech at the assembly would not draw such a large crowd to the assembly if Mr. Bryan also delivered a speech at the convention. If Mr. Bryan insists on addressing the convention he will not be permitted to deliver his lecture at the Chautauqua.

## APPRECIATE HIS TELEGRAM.

Vatican Wires Thanks to President for His Sympathy.

ROME—President Roosevelt's telegram expressing the president's sympathy for his holiness in this hour of supreme anxiety and asking to be informed of the condition of the venerable patient, has been received.

The vatican authorities are deeply appreciative of this expression of sympathy and recall the cordial personal exchanges between the president and the pope when the volumes of the presidential messages and papal encyclicals were exchanged. Cardinal Rampolla sent an answer to the message, which contained the thanks of the vatican authorities for the solicitude expressed by the president and also the latest information concerning the condition of the pope.

## Storm Keeps President In.

OYSTER BAY, N. Y.—President Roosevelt did not attend church Sunday. In company with President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia university and Dr. Lambert, his old family physician and friend, he remained at Sagamore Hill quietly during the day, which, on account of a persistent storm, was dismal and disagreeable until evening. Mrs. Roosevelt and the children attended services at Christ Episcopal church.

When David takes Goliath's weapon he loses his heavenly ally.

## MAY LIVE WEEKS

POPE AGAIN IMPROVES SO DOCTORS HAVE HOPES.

## A CHANGE FOR THE BETTER

The Pope Too Weak to Dress Himself and Finds it Necessary to Allow Valet to Assist Him to His Chair—Masses Celebrated for Sick Pontiff.

ROME—Again the unexpected has happened, and while not recovering, Pope Leo is slightly improved, so that now several days, and possibly weeks, are given him to live. The change was first noted by the doctors at their usual examination Friday morning, when instead of finding the pontiff a stage nearer death, as they expected, they were able to report him a trifle better than the night before. The rally, if so it may be called, continued all day, the evening bulletin confirming the morning hopes, and today the news is still better.

Shortly after 2 the pope fell asleep, resting fairly easy till 4, when he woke, restless, but apparently no worse.

During the day his holiness complained of soreness, got out of bed and seated himself in his armchair for several minutes; later he received his confessor, and at 3 fell asleep for a short time. Toward night his appetite partially returned and he took some soup, a piece of toast and a little wine almost with relish.

Dr. Mazzoni entered the pontiff's bedroom at 8:30 Friday morning after Dr. Laponni had reported to him how his holiness had passed the night. He found the patient, as Pope Leo himself said, "unrefreshed and tired."

His holiness complained that, while the doctors had promised that his illness would not last long, it is now two weeks since he went to bed.

The pontiff prefers to sit up on the bed, as in that position he feels less oppression on his lungs and can breathe more easily. Dr. Mazzoni spent much time examining him. As his holiness is reduced almost to a skeleton, if a new operation is decided upon it will not be because of any hope of saving the patient's life, but simply for the purpose of rendering the death agonies less.

The doctors, though not entertaining the least hope of their patient's recovery, consider his general condition somewhat better, whereas they expected him to be much worse.

The pontiff's pulse is exactly as it was on Thursday and his temperature is about the same, while his respiration shows a little improvement, having returned to what it was on Wednesday. His appearance, however, is that of one who could not last another hour.

## MRS. JAMES G. BLAINE IS DEAD.

Passes Away at the Augusta Home After Protracted Illness.

AUGUSTA, Me.—Mrs. James G. Blaine died at the Blaine homestead here Wednesday.

Mrs. Blaine had been in poor health for several months and seriously ill for several days.

Mrs. Blaine was 76 years of age. From Washington, a short time ago, she came to the old family residence on State street. She was in an enfeebled condition and had been under almost constant attention since. During the past week she failed rapidly. Her condition was due to a general breakdown of the system.

Mrs. Blaine's maiden name was Harriet Stanwood, the daughter of a leading citizen of the state of Maine. She met her husband while both of them were teachers in a Kentucky school. They were married at Pittsburg, and later came to Augusta, where Mr. Blaine became editor of the Kennebec Journal.

## MRS. MINNIE CUMMINGS GUILTY.

Jury Finds She Murdered Her Fourth Husband.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The sealed verdict of the jury, read in court Tuesday, finds Minnie Cummings, charged with killing her husband, Dennis Cummings, April 18, 1903, guilty of murder in the second degree. The penalty was fixed at ten years' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

Mrs. Cummings will, on July 20, be tried for the alleged murder of her third husband, Edgar M. Harris, who died October 5, 1901. His death was first termed suicide, but a later investigation, after the death of Cummings, led to an indictment charging murder in the second degree.

## ABOUT RURAL MAIL DELIVERY.

Postoffice Department Makes an Explanation of Its Position.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The postoffice department has made public the following:

"There seems to be a wide misunderstanding as to the present attitude of the department regarding rural free delivery. The statement has been published quite generally, particularly in the west, that rural routes that do not handle 3,000 pieces of mail per month and supply 100 families are to be discontinued. It is not the purpose of the department to disturb routes already established unless they are manifestly unnecessary. There are now on file in the department petitions for more routes that will supply more than 100 families than can be established with the present appropriation. This being the case, the department does not feel it wise, equitable or just to establish a route supplying less than 100 families, the greatest good to the greatest number being the fundamental principle upon which rural free delivery is being established. As long as all the routes asked for cannot be established because of the lack of sufficient money, the routes that will supply the greater number of families should certainly have preference."

## ROOT AND MOODY ORDER

Army and Navy Now Work Together.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Secretaries Root and Moody issued the following joint order:

"The department of war and the department of the navy have agreed upon the formation of a joint board, to be composed of four officers of the army and four officers of the navy, to hold stated sessions and such extraordinary sessions as shall appear advisable, for the purpose of conferring upon, discussing and reaching common conclusions regarding all matters calling for the co-operation of the two services. Any matters which seem to either department to call for such consideration may be referred by that department to the board thus formed. All reports of the board shall be made in duplicate, one to each department. All reports and proceedings of the board shall be confidential. The senior member of the board present will preside at its meetings and the junior member of the board present will act as its recorder."

## ROOT BACK FROM OYSTER BAY.

Conferred With President Roosevelt on Army Promotions.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Secretary Root returned to Washington at a late hour Tuesday night from Oyster Bay, where he had been in conference with the president on various war department matters. A number of army promotions and retirements were determined on while the secretary was at Oyster Bay, and these will be announced in a few days.

Secretary Root declined to make any statement bearing on the subject of his retirement from the cabinet. He will not discuss the matter in any way. The secretary expects that the work of the Alaskan boundary commission will be completed in season to enable him to submit his annual report to congress on the assembling of that body in regular session in December.

## WANTS LOAN OF \$35,000,000.

President Palma Would Send Commission to Negotiate.

HAVANA—President Palma has sent a message to congress recommending the appointment of a member of each house to act with an appointee of the executive commissioners to proceed to the United States and negotiate the \$35,000,000 loan.

The senate held an extended session Monday evening, but did not reach the matter of ratification of the United States naval stations treaty. It approved President Palma's recommendation to move the penitentiary to Principe castle, from the presidio. The latter is situated on the harbor front and is desired for the erection of a great hotel.

## Good Wheat Yield in Russia.

LONDON.—The Standard's correspondent at Odessa says the cessation of the recent heavy rains, followed by hot and ripening weather, has saved the crops at the eleventh hour. Harvesting is now in full swing throughout the whole of South Russia and a fairly abundant yield is assured.

## HIDDEN PICTURE PUZZLE.



"I am going over to see Eben." Where is he?

## PORTS ARE OPEN

RUSSIA AGREES NOT TO INTERFERE WITH POLICY.

## TRADE FREE TO THE WORLD

WASHINGTON — The Manchurian question has been settled satisfactorily to this government.

Assurances have been received from the Chinese government that it will, in the near future, open, as treaty ports, several ports now closed to the world's trade.

The Russian government has conveyed formal assurance to the United States government that it will not in any way oppose such opening. While the ports to be opened are not yet specified, it is gathered from the communications received that they are Moukden, the principal island port of Manchuria, and Ta Tung Kao, at the mouth of the Yalu river.

The state department is highly gratified at the outcome, feeling that it has secured not only for American commerce, but for the commerce of the world at large, a very substantial gain.

It now develops that the meeting of Russian officials at Port Arthur, just concluded, was but one of the steps, though an important one, which the St. Petersburg government had planned in execution of its purpose to place matters of internal administration in Manchuria in such condition that the ports desired by the United States and Japan could be opened to trade without causing disturbance or involving undue sacrifice of proper Russian interests.

It already had been reported that much of the friction that had grown out of the Manchurian question was caused by a sort of triple yet independent administration of affairs in Manchuria, by representatives of the different branches of the Russian government.

The result was that one official would not feel bound by the pledges made by another, so that foreign nations complained of bad faith. It is understood that now, following the Port Arthur conference, a compact and responsible direction of affairs has been arranged for and orders issued from St. Petersburg are certain to meet with speedy and exact compliance.

Although no set time is mentioned in the promise to open the ports, it is believed that this will follow soon after the Russian evacuation in September.

It is now known that the negotiations which have terminated so successfully were practically brought to their present phase by Secretary Hay and Count Cassini at a meeting at the Russian embassy on June 28, the day before the secretary left for Newport, for the ambassador then had in hand the necessary authorization from his own government to make the pledges which are now in process of redemption.

## Harriman Plans Fine Villa.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.—E. H. Harriman is having plans prepared for the erection of an Italian villa in the wilderness of Arden.

The work of construction is to begin as soon as Mr. Harriman returns from Europe.

## CANDIDACY OF CLEVELAND.

What W. J. Bryan Has to Say of the Same.

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—W. J. Bryan was interviewed here as to the Cleveland movement. Mr. Bryan said: "It is a comedy as it now stands, but a tragedy if it should succeed."

Mr. Bryan declared that all he desired to see was the nomination by the democratic party of some one who would stand by democratic principles. "By democrats," said he, "I mean the principles enunciated at the Kansas City convention of the democratic party, the last opportunity the party had to declare the principles on which it stands."

Asked if there was any danger of the old line of Cleveland democrats capturing the next convention, Mr. Bryan said: "I do not think such a thing is a probability. If there were such a probability, danger would be the right word to use in connection with the results it would work to the democratic party."

## ATTEMPT TO BRIBE A JUDGE.

An Attorney Alleged to Have Offered \$250,000.

BUTTE, Mont.—The disbarment case of A. J. Shores, chief attorney for the Amalgamated Copper company, charged with attempting to bribe Judge Harney with \$250,000, in connection with the Minnie Heath mine decision, was called for trial Tuesday after six months' delay. F. A. Heinze and John McGinnis of the Montana Ore Purchasing company, to whom the mine was awarded, were subpoenaed by the defense, which alleges a business and political conspiracy on the part of the opponents through Shores.

An affidavit of Charles W. Clark, son of the Montana senator, was read, admitting that he offered Judge Harney the money, with the approval of Mr. Shores and other Amalgamated attorneys.

## MOVE TO CHANGE THE DATE.

Would Have Memorial Day Fall on Sunday.

SALEM, O.—Dr. A. C. Yengling, Grand Army department commander, and his staff of this city have inaugurated a movement in this county to change the date of Memorial day from May 30 to a later date. Posts of this county and this section are asked to take action along these lines. The reason for taking this action is the manner in which the day is desecrated in the eyes of the old soldiers by holding sports and other events. Sunday is suggested by the state commander, as he believes that on that day the event can be observed in the manner originally intended.

## Grain Yield in Hungary.

BUDAPEST—The latest official report of the ministry of agriculture estimates the yield of wheat in Hungary at 39,600,000; rye at 12,120,000, and oats at 11,100,000 metricentnos (a metricentno is equivalent to 44.92 pounds).

## Canal Treaty Dragging Along.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—United States Minister Beaupre cabled the state department from Bogota that the Panama canal treaty is dragging along before the Colombian congress.