KENTUCKY KILLING

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Desperado Defies the Sheriff and His Posse.

STRONGHOLD IS REDUCED TO ASHES

Narrow Escape From Lynching-Hanged Hinself Because of Ill Health-Erie Has a Bad Wreck-Hearing of Bellwood Bank Wreckers.

Six are dead and as many more are dying as the result of a battle between officers from Middlesboro, Ky., and mountaineers. The battle which was one of the most desperate things of its kind in the history of mountain warfare occurred at Lee Turner's "Quarterhouse" saloon, three and a haif miles from Middlesboro.

Last month some mules and other goods of Turner's were levied on in payment for a debt. He, with others went to Virginia, where the property had been taken, secured what was formerly his property and returned to the "Quarter-house." Deputy Sheriff Wat Thompson summoned a posse of ten or fifteen men for the purpose of arresting Turner. The party proceeded to Turner's place and demanded his surrender.

His reply was a round of shots. Charley Cecil of Middlesboro was in plain view of the Turner men. Some one raised the window of the log house and shot Cecil, who fell dead. Instantly the man at the window fell back. pierced by a half dozen bullets. Then the firing began in earnest. The officers scattered and hiding behind trees and roots, poured a galling fire into the mountain fortress.

As soon as Cecil was killed his companions determined to burn Turner's rendezvous, and in the midst of the battle a man applied a torch to an exposed side of the building. In a few minutes the building was in flames. Several of the mountainers came to the window and were immediately shot down. Lee Turner and several of his friends in some manner managed to escape and Turner is now at Mingo Mines, eight miles from Middlesboro.

The "Quarter-house is known far and wide because of the number who have been killed within its confines. Placing the number of deaths at six. fifty-nine have been killed there and twice that number wounded.

LAND DISPUTE SETTLED

Claimants to 2,700 Acres of Boyd County Land Will Get Deeds.

Half a day spent by the state board of educational lands and funds in listening to arguments of attorneys representing seventeen homesteaders in Boyd county resulted in a majority vote in favor of the state deeding 2,700 acres of land to the government so that the claimants of the property may secure title. Land Commissioner Follotested that the state could not

SQUATTERS INMOVABLE BOX CAR ROBBED Battle With Police.

During a fight with Winchester rifles between the followers of rival claimants to property along the lake shore drive, the most aristocratic boulevard in Chicago, Frank Kirk, a watchman for one of the claimants, was shot through the head sustaining mortal wound.

The property in dispute consists of made land lying east of the lake shore drive and between it and Lake Michigan. Captain George W. Streeter, who has for many years been a thorn in the side of north side property owners because of his propensity to to settle on vacant ground and then claim in the courts the rights of a squatter, has creeted several cmall shanties upon this ground and claims that inasmuch as it was not originally included in the government surveys of the state of Illinois it does not belong to the state, but was public property, open to set-

tlement. He claims to be the first settler and calls the ground "The District of Lake Michigan," and denies that the officials of the city of Chicago or the state of Illinois have any rights upon it.

THE NEW NAVY

Considerably Over a Hundred Millions Expended.

The new navy has cost the United States \$99,903,928 for construction and \$9.343,235 for repairs on completed vessels. These figures were supplied in a statement forwarded to the senate by the secretary of the navy in response to a resolution adopted by the senate in February, 1901, and is the result of the labors of a number of navy department employes for the past year. It is considered a very comprehensive and accurate financial history of the present navy.

The facts are all given in tabulated form, without explanatory text. In addition to the expenditures made on vessels now afloat there are several ships in course of construction. These include the Kentucky and the Kearsarge, on each of which an expenditure of four million dollars has been authorized and the Illinois, Wisconsin and Alabama, on each of which an expenditure of \$3,750,000 is authorized. There are also several smaller vessels in course of construction which will bring the total up to a considerable extent when the vessels are completed.

The statement covers the period from 1883 and begins with the building of

the Chicago, Atlanta and Boston. Of the completed vessels the Oregon cost the greatest amount, \$6,575,032. The Massachusetts is second in point of cost, \$6,047.117. The total cost of

the Maine was \$4,577,788. Twenty-Six Passengers Injured.

Train No. 10 on the Erie road, leav ing Cleveland for New York, was wrecked between Mahoning and Phalanx, O. The whole train left the tracks and ran on for twenty car lengths, finally toppling over in a ditch. Twenty-six persons were injured and, one, it is believed fatally. The train consisted of a buffet car, two sleepers, chair car, coach, baggage and express. Physicians were call from Warren and Youngsown and left at once for Livittsburg, where some the injured had been tak en. Some o' the seriously injured were taken to Youngstown. The wrecked train was one of the finest on the road

Youthful Burglars at Work at

Fremont. TRY TO DISPOSE OF STOLEN GOODS

A Missouri Lynching-Clinton Gambling House Held Up-Inventor Fahrig Suicides-Former Omaha Citiizen Shoots Ilimself.

Harry Price, aged seventeen, George Price, his brother, aged twelve, and John Burke, aged sixteen.are all under arrest at the county jail at Fremont. Neb., on the charge of breaking into an Elkhorn freight car and stealing some merchandise from a box it contained. The three lads say they live at Omaha. They beat their way here on two Union Pacific trains from Omaha and left the latter train at this point. They went down into the Elkhorn freight yards and procured a lot of gloves, mittens, hosiery and other articles which were part of a consignment to Omaha. It has since been discovered that both doors of the freight car which contained these goods were broken open. The large box in which the merchandise was packed was found by a switchman. It was found lying with the lid pried off near a grain elevator, and some of the articles had been taken

out. News reached Fremont from Valley that the three young fellows named above had been arrested there while trying to dispose of some of the goods. Sheriff Kreader went to Valley and brought them back with him. The boys claim that they did not break into the car, but found the box lying beside the track and helped themselves to what was in it. One of them had on seven pairs of hose when arrested. and another was wearing two suits of underelothing. The lads had also hid a quantity of their plunder in a large man's legging which was found in the railroad yards at Valley. The value of the stolen articles was in the neighborhood of twenty-five dollars.

REPEAL OF THE WAR TAX

Congressmen Importuned to Support the Measure.

The question of the repeal of the war tax has not yet been taken up by the house, although the committee on ways and means has reported a bill recommending the repeal of the entire tax made necessary at the outbreak of the Spanish-American war. The subject will probably be taken up and passed as soon as it can be reached on the calendar.

Members of congress and senators from all states are being importuned by the bankers throughout their respective states and districts, to support the measure recommended by the committee. In this connection, Congressman Stark said:

DENIES JURISDICTION

Governor Savage Says Supreme Court Cannot Mandamus IIIm.

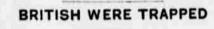
Covernor Savage has filed an answer in the supreme court in which he endeavors to show that he should not be required by mandamus to appoint a fire and police board for the city of Omaha. An alternative writ was issued recently by the court on the application of C. C. Wright of Omaha. Attorney General Prout and Ed P. Smith, the latter an Omaha lawyer who was deputy attorney general when a similar attempt was made to mandamus Governor Holcomb, appear as the attorneys for Governor Savage.

As predicted some time ago, Governor Savage denies the jurisdiction of the supreme court to control, direct or to command him in any manner as to the performance of his dutics as governor, and contends that the question of the governor's right to appoint a fire and police board has been finally adjudicated by the court and denied. He cites the Moores and the Kennedy cases as proof that his right to appoint is denied, and says that the rulings in those suits have not been reversed by the supreme court.

The defense of Governor Savage is similar to the pleading of Governor Holcomb who is now on the supreme bench, when he was required to answer in a case of the same nature. His defense on that occasion was prepared by Attorney General J. C. Smyth and Deputy Ed P. Smith. The pleading that the question has been finally adjudicated is a new feature in the fire and police litigation.

As the rights of co-ordinate branches of the state and the general government is a perplexing one, lawyers are anxiously awaiting the result of the case. In the case instituted against Governor Holcomb, the court did not get to a point where it saw fit to pass on the question of jurisdiction over the governor, the litigation being decided on another point.

The only important decision by the Nebrask a court bearing on this subject is that of the state ex rel Bates against Thayer and others, in which Judge Maxwell held that the governor could be compelled by mandamus to perform a ministerial duty. That was a case in which Governor Thayer was required to act ex-officio chairman of the state



they suspected Boers were in hiding. house and the British started to pursue him.

ACCOUNTS SHORT

Postmaster Partridge of Kenesaw Suicides.

INSPECTOR INVESTIGATING HIS AFFAIRS

Montana Politician Ends Ilis Life-Kan sas Forger Captured - Fremont Woman Has Husband Arrested for Bigamy Other News.

Kenesaw people are greatly excited over the suicide of Postmaster Partridge. The postoffice inspector arrived and began an investigation of the affairs of the office, Mr. Partridge being short an amount not yet fully known. He could not stand the dis grace. He left the office and went home to his residence, where, after talking over the trouble with his wife for a short time, he went into the bed room, procured a revolver, placed the muzzle to his head just back of his right ear, pulled the trigger, falling and expiring in a few minutes, even before the doctor could be called. No one was in the house at the time, but his wife and his small son, their only child. Mr. Partridge has been one of the most prominont citizens, socially and politically. He was highly re spected by all and interested himself actively in all things pertaining to the advancement of the material interests of Kenesaw. He was county clerk of Adams county for four years, and has for several years been prominent in local republican cir-

TREATY RATIFIED

Senate Accepts Session of Islands With-

out Protest.

ator Cullom, as chairman of the com-

mittee on foreign relations, made a

speech explaining the advantages of

the acquisition of the islands, and Sen-

ators Bacon and McLaurin (Missis-

sippi), made brief remarks, saying that

while they could not endorse all the

provisions of the agreement, they

would place no obstacles in the way of

ator Cullum's remarks his motion to

ratify was adopted by a viva voce vote.

TWO THOUSAND DEAD

ratification. At the conclusion of Sen-

are receiving many letters from their constituents urging them to support the resolution introduced in the house providing for the election of United

States senators by a direct vote of the people. Repeated efforts have been made by members of the lower house to bring about an amendment to the constitution of the United States for this purpose.

REPEATED EFFORTS MADE

Want Direct Election of United States

Senators.

Members of congress from Nebraska

A joint resolution providing for thisamendment has passed the house several times, but has always been buried in the senatorial graveyard. Apparently the people of the various states. have gotten tired of the arrogance of the senate in refusing to pass such anamendment, and a determined effort is being made to bring about the desired result in a different way.

A provision of the federal constitution provides that upon the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the states, congress shall call a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments, which shall be valid when ratified by three-fourths of the states, and under this provision six states have already officially notified congress. through their legislatures, that a constitutional convention is desired.

The states that have filed this official notice are Idaho, Colorado, Montana, Nevada, Oregon and Michigan, and thus one-lifth of the states necessary have already complied with the requirements of the constitution calling upon congress to order a constitutional a nendment, and it is expected that many more will be received as soon asthe numerous legislatures have an opportunity to take the matter up.

DEMAND A FLAG

Followers of Crazy Snake Inclined to

Act Troublesome.

A band of about twenty of Crazy Snake's followers, led by Chitto Harjo, The senate disposed of the treaty surrounded the home of ex-Chief Iswith Denmark ceding to the United parhicher, former chief of the Creeks, States, for a consideration of \$5,000,000, six miles south of Beggs, I. T., and demanded that he give up a United States flag which he possessed. This flag is an emblem that the Creeks consider to stand for authority for any act committed by its possessor, and was given to Isparicher as showing the authority given by the government. The ex-chief refused to give up the flag.

Marshal Bennett of the northern distriet of the Indian Territory has authorized his deputy at Sapulpa to organize a posse and use his own judgment in quelling the trouble

Indian Agent Shoenfelt is also taking active steps and has sent Indian police to Isparicher's home.

HOBSON'S RETIREMENT

Message By the President to the Senate Recommends It.

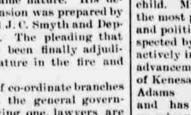
The president sent to the senate a message recommending the retirement of Naval Constructor Richmond P. Hobson, and in accordance with recommendation Senator Gallin-

the islands of St. Thomas, St. John, and St. Croix, composing the group of the Antilles, known as the Danish West Indies, and lying just east of Porto Rico, and thus, so far as this country is concerned, consummated a canvassing board as prescribed by law transaction which has been under consideration intermittently since the ad-

ministration of President Lincoln. The treaty and the report on it were read at length and more or less discusion of Twelve Officers and Men Run Into a the proposition was indulged in. Sen-

Ambush. One hundred and fifty mounted infantrymen, while patrolling the Klip river, south of Johanesburg, February 12, surrounded a farm house where A single Boer broke away from the

The Boer elimbed a kopje, the British following. Immediately a heavy fire was opened upon them from three sides. The British found themselves in a trap and in a position where they were unable to make any defense. Eight of the British officers made a gallant effort and defended the ridge with carbines and revolvers until they were overpowered. The British had two officers and ten men killed and several officers and forty men wounded before the force were right to impose war taxes to be used able to fall back under cover of a block house.



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legally relinquish the land in question as it had become a part of the school lands of the state. State Treasurer Steufer and Attorney General Prout voted for relinquishment, and Secretary of State was also willing, but he wanted the matter adjudicated by the courts.

Although the court granted the application of the land holders for deeds these documents must be countersigned by Land Commissioner Follmer. There is much speculation as to whether he will voluntarily do this, but it is believed that he will sign the deeds at least after securing an opinion from the attorney general as justification for the act.

If the order of the board is carried out the state will be obliged to select 2,700 acres of school lands in some other part of the state. The Boyd county land is said to be worth from \$20 to \$30 an acre, but if selections in lieu must be made the state must be compelled to accept land worth practically nothing. The attorneys for the claimant say they have received notice from the department of the interior that the state is at liberty to choose land elsewhere, but the board has no official knowledge of such a ruling.

The Boyd county land in dispute is: part of the old Ft. Randall military reservation. The state was entitled to 6,500 acres in the reservation in lieu of land due from the government. An act of congress passed in 1893 gave the state power to make the selection. In the meantime several persons took homesteads there, some of them settling on the sections belonging to the state. These settlers have been unable to secure deeds from the government on account of the state's claim to the same property. At the last session of the legislature three hills, were presented for the purpose of authorizing the governor of the state of Nebraska to execute deeds to the government. Both measures were passed, but Land **Commissioner Follmer was among those** who declared the acts were unconstitutional. After several conferences and some investigation the board met to adjust the matter.

Shot Himself.

Deputy City Clerk William Crawford of Bloomington, Ill., shot himself through the head, dying instantly. He feared the effects of a surgical operation. He had been city and county official for many terms and was promi nent in central Illinois politics.

Kills Himself by Hanging. D. C. Jones, freight and passenge agent of the Cedar Rapids division of Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad, committed suicide recently at Ottumwa, Ia. Ill health is believed to have been the cause.

The cause of the wreck is said to have been spreading rails. Most of the injured were in the coach next the last.

Have a Hearing.

The Gould brothers, who are charged with forgeries. embezzlement and the passage of the war revenue bill in 1898." wrecking of the Platte Valley State bank of Bellwood, were arraigned in county court at David City. A. H. Gould, the cashier, waived his preliminary examination and was held to the district court. R. C. Gould, assistguilty and his hearing is set for February 14. Both were remanded to the county jail in default of bail. George Gould, who was arrested Monday evening pleaded not guilty and gave his bond to appear for hearing on February 24. He was soon rearrested on complaint made by others and succeeded in giving bond for his appearance.

A. H. Gould, the cashier, it is said, will probably plead guilty in district court next week and ask the leniency of the court.

Hurried Away From a Mob.

Will's Cooper, who shot and killed William Perry and Mrs. Faraba Russell at Amite City, La., was brought to New Orleans hurriedly and lodged in the parish prison to cause being lynched by an infuriated mob.

While a carnival procession was in progress at Amite City, Cooper and Perry renewed a previous difficulty, Perry being the aggressor. Cooper drew his pistol and fired four shots, not only killing Perry, but also Mrs. Russell, an aged woman, who was witnessing the parade, surrounded by her children and grandchildren.

The killing of Mrs. Russell created intense indignation and the sheriff and his deputies had great difficulty in spiriting Cooper away from the excited populace.

Escapes Hanging.

At Springfield, Ill., the jury in the

case of Fred Beck, charged with the murder of his wife, Viola Beck, whom he shot and instantly killed at his home last July, after being out three fixed his sentence at fifteen years in the penitentiary. Beck alleged that he found his wife and Otis Bell in a compromising position, and that his wife threatened him with a knife, when he They are suspected of the deed. si ot her.

Speaking of the repeal of the way revenue tax, when the bill was passed imposing these war taxes, it was understood that a promise was made then. that the tax should be repealed. The time to redeem that promise is now, and in my judgment we have no more for peace purposes than a trustee would have the right to use the money of his ward. It is to be observed in the reported bill that the tax on liquors, tobacco, oleomargarine and mixed flour still remain as they were prior to the

Lynched by Missouri Mob.

A special from New Madrid, Mo., says that a crowd of masked men overpowered jailer and took a negro, Louis Wright, a short distance from town annt cashier, entered a plea of not and hanged him. Richard & Pringle's minstrels gave an entertainment there when an altercation arose between one of the musicians and some of the white town boys.

Several of the boys undertook to take the musician out, when the negroes on the stage began to shoot. Several whites in the audience were hit. but no one was seriously hurt. The negroes ran out the back way to their private car, which was soon surrounded by armed men, but no violence was done, owing to the arrival of the town marshal. All the negroes were put in jail and as a result of anexamination the name of the one who did the shooting was discovered. He was lynched and the others will be released. Several of the passersby were badly beaten Saturday night.

Former Omaha Citizen Sulcides.

Clarence M. Furay, whose parents live iu Omaha committed suicide at Columbus, O.. where he was stationed as second lieutenant in the regular army. A dispatch from Columbus states that he shot himself through the heart with a revolver. He was recently commissioned as an officer in the regular service and was at Columbus awaiting orders to take troops to the Philippines. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Major B. Furay, who are among the most influential citizens of Omaha.

Store Burglarized.

At Cortland, Neb., burglars were discovered in the clothing store of F. Miltonberger. They were noticed by two young men across the street, who saw that matches were being lighted. They gave the alarm but the burglars hours returned a verdict of murder and escaped in the darkness. Entrance was effected by means of keys through the front door. They took two overcoats. Nothing else was molested. Two strange men were noticed in town

Lord Kitchener, in addition to reporting the Klip river affair, says:

"A party from the South African constabulary line on the Waterval river encountered February 10 a superior force of the enemy near Vantondersbek and was driven back with 1055.

Mrs. DeWet, in an interview held at the Maritsburg concentration camp, said that two of her sons were still fighting with their father. She regretted that the government had not permitted her to communicate with her husband, and said she was certain he would never surrender. Mrs. De Wet declared she would rather see her husband die than submit.

According to a special dispatch from Pretoria the mountain infantrymen who were trapped at Klip river were all fresh from home and unused to Boer tactics. The bulk of the casualties occurred during the retreat of the British. The killed included Major McDowell, the commander of the force.

Party to Vendetta Shot.

son county, Illinois, vendetta for having killed James Henderson while the latter was asleep in a field at the noon hour, and who served twenty-five years of a term of fifty years for the killing, was shot while attempting to enter the residence of E. A. Walters in Ma-

Clinton, Ia., when two masked men, at the point of revelvers, held up Flanagan's gambling house and robbed the inmates, numbering twelve, of money and valuables amounting to \$2,000. There is no clue.

Boer Envoys Embark for America.

Messrs Wolmarans and Wessels sailed for New York on board the Holland-American line steamer Rotterdam, from Boulogne, February 14. Messrs. Wolmerans and Wessels in-

tend to tour the United States in the interests of the Boers.

Messrs. Wolmerans and Wessels expeet to land in New York simultaneously with Prince Henry. The Boer delegates will visit New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, New Orleans, St. Louis and San Francisca.

Loss of Life as Result of Earthquakes in Russia.

Details which are slowly arriving at Baku from Shamaka, Russia, show that 2,000 persons, mostly women and children, perished as a result of the earthquake last week, and that 4,000 houses were destroyed. Thirty-four villages of the country surrounding Shamaka also suffered.

To add to the terrors of the neigh borhood, a volcano near the village of Marassay, eastward of Shamaka, has broken out into active eruption.

A great crevasse has appeared, and immense flames and streams of lava are being thrown out. The course of the river Geonchaika has been altered in consequence of its bed being dammed with earth which had been disturbed by the earthquake.

Battalions of guards and detachments of soldiers with tents have been dispatched to Shamaka to aid in the work of rescue. The Red Cross society is active in alleviating the distress.

Famous Ranch Changes Hands.

As shown by the Kansas City dispatches, the Riverside stock farm has changed hands, William Humphrey, the proprietor, transferring the land and cattle to George A. Ricker, a banker of Quincy, Ill., who has already taken possession. Just 3,500 acres of Platte valley Nebraska land was involved and about 1,600 head of Hereford cattle, many of them the finest and most expensive strains, passed to the new owner. The deal was a very large one, nominally, at least, amountipg to \$481,000. The buildings and equipment are very large and complete and go to make it not only the largest Hereford fine stock ranch, but one of the most desirable in the world.

More Rigid Divorce Laws.

Nine of the wealthiest and most influential citizens of Chicago have sent to the senate of the United States, through Senator Cullom, a petition asking for uniform and more rigid divorce law in all the states of the union.

Accused of Bigamy.

Mrs. Thomas Peters, aged forty-five, mother of eight children, arrived at Sioux City, from Fremout, Neb., to look for work there. She found that Thomas Peters had just been liberated from jail. She learned that he had a wife who did not answer to her description. She immediately swore out warrants for Peters' arrest on the dual charge of adultry and bigamy. Deputy Sheriff Prout arrested him at Otoe, where he had secured a position as a farm hand. Little is known of the alleged second wife.

ger immediately introduced a bill providing for Mr. Hobson's transfer to the retired list. In his message the presideut gives as his reason the trouble that Mr. Hobson has had since 1890 with his eyes, and recites the history of that trouble. The president's message concludes as follows:

"In consideration of the foregoing, but especially of the gallant service rendered by Mr. Hobson in the sinking of the Merrimac in the harbor of Santiago during the recent war with Spain, recommend the enactment of a favorable measure for his relief."

Politician Ends His Life.

A Helnna, Mont., special special says Jack Waite, who served four years asdeputy United States marshal during President Cleveland's last term, committed suicide recently by shooting. He had been drinking during the night and leaving his companions a moment, stepped into one of the boxes of a Main Street saloon and shot himself in the right temple, death resulting an hour later. Waite was well known through the northwest and especially in sporting circles and polities, having promoted many athletic events at Spokane, Butte and Helena. At one time, was the champion pugilist of the northwest, but had not followed that profession for fifteen years. Despondency and heavy losses were the cause of the suicide.

Run Down a Kansas Forger.

G. W. Trout, former implement dealer of Wichita, Kas., charged with forgery, left two weeks ago. Officers. pursued him into the Indian Territory and sought to arrest him at Goff. Heresisted and threatened the United deputy marshal. An officer presentshot him and brought him back to-Wichita, where he is in a hospital under the care of a physician.

Murderer Hanged.

Andrew Tapper was hanged at Chaska, Minn., for the murder of Rosa-Mixa. The crime for which Tapper paid the penalty with his life was committed on June 3, 1900, and was inspired. by unrequited affection and jealousy.

In Progress for Ten Weeks.

One of the greatest and most impressve reviva's that has been at Ord, Neb., is now in progress. For ten weeks the Methodists. Presbyterians and Baptists have united in a serier of unionmeetings. Rev. G. L. Barker of New Jersey came by invitation to conduct the meeting. From the start a deepreligious feeling has prevailed, notwithstanding some opposition.

A football game is never considered a success if it is as bloodless as French duel.

James Norris, famed in the William-

A daring robbery was committed at

Gambling House Held Up.

rion, Ill. He will recover.