

## The Progress-Advertiser

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LEXINGTON, : : MISSISSIPPI.

The national convention of the benevolent and protective order of Elks came to an end at Baltimore, Md., on the 23d.

Estimates received from all parts of the state, on the 23d, showed clearly that Nebraska's wheat crop will exceed any previous crop in her history.

The first bale of cotton of the crop of 1903 arrived in New York, on the 21st, and was sold for 26 1/2 cents a pound. The cotton was raised in Zapata county, Tex.

James E. Mitchell, president of the Bell Telephone Co., of Philadelphia since 1895, on the 23d, tendered his resignation at a special meeting of the board of directors.

The lower house of the general assembly at Atlanta, Ga., on the 22d, by a vote of 83 to 73, killed the bill which provided that convicts should be worked on the public roads.

The body of Paul Cain was found in the Ohio river at Louisville, Ky., on the 23d. He was the son of the late Colleges Cain who was for 20 years circuit clerk of Jefferson county.

The body of Peter M. Arthur, grand chief engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, who died suddenly in Winnipeg, Man., on the 15th, reached Cleveland, O., on the 19th.

Charles Hedges, on the 23d, was removed from the office of superintendent of free delivery of the post office department at Washington on the charge of falsifying his diary and loaning his traveling commission.

King Edward, on the 21st, commanded Irish Secretary Wyndham to express to Cardinal Logue, the archbishop of Armagh and primate of all Ireland, his majesty's deep regret at the news of the death of the pope.

The body of Leo XIII. will lie in state in the basilica of St. Peters. Beginning at sunrise on the 22d the people of Rome and those of all nations now in the eternal city will be admitted to pay their last farewell.

The new battleship King Edward VII., the largest in the world, costing \$7,500,000, was successfully launched by the prince of Wales at Devonport, England, on the 23d. Princess Henry of Battenberg and the lords of the admiralty.

Editor J. M. Shepherd, of the Warrensburg (Mo.) Standard-Herald, who was fined \$500 by the Missouri supreme court because of his editorial criticizing the supreme court's decision in the Oglesby case, paid the fine on the 23d.

Mount Vesuvius, the Italian volcano, is in violent eruption again. The streams of lava, steadily increasing in volume, are flowing down its sides. The cone of the mountain has been engulfed in the crater, which is rapidly filling with lava.

Charles Weinman, of New York, was arrested, on the 21st, on a warrant charging him with grand larceny. Weinman was a member of the firm known as the American Finance and Mortgage Co., that recently closed its offices in Wall street.

Nearly five hundred men, practically the entire working force of the Buffalo (N. Y.) Furnace Co., struck on the 23d. The strike was caused by the discharge of John Manning, secretary of the Blast Furnace Workers' and Smelters' association.

W. A. George, formerly master mechanic of the Colorado Southern and at present with the Chicago & Alton, was appointed master mechanic, on the 21st, of the southern division, of the Kansas Southern railway, with headquarters at Freeport, Ala.

Secretary of the Navy Moody received a cable message from Rear Admiral Cotton, commanding the European station, saying that the squadron, consisting of the Chicago, San Francisco and Machias, arrived at Lisbon, on the 21st, from Portsmouth, England.

A Rome dispatch of the 24th says that it had just leaked out that the famous Fisherman's ring had disappeared from the hand of the dead pontiff between the time of his death and the following morning, and that the sacred college is greatly disconcerted.

In the trial of Lawrence Murphy, in New York, on the charge of embezzling money from the Stonecutters' union, of which he was treasurer, evidence of the most barefaced blackmail practiced by "walking delegates" on contractors and builders is being adduced.

A report received from Caracas, Venezuela, on the night of the 21st, said that the government forces were in complete possession of Ciudad Bolivar, after the most desperate resistance on the part of the revolutionists, who contested the ground block by block. The city is a wreck.

In the midst of tremendous excitement on the floor of the New York stock exchange, on the 24th, the failures were announced of W. L. Stow & Co., and Talbot J. Taylor & Co., the latter probably the most important commission firm in Wall street, being the brokers of James R. Keene.

James Shepherd, editor of the Warrensburg (Mo.) Sentinel, who, on the 23d, was fined \$500 by the state supreme court for contempt in printing an article criticizing a decision rendered by that body, was accorded an ovation by his townspeople when he arrived home from Jefferson City.

By virtue of his office of Cardinal Camerlengo, Cardinal Oreglia becomes the nominal head of the Roman Catholic church during the interregnum pending the election of Leo's successor. Oreglia is described as the antithesis of Leo, haughty and austere. He is not popular in the sacred college.

## A CLOUD ON HIS NAME.

Englishman Who Set Up Claim to an Earldom Could Not Establish Legitimacy of His Birth.

London, July 25.—The committee on privileges of the house of lords decided against the claim of William Turnour Thomas Poulett, the former organ-grinder in the streets of London, to the earldom of Poulett, and in favor of the late earl's son by a later marriage.

The whole case turned on the question of legitimacy of the claimant, whose evidence and also that of his witnesses was that the late earl acknowledged him as his son by his marriage with Elizabeth Lavinia Newman, whom he married in 1849. It was not denied that Miss Newman, prior to the marriage lived with an officer, Capt. Granville. The claimant was born a few months after her marriage to the earl. It was claimed that the birth was premature, which was supported by medical testimony. The defense denied the acknowledgment by the late earl of the claimant as his son and asserted that on account of the time the earl had known Miss Newman prior to their marriage it was impossible for the claimant to be his son. The court decided that title to the property was not vested in the claimant but in the earl's son, William John Lyndon Poulett, who is still a minor.

## DROWNED IN SALT LAKE.

Roy Larkin, Aged 15, Unable to Withstand the Waves—His Companion Bruised and Delirious.

Salt Lake City, July 25.—Bruised from head to foot and delirious from all-night buffeting with the waves of Great Salt lake, Roslyn Wells was found lying on the rocks about 100 feet from the shore of Antelope island. The body of his companion, Roy Larkin, aged 15 years, has not been found. Wells and Larkin, with Wells' sister-in-law, Miss Pomeroy, went in bathing at Salt Lake. They waded far out until deep water was reached. Here they floated for some time in the buoyant brine. A strong breeze sprang up and when they attempted to return, Larkin, who was unable to swim, could make no headway. Miss Pomeroy reached the pavilion but rescuing parties were unable to find any trace of Wells and Larkin, after having supported him all night. This is the first drowning that has occurred in the lake for several years.

## LEFT ALL TO THE CHURCH.

The Late Pope Leo's Family Will Get No Share of His Great Wealth—\$20,000,000 to the Poor.

Rome, July 25.—The will of the dead pope was opened at yesterday's meeting of the congregation of the cardinals. It consisted of 36 pages, in the handwriting of Pope Leo XIII., and leaves all the property of which he died possessed to his successor for the use of the church. To each member of his family he leaves a present to be chosen from the valuable objects in his apartment. Similar presents are bequeathed to his physicians.

The will of Leo made provision for the distribution of about \$20,000,000 among the poor of Rome, Perugia, where Pope Leo for many years was archbishop, and Carpineto, where he was born.

## A CIVIL WAR HERO BURIED.

Amsterdam, N. Y., July 25.—Zachariah Neahr, who was buried at Canajoharie yesterday afternoon, was the last to die of the three survivors of 12 men who volunteered to Gen. Terry to destroy the confederate stockade during the battle of Fort Fisher, and whose accomplishment of the deed in the face of the sharpshooters' bullets, which killed nine of their number, was one of the most heroic acts of the civil war. Neahr died of consumption at the age of 72. Congress had remembered him with a medal for heroism.

## VICTIMS OF COWARDLY ASSASSIN.

Lake City, Col., July 25.—Mrs. Anna Bailey and Mrs. Mary Woods were shot from ambush last night about a mile from town when returning from Lake Shore. Mrs. Bailey is mortally wounded and Mrs. Woods is in a serious condition. The assassin, who was concealed among the rocks on the mountain side, fired a charge of buckshot at the women as they drove past. Mrs. Woods' husband, who had quarreled with her, has been arrested, charged with the shooting.

## TO HUNT FOR KANSAS BOODLERS.

St. Louis, July 25.—As a result of a visit paid by William Allen White, the well known Kansas novelist and magazine writer, to Circuit Attorney Joseph W. Foik yesterday, a movement may be started in Kansas to ascertain just how far "bleeding Kansas" has been "bled" by the grafters and corruptionists who, ex-Lieut. Gov. John A. Lee, of Missouri, declared, fattened in that state as they did in this.

## HORRIBLE DEATH OF A BOY IN A THRESHER.

Guthrie, Ok., July 25.—James Richards, a 12-year-old boy, who was standing on top of a thresher, was thrown by the jostling of the machinery into the thresher and met instant death. His body ran through the machinery and was horribly mangled.

## SOLDIERS OVERCOME BY THE HEAT.

Buda Pesth, July 25.—Advices from Herzegovina say that during a maneuver march of an infantry regiment from Trebinje to Bilek last Monday 450 men were overcome by the extraordinary heat, that 21 died and that 40 are expected to die.

## ROOSEVELT AN EARLY-MORNING TRAVELER.

Saville, N. Y., July 25.—President Roosevelt started from his uncle's home here for Sagamore Hill at four o'clock Friday morning. He was on horseback and was accompanied by his son and nephews.

## SENTENCED FOR VIOLATING POSTAL LAWS.

Fargo, N. D., July 25.—A year in the penitentiary at Sioux Falls and \$1,000 fine was what Judge Amidon gave Miller and Randall, who were convicted last month of violating postal laws. They were the promoters of a fraudulent mutual insurance association.

## TWO YOUNG BOYS EXECUTED.

Lexington, Ky., July 25.—Claude O'Brien and Earl Whitney, boys in years and whose faces indicate nothing of the criminal, were hanged here at eight o'clock a. m. yesterday for the murder of A. B. Chinn.

## LOUISIANA VENGEANCE

Negroess Who Poisoned Miss Lizzie Dolan Lynched.

HAD COMMITTED ANOTHER MURDER

The Female Fiend Fed Poison to the Beautiful Young Girl in a Glass of Lemonade—First Woman Ever Hanged in the State.

Shreveport, La., July 26.—News reaches Shreveport today that the negroess, Jennie Steer, who administered poison in a glass of lemonade to Lizzie Dolan, the 16-year-old daughter of John Dolan, from the effects of which she died, was lynched by an infuriated mob about sundown last night. The lynching occurred on the Beard plantation, near the spot where the woman's crime was committed. Jennie Steer was stubborn to the last, denying her crime. But the proof against her was direct and conclusive and precluded the possibility of her innocence.

It is claimed that the negroess fled from the Dolan household as soon as she discovered that her crime was known. She was pursued by a posse, who found her crouching in a hayloft. She refused to come out and had to be dragged from the place. Asked why she poisoned Miss Dolan, the negroess indignantly denied the commission of the crime. She was taken to the Dolan household and fully identified as the woman who had placed the poison in the lemonade.

The mob then took her to a nearby tree, placed a rope around her neck and again asked her to confess. She was stubborn to the last, however, and was strung up without making any admissions. While the body was dangling in midair several bullets were fired into it by the enraged citizens.

## YOUNG GIRL POISONED.

The poisoning of Miss Dolan created intense excitement in the neighborhood of the crime. The victim of poison was a beautiful young girl who was not known to have an enemy in the world. She died in horrible agony, a fact which accentuated the rage of the mob. The funeral of Miss Dolan occurred this morning, and it was attended by persons for miles around. There is a growing suspicion that this negroess was connected with the murder of Mrs. Frank Matthews, whose horrible death startled the people of this section several months ago. She was a negroess of forbidding aspect, but a good servant, and Mrs. Matthews kept her against the protests of her son and daughter. On the day of the murder she was the first one to notify the inmates of the house of the commission of the crime. However, suspicion was not directed to her, as it was believed at the time that Mrs. Matthews had been assaulted and the crime was placed at the door of a man.

## ANOTHER MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

John Matthews, son of Mrs. Matthews, said today that subsequent developments inclined both his sister and himself to the belief that his mother was murdered by a woman and robbery was the motive for the crime. Thirty dollars Mrs. Matthews had in the house at the time was missing after the murder, and the condition of Mrs. Matthews' body indicated that she had been struck by a woman, as the gashes were not deep, such as a man would have been able to make. Neither Mrs. Matthews nor her daughter were assaulted.

The arrest of Jennie Steer for deliberately poisoning a young girl inclines the Matthews to the belief that if she did not commit the Shreveport crime she certainly knew something about it. It is a source of some interest that the woman was not interrogated on this matter before her death. The chances are, however, she would have refused to talk. Everything is quiet in the vicinity of Bayou Lachette today. There is no apparent sympathy for the negroess among the law-abiding blacks of that section. As far as is known this was the first negroess ever lynched in this section of the State.

## TRAGEDY AT A DANCE.

Woman's Partiality to One Dancer Causes Three Fatalities.

Nashville, Tenn., July 26.—News has reached here of a tragedy in Macon county, on the edge of the mountainous district, in which Jim Prete shot and killed Dick Mason, Tom Fields and Clay Howse and dangerously wounded Mike Johnson. The row started at a dance.

## GRAY CANNOT ACCEPT.

Says He Will Not Act as Arbitrator in the Miners' Wage Controversy.

Birmingham, Ala., July 26.—Judge George Gray of Delaware, who has been chosen as the fifth member of the arbitration commission in the miners' wage scale controversy, telegraphed the Age-Herald tonight that he could not accept. A delegation, however, goes to Washington to persuade him, if possible, to reconsider.

## A FATHER'S REVENGE.

Dallas, Tex., July 26.—A special to the News from Jacksonville, Tex., says:

A negro known as George Fisher was shot and instantly killed by C. S. Lane, a prominent physician of this place. It is reported that the negro had been making untruthful and slanderous remarks concerning the recent attempt to commit criminal assault on Dr. Lane's daughter by the negro, Allen Brown, who is now in the East Texas penitentiary for safe keeping awaiting trial.

## DIED IN CLUB ROOM.

J. T. Duncan, Prominent Stock Broker, Drops Dead.

Little Rock, Ark., July 26.—J. T. Duncan, a prominent stock broker and member of the board of trade, died suddenly this evening at 6:30 o'clock while in the Quapaw Club. His death was caused by apoplexy. He had just entered the room, and, complaining of being tired, lay down upon a lounge and ten minutes later it was discovered that he was dead. Mr. Duncan came from Scotland and has no relatives in this country.

## RIOT AT DANVILLE, ILL.

In Trying to Lynch a Negro, Two Are Killed and Twenty-Two Wounded.

Danville, Ill., July 25. The city of Danville, about 150 miles south of Chicago, has witnessed an uprising by white against black and at 11 o'clock tonight, with one negro lynched and a white man dead as the result of a ball from a negro's pistol, a mob clamors at the county jail for the life of a second negro. Several blacks have been badly beaten, many of them are arming while others are leaving town by the less frequented streets.

The name of the negro who was lynched was not known, but it is understood he is from Evansville. The mob is after James Wilson, a negro, who has confessed to a brutal assault on Mrs. Thomas Burgess, wife of a farmer at Alvin, Ill., just north of here. The unknown negro met his fate while the mob was on its way to lynch Wilson. The angry throng was passing down East Main street when the negro became involved in an altercation with some of its members. They started for him and he pulled a gun, firing into the crowd.

## TROOPS ON GUARD.

Danville, Ill., July 26.—Two killed and twenty-two wounded, the police station wrecked, the county jail with few of its windows left unshattered, the city in the hands of the State troops and a feeling of uneasiness and dread prevailing, is the situation left by the race riots of last night and early this morning.

After daylight this morning there were restless crowds on the streets. Hundreds of farmers poured into the city and each surrounding town contributed to swell the crowd. There were many miners seen on the streets. Great unrest was reported from Westville, five miles away. Early in the morning Wilson, the assassin of Mrs. Burgess, was secretly taken from the county jail, but was returned shortly before 5 o'clock to the jail.

Four companies of militia arrived at 3:30 o'clock this morning from Springfield. Companies A, I, B and H of the Seventh infantry of Illinois were sent in reply to urgent requests sent at midnight to State officials. The troops marched to the market house opposite the jail and camped. The streets were cleared and the threatening attitude of the crowds disappeared. The riotous situation heard, but no attempt at an outbreak was manifest during the day.

Tonight 100 sentinels are patrolling the streets in the immediate vicinity of the jail. Each soldier carries forty rounds of ammunition.

## SHERIFF WHITLOCK SAID TODAY, IN GIVING HIS VERSION OF THE SHOOTING INTO THE MOB:

"After I saw from the jail that the mob was determined to attack, I went to the veranda and attempted to talk to the madmen. As I stepped into the view of the mob, two shots were fired, one striking the wall back of me. I fired two shots into the air. Some one shouted that I was only bluffing and was shooting blank cartridges. I warned the mob I would resist an attack on the jail with powder and lead. There was another shot from the mob, and it surged forward. I then fired a shot from my gun into their legs. This drove them back, but they returned a moment later to the attack of the front door. I was alarmed for the safety of my wife and children. My wife took a gun and said she would stand by me. I got her and the children out of the way, and then seeing the leaders coming with the rail to batter down the walls, I shot down the rail to make them drop it. This accounts for so many being shot in the hands and arms. I fired eight or ten shots in all."

## SHERIFF DID SHOOTING.

Sheriff Whitlock had four deputies and three constables with him in the jail guarding the prisoners. He says none fired into the mob but himself. There are all sorts of rumors afloat tonight, and a strained situation is noticeable. But the 200 soldiers here, it is believed, will prevent further outbreak for the present, at least.

Leading citizens say the outbreak has been expected by them for a long time, as bitter feeling has existed for several years between the two races. The feeling against the soldiers is noticeable. The commissary department today had trouble getting restaurants to serve meals, many refusing to feed the soldiers.

There was one clash between the guard and a miner named Ed Liggett, who began abusing the guard. Liggett was arrested and fined \$100. Four other companies of the militia are under arms at Springfield awaiting orders. Crowds gathered during the day near the lines and cursed the soldiers. They were scattered by details in several instances. Officers of the guard do not anticipate any attack, however.

## ALL SALOONS CLOSED.

All saloons have been ordered closed indefinitely. Metcalf, the negro killed and burned, had lived at Evansville for the past two years and was a court refugee from that city, where he participated in the riots a few weeks ago. In their sermons today ministers of the city upheld the action of the sheriff in defending his prisoner.

## FIVE NEGROES SHOT IN FIGHT.

Madisonville, Ky., July 26.—News has been received in this city this afternoon to the effect that in a fight at Providence last night five negroes were shot and some of them fatally wounded. The report came to the officers in this city, stating that Bud Morris of this city was connected with the shooting, and that he had fled.

## THE HEATHEN CHINESE.

Two Mongolians Work Smooth Game to Get Back to the Old Country.

Buffalo, N. Y., July 25.—Young Far and Young Jim, Chinese who have lived in Titusville eight years, came to this city recently to buy their passage back to China. While here Celestial friends explained to them the workings of the exclusion law and the two surrendered to the Federal authorities claiming they were here illegally. The government will have to send them back to China and the wily pair thus save the cost of their transportation.

## FAMILY BIBLES MISSING.

Lord Roberts Endeavoring to Recover Heirlooms for the Boers.

London, July 25.—Lord Roberts has issued a memorandum concerning the large number of family Bibles which Boers missed on returning to their farms.

They are greatly valued by their former possessors, and he asks that persons who have them will return them to W. H. Alexander, of 12 Bishopsgate Without, E. C. Some, it is believed, have found their way to America in the shape of souvenirs of the Boer war.

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