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LABBY MAKES A SENSATION.

He Charges Salisbury and Webster with Untruth and is Suspended. LONDON, March 1.—In the house of commons last evening Mr. Labouchere, in support of his motion to reduce the vote of credit, alleged that there had been an official attempt to defeat the course of justice in the Cleveland street scandal and declared that the sentence of Veck was inadequate. The treasury, knowing all of the circumstances, had refrained from prosecuting the offenders until the postal secretary had posted those of his employees who had been lured into the affair by the principals. The treasury was determined to prevent exposure.

Two men had been sent to prison on the charges, but they were poor and obscure. Their confederates in high places were not molested. He charged that Lord Salisbury and other members of the government had criminally conspired to defeat justice.

Attorney General Webster characterized the charges of Mr. Labouchere as absurd, as the evidence was insufficient. A warrant had been issued later, on additional evidence, but there had been no communication with Lord Somerset. For this statement Mr. Webster had direct authority.

Mr. Labouchere said he declined to believe the statement of either Sir R. E. Webster or Lord Salisbury. The speaker ordered Mr. Labouchere to withdraw his imputation of the veracity of the prime minister. Mr. Labouchere refused to withdraw his remark, and he was thereupon suspended by a vote of 171 to 56.

Upon leaving the house Mr. Labouchere said: "My conscience will not allow me to say that I believe Lord Salisbury."

Mr. Labouchere's suspension is for one week. Speaker Reed Avoids Kentucky. WASHINGTON, March 3.—The following letter was passed around among the representatives, and being too good to keep, was given to the press: "Dear Mr. Caruth: I shall not accept the invitation tendered me by the Blue Grass club. The reason is very simple. I notice that Jay F. Durham is present. Now, Jay F. Durham assured me in his late 'disparagements' that if they had me in Kentucky they would kill me. Knowing the said Durham to be a journalist his declarations to me import absolute verity. I do not wish to be killed, especially in Kentucky, where such an event is too common to attract attention. For a good man to die anywhere is, of course, gain. I think I can make more by dying later and elsewhere. Truly yours, T. B. Linn."

This elicited the following dispatch from Louisville, which was received by Representative Caruth last night: "Your telegram announcing Speaker Reed's declination to attend the Blue Grass club dinner has been received. Speaker Reed's letter to you, sent out by the United States printer, think, been read. Will you please say to the speaker that every assurance will be given him that he will not be killed on his first visit, though in case he should decide to die out here special attention will be paid to keeping his grave green. This could easily be done by burying him beneath the blue grass. As the club has a goodly number of members which is in harmony with general parliamentary law and the constitution of the United States it might be that these are the facts which have deterred you from accepting. JAY F. DURHAM."

The Sawtelle Verdict. GREAT FALLS, N. Y., Feb. 27.—The coroner's jury in the Sawtelle case agreed upon a verdict. It declares that the body found in the Marsh road woods was that of Hiram Sawtelle and that he came to his death by reason of bullet wounds inflicted by Isaac Sawtelle while in a carriage on Wednesday Feb. 5. The theory is that Isaac drove the team, and seeing a detached barn on the edge of Nutter's woods, there committed the murder. There has been no evidence before the jury to show the participation of an accomplice in the crime. This verdict assures the trial of Isaac Sawtelle in Stratford, N. H., for murder committed in this state. The penalty for murder in this state is hanging; in Maine it is life imprisonment.

Prosperity Killed Her. PATERSON, N. J., March 4.—Rose McCusker, 32 years old, was found dead on West Twenty-second street. Her death was due to alcoholism and exposure. At the morgue \$212 was found in a pocketbook tied around her leg. This money was all that was left of the legacy she received from her father's estate last summer and which started her on a course of dissipation that ended in death. Her brother received a legacy at the same time and while drunk was robbed of it in a Paterson saloon. The thief is now in Trenton jail.

Mr. Cleveland's Profitable Transaction. WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The Evening Star says that a California syndicate has purchased from ex-President Cleveland his country place on Tenallytown road, near the city, known as "Oakview." The price paid for the house and about twenty-nine acres of land was \$149,000. The property was purchased by Mr. Cleveland about four years ago and with the improvements since made cost him about \$50,000. Mr. Cleveland is said to have realized on this sale a clear profit of about \$100,000.

Nellie Bly and The World. NEW YORK, March 3.—It is asserted that Nellie Bly has severed her connection with The World owing to a disagreement with that paper as to the increased salary she was to receive after her return from her trip around the world. The statement is denied at The World office, where it is said that Miss Bly is on a vacation.

Governor English Dead. NEW HAVEN, March 3.—Governor James Edward English died yesterday in his 78th year. He had been ill for some weeks with pneumonia. Governor English was prominent in the politics of his state. In 1867 he enjoyed the distinction of being the only Democratic governor in the United States. He leaves a large fortune to his widow and son.

SHOT IN THE CAPITOL

Ex-Congressman Taulbee Assails Correspondent Kincaid and

RECEIVES A BULLET IN REPLY.

Both Men Are Kentuckians and the Quarrel an Old One—The Wound Dangerous but Not Necessarily Fatal—Kincaid Out on Bail—Both Are Men of Strong Character and Good Reputation

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Charles E. Kincaid, Washington correspondent of The Louisville Times, shot and dangerously wounded ex-Representative Taulbee, of Kentucky, in the capitol about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The trouble grew out of dispatches sent by Kincaid to his paper concerning a scandal involving Taulbee and a female clerk in one of the departments. The matter was published a long time ago. About 12:30 Kincaid went to the Democratic entrance to the house of representatives and sent in his card to Representative Caruth, of Kentucky.

The First Encounter. While Mr. Kincaid was waiting, Mr. Taulbee came out of the house, and, seeing Kincaid, said: "I want to see you." "I have no time to spare to you now," Kincaid answered. "I am waiting to see a gentleman." At this Taulbee jumped at Kincaid and grabbed him by the ear. Taulbee is a much heavier man than Kincaid, and the latter exclaimed, "I am not able to cope with you. I am unarmed." "You had better go armed then," Taulbee answered.

A doorkeeper separated the men, and at this instant an order came to close the doors of the house, and as Taulbee wanted to get on the floor he turned away.

The Shooting. Meanwhile Kincaid seems to have procured a revolver and about an hour later he again encountered Kincaid on the staircase. He once more attacked the newspaper man, when the latter pulled his pistol and shot Taulbee on the left side of the head, producing a very dangerous wound.

Taulbee was at once carried into the room of the committee on public buildings and grounds and a great crowd gathered from all parts of the capitol building. Representative Yoder, of Ohio, who is a physician, attended the wounded man, and after a brief examination pronounced the wound not necessarily fatal. Taulbee was conscious, but his head and face presented a horrible sight. His left eye was badly bulged out and he will lose the sight of it, if he recovers.

Taulbee was removed to his rooms and thence to the hospital, where an examination was made. He is resting quietly, and the physicians are inclined to be hopeful.

Kincaid in Custody. Kincaid was arrested by Officer Brian and lodged in the New Jersey avenue police station near the capitol. He is very much distressed, and a physical wreck from nervous prostration. The sympathy of all is with him, as his assailant is almost double his size and a younger man.

Kincaid was a judge in Kentucky, has held consular positions twice, and was connected with the United States government exhibition at the Paris exposition in 1879.

Taulbee's Record. Ex-Congressman Taulbee, the wounded man, is a native of Saylorsville, Ky. He is 39 years old, of tall figure, with a frame sinewy and strong, but lean. He soon became known in the house as a ready talker and was more frequently on his feet than any other young member. He had an immensely powerful voice, and in the tumult which sometimes occurred in it could always be heard above the din.

He was a Baptist preacher and also studied law. He was elected to the Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth congresses and since that time has held no office. His district was the most lawless region in Kentucky—the seat of most of the bodily feuds that have disgraced the state. Taulbee, it is said, was an only candidate for office who dared to go among all the factions.

Kincaid Out on Bail. WASHINGTON, March 3.—The physicians attending ex-Congressman Taulbee having pronounced him out of danger, his assailant, Charles E. Kincaid, was released on \$2,000 bail late on Saturday afternoon. He could have furnished \$300,000 if necessary. It is likely that no further proceedings in the case will be taken.

Mr. Taulbee's Wound. WASHINGTON, March 4.—The condition of ex-Representative Taulbee, who was shot by Correspondent Kincaid on Friday, has been less favorable. He has been feverish and lost strength and Dr. Bayne says it is a mistake to think his wound is not dangerous. Mr. Taulbee was placed under the influence of anesthetics and an effort was made to locate the ball. It was found to have glanced downwards after striking the city, passing dangerously near some large arteries and finally lodging in the back of the throat behind the larynx. The doctors decided that it is present position is not dangerous and they will not attempt to remove it until the wounded man has gained strength.

RABID DOGS ON A RAMPAGE.

Citizens of West Chester, Pa., Have a Mad Dog Scare.

WEST CHESTER, Pa., March 3.—A mad dog scare of the worst kind is now prevalent about Coatesville and Parkersburg, in this county. A large mastiff belonging to Mrs. S. D. Parke of Parkersburg, went mad a few days ago and after attacking Mrs. Parke left and since has bitten twenty-five or thirty dogs in that vicinity.

Mrs. Parke escaped from the rabid animal by running into the house. At Coatesville a number of animals were bitten, several of which have since gone mad. Harry Hale, a youth of this place, had an exciting chase after a mad dog. The animal attacked Hale on the street, but was driven off. Hale followed it and after a chase of three miles killed it. The dog bit a valuable animal belonging to George Sharpless, in West Chester, then went to Samuel R. Shipley's residence and bit a dog there. At Thomas Finegan's, the place next visited, Hale secured a gun and fired three bullets into the dog before it died. The animals bitten here will be killed. Altogether about ten dogs were bitten, four of which have already been killed.

EIGHT MEN ENTOMBED. A Gas Explosion in a Wilkesbarre Mine Cuts Off Escape. WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 4.—An explosion of gas occurred in the South Wilkesbarre shaft yesterday afternoon. Eight men were at work inside the feeder at the time. In a few minutes the tunnel became filled with smoke and gas, which shut off all means of escape. There is a tunnel leading to Watson mine adjoining and efforts were made to reach the imprisoned men, but the rescuing party was driven back and compelled to give up the attempt.

Superintendent Phillips and Inspector Williams are on way to the Stanton air shaft, where they will make every effort to break through a pillar of coal and rescue the men.

The victims are Michael Ferry, Thomas Jameson, Thomas McDonald, aged 30; Thomas McDonald, aged 21; John McNealis (all single), and Frank Call, Hugh Dugan and Thomas Williams, men of family.

The mine is owned by the Lehigh and Wilkesbarre Coal company. Gas Works Explode. READING, Pa., March 4.—The gas works of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad company on North Sixth street, exploded with a terrific report. Every building within a radius of several squares was shaken as though an earthquake had occurred. The first explosion was followed by a second in close succession and the establishment was completely ruined. The front wall was blown into Sixth street. A crowded street was made a few moments before and the passengers had a narrow escape from the shower of bricks, many of which were carried a considerable distance. A portion of the roof was blown half a square away. The side and rear walls crumbled, and partly thrown down. The machinery was caught blown to pieces and the building caught fire, the flames soon reducing it to a mass of ruins. There were only two employes in the building, who miraculously escaped.

Philadelphia's Grain Traffic. PHILADELPHIA, March 3.—Grain shipments and from this port during February were heavy. The railroads are still crowded with grain traffic and there is considerable delay at times in shipments. The movement of corn continues to be large. Receipts for the week being 1,295,125 bushels and the shipments 1,002,913 bushels. Stock has increased to 1,266,419 bushels. The shipments of corn from this port in February were 3,000,000 bushels, being the greatest amount ever shipped in that month. The best record made, which was 3,316,000 bushels in January, 1890. The shipments since Jan. 1 aggregate 4,310,000 bushels.

Burned to Death. JOHNSTOWN, Pa., March 3.—Martin O'Malley and Peter Foley were burned to death yesterday in a fire which broke out at 2 o'clock. O'Malley was a laborer, did odd jobs about town. He lived in a little shanty which was located near the railroad. The two men mentioned and a third party, name unknown, were on a spree Saturday night. They were working at the best record shanty about 9 o'clock in the evening and retired. During the night one of the men who was under the influence of liquor must have turned on more gas. The overpressure set fire to the building and burned it to the ground, together with its occupants.

Attempt to Rob a Bank. RIDGWAY, Pa., March 4.—An attempt was made to rob the Elk county bank in this borough. The burglars cut through the solid walls of the building and were working at the safe when they gave up the job. They were undoubtedly frightened away, as they left a number of their tools lying about the place. When the bank was opened the clerks discovered about four feet of the wall removed and brick, mortar, etc., scattered around.

Oil in the Suburbs of Pittsburg. PITTSBURG, March 3.—The farm of old Peter Ivory, which lies just beyond the limits of Allegheny City, is the center of attraction for oil speculators. The West View Oil company brought in a well on the farm, which at first gushed 800 barrels a day of fine amber petroleum and it is still doing 400 barrels. The territory is new and such a strike was unexpected. The well is but four miles from Pittsburg postoffice.

Died of Apoplexy. PHILADELPHIA, March 4.—The coroner's jury has found a verdict that Father Feron's death was caused by pulmonary apoplexy due to excessive use of narcotics and alcoholic stimulants. The autopsy on the body was all found to be superficial and had nothing to do with the death of the unfortunate man.

Baptized in a Bath Tub. PITTSBURG, March 3.—W. H. Smith, a colored man, in jail awaiting execution for murder, has become a Baptist. His desire to be immersed was gratified by means of a big bath tub, which was taken to his cell for that purpose.

The Fruit Crop Destroyed. LANCASTER, Pa., March 4.—At a meeting of the Lancaster County Agricultural society reports were read showing that the fruit crop in this county was practically destroyed by the late frosts. It was stated that there will be no early fruit at all.

EVANGELICAL CONFERENCE.

Charges Against Bishop Escher in the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference.

SHAMOKIN, Pa., Feb. 23.—The eastern Pennsylvania Evangelical conference was opened by Bishop J. J. Escher, of Chicago. The roll called showed 165 ministers present. Bishop Escher opened the conference by reading a portion of the Scriptures and followed with prayer. Rev. W. A. Leopold was appointed secretary.

Charges were then preferred against Bishop Escher by four elders. The charges were of such nature that the committee considered a trial absolutely necessary, and March 19 was fixed as the time for trial to be held in Salem church, Reading. Bishop Escher was then requested to vacate the chair, but he declined to do so, stating that he had been obligated to occupy the chair and his duty would not permit him to vacate it.

The charges against Bishop Escher are: "First, Slander and evil speaking. Second, Falsehood. Third, Creating dissension by perpetuating and intensifying the agitation in our church and disturbing her peace by a revival of old and previously adjusted difficulties and differences."

These are the same charges that were preferred against Bishop Escher in Chicago. Investigation last December revealed his acquittal. Certain members of the conference want the bishop to submit to another investigation by this conference, and his refusal to entertain motions to that effect was the cause of a very spirited controversy, which took up all the day's session. The bishop refused offer any explanation to the charges, claiming that he had been tried and acquitted.

Rev. Dr. Sayer then presented the following: Resolved, That we declare it to be our candid opinion that Bishop Escher is disqualified to preside over this conference and we, therefore, ask him to vacate the chair. Bishop Escher would not entertain this motion, declaring it illegal and saying, "You do not expect me to entertain this motion."

Rev. Mr. Stirk replied: "If you do not I shall appeal from your decision." Bishop Escher said: "I won't entertain it. I won't vacate. Would to God I had never obligated." "Amen," chorused the conference.

A Turbulent Session. SHAMOKIN, Pa., March 1.—After the usual opening devotional services in the evangelical conference, Bishop Escher, who was in the chair remarked that the first day had been practically wasted and he hoped that the resolution which had been offered declaring the presiding bishop an improper person to preside would be withdrawn and the business of the convention acted upon.

Rev. Mr. Smoyer objected and again presented the resolution, which the bishop refused to recognize. Rev. Breyfogle suggested that business proceed and the resolution be considered later. The conference, however, would not agree to this. Bishop Escher then tried to have the conference go into secret session and examine the personal conduct of ministers during the past year.

Rev. Smoyer insisted that the conduct of the bishop be first examined. Scenes of great confusion ensued and Rev. Smoyer exclaimed: "We insist on expressing our feeling in this matter." Rev. Haman then asked if the bishop would allow the secretary to put the resolution before the conference, to which the bishop replied: "Certainly; but the action will be placed on the minutes with my protest."

The resolution was then put by the secretary, and almost unanimously adopted. Bishop Escher then refused to vacate the chair, and the conference went into secret session to consider charges preferred against ministers, the bishop remarking: "Now we shall examine others."

Attended Suicide with a Pen Knife. CORRY, Pa., March 3.—Samuel S. Mason, a well known sporting man, and formerly a club house proprietor of Pittsburg, attempted suicide in a Pullman sleeping car on the Western New York and Pennsylvania railway when within a few miles of Corry. When discovered he was weltering in blood that flowed from twelve or more wounds inflicted upon various parts of his person by a small pen knife. He was taken to a hotel in Corry and physicians summoned. The doctors state that the only dangerous wound is a deep cut across the abdomen. Mason sent for a clergyman and stated that he was greatly worried in financial matters and that he knew nothing of what happened until he regained consciousness at the hotel.

Cutting Down the Gin Mills. MEADVILLE, March 1.—Judge Henderson decided on license applications. Meadville gets twelve retail, four wholesale, one bottling and nine retail. Titusville gets eight retail, four wholesale, two breweries and six retail. Verona and Mead townships and Valonia get three breweries. Total forty were granted to the same places.

Bought in for the Stockholders. BEAVER FALLS, Pa., March 1.—All the personal property of the defunct Whittia Escher company was sold at the place by the sheriff. The stockholders, however, were represented by an attorney, Mr. H. S. Thompson, who bought it all in for them, paying the sum of \$3,218.70.

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