

LOTS CAST.

CONSPIRACY ALLEGED TO HAVE DETERMINED ON GOEBEL'S DEATH. 25 MEN WERE CONCERNED.

Frankfort, Ky., (Special).—A letter received by State's Attorney Robert D. Frankfort says that the late William Goebel, Sheriff of Breckinridge county, who recently died of pneumonia, revealed to a plot of which he had knowledge to murder William Goebel.

According to the story 25 men drew lots to determine who should do the killing. Twenty-five beans, 24 white and 1 black, were placed in a box and each of the 25 men drew a bean. The man getting the black bean agreed beforehand to kill the Democratic aspirant for Governor.

The plot was revealed, it is said, and several persons warned Goebel that he would be killed if he exposed himself in public. The warnings were not heeded. Detectives, it is said, have been working on the clue given by the letter, but it is not known whether they have succeeded in securing definite evidence.

The first move on the part of J. C. W. Beckham's followers toward the formation of a State guard under his administration was taken when City Clerk Ben Marshall circulated a paper and enlisted the requisite number of men who are to compose a new company. The guns for this company have been provided by citizens here, most of them being either needle guns or Winchester.

In the afternoon a report gained currency that Taylor had given his soldiers orders to arrest Beckham and other officers of the Democratic State Government. On account of this report the men enlisted by Captain Marshall were assembled at the City Hall, armed and sworn in as special police for the purpose of protecting the Democratic officers who are still quartered at the Capital Hotel.

Taylor Gets Reinforcements. Taylor's soldiers, who are on guard at the State House, were reinforced by the arrival of the Barboursville company of 71 men, all of whom are fully armed and equipped.

Col. David H. Murray, of Clover Point, has been appointed by Beckham assistant Adjutant-General with the rank of Colonel, and he was sworn in.

Harlan Whitaker and W. H. Cinton, who were confined in jail here, charged with complicity in the assassination of Goebel, were removed from the jail and taken to a back to Shelbyville, where they were placed on a train and sent to Louisville under a heavy guard. It is understood they will be kept in the Louisville jail till the April term of the Circuit Court, when they will be returned here for trial.

The military authorities here refused to permit the local police and civil officers to enter the Executive building for the purpose of arresting Secretary of State Caleb Powers and Capt. John W. Davis, charged with being accessories to the Goebel assassination.

In the morning City Marshal Richardson applied at the Executive building and demanded to be admitted for the purpose of arresting Powers and Davis, was turned back, and the warrants were then turned over to Sheriff Sater. The Sheriff also presented himself at the Executive building and demanded admittance. He was referred by the officer in charge to Colonel Morrow, and the latter, being found, said: "I am sorry, Mr. Sheriff, but it is against Governor Taylor's orders to let anyone into the building to-day."

The Executive mansion was watched all day by a large number of deputies, but no attempt was made to enter by force. When the Chesapeake and Ohio mail train pulled in from Louisville a dozen policemen and half a dozen deputies were at the station to see if either Davis or Powers attempted to board it.

"All aboard!" called out the conductor, and the train started off. As it did so a soldier dashed from the corner on the opposite side from the station and, throwing himself upon the platform of the second car, jerked the bell cord, and the train came to a stop. Then quick as a flash 30 soldiers, with Powers and Davis in their midst, each in regulation full-dress uniform, instantly rushed upon the ears, Lieutenant-Colonel Morrow in charge of the squad.

"Anything the matter?" inquired the conductor, as he peered out, and saw the blue-coats piling on the train. "No, nothing the matter unless you delay this train here," responded a soldier, and with another jerk of the rope the train was off and the ten speeding toward Lexington as fast as steam could carry them.

A reward of \$1,500 for the arrest of Powers and Davis was offered by Justice Goebel and Arthur Goebel, brothers of the late William Goebel.

W. K. Taylor has issued a long statement in which he says he has issued pardons to everyone connected with the State Government accused of complicity in William Goebel's murder.

LEFT HIT \$1,000. The Dead Hero, Lawton, Could Fight Better Than Sars.

Washington, (Special).—Letters of administration were issued to Mrs. Mary C. Lawton in the matter of the estate of her deceased husband, Maj.-Gen. Henry W. Lawton.

Mrs. Lawton set forth in her petition for the letters that she had made diligent search and inquiry for a will of the deceased and had not found any, or obtained any information that he left or made one.

Those entitled to the estate, it is explained, are the four children of the deceased General. The petition sets forth that at the time of his death the only personal estate of General Lawton consisted of his accumulated pay as an officer of the army, amounting to about \$1,000.

Two Killed and One Escaped. Trenton, N. J., (Special).—Three men were struck by a train on the Philadelphia and Reading Railway near Hopewell. Two of them were killed and the third had a miraculous escape from death.

Killed His Brother-in-Law. Sioux City, Ia., (Special).—Christ Bauer was killed by Ernest Myers, his brother-in-law, thirty miles east here. Both men are farmers. Bauer met death in defending his mother, with whom Myers had picked a quarrel. Myers had been drinking.

Thirteen Firms Burned Out. Bedford, Ia., (Special).—Fire in the business portion of this town completely wiped out all the business houses on the south side of Main street. The loss is estimated at about \$30,000, only partially covered by insurance. Thirteen firms were burned out. The origin of the fire is unknown.

A Succession of Murders. Columbia, S. C., (Special).—B. R. Carroll was shot and killed by D. P. Johnson at Blackville. Carroll was to have been tried at the coming session of court. Barnett next week, for the killing of James Bolla last Christmas. Bolla himself had killed his man, young Merritt, just a year previous to his own tragic death.

Money for Liberation. Washington, (Special).—The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations authorized the reporting of an amendment to the Diplomatic Appropriation bill appropriating \$20,000 to be paid to ex-Governor Loukolaki and providing for an annual donation of \$10,000 to her as long as she may live.

THE NEWS.

Democratic Governor Beckham, of Kentucky, began the organization of a state guard at Frankfort, to be armed with Winchester, Republican Governor Taylor's troops at the State Capitol were also reinforced. A clash may occur at any moment. Caleb Powers, Republican secretary of state, arrested at Lexington on the charge of being implicated in the killing of Goebel protests his innocence, and says all he wants is a fair trial. Governor Taylor declares the entire proceeding is a Democratic conspiracy.

Dr. Parkhurst, as president of the Society for the Prevention of Crime, sent a letter to District Attorney Gardner telling him to turn his virtuous indignation upon a number of places in New York which are considerably more immoral than Wallace's Theater.

Rev. Samuel C. Edsall, missionary bishop of North Dakota, has been appointed acting successor to the late Rev. Mahlon N. Gilbert, bishop coadjutor of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota.

Two more hold-ups were reported in Norfolk. In one instance the footpad, Frank Williamson, was arrested by his intended victim, Mr. Parsons, and handed over to the police.

Captain Mahan has written an article for Leslie's Weekly, dwelling upon the necessity of a large navy for the maintenance of the Monroe doctrine.

Official advices received in Cincinnati from Rome declare that Henry Mosler, chancellor of the archdiocese of Cincinnati, has been appointed Bishop of Columbus.

Three more dead bodies were removed from the Red Ash mine, W. Va., but the bodies of twenty-eight more victims remain in the mine.

William F. Miller, the Franklin syndicate man, was heard in bankruptcy proceedings in New York. He refused to answer questions.

Leah Gary, colored, was sent up for six months for attempting to burglarize the residence of Mrs. Jewell, at Fort Norfolk, Va.

Captain B. G. Patterson, member of the Virginia House of Delegates from Beckoning, recently died in Richmond.

Adam Holzer, a wealthy merchant tailor of Grafton, W. Va., committed suicide by leaping into the Valley river.

The revenue service steamer Onondaga left Norfolk to search for the missing Spanish steamer Minerva.

Philip Kuntz was convicted in Norristown, Pa., of manslaughter in causing the death of Pierce W. Cope.

Thomas J. Williams was sentenced in Staunton, Va., to three years in the penitentiary for attempted rape.

Fire did about \$6,000 worth of damage to the history and warehouses of Samuel Bacon & Sons, in Laurel, Del.

Garnett Willis died in Fredericksburg, Va., from the effects of a wound received during the Civil War.

Three hundred non-union workmen, under police guard, were put to work on buildings in Chicago.

Resolutions were passed by the New York Produce Exchange asking for justice to Puerto Rico.

The convention was continued in Cleveland, O., of the National Council of Jewish Women.

The H. Kyd Douglas Camp, Sons of Veterans, was organized in Shepherdstown, W. Va.

Fire wiped out \$500,000 worth of property in Leeds, S. D.

The estimate of the number of victims of the Red Ash mine disaster near Fire Creek, W. Va., vary between fifty-two and sixty. Thirty-four were taken from the mine, twenty-nine being dead and five seriously injured.

George W. Drake, the famous Kentucky moonshiner detective, and a man named Ford were killed near Torrent, Ky., by William S. Johnson.

A suspected case of bubonic plague developed in Chinatown, San Francisco, and that section of the city was quarantined.

The National Tube Company, at McKeesport, Pa., advanced the wages of four thousand men ten per cent.

Smallpox is carrying off a large percentage of the population in the southern part of Mississippi.

Fire in the retail dry-goods district in Philadelphia caused a loss of \$700,000.

Charles Albright, aged fifteen, was killed by a train near Meyersdale, Pa.

Two hundred and thirty men joined the strikers in Chicago.

Over a hundred miners were ostombed by an explosion in the Red Ash mine, at Fire Creek, W. Va., on the south branch of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway. More than thirty dead bodies have been taken out.

Congressman Alfred C. Harner, known as the "Father of the House," who has served thirteen full terms in Congress as representative of the Fifth Pennsylvania district, died in Philadelphia, at the age of seventy-five years.

50 PERISH IN MINE.

FRIGHTFUL EXPLOSION AT FIRE CREEK, WEST VIRGINIA.

BODIES BADLY MANGLED. The Wives and Children of the Victims Cried About the Mines, and Many of the Women are Held Back by the Mine Parties From Risking Their Lives to Find Their Loved Ones.

Fire Creek, W. Va., (Special).—The first explosion of gas that has ever occurred in the New River field happened at Red Ash Tuesday morning at 7.30. The force of the explosion was so great that cars standing 200 feet in one of the entries were blown out to the mouth of the mine, and a hole 12 feet in diameter was blown in the mountain side one-fourth of a mile from the mouth of the mine and was clearly felt in the Rush Run mine, one mile distant.

Nearly 50 men were killed and Manager Shirkey has ordered that number of coffins. The mine is completely wrecked, and the scene of the explosion cannot be reached.

Nine Bodies Recovered. Only nine bodies have been recovered, including those of Quarrels, Hackney, Jackson and Washington. These were close to the mouth of the mine. The rest cannot be gotten, as the fire had overcome the men before they are hardly inside and they can work but a few minutes at a time. The excitement is great, but not nearly so great as might be imagined.

Experience of Eye-Witnesses. M. C. Spitz, coke boss, said he saw the cloud of dust, wreckage, cars and other debris come out of the mine, and knew what it was.

George Tucker said he was standing at the mouth of the mine and heard a loud explosion and saw fire, and when he came to it was under a pile of wreckage, severely injured.

State Mine Inspector Edward G. Pinkney, of Montgomery, W. Va., says the mine had good ventilation, no holes or pockets in the roof, and that every precaution was used to prevent accidents, but that they might have been drawing pillars, and in the holes caused by them the gas might have accumulated in the mine.

What the Superintendent Says. John Laing, mine superintendent of the mine, was seen by a correspondent. He had been working all day in the mine and was suffering from the gas. When questioned in the morning he said he was sure that he had been mine superintendent for a long time and that he had never known of so serious an explosion before.

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BOERS DRIVEN BACK.

Lord Roberts Reports Successful Operations—Gen. French Did the Hardest Part of the Fighting.

London, (By Cable).—The War Office has just posted the following advices from Lord Roberts: "Poplar Grove, Wednesday.—We had a very successful day and have completely routed the enemy, who are in full retreat."

The fighting was practically confined to the cavalry division, which, as usual, did exceedingly well, and General French reports that the horse artillery batteries did great execution among the enemy.

Our casualties were about fifty. I regret to say that Lieutenant Kewick was killed and Lieutenant Bailey was severely wounded, both of the Twelfth Lancers. Lieutenant Le Crespigny, of the Second Life Guards, was severely wounded. Remaining casualties will be telegraphed later.

General Dewet and Delarey commanded the Boer forces."

Earlier in the day, in a despatch to the War Office, announcing his intended attack on the Boers, Lord Roberts had given the following as the disposition of the forces:

The enemy occupied a position four miles north and eleven miles south of the Modder River. I placed General Colville's division on the north bank and General Kelly-Kenny's and Tucker's divisions, with cavalry, on the south bank. The cavalry division succeeded in turning the enemy's left flank, opening a road for the Sixth Division, which is advancing without having been obliged to fire a shot up to the present time.

The enemy are in retreat towards the north and east. They are being closely followed by cavalry, horse artillery and mounted infantry, while Tucker's Seventh Division, Colville's Ninth Division and the Guards brigade, under Pole-Carew, are making their way across the river at Poplars Drift, where I propose to place my headquarters."

A MILLION LOST BY A FIRE. A Disastrous Conflagration in the Day Goods District in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, (Special).—A fire entailing an estimated loss of over \$700,000 occurred in the retail dry-goods district. The conflagration originated in the engine room of Shoneman Bros., dry goods and millinery store, at Eighth and Arch streets.

The engine room was in the basement at the center of the structure. It is said that while the fire was being drawn from the furnaces sparks communicated with some waste paper, and the little blaze spread with astonishing rapidity to the upper floors.

This was at 7.15 o'clock, and the employees had not yet retired. A general alarm was sounded, but all efforts to save the building were fruitless, and it was leveled. The loss is placed at \$500,000. Marks Bros.' dry goods store, adjoining, was partly damaged by smoke and water, and their storehouse was completely gutted, entailing an estimated loss of \$300,000.

The Shoneman building has four stories and Marks five stories in height.

The flames spread to the six-story building on Cherry street occupied by Meyerhoff Bros., manufacturers of women's and children's clothing, and the Philadelphia Electrical Equipment Company. Nothing was left of this place but the walls, and the loss is placed at \$200,000. Several smaller buildings were more or less seriously damaged.

About 1,000 persons, men, women and children, were thrown out of employment by the fire.

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AGUINALDO'S MOB.

SENOR LALA BLAMES ANTI-IMPERIALISTS FOR BLOODSHED.

MEETS LEAGUE OFFICIALS. War Prolonged by the Documents Sent Out to the Islands—The Rebel Chieftain Reads Them to His Soldiers and Declares That the Americans Want Him to Continue the War.

Boston, Mass., (Special).—Ramon Reyes Lala, a native of Manila, who is lecturing on the Philippines, visited the office of the Anti-Imperial League by request of Secretary Irving Winslow. William Lloyd Garrison was also present.

The three had a long talk, after which Mr. Lala said that he and his new formed acquaintances could hardly agree on a single point.

During the conversation Mr. Lala told the Boston men that Aguinaldo's following is among the uneducated, and that he believes that if they accept American government they will only return to Spanish oppression. Mr. Lala further said:

"Aguinaldo is assisted by the anti-imperialists in this country. These latter blame for the bloodshed in the Philippines. They have sent documents to that country and these are published in the Philippine papers."

"Aguinaldo reads them and shows them to his followers with the statement: 'I told you that the Americans want us to continue the war.' As a result, the poor fellows continue to fight."

OLD TROOPS RETURNING. Those Longest in Philippines Are to Be Relieved.

Washington, (Special).—The War Department has taken the initial steps towards relieving the military forces in the Philippines by returning in small detachments the troops who have been longest there and replacing them by recruits raised in this country.

The movement began last week, when instructions were sent to General Otis to pick out a battalion from each of three regiments which had been longest in the Philippines, namely, the Fourteenth, Eighteenth and Twenty-third Infantry and return them to the United States.

The Eighteenth Infantry is scattered throughout the Island of Panay, the Twenty-third in the Islands of Cebu and Iloilo and the Fourteenth is in Manila. The men picked out for return will be those whose term of enlistment are about to expire or those broken in health.

While General Otis has not yet signified what force he requires to compensate for the withdrawal of these three battalions, the department is proceeding on the assumption that the recruits gathered in New York ready to leave for Manila on the summer when that transport is completed will suffice.

TROOPS CALLED FOR. Generals Young and Hood Ask for Reinforcements—Rebels Attack Aparri Town.

Manila, (By Cable).—Generals Young and Hood are asking for reinforcements, and a battalion of the Forty-eighth Regiment has been sent to Aparri. Other troops will follow. The rebels, recently, persistently attacked Aparri for several hours, but were finally driven away. Details of the affair are lacking.

The rebels are holding reunions in the Province of North Hocos, and the Red Katiupan Cross, symbols of resistance, is again appearing among the natives. It is believed that the insurgent generals, Tino and Flores, have been driven by General Young into General Hood's district, south of Aparri.

The fact that General Young is unable, owing to lack of troops, to maintain garrisons in all the towns occupied has had a bad effect on the natives.

General Bates has returned here after leaving garrisons in the provinces of North and South Camarines. The expedition lost many men killed and ten wounded. On entering South Camarines, Province of South Camarines, General Bates learned that 2,000 insurgent and Irish Charters have assembled in the vicinity of the Mutual Improvement Company of Huntington, with an authorized capital of \$50,000.

The incorporators are P. Q. Payne and N. H. Gordon, of Huntington; D. Stratton, of St. Albans; W. A. Harper and W. W. Tackie, of Winchester, Ky. The Morgantown Bridge and Investment Company, of Morgantown, with an authorized capital of \$250,000. The incorporators are all of Morgantown.

FIRE AT ELIZABETH. The Loss Will Reach Fifty Thousand Dollars.

Parkersburg, W. Va., (Special).—The town of Elizabeth, West Virginia, narrowly escaped being wiped out by fire Sunday.

About 4 o'clock A. M. fire broke out in the rear of Mrs. Sayre's millinery store and spread rapidly throughout a row of buildings opposite the courthouse, including Filine's jewelry store, the Elizabeth Drug Company's establishment, the general store of Gray Bros. and the grocery of H. E. Woodruff. These structures, together with their contents, were destroyed. The buildings were the property of Mrs. Kendall. There is no fire department at Elizabeth, and the flames were fought by a bucket brigade.

Just after the fire broke out the authorities of this city were telephoned for and had the city fire engines and men all ready to start for the scene on a special train on the Little Kanawha Valley Railroad when word was received that the fire was under control. The loss is estimated at \$20,000.

A World's Record Broken. Minneapolis, Minn., (Special).—Charles Hanson, a Swede, lifted 350 pounds with one hand without a harness. The accomplishment of this feat breaks the world's record for one-linger lift, 353 1/2 pounds, lifted in Chicago, May 7, 1896, by Louis Cyr, a Frenchman. Hanson now claims the world's championship for the one-linger lift, and will defend his title against all comers.

KILLED AT LAST. George Drake, Famous Mountain Detective, Shot by Game Warden.

Lexington, Ky., (Special).—George W. Drake, the famous mountain detective and ex-deputy United States Marshal, and a man named Ford were shot to death near Torrent, Ky., by William S. Johnson.

It is reported to be the result of bad feeling of long standing between Drake and St. John.

Drake is said to have run down more moonshiners in Kentucky than any other officer in the service.

RAVAGED BY SMALPOX. An Appalling State of Affairs Revealed in Southern Mississippi.

Jackson, Miss., (Special).—An official report made to the Hinds County Board of Supervisors reveals an appalling state of affairs in the Jonesville neighborhood, in the southern part of the county.

The community is literally honeycombed with smallpox of the most virulent and loathsome form, and during the past six weeks, with a few exceptions, the disease has occurred. On some days the death record is so large that it was impossible to secure coffins, and rude caskets were made from rails.

Fatal Explosion. Pompton, N. J., (Special).—The Smith Fuse Manufactory at this place blew up and four persons were killed and a number more or less injured.

LEAVING CAPE COLONY.

The Boers are Retreating From All of That Section—Gen. Brabant Attacks Them.

London, Eng., (By Cable).—The Boers are retreating all of Northern Cape Colony, carrying their guns and supplies with them. A force remains at Norval's point, presumably to oppose a British advance across the Orange river there. General Brabant, commanding a division of colonial troops, attacked a force of Boers at Labuschagne Nek, on the road from Durheim to Jamestown. Labuschagne Nek is about 35 miles north of Sterksfontein. General Brabant, it is stated, gained three positions, and as night closed was facing Boers posted on an opposite hill. The British loss was six killed and 18 wounded.

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