

## Another Atrocity

Negro, Charged With Murder in Florida, Is Burned at the Stake.

The Populace Adopt Barbarous Method of Dealing With a Criminal.

Barlow, Fla., May 29.—Fred Rochelle, a negro, thirty-five years of age, who at noon yesterday assaulted and murdered Mrs. Lena Taggart, a white woman of this city, was burned at the stake this evening, in the presence of a throng of people. The burning was on the scene of the negro's crime, which took place in the principal thoroughfare of this city. At 10 o'clock yesterday morning Mrs. Taggart went fishing alone in a small rowboat, in Palatka creek. This is in full view of the public thoroughfare. A few minutes before noon, deciding to return home, she rowed her boat to the bridge and made it fast. A negro man was fishing from the bridge at the time. Mrs. Taggart started back and had proceeded only a few steps into the swamp toward the open prairie thence to the street, when she was approached by Rochelle, who had been hiding in the swamp. He seized her and she broke loose and screamed and ran from the swamp into the prairie, where he overtook her. Rochelle killed the woman by cutting her throat from ear to ear. He then walked to the negro who had been fishing on the bridge, and who was thoroughly frightened, and asked him what he should do with the body. He was told to leave it where it was, but, unheeding of this request, he took the bleeding form in his arms and carried it back to the swamp, threw it down, and escaped into the interior of the swamp.

In a few minutes the crime had been reported, and in less than an hour practically the entire city was in arms, and well armed posses were moving in every direction in search of the criminal. Bloodhounds were secured, and all night a fruitless search was continued. About noon a courier arrived announcing that the negro had been captured by two other negroes, two miles south of the city. Posses were immediately on the trail, but the capturers evaded detection and succeeded in getting their prisoner quickly into the city, and in turning him over to the sheriff of Polk county. In less than ten minutes after the transfer had been made, the street became congested with people, and the crowd augmented as it marched on the jail.

In spite of the sheriff and a strong guard of extra deputies, who made every effort to protect him from mob violence, they surrounded the prisoner and took up the march to the scene of the crime. He was half dragged, half carried, to the bridge, covered with a great throng of people of all ages, who were resolute and determined, but quiet and orderly. Scream after scream broke from the wretch's quivering lips, followed by groans and prayers for mercy. At the bridge the mob turned toward the prairie, and then into the swamp, and to the scene of the negro's crime. By common consent burning was the only penalty. The stake was the only suggestion as to the proper expiation of the crime, and without organized effort, and yet by apparently unanimous understanding, a barrel was in readiness, and was placed by the stake on the very spot where Mrs. Taggart was murdered. The negro was then chained to the stake. He pleaded for mercy, but in the crowd around him silence was the only response. Before the chains around his body had been made fast, cans of kerosene were passed to the front, and on the leaders stepped to the negro and slowly and deliberately poured it upon him and his clothes until clothes and barrel were well saturated.

It was then 6 o'clock, the crowd was growing and business in the city had practically been suspended. When the match was applied the blaze quickly leaped skywards. For fifteen minutes the body burned, and a half hour from the application of the match only the charred bones were left as a reminder of a negro's crime and his fate. The crowd dispersed as orderly as it gathered, and at 8:30 to-night the city was quiet.

**FILIPINOS INCOMPETENT.**  
Found Unfit to Hold Judicial Positions—Spanish Language Adopted Temporarily.

Manila, May 28.—The Philippine commission has begun the discussion of the bill to reorganize the courts. Concerning the criticisms of the non-appointment of native judges, Mr. Ide said the commission was following its instruction to the effect that other things being equal Filipinos should receive the appointments, but the Filipinos had proven incompetent from the outset. Native speakers welcomed the Anglo-Saxon judicial procedure. All the important American judges were averse to the provisions making the Spanish language the language to be used in the courts for a period of five years, but the commission desires to avoid inconvenience to the native lawyers.

**CANDIDATES SELECTED.**  
Three Chosen at Home for Rectorship of American College.

Rome, May 28.—Three candidates have been chosen by the congregation of the American college here. The names are kept secret but they include the Rev. Thomas F. Kennedy, a professor in the theological seminary of St. Charles Borromeo, at Overbrook, Pa. The congregation will meet in June.

**CRUISER ASHORE.**  
Pegasus Stranded Off Graine Spit, Outside Sheerness.

London, May 28.—The British third-class cruiser Pegasus is stranded off Graine Spit, outside Sheerness. The vessel was towed to the shore, but the tide was too high, and it is hoped she will float at the next high tide.

## EXPLOSION WORKS HAVOC.

Two Men Killed, Steamer and Houses Demolished, at Bonville.

Chicago, May 29.—A special to the Tribune from Bonville, says two men blown to pieces, small steamer torn to bits, three houses demolished, scores of residences and business buildings damaged, a ferry boat badly wrecked, and many thousands of dollars worth of property destroyed are the results of an explosion at this place. The accident was on the Larent, a 24-ton Missouri river freighter just off this city. The boat carried 2,100 pounds of dynamite, many kegs of powder, 1,000 detonating caps and eight cases of fuses. Gasoline power was used on the vessel, and when a match was applied to the generator an explosion followed. The boat took fire and the crew except two men fled. These were still aboard when the fire reached the supply tanks of gasoline and the explosives. Damage was done to buildings a mile away.

## SIBERIAN TRADE.

President Shaughnessy Thinks Canada May Capture Part of It.

Montreal, May 27.—In the course of an interview, Mr. Shaughnessy, president of the C. P. R., referred to Mr. Whyte's mission as follows: "Mr. Whyte will sail next month and work towards the Pacific coast. He is going to look over that vast country and looking into its trade possibilities. I have thought that Canada might supply a good many articles of manufacture required in the western portion of Siberia, as I think they could be landed at the Pacific terminus of the trans-Siberian railway and sent inland a good distance cheaper than the same goods could be handled via St. Petersburg."

## GOOD WISHES FOR LIPTON.

Shareholders in His Company Hope for His Success.

London, May 29.—At the annual meeting to-day of the Lipton Company, Ltd., Sir Thomas Lipton, the president, was cordially received. One shareholder thought Sir Thomas was devoting too much time to yachting and hoped he might be assured that he did not intend to withdraw more of his attention from the company's concerns. Sir Thomas reassured the shareholder and the report was adopted. At the conclusion of the meeting numerous wishes were expressed that Sir Thomas might have better luck with Shamrock II. than with Shamrock I.

## THE PARIS RACES.

Interesting Automobile Contest at Paris—Fournier Leading.

Paris, May 29.—The contestants in the Paris-Bordeaux and James Gordon Bennett cup automobile races started at 4 o'clock this morning. There were only three competitors for the Bennett cup, Charron, Levagh and Girardot. There are 29 entries for both races. The distance is 345 miles. The cup competitors use motors of from 40 to 48 horsepower.

Fournier, the first competitor in the automobile races to arrive here, left Paris at 4:25 a.m., and arrived here at 1:00 p.m. The exact distance is 530 1/2 kilometers.

**MURDERERS SENTENCED.**  
They Get Long Terms of Imprisonment and Their Accessories Two Years and a Fine.

Philadelphia, May 29.—The three men convicted of murder in the second degree for the killing of Father Riegel of Cheltenham by the administration of knock-out drops, were sentenced to-day. Steve Bryson was sentenced to 15 years and Bob Bryan and Jacob Wayne to 20 years each. Ella Barrett and Fannie Miller, who pleaded guilty as accessories, were sentenced to two years and a fine of \$500 each.

**AT HEAD OF TROOPS.**  
The Kaiser Leads the Parade Through the Streets of His Capital.

Berlin, May 29.—Emperor William at the annual review to-day of the brigade of guards on the Tempelhof field, put the troops through a series of movements, and then, at the head of the color guard, led the brigade through the city. His Majesty was accompanied by a brilliant entourage, including General Bonnat and the other French officers here.

Subsequently the Emperor lunched with the officers.

**OLEOMARGARINE BILL.**  
Restrictions Imposed on Dealers in Pennsylvania.

Harrisburg, Pa., May 29.—Governor Stone to-day signed the Snyder-Harris Oleomargarine Restriction bill. The new law relates to the manufacture and sale of butterine and similar products, forbids oleomargarine from being colored, prevents dealers from selling oleomargarine for butter and makes it compulsory for each dealer to secure a permit from the agricultural department before handling oleomargarine.

**WITHDRAWING GERMAN TROOPS.**  
Their Quarters at Pekin Will Be Handed Over Experimentally to Chinese.

Berlin, May 28.—A dispatch to the Cologne Gazette, under date of May 26th, says the withdrawal of the German marines to Ting Tan has begun, and that the German quarter of Pekin has been handed over to the Chinese authorities experimentally for a fortnight.

**RACING AT MANCHESTER.**

London, May 29.—Encome beat Delany in the race for the Isomogy plate of 200 sovereigns at the Manchester Whitinsmith race to-day. Bide won the Stamford Fether handicap race of 150 sovereigns. Folan D'Or won the Phillips maiden plate of 101 sovereigns.

**"KEEP YOUR STOMACH IN GOOD WORKING ORDER"** and your general health will take care of itself. This is the advice of an eminent specialist on stomach troubles, and he "elucidates" the advice by prescribing Dr. Von Sta's Pileapple Tablets as a wonder worker in all phases of stomach trouble. The little "german" after eating to the chronic dyspepsia. 25 cents. Sold by Deans & Hiscocks and Hall & Co.—136.

## WITHDRAWING FORCES.

Powers Are Gradually Recalling Their Armies From China.

Tien Tsin, May 29.—Two British transports have arrived at Tien Tsin to take troops direct to India. Another transport will arrive to-day to take the British regiment to Wei-hai-Wei.

Gen. Voyron, the French commander, expects now that the evacuation has been decided upon, that France will command the order holding the troops temporarily in China. He anticipates the early arrival of the French transports.

Gen. Lorne Campbell, the British commander here, says the international situation at Tien Tsin is better than at any time since the arrival of the troops, though on the departure of the Americans the Russians objected to the British holding their flag on a bridge when the Chinese flag was taken down, but Gen. Wogack, the Russian commander, withdrew his objections.

Berlin, May 29.—The correspondent of the Associated Press fears that all the powers of the world are now endeavoring to withdraw from China and surrender the chief command. In accepting the proposition, the United States expressed satisfaction at the extremely peaceful and dignified manner in which Count von Waldersee discharged his most difficult duties, and at his great courtesy towards United States officers. The other powers, especially Great Britain, have expressed themselves similarly.

In Germany circles the British proposition, that China pay the indemnity by issuing bonds making the interest and while their fundamental rights are preserved those underlying principles of the constitution which apply everywhere the status of their citizens and the nature of the customs and commercial regulations are to be determined by congress in the exercise of the power, and it therefore becomes constitutional in congress to make all helpful rules and regulations respecting territory belonging to the United States. Obviously what I said regarding Porto Rico applies equally well to the Philippines; so that the President under the Spooner act can govern the Philippines in the need and their interests may require."

## NO CABINET CRISIS.

Gen. Weyler Denies Political Rumor and Describes Plans for Army Reorganization.

Madrid, May 29.—Gen. Weyler, minister of war, at a banquet at Leon yesterday evening described the plans for army organization. He said it was proposed to establish three army corps capable of repelling any invasion without recourse to extraordinary expenditures. There will be manoeuvres of the troops twice each year. The Correspondencia says differences exist among the ministry on the subjects of election, and the economic situation, but there is no cabinet crisis.

## SHAMROCK I. COMING.

Sir Thomas Will Send Old Challenger Across With New Yacht.

Glasgow, May 28.—After consultation with Mr. Fife, Sir Thomas Lipton has decided to send the Shamrock I. to America, to challenge the challenger in order that he may continue the trial races right up to the date of the cup races. This will cost an additional £4,000, but Sir Thomas is confident that the advantage to be gained, justified the expense. Capt. Wray will command the Shamrock I. with the same crew.

## ROYAL AERONAUTS.

Ladies of Austrian Court Indulge in Four-Hour Balloon Ride.

New York, May 29.—Ladies of the Austrian court have just participated in a balloon ascent for the first time, says a Herald dispatch from Vienna. Archduchess Salvator and Captain Minnerstesser went up in the meteor, accompanied by Archduchess Margarete and by the Princess Therese of Bavaria. The party rose 1,008 feet, and travelled four hours in the field near Kornburg on the Danube. The imperial party packed up the balloon and all rode in a peasant's cart to Kornburg.

## WAGES INCREASED.

Two Thousand Workmen Benefited by Liberty of Steel Corporation.

Youngstown, Ohio, May 29.—The wages of the skilled and unskilled day laborers of the Youngstown and Greenview plants of the American Steel-Hoop Company, one of the constituent companies of the United Steel Corporation, have been voluntarily increased 10 per cent. for the month. The increase is effective at once. About 2,000 workmen are benefited.

## MORE MONEY FOR CROKER.

His "Viper" a Winner at the Witsund Meeting.

London, May 28.—Mr. Croker's Viper won the all-aged maiden plate of 703 sovereigns at the Witsund meeting to-day. Simon Glover won the Holiday handicap of 100 sovereigns. Blue Diamond was 2nd, and O'Donovan Rossa 3rd.

Mr. Croker's Viper has been elected in the race for the Durham plate of 200 sovereigns.

## CONDUCTOR ARRESTED.

One of Street Railway Employees in Albany Accused of Criminal Negligence.

Albany, May 28.—On a warrant issued by Judge Meredith, of Rensselaer county, Charles T. Johnson, who was conductor of the southbound car wrecked in the collision on Sunday, on the Albany and Hudson railway, was tonight placed under arrest. He is in the Troy jail and will be charged with criminal negligence, resulting in death.

## A COMMERCIAL LEAGUE.

Denied That Austrian Council Urges Its Formation Against the United States.

Vienna, May 29.—Nothing is known here regarding the report that a political league of states that a motion has been introduced in the lower house of the Reichsrath urging the foreign minister to take official action to the formation of a European commercial league against the United States.

## ELECTION TRIALS.

Five Protests to Be Heard in Ontario This Summer.

Toronto, May 28.—The House having been opened, the following election trials have been noted:

West Durham, June 7th, at Whitby, before Chief Justice Falconbridge and Judge Street, against Thornton, Conservative.

North Wellington, before Chief Justice Meredith and Justice McMahon, against Tolton, Conservative; date unfixed.

South Ontario, before Chief Justice Falconbridge and Justice Street, date unfixed; against W. Ross, Liberal.

Ottawa, September 12th, before Chancellor Boyd and Justice Ferguson, against Elbert, Conservative.

Cornwall, before Chancellor Boyd and Justice Ferguson date unfixed; against Pringle, Conservative.

**POST OFFICE ROBBERED.**  
Burglars Secure \$400 and Shoot at an Ex-Judge.

Portland, Me., May 28.—Burglars blew open the safe in the post office at Cumberland this morning and secured about \$400. The burglar, who was tried to shoot ex-Judge W. W. Shaw, who had been awakened by the explosion. Judge Shaw lives just across the street from the post office. As soon as he turned on the light, the burglar fired a revolver and a bullet entered the room, passing within a few inches of the judge.

## COAL MINE EXPLOSION.

Thirty-four White Men Buried in the Workings at Dayton.

Chattanooga, Tenn., May 27.—A special from Dayton says that an explosion of nine dust occurred in the New Richmond coal mine of the Dayton Coal and Iron Co., at 5 o'clock this afternoon, and that the dead bodies of twelve white miners have already been taken out of the order drift and that five more are known to be dead.

It is stated that 54 men, all white, were at work in the mine, and it is feared all have perished. Relief gangs are at work, but on account of the immense amount of debris in the shaft, the work has been slow and tedious.

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**CANADIAN COMPETITOR.**  
French Canadian Journal Will Rival Hearst in His Round the World Race.

Montreal, May 27.—Another competitor in the round the world race has come to the front. The Canadian newspaper La Presse tonight went out from Montreal two of its best reporters, Auguste Marion and Lorenzo Prince, to make the circuit of the globe. They left to-night for New York, where they take the fast steamship Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse to cross the Atlantic. So far there are five competitors outside of Canada including Le Matin of Paris, the Journal and the World of New York, Chicago American, San Francisco Examiner, one London, and one Berlin paper. Le Presse is holding up the Canadian flag in this interesting race, and expects that their missionaries will carry the maple leaf to victory.

About 100 people commit suicide in the Thames yearly.

**THE SUNDAY QUESTION.**  
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**HE THREATENED HIMSELF.**  
Man Who Wrote Letters to Edison, Received One Regarding the Kidnapping of His Own Child.

New York, May 28.—According to the World, to divert suspicion from himself, the man suspected of having written the threatening letters to Thos. A. Edison, Victor Biachi and J. W. Smith, also wrote threatening letters to himself threatening to kidnap his own child.

It was expected that an arrest would have been made by this time, but Police Captain Leary and Detective Dr. Abell, of Orange, refused to take any action into custody. "I may not make the arrest this week," Capt. Leary said last night. "I certainly will not place any one in custody for these threatening letters before Wednesday night. I may say now that a financial transaction is involved and until we can ferret out its significance we do not feel that an arrest is warranted."

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**Cause of Explosion.**  
Chattanooga, Tenn., May 27.—A later dispatch from Dayton, Tenn., says that the mine explosion resulted in the death of 21 men, all white, most of them married and with families. The explosion was caused by what is known among miners as a "blown blast." The Richmond mine is destitute of water, and hence great volumes of fine particles of coal dust accumulate at the roof of the mine, forming a highly inflammable gas. This afternoon at exactly 4:30 o'clock a dynamite cartridge was placed in position in one of the rooms for a blast. The mine was closed for the month of the mine. The blast did not explode as intended, but instead a long flame shot out of the blast and ignited the accumulation of dust. Instantly a terrific explosion followed, and a seething mass of flame shot to the mouth of the mine and extended three hundred feet into the open air, scorching the leaves of the nearby trees. There were 34 men in the mine at the time. Four of these escaped with slight injuries, 21 were killed and 9 were terribly burned.

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