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STRIKE TO KILL

SECTION OF PETRIELLA TO STRIKING MINERS.

INFLAMMATORY SPEECH

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MACHINISTS STRIKE

Associated Press.
Minn., Aug. 1.—The refusal of mine owners to grant an increase of fifty cents a day to the miners employed in the mines was met by the calling out of the members of the machinists' union at night last night. About 250 men went to the union. The present wage is \$4.50 a day.
If the strike last long, it will result in the shutting down of the work is resumed at Duluth.

WORK RESUMED AT DULUTH

Associated Press.
Minn., Aug. 1.—Work on the docks began promptly this morning and more will be put on today. The loading began at the Hibbing mine at Hibbing today and has been reported.

FIREFIGHT BY FALLING WALL

Associated Press.
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BREAKS OUT IN PITTSBURG ASYLUM

Associated Press.
Pittsburg, Pa., Aug. 1.—Fire at the city poor farm, which threatened the destruction of all the buildings on the grounds, was confined to the buildings used as the laundry, bath, shop, kitchen and chapel. Employees who were fighting the fire were caught under a falling beam. Means was crushed to death and W. H. Larkin was so seriously injured that his recovery is very doubtful. The others were not dangerously hurt. Nearly five hundred inmates were recovered from the building without trouble.

NO QUORUM PRESENT

Associated Press.
New York, Aug. 1.—The mass meeting of the board of directors of the Pacific Railroad Company, called to be held today, at which the dividend was expected to be announced until next Thursday, was being present.

NEWS NOTES FROM BYERS

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JIMMY BRITT MAKES STATEMENT

Victor Over Battling Nelson Will Meet any 135 Pound Man in the World.
By Associated Press.
San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 1.—Jimmy Britt made the following statement last night after his fight with "Battling Nelson," in which the decision was given in his favor at the end of twenty rounds:
"Nelson could not have gone half a round further. I am willing to meet any 135 pound man in the world."
Nelson said: "I have no excuses. Britt fought a good fight, but at that I think he won in the last round. I did my best."

STRIKERS SHOT DOWN

TROOPS AND STRIKERS IN A BLOODY ENCOUNTER.

BUSINESS IS SUSPENDED

Thirty-Two Thousand Men are Out—The Situation is Critical.
Lodz, Aug. 1.—This city was again the scene of a strike movement, accompanied by violence, disorder and death. The troops yesterday encountered the strikers in the center of the town and some thirty were killed or wounded in the fight. Business is at a standstill. In spite of the aggressive stand taken by the authorities the disorders recommenced early today. The strike is serious and appears to be the beginning of a big labor war and workmen's unions are prepared for a long struggle. The immediate cause of yesterday's outbreak was the course of the police during the last eight days in making numerous arrests in an attempt to break up the unions. The police have been so energetic in their measures that the unions have united with the socialists, the Polish socialists and the nationalists. A general strike has been declared and 32,000 men have been called out. The committee of the strikers has ordered that all business in Lodz cease, and several shops of those who refused to close have been wrecked. The power of the electric street car system was shut down this morning and the troops started the electric power again but the passengers were attacked and a number of them wounded.

In glass—jellies, pickles, grape juice, catsup, etc., at King & White's.

If you want the best on the market, phone us. We have it.
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JENKINS IS WRATHY

SAYS FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS SURRENDERED.

VISION OF CIVIL STRIFE

Declares State Authorities are Usurping Functions of Supreme Court.

By Associated Press.
Chippewa Falls, Wis., Aug. 1.—Congressman Jenkins, chairman of the house judicial committee, last night issued a statement relative to the North Carolina rate imbroglio in which he says there never has been an event since the civil war that calls for so severe a condemnation as the recent senseless tirade against the Federal judiciary. He added that it was humiliating that the matter had been compromised and that the nation has surrendered. The civil war was the result of such agitation and we may have another civil war sooner than we want it. "To avoid such calamity and preserve the nation," he declared, "we must conform to the law, obey the law and have the law enforced according to the frame work provided by the Constitution."
Jenkins points out that the Supreme Court of the United States is made the final judge between the State and the nation. He believes that an executive of a State should keep cool, maintain his dignity and remember that we have to depend upon the judiciary of the country to save the union.
"Ever since the civil war," he said, "other states have had similar troubles and did not make fools of themselves or declare war, and the questions involved were decided by the Supreme Court and no bad results followed. If all state authorities are going to usurp the functions of the Supreme Court and judge what Federal acts shall be nullified, no one can tell where it will end."

PHILADELPHIA CAPITALIST

Found Dead in Swimming Pool at His Club.

By Associated Press.
Philadelphia, Pa., Aug. 1.—Edmond R. Watson, president of the Northern National bank and treasurer of the Henry Heas Brewing Company, was found dead in a swimming pool of the Columbia Club early today. Watson's family is away and he spent much of the summer at the club.
According to a club member, Watson was standing upon the spring board and was about to dive into the pool when he slipped and fell. His head struck the concrete coping of the pool and he sank to the bottom.

THAW'S NEW COUNSEL

M. M. Littleton, a Lawyer and Orator of National Reputation.

New York, Aug. 1.—Martin M. Littleton, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has been selected by Harry K. Thaw to conduct Thaw's new trial on the charge of killing Stanford White.
Littleton was a former resident of the borough of Brooklyn and is a lawyer and orator of wide reputation and is regarded as an able trial lawyer. He made a speech in the last Democratic convention at St. Louis, nominating Alton B. Parker for the presidency. It is said that Littleton's fee will be \$250,000.

THE NEW REAL ESTATE FIRM OF COBB, MARLOW & HUEY

opened up for business in their office in the St. James Hotel building this morning.

LEGALIZED LIQUOR TRAFFIC

Will Be Abolished in Every State—Belief of Prohibitionists.

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Ill., Aug. 1.—"Every State in the Union will at a comparatively early date be free from the legalized liquor traffic," said Charles R. Jones, chairman of the National Prohibition committee, last night. Jones bases his prediction on the action of Georgia in enrolling itself among the dry states. He believes the Republicans and Democrats will be fighting over the liquor question as their main issue at an early date.

GROWING GRAIN DESTROYED

Hundreds of Square Miles in South Dakota Devastated by Hail.

By Associated Press.
Aberdeen, S. D., Aug. 1.—One hundred and sixty square miles of growing grain in Brown and Spink counties was practically destroyed Tuesday night by the worst hail storm in that vicinity in years. The storm was accompanied by high winds.

KOREAN ARMY DISBANDED

Their Barracks are Guarded by Japanese Soldiers.

Seoul, Korea, Aug. 1.—At 10 o'clock last night the Japanese troops surrounded the Korean barracks after the imperial proclamation had been issued disbanding the Korean army, composed of several thousand men. The outlets from the Korean army barracks are guarded by machine guns. The emperor's body guard will not be disbanded.

START A HOLY WAR

ARABS MURDER EUROPEANS AND JEWS AT CASA BLANCA.

RENOUNCE THE SULTAN

Because He Obeyed the Christians—Natives Incited to Exterminate the Europeans.

By Associated Press.
Tangier, Aug. 1.—Dr. Hord, who arrived here last night upon the German steamship which brought a large number of Jews and other refugees from Casa Blanca, is the bearer of a report to the French charge de affairs, showing that the slaughter of Europeans in Casa Blanca was the outcome of a holy war preached by the Arabs for the extermination of the Europeans. On Monday a number of Arab chiefs entered Casa Blanca and demanded that the harbor improvements cease. The pasha of Casa Blanca pointed out that the work was done with the sanction of the sultan, whereupon the chiefs replied that the sultan was no longer their ruler, as he obeyed the Christians. They began to incite the natives to exterminate the Europeans. One of the Europeans was stoned and then hacked to pieces. Various residents made a rush for the French and Spanish consulates for protection and during the flight at least eight were killed. The French consul demanded that the pasha provide a guard to recover the bodies. When the rescue party reached the scene it was charged by a number of Arab horsemen and put to flight. In the meantime the Jews and Europeans were taken on board the German ship. It is expected that Casa Blanca will be invaded by twenty thousand Arabians today. The French cruiser, Galilee, which left here last night for that place, should arrive there today.

ANOTHER ROBBERY

MAN FOUND UNCONSCIOUS IN DENVER YARDS.

TOLD STORY OF ROBBERS

Said He Was Knocked Down and His Money Taken—Robbers Escaped on Denver Freight.

At about 1 o'clock this morning Deputy Marshal Tom Pickett found a man lying across a pile of ties near the coal chutes on the Denver railroad, with a tie laid across his throat, which within a short time would certainly have resulted in the death of the man through strangulation.
The man was badly intoxicated and was hatless and in his bare feet. Officer Pickett, after getting the man on his feet, began to question him concerning his condition. He gave his name as W. H. Gamble and said that he lived near Abilene. While intoxicated two men enticed him down the railroad track, where he was hit on the head with a club and lost consciousness.
He stated that he had about \$20 in money in his pocket when he started out with the men and this was missing when he was found by the officer.
Mr. Pickett had seen the man on the streets earlier in the night and had warned him to go to bed to escape arrest for intoxication. Later the officer learned from some employees of the Katy railroad that they had seen two men dragging another, who was badly the worse for drink, down the track. Pickett at once surmised that something was wrong and started out to investigate with the result as above.

HONG KONG HOTEL COLLAPSED

Fatalities are Believed to Have Resulted—Popular With Americans.

By Associated Press.
Hong Kong, China, Aug. 1.—The old part of the Hong Kong Hotel collapsed today. It is believed that there were casualties, but nothing definite on this point has been learned. The Hong Kong is the principal hotel here. It is frequented by tourists and popular with Americans going to and from Manila.
Forty Koreans Killed.
Washington, D. C., Aug. 1.—A dispatch received at the State department from Consul General Thomas Sammons at Seoul, Korea, says that forty Koreans were killed or wounded today in a fight precipitated by the disarmament of the Korean army. The casualties to the Japanese, the dispatch adds, were slight.

TRADE WITH US THIS MONTH

We can take care of you to your satisfaction.

TREVATHAN & BLAND.

DENTON WHIPPED

WICHITA WON LAST GAME OF SERIES BY SCORE OF 5 TO 2.

VISITORS OUTCLASSED

In Every Department of the Game and Con Lucid's Colts Are in the Race for State Champions.

Nearly one thousand frenzied, cheering fans, surcharged with enthusiasm which effervesced in a pandemonium of delirious demonstration, saw Con Lucid's Colts take the measure of the Denton Athletes at the ball park yesterday afternoon—and probably the most gratifying feature of the whole performance was that the trick was turfed with the rule stick of Denton's choice—the umpire, Mr. Cook, having been chosen by the Athletes as the man best qualified to give them a square deal in the game. Mr. Cook certainly fulfilled the visitors' expectations in this particular and his decisions in every instance were such that Denton can have no grounds for saying that the game was not won fairly.

The game was played hard and fast throughout and was full of tense situations and replete with brilliant plays. It was the first game of the season in which there was genuine, unadulterated interest and some of the old time fans who had not felt a genuine thrill for many a day got into the rooting and the safety valves for pent-up enthusiasm were thrown wide open.

Graham, Denton's crack pitcher, who has been touted to be the real thing, was in the box for the visitors in the first half of the game, but when the locals began to pepper a fusillade of hits off his delivery he was taken out in the sixth inning and Wright was substituted. Wright had poor control and the batting fever of the locals was up and while the situation for Mr. Wright was becoming more serious with each inning.

Long, who did the slab duty for Wichita, held down the visitors all the way and their two runs are attributable to Netherly's failure to stop a bad grounder at second.

While the visitors were beaten, they put up a stiff, hard-fought game, but the superior playing and the old head coaching of Con Lucid gave the locals the advantage which told its own story in the score.

The brightest luminary in yesterday's contest was Earthman. In the center garden he raced back on a long drive, which would have meant two runs, made a flying leap into the air and gathered in the sphere. His good work was maintained with the stick also, and at four times at bat he hit safely three and got a walk on the other.

The concensus of opinion is that Wichita Falls now has the strongest team she ever had and if Denton really has any valid claim to the title as the best independent team in the State, they will surely have to go a little faster than they did in the three games here to keep their laurels.

Denton left this morning for Henrietta and the local went to Lawton, where they will play a series of three games.

| Score— | R. H. E. |
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| Wichita 0 1 1 0 0 3 0 0 * 5 7 3 | |
| Denton 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 0 0 2 4 3 | |
| Batteries: Wichita—Long and Woods. Denton—Graham, Wright and Francis. | |

MODERN WOODCRAFT.

Address By Hon. Pat Neff of Waco on August 7th.

The Hon. Pat Neff of Waco, State lecturer for the Modern Woodmen of America, will deliver a free lecture on Modern Woodcraft in Wichita Falls on Wednesday evening, August 7th.

The public is cordially invited to hear this lecture and a special invitation is extended to the farmers of this community.

C. B. McCONNELL, Consul.
E. A. HALEY, Clerk Wichita Falls
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We also have some odds and ends that we will sell at about

50c on the Dollar

If looking for bargains see them.



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Skirts.

We have received our fourth shipment in the past 30 days of Fashion Skirts, ranging in price, **\$20.00** each, from \$6.50 to

The lowest price garment in the lot is made with the same care that is used in making the best garment they make.

We also have a job or left-over line of skirts worth from \$3.00 to \$6.50 that we will sell the next 30 days at

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AN INTERESTING DISCOVERY.

Judge Rye Finds Formula of Orchard's Bomb Among Unclaimed Property.

While cleaning out a drawer in his office this morning in which were several packets of unclaimed property belonging to prisoners who had been sentenced to work on the city streets for some public offense, Judge Edgar Rye made a discovery of more than ordinary interest.

In an envelope which was labeled "Unknown" he found two rusty knives and a scrap of worn yellow paper with the heading of the Fort Worth and Denver City Railway, on which was written the following:

"Orchard's Bomb.

"2 lbs dynamite, 100 fulminating caps over which cotton saturated with cyanide of potassium was placed. Over the cotton was a bottle of sulphuric acid and to the cork of the bottle was attached pull pin."

This formula of the bomb with which Orchard is alleged to have killed Governor Steunenberg, is written in a neat plain hand, and is all the writing that the sheet bears. As the offender from whom this slip of paper was taken was probably discharged several weeks ago and it is hardly likely that he will ever return to claim his property, his identity or his purpose in carrying this formula for a death-dealing object about with him will probably never be known. Whether he was an anarchist or a man who has been connected with Orchard's plots is only a matter of conjecture.

When you have a trip to make to the country or some neighboring town let us run you out in one of our cars. We have never made a trip with our machines and had a breakdown or delay enroute. Phone 89.

d-57-1f WILLS AUTO CO.

J. F. Ellis, who has sold his interest in the grocery business to his partner, J. M. Erwin, will at once engage in the furniture and undertaking business in Archer City.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

Election Will Be Held Tuesday, August 6th.

In accordance with a proclamation issued by Governor Campbell, an election has been called for August 6th for the purpose of voting on six proposed amendments to the State constitution. These proposed amendments were published in full in the Times some weeks ago and herewith we publish a brief synopsis of them:

1—For the amendment to Section 51 of Article 3 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, as amended in 1903, so as to authorize the grant of aid in the establishment and maintenance of a home for the disabled and dependent wives and widows of Confederate soldiers and sailors and such women, as aided the Confederacy.

2—For the amendment to the Constitution, providing for a Department of Agriculture and a Bureau of Labor

3—For the amendment to Section 24 of Article 3, of the Constitution, relating to the salary of the members of the Legislature.

4—For the amendment to Section 9 of Article 8 of the Constitution, permitting property owners in cities of more than five thousand inhabitants to create improvement districts, one-third the cost of which is to be charged against abutting property on either side of the street.

5—For the amendment to Section 21 of Article 16 of the constitution, relating to stationery, printing, paper and fuel.

6—For the amendment to Section 9 of Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Texas, by adding thereto a section to be known as Section 9a, increasing the amount of tax that may be voted for the purpose of improving public roads, and to allow counties or political subdivisions of counties by a majority vote of the qualified tax-paying voters of the county, or subdivision thereof, voting at all elections, to be held for that purpose, to adopt same.

OLD FLAME BURNS AGAIN.

J. D. Vandegrif and Former Wife Married After Separation of 11 Years.

After a separation of eleven years, Mrs. Mattie L. Vandegrif and her former husband, J. D. Vandegrif, a veterinary surgeon, who has been located here for several weeks, were remarried last night. The ceremony was performed in the county clerk's office at about 8 o'clock last night. Rev. Stuckey officiated and only a few persons knew of the wedding until after its occurrence.

The couple were legally separated eleven years ago, but lately the old flame of love has been rekindled and the couple have laid aside their past differences and will now travel down life's pathway in double harness.

A DISASTROUS CONFLAGRATION

May Come Before Fire Department is Placed on a Sound Basis.

Editor Times:—

Dear Sir—There isn't any question about Wichita Falls being badly in need of a better fire department and the chances are that we will have to experience a large conflagration before we can get our "city fathers" to open their eyes to this matter.

Here we are, a thriving city of 6,000 people, while our fire department would be a disgrace to Byers. I trust the citizens will take this matter in hand and see that our fire department is put on a good, sound basis before the winter begins. CITIZEN.

Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership existing between J. F. Ellis and J. M. Erwin in the grocery business has been dissolved. Mr. J. M. Erwin will continue the business at the old stand and has assumed all the assets and liabilities of the partnership. J. F. ELLIS. J. M. ERWIN.

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Ed. Howard General Manager,
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Wichita Falls, Texas, August 1st, 1907.

PROTECTION OF GAME.

Hunters Living Outside of State Must Take Out a License.

Austin, Tex., July 30.—R. H. Wood, who became Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner when the new law went into effect July 12, changing his title from Fish and Oyster Commissioner, is in the city and within a few days will announce the appointment of Chief Deputy Fish, Game and Oyster Commissioner.

It is unlawful under the new law for a hunter having his residence outside of the State to hunt in Texas without a license. The new law places a tax of \$15 each upon hunters residing outside of Texas. The chief deputy is to receive a salary of \$1,800 a year and is to receive his salary entirely from fines collected for violations of the game laws and from fees received for the sale of permits to foreign hunters. There is no other appropriation for the payment of his salary. The Chief Deputy has the right to appoint as many deputies as he sees fit at a salary of \$3 a day for actual services for the enforcement of the game laws. The salaries of these deputies must also be paid out of fines collected and permits granted. It has been suggested that the sportsmen of the State might make up the deficiency to pay the salary of the Chief Deputy during the hunting season, when the permits granted will easily provide a fund sufficient to maintain the office.

REPUBLICANS MEET

CONVENTION CONVENED AT TULSA, I. T., TODAY.

FRANZ THE CANDIDATE

Platform Will Be Adopted and Party Organization Perfected.

By Associated Press.
Tulsa, I. T., Aug. 1.—The republicans of Oklahoma and Indian Territory met here in convention today to adopt a platform and to decide the question of naming a full list of officials for the proposed new state, and to select a chairman and a state central committee. The convention will also take some action regarding the recently adopted constitution, which is to be put to a vote of the people on September 3rd. Frank Frantz, the present governor of Oklahoma, has no opposition for the nomination as governor.

EXCITEMENT IS INCREASED.

Body of Murdered Girl Found in New York Cellar.

By Associated Press.
New York, Aug. 1.—The excitement caused in this city by the receipt of atrocious crimes against women and children was greatly increased today by the discovery of the body of an 8-year-old girl in a cellar in an East side tenement. The child had been assaulted and murdered. Marks on her throat indicated that the little one was strangled.

W. A. Carrigan, manager of the Gorsline livery stable, today purchased a handsome pair of black horses. He has recently purchased a new cab and today employed Charles Simmonds, the popular driver, so that the stable is now equipped with the best in every department for cab service.

We have just finished remodeling and re-wiring our store, and now have one of the prettiest and best lighted stores in the city. We're now up to date. Busy Bee Candy Kitchen. 68-2t

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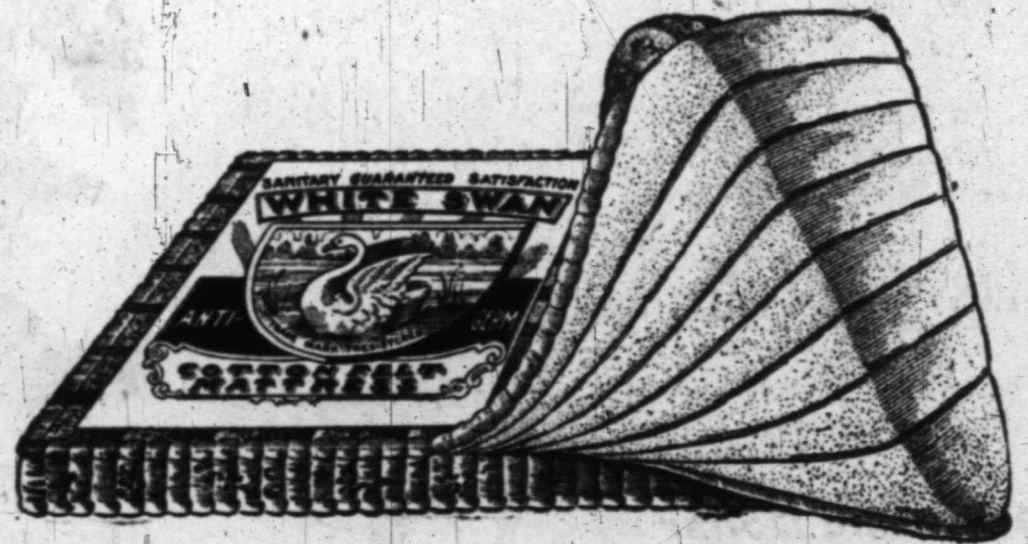
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THE MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Kansas City Live Stock.
 Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 1.—Cattle—Receipts, 5,000. Market steady.
 Southern steers . . . 3.40@4.90
 Southern cows . . . 2.00@3.20
 Stockers and feeders . . . 3.00@5.25
 Bulls . . . 2.40@4.00
 Calves . . . 3.75@6.00
 Western steers . . . 4.00@5.50
 Western cows . . . 2.75@4.25
 Sheep—Receipts, 2,000. Market steady.
 Muttons . . . 5.25@7.20
 Lambs . . . 6.50@7.40
 Range wethers . . . 5.25@6.25
 Fed ewes . . . 4.50@5.50

Chicago Live Stock.
 Chicago, Ill., Aug. 1.—Cattle—Receipts, 4,000. Market steady.
 Beeves . . . 4.40@7.50
 Cows . . . 1.40@5.25
 Heifers . . . 2.40@5.40
 Calves . . . 5.50@7.25
 Prime steers . . . 5.80@7.50
 Poor to medium . . . 4.80@5.50
 Stockers and feeders . . . 2.60@4.90
 Sheep—Receipts, 12,000. Market steady.
 Western . . . 3.50@5.65
 Yearlings . . . 6.00@6.60
 Lambs . . . 5.50@7.30
 Western . . . 5.50@7.65

Omaha Live Stock.
 Omaha, Neb., Aug. 1.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,000. Market steady to stronger.
 Western steers . . . 3.60@5.50
 Texas steers . . . 3.00@4.50
 Cows and heifers . . . 2.50@4.40
 Cannors . . . 2.00@2.85
 Stockers and feeders . . . 2.75@5.25
 Calves . . . 2.50@5.50
 Bulls . . . 2.50@5.00
 Sheep—Receipts, 3,000. Market steady.
 Yearlings . . . 5.50@6.00
 Wethers . . . 4.50@5.00
 Ewes . . . 4.50@5.25
 Lambs . . . 6.50@7.50

Wool.
 St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 1.—Wool steady and unchanged.

Grain and Provisions.
 Chicago, Ill., Aug. 1.—Wheat—September, 92; December, .96. Corn—September, .54 1/4; December, .51 1/4 @ %. Oats—September, .40 1/4 @ %; December, .40%. Pork—September, 16.45. Lard—September, 9.23 1/4; October, 9.54. Ribs—September, 8.67 1/4; October, 8.60.

Boats For Lake Wichita.
 It is authoritatively announced that a number of new boats are soon to be placed on Lake Wichita for the enjoyment of pleasure and recreation seekers.
 Bean & Stone, the real estate agents, with other Wichita Falls people, have purchased a load of new boats, which are expected to arrive soon and will be put on the Lake at once. Facilities for housing the boats have been arranged for and within a few days Chas. Arnold, of St. Joseph, Mo., a marine engineer who has been in charge of the boats at Lake Contrary, near that city, will arrive to have charge of the new boats.
 A regular schedule of automobile service to and from the lake is being planned and it is promised to make the Lake a pleasant pleasure resort.

Petrolia.
 Special to the Times.
 Rev. T. R. Bowles, pastor of the Baptist church, is conducting a very successful revival at this place. Much interest is being manifested by all who attend. Rev. Hicks of Henrietta is doing the preaching.
 Seven or eight rigs are at work in the oil field. One well yields about 75 barrels per day.
 Mr. James Taylor was in Wichita Falls Wednesday and Thursday transacting business.
 Work on the new bank building is progressing rapidly and will be ready for use in a few days.

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FOR RENT—Cheap, a 4-room house with good barn and pasture for eight head of stock, one mile from city. See C. A. Methen, Room 1, City National Bank building. 67-1f

WANTED—Tenants for two 22x50 foot store buildings which I propose erecting on two lots on west side of Indiana avenue between 9th and 10th streets, near the old Baptist church. See Myles O'Reilly. 68-6t

Telephone Poles of Concrete.
 Exhaustion of timber resources of the country is forcing the railroads to resort to various expedients to provide themselves with substitutes and in future years very little wood may be used in the construction and operation of the railroads. The latest device of this kind is telegraph poles made of concrete. The Pennsylvania road, as the great experimenter in the railroad world has undertaken the task of demonstrating the adaptability of the new material for this purpose, and its efforts already appear to be assured of success:
 J. B. McKim, superintendent of the western lines of the system, has made and set up along the Pittsburg and Fort Wayne, near Maples, Ind., 53 graceful concrete poles. After a year's use they are pronounced a great success. They show no sign of disintegration from climatic or atmospheric influences, but on the contrary, harder and apparently become more endurable with age. They approach the minimum in weight, are small in section and appear to be free from any serious defect. It is expected that they will be much more economical than timber poles.—Railway Journal.

Song Service.
 The choir of the Presbyterian church is making special preparation for their song service next Sunday evening, which will be the last service before the pastor's vacation. New music has been ordered and will be used at this time. The choir was never better than at present under the able management of Mrs. O. E. Maer, who has the distinction of being one of the first musicians in the country. A rare treat is in store for the music lovers of our city.

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"Yes, that gem is one of the finest I have ever seen, and its strange history, to me, adds very materially to its intrinsic value."

The speaker was Mr. Pierce, a prominent attorney of Brownsville, Tex., as we sat on the broad veranda at his handsome residence, smoking our cigars, after the most remarkable January dinner I have ever eaten, writes Isaac Kline. On the menu was roast wild goose, which had been shot as it flew over the house on the day before; oysters on the half-shell, fresh from the waters of the Gulf at Point Isabel, 15 miles away; green corn on the cob, cucumbers, lettuce, celery from Mr. Pierce's own garden; oranges, figs and grapes from trees and vines in the storeroom—in January! The gem under discussion was a very fine diamond, whose steel-blue brilliance proclaimed it as having come from the Old Mines, sparkling in an old-fashioned setting on Mr. Pierce's finger.

"If I might have its entire history I should be very much pleased, for it belonged to Jean Lafitte, the pirate. If it could but speak, what a tale it

which he had been subjected. As there was no war between France and England at the time of his release, he obtained a privateer's commission under the Carthaginian government against Spain. I have seen this commission, which is still in existence, in Spanish, and held by relatives of his, near Brownsville. These relatives claim that his only acts of piracy were against British vessels—and he was beyond question a scourge to these. In 1807 he came to New Orleans, and in 1813-14 was at the head of a formidable community of freebooters in Barrataria bay, about 40 miles west of the mouth of the Mississippi. They had many small vessels and the bay afforded them a secure retreat. In 1814 Commodore Patterson attacked their town and destroyed it, but Lafitte and most of his men escaped, returning later on and resuming operations.

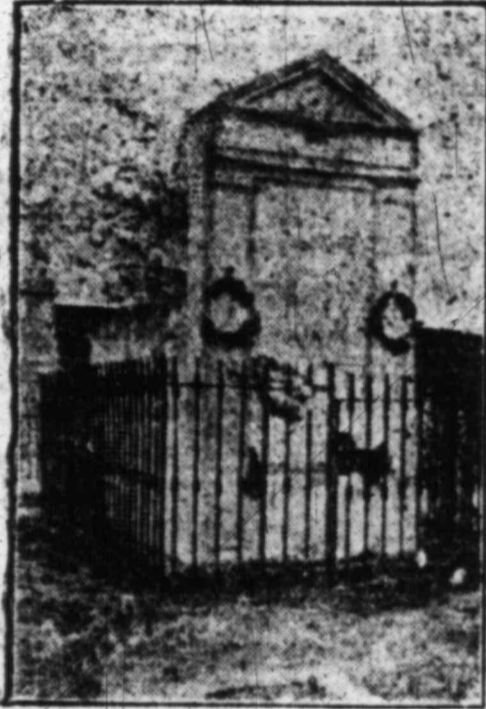
Refused British Bribe.

"About the same time the British were maturing their plans for the descent upon the southern coast of the United States, and sent a brig of war, the Sophia, under command of Capt. Lockyer, at Barrataria, with a letter from Commodore Percy, commanding the British naval forces in the gulf, and one from Col. Nichols, then in command of the land forces in Florida, offering Lafitte the command of a fine ship and \$30,000 in gold on condition of his assisting the contemplated expedition to New Orleans. The promise of the British commander of "bounty and beauty" to his men in case of victory is a matter of record.

Lafitte immediately wrote to Gov. Claiborne of Louisiana, inclosing the two letters, which I have seen, and offering his services in defending Louisiana on the sole condition of pardon for himself and his men. The offer was accepted, and the assistance of the Barratarians under command of Lafitte, who had charge of one of the eight small cannon which constituted Jackson's artillery force at this battle, was an important factor in scoring the great victory of New Orleans, January 8, 1815. From this time the history of Lafitte is involved in obscurity. There was a piratical community formed at what is now Galveston, by a Lafitte, but whether by Jean or his brother Pierre, is now not clear. It was broken up in 1821 by lieutenant, afterward Commodore Kearney. Lafitte's portraits, of which there are two at Matamoros, show him to have been a handsome man, over six feet tall, with black hair, hazel eyes; and his polished, easy manners and winning address are still remarked upon.

Pirates Were Scattered.

"After the destruction of this rendezvous the pirates scattered. Many of them are heard of afterward and are known in history. They were skilled seamen and bold fighters. Many left the sea and located at Matamoros, just across the river from Brownsville. This was then a great field for all sorts of semi-piratical exploits. Smuggling was prevalent and fortunes were made on all sides. Vessels would unload their cargoes by day or night, and the goods were often

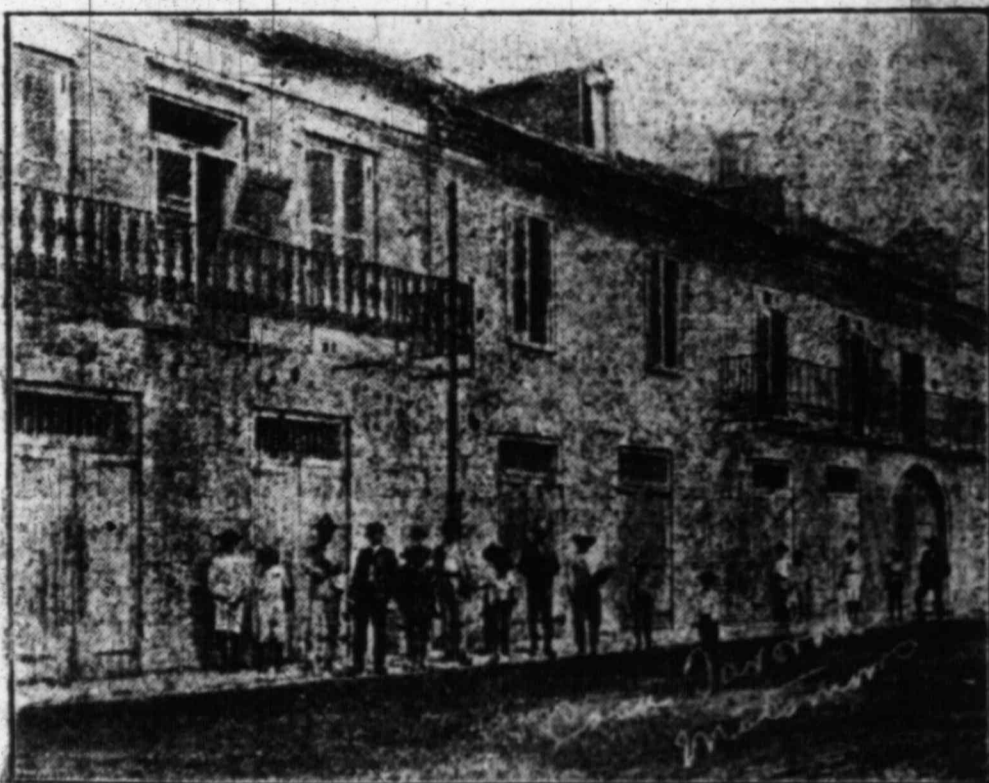


Grave of Adrian Vidal, American Who Espoused Losing Cause in War and Was Shot.

might tell of former ownership by some Spanish senoritas, of the bloody sea fight which terminated in the sinking of a ship with its crimson deck burdened with the corpses of its defenders; of murder done afterwards in disposing of the wounded by the piratical custom of walking the plank; of drunken outrage and orgy at Barrataria following the piratical victory, in which very likely the fair owner of this very ring was one of the prizes. There is certainly a romance connected with this stone, and it attracts me the more for the reason that I know so little of it.

Lafitte's Real Character.

"Jean Lafitte is referred to in the histories as a pirate, and such he was—but from those who knew him, with whom I have talked, I gain the impression that he was not fully entitled to that reputation, though he was a fearless fighter, with a band of freebooters to whom his word was law, whose bravery made them a scourge of the



"House of Pirates."

sea 70 years ago, in these very waters. He was a Frenchman and began his career as a lieutenant on a French privateer, was captured by an English fish man-of-war and thrown into prison at an English port, where he was kept for many years and so barbarously treated that his resentment had a large bearing in shaping his subsequent pursuits.

"It is asserted by old residents at Matamoros who knew him that his action in betraying the English in their attempt to capture New Orleans was a retaliation for the brutalities to

smuggled or worse—blood stained fruits of piratical cruisers. Of these followers of Lafitte, the richer, more prominent—captains and lieutenants—settled in the same row of houses. Among them were Constantino Tarnava and Ramon LaFon. These people lived in great splendor until about 1850, when they gradually disappeared, leaving the houses they had occupied, about as they are to-day. They were extremely lavish in the use of money, which seemed to flow through their hands like water. It is related that their women even wore

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Entertained Prominent Men.

"All prominent people who came to Matamoros were received and entertained by them—Gen. Lawton, Gen. Corbia, the McCooks, even Gen. Sheridan—have been their guests at these receptions. Among their visitors occasionally was seen a man of magnificent bearing, great manly beauty and carriage. He wore jewels of extraordinary splendor, and always carried a court sword with embroidered belt blazing with jewels. I was a boy then, and remember these things well, for they were to me like a dream of the Arabian Nights. The man had with him on these visits a Spanish lady of great beauty who was always at his side. None except the Tarnava family ever talked with her, but it was a current belief among us children that the man was Lafitte and the woman a lady whom he had captured in some of his sea fights, killing her male relative, taken her to Barrataria and still held her as his wife. She was even supposed to bear a title. She attempted to escape from him twice, but did not succeed. Her people no doubt mourned her as dead.

"After the Tarnavas left the house it was never again occupied and so far as I know has not been entered for 50 years until about a year ago. The entire premises are in ruins, as you saw, but in its prime it was as handsome as any residence on this continent. The slate roof is falling in, though the brick walls will probably stand for a century, as they are very thick and solid. The rotting balconies look down into an inner court still full of orange and fig trees laden with fruit—but I have seen this garden and the balconies lighted up at night, filled with the handsomest women wearing the finest dresses the world then contained. The high ceilings, magnificently proportioned rooms, carved spiral stairways of mahogany, large arched windows, mahogany floors—all indicate the taste of the occupants. The pigeons of the town now make it a roosting place, entering through the falling roof and the broken windows, but in its day it was a magnificent home, such as few ever enter even in this era of wealth, except the most exclusive and aristocratic. Now to the story of this ring:

Had Treasure Chart.

"In June, 1906, a gentleman from Chicago came to my office soliciting my assistance. He had a map or chart and a letter, of which he gave the following history: His mother, a widow, kept a boarding house 25 years ago in Chicago. Among her boarders was a man of about 60 years, who was a sailor on the lake. He had evidently cruised on salt water for many years, in fact the other sailors often talked of that, and the fact that he seemed to hold himself aloof from them; that while mixing freely with them, he would never relate any of his experiences in the past, as sailors generally love to do. This man's name was Porfirio LaFon. One night he was drowned by the wrecking of his vessel, the Irene, of Sandusky. His effects lay about the house for years in an old sea chest, all efforts to discover any relatives being ineffectual. In the bottom of the chest was the chart and letter, the latter stating that LaFon had been a pirate under Lafitte previous to coming to the lakes, and had, with his companions, buried a very large treasure in Matamoros. There was also some fine jewelry and a beautifully decorated dagger in the chest, and the chart. The latter I at once recognized as a partial map of the city of Matamoros in the vicinity of the Casa Tarnava or "house of the pirates," as it is now called, and the street leading to the Casa Mata, or "house of death" in the outskirts where the prisoners were executed in the early days.

"A smaller chart on the same parchment gave a complete map of the rooms in the Casa Tarnava. In one of these rooms a spot was marked with a cross near the wall; a similar mark was placed in the basement of the house, and also in a place in the outer walls at the Casa Mata. The Chicago man, whose name I do not give for professional reasons, said that the map had never received any attention from his mother or himself because they did not really know where Matamoros

was. There was no railroad to Matamoros or that locality, and neither of them ever expected to get there. Since the completion of the new St. L. B. & M. railway, however, he concluded to go down on one of the Homeseekers' excursions. The existence of the map recurred to his mind and he brought it along, though with little faith in its having any foundation in fact.

Found Chest Well Hidden.

"We visited the ruined house. The map was very accurate as regarded the apartments with the exception that the room marked with the cross did not seem to exist. By measuring the walls, however, we found an inside wall of brick—all the inner walls in this building are of brick—near a stairway, was much thicker than the others, and cut into it—and there was the treasure room. It had been built into the wall in such a manner that its existence would never be suspected. Though four feet square, the stairway, at the side, running to the second and third stories, prevented the extra thickness of the wall being noticed, part of the width of the room being taken off the width of the stairway. The only entrance was through the floor in the top story, the place being practically a dry well in the wall reaching clear from the top floor to the basement.

"The treasure chest, of old wood, with brass bindings and peculiar locks, remained, and we smashed it open. It was practically empty. There was a handful of Spanish and English gold coins and several jewels of which the one I wear is one, in the box and on the floor. We searched thoroughly. What we found was valued at \$4,300. The balance of the treasure, which the letter stated to be over \$75,000, had been taken by some one, possibly some accidental discoverer. The other places indicated to contain treasure we did not find. The descriptions were imperfect or else the places were too well hidden. Our time was limited, since it soon became noised about what we were doing and we were stopped. You know what the Mexican government is.

Believes Treasure Still There.

"I feel certain that the treasure is still there, if the places can be located, but do not see how that can be done without plenty of time and possibly pulling down the house. The outer walls at the Casa Mata are now obliterated and it would require a great deal of digging to locate the treasure indicated to be buried there. The letter gave the value of one as \$100,000 in jewels and the other as \$125,000 in gold. I have full belief that there is much treasure buried in this locality, by the pirates, the smugglers, the revolutionists and even those who operated here during the civil war when this was the only port the south had open for many months. The sunken place in the brick pavement of the basement at the Casa Tarnava, I think, indicates a secret passage from the well in the court to the street; but it may just as well lead to a treasure chamber.

"The cannon shot over the door in the second story? Oh, I don't know the history of that. It is my impression that it was shot in there during some of the many revolutionary fights which took place in the streets of Matamoros. It may have been planted there during the bombardment of Matamoros by Gen. Scott, and I sometimes think it was."

Elephants as Laborers.

Most amusing is it to see one of these working elephants tackling a huge squared log and placing it on the stack. First of all he estimates its length and weight as it lies on the ground. Then he digs his tusks under it at one end, curls his trunk over and tries to drag one end of the log on to his tusks. Should he find the task beyond him, he will give a queer little trumpet note, and up comes a colleague to help him at the other end. In a moment the two elephants have swung the big log between them, walk in step to the pile, and then one of them, apparently by preconcerted agreement, places his end in position on the stack, while the other rams home the log.—The Circle.

Will Collect Southern Birds.

Frank M. Chapman, a curator of the department of ornithology of the American Museum of Natural History, has left New York to make a collection of southern birds for the institution. He will try especially to obtain white herons in various stages of development, for it is feared the species, owing to activities for the millinery trade, will become extinct.

ARM BROKEN IN RUNAWAY.

Mrs. Ed. Frieberg Victim of Painful Accident Yesterday.

Mrs. Ed. Frieberg, living about seven miles north of town, was the victim of a runaway accident yesterday in which both bones of the left arm were broken between the elbow and the wrist. Mrs. Frieberg and her daughter were driving to a fishing par-

ty when their horse became frightened and in a runaway overturned the buggy, throwing both occupants upon the ground. Miss Frieberg escaped with slight bruises. The injured woman was brought to this city yesterday afternoon, where the broken bones were set by Dr. Burnside.

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PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. A. L. Huey left today for a visit with friends in Dallas.

I. S. Lightle of Thornberry is in the city on business.

Howard Hines of Iowa Park is here on business today.

Joe Terry of Harrold is shaking hands with friends here today.

J. D. Wingle of Rhome, Texas, is in the city with a view of locating here.

W. D. Hyer, from over in the Big Pasture, is a visitor to the city today.

J. A. Laury, one of Holliday's enterprising citizens, is in the city on business.

T. W. Adams, a prominent stockman of Knox County, is in the city on business.

K. O. White returned last night from a business trip to Dallas and Fort Worth.

Mrs. Dan Hyatt of Huntsville is visiting her daughter, Mrs. P. P. Langford, of this city.

Rev. W. W. Robinson, pastor of the Methodist church at Byers, is the guest of Rev. Stuckey.

Miss Maud Ragsdale will leave tomorrow for a visit with relatives at Honey Grove and Paris.

Miss Hautrye Holley and Miss Garrison of Oklahoma City, Okla., are expected to arrive tomorrow for a visit with Mrs. M. S. Skinner.

Judge George E. Miller, of the firm of Miller, Matlock & Dycus of Fort Worth, is in the city, the guest of Judge A. H. Carrigan.

Mrs. C. Joline and daughter, Miss Blanche, and the Misses Tot and Dena Curry left this afternoon to spend several weeks at Colorado Springs.

J. J. Taylor of Petrolia is here making arrangements to move his family to this city. Mr. Taylor will be connected with the real estate agency of Bean & Stone.

Dr. W. H. Felder, Miss Mary Anderson and Mr. A. S. Fonville left this morning for Corpus Christi, where they go to engage in the sport of tarpon fishing.

W. W. Bonner and wife have returned from a visit with relatives and friends at Fairfield and Eureka. They were accompanied by their niece, Miss Mary Belle Bonner, who will visit with them.

W. H. Holder of Iowa Park is in the city.

Jay Murdock of Statesville, N. C., is visiting his sister, Mrs. G. W. Eagle.

Mrs. J. M. Taylor and Mrs. J. M. Hawley of Holliday, are shopping in the city today.

Miss Viola Crowell left this morning for a month's visit to relatives at Columbia, Tenn.

Miss Myrtle Smith, who has been visiting Mrs. C. B. Googer, left today for Gainesville.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Wilson have returned from Groesbeck, where they have been visiting relatives and friends for the past two weeks.

Mr. Will Fletcher has returned from Hondo, where he has been visiting his brother. He will be with Dr. H. A. Waller until October 1st, when he will go to the dental college in St. Louis, Mo.

G. H. Randolph, for many years a resident of this city, but now of Ardmore, I. T., is here on his return home from Henrietta, where he had been to attend the funeral of his brother, Z. T. Randolph.

J. J. Pike has purchased the stock of groceries of A. J. Willis, just across the river bridge. Mr. Pike informed a Times reporter that he would put in an entire new stock of groceries, such as his trade demands.

T. H. Kemp, who is engaged in the real estate business at Olney, is in the city on business. Mr. Kemp reports that the Olney country is booming and some big deals in real estate have recently been made there.

Sergt. W. J. McCauley, who has had his headquarters at Colorado City for some time, stopped off here for a visit with his father and mother, Capt. and Mrs. J. H. McCauley, while en route to San Angelo, where he will be stationed for some time.

M. C. Clark and wife of Gainesville, Texas, were in the city today en route to California, where they will visit Mrs. Clark's relatives. Mr. Clark has many friends here, who are always glad to see him, having lived in this county for a number of years.

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