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Fatal Feud between Prominent Citizens of Kentucky

BATTLE IN A FRANKFORT HOTEL

Several Men Instantly Killed and Others Dangerously Wounded—Former Army Officers Participated.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 16.—A shocking tragedy, in which the lives of three prominent men were sacrificed and that of a fourth hangs by a slender thread, while two others miraculously escaped with painful injuries, occurred here at 1 o'clock today. The principals in the tragedy were ex-Congressman David G. Colson, of Middleboro, and Lieut. Ethelbert Scott, of Somerset. Scott was shot six times by Colson, and instantly killed. Luther W. Demarree, assistant postmaster at Shelbyville, and an innocent bystander, was shot three times and died instantly. Charles Julian, another bystander, was shot and died a half hour later. Capt. B. B. Golden, of Barbourville, the commonwealth's attorney of the twenty-seventh judicial district, was shot in the back and is not expected to survive the night. Colson himself was shot twice in the arm. Harry McEwing, of Louisville, was shot in the foot, and W. O. Ridd, pathologist of Chicago, sustained a broken leg by the lifeless form of Scott falling against him as it rolled down the stairway.

The tragedy is one of the most sensational in the history of the "dark and bloody ground." The killing occurred in the lobby of the Capitol Hotel, the principal business of the state, the room being well filled at the time with politicians and others who are here attending contests for state offices before the legislature. Colson is in jail tonight, charged with murder, but he claims self defense.

There are many conflicting stories as to how the fight began. Colonel Colson and a party of friends, among whom was Demarree, were sitting in the lobby engaged in conversation, as Scott and Captain Golden came up the stairs from the barroom, walking in the direction of Colson. The latter, it is said, half rising from his chair, fired at Scott, who instantly returned the fire. The shooting then became general, and the bystanders are at variance as to the number engaged in it. Demarree was standing slightly in front of Colson, and young Scott is said to have crouched behind him to ward off the bullets from Colson's revolver. In an instant Demarree fell dead, pierced by three bullets. Captain Golden, who accompanied Scott, reeled to one side, falling into the arms of ex-Governor James E. MacCreary, exclaiming "I am shot."

The smoke in the locality of the antagonists became dense, but Colson continued to press Scott, who retreated backward, shooting as he moved. Colson emptied the chambers of a 32 calibre revolver, and quickly brought a 44 into action. Scott, by this time, had been shot several times, and as he staggered back and fell down the stairway, Colson, who was within a few feet of him, continued to fire until the form of Scott rolled over and showed that life was extinct. After the killing Colonel Colson ran out of the hotel to the residence of Chief of Police Williams, where he surrendered. As he entered the house he gasped:

"I am sorry he would not let me alone. There were three of them shooting at me."

Meantime the wildest excitement prevailed in the hotel lobby. Men fell over each other in their frantic efforts to get to places of safety; women fainted,

and it was several minutes before the awful scope of the tragedy was fully known. Captain Golden made a statement that Colson was the aggressor. Colonel Colson has long been a prominent figure in Kentucky politics. He served two terms in congress and declined a renomination at the hands of the republican party of the eleventh district, in 1898, in order to accept the colonelcy of the Kentucky Fourth regiment in the Spanish war. Scott was a lieutenant and Golden was captain of a company in Colson's regiment and the trouble, which led to the tragedy today, began then. A feud sprang up between Colson and Scott while the troops were in camp at Anniston, Ala., and in this, it is said by Colson's friends, Captain Golden was a warm partisan of Scott. The trouble between them at that time culminated in a meeting between them in a restaurant, which resulted in Colson being shot by Scott. The regiment was shortly afterwards mustered out of the service, as a result of the feud between the officers, and the serious charges and counter-charges which they had made at Washington again each other as officers. Since then the parties had not met until today, and it has generally been believed that blood would be spilled should they meet, as both were understood to be looking for each other.

RESOLUTIONS DISCUSSED

THE SENATE STILL INTERESTED IN THE PHILIPPINES.

Vest Insists That It Is Not Treason to Oppose the Administration in Its Policy.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The senate is still in the throes of the discussion of the Philippine question, and, apparently there is no near approach to deliverance upon the subject.

Vest, democrat, of Missouri, today voiced the opinion of many senators, when he said that such a discussion as was now in progress was of no consequence, as the country was confronted by a state of facts that could not be changed by talk.

Pettigrew's resolution of inquiry and Lodge's substitute for it were laid on the table today, and Hoar's general resolution of inquiry as to the facts of the Philippine war was taken up. An effort of Pettigrew to amend it, so as to call for the president's instructions to the Paris peace commissioners, led to a prolonged debate. After the senate had considered the matter behind closed doors, the amendment was rejected by a vote of 41 to 20.

The debate for the day was concluded by Vest, who made a notable speech in opposition to the assumption in some quarters, that every man who does not agree with the policy of the administration is a traitor to his country. Vest threw into his utterances all the nervous force and energy, and accomplished oratorical ability for which he is famed, and commanded the attention of the senate throughout.

A NEWSPAPER MAN.
Washington, Jan. 16.—The president has sent to the senate the name Robert M. McWade, of Pennsylvania, to be consul of the United States at Canton, China, to succeed Edwin S. Bedloe. This nomination closes the incident in Dr. Bedloe's case. Mr. McWade is a well known newspaper man.

RUSSIAN GOLD.

London, Jan. 18.—A Shanghai special says: "It is reported here that an agreement has been concluded under which Russia will lend Corea the sum of \$10,000,000."

A STAFF CAPTAIN.

London, Jan. 18.—The war office announces the appointment of the Duke of Marlborough as staff captain in the imperial yeomanry.

Fine Printing, Statesman Job Office.

IN BOER LAND

Mysterious Silence Hangs Over Buller's Operations

AN ENGLISH PEACE PARTY IS BORN

The British War Office Provides for the Raising and Arming of More Troops for Africa.

LONDON, Jan. 17.—(Wednesday, 4 a. m.)—Even rumors are no longer telegraphed from Natal. The conclusion, deduced from this silence, by military experts generally, is that no decisive blow has been struck either way, as in such an event there would be no necessity for silence.

The South Africa conciliation committee, quietly formed to represent the peace minority, announces itself to the country today, and asks for support. Among the members are Lord and Lady Coleridge, Herbert Spencer, Stephen Gladstone, the Countess of Carlisle, and other notable persons. This movement should be distinguished from the "stop the war" group of extremists, of which William T. Stead is the most active member. Its program, summarized, is to wait until the proper opportunity arises for some peaceable settlement. Meanwhile, it will gather and distribute correct information and sound views. The manifesto affirms that "as the war was begun with misunderstandings on both sides, a pacific settlement is possible."

There is no indication that such an arrangement would be tolerated by any considerable portion of the public. National emotion is now in a state of disquietude over the reverses to the British arms; dissatisfaction with the conduct of the military business is intense, and there is an almost universal determination to see the thing through. The war office has issued orders for the formation of five new battalions. Seventeen more militia battalions will be embodied in the course of a fortnight. All regulars are now out of the country except fourteen infantry battalions and eleven cavalry battalions. The war office has placed an order for 32,000,000 cartridges in cases. The yeomanry committee announces that it has accepted 500 out of the 10,000 which it wishes to raise, and still has 20,000 applicants to be examined.

FIRING IN NATAL.

London, Jan. 17.—The Times publishes the following from Pietermaritzburg, dated Tuesday: "Very heavy firing was heard yesterday in the direction of Springfield."

The Exchange Telegraph Company has received the following dispatch, dated February 16th, from Pietermaritzburg: "There is no news from the front, but heavy firing was heard today in the direction of Frere. It is probable that General Buller is engaging the enemy. A rumor is current here that a portion of the British force is near Ladysmith."

A dispatch to the Daily Mail, from Pietermaritzburg, dated Tuesday, says: "There was very heavy firing to the north yesterday. I believe the Boers are contesting General Buller's passage of the Tugela. The howitzers are evidently busy, as the firing is described as the heaviest yet heard in Natal."

CHARGES MADE.

Washington, Jan. 16.—An urgent deficiency appropriation bill was taken up in the house today, under an agreement which limited the general debate to today. The last hour of the debate was enlivened with an attack by Richardson, the minority leader, upon the secretary of the treasury, for his course in connection with the sale of the New York custom house. He rehearsed the charges that Gage had been guilty, technically, of embezzlement in connection with the sale of the custom house, in depositing the proceeds in a national bank instead of a government depository, instead of the treasury of the United States, but said that this charge would not hold. His purpose, he said, was to show that the National City Bank had favored on account of the contributions of its directors to the republican campaign fund in 1896.

A DISPUTE.

Washington, Jan. 16.—The senate committee on finance today again had under consideration the nomination of W. D. Bynum, to be general appraiser of merchandise at New York. The democratic members continued their opposition to the nomination, contending that Bynum is not a democrat and his nomination as such is an evasion of the law. Senator Burrows and Spooner, and other republican members of the committee, defended the selection as entirely proper. It was decided that the democrats should have time to adduce proof of Bynum's republicanism. The matter is in the hands of Senators Aldrich and Jones, Arkansas, as a sub-committee.

RETURNED HIS PAY.

New York, Jan. 16.—Wm. A. English, son of a former democratic vice-presidential candidate from Indiana, and captain of volunteers in the war

with Spain, has returned to the treasury a check for \$1172 sent him for his services, with the statement that he would not accept pay for service to his country in time of danger. It is the only case of the kind in the Spanish war.

THE MARKETS.

Portland, Jan. 16.—Wheat, Walla Walla and Valley, 50c.

Chicago, Jan. 16.—May wheat opened at 66 1/4 @ 66 1/2 c. Closing prices were: May option wheat, 65 1/4 @ 65 1/2 c; oats, 23 3/4 c; pork, \$10.95; lard, \$6.02; ribs, \$5.80. Cash wheat, No. 2 red, 66 1/2 @ 67 c; No. 2 hard winter, 63 1/2 c; No. 2 Northern spring 64 1/2 @ 66 c.

San Francisco, Jan. 16.—Wheat, weak. May, 98 3/4 c; cash, 96 1/4 c.

A CONTRACT AWARDED.

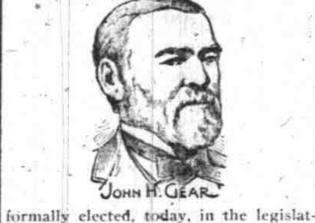
New York, Jan. 16.—The board of rapid transit commissioners today decided to award the contract for building the underground railway in New York city to J. B. McDonald, one of the two bidders. His price was \$35,700,000.

GEAR IS ELECTED

SUCCEEDS HIMSELF AS IOWA'S UNITED STATES SENATOR.

Blackburn's Election of a Week Ago Was Duplicated in the Kentucky Legislature Yesterday.

DES MOINES, Ia., Jan. 16.—United States Senator John H. Gear was



JOHN H. GEAR

formally elected today, in the legislature, to succeed himself in the senate.

THE SECOND TIME.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 16.—The election of J. C. S. Blackburn as senator was duplicated this afternoon, in both houses, this action being taken on account of the question, among lawyers, as to whether the election last Tuesday was legal. The proceedings and the vote were practically the same as those on the former ballot.

SPANISH PRISONERS.

Barcelona, Jan. 16.—The Spanish trans-Atlantic steamer Leo XIII has arrived here from the Philippines with the former Spanish prisoners and their families. The majority of them are in a lamentable plight.

BLOWN UP.

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 16.—A report was brought to this city today, by a Mexican who arrived overland from Ensenada, that the gasoline schooner Anita had blown up in Magdalena bay, and that six persons, all on board, had perished. She was in command of Captain Funcke, with Chas. Anderson as mate, Wm. Forrest as engineer, and three sailors.

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CANAL ROUTE

Senator Morgan on the Proposed Nicaragua Waterway

AN ENORMOUS INCOME PROMISED

Director of the Census Ordered to Have Reports Published by Public Printer—Many Pension Claims.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Senator Morgan, as chairman of the senate committee of the inter-oceanic canals, today presented a written report upon the Nicaragua canal bill. The report says:

"Measured by the income of the Suez canal, at a corresponding cost, the Nicaraguan canal should yield, with equivalent rates of tolls, at least 12 per cent on \$10,000,000.

"It is too severe a tax upon credulity to ask the adoption of the precarious water supply at Panama, in preference to the two grand lakes of the Nicaragua route."

THE CENSUS.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The house today passed the senate bill to extend the powers of the director of the census, after striking out the committee amendment to authorize the director to contract for extra printing with private contractors. The whole fight was upon the amendment. The influence of the public printer and the labor organizations of the country were employed against it, and after a lively debate of several hours it was overwhelmingly defeated. The publication of the reports of the twelfth census, therefore, will be made by the public printer, as in the past.

MANY PENSION CLAIMS.

Washington, Jan. 18.—A large number of claims for pensions are being received by the pension office as the result of the Spanish war. At the battle of San Juan there were 192 regulars killed, 1097 wounded and 55 missing. The claims for pensions from the regular army number 2962. At that battle

thirty-four volunteers were killed, 177 wounded and forty-five missing. The claims for pensions from volunteers number 3558. One regiment lost none in killed, wounded or missing, but has 418 claims for pensions pending.

IF YOU WISH TO HAVE A PLEASANT TRIP EAST, the Northern Pacific is the road to take, as it has all the facilities necessary for the comfort of travellers. Passengers who want good value for their money will take this road. Old travellers go via the Northern Pacific time after time, as they know a good thing when they see it. The company's aim is to contribute as far as possible to the comfort and convenience of passengers, and it is successful in accomplishing this aim. Each train to the East is vestibuled throughout and carries Pullman and Tourist Sleepers, through dining cars and first-class day coaches. If you are going East, see Thomas, Watt & Co., agents, 227 Commercial street, Salem, and remember you save money by buying your tickets in Salem, instead of going to Portland to buy.

SICKNESS ON BOARD.

The Monmouthshire, from Hong Kong Has the Smallpox.

Portland, Jan. 18.—A dispatch from Victoria says: The steamship Monmouthshire, bound from Hong Kong to Portland, signalled "sickness aboard" this afternoon from Carmanah Point, on Vancouver Island. It is supposed the Monmouthshire has bubonic plague aboard.

Victoria, Jan. 18.—The steamer Monmouthshire, of Dodwell & Company's line, arrived at William Head quarantine station shortly after midnight. A Chinaman on board had the smallpox. The news that Monmouthshire had the bubonic plague aboard gained circulation through the misinterpretation by the lighthouse keeper, of the ship's signals.

A DECLINE.

New York, Jan. 18.—The American Sugar Refining Company today announced a reduction of five points on soft sugars Nos. 2, and 7 to 11 inclusive.

WANTS A SEAT.

Chicago, Jan. 18.—Sir Thomas J. Lipton, owner of the America's cup challenger "Shamrock," has applied for membership in the Chicago board of trade.

Lacy's 20 Per Cent Discount SHOE SALE

\$5.00 SHOE	FOR \$4.00
\$4.50 SHOE	FOR \$3.60
\$4.00 SHOE	FOR \$3.20
\$3.50 SHOE	FOR \$2.80
\$3.00 SHOE	FOR \$2.40
\$2.50 SHOE	FOR \$2.00
\$2.00 SHOE	FOR \$1.60
\$1.75 SHOE	FOR \$1.40
\$1.50 SHOE	FOR \$1.20
\$1.25 SHOE	FOR \$1.00
\$1.00 SHOE	FOR \$.80

LACY'S
94 State Street

A FINE DRESS SHOE \$5.00 FOR \$4.00.

If You Need CLOTHING or SHOES

Don't wait till next fall to buy them. Wholesale prices are advancing in every line of merchandise. You'll save money by buying your supplies for the coming year, before we are compelled to pay higher prices for our goods. We can fit you out in almost any line.

Shoes, clothing, hosiery, underwear, hats, shirts, duck coats, slickers, and all kinds of ladies' and gents' furnishing goods.

Special Reductions on Mackintoshes

That all wool tricot box coat at \$2.25 is a hummer. Men's long rubber boots, all sizes and all grades, reduced to close out. This does not apply to any other line of rubbers.

New York Racket

TUESDAY'S OFFER.

Next Tuesday we will offer for sale 15 dozen unlaundried White Shirts—regular 50c qualities, at

33 C EACH

Now, don't lose your head and come Wednesday, for if you do you lose your shirt. When laundered they are equal to any \$1.00 values.

TUESDAY ONLY.

Jos. Meyers & Sons
SALEM'S GREATEST STORE

W. B. CORSETS
ARE on the list and they sail well under the breeze, we have stirred 45 CENTS AND UP.

We lowered the price on all our Umbrellas so that you would raise one.

LACE CURTAINS.
Still hammering away at those exceptional values. This is the greatest lace curtain sale that ever happened.

88c EACH
And you get your change both ways. One of these \$1.50, \$1.25 and \$1.00 fancy bosom shirts for 88c

DOILIES.
A very fine line of stamped doilies. 25 AND 35c VALUES FOR15c
40 AND 50c VALUES FOR25c
75c VALUES FOR40c
\$1.00 AND \$1.50 VALUES FOR75c

KERCHIEFS GALORE
Fine lace border kerchiefs - 9c
Extra quality, embroidered edge - 13c
Pure linen hemstitched and embroidered. Handkerchiefs
Sale price - 22c

MEN'S CLOTHING REDUCED.
Every suit in the house except black clay worsteds, is on the list.
Reductions
Bigger here than anywhere.

GOWNS FOR MEN WHO LIKE LONG ONES.
We have them at great sale prices. Outing Gowns, 45 c and up.