

### FIVE CENTS WORTH OF CANDY CAUSED SHOOTING.

Cleveland County Boy Filled With Bird Shot in Quarrel With Neighbor Lad.

Shelby, June 1.—Lawrence Walker is in Rutherford hospital with his left arm torn into shreds and his left side and abdomen perforated with bird shot as a result of a quarrel between him and Forrest Walker, a neighbor boy of near Lawndale. The trouble arose over five cents worth of candy which Forrest Walker is alleged to have taken away from Shirley Watters, a youth and kinsman of Lawrence Walker's. Lawrence took the matter up with Forrest and after a scuffle on the ground, Forrest took his shotgun and fired on Lawrence at a distance of 30 feet. Had it not been for the branches and leaves of trees to retard the force of the shot, Lawrence might have died then and there. His condition is grave. Sheriff Lackey went to the scene and made inquiry, but by the time he got back home, Forrest had walked eight or nine miles and submitted himself to the jailer. The Walker boys are neighbors but are not related. Forrest is the son of J. Mack Walker, while Lawrence is the son of K. J. M. Walker, both well known farmers.

The rural mail carriers of the county, met here today and elected the following officers: C. P. Goforth, president; G. V. Hawkins, vice president; L. M. Logan, secretary. A. C. Higgins, C. P. Goforth and J. B. Nolan were elected delegates to the state convention to be held in Charlotte July 5-6.

### Few Japanese Can Vote.

Saturday Evening Post.  
The population of Japan, exclusive of colonies, in 1909 was 50,225,000 and at the present time is probably 53,000,000 or 53,000,500,000, as the annual rate of increase is about 650,000. Figuring, as we do, that one in five is a male of voting age, there should be a voting population in Japan, if suffrage were universal, of at least 10,000,000. Instead, suffrage is not universal; it is largely restricted. In round numbers about 1,500,000 of the Japanese have the franchise; and of these at a general election like the one held in March of this year, about 80 per cent. vote. Before a Japanese can vote he must be at least 25 years of age and pay 10 yen a year or \$5 of direct taxation. There are other restrictions also; but these are the general terms.

### Girl Saves Boy in Sewer.

Wilmington, Del. Dispatch.  
Falling from the roof of a four-story building on the side of the new public playground at Third and Madison streets, Martin Lannan, aged 14, not only plunged the full height of the building, but dropped into Shipley Run sewer, which flows through the plot.  
Rebecca Reader, aged 14, witnessed the accident, and when the boy did not come to the surface she climbed down, waded to the point where he fell, and held his head above water while she called for help. She was unable to pick the boy up herself.  
Patrolman Riley went to her assistance, lifted Lannan from the sewer, placed him in an automobile, and had him removed to Delaware hospital. His skull is believed to be fractured and he is hurt internally.  
Miss Reader saved the boy's life, for he would have drowned while lying unconscious in the sewer, but for her action.

### New York City Spent \$26,000 on the Fleet.

New York, June 1.—The total cost of New York city's entertainment of the Atlantic fleet during its recent visit and review here ending May 18 was \$26,000, according to the report of the mayor's committee which had charge of the arrangements. The city had appropriated \$10,000 and the public subscribed \$27,000. Of this \$10,000 has been returned to the subscribers and \$11,000 to the city treasurer. In 1912 it cost \$62,000 to entertain the fleet here.  
Cornelius Vanderbilt, chairman of the committee, in his report praised the conduct of the enlisted men while on leave in the city and paid a tribute to the splendid appearance and character.

### Flowers For Tomcat.

Philadelphia Dispatch.  
If there is a heaven for cats, old Tom Rittenhouse, who died last year, ought to be happy there, because all his little rich friends of Rittenhouse square, where he lived and died, keep a watchful eye over his grave. Today it is the brightest spot in this square, frequented by the children of the wealthy.  
Tulips outline the mound that marks the resting place of Tom, who adopted the square in his youth and lived there for 28 years. Atop the grave the pink and white hyacinths, and more hyacinths, while rosebuds grow in the corners of the little inclosure surrounding the mound.  
The grave boasts granite head and foot stones.

### SHERIFF INJURED IN FIGHT WITH MADMAN.

Iredell Officer Bruised Trying to Subdue Insane Negro.

Statesville, June 1.—Sheriff Deaton has been confined at his home the past two or three days as the result of injuries received while struggling with an insane negro. The negro, George Houston, became very violent and destroyed the padding in the insane cell. Sheriff Deaton and jailer Gilbert entered the cell to subdue him and a desperate struggle ensued, during which Sheriff Deaton's knees struck the floor with such force that one of them was badly bruised. Jailer Gilbert was also slightly hurt. A straightjacket, or insane belt, was placed on the negro, but this failed to hold him. He has been placed in a more secure cell until he can be admitted to the state hospital at Goldsboro.

Dr. H. F. Long and his associates at Long's sanatorium found it necessary a few days ago to amputate a leg of Eddie Holder, a young white boy who has been a patient for about a month. The bone of the leg was infected with tuberculosis.  
Demp Brown, a young man employed at the Bradford Knitting mill, is under bond for his appearance before a magistrate to answer a charge of assault on the Holder boy, it is alleged that Brown kicked the boy on the knee and caused the injury.

### Rowan Raising Camels.

Salisbury, May 31.—The Sparks circus, when it started out on its summer tour left a couple of camels on M. L. Jackson's farm in this city. This camel family now numbers three a little male camel having been born yesterday. In the breeding of camels Rowan goes ahead of the other counties of the state.

Salisbury's new city officials have been sworn into office and have set Thursday night as their first meeting time. At this time they will take up the business of electing policemen and other officers of the city.

The Carolina Marble Works, of Salisbury has just completed 40 or more markers to place at the graves of the Confederate dead in the cemetery at Thomasville. These markers are about a foot square and most of them contain the name of the person whose graves they mark, together with the figures 61-65. There are several whose full names were not known and only the last name is found on the marker, while in two instances the soldiers are unknown and only the figure paid for by Briarfield chapter is paid for by rBairfield chapter Daughters of the Confederacy, of Thomasville. The decoration of the markers will take place June 3.

### The German Note.

Salisbury Post.  
Germany's reply to the American note proves a disappointment to Washington officials and to the whole nation. Germany evaded the real issue and postponed a discussion of the matter—it was no answer, but a diplomatic makeshift, a playing for time and a postponing of the issues. Perhaps this is what might have been expected, but Washington seemed to think that a more direct and more satisfactory reply would result. To the American mind this method of diplomatic evasion does not appeal, and the clear cut statement of the American position deserved a different reply.

The President is preparing a reply which will speak to the same end as the first note, and in an able, statesmanlike manner speak for neutral safety and rights and the cause of humanity. To President Wilson we may leave the issue, and supporting him, expect this country to come out of this unfortunate situation with distinct credit and also render to humanity a service.

America today is calm and self possessed because such a man sits at the White House.

### "Can't Keep Country Back."

New York Sun.  
So long as the crops of the country continue to pile up in bumper proportions, James J. Hill will be optimistic. The fertile plains of the middle west forms the basis of prosperity, and so long as they give forth their rich yield everything else will follow in due course. In speaking of improved conditions, he said:  
"There is one all-important fact to remember. The agricultural crops of the country have a yearly value of \$10,000,000,000 or more than the gold mines of the world produce in 25 years. With a backing like that no one, or no one thing, unless it be the cheap demagogue politicians, can keep this country back."  
"There is going to be enough grain to go around this year. A good big acreage of wheat will be planted in this country. It may be estimated that the acreage planted in Germany, Austria and France will be between 40 and 45 per cent. under the average. The American farmer ought to get \$1 a bushel for this year's wheat crop."

### ZEB VANCE WALSER IS BUTLER'S CANDIDATE.

Believes Lexington Man is the Republican's One Best Bet for Governor.—Others Favor Duncan.

Washington, D. C., May 31.—Zebulon Vance Walser, of Lexington, is the man the Republicans should nominate for governor next year, unless conditions change materially, in the opinion of former Senator Marion M. Butler.

In conversation today Mr. Butler talked interestingly and in a hopeful vein of the prospects of the Republicans for victory in North Carolina next year. Mr. Butler qualified his statement as to Walser by saying that conditions might change so that Walser would not be the best man. He is positive, however, that under present conditions, Walser could poll a majority vote.

"Of course I shall be willing to support the candidate for governor that my party nominates at its next convention," said the former senator. "We must name a man who can satisfy both the progressive and stand-pat factions of the party. Just now Walser seems to be the man that could meet these requirements. I am confident we could elect Walser without even less efforts than we are going to make next year. "With the state running in debt every day and business gone to the bow-wows, the business interests, regardless of their former political affiliations, want a change in government in North Carolina. Knowing this to be true, our party will produce the man equal to the occasion at our next convention."

Not only does Senator Butler believe that his party will elect the next governor, but he thinks the Republicans will elect at least three congressmen at the 1916 election. This prediction, he says, is based upon the general business depression all over the country, and also because of what Mr. Butler thinks particularly bad conditions in his native state.

Mr. Butler may be right as to his man, but nearly all of the Republicans who come to Washington believe that E. C. Duncan, of Raleigh, will be nominated on the Republican ticket. One man stated today that he was afraid that Mr. Butler would be forced to do what he said some time ago he feared he would be compelled to do, "Vote for Josephus Daniels or E. C. Duncan for governor." Butler is said to have expressed the hope that no such calamity would befall the State.

Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels and two of his sons took part in the exercises at Arlington this afternoon. Mr. Daniels read a paper and the boys dressed in military uniforms, pulled the flags that unveiled the mast of the Maine.

### Business Better Over the Nation.

Business is getting into normal tracks again, not only so, but the indications are that there is more than normal time ahead of the country. A Washington dispatch says:  
"Encouraging reports are coming to Washington from every section of the United States. Business is picking up everywhere."  
"The exports of this country are growing by leaps and bounds and the farmer and the manufacturer will feel the boost if the tide keeps rising."

"The President has been informed that where one ship was under construction in this country a year ago two are being built now. The demand for American vessels is increasing."

"An increasing share of the imports and exports of the United States," said a report issued by Secretary Redfield, today, "is being carried in American vessels. The total value of our imports and domestic exports in the eight months from August 1, 1914, to March 31, 1914, according to the records of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, Department of Commerce, was \$2,797,000,000, and of this sum \$353,600,000, or 12.4 per cent. was carried in American bottoms. The corresponding period one year earlier showed a total of \$2,960,000, of which \$246,900,000, or 8.34 per cent. was carried in American vessels."  
"The proportion of our domestic exports transported in American bottoms rose from 6.57 per cent. in the eight months ending with March, 1914, to 10.25 per cent. in a like period ending with March 1915; while of the imports the proportion brought in American vessels increased from 10.73 per cent. to 16.60 per cent."

### Short Career of Big Gun.

London Times.  
In a lecture on modern artillery at the Royal Institution recently Lieutenant-Colonel Haddock of Elswick, contrasted the life of big guns with that of a butterfly.  
In the case of the latter he supposed that 24 hours would be age. The big gun on the other hand looked everlasting, but it only lived when it was being fired, and if an incessant stream of projectiles could be poured out from it its active life in that sense would be only 12 seconds.

### TOMBS AND ISLAND DRUG PLOT EXPOSED.

Keeper Held on Charge of Supplying Contraband Articles to Prisoners.—Say He Received \$5,000.

New York, May 29.—A widespread system of supplying drugs of various sorts, whiskey and other articles to inmates of the Blackwell's Island penitentiary and the Tombs prison was revealed yesterday through the arrest of Keeper Martin Curry of the penitentiary, on a charge of carrying contraband articles to hundreds of prisoners under his care. In Yorkville county court Curry was held for examination Tuesday.

Burdette G. Lewis, acting commissioner of the department of correction, made the statement later that Curry had received at last \$5,000 for carrying drugs and doing other personal services for prisoners.  
It is known that the system is widespread and that the authorities expect to make other arrests soon, but Mr. Lewis refuses to give details of other evidence he has in his possession on the ground that it might interfere with getting evidence.

The system of supplying drugs was so general that Mr. Lewis has obtained a schedule of rates, which was passed around among those prisoners who were drug users and who could afford to purchase drugs in prison. Some of the rates were:

One trip to Manhattan to obtain drugs at any designated address, \$25; special rate for continuous messenger service covering a period of six months, \$17 a trip; minimum rate for the same service covering a period of one year, \$15 a trip.

Among the articles which keepers are alleged to have carried are morphine, heroin, whiskey, tobacco, candy, toothbrushes, tooth-paste, soap and stamps.

The authorities now have affidavits from more than 20 persons, prisoners or their friends and relatives on the outside, who were induced to pay Curry various sums of money for extending extra privileges.

According to Acting Commissioner Lewis, John F. Bryne, until three months ago a keeper on Blackwell's Island, working under Curry, assisted the latter in the scheme. Bryne asked to be transferred to the Tombs three months ago. This was done, and on Friday last he resigned. There have been several other resignations on the island.

According to Mr. Lewis, when Bryne was transferred to the Tombs he immediately classified 1,200 prisoners until he had a list of those whom he regarded as drug users and able to pay well for drugs. William Joseph, a trustee in the penitentiary, who acted as agent for Curry, was then sent as a trustee to the Tombs, to work for Bryne. Joseph was made captain over all the tier men (the trustees who have the run of the corridors) and he would be the connection between the prisoners and Keeper Bryne, who was working with Curry, according to Mr. Lewis.

### SEABOARD AIR LINE RAILROAD

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### EAST AND NORTH BOUND.

No. 14—5:05 a. m.—Through train for Wilmington, with parlor car attached. Connecting at Hamlet with train for Portsmouth, Norfolk, Raleigh and all points north and south. Also for C. A. & W. for Charleston. Dining car service, vestibule coaches and sleeping cars to Washington and New York, connecting at Maxton for A. C. L. points north.

No. 34—10:10 a. m.—For Raleigh and Weldon and all local points.

No. 20—5:05 p. m.—For Wilmington, sleeping car, passengers can stay in sleeper all night at Wilmington. This train connects at Hamlet for Savannah, Jacksonville and all points south and north. Arriving in Washington 7:10 a. m., in New York 12:57 p. m.

No. 16—7:50 p. m.—Connecting at Monroe for Atlanta and all points south and southwest, also connects at Monroe with fast train for Norfolk, Richmond, Washington and New York, through steel vestibule coaches. Pullman sleeping cars to New York, dining cars Richmond to New York.

### WEST BOUND.

No. 15—9:05 a. m.—Local for Rutherfordton, connecting at Bostic with C. C. & O. for all points on that line to Johnson City, Tenn. C. & N. W. points north at Lincolnton.

No. 31—3:25 p. m.—Local for Rutherfordton, from Raleigh and Weldon, connecting at Lincolnton with C. & N. W. for points on that line. For further information call phone 180, City office, 32 W. Trade St. JAMES KERR, Jr., T. P. A., Charlotte, N. C. JOHN T. WEST, D. P. A.

The Thoughtful Friend.  
Lem Stone sold Jay Wilkins his bay horse Saturday. It is the same one that ran away and killed Mr. Stone's mother-in-law last February.

### Gave Hat to "Criminal."

New York World.

Mrs. James J. Bennett, of Montreal, was arrested last night in the St. Paul hotel, 60th street and Columbus avenue on complaint of Arthur F. Dupont, who with his bride, lives at 5 West 64th street. Mrs. Dupont is said to have been the real complainant, although it was her husband who called in policeman Kellergan, of the West 68th street station, and said:  
"I accuse this woman of aiding a criminal out of the state in that she gave him his hat."

At the station house Dupont told

Lieutenant Tinker that his wife, before their marriage, had loaned Bennett some money and had been unable to get it back. He said he had met Bennett in the room of a hotel and was demanding the money when Mrs. Bennett came in and, picking up Bennett's hat from a table, gave it to him, which made it possible for him to get to the street and disappear.  
Mrs. Bennett was arraigned in night court before Magistrate Murphy, to whom Dupont repeated the charge.

"You are discharged," said the magistrate. "Next case." Mrs. Bennett left the court smiling.

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