

MOTHER AND CHILD ASPHYXIATED BY GAS

Lifeless Forms of Wife and Infant Son of Western Union Manager At Raleigh Found In Bathroom.

Raleigh, Jan. 6.—This community was shocked beyond expression this evening by the distressing news that Mrs. Bannister, wife of H. O. Bannister manager of the local office of the Western Union Telegraph Company, and seventeen-month-old son were asphyxiated this afternoon in the bath room of their apartments. Mrs. Bannister prepared for a bath using an instantaneous gas heater. Her child accompanied her. Later a servant hearing the unusually long time investigated and was horrified to find the lifeless form of Mrs. Bannister on the floor and that of the child across a chair. Just how the accident occurred is not known, but Mrs. Bannister evidently turned on the gas without properly lighting the heater and was overcome by the deadly fumes, the child suffering the same horrible fate. The servant braved the gas fumes and had the presence of mind to turn it off. Physicians were summoned but life was extinct in both mother and child when they arrived. Mr. Bannister who is almost prostrated has been the popular manager of the Western Union's local office four years, coming here from Richmond. Five years ago he married Miss Barbara Liffage of Salters S. C., who, with their only child met such an untimely death.

FUNERAL TRAIN WRECKED

Train Carrying Body of Mother of President of Norfolk & Western Road Wrecked Near Kermit, W. Va.

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 7.—The special train of President L. E. Johnson of the Norfolk & Western Railroad, which left Roanoke this morning at 9 o'clock for Aurora Ill., carrying the body of President Johnson's mother, who died here yesterday, members of the family and friends, was wrecked near Kermit, W. Va. a small station of the Norfolk & Western, this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The engine crashed into a rock that had rolled from a hillside onto the track. The entire train, consisting of locomotive, three private cars, and a baggage car, was derailed but none of the coaches turned over and nobody on the train was injured. The engine is badly damaged. The train was running on a slow schedule when the accident occurred. A wrecking train has been sent to the scene and it is expected the track will be open before midnight.

UNCLE JOE WITH A CORNCOB PIPE

The Speaker Recalls the Days He Smoked a Dhudeen.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Uncle Joe Cannon strolled around the House today with a corncob pipe tightly held between his lips. The pipe was presented by Champ Clark, who comes from Pike county Mo. As Uncle Joe is in habit of smoking cigars, his appearance with a "corncob" excited more or less comment by friends.

"Up to the time I was 30 years old I smoked a pipe," said Uncle Joe. "Then I took to the cigar habit."

"This reminds me," added the Speaker as he puffed away on the "Missouri meerschmum," of the time when I used to sit with the boys around the swimming pond pulling away at an old 'dhudeen.' This doesn't taste as the old clay we had in those days."

Several of Uncle Joe's friends assured him, however, that the aroma from the corncob was much more pleasant than that from the long black cigars he smokes.

BODY WENT BY FREIGHT

Asheville Woman Has Unusual Suit Against Southern.

Asheville, Jan. 5.—Because as she alleges the Southern Railway company shipped the body of her deceased mother from Asheville to Marion by freight after the plaintiff had bought double first class transportation for the same, Louisa Washburn asks \$2,000 damage from the defendant company.

In the complaint it is alleged that about November 3 the plaintiff bought a ticket for the transportation of her mother's body and another ticket for herself with the understanding that the deceased was to be carried in the baggage car of the train on which the plaintiff was a passenger to Marion. It is further alleged that when she reached Marion the body was not on the train and that the agent there refused to give information concerning it. The complaint goes on to state that later in the day the body of the plaintiff's mother arrived at Marion on a freight train, and that the box containing the coffin had been broken open. For consequent humiliation mental pain and distress the plaintiff asks damages in the sum of \$2,000.

ALLEN J. RUFFIN DEAD

He Was a Prominent Citizen of Hillsboro and of the State.

The News and Observer of yesterday contained the following account of the death of one of the State's best citizens, Mr. Allen J. Ruffin, of Hillsboro:

The many friends throughout the State of Mr. Allen J. Ruffin, of Hillsboro, will be deeply grieved to learn of his death, which occurred at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, at 11 o'clock Sunday night.

Mr. Ruffin was a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families of the State. He was a son of the late Peter Brown Ruffin and his wife, Mary Jones Ruffin, a grandson of the late Chief Justice Thomas Ruffin, and a nephew of Judge Thomas Ruffin. He was in his fifty-fourth year and married Miss Annie Gray Nash, daughter of Mr. S. S. Nash, of Tarboro.

Besides his wife and one son, Mr. Peter Brown Ruffin, Mr. Ruffin is survived by two brothers, Mr. Sterling Ruffin, agent for the Norfolk and Western at Petersburg, and Mr. J. R. Ruffin, general freight agent for the Norfolk and Western at Roanoke; three sisters, Mrs. James Webb, of Hillsboro; Mrs. John W. Harrison, and Mrs. Charles L. Pettigrew, both of Atlanta.

As a business man of marked ability and success, Mr. Ruffin was known throughout the entire State. At the time of his death he was president of the Eno cotton mills at Hillsboro, and vice-president of the Rocky Mount Mills at Rocky Mount. He was appointed by Governor Glenn and Governor Kitchin as State director of the North Carolina railroad. He was formerly the president and a director of the Carolina Trust Company of this city, also a director of the Neuse River and the Raleigh cotton mills.

The remains will arrive in Hillsboro this morning and the funeral will take place at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. To be present at the funeral Mr. and Mrs. Albert Cox left for Hillsboro yesterday afternoon, joining Mrs. Cox's mother, Mrs. S. S. Nash, of Tarboro, mother-in-law of Mr. Ruffin. Col. Benahan Cameron left for Hillsboro yesterday morning, upon receipt of a telegram announcing Mr. Ruffin's death.

Agent Kills Himself.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 4.—M. E. Beaver, 18 years old, agent of the Raleigh and Charleston railroad at Marietta, N. C., committed suicide early today by taking carbolic acid and then shooting himself. Disappointment in a love affair is ascribed as the cause. The body was shipped to Maiden, N. C., the home of the young man's father a Baptist minister of that place.

SEN. ELKINS PASSES OVER THE RIVER

West Virginia Senator Virtually Starves In Midst Of Plenty.

Washington, Jan. 5.—A slow, lingering death, practically of starvation, was the fate of Senator Stephen B. Elkins, who is mourned today by Official Washington.

For months the Senator from West Virginia had been fighting in vain against starvation in the midst of plenty. Nothing that his immense wealth could provide could nourish the massive frame that gradually, under the ravages of his ailment, fell away almost to a shadow. An odd sort of blood poisoning was the apparent cause of the Senator's condition. A virulent germ in the blood prevented all food assimilation. Every kind of nourishment, brought near and far in an attempt to overcome the ailment, turned practically to poison in the stomach of the statesman and failed to benefit the thinning blood and emaciated body.

Senator Elkins' first experience with the fatal sickness followed his arduous work on the railroad bill in the Senate last winter. He was hurried to his magnificent home at Elkins, W. Va., where family and surgeons exhausted every resource of wealth and medicine in vain attempts to check the ravages of the illness. The Senator's strong constitution enabled him to rally several times during the summer. On November 9 he insisted on being brought to Washington, although so weak that he had to be carried from the train to his automobile. His family was induced to believe that he was improving until last evening, when a sudden relapse brought death in a few hours, death coming at midnight.

President Taft, accompanied by Captain Butt, his military aide, called to-day at the Elkins residence to extend his condolences to the family. All day long Senators, Representatives and officials in every branch of the government called at the Elkins home.

Plans were under consideration to-day for the holding of a "Senate funeral," in which case Senator Elkins' body would be taken to the Senate chamber for services.

DRUNKEN MAN ON ENGINE PLAYS SMASH AT DANVILLE

Danville, Va., Jan. 9.—A wild engine started in motion in the Southern railway yards Saturday night by a drunken man crashed into two other locomotives standing on the tracks and caused a wreck in which R. F. Rowlette, a conductor on the Richmond and Danville division, was seriously, if not fatally, hurt.

Conductor Rowlette was asleep in a caboose attached to an engine waiting to go on his usual run, when John J. Frederick, a young white man and stranger here, boarded the locomotive and opened wide the throttle. After crossing the railroad bridge over Dan river Fredrick reversed the engine and then jumped. The caboose collided with another engine in the yards and completely wrecked it. The runaway engine then struck a third locomotive standing on the turntable. The three locomotives, all badly damaged, were found piled up together.

Mr. Rowlette was found unconscious beneath the wrecked caboose.

Frederick was arrested shortly after the wreck and today stated that he was drunk and irresponsible when the deed was committed. He was formerly a railroad fireman. Frederick says his home is in Wilmington, N. C.

Virginia Nanson, 18 years old, of Howland, Me., made by hand in 60 days a worsted quilt containing 1,389 pieces, each piece cross-stitched with silkateen. While making the quilt she was attending school and received a mark of perfect attendance for the fall term of 14 weeks.

SOLDIERS LEFT SAWS

Visited Jail and Left Tools Whereby Prisoners Effected Their Escape.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 5.—Three soldiers stationed at Fort McPherson, who visited the Fulton county jail last Sunday, left the saws with which John Withrow, convicted wife murderer, and four companions sawed their way out Monday night, according to Withrow. The saws, he said today, were given to Harry Langdon, the only one of the jailbreakers who has not been recaptured.

According to the prisoners, Langdon, under the alias of Glenn, deserted from the army and a number of men who served in his old company are now stationed at Fort McPherson. They learned of Langdon's presence in the jail and sought permission to inspect the jail on Sunday, when they left the saws.

A. R. Knox, the New Orleans man known as the "drug store" bandit, one of the recaptured prisoners, today mutined and attacked three jailers with a piece of water pipe which he had wrenched loose from the floor of his cell. He was badly beaten before being subdued. The break in the pipe flooded the entire east wing of the jail.

CONCORD MAN SKIPS

Prominent Politician and City Official Clears For Unknown Paris.

Concord, Jan. 9.—Leaving behind him a bankrupt business and a family John L. Miller a prominent merchant and politician has disappeared completely, leaving no trail except for a telegram received by his wife from New Orleans with the statement that he was leaving for the west and would never return. His 17-year old son Lester is with him. Miller left here several days ago with the statement that he was going to Newberry S. C. to place his son in college. There was no suspicion of business entanglements until his telegram today led to an investigation bringing about the disclosures. Miller was chairman of the Democratic executive committee chief of the fire department and assignee for several bankrupt concerns in which he has made no accounting. His creditors will receive practically nothing.

The two largest democratic dailies in the state failed to publish this news item, just why we can not understand unless there is an understanding not to publish anything of this kind that will in anyway reflect upon a party member, but they should be willing to give the news, no party can be held responsible for the acts of their individual members. All fairminded people will not consider it a reflection, those that are not fair it matters what they think, the point we are making is that had this man been a republican the papers in question would have carried the item in large headlines with a lavish use of poke berry juice, and held it up as another instance of republican corruption and incapacity for good government.

WHITE MAN GUILTY OF MURDER OF A NEGRO

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 5th.—In the Circuit court at Salem this county this evening a jury in the case of James H. Body charged with killing James Mack a negro returned a verdict of involuntary manslaughter and fixed Boby's punishment at three years in the penitentiary. Body claimed self-defense. A motion will be made for a new trial.

Milwaukee within a few days will have its first female "policeman," the new Socialist plan for protecting the woman workers of the city. Miss Edna Finch, a trained nurse stood the highest in a competitive examination, and is expected to be appointed.

FATALLY CRUSHED UNDER FALLING MASS OF IRON

Rev. R. P. Bryson, Aged Minister Employed in Southern Spencer Shops Meets Horrible Death.

Spencer, Jan. 6.—Rev. R. P. Bryson of Spencer met instant death in the Southern Railway shops here this afternoon by being crushed under three pairs of engine truck wheels and axles, which were being lifted by a huge crane. Rev. Mr. Bryson who has not been in the active ministerial work for the past year was employed as a machinist in the shops and was attending to his usual duties when the tragic accident occurred. The crane bearing the ton or more of truck wheels suspended by a chain was passing over his head and the chain suddenly broke, precipitating the mass of iron down upon the head of Mr. Bryson who was caught at an unguarded moment and he never knew what killed him.

The scene was witnessed by a number of employes who rushed to the side of the dead man, standing only a few feet away was a son, Mr. V. H. Bryson, a machinist who had been a bosom companion of his for years owing to the fact that he was the only child and following the same trade. The son had stepped away from his post of duty for some needed tool when the accident happened or would have been in arm's length of his father at the time.

The remains were taken in charge promptly by an undertaker and prepared for burial. The interment will take place at Lowell near Charlotte where the family at one time resided.

SOLD HERSELF FOR HUSBAND

Woman Tells Court Pitiful Story of Her Sacrifice.

Philadelphia, Jan. 9.—Mrs. Louisa Cahn, for several years a member of one of the Presbyterian churches here, acknowledged in the police court yesterday that she had placed the "scarlet letter" upon her bosom in order that she might support her husband, who is in the last stages of tuberculosis, and her two small children.

When she was arraigned before Magistrate Scott, Policeman Ribel, one of the members of the local "vice squad," gave the woman one of the hardest reputations possible. She was asked to refute this testimony, and said:

"Until seven months ago I was a good church member. Then my husband was taken sick and the physicians said he had quick consumption. I applied to my church friends to find me a position, and they all said they would do their best. I waited for weeks. I answered all advertisements in the local newspapers. I did everything, but without avail. As the only solution to the problem of living, I sold my virtue. I did it because I wanted my husband with his children. I knew he did not have long to live and I was satisfied to go to hell if I could make his last moments comfortable."

After hearing the story as told by the woman, Magistrate Scott ordered that the police department investigate her story. Detectives were put on the case and within an hour it had been established that she was telling the truth. Magistrate Scott and the court attaches then made up a purse for the woman.

Recommends Ko-Pres-Ko-Kake.

Dixie Mills, Burlington, No. Carolina. Gentlemen:—

I bought some of the Ko-Pres-Ko-Kake from you and will say I have tried it and am well pleased.

My cow eat it from the start and has gained at least 11-2 lbs. of butter per week and the milk and butter is of better quality. She is only a young cow, about 3-1-2 years old.

Respectfully,
Murphy Jenkins.

NOTICE.—If you Dealer does not have Ko-Pres-Ko-Kake call Phone 106.

BETTER SERVICE NEEDED

Some Pointed Suggestions for Improved Train Accommodations Between Greensboro and Raleigh.

To the Editor.—Please allow me space in your valuable paper for the following remarks which are uttered not wholly from a selfish motive, but because hundreds and thousands of others are equally affected.

We people living and traveling between Greensboro and Raleigh are being put to extremely great disadvantage and trouble delay by reason of the connections at Greensboro. For instance coming in from the South on train No. 12 or 33, arriving at Greensboro about 10 p. m., we have to wait there until 12:45 (night) and then be up one to three or four hours longer getting to our homes between Raleigh and Greensboro or staying over at Greensboro until 9:40 the next morning and thereby ruining a days work.

I am sure I do not wish to assume to dictate to the Southern Railway as to how they shall run the road—for two reasons, 1st. I feel incompetent to do so, and secondly I have no desire to do so. But there are suggestions coming from the public, it seems to me that they could well give some consideration to. We ought to have a train, say a mixed freight train leaving Greensboro about 10:15 p. m. going as far as Raleigh and then again there ought to be a passenger train leaving Greensboro about 7:45 a. m. just after the arrival at Greens of train No. 8 from the South Nos. 11 and 37 from the North. We could then get from Greensboro in the morning get down to Raleigh or Goldsboro in a reasonably good time. But as it is a man has got to be up all night, which is a considerable wear and tear to the physical man, especially where one travels from two to three thousand miles a month as I have to do all during the winter and spring and chiefly over the Southern Railway at that.

It seems to me that the patronage given to the railroads along this line from Goldsboro to Greensboro is entitled to better service. I was on the train several times during the holidays made more than a thousand miles during this period and actually saw women and children standing up and actually had to stand up myself mile after mile. Now this is inconvenience is not very pleasant, in view of the fact that we are called on to pay our full fare and to receive about the same accommodations that the Southern Railway accords a carload of beef cattle when they are hauling them.

I shall be glad to hear from others equally interested in this matter and will be glad if you will use your good influence to assist us in obtaining one or both of these trains.

W. C. THURSTON.

FIRE BULLET AT WIFE; THEN KILLED HIMSELF

Philadelphia, Jan. 5.—Frenzied because his wife was about to separate from him, William Adams, aged 40 years, today fired a bullet into her left breast and then killed himself with a shot in the brain. According to neighbors Adams and his wife have had frequent quarrels in their home in Olney, a suburb. They agreed to separate and Mrs. Adams was preparing to leave home today when Adams returned, apparently in a good humor. The couple went together to a back room of the house and a moment later the two shots were heard. Mrs. Adams is in a critical condition.

Moonshine Outfit Captured Near Pittsboro.

Pittsboro, Jan. 5.—Another tlockade still of about 65 gallon capacity was captured today by Deputy Sheriff J. T. Wright about 2-1-2 miles west of Pittsboro and was brought to town and turned over to the county commissioners, who ordered it cut up. No arrests were made.