

## SUICIDE AND NEAR MURDER AT RALEIGH

Raleigh, N. C., March 16.—The union station was thrown into a panic this afternoon about 3:45 when Henry H. Powell, proprietor of the Sanford Inn, shot twice at Charles H. Smith and Duncan E. McIver, his fellow townsmen, then turned his smoking gun upon himself and shot out his own brains.

A more opportune time to create a sensation could not have been chosen. All of the trains were nearly due and the people had gathered to buy tickets and to take leave on the three chief passenger trains. Mr. Smith had come from Sanford to testify in a case before the corporation commission and it is presumed that Mr. Powell had followed him there. The story had somehow gotten out that the object of the visit of Messrs Smith and McIver was the securing of a charter to operate a rival hotel. The dead man had brooded over it and during the afternoon, eye witnesses to the tragedy declare they heard the three men talking about it.

Whether the men had discussed the matter with any heat or not could not be learned, but without speaking, Powell walked towards Smith and McIver and began shooting. The first bullet struck Mr. Smith in the right shoulder and glanced aside. The other aimed at Mr. McIver missed him and went into the wall. Both crouched as if badly hurt and the assailant of the two undoubtedly thought he was a murderer. He placed the pistol under his right ear and fired. He stood a second and fell like a post.

Women fainted and men ran, the officers appearing on the scene almost simultaneously with the shooting. Both Sanford men walked into the street coolly afterwards and later went to their homes. There were detained a number of witnesses to testify at the inquest.

All three men come from Sanford's best citizenship. The dead man has suffered considerable grief and trouble recently and is said to have lost money. He was a former confederate veteran and regarded one of the most quiet inoffensive men. Temporary insanity is believed to have resulted from brooding over his troubles. Mr. Smith is president of the Sanford chamber of commerce and a dealer in lumber. Mr. McIver is one of the best known lawyers in middle North Carolina.

### Birthday Party

Misses Lillie Horne and Helen Temple gave a delightful joint birthday party, the occasion being their 9th birthday. They received many beautiful and useful presents. They spent the afternoon playing games, until 4 o'clock when they were ushered into the dining room where refreshments were served by Mrs. Horn and Mrs. Temple. The children did justice to the repast, after the repast the children were led into the parlor where they gave several oral recitations from memory, and sang some beautiful songs led by Miss Byrdie Daily, for which they were heartily applauded.

The occasion was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Horne Friday March 17th.

## SMALL BOY RUN OVER BY AUTOMOBILE IN ASHEVILLE

Asheville, March 17.—What may prove a fatal accident occurred this afternoon on Philip street, when an automobile, said to be owned by a local garage, ran over the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyerly of this city. The auto went over the child's abdomen and it is feared he is injured internally. In fact, when removed to the Meriweather hospital, it was not thought that he could live more than an hour or two. Tonight, however, it was stated that the child is resting easy and that there is a chance for recovery. No operation was performed and the extent of the injury will not be ascertained for a day or two.

## POOR MAN TURNS ON BIG HATS AT LAST

Norfolk, Va., March 15.—Objecting to high hats, low hats and wide hats, poor man has served notice that he will not attend the Lenten services being conducted for the benefit of business men at noon every day in the Granby Theater, unless members of the fair sex who attend are made to remove their headgear or sit to themselves.

Following the protest of the men, women will not be permitted to sit in the center aisle hereafter and must be content with seats on the sides; in other words, the choice seats in the house will be reserved for the men and the ladies will be all to themselves, where they can wear their hats without even a chance of jabbing the brim into some fellow's eye. Bishop Robert Strange, of North Carolina, delivered the sermon today and will be the speaker for the remainder of the week.

## WILL REMAIN IN JAIL AT COLUMBUS GA

Atlanta, Ga., March 16.—Pending the final disposition of his case by the Prison Commission Edgar Stripling, erstwhile Chief of Police at Danville, Va., and re-arrested after 14 years freedom on a charge of murder, will remain in the county jail at Columbus, Ga., and will not wear prison stripes. His hearing by the commission has been set for April 6.

Governor Brown takes the position that while Stripling had been sentenced to life imprisonment he escaped before he began that sentence and since an application for pardon is pending, which will come up to him for final action he felt that he should take no action in the matter at this time.

## COMMISSION FORM OF GOVERNMENT LOST IN RALEIGH

Raleigh, March 20.—The election held here today on the proposed Commission form of Government for this city was defeated by a vote of 886 to 437, or a total of 1,323, the majority against the proposition being 449, or more than two to one.

The election was a most quiet one and the vote polled was small, only about half of the vote of the city being cast in the election. The opponents of the measure were very active, both before the election and at the polls, while the advocates of the measure had no force at work either before, or at the polls.

### Attempts Suicide.

The startling news was received in the city Saturday evening that Mrs. Frarrar Royster who was married only a few weeks before at Durham had attempted to take her own life by shooting herself in the breast in the Guilford Hotel parlor Greensboro, with a Smith & Wesson 32 caliber revolver. Mrs. Royster went to Greensboro on the eleven o'clock train to make inquiries about her husband, and finding no trace of his whereabouts, decided to commit suicide.

"I did it myself," she said in answer to the question of those who pressed about her. "I did it for the love of a man; he left me two weeks ago, and I love him better than life."

Doctors were hurriedly called in and she was carried to St. Leo's Hospital. It is thought she will recover. Before attempting the fatal act she delivered to Mr. Sam Bradshaw a letter which she had written a day or two before, and requested that he not open the letter until after he had heard from her. Mrs. Royster is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Mitchell highly respected citizens of our city. Temporary insanity caused by brooding over her forsaken husband is believed to be the cause of the rash act.

## ROOSEVELT READY TO TAKE THE FIELD

Albuquerque, N. M., March 17.—Colonel Roosevelt, before leaving for Arizona yesterday, made complete preliminary arrangements here for the organization, not only of a regiment, but a whole division of cavalry to fight the Japanese, should the occasion arise.

He admitted the Japan menace on the western coast of Mexico is serious and told his old Rough Rider friends that in the event of war he would ask the President's permission to organize a division and recruit it in the Southwest.

Today various of the old Rough Riders admit they have already been offered commissions in the event of hostilities.

Roosevelt had just come from El Paso, where it is said he was startled by inside information concerning Japanese activity.

The whole west coast he was told is lined with them and it was declared to him that the only reason for the mobilization could be that the state department had been informed of a league between Diaz and the Japanese by which the latter in exchange for coaling stations would aid in suppressing the revolution.

## NEGRO JANITOR ROBS SPRING HOPE BANK

Spring Hope, March 17.—The Merchants and Farmers Bank here was robbed by John Sample, colored, a former janitor is charged with the crime and is in jail at Nashville awaiting trial at the next term of Nash Court.

Sample, it seems, broke in the window of the bank while the cashier was at dinner and secured \$213 in cash. He then put out through the country for Morneger, intending to take the train for Rocky Mount at that point. He was apprehended by Mr. Will Clark and carried to Spring Hope, where he was given a preliminary hearing. They recovered \$192.15.

## NASH COUNTY NEGRO TO BE ELECTROCUTED

Raleigh, March 15.—Norman Lewis, the negro who killed the chief of police of Spring Hope, Nash county, and was sentenced to be electrocuted here in February and whose electrocution was stayed off by his appeal to the Supreme Court, will pay the death penalty. The Supreme Court having handed down an opinion today finding no error in the judgement of the lower court. Upon receipt of a certified copy of the Supreme Court opinion Governor Kitchin will name the day for the electrocution.

## MANY CITIES PUT IN BIOGROPHICAL EDITORS' CONVENTION

Charlotte, March 18.—The executive committee of the North Carolina Press association has been called to meet at Salisbury next Friday to fix the date and select the place of the annual meeting of the North Carolina editors, and incidentally arrange the program for the meeting. As usual a number of cities and resorts are making bids for the annual meeting, which is always a feature of statewide interest. The association met last year at Wrightsville Beach and this year Morehead City is making a strong pull for it.

The new maxim explosive is doubtless presented to give peace advocates new hope in the theory that war can be made too terrible to be attempted.

Rev. Able G. Kirkman for almost twenty years Register of Deeds of Guilford County passed away last Wednesday morning at his home at Friendship.

## DECLARES SHE WAS DUPED AND DOPED

Washington, March 17.—Duped, she declares, into boarding a car for Rockville on the pretense that she was going merely for a ride, given some candy apparently containing a drug, and then married when she did not realize what she was doing is the strange story told by Mrs. Catherine Sonnemann Weaver, the beautiful daughter of William F. Sonnemann, of 113 Second street, north west. Mrs. Weaver yesterday filed suit in the District Supreme court to have annulled her marriage to George Weaver, alias J. M. Collins, of Providence, R. I. "Some chocolate candy given me by Weaver on a Rockville trolley car," says Mrs. Weaver, "robbed me of my senses, so that I have no recollection of ever having been married. I don't know what happened. I don't know the man two days. He has gone away now, and I don't know where he is. I never want to see him again, and want the marriage annulled."

## WEST AND STETSON BOTH FOUND GUILTY

Murder in First Degree as to West, Second Degree for Stetson.

Wilson, March 17.—At 2:30 this afternoon, in Wilson Superior Court, the jury found Lewis West guilty of murder in the first degree and Ed Purell, alias Stetson, guilty of murder in the second degree.

The case went to the jury at 12:45, when the court took a recess, and the verdict was returned when court reconvened at 9:30. Judge Adams' charge was an elaborate one and consumed an hour in delivery.

The concluding speeches in the case were made by Solicitor Alsbrook and Mr. W. A. Lucas.

## WIFE TRIED TO CREMATE HUSBAND, TIED HIM TO BED AND SET IT AFIRE

Salisbury, March 20.—Charging that his wife tied him fast to a bed while asleep and then set fire to the bed-clothes, Sam Young a tenant of a farm five miles out from Salisbury, came to town today in search of officers. He declared that he and his wife retired in good humor; that he was awakened by the smell of smoke that he found his limbs tied to the bed and that he was unable to free himself until the fire burned the rope just in time to save his life. He bore severe burns on his face when he reached this city. The affair is a mystery and the officers are making an investigation.

## Note from the American Christian Missionary Society.

America is the most strategic and important mission field on earth. Over 40,000,000 in our home land are churchless. The religious census of Colorado shows 133 places raging in population from 150 to 1000 souls without a protestant church of any kind. That State does not differ from any others in the West. Cities of the East, growing communities North and South, call for help, one million immigrants come to America every year, they need the Gospel. The Disciples of Christ within last year, of 89,759 members, led all other protestant bodies. The American Christian Missionary Society gathered 15,741 of that number. Shall we not do better this year? Prepare for May the 5th, 1911.

Missionary and religious societies and several Western colleges and academies are beneficiaries to the extent of nearly \$300,000 under the will of John Ward, of Newton, filed at the Probate Court office in East Cambridge, Mass., recently.

## TO POOL 1911 TOBACCO CROP IN VA. AND N C

Danville, Va., March 16.—The interstate meeting of the Farmers Educational and Co-Operative Union of America which convened here yesterday came to a close after two secret meetings today. The principal business before the Union was the consideration of a report of a special committee appointed yesterday to investigate and to make recommendations concerning the tobacco conditions in Virginia and North Carolina.

It was learned this afternoon that the union decided to pool the 1911 tobacco crops in Virginia and North Carolina and hold their production in dry prizeries until a price they deem reasonable is secured. No definite statement was given out by the Union after the meetings. The sessions today were attended by about 500 farmers, only those having the pass word being admitted to the room.

## ATTEMPTED TO JUMP FROM RIVER BRIDGE

Richmond, Va., March 18.—Lee Perman, of South Richmond this afternoon attempted to make a spectacular exit from this world by leaping from the Free Bridge which connects Richmond and the Southern suburb, to the James River, fifty feet below, and was only prevented by three unknown negroes, who saw his start and stopped him by a perilous hand to hand fight upon the rail of the bridge. The bridge was congested with traffic at the time and a near panic ensued. Women in a passing street car became hysterical. Perman assigned no reason for his act.

## FORECLOSURE ON PLANT OF NEUSE RIVER COTTON MILL

Raleigh, March 18.—The Neuse river cotton mills, near Raleigh, having defaulted in interest installment of \$1,875 due the Trust Company of America on a \$75,000 bond issue, proceedings were started in the federal court here today for a foreclosure of the mortgage securing bonds.

The mill has paid the interest since 1901 until this year. A. A. Thompson, its president, is also president of the Raleigh and the Carleigh mills, and both were understood to be in good condition. Commissioner Wills was named by the court to sell the plant of the Neuse mills.

## TWO SAILORS ARE HORRIBLY BURNED

Norfolk, Va., March 16.—William Place and W. B. Joerger, seamen from the United States battleship New Hampshire, which arrived at the Norfolk navy yard yesterday, were horribly burned in a Bank street cleaning and pressing establishment today. Both are at St. Vincent's Hospital and Joerger, it is feared, may die.

Four seamen went to have their clothes pressed. While waiting for the gasoline to dry out, Joerger said he was cold and put on his trousers. Some one said they were not dry. A third sailor put a lighted cigarette to the pants to see, and the blaze resulted. Place threw a tub of water on himself and M. G. Lowery, a fourth sailor, threw a blanket over Place.

An unknown negro attempted to assault a prominent lady near her home at Due West S. C. one evening last week by snatching her shawl from her shoulders and putting it around her face. Her cries attracted the attention of neighbors working near by. The negro made his escape.

We could not approve of any war, lightly undertaken, just at the advent of the fishing season.

## MARRIED TEN YEARS HAD 19 CHILDREN

Muskegee, Okla., March 18.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott, of Highland, Kan., are seeking a home in this State with plenty of land. They will need it, for although they have been married not quite ten years they are the parents of nineteen children, all boys, and thirteen of them living. They hold the record for triplets, having five sets to their credits, and two sets of twins. All of the thirteen boys living are under five years.

Recently the Scotts, decided that they must find more land, went to Alberta, Canada. They were not satisfied there and returned. On the return trip Mrs. Scott and her thirteen children all rode on one first class ticket. At Omaha the conductor made a vigorous protest.

"Madam, you cannot carry a whole Sunday school along with you on that one ticket," he said, and you need not tell me those are all yours. You will have to pay for some of them."

"The rules of this railroad provide that a child under five years may ride free, when accompanied by its parents with a first class ticket, don't they?" reported Mrs. Scott.

"They do, but you will have to show me."

Mrs. Scott dug down into her valise and brought out the family Bible, in which was recorded the name and ages of each of the children. The conductor had to give in. The mother and children occupied five double seats in the home seekers' car and paid for only one.

The names and ages of the children are: Ashbell, Archer and Austin, triplets, four and one half years old. Arthur and Arnold, twins, three and a half; Allan, Almon and Albin, triplets, two and a half; Albert Albion and Adolpt, triplets, eighteen months; Abel and Abner, twins, six months. Mrs. Scott is thirty years old and her husband is only a year her senior.

The mother and children are now in Highland, Kan., while the father is in Oklahoma, seeking a location. He probably will buy some cheap Indian land.

### A Surprise Marriage.

Rev. J. D. Andrew went over into Guilford County to Brookfield public school closing on last Wednesday and delivered the literary address. This school was taught by Miss Elizabeth Boon of Whitsett. At the close of the exercises Rev. Andrew drove down to the home of J. C. O'Brian where Miss Boon boarded and there in the presence of a few friends Rev. Andrew spoke the solemn words that united in marriage Miss Boon and Mr. Russel Apple. Mr. Apple resides near Apple's Chapel in the north easter part of Guilford county. They enter upon their happy career with good wishes of a host of friends.

## DISTILLERY DESTROYED FOR EVERY DAY IN THE WEEK

Newton, March 17.—The past week or ten days have been full of work for the revenue officers in this section of the county. Deputy D. A. Kanipe of Mariah reports having destroyed a distillery every day for the past week. Yesterday he, together with H. W. Jones and Policeman Sherrill of Hickory, destroyed two stills and fixtures. One was very large and the other of small capacity. These blockades were found in a corner made by Burke, Lincoln and McDowell counties. At the large distillery four men were seen as the officers approached, but all escaped into the woods. But little whiskey was found on hand, as it seems the moonshiners dispose of it as rapidly as made. Only about four gallons of liquor were destroyed.

April the 6th has been set as the date for the final disposition of the case of Edgar Stripling the Danville police who was arrested to serve a life sentence.