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## A Fries Killed Himself In Raleigh Hotel With a Knife

Raleigh, Dec. 16.—Using a pearl-handled pocket-knife as a weapon, W. A. Fries, Greensboro, superintendent of construction of the new administration building and clerk to the state building commission, committed suicide at the Raleigh Hotel today by severing a major vein in his throat. Fries, though made with a clean-cut, and the hotel clerk reached Mr. Fries' room there was no sign of his recovery. A note was directed to "My dear friends," the only motive for the act. It told "charges" against him could not entirely disprove. These charges were none of his friends in Raleigh were to conceive.

It was suggested, however, that Mr. Fries was not in his mind and that maybe he had been impossible for him to do at night and that in consequence of this he had been making rather freely. The body was carried to a local undertaking establishment, where it remained until friends from Greensboro arrived this afternoon and made arrangements for its being carried to Greensboro for burial.

Mr. Fries returned to Raleigh Sunday night from Greensboro, where he had spent several days with his family. At 12:30 o'clock this morning the night clerk heard a body fall in his room and at the same time a crash in the adjoining room. He went down that something was wrong. An investigation revealed Mr. Fries lying in the middle of the floor in his underclothes and top shirt, with blood streaming from the wound in his neck and his hands covered with blood. A physician was summoned but could not help the injured man any and he died at 1:15. Coroner Sparks did not consider an inquest necessary.

Mr. Fries was selected by the state building commission to supervise the work of construction of the new administration building and he received a salary from the state of \$200 a month. He was considered one of the most expert as well as thorough contractors in the state and those familiar with the building here say he gave it his supervision. He also built the Edwards & Broughton building in Raleigh five years ago.

The letter addressed to Mrs. Fries is as follows:

To my dear wife:  
I am accused of ugly charges which cannot entirely be disproved. Therefore goodbye, love. I am my own life, hoping you will get the life insurance as it is for some time. Have one life annuity for \$3,000 and one Mutual Life of New York for \$5,000. Amounts are due each one, which will reduce some.

"Good-bye, love, I have never been what I ought to you and I hope you and the children will be happy."

This note was written on his paper and was not signed. It was found open on the dresser in his room.

In his pockets were found several business letters, among them one to Col. Asheville, chairman of the building commission, saying that would be his duties as superintendent.

The announcement received yesterday morning that W. A. Fries had killed himself in a hotel brought a great shock to his relatives and friends. He never had any reason to believe he contemplated such a thing. Although it had appeared to be in his mind during his last visit to Greensboro, this was not regarded as such.

It is known he made a statement that could be construed as indicating the matter that lay in his mind. This Sunday afternoon to his relatives he told the boy to tell his

mother good bye. This was repeated, it is said two or three times, and although it made a deep impression on the boy's mind, there was no belief that a disastrous result was to follow so soon.

## Christmas Club.

The Alamance Loan and Trust Co. offers easy plans to provide money for Christmas.

Everybody needs money for Christmas. Many people have trouble in providing a sufficient amount to buy all the presents needed when the time comes. The Alamance Loan and Trust Co. of this city offers an easy plan to meet such a contingency. On December 26th, it will start its second annual Christmas Savings Club. Members will pay in a small amount each week for fifty weeks and at the end of that time will receive checks for the total amount they have paid in plus an additional four per cent interest. The plan is simple and systematic. There are different classes of members. For instance, one class will start in by paying one cent the first, two cents the second week, three cents the third week and so on fifty weeks, the last payment amounting fifty cents. Members in this class will receive checks two weeks before Christmas for \$12.75 with interest, or they may reverse the order of payments by paying fifty cents the first week and paying one cent less each succeeding week, which brings the last weeks payment down to one cent. There are also classes starting with two cents and five cents. Payments must be made promptly every week or in advance for as many weeks as may be convenient.

It will not only prove beneficial to grown people but will prove very popular with young people. It is very simple and the details are easily understood when explained. Everybody is welcome to join and the Alamance Loan and Trust Co. will be pleased to have those interested call and learn all about it.

The club just closed was a success in every way. They paid out more than \$8000.00 to over five hundred individuals. Just ask your neighbor about it. No doubt some of the family received a check with Santa Claus on it.

Their next club opens Dec. 26th but in order to avoid the rush they had last year, you can join now if you wish.

## Chapel Hill Items.

"Notes on the Construction of the Crest of the Blue-Ridge Highway" was the subject of a paper of far-reaching interest read by Mr. T. F. Hickerson, associate professor of civil engineering in the University of North Carolina, before the 20th regular meeting of the Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society. This remarkable highway that is being constructed on the crest of the Blue Ridge is the work of the Appalachian Highway Company, of which Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, of Chapel Hill, is president. This company is at work at present on building a section of road from Asheville to Boone, a distance of 140 miles. Four and one-half miles of this highway has been constructed at a cost of \$4,400 per mile. This average width of the road 24 feet, with a maximum grade of 4.14 cent. The construction of this wonderful highway is under the supervision of Engineer J. B. Clingman, a member of the graduating class of the University of 1912.

High schools of the east central district of North Carolina have decided to hold literary and athletic contests between their students at Chapel Hill next April. The features of the meets will be a declamation contest, a track meet and a baseball game. On behalf of the University, Professor N. W. Walker, inspector of secondary schools, extended the principal of the schools of this particular territory a cordial invitation to hold this meet here instead of elsewhere, has been customary in the past.

Perhaps a safe index to the high cost of living and the universally bad crop conditions of

North Carolina in 1911 is seen in the number of students at the University of North Carolina that have boarded at Commons Hall, the boarding hall run by the authorities of the Institution. This boarding house is operated upon the basis of making bare running expenses, the price per month for each boarder now being only ten dollars a month. During the entire fall this boarding hall has been taxed to its full capacity for accommodations, and each month more than 200 students have taken advantage of its cheap board rates. Not in many years have so many boarded in the hall for the four fall months.

## Good Government.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 15.—Means for the promotion of good citizenship and good government will be discussed here in the seventh annual conference of the Civic League of America on Thursday and Friday of this week.

S. T. Nicholson, of Atlanta, general secretary of the league, announced tonight that among the subjects that will be taken up by the conference are the effect of commercialism on patriotism, secular education, city government, general lawlessness and the vice problem.

Organizations entitled to delegates to the conference include all churches, either local or general, all missionary societies and boards, young people's societies of different church denominations, young men and Young Women's Christian associations, temperance societies, and other organizations having a Christian or patriotic purpose.

Each national body is allowed 10 delegates to the conference. Each state organization five and co-operating bodies two each.

## A Chance To Help.

Santa Clause and Uncle Sam will make a combine worthy of the season. Every year "many thousands" of poor children address letters to Santa Claus, with the hope of receiving a Christmas remembrance. Ordinarily such vaguely directed missives—in many an instance pathetically lacking a 2-cent stamp—would be sent fourth with the dead letter office; but when the matter was submitted to him this time, Postmaster General Hitchcock gave orders to deliver these appeals from the Tiny Tims and their sisters to charitable institutions willing to lend a hand in worthy cases. The post masters all over the country will act accordingly.

There are "Spugs" and "Spugs." Some belong to the Society for the Prevention of Useless Giving, but others, we are pleased to believe, must be in the majority, are members of the Society for the Promotion of Useful Giving. Let the latter make the most of the opportunity the postmaster general has provided, and the coming Christmastide will be a blither one than ever before came to visit an expectant juvenile world.

## Bull Dog Kills Child

Bessemer, Ala., Dec. 15.—His massive jaws locked down on the throat of the little five-year-old Jasper Goff, a vicious bulldog slowly strangled the child to death here today in spite of the vigorous efforts of both the boy and his mother to make the brute release his grip.

The cries of the mother and child attracted a crowd. When J. B. Houston finally rushed up and shot the animal the boy's limp body dropped to the ground. The boy died in his mother's arms.

The dog entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Goff, where it had been used to playing with the Goff children. It was the property of a neighbor of the Goffs, Nick Andrews. Before any one realized what was happening the animal seized the child by the throat and dragged him out to the porch. There the fight between the dog the child and the mother occurred and ended in the child's death. The animal was a large English bulldog weighing over 100 pounds.

## New Parcels Post Rules made Public

Washington, Dec. 12.—Regulations to cover workings of the new parcels post system, which is to go into operation Jan. 1, next, were made public by Postmaster General Hitchcock today. The new system will be effective throughout the entire postal service at the same time and will affect every postoffice, city, rural and railway transportation in the country. Every precaution will be taken by the postoffice to have the mails moved with the usual dispatch, and all postmasters, superintendents and inspectors have been directed to thoroughly familiarize themselves and their subordinates with every phase of the new system.

The regulations provide that parcels of merchandise, including farm and factory products (but not books and printed matter) of almost every description up to 11 pounds in weight and measuring as much as six feet in length and girth combined, except those calculated to do injury to the mails in transit, may be mailed at any postoffice for delivery to any address in the country. Delivery will be made to the homes of the people living on rural and star routes as well as those living in cities and towns where there is delivery by carrier. Where there is at present no delivery by carrier the parcels will go to the postoffice as in the case with ordinary mail.

The postage rate for the zone, that is with the distance not exceeding 50 miles will be 5 cents for the first pound and three cents for each additional pound. Rates increase for each successive one of the eight zones into which the country is divided. The maximum rate being 12 cents a pound, which will carry a parcel across the continent, or even to Alaska and the Philippines.

For a fee of 10 cents a parcel may be insured and if the parcel is lost in the mails an indemnity to the amount of its value not exceed \$50 will be paid to the sender.

The law provides for the use of distinctive postage stamps and there is now being distributed to postmasters for use in the Parcels post maps with accompanying guides are to be sold to the public at their cost, 75 cents, through the public chief clerk at the postoffice of Department.

## Marries A White Girl

Jack Johnson, negro puglist, at Chicago, Ill., Dec. 3, married Lucile Cameron, the 19-year-old white girl, of Minneapolis, who recently appeared as a witness against him before the federal grand jury which returned indictments charging him with violations of the Mann act.

The ceremony was performed at the home of Johnson's mother by a negro preacher in the presence of a dozen negroes and several newspaper reporters.

The girl wore a suit of grey Sheperd plaid. Johnson had a suit of the material especially made for the occasion.

A curious crowd of nearly 1,000 men and women gathered outside the house and a squad of police were kept busy maintaining order.

The clerk of the marriage license office declined to issue a permit to Johnson because the Cameron girl was not there to swear to her age. The county clerk, however, issued the license. Johnson gave his age at 34. He said the Cameron girl was 18 and that court records show this.

## Express Rates To Drop.

Washington, Dec. 15.—The enactment of the Parcels Post law has brought the express company into a competition that they have decided to meet.

All express company rates will be revised before January 1 to meet the parcels post rates and arrangements already are under way to extend the express delivery service everywhere.

The woman who despises matrimony usually does not speak from experience.

## LIFE OF GOV. WILSON IS AGAIN THREATENED BY A LETTER WRITER

Newark, N. J., Dec. 17.—President-elect Wilson's life again has been threatened by a letter writer. The letter was mailed in New York December 12, received by the governor's secretary at Trenton the next day and turned over to the postal authorities. It is in possession of United States Assistant District Attorney Lindabury, who declined to discuss it.

The receipt of the second threatening letter became known today at the arraignment of Jacob and Warren Dunn, and Seely Davenport, of Wharton, the three so-called mountaineers who were charged with having sent Governor Wilson on Nov. 11 last a letter demanding \$5,000 under threat of death. The hearing was not concluded, but United States Commissioner Stockton dismissed the case against Warren Dunn and took under advisement a motion to make a similar ruling in the case of Davenport.

Against Jacob Dunn, alleged author of the threatening letter, the government made out a strong case, Commissioner Stockton said. He held Dunn pending the conclusion of the hearing tomorrow afternoon, when Joseph P. Tumulty, Gov. Wilson's private secretary will be called to testify that he received the letter. Although Mr. Tumulty was under subpoena, he did not attend the hearing today, having arranged with Commissioner Stockton to be absent. It was thought at that time his testimony would not be needed.

Governor Wilson, also under subpoena, did not attend the hearing and it was said he would not be required to do so tomorrow, inasmuch as the letter never reached him.

The second letter threatening the governor's life was unsigned and a dozen or more secret service men and detectives are seeking to learn the author.

It is understood the missive did not reach the governor but was intercepted like the first one, by Mr. Tumulty. Many of the secret service men and detectives working on this case were present at the hearing today. Whether the second letter was the outgrowth of the first or was connected with it in any way, Mr. Lindabury declined to say.

Five witnesses testified at the hearing. They included the postmaster at Wharton, the mail carrier who took the letter from a rural free delivery box, the carrier who sold Jacob Dunn three envelopes similar to the one containing the letter, Francis A. Butler, a postoffice inspector and Louis G. Beckman, a United States deputy marshal who made the arrests. Butler and Beckman both testified that Jacob Dunn admitted authorship of the letter at first, but denied having written it when told that what he said would be used against him.

Jacob Dunn's defense is that he made the alleged statement under duress and that he was not informed of his rights before doing so.

## Death of a Little Baby.

Hazel Estelle Bowden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kemp B. Bowden died in the home of her parents on Mean street, Dec. 12, 1912, aged about five months. Little Hazel is the first to be taken from home. It was very lying on the parents to give up their precious little one. Two other children remain for their comfort. The funeral was held in the home by Rev. J. D. Andrew Dec. 13 and the little body was laid to rest in Pine Hill cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Bass Lashley wish to express their most cordial thanks to their many friends for the kind expressions of help and sympathy in the sickness and death of their little son, Therman Letho, who died in the home of Miss Mary Stinson Dec. 10, 1912.

## The Contest

NAME	NO. VOTES
Addie Ray	122,300
Bertha May Horne	104,600
W. J. Brooks	95800
Mary Lee Coble, R. No. 1	54900
Aurelia Ellington, Mebane, R. No. 4.	52500
Waller Workman	29300
Lizzie Cheek	13100
W. I. Braxton, Snow Camp, 15600	
Bettie Lyde May	12300
Mrs. B. L. Shoffner, R. 10.	5100
Carrie Albright, Haw River.	4900
Martin L. Coble, R. 1.	4300
T. F. Matkins, Greensboro.	3700
Gibsonville.	
Nannie Sue Terrill	3000
J. R. King, Greensboro.	1100
May Carr Hall	1000
Margie Cheek	1000
Doyle Heritage	1000

The Great voting contest is causing much enthusiasm these days. All have made good gains since last week. The special \$5.00 offer for the month of December is being worked hard. Three have fought hard for first rank this week and have made large gains. Next week will be another hard fought one. The time of the December special offer will close Tuesday December 31 at noon. Get in earnest and assist your friend. Remember April 15 will mark a day when the greatest contest ever pulled off in Alamance County will close.

## In Lighter Vein.

"Do you expect to keep all the promises you made to your constituents?"

"I won't have time to," replied Senator Sorghum. "I have thought out a lot of promises so much more picturesque that they'll forget all about the old ones."—Washington Star.

"Good morning, Mrs. McCarty," said Mrs. Ryan, as the friends met at the market. "How's all the folks getting along?"

"They be all doin' well," replied Mrs. McCarty, "except my old man. He's been enjoyin' poor health for some toime, but this mornin' he complained of feelin' better."—Youth's Companion.

## No Paper Next week.

As is our custom to suspend one week for Christmas in order to give our force a vacation there will be no paper published next week. Our next issue will be January 1st. We hope each and every one of our readers a good time during the holidays.

## The Spirit of the Mistletoe.

The Spirit of the mistletoe  
Her spell about the land  
throws wide,  
And eyes are bright and cheeks  
aglow  
Where stirs the pulse of  
Christmastide.  
O gracious branch with berries  
pearled  
What gloried green surpasses  
this  
Whose magic aways the whole  
wide world.  
The rhythmic sweetness of a  
of a kiss.

Yet as the winter, swaying,  
dies  
The charm still masters cupid  
so  
Whene'er he looks' in Psychics  
eyes  
He sees the mirrored  
mistletoe.

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## State Dispatch Moved.

Our placing a job shop in connection with the State Dispatch machinery has necessitated larger quarters so the entire office and machinery has been moved into the Rauhut Building on the corner of Spring and Front Street next door to the Stokes Furniture Store. We have been unusually busy moving our machinery and are necessary delayed this week. However after the holidays we will be in good shape and hope all our subscribers will come to see us.

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