

NEASE GILLESPIE SAYS HIS WIFE IS CRAZY AND QUEER

Leader of the Negroes in Jail here Charged with the Murder of the Lyerlys Says he has Noticed that his Wife has Been Acting Strange for a Good Long Time.

As to the Confession of Little Henry, Nease has but little to say. He thinks the boy has been led into saying what he has told the lawyers.

Nease Gillespie, who is regarded as the ringleader of the party who so brutally murdered the Lyerly family on the night of the 13th inst. is still as close-mouthed as a clam. When seen by a News reporter this morning he said that his wife had been acting queer for two years, and that when she said he knew about the murder she did not tell the truth.

The only reply that Nease Gillespie has to give to the story of the 11-year-old boy, Henry Gillespie, whose evidence incriminates the whole crowd in jail here, is that "that boy will get scared if you point your finger at him, and his story is all wrong."

John Gillespie, son of the old man, says that he spent the night on which the murders were committed at the house of Ella Chambers, and that he can prove that he had nothing to do with the horrible affair. He says that he was working about a mile from his home and about a mile and a half from the Lyerly home.

The whole crowd deny the statement of the boy, of course, and say that they know nothing about the affair, and that they cannot tell why the boy has told his story, saying only that he is easily scared, but have no other explanation to offer for his straightforward statement.

"Are you a churchman?" asked the reporter of old man Nease Gillespie. "Yes, yes, yes," he replied. "I've been in de church for 12 years."

Gillespie grabs at anything that tends to show him up as a good man, while everything to the contrary he denies, with only weak explanations.

As to any words between himself and Mr. Lyerly before the murder, he vehemently declares that he don't know anything about it; that there was nothing of the sort happened, and that he can't explain the origin of the story.

The only dealings that old Nease Gillespie admits having with Mr. Lyerly is that he had rented a tract of land from Mr. Lyerly for his son.

Nease still says that he was at home the night of the 13th with his wife and the boy Henry.

When told that his wife had said that he had declared to her some thing about the affair, he said that if he were confronted by her on the witness stand with this statement, he would say that she was not telling what was true.

Nease says that his wife has been acting queer or talking queer for two years and that she has been talking curious for a good while. He did not seem to know what was the matter with her, but it did not take him long to produce this statement as to his wife's queer behavior and talk.

While talking with the reporter the negro seemed to have complete control of himself, and but for a nervous movement of the body that seems to affect him all the time, he shows no signs of being under the sway of any powerful emotion.

Nease did not appear much interested when he heard that his wife had said anything against him, but took it calmly, and after a few minutes he offered the statement that she was apt to say most anything.

The negroes are still securely held in Mecklenburg jail; they have free access and mingle with the other prisoners, all of whom are colored men and boys, inside the big cage in the center of the jail proper.

Old man Nease appears to be a sort of hero or important personage among the prisoners who realize that he is in some way the center of much notoriety just at this time.

There is one thing that cannot be doubted and that is, Nease Gillespie is an expert at the art of keeping mum, and showing no trace of what is going on in his mind.

HIBERNIANS MEET.

Officers of Ancient Order Chosen— Indianapolis Place for Next Meeting.

By Associated Press. Saratoga, July 21.—The Ancient Order of Hibernians completed their national convention after electing the following officers: President, Matthew Cummings, of Boston; vice-president, John E. Reagan, of St. Paul; secretary, James C. Carroll, of Columbus, O.; treasurer, John P. Quinn, of Joliet, Ill.; directors, P. H. Moran, of Washington, D. C.; Edward T. McClary, of New York; Dr. W. J. O'Brien, of Pennsylvania; Rev. M. J. Byrne, of Indiana, and John T. Kelly, of Milwaukee.

The ladies auxiliary elected the following: President, Miss Arona Emelia, of Scranton, Pa.; vice-president, Mrs. Mary McCarthy, of Massachusetts; secretary, Mrs. Doross, of New York; treasurer, Mrs. Dally, of Minnesota.

Indianapolis was selected for the next national convention.

THE HARTJE' DIVORCE.

The Decision in the Case May Not Be Handled Down Before Autumn.

By Associated Press. Pittsburgh, July 21.—The decision in the Hartje' divorce case will probably not be handed down before autumn.

The conspiracy charge against Hartje', Wlesnon and Hoec the coachman, will be called Wednesday.

Mrs. Hartje' expressed herself as not at all alarmed over the report that kidnappers were laying plans to steal her children. It is thought the plot is the work of persons who want to hold the children for ransom.

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Negro Who Shot Mr. P. J. O'Brient Confesses Crime—Committed to Jail.

By Associated Press. New York, July 21.—Reports that \$200,000 had been taken from the National Park Bank were published as the result of the arrest of Edward Frost, clerk of the bank, charged with the larceny of \$150. It is also reported that other persons are involved in the shortage but the officials of the bank declare that the \$150 would cover the bank's loss. Frost was suspended from the bank Wednesday and arrested last night, and held in a \$2,500 bail.

It is charged that Frost took \$150 from the cash drawer and substituted canceled checks. The prosecution alleged that this was a common practice among certain bank clerks who needed small sums of money, which they paid back later. Representatives of the National Park Bank said they were determined to break up this alleged practice.

Men Were Reinstated.

The Strike of the Car Men Ended When Seven Men Were Reinstated. Princeton, Ind., July 21.—The strike of the car men of the Louisville, St. Louis and Chicago line has ended. The receipts at the local cotton way over the re-instatement of seven men, has ended. All the men were reinstated, although not at this city. The strike lasted two weeks and involved 200 men.

Death of Reid Gantt.

Was the Author of the State "Jim Crow" Law. Hot Springs, Ark., July 21.—Reid Gantt, a well known lawyer, was found dead in bed supposed to have died from heart failure. He was the author of the State "Jim Crow" law.



Men are Scarce at N. C. Summer Resorts.—New Item.

Fannie Gillespie Gives Damaging Evidence Against Her Husband, Nease Gillespie

INSANE MAN CAPTURED.

Officer Torrence Captured a Man Escaped from Morganton Hospital.

Salisbury, July 21.—Officer Torrence this morning captured a man by the name of Graham, who had escaped from the insane asylum at Morganton. Graham stated that he was from Rowan county but it has so far been impossible to identify him here. It is stated that he had given much trouble where he had been. He will be taken back to Morganton.

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Durham, July 21.—"Mutch" Bain, the negro who attacked Mr. P. J. O'Brient, a prominent farmer last Sunday and shot him three times, was captured yesterday and given a preliminary hearing this morning.

A Small Blaze.

There was a small fire this afternoon at a negro house on West Sixth street, between Poplar and Graham. The departments responded promptly but the blaze was extinguished before the firemen arrived. The damage was little or nothing.

THE COUPLE AGREED TO DIE TOGETHER

Young Farmer Cut his 19-Year-Old Wife's Throat and then Slashed his Own. Both will Die. Had Agreed to Die Together.

Barnard, Mo., July 21.—Edward Wilker, a young farmer, cut the throat of his 19-year-old wife and then slashed his own throat. He is dead and she cannot recover. The couple agreed to die together. Walker was discharged from the insane asylum five years ago.

SITUATION IMPROVED.

The Crisis Threatened Yesterday is Passed—Conditions Somewhat Improved.

St. Petersburg, July 21.—The acute crisis which faced the country yesterday has been passed. Thursday night a decision was reached to dissolve Parliament to-day, and a Ukase to this effect was actually prepared, but yesterday when it became apparent that the Constitutional Democrats, although they had obtained a nominal victory, had virtually suffered defeat and were anxious to retrieve their blunder, it was decided at Peterhof not to issue the Ukase, but to allow matters to drift along for the present.

At the Preliminary Hearing in Salisbury this Morning she Said she Heard Nease Say that "Old Man Lyerly Might Cut his Wheat but Be Damned if he would Live to Eat it."

Chief Miller Testified to the Finding of the Lyerly Axe, Under the Lyerly Porch. There were Blood Stains on the Blade and Handle. Other Testimony at To-day's Hearing.

Special to The News. Salisbury, July 21.—Hardly less sensational than the evidence of little Henry Gillespie yesterday, was the testimony of his mother, Fannie Gillespie, at the resuming of the preliminary hearing this morning in the Lyerly murder cases.

The woman stated that on several occasions she had heard her husband say that "old man Lyerly might cut his wheat, but he'd be damned if he'd ever live to eat it."

The woman stated further that she heard Jack Dillingham tell Nease Gillespie that any man that treated another like old man Lyerly treated him (Nease Gillespie) he deserved to be killed.

Mr. R. M. Cook, to whose home the Lyerly girls carried their little dying sister, the night of the tragedy, testified that he heard Nease Gillespie say on one occasion, "I will get my wheat or I'll get old man Lyerly, one or the other."

Chief of Police Miller, of Salisbury, testified to the finding of Mr. Lyerly's axe under his (Lyerly's) porch. There were blood stains both on the blade and handle of the axe.

Mr. R. F. Thompson testified that he went to the home of Nease Gillespie and while there asked little Henry where Nease's axe was. The boy told him where he could find it. He went as directed by Henry and found the axe just where the boy said he would.

THE "HUMAN FLY" DEAD.

Charles Bliss, the Noted Originator of Trick of Walking the Ceiling, is Dead.

Madison, Wis., July 21.—Charles Bliss, known a generation ago as the "human fly" is dead at the age of 80. Bliss originated the trick of walking the ceiling. He was born in Bavaria, traveled for years with the Dan Rice shows. At one time himself, five sons and three daughters, were all performers with the same circus.

NAIL UP CHURCH DOOR.

Controversy Between Unionists and Loyalists at White Heat.

Shelbyville, Tenn., July 21.—A controversy between the Unionists and Loyalists factions of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, over the question of union with the Presbyterian Church is at fever heat. Last night a party of Loyalists, headed by the mayor, went to the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and nailed up the door.

PACKERS IN LONDON

Number of the Chicago Packers Figuring on Opening up Business in England.

London, July 21.—London newspapers report that a number of Chicago meat packers are contemplating opening packing houses and warehouses in this country.

Sites in Lancashire and London are being inspected but no names are mentioned.

Mrs. D. W. Oates and Miss May Oates leave next Tuesday for Hot Springs, N. C., to be away for several weeks.

DREYFUS RECEIVES CROSS OF HONOR

At Identical Place Where 12 Years Ago his Sword was Broken and Buttons Stripped From his Uniform Drayfus was To-day Publicly Honored.

Paris, July 21.—In the presence of a distinguished military assemblage, Major Alfred Dreyfus, wearing a full uniform of his rank, received the cross of Chevalier of the Legion of Honor.

The ceremony which occurred in the court yard of the military school, was rendered doubly impressive by being held on the very spot where the buttons and gold lace were stripped off his uniform and his sword broken 12 years ago.

165 OF 300 ARE SICK.

Cruiser Brings 300 Marines From Panama, 165 of Whom Have Malaria.

CANDIDATES ON THE SQUARE.

About a Dozen Hold Informal Meeting in City Surrounded by Friends.

About Independence Square from noon until late this afternoon, the various candidates for county offices, most of them from the country, and some from the city, held full sway, surrounded by their backers and friends.

Passersby could not but help catching such words as "Recorder's jurisdiction," "Extension of Limits," "I believe he will win," and others of like nature. Men on every corner of the streets forgot the burning sun and even their dinners, and gesticulated and argued until they were bathed in perspiration. The scene was animated. It reminded one of the old, old times, when politics had an interest for everybody, young and old, and when men took off their coats and worked day after day in their own or somebody else's interests.

The county candidates were nearly all on hand and although many of them were new to politics they soon caught the swing and got to shaking hands and slapping unsuspecting folks on the back in a manner that was truly entertaining.

It is sure that more politics was talked on the Square today among the candidates and their friends than will be or can be talked at any big meeting that will be held during the campaign.

COTTON FIGURES TO DATE

Decrease of Nearly 2,000 Bales Shown. The Exact Figures Given.

The News this afternoon was furnished with the figures of the local cotton platform which show a decrease of receipts today for this season of nearly 2,000 bales.

For last year the receipts to this date were 21,009 and for this year 19,079, a decrease of 1930 bales.

The receipts for July last year to date were 2,036 and for this year, to date, 514 bales.

Louis division of the Southern Railroad platform today were 27 bales at 11.40 against 134 bales on the same date last year at 10.50.

Assistant Foreman of Government Bindery is Again Suspended. He was Cause of the President's Passing "Open Shop" Law for Government Shops.

Washington, July 21.—Public Printer Stilling suspended Assistant Foreman W. A. Miller, of the bindery of the government printing office, the charges being the subordination of insolence.

Miller was the immediate cause of the issuance by President Roosevelt of the order declaring the government printing office and all places where workmen were employed to be "open shops."

This resulted from Miller's removal in 1903. At the time of his dismissal Miller was called upon by the bookbinders' union to face certain charges, the outcome of which was his expulsion from the union. Shortly afterward he appealed to the President with the order that the President issued the order referred to and at the same time reinstated Miller.

PROF. KEESLER RESIGNS.

No Longer Leader of Charlotte Band— Training Woodmen Band in Concord.

Prof. R. L. Keesler, who has for the past year been leader and conductor of Keesler's Concert Band, has severed his connection with this band, and has given up the position of leader and teacher which he has occupied to the satisfaction of all the members for a year or more.

Mr. Keesler has perfected arrangements to train the Woodmen's band at Concord and will take charge of his new duties without delay.

MEXICAN SERVANTS JOIN IN THE ANTI-FOREIGN MOVEMENT

One of the Party of 50 Americans who Left Mexico Because of Anti-Foreign Breaks Tells of the Alarming Situation in Mexico.

Mexican Servants Join Anti-Foreign Movement. Foreigners Fear Being Poisoned. Situation Grows Alarming. Outbreak Scheduled for September.

New Orleans, La., July 21.—E. J. Mathes, one of the party of 50 American men, women and children who left Mexico because of the anti-foreign breaks and passed through New Orleans en route to Cincinnati said:

"One of the most alarming features of the situation is the fact that Mexican servants have joined in the anti-foreign movement, and the wives of the foreigners are in mortal terror of their families being poisoned."

"I am reluctant to leave the country, but I simply could not resist the pleadings of the members of my family."

The anti-foreign movement is the strongest in the Northern and Central portions of Mexico, where the natives have been wrought up to a high pitch of excitement by agitators and agents of revolutionary societies. Along the Rio Grande border the movement is not so strong because the Mexicans fear the Texans who know how to shoot.

"The educated class of Mexicans is not in sympathy with the anti-foreign movement, but it is in a hopeless minority. The army is recruited from the lower classes, and cannot be relied upon. An uprising is scheduled to occur in September and it will probably be necessary for the United States to throw an army across the border in order to protect the American citizens."

"The anti-foreign contingent has grown to such an extent that I do not believe the Mexican government can cope with it successfully."

The other members of the party include men with their families bound for Kentucky, Tennessee and the states farther East.

A NARROW ESCAPE.

Home of Miss Sallie Gaddy at Wadesboro Burned This Morning.

Wadesboro, July 21.—A two-story dwelling situated on the western heights of Wadesboro, the property of the late P. J. Coppedge, was consumed by fire this morning at 2 o'clock.

The house was occupied by Miss Sallie Gaddy. Only a few articles of clothing and bedding were saved. There was no insurance.

Death of Mrs. Loving.

Mr. A. E. McCausland, received a telegram from Lynchburg yesterday evening announcing the death there of his aunt, Mrs. Susie Loving, yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Mr. McCausland left this morning to attend the funeral which took place this afternoon. Mr. J. N. McCausland who was at Wrightsville Beach, went to Lynchburg to attend the funeral exercises.

Agreement Signed Today.

The formal agreement between the city of Charlotte and the Seaboard Air Line Railway will in all probability be signed Monday next, according to City Attorney Hugh W. Harris, to whose care the drawing up of the contract was committed. The signatures of Mayor McInch and Aldermen Dowd and Williams will probably be affixed to the contract as the official representatives of the city of Charlotte.

Mr. Z. M. Fox.

The many friends of Mr. Z. M. Fox, No. 513 North Brevard street will regret to know that his condition remains unchanged. His physicians pronounce him critically ill.

Articles of Peace Signed by The Three Warring Republics

Washington, July 21.—The American Ministers, Merry and Comber, advised the State Department that Honduras, Guatemala, and Salvador had signed the following articles of peace.

"That peace be established; the withdrawal of the armies within three days; disarmament in eight days; the exchange of prisoners; the release of political prisoners; general amnesty is recommended; The vigilance of emigrants in order to prevent abuse of asylum; To negotiate a treaty of friendship, commerce and navigation within two months."

ted to arbitration by the President of the United States and the President of Mexico.

This treaty is made with the moral sanction of the mediating nations, and others assisting at the conference, namely, Costa Rica and Nicaragua.

AGED WOMAN SUICIDED.

She Drove Two Ten-Penny Nails Into Her Head. Larado, Ark., July 21.—Mrs. Azelia Thompkins, aged 70, committed suicide by driving two ten-penny nails into her head.