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PRICE: In Charlotte, 2 cents a Copy Daily--5 Cents Sunday
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Henry Becker Dies From Effects of Jod Alcohol He Drank

Richmond Man Found in Semi-conscious Condition in His Room at Charlotte Hotel This Morning.

It is Said to Have Been on a Spree for Week and May Have Taken the Poison With no Idea of Suicide.

Henry Becker, apparently about 30 years old, a tailor by profession, died in the Charlotte hotel this morning about 8:30 o'clock as a result of a protracted spree followed by a self-administered quantity of jod alcohol.

In a semi-conscious condition he was found in the floor of his room by a fellow roomer whose attention was attracted by loud groans. With a shallow consciousness he died, and an empty bottle that had contained jod alcohol told the story of his death.

Having worked in Charlotte for several years ago, Mr. Becker, who was considered one of the best tailors, left his wife and family in Richmond three weeks ago and came here. He found employment with Tate & Brown, clothing and millinery, and worked for two weeks. He had not reported for duty for almost a week, and his associates supposed he was drinking too heavily. However, he had not been confined to bed and was apparently in good health yesterday. He retired early to the attendants at the Charlotte Hotel think, and until groans from his room were heard this morning nothing was thought out of the ordinary.

Finding that he was unconscious a doctor call was sent to the store and Dr. Rowe responded. The man was beyond medical aid when the physician arrived. Doctor Hovis was shortly on the scene and the body was moved to the morgue. The establishment, Telephones were sent to Richmond where a brother, Augustus, now lives, being employed by Barney Myers, one of the most popular tailors of the Old Dominion city.

In their efforts to ascertain who the man was and what were his connections, the hotel attaches and physicians examined his mail with the result that several letters were found from his wife in Richmond. In one letter, dated February 13, and received here the following day, Mrs. Becker censures her husband for sending her money with which to pay for a new dress. No address was given on the letter and the authorities did not know whom to address in Richmond.

It was later found that besides a wife and two children and a brother in Richmond, Mr. Becker has a home living in Albany, N. Y. Her husband is quoted as being worth at least one million dollars, and a telegram has been sent to police authorities here asking for some information.

In the meanwhile the body will be kept at the undertaking establishment of Mr. Hovis. It is altogether probable that it will be shipped to Richmond for burial.

How the dead man secured the jod alcohol is not clearly known. At first it was thought that he had used for the poison in cleaning clothes, but inquiry at the tailoring shop for which he worked elicited the information that he had no use for such an article.

None are disposed to believe that death resulted from any suicidal impulse. The general idea is that Becker was drinking early in the morning and having no whiskey to satiate his desire, experimented with the wood alcohol that chanced to be in his room. His groans awoke the person in an adjoining room who notified the proprietor of the hotel and the investigation followed.

Noted Commission Merchant Dead.
By Associated Press.
St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 17.—E. B. Woodard, a Philadelphia commission merchant, died at his winter residence, "The Gap Way," here, last night. Heart disease was the cause of death.

Sheriff's Office And Grand Jury to Clash Over Election Fraud Investigation Soon

By Associated Press.
Shelville, Ill., Feb. 17.—A clash between the grand jury and the sheriff's office is among the probabilities of the next few hours in the election fraud investigation. Ever since the election of State's Attorney Lewman, it is claimed that Foreman Woodard has been having trouble in securing witnesses, subpoenas issued were returned with the endorsement "person not found."
This morning Frank Collard, formerly a Shelbyville saloon keeper, converted to the Billy Sunday revival last night and now himself an evangelist, voluntarily appeared before the grand jury. A subpoena had been issued for him several days ago. Collard says

STEVENSON TO BE HANGED TODAY

By Associated Press.
Mountsville, W. Va., Feb. 17.—Frank Stevenson, the negro who fought desperately for his life after killing Mose Blagman, a white boy in Mingo county, in 1907, will be hanged at sundown in the state penitentiary here today. Stevenson was sentenced to death after each of two trials and then feigning insanity was sent to the Western asylum. There he was repeatedly examined by alienists and it was decided he was sane. The third death sentence followed. He will be given a sumptuous meal at 4 o'clock and soon afterward will go to the scaffold.

Negro Confessed Murder.

By Associated Press.
Panama City, Fla., Feb. 17.—The body of Richard Hancock, an aged man who for years had lived alone, was found at his home near here today with three bullet wounds in the back. Richard McNeil, a negro, was arrested and confessed to having killed him. Hancock was reputed to have been wealthy and it is said that he kept large sums of money in the house. It is known he received \$400 last from the sale of some wood.

Record of Coast Artillery Company.

By Associated Press.
Pensacola, Fla., Feb. 17.—One hundred per cent is the record in submarine mine firing made by the 123rd company of coast artillery stationed at Fort Barrancas, which has been at practice for several days. Every mine exploded in the harbor and demolished the target towed above it. The mines were exploded by what is known as "judgment firing," observations being made by means of special instruments.

CAPTAIN BAHNSON OF MOCKSVILLE, N. C., IS DEAD

Special to The News.
Winston-Salem, N. C., Feb. 17.—Captain Charles Bahnson, a veteran of the civil war and a grand lecturer of the Grand Lodge of Masons, died at his home in Mocksville late last night as the result of a stroke of paralysis which occurred in December.

Earth Shocks Recorded.
By Associated Press.
New Orleans, La., Feb. 17.—An earthquake, probably several thousand miles west of here was recorded by the seismograph at Loyola College this morning. The shocks began at 8:30 and continued until 10 o'clock. The maximum amplitude was 20 millimetres and the movement was from east to west.

COLUMBIA MAN EXPIRED TO-DAY

By Associated Press.
Columbia, S. C., Feb. 17.—Mr. Thomas Hassell Gibbs, aged 60 years, and one of the best men in Columbia, died here early today from valvular trouble of the heart. He was cashier of the of the Bank of Columbia, was twice mayor of Columbia. He is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter and by two brothers, one of whom is Mr. W. A. Gibbs, of Augusta, Ga.



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INSURRECTO LEADERS JOIN THEIR FORCES

By Associated Press.
El Paso, Texas, Feb. 17.—Officials of the Mexican Northwestern Railway report that Oroso and Blanco, the insurrecto leaders, have finally consummated a junction of their forces and are located near Ascension, about 50 miles southwest of Juarez. The insurrectos cut all the telegraph wires from the Mexican Northwestern between Duzman and Casas Grandes.

Epidemic Of Grip In New York

By Associated Press.
New York, Feb. 17.—The epidemic of grip here shows no signs of subsidence and health department records show a large increase in the number of deaths from grip and pneumonia over last year. Inclement and changeable weather is the cause of the unusual number of cases of grip.

BODIES OF MURDERED MEN RECOVERED.

By Associated Press.
Reno, Utah, Feb. 17.—Advices from Superintendent of Police P. J. Donnelly and the sheriff of Washoe county state that the bodies of the four stockmen murdered near Camp Denio had been recovered. All were horribly mutilated.

PROMINENT MAN AND HIS WIFE DISAPPEARED

By Associated Press.
Pittsburgh, Feb. 17.—The people of Edgeworth, a fashionable and wealthy suburb are alarmed over the mysterious disappearance of Smith Agnew, a prominent insurance man and his wife.

Agnew left his home while slightly delirious yesterday afternoon and his wife soon followed him. Organized parties spent the night scouring the Sewickley valley in search of them. Mrs. Agnew was traced a short distance from her home but from that point she has dropped out as completely as has her husband.

POLICEMAN WAS KILLED BY UNKNOWN MAN

By Associated Press.
Greenville, S. C., Feb. 17.—Police-man O. S. Gunnells died at 10:40 this morning from the effects of pistol shot wounds inflicted about 2:30 o'clock at the Columbia and Greenville Railroad depot by an unknown man. Officer Arthur Johnson, who was shot in the leg by the same man, is so seriously injured.

MUST SILENCE Annexation Talk

By Associated Press.
Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 17.—In an address at the continental dinner of the Knives and Fork Club here last night, W. Warman, of Montreal, the poet and author warned his auditors that the United States must silence annexation talk if they wish Canada to accept the proposed reciprocity measure.

BILL TO PROHIBIT LIQUOR IN CLUBS IS FAVORED

Special to The News.
Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 17.—The senate today passed on second reading a bill to establish state farm-life schools and it was re-referred to the committee on education to have it printed.

TWO TRAPPERS RESCUED AFTER BAD EXPERIENCE

By Associated Press.
Wheatland, Iowa, Feb. 17.—Chilled, numb and hungry after clinging for 36 hours to the branches of a tree, Harold Tyron and Charles Rice, two trappers living on an island in the Wapsie river were rescued late last night. They narrowly escaped the grasp of the flood which swept down through the river bottoms.

Bill Prohibiting Gambling In Futures Is Considered

WILL NEVER ACCEPT BONILLA FOR PRESIDENT

By Associated Press.
Puerto Cortez, Honduras, Feb. 17.—By wireless to New Orleans:
"The people of Honduras will never accept Manuel Bonilla for president because he is in league with a fruit combine of the United States."
This declaration, made this morning by General Maximo B. Rossales, the peace envoy of President Davila, does not give promise of an early settlement of the revolutionary troubles of the country as General Bonilla is determined to resume fighting if the presidency is not turned over to him. Already the revolutionary troops here under General Lee Christmas are growing restless because of the feeling that the peace proposal of President Davila was merely a ruse to gain time. They anticipate further fighting.

General Rossales says that if General Bonilla will sacrifice his personal ambition to regain the presidency the peace negotiations may be concluded within a few days. As the report of President Davila he will favor the selection of a third man for the presidency, who will rule until an election can be held.

RUSSIA SENDS ULTIMATUM TO CHINESE

By Associated Press.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 17.—The Novoye Vremya in discussing today the announced purpose of Russia to make military demonstration in the province in Chinese Turkestan, describes the note presented at Peking by Minister Korotovitz as a semi-ultimatum, as it does not specify the term within which China must comply with the demands of St. Petersburg.

PROCEEDINGS OF DAY IN THE LEGISLATURE

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Canadian Annexation Resolution Stirs England--Congress Takes Action

By Associated Press.
London, Feb. 17.—Whether, as is suspected in some quarters, Congress man Bennett, of New York, had no more sinister motive than to embarrass the reciprocity forces in his own country, there is no room for doubt that his Canadian annexation resolution introduced in the house of representatives yesterday has greatly disturbed certain minds on this side of the Atlantic.

By Associated Press.
Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—An agreement that it would vote today on the bill to prohibit gambling in cotton futures, the committee on interstate commerce decided by a vote of 6 to 5 to report it to the senate without recommendation.

The failure of the committee to make recommendation to the senate resulted from the conviction on the part of several members that a measure of such importance should be given more consideration than was possible under today's decision to vote. An agreement had been made, however, and Senators Clark, of Arkansas, and Tillman, of South Carolina, held the committee to its word.

Three sections of the bill as it passed the house were eliminated by the senate committee, and some of the friends of the measure say that the changes make the measure non-effective.

The sections struck out are: That which authorizes agents of telegraph, telephone companies to administered outlets in their efforts to ascertain when messages offered for transmission were in violation of the law.

The principal arguments against the bill were made by Judge E. H. Farrar, representing the New Orleans exchange, and F. B. Thompson, its president. They consumed practically all of the time. The committee seemed interested in trying to get the views of the witnesses as to whether the government will separate speculative transactions from the legitimate transactions where buyers and sellers intended to receive and deliver goods.

THE NEW YORK BANKERS ARE DISTURBED

By Associated Press.
Washington, Feb. 17.—New York bankers disturbed by a report that the department of justice is about to investigate the New York clearing house for alleged violations of the Sherman anti-trust law have submitted to Attorney General Wickham a brief explaining the organization and functions of the association.

The New York bankers took alarm at a recent attempt to have a grand jury investigate the clearing house association at New Orleans. In that case, however, Attorney General Wickham held that the New Orleans clearing house did not come within the scope of interstate commerce and ordered the proceedings dismissed. So far as could be learned today no official proceedings against the New York clearing house are contemplated but the bankers explained they wish to present their

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