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MAYOR GAYNOR SHOT TODAY

DISCHARGED DOCK EMPLOYEE SHOTS FOUR BULLETS AT HIM.

Mayor Was Starting Off on His Vacation—Bullet Entered Back of Ear—The Victim Conscious and it is Thought Will Recover.

Special to The Tribune.
New York, August 9.—John J. Gallagher, a discharged dock employe here, this morning boarded the steamship Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, on which Mayor Gaynor was to sail for his vacation, and shot four times at the mayor. One bullet entered back of the left ear and lodged in the mastoid bone. Mr. Gaynor is conscious and it is thought he will recover.

Mayor Gaynor was treated on the ship at Hoboken, and afterwards taken to St. Mary's hospital, where it was stated that he will live unless complications set in.

Gallagher stated that the Mayor was going off to spend money that belonged to him. He was promptly arrested by a policeman and Big Bill Edwards, of the Street Cleaning Department.

Later Report.

At 2:45 o'clock this afternoon the following bulletin was issued at the hospital:

"Mayor shot in right side of neck. Position of bullet is not yet definitely located, but will be determined later by X-rays. Mayor conscious and resting quietly and seems to be in no immediate danger."

Eleven physicians and the hospital staff are in close attendance on Mr. Gaynor. Gallagher was taken to the hospital about noon for identification by the Mayor but physicians refused to allow him to be taken into sick room, declaring it might excite the sick man. Identification is unnecessary as there were a number of witnesses to the shooting. Gallagher in his cell continually harps on the fancy that Mayor Gaynor has taken his job away from him.

Farmers are Making the Real Juice from Apples.

Reports from the western section of the state are that the crops, especially corn, are the finest in years. The fruit crop, too, has proven to be something immense. Apples are said to be selling for 10 and 15 cents a bushel and peaches for 25 cents a bushel, with nothing like adequate market for them at that. Some of the owners of extensive apple orchards are distilling their apples under the provisions of the state law that allows growers to distill, but not to sell. Just how they will be able to realize on this venture remains to be seen. Large numbers of government licenses for this kind of distilling have been issued by the government.

"Baseball in Heaven" was the subject of a sermon preached Sunday by Rev. C. Julian Tutbill, pastor of the Congregational Church, of Mattapoisett, Mass. He said in part:

"Heaven is but an evolution of this world. A Christian may love a ball game and loving it remain a Christian. Why then is it not safe to prophesy that even the game of baseball will have its place in some spiritual form in Heaven?"

Faked Fight Pictures Arouse Ire of Crowd.

An attempt by the manager of a theatre at Gary, Ind., to palm off fake pictures of the Jeffries-Johnson fight resulted Saturday night in riotous scenes that required the calling out of the entire police force.

Bills announcing the reproduction of the Reno contest were plastered all over town. When the fight pictures were thrown on the screen, yells of derision went up from the spectators.

The fighters representing Jeffries and Johnson were what is known in sporting vernacular as a "couple of shiners." They fought fourteen rounds despite the threats of the crowd to tear down the theatre until their money was refunded. Then the crowd became so violent that the whole police force had to use clubs to disperse the rioters.

Married Last Week.

Mr. W. A. Castor, a prominent citizen of No. 5 township, was married on Wednesday of last week to Miss Lela Hileman, daughter of the late Mr. A. F. Hileman. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. H. Causey at his residence here. The matter was kept a secret for several days, but leaked out Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Castor will leave this afternoon for Norfolk on the steamer.

VETERANS MEET TODAY.

Confederates Have Great Time at Annual Picnic Today.

Today was Confederate Veteran day in Concord. In the early hours, before the stores and shops of the city opened for the day, the gray haired heroes, who followed Lee and Jackson through our years of incessant battle, began to arrive in the city from streets were thronged with them, who together with their children, their children's children, friends and neighbors formed a veritable multitude.

At 11 o'clock the Cabarrus Camp United Confederate Veterans met at the court house. Officers of the camp for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Commander, H. B. Parks; 1st Lieutenant, G. E. Ritchie; 2nd Lieutenant, C. A. Pitts; 3rd Lieutenant, S. R. Andrews; Adjutant, M. M. Gillon; Secretary and Treasurer, W. M. Weddington; Color Bearer, P. M. Faggart; Sergeant Major, G. W. Brown; Quartermaster, Smith Shuping; Chaplain, Rev. Jacob Simpson; Surgeon, Dr. S. A. Grier; Assistant Surgeon, Dr. L. M. Archey; Historian, J. D. Barriar. Little Miss Ruth Porter, Mascot of the Mecklenburg Camp, dressed in uniform of Confederate gray and wearing a Confederate cap, recited "Stonewall Jackson" in her own inimitable style and at the conclusion she was cheered to the echo by the veterans.

The Camp then adjourned to the court house lawn where music was rendered by the Woodman Band and Veterans Choir, at the conclusion of which Commander Parks cried: "Attention Veterans," and gave this command: "All veterans meet just outside the lawn and form a line headed by the band and march to the dinner table where you may eat to your own satisfaction." His orders were promptly obeyed and a line numbering 175 veterans was quickly formed and two by two they marched to the long rows of tables which had been provided and laden with what appeared to be an inexhaustible supply of good things to eat. The menu in part was: Chicken, beef, mutton, ham, cakes of all kinds, pies of every description, sandwiches, fruits, watermelon, lemonade, ice water and cider. Seven hundred plates had been provided.

After the dinner the veterans gathered in front of the City Hall and faced the camera of Photographer Newman. They then returned to the lawn where more music was rendered by the band and the choir. At the close of the musical program Miss Porter recited "Suit of Confederate Gray" much to the delight of every one. Hon. L. T. Hartail and Prof. C. E. Boger made short but eloquent and appropriate addresses. The Veterans of Cabarrus county then dispersed to their various homes, having spent a day that will no doubt live long in their memory.

The Cotton Mills.

Charlotte Chronicle.

The season of the suspension of work in the cotton mills is nearing an end, and resumption of full time will soon be in order. The Chadwick-Hoskins chain of mills in Charlotte has resumed work and it is probable that September 1st or 15th will see all the mills in this section in operation again. Meantime, the value of the cotton mill as a commercial asset to a community has had a practical demonstration. The trade channels have felt the loss of the cotton mill money and the shutting down of the mills was quite a factor in the general run of dullness in business circles. However, conditions were such that the employes of the cotton mills suffered the minimum amount of inconvenience. They had their homes to live in and their corn patches and vegetable gardens enabled them to exist in comparative comfort. It has been for them really something in the nature of a holiday. Had the short time come during the winter, when there would have been wood and coal bills to meet and all provisions to buy, the situation would have been far different. As it is, the closing of the shut-down season finds the mill employes in good shape to resume work, the mill men in better position to pay their wages and the cloth and yarn market showing a healthier tone.

Society Women are Caught in Gambling Raid.

A hundred persons, including twenty or more society women, were found in the club rooms of the Narragansett Club at Narragansett Pier, R. I., when a gambling raid was made early Sunday morning.

Several of the women, who were in evening dress, fainted. The names of all present were taken but are withheld by the police. Persons high in social life in New York, Philadelphia and Washington were among those in the club.

The Durham Sun announces the purchase of a controlling interest in that paper by Mr. F. A. Moore, formerly general manager of the Winston-Salem Journal.

DREDGING THE STREAMS.

Thousands of Acres of Almost Useless Land May be Redeemed that Way.

"One of the most notable developments in the piedmont section of the Carolinas is the movement which has just started looking toward the dredging of some of our filled up streams and the redemption of thousands of acres of as fine corn land as there is in the country," declared a gentleman this morning who keeps a watchful eye on the economic developments of this section. The conversation was anent the recent organization in Gaston county of the Crowder's Creek Dredging Association, which proposes to have a dredge built and redeem the bottom lands that flank that stream.

When one speaks of reclaiming land the mind naturally turns to the eastern swamps, but as a matter of fact several hundred thousand acres of the finest land in the country needs reclaiming in the Piedmont section of both the Carolinas. The rich bottom lands bordering the rivers and creeks of the foothills have been rendered unfit for cultivation by the filling up of the various streams, every freshet now overflowing and ruining crops that would give abundant yields otherwise. The dredging of these streams prevents these frequent overflows and renders the land fit for cultivation.

The first dredging that was done in this section was in Clark's creek in Lincoln and Catawba counties in North Carolina, when a number of wealthy landowners purchased a dredge and began operations as an experiment. Several thousand acres of rich land was redeemed and land that was before quoted at just a few dollars an acre cannot be purchased for less than \$50 and \$100 an acre. So well did the project succeed and so comparatively cheap is the work that a few other sections are taking hold and investigating the matter. In some counties the county commissioners are investigating, but it is probable that in most instances the landowners will carry the work through. It is believed that the movement will spread rapidly and that within a few years several hundred thousand productive acres of land will have been redeemed in the two States.

Conjugal Amenities.

Georgia Blackburn, a colored woman who lives in Brown town, appeared at police headquarters this morning with her dark countenance somewhat battered and misshapen and with blood flowing in a small gentle stream from a gash on the side of her head, which was inflicted by a plate in the hands of her spouse, one Alonzo Blackburn. From what can be learned of the difficulty it seems that in the first round of the bout this morning, Georgia had everything going her way. Alonzo came home from his work and asked for his breakfast. Something in his manner evidently did not suit Georgia, for immediately after he was seated she proceeded to fling his breakfast, plate and all at him. Alonzo submitted a few remarks on her conduct whereupon she went at him herself. Alonzo showed his "yellow streak" and out the door he went with his assailant in close pursuit. Georgia finally caught him and was giving him a sound pummeling when he swatted her one with the plate. Blackburn gave bond for his appearance tomorrow morning.

Farmers' Union Picnic.

The Farmers' Union of Cabarrus county will hold its annual picnic at Cold Springs church, in No. 8 township, on Wednesday, August 24. Dr. H. Q. Alexander, State President, will be there and other prominent men of the Union will be present. These gentlemen will address the people on behalf of the Farmers' Union. The Mt. Pleasant band will furnish music for the occasion. Refreshments will be served on the grounds and half of the proceeds realized from the refreshment stand will be given to the Sunday school of Cold Springs church. Every farmer and others of all occupations of life are invited to join in this picnic. Mr. A. H. Litaker is president of the Cabarrus Farmers' Union.

See The Times for Job Printing.

SENSATION IN CHARLOTTE.

Police Had Poplar Drug Firm Into Court.

Quite a sensation was sprung Monday when two drug clerks and the firms for which they work were indicted for selling whiskey, says the Charlotte correspondent of the Greensboro News. The young men are Messrs. C. P. Montgomery and Kendrick Webb, and the firm they work for is the R. H. Jordan Drug Company, one of the most popular drug stores in the city.

The warrant against the company as a corporation charged it with sending out whiskey on prescriptions without properly labelling the bottle. The warrants grew out of a *capias ad testificandum* which was served on George Brown, after the adjournment of the recorder's court.

Brown was arrested in the red light district Saturday night and looked up on a charge of drunkenness, two large pint bottles of whiskey being found on his person when arrested. At the trial the court asked him where he got his whiskey. He answered that he got it on a doctor's prescription, getting one pint Saturday afternoon and another pint shortly after midnight. Upon this testimony City Attorney DeLaney requested magistrate Scullion to issue a *capias ad testificandum*. At the *testificandum* proceedings Brown gave testimony which the magistrate deemed sufficient to issue warrants for the clerks and the firm.

Brown testified that the prescriptions were telephoned to the drug stores by Dr. J. W. Summers, of Davidson, on Saturday evening, and that one pint was delivered by Mr. Montgomery at the time of the phone message. The other pint was delivered about 1 o'clock by Kendrick Webb. The bottles had no labels, as required by law, which prescribes that the bottles shall bear a label setting forth the name of the firm selling the liquor, the date and number of the prescription, the doctor and the amount and dose of the contents.

Brown created another near sensation when he testified on the stand that after getting the whiskey Police-Lucy was the first man he gave a drink. Luckey was on duty at the time, and if it can be established that he imbibed he will immediately be dropped from the force. The executive board will doubtless call an investigation.

Church in Charlotte Struck by Lightning.

While the congregation of East Avenue tabernacle, in Charlotte, was worshipping Sunday night, just after the preliminary services and as Rev. J. G. Kennedy was preparing to begin his sermon, a stroke of lightning accompanied by a terrific crash of thunder, struck the church steeple and knocked a large hole in it, shaking the entire structure. The lights were cut off at the same instant and the congregation was terrified by the blinding crash and the darkness that followed. Several women gave vent to loud screams when it was realized that the church had been struck, and it was at first thought that many had been killed or shocked by the lightning. Dr. Kennedy calmed the congregation, however, and by his calm example soon set his flock at ease. Candles were secured from a house next door and it was quickly learned that no one was hurt and the pastor continued his services. The damage to the steeple was comparatively small and is being repaired.

Some Fine Grapes.

Capt. Jonas Cook, who has the reputation as the best grape raiser in the county, brought to our office today a bunch of grapes that would take the premium at any fair. It looked like the pictures you see in the nursery books. The grapes were of the Campbell's Early variety, which is a cross between the Concord and Muscat Hamburg. The flavor is somewhat like that of the muscadine. The bunch Capt. Cook brought us weighed 10 ounces, and some of the grapes were seven-eighths of an inch in diameter.

Mr. William Fetzer has returned from a visit to friends in South Carolina.

STATE ASSOCIATION COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Annual Meeting to be Held in Charlotte Wednesday and Thursday.

The second annual convention of the State Association of County Commissioners promises to be a meeting of no little importance. In fact so important was the meeting regarded by the General Assembly that a law was passed requiring the various counties of the State to pay the expenses of the delegates from their respective boards. President C. E. Foy of Craven county has prepared a programme that should be very profitable to those present. There will be papers discussions touching upon the various duties of the commissioners, taxes, highway improvements and other matters upon any commissioner may desire enlightenment. Probably 100 delegates will be in Charlotte for the opening of the convention to-morrow morning (Wednesday).

Besides the business sessions Chairman W. M. Long, of the Mecklenburg board, Secretary W. T. Corwith, of the Greater Charlotte Club, and their committee have arranged a pleasure programme that will add much to the meeting. The visitors will be taken all over Charlotte with its 24 miles of electric lines on special cars, taking in the various residential and industrial suburbs. Later there will be an automobile party, when the visitors will be whisked out to the handsome county home and over the good roads of Mecklenburg county, which has over 200 miles of macadamized highway.

The meeting promises to be a most pleasant and profitable one. Mr. G. Ed Kestler, chairman of the board, expects to attend the meeting tomorrow.

Ordinary expenses of the United States government last month were nine and one half million dollars greater than the ordinary receipts. Including expenditures for the Panama Canal and on account of the public debt, there was a deficit of fourteen and one half millions, compared with eighteen and one half millions in July 1909.

CLOSE TO 90,000 THE CENSUS OUTLOOK.

Announcement of Population of United States to Come About the Middle of October.

It will be about the middle of October before the people of the United States learn their true number as revealed by the official count of the thirteenth census. It is generally believed that the number will be about 90,000,000, and census officials are known to share in this general belief, although officially they know nothing about it. This belief is based on the fact that an increase slightly in excess of the 13,000,000 increase during the previous decade would bring the population in 1910 to the 90,000,000 mark.

About 300 of the more than 1,800 clerks in the Census Office are compiling population figures only, while the others are working on other statistics. Contrary to the general opinion all the counting of the people is done by hand, the tabulating machines being used only in classification as to race, sex and other conditions.

In two cities evidence of fraud has been discovered, and in one, Great Falls, Mon., a prosecution has been undertaken for fraudulent enumeration.

Big Meteor Falls.

Accompanied by a noise as loud as thunder a large meteor fell in the neighborhood of Council Bluffs, Iowa, Sunday, shaking the city and causing intense excitement. Searching parties have been attempting to locate the point where the meteor fell in the hills immediately back of the city. Hundreds of persons heard the explosion and felt the shock but because of the sun at the time, very few saw the aerolite itself. The meteor, which is described as very large and traveling from northwest to southeast, passed high in the air and disappeared behind the hills.

It is said that there are now 150,000 automobiles in New York state with a few hundred more being added to the list every week. The automobile industry in this country is indeed reaching gigantic proportions.

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