

TWO DETAILS OF MURDERS WILL NEVER BE KNOWN

Another Ghastly Find at Luray, Va., Yesterday.

Coroner's Jury Decides Mrs. Burner and Children Were Battered by Vm. Nichols, Whose Body is Found. With Head Blown Off.

Luray, Va., January 4.—A coroner's jury, investigating the murder of Mrs. Charles E. Burner and her three little children in their mountain home five miles from here some time on Saturday night, today returned a verdict that they came to their death at the hands of William Nichols. The body of Nichols was found this morning in the home of Wesley Williams, who had blown his head off with a shot gun.

It developed at the inquest that when Mr. Burner left his home on Saturday evening Nichols remained at the Burner home to look after the stock. Nichols, it is said, had been paying unwelcome attention to Mrs. Burner, and jealousy over the return of the husband, released from the State convict force, is assigned as the cause.

Gruesome details were given at the inquest. Hamilton, 5 years old, the oldest child, had been struck with an axe, the blade penetrating the brain, two fingers were cut off and the body mutilated. Walter, 4 years old, was pulled from the bed and his face split open from ear to ear, and one of his hands is missing. The yearling child, who was killed by a blow on the head. Deep gashes cover the entire body of Mrs. Burner.

Nichols is a son of Christopher Nichols, of Rappahannock county, and recently served three years in the State penitentiary for forgery. After the murder, Nichols went to the home of Price, who was away on a visit, forced his way in with an axe, found Price's shot gun, and blew his brains out.

PROHIBIT EXPORTS OF WAR MATERIALS

Continued From Page One and that England is not allowed to prevent us from sending articles that are of no direct use in war to Italy, Holland, Denmark, Norway and Sweden and Switzerland, or any other country that desires to buy our goods.

Resolutions presented by the German-American Alliance delegation included a letter written by Mr. Hexamer to President Wilson, dated December 10th, "in the interest of neutrality," saying that one of the nations engaged in the war "could not get munitions from this country."

"Our failure in keeping strict neutrality becomes thereby," the letter continued, "an unfriendly if not inimical act against one particular nation. You cannot imagine, Mr. President," he wrote, "twice as many men and women as fill the Americas of German descent to see the resources of this great country which they have helped to build up, placed at the disposal of enemies, who with their superior forces, have proclaimed their avowed purpose to crush our ancestral homes."

BRITAIN'S REPLY OF MOST FRIENDLY TONE

(Continued From Page One.) hardships of detentions and extended searches.

"The Department of State is advised that the Treasury Department has authorized the collector of customs at Savannah, Ga., to have vessels bound to foreign ports loaded under the supervision or inspection of customs officials, upon application in writing by the owners or agents of the vessels, or the exporters and to give an appropriate certificate of cargo as shown on the manifests. The customs officials, however, will not attempt to determine or certify whether any part of the cargo is or is not contraband of war."

"Doubtless the same authority will be extended by the Treasury Department to the customs officials at all our ports wherever desired. Complaints have been made that in some instances the ship's manifest does not contain all the cargo aboard and this action of the Treasury Department is no doubt in response to these complaints."

Justification for detention of neutral vessels clearing from American ports is claimed by the British because contraband has been concealed in some cotton cargoes. It also is alleged that manifests when produced have not disclosed the whole of the cargoes.

The British claim that the size of modern vessels prevents a thorough search on the high seas, necessitating the taking of the ships to a British port to be partially or wholly unloaded. Long delays sometimes resulting was one of the complaints which the State Department complained to the British government.

British authorities early in the war declared frequent and thorough searches were made necessary by the action of the American Treasury Department in suspending the practice of making public manifests of departing ships. Treasury Department officials were quoted as placing the responsibility for this suspension upon exporters who were loath to have their export secrets made known to rivals through the publication of their manifests.

SCOTT AND VILLA WILL CONFER ON THE BRIDGE

(Continued From Page One.) said, the arrival of General Cabral on his way north with 500 men to take charge of the situation.

The conference with Villa is understood to have been sought not only because of the delay at Naco, but that any agreement reached might apply to the whole of the international line.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 4.—General Villa left Mexico City today and is expected here Wednesday. General Villa is negotiating with General Scott regarding the border situation.

CONFER TONIGHT ON NATIONAL DEFENSE

(Continued from Page One.) side the fields of the navy and the Navy Department."

Admiral Knight cited the diversion of battleships and torpedo craft to use as fleet auxiliaries, the fact that they exist, with resulting interruption of preparation for battle and the breaking down of efficiency. He said this in many cases was the result of lack of cruisers and gunboats.

Among other data just added to the report of the hearing is a statement of naval expenditures for the current fiscal year, ending on June 30, 1915. The United States appropriation is \$141,872,780, Great Britain appropriated \$260,000,000, Germany (April to March 1914-1915) \$129,000,000, Japan (April to March), \$69,000,000; Italy (July 1 to June 30), \$57,000,000. Total appropriations on account of the navy in this country from 1794 to the present inclusive were shown to aggregate \$3,071,179,959.

Representative Gardner submitted to the military committee a series of letters exchanged by himself and Secretary Garrison in the past year for three months. Gardner, replying to the question as to how much the 14-inch guns of foreign navies outranged the 12-inch guns of this country's coast defenses wrote that they could carry their maximum standard carriage weight while "our 12-inch guns on their standard carriage carry 13,000 yards, but could be mounted so as to carry a similar distance to the 12-inch guns. It would take ten months to make the change."

Mr. Garrison said there were no 14-inch guns now in the coast defense of the United States. He said that four such guns were being constructed for installation on the Pacific coast. He said that there were no guns of a larger size except the 16-inch gun destined for the Panama Canal. We explained that there were two 14-inch guns already mounted in the Panama canal fortification and eight more being mounted.

There are now in our possession," the Secretary added, "624 modern field guns and howitzers, 226 additional ones appropriated for and under manufacture, a total 850. We have on hand or under manufacture 180,000 rounds of ammunition for these guns and howitzers."

Chairman Hay remarked to Mr. Gardner during the hearing today that the British armaments which the European war broke out "didn't amount to a row of pins" and that it was impracticable to get a reserve except in countries where there is a compulsory service.

"As a matter of history," added Mr. Hay, "both the federal and Confederate governments had to resort to conscription."

A. & M. ATHLETIC INTEREST CENTERS IN BALL TOSSERS

Fans Optimistic as to Record to be Made in the Spring—Schedule

(Special Star Correspondence) West Raleigh, Jan. 4.—Athletic interest at A. & M. College is now centered on the ball tossers who will represent the college on the basketball floor this spring. After such a disastrous season as "the game" on the basketball court, the fans are anxious to come this spring in the way of victories for the team.

Several of the strong eleven which the Red and White turned out last year are expected to again go forth in to the basketball battle. Sharpe, Van Brocklin and MacDougal are expected to take an active part in the spring's work and help round out a good team.

The first game will be played on January 15 at Charlotte when the Y. M. C. A. of Charlotte will be met. Following this game a dozen others have been arranged, which will make the schedule one of the most attractive ever arranged:

- January 15—Guilford at Guilford.
January 22—V. P. I. at Raleigh.
January 29—Duke at Raleigh.
January 30—Eliot at Raleigh.
February 6—Eliot at Eliot.
February 11—Trinity at Durham.
February 11—Renoake at Salem.
February 12—V. P. I. at Blacksburg.
February 13—Washington & Lee at Lexington.
February 20—Guilford at Raleigh.
February 22—Raleigh Y. M. C. A. at Raleigh.
February 27—Trinity at Raleigh.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Governor Stuart and Senator Swanson, Virginia, asked President Wilson today to honor the memory of General J. E. B. Stuart, Confederate leader, by appointing his grand son, J. E. B. Stuart, of Norfolk, to West Point. The President promised to consider the request.

BEFORE THE RECORDER.

Will Kennedy, colored, Will be Tried Wednesday—Other Cases.

Will Kennedy, colored, charged with larceny of a watch and a small sum of money from Mr. E. O. Penny, will be tried before the Recorder tomorrow, the case having been continued from yesterday. He went to jail in default of bond in the sum of \$500. John Baker, white, charged with being disorderly; James Blakely, colored, charged with assaulting a female, and E. Jarman, white, charged with being disorderly, were each taxed with the costs. A nol pros with leave was entered in a case against Walter Hudson, white, charged with assaulting a female. Judgment was also open in a case against Mr. J. P. Herring, county farm demonstrator, charged with violating a market ordinance. This is a test case brought by Mr. Herring to find out whether or not a producer can sell pork in the city without having to pay a license tax.

NEW PLANT IN OPERATION.

Galena Oil Company's New Home a Model of Its Kind.

The Galena Oil Company's new plant on the Castle Haynes road just north of the city limits is now in operation, and the first shipment of oil has arrived. The plant is a model of its kind and has a total capacity of half a million gallons of oil.

Mr. George W. Branch, of this city, is manager of the plant and has his residence on the grounds. With the exception of the tanks and steam pump, all material used in the construction of the new plant was purchased in Wilmington. Only white men will be employed at the plant.

The oil handled is lubricating and signal oil exclusively, and the railroads are the largest users. The plant at Wilmington will serve a territory embracing four States.

Information regarding our 1915 Christmas Club is being furnished by a manager of this bank. American National Bank—Advertisement.

GREAT NAVAL PARADE MAY BE POSTPONED

Continuation of Landslides May Make it Necessary.

Postponement of International Event is Suggested at Conference Between Col. Goethals and Secretary Garrison.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The possibility of a postponement of the cruise of the international fleet from Hampton Roads to San Francisco through the Panama canal in connection with the formal opening of the canal and the exposition was suggested today during a conference between Secretary Garrison and Colonel Goethals, governor of the Canal Zone.

Though the great earth slides at Cucaracha apparently have been conquered, the earth movements continue in the neighborhood of Gold Hill. At that point the super incumbent mass of earth on the side of the canal, by their great pressure, are continuously forcing rock and soil in great quantities into the canal prism.

The movement is sufficiently extensive to require the continuous employment of dredges to maintain the channel. While this can be done to meet the needs of the present number and size of vessels that are applying for passage, Colonel Goethals reported that he could not guarantee that there would be a channel broad enough and deep enough for the great dreadnoughts which will make up the naval parade by the date they are expected to arrive at Cristobal next spring.

The mastery of the earth movements at Gold Hill is considered only a question of time, when the earth must find its equilibrium. Colonel Goethals, however, is unable to promise that this period of stability will be attained by the time the naval fleet is scheduled to reach the canal.

As the programme of the fleet from the time it gathers at Hampton Roads to its arrival at San Francisco is prescribed by law, the officials are now considering whether it will be necessary to secure special legislation in case it is decided to abandon or postpone the cruise because of conditions in the canal.

Chile Joins in.

Santiago de Chile, Jan. 4.—Chile has decided to send the battleship Captain Prat, its finest vessel, to take part in the International Naval parade through the Panama Canal.

MANAGER MORAN GETS THREE PLAYERS FOR HANS LOBERT.

He Goes With the Giants as Result of Deal Just Closed.

Philadelphia, Jan. 4.—President Baker of the Philadelphia Nationals, tonight confirmed the announcement by manager McGraw of the deal by which Hans Lobert goes to the Giants in exchange for three players and a cash consideration. Baker added that Manager Moran, of the Phillies, had selected the three players from a list of 19 submitted by the New York club.

Negotiations looking to the sale of Charles S. Doolin probably will take definite form tomorrow. Manager Herzog, of Cincinnati, is expected to meet tonight with the Philadelphia officials and it was stated tonight that the object of his visit was to get Doolin for the Cincinnati club.

New York, Jan. 4.—The New York Nationals today obtained the services of Hans Lobert, third baseman of the Philadelphia Nationals, as the result of a trade consummated in Philadelphia.

In exchange for Lobert the Philadelphia Club will receive a cash consideration and the following players: Ed Delaney, pitcher; Tom Glavin, third baseman, and Jack Adams, a young catcher bought last fall from New Orleans. This announcement was made tonight by Manager McGraw.

It was stated tonight that Lobert had accepted terms made by McGraw. It was understood that the third baseman would sign a three-year contract. Lobert has been on the fence between organized baseball and the Federal League since he was traded from the Cincinnati club to the Philadelphia club and later called on President Gilmore in Chicago. However, Lobert said that if he were traded to New York and received the same salary offered by the Federal League would remain in organized baseball. Mike Doolan, shortstop of the Baltimore Federals, who played beside Lobert for years on the Philadelphia infield, and Lee Macdonald, manager of the Brooklyn Federals, visited Lobert here today and tried to persuade him to accept the Federal League offer.

One or more of the players received from New York may figure in the Cincinnati deal by which the Philadelphia management expects to land a second baseman. Report here tonight was that Heinie Groh is the player the Phillies are after.

Both President Baker and Manager Moran expressed themselves as pleased with the trade arranged with McGraw. "I believe the men they Giants are going to turn over to us will fit in the rebuilding of the team to a nicety," said Moran.

"Of course I would have liked to have kept Lobert, but we could not meet his salary demands."

Moran announced he had selected the

DEPENDS ON RICHMOND BUSINESS INTERESTS

Transfer of Baltimore Franchise in International.

Virginia League Puts Proposition Up to Richmond to Accept or Reject—Phillies Swap Hans Lobert for Three Giants.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 4.—The transfer of the Baltimore franchise in the International League to Richmond now depends upon the acceptance or rejection by Richmond business interests of the Virginia League's offer, made at a meeting here today, to grant territorial rights to the International League for \$10,000, the Virginia League retaining the right to play games in this city when the Internationals are on the road and the territory to revert to the Virginia League in case the International franchise should be transferred elsewhere.

The proviso is added that the transaction will be void unless sanctioned by the International League, the National Commission and the National Association of Professional Baseball Players. This offer was made after the Virginia League magnates had refused an offer of \$7,500 for the surrender of the Richmond territory to the Internationals.

Virginia League directors, if their offer is accepted, say they will resign from the International League, the National Commission and the National Association of Professional Baseball Players. This offer was made after the Virginia League magnates had refused an offer of \$7,500 for the surrender of the Richmond territory to the Internationals.

SUICIDE IN PRESENCE OF WIFE AND GROWN SON.

Wealthy Citizen of Anderson, S. C., Brooded Over Depression.

Anderson, S. C., Jan. 5.—In the presence of his wife and in spite of the efforts of his grown son to prevent the act, E. C. Seybt, prominent and wealthy citizen of this city, committed suicide this afternoon by shooting himself through the temple with a revolver, at his home in the suburbs of Anderson. He later been discussing with his son the inadvisability of the latter returning to college on account of financial depression, and worry over this and other business affairs is assigned as the cause of his act.

SEVENTY PICTURE BRIDES ARRIVE FROM JAPAN.

"Married" to Husbands in America They Have Never Seen.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 4.—Seventy picture brides from Japan arrived here today to meet husbands they have never seen. Fifty more had arrived within the week.

In the eyes of the Japanese law, the brides have been married. There has been an exchange of photographs, an approval by the heads of the two contracting families and a formal declaration of intention. The brides come tagged and numbered. Young Mr. Kobayashi, one of the husbands and then usually are taken in hand by the Japanese association which escorts them to the marriage license bureau after which a religious service is held.

LADS OUT WITH GUNS; RESULT, ONE IS DEAD.

Boy of 16 Accidentally Kills Companion of 16 at Louisville, N. C.

Louisburg, N. C., January 4.—David McKinne, aged 16, was shot and instantly killed today by Henry Ruffin, aged 10, while hunting.

Young Ruffin stumbled in attempting to shoot a rabbit, and the ball entered his companion's brain. The dead boy is a son of a local bank cashier, his slayer's father being president of the institution.

Philadelphia, Jan. 4.—Dr. William C. Jacobs was elected superintendent of the public schools of Philadelphia today to succeed Governor-elect Martin G. Brumbaugh. The salary is \$7,500 a year. Dr. Jacobs has been assistant superintendent for nine years.

Two players from the Boston club who are to be given as part of the consideration for Sherwood Magee, but would not name them. It is believed that they are George Tyler, the pitcher, and George Whitted, who played in both the infield and outfield last season.

LOOKS LIKE GARDNER WILL WIN IN A WALK

Doesn't Need Much Help, Senator Cooper Thinks.

Both Wooten and Bowie's Friends Claim Clash on Speakership—Allred and Seawell Banking on Deadlock.

(Special Star Telegram.) Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 4.—Senator W. B. Cooper, of the Wilmington district, arrived this evening to take up his legislative duties and Representative W. P. Stacy is expected to reach here on a late train tonight. Senator Cooper came in advance to take a hand in making Senator Max Gardner, of Cleveland, president pro tem, but says he finds little necessity for special effort and practically no opposition is in evidence.

The eve of the Democratic caucuses for the selection of officers for the General Assembly that convenes Wednesday finds, as near as can be ascertained, 12 senators and 50 representatives here and every train bringing recruits. Indications are that there will be a right full attendance of Democrats on the Senate and House caucuses tomorrow night when the presidential pro tem and other officers of the Senate, and speaker and House officers will be agreed upon.

Max Gardner, of Cleveland, candidate for president pro tem of the Senate, has been here all day and his opponent, F. P. Hobgood, Jr., is expected to arrive on a late train tonight. No special effort for Hobgood is in evidence and the general impression here seems to be that Gardner's practically unanimous selection is assured.

In the contest for speaker of the House the fight centers around E. R. Wooten, Lenoir, and T. C. Bowie, Ashe, with A. A. F. Seawell, Lee and L. H. Allred, Johnston, completing the quartette of candidates. Wooten said tonight that he has 45 of the 94 Democratic members promised to him and 80 is counting on the nomination on the first ballot, as scarcely more than 50 of the 97 are likely to be in the caucus. On the other hand, Bowie and his friends insist that it is impossible for Wooten to have so many pledged to him, and that while some of the western representatives are pledged to Wooten on personal grounds, Bowie has support of the most of the western and many of the eastern members. They insist that Bowie will be the choice of the caucus.

Seawell and Allred and their friends believe that in the probable deadlock between Wooten and Bowie one of the other of them will get away with the prize.

There is little change in the situation as to other officers. R. O. Self will be unopposed for chief clerk of the Senate and T. G. Cobb will have no opposition for principal clerk of the House. It looks like David P. Dellinger, of Gaston, who was a prominent member of the last Legislature, will be chosen reading clerk for the House and J. H. Burnett to the same office in the Senate.

Governor Craig is putting the finishing touches on his message which is to be a document of only about 18 typewritten pages, much shorter than the average governor's message in the past.

HOPES OF AMERICAN SALOON KEEPERS SHATTERED

Mexican Border Town of Agua Prieta Goes Dry.

Douglas, Ariz., Jan. 4.—Agua Prieta, the Mexican town across the border, has gone dry, shattering the hopes of American saloon keepers, put out of business December 31 by the Arizona law and who expected to reopen in the Mexican town.

Col. Arnulfo Gomez, the constitutionalist commandant of Agua Prieta, issued this order today:

"No liquor may be brought across the border, even though duty be paid and no liquor may be sold or given away. In Agua Prieta under penalty of \$200 fine or 30 days in the Cuartel."

Brussels, via The Hague to London, Jan. 4.—The Germans are operating the entire Belgian railroad system and are employing about 8,000 railroad men of whom 1,100 are Bavarians.

REPLY TO AMERICAN NOTE IS FORTHCOMING

(Continued from Page One.) sisting in supplying Germany, Austria and Turkey with munitions of war.

Comment in French Papers Scant. Paris, Jan. 4.—French newspapers comment on the American protest to Great Britain against delays to continue the search of vessels which has been scant. Journals representing the official point of view continue silent.

Figure A. Jam, under-secretary of mercantile marine, contributes an article to La France which, while recognizing what he calls the "bad humor of American exporters, develops his view that American interests lie in allowing Great Britain to carry out her work of policing the seas tranquilly for the salvation of Europe and the world."

Netherlands Company Gets Busy. The Hague, via London, Jan. 4.—The Netherlands Over-Sea Trust Company, organized to take from the government the responsibility for consigned shipments, will hold a meeting tomorrow to determine the business policy of the company.

The company purposes to handle all imports to Holland. It is understood it is persona grata with the British government and that it was organized to permit imports on a firm commercial basis.

AMERICAN BARK LOST IN MID-ATLANTIC IN STORM

Crew of the Pilgrim Picked up by Norwegian Steamer for Kirkwall.

Kirkwall, Scotland, January 4.—Via London—Seventeen persons, the entire crew of the American bark Pilgrim, with the exception of the mess boy, who was drowned, were landed here today by the Norwegian steamer Tholma, from Mobile, which rescued them in mid-Atlantic three weeks ago.

The Pilgrim, from Newport News, for Buenos Ayres, encountered heavy weather, and was thrown on her beam ends through the shifting of ballast.

Her masts were cut away, but this failed to right her, and mountainous seas swept the bark's boats away.

In response to the signals of distress sent up by the Pilgrim, the Tholma, bound to Copenhagen, steamed as close as she dared venture, and the crew of the disabled vessel swam to the Norwegian boat.

The Pilgrim recently had taken American registry, formerly being the British bark Gael.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 4.—The naval collector Vulcan, which has been in the Mediterranean with the cruiser North Carolina and Tennessee, has arrived in Hampton Roads. She brought 59 men from the North Carolina and Tennessee, whose terms of enlistment have expired. She also has a large quantity of stores on board which will be discharged here.

Have you joined the 1915 Savings Club at the American National Bank (Advertisement)

WRECK ON SEABOARD

Engine of Atlanta-Birmingham Special Derailed at Whitmore, S. C.

Norfolk, Va., January 4.—Locomotive No. 75, mail car and combination of train No. 6, known as the Atlanta-Birmingham Special on the Seaboard Air Line, was derailed near Whitmore, S. C., at 8:45 o'clock tonight. The train was in charge of Conductor Meal and Engineer S. V. Shiver. The latter was slightly injured, but the fireman was seriously hurt.

Petrograd, via London, Jan. 4.—Turkish troops whose defeat by Russian forces was announced on December 12th, when they attempted to invade Russia from Persian territory, are now reported to be ravaging the region south of Lake Urumiah, in northwestern Persia. Hastily assembled levies of Persian troops sent against the Turks were defeated.

FACE COVERED WITH PIMPLES—RESINOL CURED

Atlanta, Ga., April 24, 1913.—"My face was covered with pimples which defied creams, soaps and cosmetics. They were a source of constant humiliation to me, coming in contact with many strangers as I do, as a business woman.

"By the time I had finished a cake of Resinol Soap and half a jar of Resinol Ointment, my skin was soft as velvet, and as smooth. My friends were stunned, and everyone asked me what I had done. When I told them, I think they hardly believed it, for the transformation was simply wonderful.

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