

DESPERATE NEGRO CAUGHT

ARRESTED AT ROCKY MOUNT

Murderer of Constable Brunson Near Dillon, S. C. Some Weeks Ago Caught and Fully Identified at Rocky Mount, This State—A White Man Held at Columbia Pending Orders From Judge Fritchard For Postoffice Inspector at Asheville—Governor Ansel Gives Seven Pardon Petitions, But Refuses a Modicum of Mercy—Mystery Cleared by Negro's Confession.

Observer Bureau, 112 Main Street, Columbia, S. C., March 26. Governor Ansel was today informed by the Rocky Mount, N. C., authorities that the negro who shot and killed Magistrate's Constable Brunson near Dillon, S. C., some weeks ago, had been caught at Rocky Mount and fully identified there.

The crime was a very revolting and shocking one, and the negro is regarded as desperate. He would undoubtedly have been lynched had the posse located him that scoured the Dillon section for several days after the shooting. Mr. Brunson came to his death in peculiar circumstances. He was driving another negro handcuffed along the road, when his prisoner pointed out to a team ahead identifying the occupant as a negro the constable was looking for.

Mr. Brunson left his first prisoner and placed the other negro under arrest. But after the second prisoner had apparently submitted, handing over his knife, the constable was caught off his guard and shot. The first prisoner, the dying constable back in the place and drove him to Dillon, Mr. Brunson dying on the road. In view of this light sentence for the offense for which he had been arrested.

The father of the negro being brought here since the killing of the constable killed another negro, Governor Ansel today refused seven pardon petitions. In one of these cases he went so far as to extend clemency to the limit of granting the petitioner restoration of citizenship, which is a long step for Governor Ansel to take in the case of an ordinary pardon petition. This petitioner was L. W. McQuinn, who was fined \$200 at Cherokee for receiving stolen goods.

The petitions refused outright were: Nedd Criss, a Charleston negro who has served 15 years of a life sentence for being implicated in the killing of Mr. Elde H. Oldenberg, a Charleston corner grocery man doing business at Wall and Minority streets. Criss and Caesar Fraser, another negro, were in the act of robbing Mr. Oldenberg's place when he was shot. Fraser shot the merchant dead and was also sentenced to be hanged, but his sentence was finally commuted to life by Governor Richardson.

Senator Penrose in Extremis.—Philadelphia, March 26.—The condition of U. S. Senator Penrose is said to be very grave to-night and but little hope is given for his recovery. He has been unconscious during most of the day. His physicians have not given up hope. They issued the following significant bulletin at 9 o'clock.

Senator Penrose's condition has remained critical and is somewhat more grave to-night by reason of the fresh extension of the erysipelas condition which was quiescent until this evening, when there was renewed activity.

Wilmington Saloon Keeper Makes Assignment.—Special to The Observer. Wilmington, March 26.—J. B. J. Sandlin, the saloon keeper whose license was recently revoked by the board of aldermen effective April 1st because of irregularities in the manner of his conducting his place, yesterday made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors, Joseph J. Little, Jr., local agent for the Home Brewing Company, being the assignee. The assets and liabilities are not large and the failure is of no commercial importance.

VERY DIFFICULT OPERATION.

Young Lady's Stomach Removed and Obstruction in Her Throat Removed Successfully.

Special to The Observer. Washington, N. C., March 26.—A few evenings ago while at her home about ten miles from this city, Miss Annie May Woolard while at supper became suddenly and unexpectedly choked by morsels of food lodging in her throat. All her efforts failed to dislodge the offending morsel and Dr. Joshua Taylor, of this city, was hastily summoned to her bedside, but all his efforts failed to relieve her that night. The next day he called with his brother, Dr. D. T. Taylor, also of this city, in consultation, and their combined efforts failing to relieve her sufferings, they decided to bring her to their private sanitarium, the Washington Hospital of this city. At the hospital Dr. Taylor and Dr. Brown tried all conservative measures possible to relieve her sufferings, but to no avail and as the young woman began to be unable to swallow anything at her home here as the result of the shock caused by the shooting of her brother last Monday.

IN DIPLOMATIC SERVICE. Mr. Stevens many years ago was in the American diplomatic service, for ten years—until 1882—serving as secretary of legation at Tokio. It was through his services here that the attention of Japanese officials was directed to his person and to his services in the East. Mr. Stevens was consulted frequently and he was called to Tokio and hurried to Seoul to fill the post of confidential counselor of the Japanese government in the Korean Kingdom. At this time the conflicts between Japan and Russia over the jurisdiction of Korea were acute and Japan began what amounted to a Japanese part in the direction of the course of Japan attracted attention and his services in aiding his country in putting an end to any serious rebellion of the Korean natives were warmly appreciated by the Japanese government. It was through the effectiveness of the work done by the Japanese agent at Seoul that the Koreans made Mr. Stevens an active mark for their resentment.

LAST AND CROWNING WORK. It was not alone in the adjudication of Korean issues that Mr. Stevens rendered effective service. He rendered more helpful during the negotiations for revision of the general treaty between Japan and Mexico and of the treaty between the United States and Japan. Again when Japan sought to adjust pending questions in Hawaii he was sent there as a Japanese agent. That was eight years ago. He returned to Washington in December, 1904, began his last and crowning work in Korea. When he first went to Korea it was nominally as diplomatic adviser to the Korean government and a protocol concluded between Japan and Korea but his real work was as counselor for Japan in that government's policy toward Korea.

DAVIDSON COLLEGE NOTES. Four Delegates to Y. M. C. A. Convention.—Dr. J. R. Bridges to French Sunday. Davidson, March 26.—The number of students attending the Y. M. C. A. convention this week in Columbia, S. C., is much smaller than usual. This is possibly due in part at least to the fact that new regulations requiring those who miss a certain number of recitations during the month to stand a special written review of the work of the month decline the men to absent themselves from college except for imperative reasons. Those going are Messrs. O. E. Buchholz, J. R. Hay, C. D. Holland and C. C. Beam.

GOVERNOR AT OXFORD. His Speech Heard by a Large Crowd, Including Many Farmers. Special to The Observer. Oxford, March 26.—Governor Glenn spoke in Oxford today and a large audience heard the speech, many farmers being present. The general comment by all was that the speech was one of the finest ever made here, and the arguments for prohibition were powerful. It was currently remarked that any man who listened to the Governor's reasons must be convinced that prohibition is right, and it is presumed that Garland's confession hopes to secure some leniency. The latest from Turbeville was that a constable was on his way to Garland's house.

Patents to Three Tar Heels. Special to The Observer. Washington, March 26.—R. W. Bishop, patent attorney, reports the issue of the following patents on the 24th instant to residents of North Carolina: Triple valve, W. A. Weant, Mocksville; smoke filter for pipes, C. W. Rowe, Concord; fire escape, E. L. Flowers, Hickory.

News Suppression in Paterson. Newark News. It is a queer sort of plan that is being tried in Paterson to "preserve the good name of the city." The newspapers of the city, asking them after the news had appeared in the press of the country generally, the fact that an anesthetic organ printed in the Silk City had been advocating riot and bloodshed. So violent was the language of this organ, the National Socials, that the Federal postal officials have ordered it excluded from the mails. Yet one of the Silk City papers apologized for referring to the matter at all, and said that it had known about it for a considerable length of time, but had suppressed the news in order not to hurt the reputation of Paterson. Now Mayor McBride has taken the matter up, and has written to all the newspapers of the city asking them in future to refrain from letting the public know what is going on in anesthetic circles there. "The plague," he says, "should be quarantined, as the dissemination of such news only serves to spread the contagion."

STEVENS DEATH DEPLORED

ENJOYED JAPAN'S CONFIDENCE.

Widely Known as a Diplomat Who Had Won Honors Both at War and in Peace—His Sudden Death a Shock to the American People.

Washington, March 26.—Widely known as a diplomat who had won distinction both at Washington and Seoul, Durham White Stevens, whose death occurred at San Francisco late last night, was returning to his home here for a vacation of about a fortnight. Mr. Stevens had lived here, with three sisters, for many years. One of his sisters, Mrs. Joseph I. Porter, wife of the assistant superintendent of railway adjustment in the Postoffice department, is lying ill at her home here as the result of the shock caused by the shooting of her brother last Monday.

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Mr. Stevens was consistently a loyal American. He firmly believed that cementing the relations of the two countries would result in increasing the influence of America in the far East, insure peace and stability. During recent immigration negotiations he wielded great influence. He advocated the complete stoppage of Japanese immigration and urged the adoption of a most stringent restriction. These views ultimately were accepted. Mr. Stevens also was a consistent friend of Japan. He believed that the control of Korea by Japan, without actual annexation, would mean finally thorough acclimation of that country from the consequences of generations of corruption. He bitterly opposed all elements connected with the old Korean regime who advocated its continuance, and expressed his views in this connection openly. One of the principal purposes of his visit to Washington at this time

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was to place his views before the American government and people and to controvert the statements of the organized propaganda in America against Japanese.

Japanese May Erect Monument. San Francisco, March 26.—There is a movement on foot among the Japanese to erect a monument to Durham White Stevens, Japanese agent among their fellow countrymen today broaching the idea and suggesting that subscriptions be forthcoming. Whether the monument shall be erected in this city, in Tokio, or in Seoul, the theatre of Mr. Stevens' services to Japan, has not been decided.

Three Indictments Against Alleged Graffiti in San Francisco. San Francisco, March 26.—Three indictments, each containing three counts against Patrick Calhoun, president of the United Railway, Thayer L. Ford, general counsel, and the same corporation, and Abraham Ruef, former political boss of San Francisco, secretly voted by the grand jury last night, were filed with presiding Judge Starbuck this morning.

President Names Gaffney Postmaster. Washington, March 26.—The President today nominated Thomas Hester postmaster at Gaffney, S. C.

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