

POLICEMAN SLAYS NEGRO

PRISONER HAD ASSAULTED HIM

After being nearly knocked out with his own club, Patrolman Yon, of Columbia, S. C., Force, Falls Bullet through a Prisoner's Lung—Victim Was Apparently Doing Nothing Wrong and Was on His Way to His Daily Work When Arrested—Coroner's Jury Exonerates the Officer, But He is Jailed to Answer the Charge of Murder—Negro Fled Some Distance Before Succumbing to Wound and Officer Was Ignorant of Bullet's Effect.

Observer Bureau, 1239 Berkeley Building, Columbia, S. C., Nov. 29. In a desperate midnight struggle with a powerful negro, in a lonely part of the city, Policeman T. J. Yon shot and killed his assailant, Calvin Bowers, after Bowers had wrested the policeman's billy from his hands, and beat the officer over the head and bit him in the cheek. The negro's dead body was found several hours later thirty or forty yards from the spot of the encounter.

At the coroner's inquest to-day Policeman Yon stated that last night shortly before midnight he was walking his beat up Lincoln street, near the Standard warehouse, when he met a negro running down the street. He hailed the negro and asked him why he was running. Then he saw that the negro had a pistol in his hand and under his coat tail and he told him to raise his hands. As the negro did so, he dropped a large rock. The negro stated that he was a milkier at the Taylor dairy, near Pleasant Grove, and that he was on his way to work in a hurry; that he was carrying the rock because of some bad dogs on the place of Mr. T. J. Harper, which he had to pass on his way to the dairy. The policeman thought the negro's actions were suspicious and that he had probably been in some trouble up town, from which he was running, and he placed him under arrest and started to the patrol box with him, having his hand in the negro's overall. After walking about twenty steps, the negro suddenly attempted to jerk away, grabbed the policeman around the waist, almost squeezing the breath out of his body, and at the same time dug his teeth into his cheek.

HIT WITH HIS OWN CLUB. "I reached for my club," said Mr. Yon, "and as he saw what I was doing he grabbed the club too, as I pulled it out, and jerked it out of my hand. I was still holding him by the overall, and then he reached for my pistol, but he had me around the waist and around my pistol holster. When I got my pistol out, he jumped back and came down on my head with the club."

"Blinded by blood, the officer fled. I could not see him at all after the first shot," said Mr. Yon, "but I fled where I thought he was. He ran off and I did not see him any more."

Weak from the loss of blood and the struggle, the policeman went to a nearby store and sent a message by phone to headquarters and was given a stimulant. Very soon his brother policemen were on the spot and under the direction of Lieutenant Swearingen made a search for the negro.

The vicinity is a busy one by day but lonesome by night, a region of manufacturing plants and cotton yards, of trucks and automobiles and it was only after several searches had been made that the dead body of Calvin Bowers was found under the Seaboard Air Line trestle, which runs up Lincoln street. It was then 2:30 o'clock and the negro had been dead some time. He was still clutching the policeman's club. Coroner Walker was at once summoned and began his investigation.

INQUEST HELD AT NOON. The inquest was held at noon to-day at Van Metres undertaking establishment. The policemen who had gone to the scene, the watchmen in the vicinity who had heard Yon call for help and Policeman Yon himself were examined. Dr. W. E. Fulmer, who made a postmortem examination, testified that the bullet, 38 calibre, had entered the negro's breast just below the left collar bone and had penetrated the lungs, lodging in the right of the body, near the fifth rib. This wound, he said, had produced death almost immediately and a wound could not live more than five or ten minutes, and even then only great excitement could keep him alive that long.

The jury viewed the body of the dead negro. He is stockily built, short but powerfully muscular, with magnificently developed arms. Though Policeman Yon is himself a man of more than average height and weight, but of average height, the negro was easily his superior.

EXONERATED BY CORONER. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that the negro was killed by Policeman Yon while in the discharge of his duty. Coroner Walker remanded Yon to the custody of Chief of Police Cathcart and bound him over for trial on the charge of murder at the February term of the Court of General Sessions. Ball will be applied for to-morrow before Judge Gage, now holding civil court here. At the request of the police commission, Mr. Walter T. Green, representing the city attorney, was present at the inquest to-day.

The tale which the negro told the policeman when he attempted to be true, Calvin Bowers lived on Washington street, this city, and has a wife and three small children. He was employed as milkier at the Taylor dairy, was due to work shortly after midnight, and he was on the nearest road from his home to his work when accosted by the policeman. Probably thinking that he would be held all night at the station house, and miss his work, and probably then being late, the negro made his desperate effort to escape. On the other hand the policeman was undoubtedly discharging his duty in investigating the negro's suspicious actions and in doing so he came very near losing his own life.

On his right cheek Mr. Yon bears the deep marks of the negro's teeth, where he hung on like a bull dog, while he was clinching with the officer to keep him from drawing his club or pistol. Over his right eye, the physician took eight stitches, where the negro with the policeman's own club tried to brain him. The wonder is that the blow inflicted with the strength which the negro possessed did not render the officer at once insensible. On the contrary it seems probable that the first shot from the officer's pistol hit the negro and caused his death, there being no other wounds on his body.

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MARRIAGES.

Gregory-Gregory Invitations Out. Special to The Observer. Oxford, Nov. 29.—Invitations have been received here to the wedding of Mr. Frank H. Gregory, of Oxford, to Miss Nannie Alexander Gregory, of Stovall, at half-past 10 o'clock, December 16th, in St. Peter's Episcopal church, Stovall. The bride-to-be is a daughter of the late Dr. Roger Gregory and the groom is the eldest son of Mr. Roger G. Gregory, of Oxford. The wedding is a source of interest to many in this community where the contracting parties are prominent in social life. They will reside in Oxford. An elaborate reception at the home of the groom's parents had been arranged, but will not take place on account of the recent death of Mrs. Laura Gregory.

Peebles-Harris, at Seaboard. Special to The Observer. Seaboard, Nov. 29.—A marriage of very much interest to this place and Northampton county will take place next Wednesday afternoon at the First Baptist church of this place when Miss Lollie Maude Harris, daughter of Mrs. Sarah B. Harris, of this place, and Mr. J. T. Peebles, of Jackson, plight their troth. The words that will make the two one will be said by the Rev. A. Cree, pastor of the church. A large number of invitations has been issued, and many out-of-town people will be in attendance. Immediately after the ceremony the young people will leave on the northbound train for Washington, New York and other Northern points.

Miss Harris' maid of honor will be Miss Willie Stevenson, of this place, and the best man will be Mr. C. G. Peebles, of Jackson. The bride will be given away by her brother, Mr. F. R. Harris, of Jackson. The ushers will be Messrs. H. R. Harris and Andrew Jackson Crocker, of Seaboard. Miss Corinne Winfield, of Washington, will preside at the organ.

Miss Harris is a daughter of the late State Senator W. E. Harris, of Northampton county, and is a member of one of Northampton's best families. She is a likable young woman and numbers her friends by the hundreds. For a number of years she has held a high place in the social life of Seaboard, and the well wishes of a host of friends will go with her to her new home. Mr. Peebles is one of the leading planters of Northampton county and has hundreds of friends in this part of the State. He is a member of one of the most prominent families in eastern North Carolina. He is a nephew of Judge R. B. Peebles, of this judicial district.

The young people will live on Mr. Peebles' plantation, near Jackson, where Mr. Peebles has an elegant country home. Here they will be at home after December 15th.

SEABOARD NEWS NOTES.

Record Sales of Peanuts Made Last Week—High School Doing Good Work. Special to The Observer. Seaboard, Nov. 29.—Seaboard is one of the best peanut markets in North Carolina and every year the sales run away up in the thousands. Last Wednesday was a record-breaker and more than \$5,000 worth were bought. One firm, R. W. Edwards & Co., bought \$2,700 worth. Eight car loads were shipped away that day, or nearly 2,500 bags. The crops in this part of the State are good, and the farmers are prosperous. The farmers are holding their cotton for a better price, but peanuts, the other money crop, are a good price and they are being sold by the car load.

The Seaboard High School, under the principalship of Mr. Horace Stewart, is moving along nicely. Miss Capps, of Fayette, and Miss Winfield, of Washington, are the assistants. The Seaboard school is one of the newly established high schools and a number of out-of-town pupils are in attendance. The teachers are doing a most excellent work.

Negro Girl Dances Herself to Death. Special to The Observer. Anderson, S. C., Nov. 29.—A case is seldom recorded where one has danced one's self to death, yet such was the fate of Mary Martin, colored, of this city. Last Monday night, Thanksgiving, her beau called at her home in the southeastern section of the city and asked her to accompany him to a dance. She had been out the night before to a similar festival, and had not turned in until early in the morning. Mary accepted the summons and was leaving the piazza to join her man, who was waiting at the steps, when suddenly she reeled and fell. Death resulted in a very short time, and it is stated that the end had come as the result of over-exertion. The reaction had set in and the strain was too much for the system. She died from dancing. The coroner was summoned, but there was no one to whom blame could be attached, and he dismissed the case. Death, he said, had come from natural causes, following the night of revelry.

Tilley Released on a Peace Bond. Correspondence of The Observer. Durham, Nov. 28.—After spending the night in jail F. W. Tilley, who wanted Miss Sallie Ashley to be his "cook" and wrote her a threatening letter when she refused, was released upon a peace bond and made to promise to keep the peace six months. Tilley doesn't admit that he has sinned any and insists that the note is a put-up job. He was arrested yesterday at a corn-shucking and brought here without changing his working clothes. For that reason he couldn't offer any testimony and was not in much plight for the defense. The lawyers are certain that they can show him to be a harmless man, one who really can't write and a great chum of John Ashley, who is the father of the girl. He sent for these cartridges that figured in the case, by John Ashley, who spent the money and didn't buy the cartridges. But the girl says he has worried her and been after her a long time to be his "cook."

Stolen Cotton Found in Negro's Bed. Correspondence of The Observer. Goldsboro, Nov. 28.—John Williams, a colored farmer, has been lodged in jail in default of a bond, for stealing two sheets of cotton from Mr. Edwards, near Pleasant Grove. When arrested the negro denied the charge, but a search was made and the sheets were found secreted between the bed and mattress in the boy's home.

Chinamen Held in Detention Shed Escape. San Francisco, Nov. 29.—Twenty-one out of 116 Chinese held at the Pacific Hall pier pending the decision of the immigration officers as to whether they are entitled to enter the United States, escaped from the detention shed last night. Four of them were recaptured in Chinatown to-day. The Chinese cut the heavy wires setting over a window, sawed through the iron bars and slid down a water pipe. Last September four Chinese awaiting deportation saved their way to liberty through the roof.

It Won't Stay Down. New York Herald.—Old "18 to 1" crops up again, this time in reports of campaign contributions of both parties—Mr. Charles P. Taft's \$150,000 to Mr. Herman Rider's \$10,000.

THE WEATHER.

Washington, Nov. 29.—Forecast: Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, generally fair Monday and Tuesday; light south winds. Georgia, fair Monday and Tuesday; light east to south winds. East Florida, fair Monday and Tuesday; light to fresh east winds. West Florida and Alabama, generally fair Monday and Tuesday; light to fresh south winds. Mississippi, partly cloudy Monday, probably local showers and somewhat colder in the interior; Tuesday fair, colder in north portion; light to fresh south winds on the coast. Louisiana, fair in north, local showers in south portion Monday, somewhat colder; Tuesday fair, light to fresh south winds on the coast. East Texas, fair Monday except showers and colder on the east coast; Tuesday fair; variable winds. Tennessee, Kentucky, generally fair Monday and Tuesday, colder Tuesday in west portions. West Virginia, partly cloudy to cloudy Monday, probably local rains; Tuesday generally fair.

LOCAL OFFICE, U. S. WEATHER BUREAU. Charlotte, Nov. 29.—Sunrise 7:11 a. m.; sunset 5:12 p. m.

TEMPERATURE (in degrees). Highest temperature 71
Lowest temperature 53
Mean temperature 63
Excess for the day 17
Accumulated excess for month 86
Accumulated excess for year 159

PRECIPITATION (in inches). Total for 24 hours ending 8 p. m. 0
Total for the month 1.63
Accumulated deficiency for month 1.06
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