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CHARLES MACE SHOT THROUGH HEAD.

Evidence Points to Her Husband as Her Murderer—Mace Dodging in the Mountains.

Tuesday at noon Sheriff and deputies have been scouring the country south of Morganton for Charles Mace to whom all evidence points as the murderer of his wife who was found dead at their home about eight miles from Morganton Monday morning. She had been shot through the side of the head, evidently during the early part of Monday morning. Reports which have reached Morganton show the affair to have been an extremely brutal one. Mace was with his children from the house, were afraid to return and spent the night in the woods, going to their homes the next morning to their pitiful story. The dead woman had her arm broken and her face showed other marks of violence; she had been beaten before she was murdered. The bullet hole in her head was stuffed with dough. Immediately after the news reached Morganton Sheriff Berry, Coroner and several deputies went to the scene. In a search of the house they discovered a complete blockade of the outfit, the mash in fermentation. As the husband had fled suspicion was at once directed toward him and the search was begun at that time. That afternoon one party of searchers came in sight of him. Sheriff Berry had already declared an outlaw and Mr. R. W. Pipkin had him as he was going up the side of a mountain. During the day the sheriff deputised 80 men of that section to assist in the search. It is said he was near Three County Corners yesterday afternoon, and that is the last report to reach Morganton.

INCIDENT RECALLED.

Widow Asks Information As to Husband's Death, Gets It.

Some time ago the widow of Peter Simpson, living near Columbia, S. C., made an inquiry through a newspaper for the address of any one who was her husband at the battle of Gettysburg, during the War Between the States. Simpson was killed in the engagement. William Warters, Sr., of Falling Creek, has written Mrs. Simpson, informing her that he was fighting by the side of Peter Simpson when he was shot down. Her husband was a member of a party led in an ambush by the Federals at Gettysburg mill, near here. Mr. Warters, 75 years of age, has a vivid recollection of the incident.

Republicans of Ninth District Hold Convention.

The Republican convention for the congressional district was held at Morganton last Saturday. They met for the purpose of naming delegates to the State convention. Messrs. W. S. Pearson and T. N. Hurlburt attended from Morganton. Mr. Pearson made a speech in which he created quite a sensation by attacking an ingrate and traitor Roosevelt. Mr. Hurlburt was the presidential elector.

POPULATION UP MILLION.

Now Have 101,208,315 West Leading in Growth.

The census bureau experts estimated that the population of the United States on January 1, was 101,208,315, and by July 1 it would be 102,017,302. Last year they figured the population of 100,399,318. Western States have led in growth, Washington leading the list, with Oklahoma, North Dakota and New Mexico following in the order named.

Floyd Rawls returned Saturday to her home in Clinton, after spending several weeks here.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK.

Felt in Morganton Monday Afternoon About 6:40—No Damage Done—Tremor Felt Over Wide Scope of Territory.

Many Morganton people felt an earthquake shock Monday afternoon about 6:40, and from Tuesday morning's papers it seems that the quake was felt over a large stretch of territory, though no damage was done anywhere. An Atlanta dispatch of the 21st said:

An earth tremor of slight but distinct nature that made itself felt throughout Georgia, North and South Carolina, Virginia and portions of Eastern Tennessee and Alabama was reported early tonight as having been felt at about 5:45 p. m., Central time, today. In no case was any damage reported and while in some instances persons hurriedly left buildings there was nothing in the nature of a panic. The only seismograph known to be in the section affected by the tremor is a Mobile, Ala., where the instrument recorded brief shocks. Most reports agreed that the tremor passed from east to west and was felt only momentarily. In Augusta, Ga., and several other places, however, three distinct shocks were reported. At other points only one tremor was felt.

The earth shock either did not reach Florida or was so slight as not to be felt there, according to reports here tonight.

Durham Ladies to Make Bandages For Soldiers.

Durham Dispatch, 18th.

Many Durham ladies, headed by Mrs. B. N. Duke, of New York, who has been spending several weeks at her winter home in this city, have organized themselves into a Surgical War Relief committee.

The purpose of the committee is to make bandages and other material needed for dressing wounds of the soldiers at the front in the European war.

Headquarters have been furnished the committee in the First National bank building and each afternoon this city's leading society matrons gather to aid in the work.

Four Durham negroes, Dr. A. M. Moore, John Merrick, J. M. Avery and C. C. Spaulding, donated \$75 to the \$25,000 financial campaign on the Y. M. C. A. The subscription of the negroes raised the total amount secured to \$21,576, thus leaving only a little more than \$3,400 yet to be obtained.

A Fatal Ride.

Olin Ramsey, aged 20 years, son of Mr. J. A. Ramsey of Hickory, died Thursday afternoon of last week in Statesville as a result of injuries received early that morning while beating a ride on a freight train.

Ramsey and two companions caught freight train No. 72 at Hickory about 3 o'clock Thursday morning. East of Catawba Ramsey was attempting to cross from one box car to another, when he slipped and fell between the cars. The wheels passed obliquely across his limbs, crushing the bones in his right leg to about the middle of the thigh and in the left leg to the knee. He was taken to Statesville to Dr. Long's hospital, but nothing could be done to save him.

Young Ramsey had been employed in Valdese and was on his way to Mooresville to take a position. It is said that his father had given him money to pay his way on the train.

The body was brought to Drexel, the former home of the Ramseys, for burial Friday afternoon.

Last Capital of Confederacy.

The city of Danville, Va., has virtually acquired the Sutherland memorial, better known as the last capital of the Confederacy, where President Jeff. Davis held his last cabinet meeting. The city council has authorized the payment of the last and third installment of \$10,000 for the property. The board of aldermen will, it is authoritatively stated, take similar action. The entire property has cost \$48,000. Thirty thousand dollars was paid by the city and the remaining \$18,000 raised by popular subscription. The proceeds of the sale go to the great granddaughter of Major W. T. Sutherland, who lives at Birmingham, Ala.

The historic mansion is used at present as a repository for Confederate relics and many of the rooms are used by various organizations connected with Civil War days.

NATION PAYS TRIBUTE TO WASHINGTON.

Birthday of the Father of His Country Observed in Washington and All Over Country.

Washington Dispatch, 22nd.

Every agency of the American government paused today to pay homage to the memory of George Washington in the capital named in his honor.

President Wilson, Secretary Lansing, Ambassador J. E. Brewster and other public men gathered to celebrate the day. Both houses of congress suspended business while Senator Johnson of Maine and Representative Baker of California read Washington's farewell address, with its pointed phrases warning against "insidious wiles of foreign influence," "mischief of foreign intrigue," and "the impostures of pretended patriotism."

The farewell address has been read every year in congress for generations, but probably never before were Washington's words so closely applied to present day contingencies. At Mount Vernon wreaths and flowers were laid on the first president's tomb.

BRIDGEWATER NEWS.

Robert Winkler Sells Farm to Kincaid, Lyrly and Benfield For Good Price—Other News, and Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The News-Herald.

Mr. M. F. Tate has returned from Asheville, where he has been spending a few days with his granddaughter, Mrs. Charles Dewey.

Mr. Walter Patton, of Marion, and Joy Ballew, of Marion Junction, were in Bridgewater Wednesday on business.

Mr. Bob Hunter, of Nebo, visited his uncle, A. P. Hunter, Sunday.

Misses Pearl Gibbs and Fave McGimpsey spent Saturday with Mrs. G. C. Anthony.

Mr. W. P. Riddle, of Pensacola, arrived Sunday to spend some time with his granddaughters, Mrs. Ralph Abernethy and Cecelia Ballew.

Mr. A. S. Abernethy, of Hickory, was here on business one day last week.

Mr. C. W. Dockery, of Rusk, N. C., spent Thursday night at the home of M. F. Tate.

Messrs. S. P. and M. F. Tate attended the corn meeting in Marion last Thursday.

Mr. Knox Gibbs and family and Mr. Will Giles and son, Mark, left last Tuesday, the 15th, for Oklahoma. Mr. Gibbs expects to make that his home, while Mr. Giles is undecided whether he will stay or not.

Messrs. Will Pool and James Powell have bought farms in Henderson county but will probably not move before the coming fall.

JUNIOR BANQUET 29TH.

Burkemon Council Planning For An Enjoyable Occasion—National Councilor Webb to Make Address.

One of the biggest events in the history of local Juniorism is the banquet which Burkemon Council is planning for next Tuesday, February 29th. The presence of National Councilor C. B. Webb, of Statesville, will add much to the occasion. He will make the principal address of the evening. It has been arranged to have the address public, as Mr. Webb is a speaker of no small ability. The following program will be carried out in the Graded School Auditorium:

Music by Morganton Concert Band. Prayer by Rev. C. A. Caldwell. Music. Address by National Councilor Webb.

Talks by Messrs. A. C. and I. T. Avery and possibly others.

This program completed the members of the local council and their invited guests will retire to Fraternity Hall, where refreshments will be served.

The exercises in the Auditorium will begin promptly at 8 o'clock.

THE PENNSYLVANIA ON TRIAL RUN.

Largest Battleship Yet Built Left Shipyard Last Thursday—On Trial for Speed and Endurance.

The super dreadnought Pennsylvania, the largest battleship yet built for the United States Navy, left the plant of the Newport News Ship Building and Dry Dock Company last Thursday for Rockland, Maine, to run the official government speed and endurance trial. The first two days of the voyage were devoted to tests of the warship by her builders and the government runs began February 22 with the standardization trial over the measured mile course off the Main port.

The Pennsylvania, with her main battery of 12 fourteen inch rifles mounted on four turrets, is declared by naval experts to be the most powerful fighter afloat. A broadside shell fire from her big guns would weigh 18,000 pounds, which is said to be greater than the broadside fire of the Queen Elizabeth of the British navy, which mounts eight 15-inch rifles.

The Pennsylvania is 600 feet long and will have a full load displacement of nearly 33,000 tons. She is 97 per cent completed and will be ready for delivery within a few months.

Betterment Association at Hickory Grove School.

Correspondence of The News-Herald.

A local association for the Betterment of Hickory Grove School was organized Friday, Jan. 21 with a membership of sixteen. The officers of this association were elected on Sunday, the 6th, at Oak Hill church. They were as follows: Mrs. Paul Franklin, president, Mrs. J. R. Wall, vice-president, Miss Fannie Drury, Sec. and Treas., Miss Neta Harbison, librarian.

The association adjourned to meet at Hickory Grove schoolhouse Feb. 10, after receiving three new members Association again met at the schoolhouse at the appointed time. Both president and vice-president being absent, the principal of the school called the society to order. The president first elected tendered her resignation and Miss Myrtha Holder was elected in her stead. Miss Holder took the chair and at once entered upon her duties. Plans for the improvement of the schoolhouse and grounds were discussed.

Society decided to ask the community to meet Saturday, Feb. 25th, bring lunch, necessary implements and help clean up school grounds.

Suggestions as to later improvements in the spring were favorably received.

Three new members were added, making a total membership of twenty-four.

The next meeting will be held March 10th.

Rev. H. H. Jordan, pastor of the Methodist church in Gastonia, who served the Morganton church for four years before going to his present work was here Tuesday and Tuesday night, stopping with Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Goodson. Friends here were glad to see him again.

U. S. HAS DONATED SEVEN MILLIONS TO BELGIANS.

Belgian Minister Expresses Deep Appreciation of This Nation's Generosity.

New York Dispatch, 19th.

America has contributed \$7,500,000 to the relief of Belgium, according to E. Van De Vyvere, Belgian minister of finance, who sailed today for London on the steamship St. Paul after spending several weeks in this country. Up to February foodstuffs and clothing valued at more than \$80,000,000 had been shipped into Belgium, he said. Belgian interests supplied more than \$60,000,000 of the sum expended. The remainder was given by the people of the United States and other countries. Mr. Van De Vyvere stated that \$56,000,000 worth of supplies had been purchased in this country.

The Belgian minister thanked the American people for their generosity and said in a farewell message:

"I ask you individually and as a nation, to accept the life, the friendship and the faith which is offered to American by every Belgian as the tribute of their gratitude."

Immense War Cost of Three Allied Countries.

Following are some of the facts about war costs revealed recently at the sessions of the British, French and Canadian Parliaments:

Daily expenditures—Great Britain, \$25,000,000; France \$15,000,000; and Canada, \$683,000.

Total expenditures since war began—France—\$8,883,000,000; Canada, \$408,000,000.

Interest on French debt is \$460,000,000.

Pension and soldiers' family allowances by France amounted to over \$1,000,000,000.

French estimates of artillery and munition costs for second quarter of 1916 is \$490,000,000, an increase of \$90,000,000 over first quarter.

Canada's appropriation for maintenance of \$400,000 men during 1916 is \$250,000,000.

Rock of Gibraltar as Bait For Spain.

Spain is to be given the Rock of Gibraltar if she will enter the war on the side of the central powers, says a rumor from Europe. This, says the Kansas City Star, is probably not true. Spain knows well enough that the central powers would have to catch their rabbit before they skinned it; they must get Gibraltar before they can give it away; and this war has taught a decisive military lesson—that it is almost impossible for an attacking force on the sea to take a well-fortified position on land.

This cliff of solid limestone was one of the Pillars of Hercules, beyond which it was thought no man might venture and live. Beyond was Ultima Thule, the last island, the end of all. Later the Phoenicians, venturing out into the Atlantic to the tin mines of Britain, had a way station and fort on the rock. Centuries later the Carthaginians erected watch towers upon it to observe the galleys of their Roman enemies. The Romans captured it, and the Goths took it from the Romans. The Moors got it next and held it for 800 years. The Moslem hosts landed there to overrun Europe.

There have been 13 sieges of Gibraltar, and many battles there. Its rocky slopes have run red with blood. Early armies rained their arrows against it and their battering rams tried to powder its natural walls centuries before the age of powder and iron balls.

Britain has had the Rock of Gibraltar for 200 years and has fortified it so strongly that it has been known for a century as "impregnable Gibraltar." To capture it an attacking force would have to literally pound the vast rock to dust. Gibraltar is honeycombed with tunnels, and the muzzles of the greatest guns in the world bristle from a thousand openings in the face of the rock, like pins stuck in a paper. What would those guns be doing to a fleet or land force that got close enough to throw shells against the rock?

A Sudden Death.

Mrs. N. J. Fisher died very suddenly at her home at Granite Falls last Sunday morning. The funeral was held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Poovy's Grove church, Rev. G. W. Fink and Rev. C. A. Rhyne conducting the services. Mrs. Fisher was 68 years of age and is survived by five children. She was the mother of Mr. J. W. Fisher of Morganton.

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Brief Notes of Recent Happenings in North Carolina.

Hickory is considering having a semi-professional base ball team this summer.

Lincoln county commencement will be held April 1. Clarence Poe has been invited to make the address.

A bronze tablet to Revolutionary heroes of that section was unveiled in the lobby of Gastonia's new post-office Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Susan Bond, 72, a granddaughter of Richard Caswell, the first Governor under the constitution of North Carolina, died last week at her home in Kinston.

The temperance people of Raleigh celebrated George Washington's birthday with a big National Prohibition rally, with Gov. Malcolm R. Patterson of Tennessee, as the principal speaker.

The steel bridge at Spruce Pine which collapsed some time ago with a large drove of cattle, is now being replaced and work is rapidly progressing. The new bridge is to be much stronger and more durable.

A charter has been issued for the United Motor Lines Co. of Mooresville, capital \$50,000 authorized and \$1,500 subscribed by E. P. Yates and W. B. Pollard of Wilmington and C. C. Ward of Mooresville, for operating motor lines for passengers and freight between Mooresville and other points.

W. S. Whiting of Asheville, completed a deal in Morgan county, Kentucky, securing approximately 10,000 acres of the finest Kentucky timber land and mineral land. The combined deals represent what is probably the largest realty deal in Kentucky for a year past. It is estimated that the timber cut will run fully 61,000,000 feet.

A primary probably will be held to determine who is recommended for postmaster at Boone, which was made a presidential office of the third class the first of the year. Three candidates are in the race—Mrs. Jennie D. Lovill, M. P. Critcher and E. S. Coffey, who formerly was a State Senator. The position pays \$1,100 yearly, with \$300 for clerk hire.

A joint resolution to grant to the Boone Trail Highway Association of North Carolina, through its managing director, J. Hampton Rich, of Winston-Salem, the privilege of setting a monument and erecting a tablet thereon, in Washington, commemorating the deeds and life of that old pioneer, was introduced in the House Saturday by Congressman Doughton. The resolution provides the tablet shall not be less than 4 feet 6 inches high, 2 feet wide, and that the unveiling shall be in charge of North Carolina Society of Washington and the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Caldwell Once Had Lady Sheriff.

Charlotte Observer, 22nd.

That Caldwell county once boasted a lady sheriff was the interesting news brought to the Observer office yesterday by a visitor in the city. The visitor stated that Miss Mary Estes, wife of Sheriff Triplett of Caldwell county today, once served as sheriff, filling out the unexpired term of her father, who in his day was one of Caldwell county's most esteemed citizens and whose death occurred before his term expired. The commissioners then swore in his daughter and she served as sheriff the balance of the term, looking after the office while the outside work was done by deputies. It is an interesting coincidence that Miss Estes married Mr. Triplett, who is sheriff today, and she doubtless now does some of the work for her husband that she formerly did for her father and then on her own responsibility.

Rutherford College Items.

Correspondence of The News-Herald.

The ladies of Rutherford College visited the Platonie Hall last Friday night. The society gave the ladies an interesting entertainment.

The societies of Rutherford College are looking forward to go in their new halls, in the new building, about the first of April.

The students of Rutherford College celebrated Washington's birthday by taking a trip to the top of Chestnut mountain.

Rev. H. H. Jordan, of Gastonia, spent Monday in Rutherford College. Jan. 23, 1916.