

A HORRIBLE CRIME IS REVEALED WHEN BODY OF CHILD IS FOUND

Negro Held on Suspicion of Assault and Murder of Nine Years Old Marie Smith of Asbury Park.

FERMENT OF EXCITEMENT FOLLOWS THE DISCOVERY

Child Had Been Missing Four Days: Lay in the Woods Near Her Home, Covered by the Falling Leaves.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Nov. 14.—A ferment of excitement prevailed today, following the discovery of the mutilated body of the nine years old Marie Smith, who has been missing from her home four days.

The body was found in the woods near her home. Thomas Williams, a negro, is held on suspicion.

The body was found at dusk last night. Some instinct seemed to warn the mother of how the search had ended, for, although an effort was made to shield her from the truth, she rushed from the house and took in the full horror of the fact before she could be withheld.

Chance Discovery of Body. Chance discovered the body as chance had hidden it. There seemed to have been no effort at concealment. The wind had strewn fall leaves until their color so matched the brown of the child's dress and her brown hair that, as she lay face downward, she was nearly indistinguishable from her shroud.

Thomas Williams, known in the neighborhood as "Black Diamond," is a negro woodchopper, employed by the girl's aunt, and had been missing since the same day on which Marie disappeared. A warrant was issued for him and an alarm for his capture sent broadcast throughout the country and state.

His axe was found near the body. It did not need an autopsy to establish criminal assault. The child was small for her years and not strong, but she had fought to utter exhaustion. The broken sticks and trampled ground around her showed as did her injuries. Her grey cap and the blue ribbon she wore in her hair had been tied tight about her throat but she had also been beaten on the forehead with some blunt instrument, and the leaves under her face were frozen together with her blood.

In her struggles she had been grasped by the hand with such force that a gold ring which she wore had flattened into the flesh. Her arms were badly scratched and there was a wound in the cartilage of her nose which surgeons say must have been caused by human teeth shut down on it to cut off her breath.

Marie Smith was last seen at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning on her way to school, two blocks from her home. The place where the body was found is off the path and either she must have been straggled into the woods or picked up and carried bodily.

Found in His Room. Williams was arrested last night in the last place where any one thought to find him—his room. The police went there to search for evidence and found their man instead. Williams admitted that he had not left the room since Thursday and the appearance of the room bore him out. His suspenders were stained with what looked like blood and a towel was found on which bloody hands seemed to have been wiped. When placed under arrest the negro was in pitiable terror and would neither admit nor deny the crime with which he is charged. He was then taken quietly to jail.

NINE SENT TO PRISON ON BLOCKADING CHARGE

MANY PERSONS KILLED IN STREET FIGHTING

San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua, 14.—Troops were called out to suppress political demonstrations at Leon yesterday, and meeting resistance swept the streets with grape and canister.

Many persons were killed or wounded. Excitement is intense.

Young Woman's Body Found; Ex-Convict Arrested.

San Francisco, Nov. 14.—Shattered beyond recognition, the body of a young woman was today found beside the Ferry Theater. John Knapp, an ex-convict, has been arrested. The black and white body was found near the intersection of the streets.

WEBSTER SUFFERS SEVERE FIRE LOSS

Three-Story Hotel, Bank Building, Drug Store and Two Residences Destroyed.

FEARED FOR A TIME ENTIRE TOWN WOULD BE DESTROYED

Fire Originated in Webster Hotel About 8:15 Last Night—Citizens Fought Hard—Loss \$17,000.

Webster, the county seat of Jackson county, suffered a disastrous fire last night. For a time it was feared the whole town would be wiped off the map, but fortunately the flames were checked at the postoffice. The loss will aggregate about \$17,000 with only a small amount of insurance.

The fire originated in the kitchen of the Webster hotel and soon enveloped the entire frame structure. Spreading from the hotel to the drug store, a few feet away, this was consumed and the Tuckasee bank next caught. The residences of Nathan Cowan and Andy Allison were also destroyed and the flames were finally checked at the postoffice building, which had caught but was extinguished.

Webster has no organized fire department and no water system, and bucket brigades were the only means of fighting the flames. The men fought bravely. Telephone messages were sent to Dilshoro and Sylva for aid and several men rushed over in time to give assistance.

The fire was discovered about 8:15 o'clock last night and it was about 9:30 before it was under control. The Webster hotel was a two-story, three-story frame structure, owned by Virge Brown of Waynesville and valued at about \$16,000, including furniture. The bank's loss will be about \$2500 and the drug store about \$1500. The residences are valued at about \$1500 each.

JOE CAIRNES, SLAYER OF DAVIS, GIVEN A HEARING

Conflicting Testimony as to the Shooting of the Biltmore Ranger—Magistrate Reserves Decision.

Joe Cairnes, who, about two weeks ago shot and fatally wounded Cleo Davis, a ranger in the employ of George W. Vanderbilt, was given a preliminary hearing before Magistrate Hood at Hendersonville Saturday.

The evidence was taken in relation to the shooting, the magistrate reserving decision relative to bond at the conclusion of the hearing. The evidence before the magistrate was conflicting. Cairnes gave his version of the shooting. He said that he heard a rustling of the leaves and believing that he saw a deer fired. His aim was good and Davis, the ranger, was mortally shot. A companion of Davis testified that he and Davis were watching for poachers on the border of the estate when Davis was shot from cover. After Davis was shot he walked half the distance from the scene of the shooting to his home while his companion went after assistance. He did not long after being shot. The coat worn by Davis on the fatal day was an exhibit at the preliminary hearing.

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Fulfillment of Taft's Promise Depends on the Two Governors

Campbell of Texas Promises to Make Investigation of Rock Springs Lynching, and Haskell of Oklahoma Promises to Try to Protect Slayer of Chief of Police Temple—No Trace of the Supposed Mexican Is Found by Posse.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—Fulfillment of President Taft's promise to President Diaz of severe punishment of the persons who burned the supposed Mexican, Antonio Rodriguez, at Rock Springs, Tex., and to protect Mexicans in this country, appears to depend upon the good will of the governors of Texas and Oklahoma.

Governor Campbell of Texas has already promised to make an investigation of the lynching. A telegram from Governor Haskell, in answer to an urgent request from Secretary Knox to guard the safety of Mexicans in Oklahoma and particularly prevent any attempt to lynch the man, supposed to be a Mexican, who killed the chief of police at Anadarko, pledges the governor to comply with these requests.

The state department has not been able to confirm the report that Rodriguez was not a Mexican, but a native born American. It is expected an investigation will clear up that point. United States Ambassador Wilson's telegram informs the state department that Sunday passed off quietly throughout Mexico, without recurrence of anti-American outbreaks. It is believed that the government has the situation completely in hand.

Anadarko, Okla., Nov. 14.—Scouring the surrounding hills a posse is in search for the man who escaped after killing Chief of Police Temple Saturday. There is no trace of the fugitive this morning.

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FOOTBALL PLAYER SLUGGED TO DEATH

Captain of West Virginia University Killed in Game—Willfully Injured.

WHEELING, W. Va., Nov. 14.—Inquest into the death of Rudolph Munk, the West Virginia University football player who died Saturday as the result of injuries received in a football game, will be completed tonight.

Thomas McCoy, the Bethany player charged with being responsible for Munk's injuries, is expected to arrive during the day from his home in Canton, O., and tell his side of the case. He denies that he hit Munk with his fist, as charged, and explains that it was a football accident.

Munk was from Conneville, Pa., and was captain and left half back of the West Virginia University team. He died of concussion of the brain received in the game with Bethany here Saturday afternoon in which the teams fought for the state championship. Munk was injured during the last period of the game and was taken from the field unconscious. McCoy, right end of the Bethany team, fell on Munk in the scrimmage and spectators say the men fought viciously. The referee declares he saw no blows struck. When McCoy arose from the prostrate form of Munk he was removed from the game. West Virginia won the game 8 to 0.

McCoy Charged With Murder. A warrant charging Thomas McCoy, right end of the Bethany college football team with murder in connection with the death of Captain Rudolph Munk of the West Virginia university team, was issued here yesterday by Magistrate R. G. Hobbs. The action followed partial completion of the inquest by Coroner W. W. Rogers.

The testimony upon which the warrant was issued was furnished principally by Homer N. Young, a Pittsburg attorney, who umpired the game. Young testified that Munk was making interference and was a few yards in front of the scrimmage line when McCoy came up to the West Virginia captain, striking him in the head. Munk fell to the ground unconscious and Young ordered McCoy from the game.

The autopsy held at the coroner's office disclosed the fact that Munk's death was caused by a blood clot at the base of his brain and could not have been the result of a former injury. The dead athlete's body was removed to his home at Conneville, Pa. McCoy, who is charged with causing the player's death, lives at Canton, Ohio.

A Deliberate Act. Pittsburg, Pa., Nov. 14.—Attorney Homer N. Young, who umpired the football game between West Virginia University and Bethany at Wheeling Saturday afternoon lives here. He said: "I can state positively that the injury to Munk was the result of a plain deliberate act. I cannot give the name of the Bethany player who inflicted the injuries, but I saw the incident. A few minutes before this I had penalized Bethany 15 yards because the same player had run into Munk intentionally."

"I was watching for more work of the same sort. In the next rush there was no untoward occurrence, but in the next I saw the Bethany player, whose name I did not obtain, deliberately run into Munk and knock the latter over backwards. Munk fell heavily on the back of his head and did not rise. If he was kicked I did not see it. I put the player who had knocked him down out of the game. He acted like a man who knew he had done something wrong, for he left the field without a word of protest or explanation."

State and Savings Banks Called. Gazette-News Bureau, Chamber of Commerce Rooms, Holleman Building, Raleigh, Nov. 14.—The corporation commission issues call for reports of the conditions of state and savings banks at the close of business November 10, 1910. Three hundred and forty-five banks are subject to this call.

Hugh Inman in Serious Condition. New York, Nov. 14.—Hugh Inman, the Atlanta financier, being treated here for typhoid fever, had a relapse today. His wife and daughter were alarmed. Mr. Inman is growing gradually weaker.

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PRESIDENT AND PARTY REACH THE CANAL ZONE

The Special Squadron Arrives at Colon at 7:30—Will Remain in Panama Four Days.

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INSULATED COPPER WIRE FOUND UNDER THE HULL OF THE MAINE

SENATOR CLAY OF GEORGIA IS DEAD

End Came Suddenly Sunday Afternoon While Senator Was Talking to His Son.

SENATOR CLAY HAD SERVED IN SENATE FOR FOURTEEN YEARS

He Was 57 Years Old and Had Been in Failing Health for Some Time—Funeral Tuesday.

Atlanta, Nov. 14.—United States Senator Alexander Stephens Clay, of Georgia, died at the Robertson sanitarium here Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, after an extended illness. His death was as peaceful as it was sudden. He had been talking with his son, Herbert, a few minutes when he suddenly ceased speaking and fell back with a slight gasp.

During the morning and afternoon the senator appeared in better spirits than usual, the attending physician stating that he was apparently recovering from the slight relapse of Saturday. Mrs. Clay came to Atlanta from her home at Marietta in the morning, but when she found the senator so much improved, returned to Marietta about noon. The only member of the family present at the death bed was the senator's son, Herbert, who is mayor of Marietta.

According to the physicians Senator Clay's death resulted from dilation of the heart superinduced by arterial sclerosis. The senator had been ill for nearly a year and came to the sanitarium here on November 1 to take a rest cure. He appeared to be improving until Saturday when he suffered a relapse which he, in his weakened condition, was unable to stand. The body was removed to the Clay home at Marietta late in the afternoon where the funeral services will be held Tuesday.

Senator Clay was 57 years old and was serving his third term in the United States senate. He is survived by a widow, five sons and a daughter, besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Clay, of Cobb county. Ralph Smith, Senator Clay's secretary, wired Sergeant-at-Arms Ransdel of the United States senate, the announcement of the senator's death and a committee will be appointed from the senate to attend the funeral.

Had Served for 14 Years. Washington, Nov. 14.—News of the death of Senator Alexander S. Clay was received last night by Colonel Daniel M. Ransdel, sergeant at arms for the senate. It was conveyed in a telegram from E. Herbert Clay, of the senator, and was dated at Atlanta. Colonel Ransdel at once informed Vice President Sherman who will name a committee of senators today to attend the funeral. Speaker Cannon also will appoint a committee from the house of representatives. Senator Clay had been in ill health for some time. In the past session of congress he was forced to remain away from the senate chamber on several occasions although he refused to leave the floor until practically forced to do so. The tariff session was a severe strain on his gradually waning strength for he gave close attention to the debate attending the drawing up of the Aldrich-Payne measure.

Committees Named for Funeral. Washington, Nov. 14.—Committees were today designated by Vice President Sherman and Speaker Cannon to represent the senate and house at the funeral of Senator Clay of Georgia Wednesday. Senators Bacon, Scott, Overman, Depew, Johnston, Dupont, Smith of South Carolina, Oliver Swanson, Dick and Frazier compose the senate committee. The house committee will consist of the entire Georgia delegation and Representatives Clark and Sparkman of Florida, Clayton of Alabama, Moon of Tennessee and Finley of South Carolina.

Wayne Smith. Death Yesterday of Young Citizen of Homyin Section—Employe of Champion Fibre Company.

Wayne Smith, aged 21 years, died early yesterday at the home of his parents in the Homyin section following a three week's illness. He was a very popular young man and leaves a large number of relatives and friends. He had been in the employ of the Champion Fibre company for some months. He was unmarried.

Call for Bank Statement. Washington, Nov. 14.—The comptroller of the currency issued a call for statements of the condition of all national banks at the close of business November 10th.

Effective November 16, the Western Union Telegraph company will begin all night telegraph service with J. T. Milton, formerly of Augusta, as operator, and R. G. Whithead night wire chief. Arrangements have been made with the telephone company to deliver messages over the telephone to outlying rural districts, and to begin in this section.

Present Strength of the National Guard is 9155 Officers and 110,505 Men; 734 Increase.

Washington, Nov. 14.—The present strength of the national guard of the United States is 9155 officers and 110,505 men, a net increase of only 734 over the preceding year.

The average for the whole country is regarded as low, being about seven millionths as every 1000 of population. These figures are contained in the annual report of Col. L. M. Weaver, chief of the division of the militia of the army.

THE WEATHER. For Asheville and vicinity: Rain tonight or Tuesday; colder Tuesday. For North Carolina: Unsettled weather; rain tonight or Tuesday; warmer tonight in east and central portions; colder Tuesday.

It Is Such Material as Is Used for High Tension Electric Currents—Considerable Quantity Reported.

IS STRONG CORROBORATION OF THE BOARD'S FINDING

Such Is Trend of Naval Officers' Comment—Admiral Sigsbee, Who Commanded Ill-Fated Vessel, Talks.

New York Herald Syndicate.

HAVANA, Cuba, Nov. 14.—A large quantity of insulated copper wire, such as is used for electrical currents of high tension, has been found by divers under and about the hull of the Maine. The wire now lies on board the boring vessel Manelita, presumably to be examined by authorized experts in due course.

Construction of the testing tube is being actively carried on. Fifteen thousand tons of steel for the cofferdam around the wreck is expected today from the United States. Comment of Naval Officers. New York Herald Syndicate, 1502 H Street, N. W., Washington, Nov. 14.

There was intense interest in Washington in the report culled from Havana that quantities of insulated copper wire had been found about the hull of the old battleship Maine. Officers of the navy, while approaching the matter with caution and anxious for details, held the discovery of the wire to be strong corroboration of the verdict of the board of inquiry that the Maine was blown up from the outside. The news was communicated to Admiral George Dewey and other navy and army officers.

To Rear Admiral Charles G. Sigsbee, retired, in command of the Maine when she was blown up, there immediately occurred the fact that only Spanish divers were allowed to work outside the vessel during the investigation. He knew of no such discovery, although he recalled the fact that an American newspaper man was present in the Spanish boat from which the divers worked, but did not disclose the fact that any wire was discovered.

Brigadier General Arthur Murray, chief of the coast artillery, asked if the wire was of the kind used on board the Maine. This, he said, would at once prove the value of the discovery. If the wire was compared with that from the Maine proved to be unlike it, General Murray regarded that fact as indicating that it had no place where found and strong evidence of a sinister purpose.

"That is highly interesting," said Beckman Winthrop, assistant secretary of the navy, when the news was given to him. "This would seem to be corroborative of the findings in detail of the board that the explosion came from the outside of the vessel. It is, however, too indefinite information for detailed comment."

"When I attempted to go on board the Maine after she was blown up," said Rear Admiral Sigsbee, "I was stopped by a Spanish picket boat. I at once protested against this, and went to General Murray, who recognized the right which I had to return to the vessel. I contended that my rights were extrajurisdictional and demanded that the Spanish admiral be called off."

"But if the inside belongs to you, then the outside belongs to us," asserted General Blanco. This position the Spaniards maintained, and while we examined the vessel our divers were not allowed to explore in detail the outside of the vessel. This examination, was made by Spanish divers.

While attempting to preserve the judicial attitude which he has maintained concerning the destruction of the Maine, Rear Admiral Sigsbee was unable to refrain from guarded expressions of the significance of the discovery reported today.

"What was my own view first," said Brigadier General Murray, "is whether the wire found was ever on board the Maine. Proof positive of this is very important. The question should be investigated with great care. Experts will be able early to determine it. If wire like that was not carried on board the Maine, the conclusion is obvious."

From Rear Admiral W. E. Potter, a member of the Maine court of inquiry, it was learned that during the investigation a mass of wires was discovered and brought to the surface. It was at first thought that they had an important bearing upon the cause of the wreck. Later it was established that the wires were part of the Aldrich signaling system used on the masts of the vessels. These wires were not again thrown overboard, nor were they copper insulated wires of the character now discovered.

Trenton Has 96,815 Population. Washington, Nov. 14.—Trenton, N. J., has a population of 96,815 inhabitants, according to the thirteenth census, an increase of 22,508 over 189