

TRIPLE MURDER, ASSAULT, ARSON

Durham Stirred to Frenzy Over Saturnalia of Crime in Granville, for Which Negro Has Been Lodged in Jail.

NEGRO IS FOUND AT HOME, TREMBLING, BLOOD-COVERED

His Pocket Knife, Found Near Charred Bones of Victim, Girl's Clothes, Hair, Blood, Is Chief Piece of Evidence.

DURHAM, Dec. 20.—Durham is stirred to a frenzy as the result of the fiendish crime of Nathan Montague, a young negro, who is now in jail, charged with assault, murder and arson, committed last night in Granville county.

The discovery of a fire at J. L. Sanders' home late in the night aroused the suspicion of the neighborhood. A vain search was made for bodies. On the ground outside of the house was found horrible tell-tales of a crime.

A girl's hair and clothes had been torn from her, and blood in pools ran over the ground. Near the torn-up ground was a big pocket knife, a bloody instrument of death. When the fire died down, the charred bodies of Miss Mary Sanders, her father, J. L. Sanders, and a niece, two years old, were discovered.

Sheriff Wheeler went to the negro's house, finding him trembling and covered with blood. The negro, overpowered, was hurriedly taken to Durham.

Following an inquest he will be rushed to the penitentiary, the authorities fearing lynching threats. The finding of the knife is regarded as strong evidence of the negro's guilt.

The young girl yesterday was at a neighbor's house, assisting in hog killing. The negro was there as a helper, and used the same knife in scraping hogs. The knife proved the negro's chief accuser.

Murdered and Burned. Richmond, Dec. 20.—A special dispatch to the News-Leader from Wilson, N. C., says: W. B. Saunders of Wilson this morning received a telegram from Granville county stating that his father, mother, sister and two nephews were murdered and burned at their home near Stem last night. Saunders left at once for Stem. No details are obtainable.

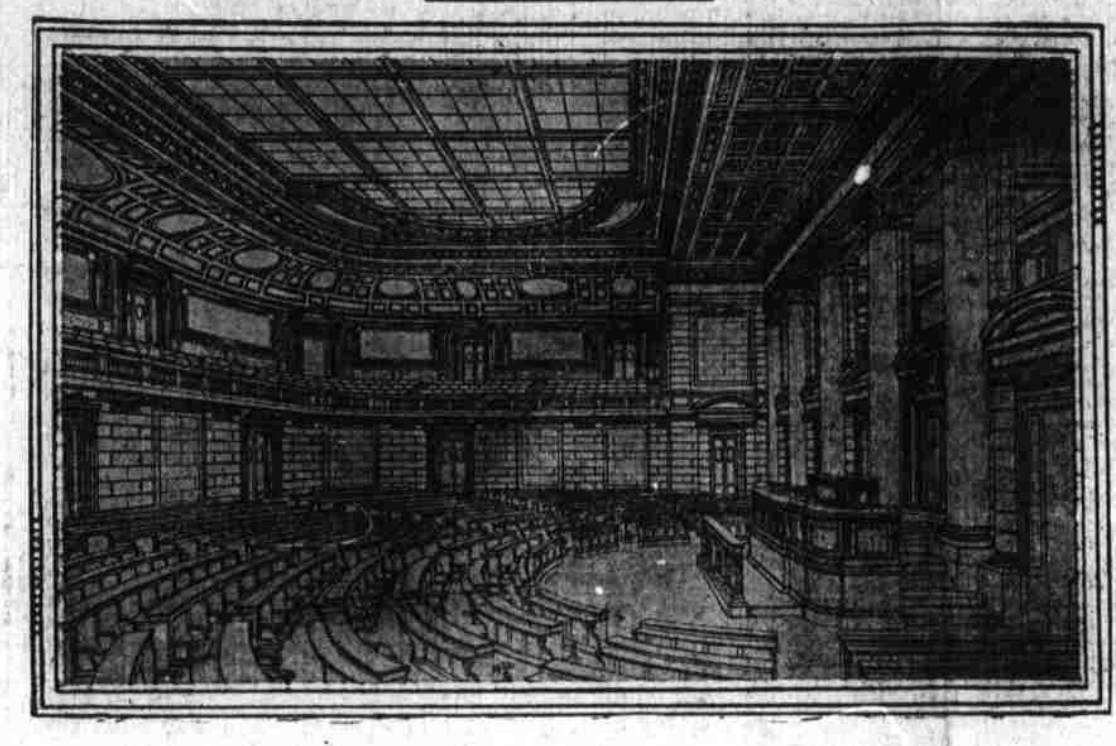
Convict Will Eat Christmas Dinner at Home. Leavenworth, Kans., Dec. 20.—Justice L. Broderick, formerly an Indianapolis banker, may eat his Christmas dinner at home. Broderick was released from prison today after serving a sentence of 10 years for violation of the national banking laws.

Knapp Confirmed. Washington, Dec. 20.—Martin A. Knapp was today confirmed by the senate as the additional circuit judge second judicial circuit. He will take his place on the bench of the new court of commerce as soon as the tribunal is organized.

Body of Lieut. Donohue Found. Baltimore, Dec. 20.—The body of Lieut. Edward J. Donohue of the United States revenue cutter Apache, found in the harbor today. He had been missing since Saturday. Donohue was 26 years old.

Much Money For Xmas Though Many go Hungry Chicago, Dec. 20.—Although the big retail stores report more money spent for holiday goods this year than

Lower House Fitted Out With Benches



New York Herald Syndicate. NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Washington authorities are considering a proposition to reduce the size of the hall of the house of representatives to make more room. This is to be done to make space for the additional membership which will result from the reapportionment under the last census, which gives the United States nearly 92,000,000 population. Individual desks are to be sacrificed, and Elliott Woods, superintendent of the capitol building and grounds, proposes a change to something not unlike the English house of commons. There are now 291 members of the house of representatives. When they are all in the house it looks like a hive of bees about to swarm. To take care of the 20 to 50 new members who may come in when the reapportionment is made and continue the present single desk and chair arrangement is out of the question. So it is proposed to contract the house, and in this way, through changing its manner of seating, make more room.

It is proposed to bring in the walls of the hall of the house of representatives until the room will be 61 by 89 feet. This will make it smaller than the senate chamber, which is 113 by 80 feet. This proposed contraction is possible through the adoption of desks which run in a continuous half circle but for the breaks which make the aisles and the use of a modification of the bench idea. Instead of the somewhat uncomfortable benches of the house of commons, Mr. Woods proposes nicely cushioned chairs, to be stationary, but set closely together and separated by narrow aisles. Space saved in the hall will be thrown into the corridors and the cloak rooms, which will be maintained as before. The scheme to change the seating of the house has been tried before and failed. Members are loath to give up the mahogany desks, the tops of which raise like thorns in school rooms and disclose in some cases an amazing mass of unanswered correspondence. Startling indeed is the report of Representative Samuel W. McCall from the committee on library on the proposal to rearrange the hall of the house. It recalls the Lincoln steamboat, which had so big a whistle that when the whistle was in use the steamboat stopped moving. "The enormous size of the hall," says the report, "makes it very difficult for a member with a voice of ordinary strength to be heard even under the best conditions, while if any degree of confusion exists it becomes in most cases impossible to hear one who is speaking half way across the hall. In order to agitate this enormous volume of air many of the members are compelled to make a very special effort, and the energy which should be employed in the brain is diverted to the lungs, and a style is demanded which is destructive of the argumentative manner and leads to declamation and the mere ad captandium."

The floor space a member in the present house is 10 1/4 square feet. That of the Metropolitan opera house in New York is 5-1-3 feet.

At the largest attended meeting ever held, the members of the Takkeosteek club last night voted to disband the organization. This action was taken, not because the club was a financial failure—for the report of the treasurer showed the club to be in the best condition in its history—but it was because it was felt that the sentiment of the club did not favor a continuance of the dances. Since the club was organized, more than three years ago, it has played an important part in the activities of the younger social set of the city, but many of the original members of the club have been "married off"—the list of those who have joined the realm of the Beneditis is a long one. Of the present membership, hardly one-half care for dancing.

The passing of the Takkeosteek is one of the instances of a change in sentiment as the members grow older. In the opinion of those who remained with the club since its inception, it had served its day. The club has been a success and memories of the good times at the dances will linger long with the members. A committee composed of F. R. Baker and Vonno L. Gudger was appointed as trustees of the club property and empowered to dispose of it before January 1. At the conclusion of the meeting, an auction sale was held with Mr. Gudger as the auctioneer and all of the club's handsome pictures and some other articles were disposed of at good prices, showing the sentiment of the members of the club. The final meeting of the club will be held in the rooms December 21 when the report of the trustees will be made.

Nothing Has Been Heard from Rev. D. J. Miller. So far nothing has been heard from Rev. D. J. Miller, pastor of Bethel, who so mysteriously disappeared Friday afternoon. No message of any kind has been received by any one so far as can be learned. Hayne Gives Bail. New York, Dec. 20.—Frank B. Hayne, head of the cotton firm of Hayne & Brown of New Orleans, who was re-indicted by the federal grand jury in connection with the alleged "cotton pool" conspiracy, has furnished \$5000 bail for his appearance here for trial.

Waynesville Mercantile Concern's Failure is Attended With Several Interesting Complications. Waynesville, Dec. 20.—The affairs of the "Odd Money Store" is the topic of conversation. The proprietor made an assignment to the Blackwell-Bushnell company and Haywood Grocery company; he waived his homestead in the assignment. The creditors placed Forrest Messer in charge as receiver. Messer opened the store to close out the stock. Deputy Sheriff H. S. A. Love soon appeared and demanded the keys of Messer, which he refused to deliver. Sheriff Love put another lock on the door, so both have keys. The creditors say the proprietor wants to claim his homestead; the proprietor says the assignment was not done legally and his creditors have not treated him right. The "Odd Money Store," John Blair, proprietor, has been running just a year.

GINNING REPORT FOR DECEMBER 13

A Showing of 10,698,482 Bales as Compared With 9,358,085 Bales, Same Date, Last Year

CROP PERCENTAGE AVERAGE, THIS DATE, 3 YEARS, ABOUT 90

North Carolina, by This Report, Had Ginned 664,434 Bales, Up to Last Tuesday.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The census bureau's report on cotton ginning, issued this morning, shows that 10,698,482 bales, counting round as half bales, had been ginned from the 1910 growth to December 13, as compared with 9,358,085 for 1909. The percentage of the last three crops ginned to December 13 was 92.9 for 1909, 91.0 for 1908 and 84.0 for 1907.

Round bales included this year are 106,827 compared with 140,024 for 1909. Sea Island cotton for 1910 is 75,170 bales, compared with 85,177 for 1909. By states the number of bales ginned to December 13, was: Alabama, 1,129,273; Arkansas, 676,156; Florida, 59,488; Georgia, 1,707,310; Louisiana, 234,468; Mississippi, 1,066,946; North Carolina, 664,434; Oklahoma, 885,928; South Carolina, 1,108,967; Tennessee, 269,657; Texas, 3,849,911; all other states 66,944. Distribution of Sea Island cotton for 1910 was: Florida, 25,804; Georgia, 39,717; South Carolina, 9,649. Corrected statistics of cotton ginned to December 1 are 10,139,712.

GIRL'S SCHOOL CHILDREN HAVE HOOKWORM DISEASE

Dr. Ferrell Today Picked Out 33 1-3 of Children in Two Schools as Being Affected.

The lectures to be delivered by John A. Ferrell, secretary for North Carolina of the Rockefeller Hookworm commission and Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the North Carolina state board of health at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium tonight at 8 o'clock promise to be of unusual interest. These gentlemen have spent the day in looking over the city and acquainting themselves with conditions here. In company with Supt. Tigne of the city schools and Dr. L. B. McDermott, city health physician, Dr. Rankin and Ferrell visited two of the city schools this morning. In one of the rooms they picked out about 33 1-3 of the children as being suspects of the hookworm disease and noticed more or less suspects in each room. This afternoon they were in conference with Supt. Tigne as to a systematic method of detecting the cases of hookworm disease and working out a plan of treating the cases.

Dr. Rankin expressed himself as very much pleased with the up-to-dateness of the school of the city and the general sanitary conditions. Dr. Rankin and Mr. Conover of the department of agriculture visited the abbatoir this morning and spoke of it as one of the best, most practicable and sanitary ones in the south except those in charge of a government inspector. Dr. Rankin seemed well pleased with general sanitary conditions in the city.

Two Disastrous Fires in New York City Today They Did Damage to Extent of \$350,000 and Caused Death of a Watchman. New York, Dec. 20.—Two early morning fires in upper New York City caused \$350,000 damage and the death of a watchman. The first fire was in a six story factory building occupied by the Aetna company, brass manufacturers, in a populous tenement district. A policeman had difficulty in awakening the sleeping families. The second fire burned out many firms occupying a factory building at Morning side avenue and West One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street.

Man Who Never Told a Lie Nor Quarreled Is Dead. Kirksville, Mo., Dec. 20.—William Howard Shemps, whose proudest boast was he never told a lie or quarreled with his wife, died at his home, aged 82. He and his wife were planning a celebration December 24. His wife is aged 98.

Honduran Minister Protests. Washington, Dec. 20.—The Honduran minister protested to state department today against permitting the departure of the steamer Formosa from New Orleans on the ground that the vessel contemplates leading a revolutionary expedition against the president, Davila.

Will Accept Bonds at 90 Per Cent. Market Value. Washington, Dec. 20.—Secretary of the Treasury MacVeagh has decided to accept the bonds of the Manila Railroad company at 90 per cent of their market value, but not exceeding 95 per cent of par as security for government deposits in national banks. The Manila railroad bonds have been merely added to the list of acceptable securities.

Five Days to Christmas. DECEMBER 20. Mail or Express Gifts are Time This Year.

Let Fleet Defend Coast and Canal GAZETTE-NEWS THEIR WEAPON



ADMIRAL DEWEY

Washington, Dec. 20.—"Let the fleet defend the coasts and the canal." This is the cry that is going to overwhelm the gentlemen of the war scare, and they have had a very bad time of it lately. Expert naval opinion, expressed by Admiral Dewey and Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, retired, is that the best defense of the canal and of the Atlantic and Pacific coasts is the navy. Admiral Dewey wants 50 first class battleships. Rear Admiral Evans holds that one battleship would be a better defense than a line of forts along the Pacific coast and regards an attempt to defend the coast with the militia as merely providing the invader with an "easy breakfast." There has been a mighty strong swing away from the men who want the government to buy 500 field guns, who want forts built every few miles from Puget Sound to lower California and who want the army swelled to 250,000 men. Representative Tawney, chairman of the committee on appropriations, stands like a rock against the agitators. President Taft is immovable. He was secretary of war once and he knows.

SHORT IN HIS ACCOUNTS WITH FERTILIZER FIRMS Mack Morgan of Albemarle is Alleged to Have Disappeared Owing \$10,000.

Mack Morgan of Richfield, this county, says an Albemarle special to the Charlotte Observer, who has been selling guano for the Virginia-Carolina Chemical company, the Navassa Guano company, and possibly other similar concerns, is alleged to be short in his accounts to an amount aggregating \$15,000. Mr. Morgan is said to have sold fifty car loads of fertilizer this fall and collected the proceeds. His whereabouts are unknown. He has been agent for the fertilizer concerns at Richfield for five years and it was his custom to make settlement on the 1st of December. Some time ago, it is alleged, he conveyed all of his property to his wife, who is still living in Richfield, and when settlement time came was missing.

WAS BURNED TO DEATH WHILE SHOWING SISTER XMAS GIFTS Tragical Death of Miss Ethel O'Connor in New York—Dress Caught on Fire.

New York, Dec. 20.—Burns, received when her dress caught fire while showing Christmas purchases to a little sister, caused the death of Ethel O'Connor, daughter of Judge O'Connor of the Municipal court.

Three Misses Shot. West Newton, Pa., Dec. 18.—Three miners were shot in a riot during mine strikes. Sheriff's deputies supposedly fired shots.

Runaway Car Caused the Frightful Gas Explosion

New York, Dec. 20.—Investigation into the cause of the explosion in the New York Central power house yesterday, resulting in ten deaths and over 100 injured, and a money loss of \$2,000,000, was continued today by the authorities. The primary cause, it is conceded, was a runaway train of electric cars that crashed over a bumper against the pressure lines, broke the field pipe and caused a large quantity of gas to accumulate in the basement. This gas was ignited by an electric spark from a short-circuit.