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ENGINEER FRED HOLT KILLED.

While Getting Coal at the Coal Shute Thursday Morning.

THERE IS NO CLUE TO GUILTY PARTY.

Unknown Assassin Shoots Engineer and Makes His Escape.—The House of M. Greenberg Fired Into.

The citizens of Durham that have of late had many shocks by crimes being committed in our midst during the night and at times during the day, were faced with the most cowardly murder of recent times, when it is considered that the crime was committed apparently without cause by an unknown person.

The story of the crime may be briefly told in the following: Engineer J. Alfred Holt, in charge of extra freight No. 723 had pulled up to the coal shute and after the coal had been loaded and while the fireman was out on the tender getting water, someone unknown who had been noticed under the shed fired a shotgun. The entire crew with the exception of the flagman, were on the engine and they quickly got out of the light to avoid a second shot.

The conductor went at once to phone for a physician and the remainder of the crew did what they could for their suffering companion.

STATEMENTS FROM THE CREW.

"I first thought it was a torpedo," said the conductor, "and then I saw that Engineer Holt was hurt and I saw a man standing under the coal shute. I could not tell whether he was white or colored. Fearing that a second shot would be fired I left the cab and the light. The others did the same thing." That is about all he knew of the matter.

The fireman says that the train had stopped at the shute and was just getting ready to get out when the shot was fired. He was on to the tender and the man standing under the shute. He had noticed him a moment before. Fearing a second shot he quickly put out his light and jumped to the ground on the opposite side. He noticed the man did not go away but walked off a short distance and stopped again.

About this time the fireman reached the engine and opened the valve and eased the train on towards East Durham. In the meantime Engineer Holt had stated he was shot and Conductor Waddell went on a run to the tower for the purpose of calling a doctor. This was done.

So far as the crew knows this is all that could be learned about the terrible affair.

TOLD ALL GOODBYE.

In the meantime the life blood of the big engineer was flowing fast "I am about gone," he said to his fireman. "I have been shot and am dying. I hate to die at this time and leave my wife and children without support. Go to them and tell them that I said goodbye. Tell each of my brothers goodbye." The man's voice wavered and he asked for water. Then he shook hands with his fireman and conductor and told each goodbye. Just as life was passing and he could not talk above a whisper he tried to say something about his baby. It was over. He was dead a moment later. While he was talking so calmly of death the conductor asked him how it would be with him and if he was going to die. "No," he was

not afraid to die but that he hated to leave his family at this time.

In about two hours the body was brought up to the undertaking establishment of J. S. Hall & Co., and there locked up pending the coroner's investigation that started Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock. His relatives were notified and the railroad people along the road were told of the fatal affair. Engineer George Freeland, of Burlington, came down on No. 112 and taking the seat made vacant by the murder carried the train on to its destination at Selma. It was extra train No. 723.

THE CORONER'S INQUEST ON.

The coroner and jury got to work Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock and there was a short inquest. Dr. Johnson, the health officer, examined the wounds and in the presence of the jury removed several of the shot. There were

one hundred and four wounds made, indicating by the scattering that the man must have been twenty yards away, and this bears out the statement of the fireman. The shot were No. 4 or what is commonly called squirrel shot. Most of these entered the cavity.

After this part of the examination the jury adjourned until this morning at 9 o'clock, this in order to get the railroad men who were on the train at the time back here and also to give the officers more time in the searching work that is being done.

SHOT THROUGH THE WINDOW.

A second attempt at assassination was made when about an hour after Engineer Holt was killed that a bed room in the home of Mr. M. Greenberg, Proctor street, was fired into, a shot gun being used and Mrs. Greenberg and two daughters narrowly escaping with their lives. This shooting was not far from 2 o'clock.

The fact that a shot gun was used in both cases, and that there was sufficient time for the murderer to have gone from the coal shute to the home of Mr. Greenberg, and the further fact that tracks found at both places are identical, makes the officers incline to the opinion that it was one and the same man. If this be so, just as Detective Woodall and other officers suggested, it must have been some crazy fool out on a rampage of murder.

HAD NARROW ESCAPE.

Several members of the Greenberg family had been down to the home of H. Brady, a kinsman, and did not get home until very late. They went to the dining room for lunch and it was about 2 o'clock when Mrs. Greenberg and two of her daughters went to an upstairs bed room to retire. One of the daughters was already in bed. The other spoke to her mother and asked her to look under the bed, that she saw a shadow on the wall. Just as the elderly lady stooped the load of shot tore through the window blind, crashing the glass, and penetrating the ceiling. The load was but a very short distance above the head of Mrs. Greenberg and had she not been stooping death would certainly have followed.

The entire family was aroused and Arthur Greenberg shot several times but he did not know what he was shooting at. He saw no person.

The K. of P. Lodge of this city held a banquet last night. Some of the members invited

CHIEF'S REPORT NOW READY

Big Business for the Month of November

80 CASES BOUND OVER TO COURT.

Chief Freeland's Report Shows 212 Arrests for the Month.—A Bad Record of Crime of Various Kinds.

The regular monthly report of Chief of Police J. F. Freeland is ready for the meeting of the board of aldermen next Monday night, and some of the things it will show are of interest to the general public.

In the first place it is the worst record so far as number and character of cases in the history of the town.

The jail is full with two prisoners guilty of killing another at large. The officers have evidently been busy during the month and while Van Ray and Charles Merritt are at large, when the superior court convenes Monday it will find plenty to do besides try W. H. Tilley for killing his wife or Wesley Bates for the murder of Jack Roberson.

There were 212 cases before the mayor for the month of November and of that number eighty have been bound over to court to await the action of the grand jury.

It will be of interest to the public in general to know the nature of the crimes charges. The following figures are taken from the report of Capt. Freeland and shows something of the crimes that have been done here in a month: Carrying concealed weapons 11, assault with deadly weapon 24, simple assault 29, cursing 15, drunkenness 27, gambling 23, larceny 7, affrays 28, selling whiskey 18, miscellaneous 30. Total 212. Sent to the higher court 80. Cash fines collected \$488. Worked out on the streets \$53. Total collection from fines and costs and special taxes \$351.50.

So far as we are aware there is no special reason for this epidemic of arrests and crimes or violations of the law. Of course a number of these cases are for selling whiskey and in some instances one person has several cases for this crime.

Officers of the city have been kept busy with the work that has been piled up for the superior court next week and have done their work well, and the congested condition of the docket will not be cleared to begin the new year with.

However, as these cases will be thrashed out in detail next week in the superior court we withhold further mention.

The Holladay Studio force have been hard at work this week getting things in shape to resume operations for Christmas season. While Mr. Holladay suffered a total loss of most of his effects he hopes to soon be in position to make better photos than ever and be just as prompt as usual in delivery.

The Home Saving Bank has a change of ad in this issue to which your attention is called.

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A PAID FIRE COMPANY.

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In many places for the past several months there has been much talk of Durham having a paid fire department. Just what shape the matter will take in the future remains to be seen.

Many citizens are talking this matter and there may in the near future be a petition prepared to present to the board of aldermen asking that they take the matter in hand and take steps to see that Durham has a paid company that will give special attention to this work and be ready at all times to answer the calls in time of fire.

However, it should not be understood that there is any dissatisfaction at the service the city is receiving at the hands of the present volunteer department, for such is not the case, but in many cases the boys are scattered over the city when they are needed to fight fire. The three volunteer companies have done well, but many are of the opinion that we have reached that stage when the business interests of the city demands that we have a company of men that will make it their business to know the best way to fight the fires that we have at all times ready to answer calls when an alarm is sent in.

The volunteer fire department has done much for Durham and every citizen, whether he has a fire or not, commends the young men that have stood ready to fight fire to the best of their ability.

A paid department will mean some expense to the city, but in the long run, many believe, will be the best investment the city has made in recent years. This matter is now occupying attention and the hope is frequently expressed that it should take definite shape receive action at the hands of the city aldermen.

Death of Miss Sue W. Turner.

Miss Sue W. Turner died at the home of her brother, Mr. Jeff F. Turner, in West Margaret Lane, Hillsboro, on Friday, November 27th, at 2:15 p. m. Miss Turner had been sick about two weeks with typhoid fever, and was 32 years of age. She leaves a mother, four sisters and two brothers. For many years this young lady had been a consistent member of the Walnut Grove Methodist Church.

The interment was at Walnut Grove Church Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock, and the funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. M. M. McFarland. The Observer extends to the bereaved the sincere sympathy of the entire community—Orange County Observer.

Rev. S. S. Bost was a witness in a civil action in Rowan superior court this week and spent several days in Salisbury.

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