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## Negro Rapist Shot on Train

While Enroute to the Penitentiary to serve 15 Years For Attempted Rape upon Pearl Perry, a Pretty 16 Year Old Girl Living at Ryland, in Chowan County—Thomas Early the Prisoner was Shot and wounded at the hands of an unknown party.

Thursday morning Thos. Early a negro was sentenced, at the Edenton court, to fifteen years at hard labor in the penitentiary for attempted rape upon Pearl Perry, a pretty sixteen year old girl living near Ryland, Chowan county, N. C.

While enroute to the penitentiary some unknown party shot and wounded the prisoner.

On Monday evening Miss Perry was returning home from the post office when a burly negro sprang upon her, and but for the timely appearance of a log wagon she would have been subjected to horrible fate.

The dastardly negro fearing for his safety but partly accomplished his brutal deed and fled for his life. Only to be later captured and thrown into prison at Suffolk, Va.

The young girl was taken to her home. Lacerated about the face

and hands, with the black fingers of the brute imprinted upon her throat and nearly frightened to death. She lies sick in bed.

The authorities having failed to locate Early, the perpetrator of the deeds, on Monday night started a more successful search on Tuesday morning.

The negro was captured near Cypress Chapel, Va. and hurried to the jail at Suffolk. Behind steel bars he confessed the crime and prayed protection from the mob.

That night he was secretly carried to the Portsmouth jail for safe keeping, a mob of 800 people having organized at Ryland to string him up as soon as he was turned over to North Carolina authorities.

Tuesday morning Judge Jones passed the sentence and fearing a lynching the authorities boarded the Norfolk & Southern North bound train with the prisoner to take him to the penitentiary at Raleigh, when about one mile out from Edenton an unknown party fired three or four shots at the prisoner from a revolver. Some of the shots took effect it is thought, that the injuries are not serious.

No one saw the shots fired and though parties are under suspicion nothing can be proven.



The Departure of an Edentonian after a day's shopping in Elizabeth City. The TAR HEEL welcomes the villagers.

### OFF TO CHARLESTON.

#### The Tar Heels To Take Charleston By Storm.

Just as North Carolina's exhibit is the greatest at the Charleston Exposition, so North Carolina week will be the best of all weeks. Great preparations have been made, and nothing has been left undone to insure the success of the occasion.

The Governor, attended by his entire staff and all of the State officials, besides a large party of friends, will leave here on the morning of April 8th by a special train over the Seaboard Air Line. It is not known yet just who will constitute the party, outside of the Governor's staff and State officials, but the following ladies have signified their intention of being in the party:

Mrs. R. D. Gilmer, Mrs. Mary Grimes Smith, Miss Julia Howell, Miss Sallie Whitaker, Misses Alice and Lizzie Aycock, of Raleigh; Mrs. Albert Anderson, Miss Mary Farmer, Mrs. F. A. Woodard, and Miss Mamie Robbins, of Wilson; Mrs. B. S. Royster, of Oxford, Mrs. W. H. Smith, of Goldsboro.

A provisional regiment of the State Guard has been selected, composed of four companies from each of the State regiments, to act as special escort to the Governor and party. Col. J. P. Armfield, of Statesville, will command the regiment, and the following have been chosen to form it:

#### FIRST REGIMENT.

Company C, Winston.  
Company D, Charlotte.  
Company I, Durham.  
Company L, Concord.

#### SECOND REGIMENT.

Company C, Wilmington.  
Company G, Washington.  
Company H, Clinton.  
Company I, Edenton.

#### THIRD REGIMENT.

Company B, Raleigh.  
Company C, Henderson.  
Company E, Oxford.  
Company I, Burlington.

The First Regiment Band will accompany the provisional regiment.

The companies from the First Regiment will form a battalion to be commanded by Maj. T. R. Robertson; the companies from the Second Regiment will form a battalion to be commanded by Maj. John C. Bond; the companies from the Third Regiment will form a battalion to be commanded by Maj. T. J. Winston.

The annual cruise of the Naval Brigade on the Hornet has been arranged so far to spend the week

in Charleston Harbor. Capt. W. T. Old will be in command of the Hornet. The divisions from Windsor, Elizabeth City, Kinston, Wilmington and New Bern will be on board.—News & Observer.

#### Senator James K. Jones Defeated by Former Gov. Clarke.

Little Rock, Ark., April 1.—Returns from the Democratic primaries, held Saturday, show that ex-Governor Jas. P. Clarke has been endorsed for United States Senator, and that Governor Davis has carried sixty-five of the seventy-five counties of the State. At the headquarters of Senator Jones a telegram was received today announcing that Washington county, which was supposed to be for Jones, had gone for Clarke by nearly 800 majority.

Clarke, apparently, will have a majority of twelve on joint ballot in the Legislature.

#### OLD MAIDS MEET.

#### Discuss Ways and Means of Capturing the Sterner sex.

The most delightful entertainment was given here by either local or foreign talent greeted with a packed house at the academy of Music Tuesday night.

The old maids convention was the title of the piece and the representative beauties of Elizabeth city were among the leading players.

The show was something swell. It was so ridiculous to see those charming young ladies try to look old. They simply couldn't do it and there was where the show was a failure. The girls were not cut out for such characters and knowing this we will not criticize. Everybody enjoyed the show and expressions of pleasure were heard on every hand.

The Old Maids arrived Tuesday afternoon they were driven in a big farm wagon and escorted through the principal streets of the city by Mrs. Zoeller and Mrs. Hardison. An improvised band wagon accompanied the procession and the music was extremely calithumpian. It is needless to say that the Old Maids flirted with everything in pantaloons that seemed to please their fancy.

The only drawback to the procession was the goat. His was a continual case of drawback and more than once did the drummer boys have to climb down and give a twist to the helm that the procession might be continually on the move.

Every character was a success and to give individual mention would claim more space than we can spare in this issue.

It was an eloquent testimonial to the praiseworthy efforts of Mrs. W. H. Zoeller and her able assistants,

## The Inland Water Route.

The Chamber of Commerce of this City adopts suitable Resolutions Asking the Active Co-operation of Virginia and North Carolina Members in Congress.—It will be a great Stimulus to Commerce in the South-Atlantic States.

Pursuant to a letter from Congressman John H. Small advising the adoption of suitable resolutions the Chamber of Commerce met at its rooms Friday night and the following resolutions were adopted:

WHEREAS, the subject of an inland water route from Chesapeake Bay to Beaufort Inlet has engaged the attention of a large commercial interest for many years, and

WHEREAS, the physical conditions are such as to demand the construction by the Government of such a water route, some of which conditions may be summarized as follows:

1 That on the coast of North Carolina, north of Beaufort Inlet, barrier reefs of sand varying from one-quarter of a mile in width to four miles, separate the Ocean from the inland Sounds and Rivers of the State.

2 That there is from the Virginia line to Beaufort Inlet practically only one outlet to the Ocean, known as Ocracoke Inlet in which the depth is limited to not more than eight (8) feet, by reason of the "swash" or sand bar on the Sound side, which makes the inland Sounds of North Carolina practically land-locked from the Ocean.

3 That Cape Hatteras on the outer Diamond Shoal and Cape Lookout on the coast of North Carolina and north of Beaufort Inlet, constitute such menaces to coast wise navigation as almost to make it prohibitory to coast wise shipping.

4 That the water borne com-

merce of North Carolina, north of and including Pamlico sound, must therefore find an outlet to the North by way of either the Dismal Swamp Canal of the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal, which afford a depth of seven or eight feet; and, Whereas, such an inland water way is not only necessary for the development of the commerce of Eastern North Carolina and of tide-water Virginia, but is also essential for the safety and development of the coast wise commerce between the North and South Atlantic ports; Whereas, a bill is now pending in the Senate of the United States which is intended to be made an amendment to the River and Harbor Bill, which authorizes an appointment of a commission of engineer to consider the entire subject of an Inland Waterway from Norfolk, Va. to Beaufort Inlet, N. C., and also to examine the intervening canals, above referred to, with a view to purchase one or both as a part of said Inland Water Route, and to be made a free and open water way by the Government. Now, therefore, the Chamber of Commerce of Elizabeth City, representing the commercial interests of said city, and indirectly representing the commercial interests of many sections of Eastern North Carolina, do earnestly pray that Congress shall enact such legislation, and incorporate the same as a part of the pending River and Harbor Bill by Congress.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions, certified by the President and Secretary of this Chamber, be forwarded to the Senators from North Carolina, Hon. F. M. Simmons and Hon. J. C. Pritchard, and to the Senators from Virginia, Hon. Thos. S. Hartin and Hon. Jno. W. Daniels; and also to each of the Representative from the States of North Carolina and Virginia.

CHAS. H. ROBINSON,  
President.  
Attest:  
H. T. GREENLEAF, JR.,  
Sec'y.

#### VERITABLE MAGNET.

#### Weisel Delights Bargain Seekers and Music Lovers.

M. Weisel's "destruction to value" sale has been a grand success. On Saturday March 29th, his sales reached the record breaking number of 1500. Sixteen salesmen were kept busy disposing of the unhard of bargains. Mr. Weisel's motive in playing such havoc with his prices was to advertise. His efforts were well repaid and he expects a continuance of the tremendous sale during the next and last week of his "destruction to value" sale.

Mr. Weisel is nothing if not up-to-date. He has put on a tremendous drawing card aside from his attractive, feminine catching bargain counters. He has installed a piano for the occasion and engaging the services of Miss Jesse Baker he has made his store a veritable magnet not only to the seekers of bargains but the lovers of music as well.

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#### EASTER SERVICES

#### Appropriate Services at Christ Church. Touching Memorial to Miss Helen Martin.

At Christ Church Sunday morning appropriate services were held in honor of the glorious occasion. The afternoon was devoted to entertainment by the children. At the morning services the unveiling of a memorial to Miss Helen Martin was solemnized. The memorial was in the form of a Brass Eagle Lectum and bore the following eulogistic inscription:

To the Glory of God And in Loving memory of Miss Helen Wadsworth Martin organist of this Parish.  
Born June 11 1874 Erected into rest May 20 1901.

#### Norfolk Strike Ended.

Norfolk, Va., April 1.—The strike of the street car men, which has been on here since March 1, was declared off today by the strikers. All boycotts were ordered lifted.

#### AROUSSED BY FIRE.

#### Martain and Briggs Furniture Factory Burned.

Williamston, N. C., April 1.—Last night at 11 o'clock our town was aroused by the ringing of fire bells and the entire populace were horrified at the sight of whirling and leaping flames enveloping the large furniture factory of Martain & Briggs which was quickly consumed.

#### A Negro's Revenge.

Philadelphia, April 1.—William Lane, aged 35 years, a colored servant employed by Charles F. Furbush at 652 North Fifteenth street, shot and killed today Mrs. Ellen Furbush aged 43 years; her daughter, Madeline H. Furbush, aged 10 years, and probably fatally wounded Eloise Furbush, aged 7 years, another daughter. The latter is not expected to live.

#### Arrested While Praying.

A preacher who says he is A. H. Keener, of York, Pa., was conducting a street meeting at Suffolk and was on his knees praying when Police Chief Brinkley jerked the petitioner up and started him to jail. Rev. Keener prayed all the way to the prison and continued his prayer after being locked up. One female immediately began weeping.

The police were so much impressed by Keener's sincerity that he was liberated, and then addressed a large crowd in front of the jail doors, comparing the persecution to that suffered by the Apostles. Keener preached a pretty good sermon and closed with an appeal made with tears in his eyes. Though he didn't ask for money, people flocked to him with dimes and quarters. He referred to the arrest, but did not abuse the officers.

#### FANNED BY FIERCEST WINDS.

#### Raging Fernace of Fire Destroys the Town of New Port Va.

Norfolk Va., April 1.—The town of Newport, Giles county, numbering 300 inhabitants, was wiped out by fire last night. The churches, stores and every vestige of the town, with with the exception of one single house, where entirely destroyed.

The fire was of unknown origin, but fanned by the fiercest wind in the history of the section, doomed the village from the start.

Very conservative estimates place the loss at \$30,000.

#### The White Opening.

Not one of those kinds found in our want columns but a White Opening. Something new to you perhaps but that is what Barclift & Willey had in store for those who visited their establishment on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week. To entertain our readers with a list of the linens, gingham, silks, suitings and scores of other pretty things that the well-dressed, 20th century girl, is so well acquainted with would be a little too much for the TAR HEEL. The exhibition was something immense and if this firm did not capture the feminine sex the big city stores had as well give it up. Was the store crowded? Well yes, and the extra help was taxed to its utmost capacity.

#### A Negro Fiend Lynched.

Rome, Ga., April 1.—Walter Allen, a negro, charged with a crime, assaulting Miss Blossom Adamson, a 15-year old girl, in this city yesterday afternoon, was taken from the jail tonight by 4,000 people who battered down the prison doors and hanged him to an electric light pole in the principal portion of the city. A volley was fired afterwards and fully a thousand bullets entered the negro's body.