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WORK OF A MADMAN.

He Shot and Killed His Two Brothers.

Barricaded Himself in a Barn and Was Captured by the Sheriff Through a Ruse.

Associated Press dispatch.

Pottsville, Pa., Nov. 2.—Worked into a frenzy as a result of an altercation with one of his brothers, Benjamin Franklin Weissinger, living on a farm several miles from this city, this afternoon, shot and killed his two brothers, attempted to kill his sister and a sister-in-law and held a large posse of policemen at bay for nine hours before he was captured. The tragedy occurred on the farm of the father of the men. The dead men are Louis Weissinger, aged 27 years, single, and Frederick, aged 25, who leaves a widow. The fratricide is 45 years old.

Benjamin and Frederick had a quarrel early in the afternoon over the cleaning of a horse. During the altercation Benjamin fired four shots at Fred without any of them taking effect. Frederick fled to the attic of the farm house and was followed into the house by the enraged brother. The latter secured a Winchester repeating rifle and as he was leaving the house he encountered another brother, Louis, at the kitchen door. Without a word of warning, Benjamin fired at Louis, the bullet striking him in the side. The victim fell unconscious and died in half an hour without uttering a word.

Weissinger then walked down a path and caught a glimpse of Frederick, who was looking out of the attic window. Benjamin quickly raised his rifle and fired. The bullet entered Frederick's cheek and penetrated the brain. He fell dead across the window sill. His wife, who had gone to the attic with him, attempted to drag the body into the room. She succeeded in this, but not before Benjamin had fired several shots at her without effect. Benjamin's attention was then attracted to his sister, Mary, who had come out of the house to persuade him from doing any more shooting. She persisted so strongly that he turned his rifle upon her and fired twice but his aim was bad. The young woman escaped into the house.

Having realized what he had done and fearing arrest, Benjamin decided to barricade himself in the barn. He went into the house, secured a shot-gun, several revolvers and ammunition and then took up his position in the barn. When Sheriff Smith appeared on the scene, a ruse was planned to capture the man. Another parley was held with the murderer and he agreed to let the two farm hands bring him his supper. The men were instructed to watch opportunity, seize him by the arms and shout, which would be the signal for the deputies to rush in. This they did and a terrible struggle took place. The murderer is a powerful man, but the force of numbers was too much for him and he was tied hand and foot before he could further use his weapons.

Weissinger is believed to be insane. His mind is said to have been failing for some time. He had nothing to say regarding the tragedy except that he exclaimed, "I am bewitched."

German Experts Coming.

Associated Press Dispatch.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 1.—An important commission of German technical experts is now en route to America to study American systems of finance, commercialism and the technique of its manufacturing enterprises. Among them are three of the most prominent men of German finance and science, Director Derberg, of the Bank of Commerce and Industries, Director Winterfeld, of the Berlin commercial company, and Privy Councilor Von Rathenau, director general of the greatest electrical works in Germany.

A number of others are to follow with the avowed purpose of "studying the United States and seeing how the Americans do it." They will visit New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, Atlanta, Charlotte, Columbia and the great cotton centers, the principal Texas cities, the great farms, ranches and mines of the West, and the smelting centers, after a tour of the great work-shops of the East.

Fatal Explosion of a Gas Main.

Associated Press Dispatch.

Wheeling, W. Va., Oct. 27.—Two foreigners were instantly killed and another probably fatally hurt by the explosion of a sixteen-inch gas main at Cameron yesterday. The men were blown nearly 50 feet by the force of the explosion and their bodies were horribly mangled.

NEGROES LYNCH A NEGRO.

The Negroes Took Him from Custody and Hanged Him.

Associated Press dispatch.

Shreveport, La., Nov. 2.—J. A. Craddock, a negro, was lynched by an infuriated mob, composed chiefly of blacks, at Taylorstown, about seventeen miles from Shreveport, last night. He approached the home of Wesley Chambers, a negro cotton picker, and called him out. After whispering to him and as Chambers turned to leave, Craddock split his head with an axe. Then Craddock mutilated the body of the dying man frightfully.

Then, observing Dan Washington, another negro, he crept upon him and struck him on the head with the edge of the axe. Not satisfied with this, he went to the door of the cabin and called Chambers's brother, Mercer, to the door. Mercer unsuspectingly came and was at once beaten down and frightfully injured. Wesley Chambers died almost instantly; Mercer died this afternoon and Washington cannot live.

After committing the triple murder Craddock walked to Taylorstown and mingled with the negroes there, boasting of the crime. He appeared perfectly unconcerned and said he killed the men "just for fun."

Craddock was captured by a small posse of white men, but a crowd of about 800, mostly negroes, took possession of him and at once hanged him to a tree and burned his body beneath it.

Judgment Suspended.

Courts are sometimes criticized for suspending judgment in so many cases, but what's to be done? Yesterday the first case tried by Judge Allen and a jury in the Superior Court was against five young boys for disturbing a religious meeting. They were convicted with ease, but the prosecuting witnesses, the church people, begged that nothing be done with them and judgment was suspended. The ends of justice were no doubt subserved, yet there was perhaps criticism. The next case up was against an old man claiming to have been a soldier blown up in the crater around Petersburg. His claim was investigated and thought to be correct. His right arm was palsied and he was in a deplorable condition, but he was convicted of stealing a cow. That palsied arm paralyzed the judge and he did not know what to do until the old fellow said he could prove an alibi by three witnesses. Then he was told to produce them before the end of the term and the case was kept open. But suppose he does not make his claim of an alibi good, what can be done with him? He is too old and disabled to work, though he manages to scurry around and keep out of the almshouse, even if he does have to steal a cow.—Greensboro Record.

Result of a Drunken Freak.

New York, Nov. 2.—Fourteen solid blocks of buildings in ruins, one life lost, two-score persons injured, 500 persons homeless and a financial loss of \$1,500,000 is the outcome of an alleged drunken freak which resulted in the fire at Coney Island yesterday.

Frank Connolly, 27 years old, and Peter Skelley, 38 years old, former waiter in the Albatross Hotel at Sheephead Walk and the Bowery, are locked up, charged with arson, on the strength of a statement made by Barney Wolf, proprietor of a Raines law hotel at the island. Wolf says that on Friday night Connolly and Skelley, in the presence of a great crowd, said that things were getting dull in the island, and they believed they would liven the place up with a fire. Wolf says he saw them start a fire, which he put out. Again yesterday, he asserts, they started a second fire, but he arrived just as the flames shot up and was unable to control them as he had done on Friday and he gave the alarm.

What Kind.

A young Japanese compositor employed on a Japanese paper hardily a stone's throw from the Mail and Express building was riding down town in a city hall train the other morning. He was groused in his morning paper and paid little attention to the other passengers. But a fresh looking young man who sat next to him, and who had been eyeing him all along, suddenly said:

"What sort of a 'news' are you, anyway—a Chinese or Japanese?" The little Jap was not caught napping. Quick as a wink he replied:

"What sort of a 'key' are you, anyway—a monkey, a donkey, or a Yankee?"

The fresh young man had no more to say and left the train quickly when City Hall station was reached.—New York Mail and Express.

True merit is like a river, the deeper it is the less noise.

TRIAL AT TRENTON.

Negro Arraigned for the Murder of Mr. F. G. Simmons.

Two Brothers, Partners in a Lumber Co., Draw Pistols and Try to Kill Each Other.

From special to Charlotte Observer.

Newbern, Nov. 2.—Alfred Daniels, the negro who is charged with the murder of Farnford G. Simmons, father of Senator Simmons, was taken from Craven county jail Sunday night, by Sheriff Taylor, of Jones county, to Trenton, where he will be tried for the crime and dastardly murder of one of the States' oldest and most respected citizens. Daniels was placed in Craven jail owing to the strong sentiment that was against him. All the indications pointed to his guilt at the finding of Mr. Simmons' body and it is said on good authority that the alleged murderer made a verbal confession to sheriff Taylor, of Jones, and Bid die, of Craven, that he killed Mr. Simmons, in self-defense. Mr. Simmons' gun was found by his side with both barrels clogged, but from the statement made by the prisoner it was impossible for him to have shot Mr. Simmons from the position and location that he said he was in. The case will come up before Judge Henry R. Bryan, who is presiding at the criminal term of court for Jones county.

A quarrel that came near terminating in an awful tragedy occurred to-day at the office of the Pine Lumber Company, of this city, in which two brothers were the principals. The quarrel was over a financial matter. Joe E. Hawk, one of the parties involved, is president of the above named company, which does a tremendous business, and the other, E. G. Hawk, is manager of one of the small mills of the company, at Croatan ten miles from this city. It seems that J. E. Hawk had suspicions that the financial affairs of E. G. Hawk were not what they ought to be, so this morning J. E. Hawk, learning that his brother was in the city, drove to Croatan, and got possession of the books used at the mill at Croatan, and brought them back with him. When E. G. Hawk had been informed of his brother's actions, he went to the office of the company and demanded that the books be returned to him, but upon refusal, witness saw E. G. Hawk draw his revolver and once again demanded the books, but it is said J. E. Hawk ran his hand to his hip pocket in an attempt to draw his weapon, but at this juncture W. F. Aberly, who is secretary and treasurer of the company, interfered, and in the melee one gun was exploded, but no damage was done. Then E. G. Hawk was disarmed and Aberly took J. E. Hawk's gun and snatched it two or three times at E. G. Hawk, but during the scuffle the gun was "broken," and all the cartridges dropped on the floor. An officer arrived on the scene, and arrested all the parties. The preliminary trial was held this afternoon, and E. G. Hawk was held under \$100 bond, for his appearance at court, also \$500 justified bond that he would keep peace for six months. Aberly was put under a \$50 bond.

Paint in the Water.

Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 31.—Special.—As a result of drinking water which was poisoned by paint, the four year old daughter of Mr. Charles McMillan, an architect of this city, died this morning, and an infant son lies at the point of death. Rain water running off a freshly painted roof and emptying into a cistern which furnished the supply of drinking water for the family, was the cause of the trouble. The children drank the water and it caused inflammation of the stomach. Medical skill was powerless to relieve the intense suffering of the children. The boy can not recover.

Girls Get Damages.

Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 31.—Special. The jury in the damage suit of Myrtle L. Kresch against Wilmington Cotton Mill tonight returned a verdict giving the plaintiff \$300 suit was brought for \$2500 damages. The plaintiff, a female operative, was injured by being caught in some machinery.

Insurance against hail storms.

Insurance against hail storms a new thing, but a large number of farmers took out policies insuring their crops against damage by hail last summer. One insurance company had 500 policy holders in this State to report loss by hail. What is needed throughout the State is insurance against damage to grain crops by chinch bugs.—Monroe Inquirer.

Killed Wife and Himself.

Washington, Nov. 2.—Luis Mortfeld to day shot and killed his wife and then committed suicide at a boarding house here. Mortfeld was a paroled patient of a hospital for the insane and it is believed the deed was committed because of his fear of being returned to the asylum. Mrs. Mortfeld engaged in a desperate struggle with her husband before she was killed. Early this morning Miss Margaret Werrell, the landlady heard the woman's frantic appeals for help and endeavored to reach the room but the door was locked. The landlady ran into the street and appealed to several people, one a watchman at a nearby building, but all failed to respond. Mrs. Werrell returned, telling Mrs. Mortfeld to hold out a little longer as the police were coming. Two shots were then fired and Mrs. Werrell thinks they were intended for her. Three shots followed and she believed these ended the lives of couple.

Murdered by Mountaineers.

Bristol, Tenn., Nov. 2.—B. C. Banks, assistant superintendent of the Virginia St. Louis fair committee, arrived here to-day from Big Stone Gap, Va. He stated that E. D. Wentz, brother of the missing young man, E. L. Wentz, had abandoned all hope of finding the missing young man alive. Mr. Banks stated that E. D. Wentz expressed adherence to the theory that his brother had been murdered by mountaineers. Mr. Banks knew nothing of the report that \$100,000 had been demanded as a ransom for Wentz's return to his family.

Mrs. Sainting Almost Drowns Herself.

Raleigh, Nov. 2.—Mrs. Richard Sainting, who lives near here, attempted suicide yesterday. She was missed, and a letter was found, disclosing her intention, and saying that her body might be found in a creek near-by. Search was instantly made. The body was found in the water, being apparently dead. A physician arrived immediately, and said she was still alive, but had she remained in the water a moment longer she would have been dead. She is in a serious condition.

STATE NEWS.

The dispensary won in at Kinston election over saloons by 87 majority, after one of the hardest fought battles at the polls ever known there. The vote cast was 609. Until the official count both sides confidently claimed success. The election was very quiet and orderly, and there was no disturbance.

A new enterprise has been opened up at Greensboro. J. C. Herriog, of the Herring Artificial Stone Company, of Charlotte, has entered into a co-partnership with Messrs. Sam Brown and W. E. Carter, of this city, and the new firm will manufacture artificial stone and do a general wholesale cement business. The factory will be located on Walker avenue, and the business will be quite an extensive one.

Mr. Alfred S. Galloway, while on his way from Pelham to Dr. Keesee's store, near Reidsville, last Monday morning, found a dead negro on the railroad track just this side of Pelham. The negro was identified as Sanford Thompson who lived near by, and his body showed marks which indicated that he had been killed by a train. The negro attended church in Ruffin Sunday night and it is thought he had boarded a freight train to ride home. The train did not stop at Pelham, and he must have been hurled under the wheels while trying to alight. The boy was about 22 years old. Mr. Galloway notified some people of the section of his find and an inquest will be held.

Maggie Carver, a fourteen-year-old of Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Carver of Asheville disappeared from her home about a month ago and all efforts of the family and police to locate her have proved a failure. The matter has been kept quiet with the hope that the child might be found. It is the belief of the father that his daughter has been foully dealt with. It is said to-day that Mrs. Carver is prostrated, and fears are entertained that she will lose her reason.

The little 3-year-old girl of Pastor R. R. Nichols, of the colored Methodist church at Kinston, N. C. died an awful death Thursday night at midnight as a result of a horrible burning vestaloid. The little girl was playing in the fire with a broom, alternately sticking the broom in the fire and then putting her foot on it to stamp out the blaze, when its dress caught fire.

The Baptist State Convention meets in Charlotte, December 9th. Six hundred delegates will be in attendance.

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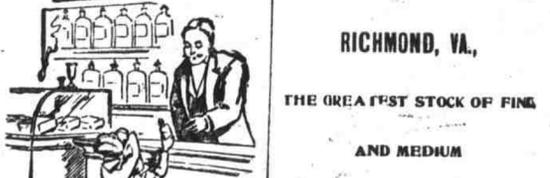
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