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LADIES' ASSAULTED ON STREET

Misses Lillie and Bertha, Barker Badly Frightened by Man Who Attacked Them on Street Saturday Night—Miss Bertha Barker Choked by Assault Before She Could Push Him Away—News of Outrage Causes Some Excitement—Neither of the Young Ladies Injured—No Clue to Guilty Party.

There was quite a bit of excitement in town for a while Saturday evening about 9 o'clock when the news went out that some unknown man had attempted to assault Misses Lillie and Bertha Barker, daughters of Mr. W. P. Barker, while en route from Mr. Q. T. Williams home on Tenth street, to their home on Elm street. They were walking the sidewalk in front of Mr. J. Q. Beckwith's residence, 10th St., when an unknown white man stepped from behind a tree and caught Miss Bertha by the throat. She pushed the man loose and both of the ladies screamed and ran into the house of Mr. Alf H. McLeod, corner of Tenth and Elm. The ladies were very much frightened and as soon as they could explain the trouble to Mr. McLeod he grabbed his pistol and ran out in search of the man. Chief of Police H. H. Redfern and Sheriff R. E. Lewis were notified at once and a diligent search was made for the unknown party, but as yet no one has been arrested. The ladies say they saw only one man, but it is thought that the second man was near by. Neither one of the ladies was hurt, but both of them were very much frightened.

Holidays With Graded School Teachers.

The graded school closed Friday for the holidays. The spring session will begin Tuesday, December 30th. The out-of-town teachers have left for their respective homes: Miss Fannie Knight, teacher of first grade, Raleigh; Miss Mary Henderson, fourth grade, Davidson; Miss Mamie Highsmith, seventh grade, Fayetteville; Miss Edith Pipkin, 8th grade, Reidsville; Miss Ruby Johnson, ninth and tenth grades, Delway.

As has been stated in The Robesonian, Miss Knight, who for several years has had charge of the first grade, has resigned and will not return. Her successor has not been elected and Supt. Sentelle says that this room will be closed until a teacher can be elected. It is understood that Miss Knight is to be married on the 30th of this month.

Agent of Postoffice Department Here.

Mr. W. F. Fields of the Postoffice Department at Washington is in town today with a view to closing up a deal for a site for a government building. As has been mentioned in The Robesonian, options were secured some months ago on the property on the corner of Seventh and Elm streets, but Mr. Fields says that some other propositions are being made to the Department and that nothing definite will be done until after his return to Washington. It is understood that the options secured on the above mentioned property, are only good to January 1st. Mr. C. M. Fuller has offered the lot on which his residence stands, Chestnut and Sixth.

Petition in Bankruptcy.

The following item of news of local interest is taken from yesterday's Wilmington Star:

"Through its attorneys, Messrs. McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor, of Lumberton, there was filed in the office of the United States court, this city, yesterday a petition in voluntary bankruptcy by the St. Paul's Mercantile Co., of St. Paul's, Robeson county. The petition will be referred to Geo. H. Howell, Esq., referee for this district, who will later adjudge and call for the first meeting of creditors.

Washington, Dec. 21—An all-day conference of the joint congressional committee on the currency bill tonight pushed that measure close to completion. Problems involving the reserve propositions, the size and character of the Federal Reserve board, the redemption of 2 per cent government bonds and the retirement of the present National Bank currency, proved troublesome, but the conferees finally smoothed out most of the issues between the House and the Senate. When the two branches of Congress convene tomorrow it is expected plans will be made for a long recess beginning beginning Tuesday.

CHRISTMAS IN LMBERTON

There Will Be Entertainments and Trees Nearly Every Night This Week—Service Christmas Day at First Baptist Church—Dinner for County Home Inmates—Mills Will Shut Down.

Christmas is in the air. Christmas is in the hearts of the children, and every Sunday school in Lumberton and its suburbs is making preparations to bring as much joy as possible to the hearts of the children this week by having Christmas trees and Christmas exercises especially for their benefit. The fun will begin tomorrow evening at Chestnut Street Methodist church, where the Epworth League and the Sunday school will unite in exercises and a tree for the little folks in the Sunday school room, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

On Wednesday evening—Christmas Eve—the East Lumberton Methodist and the North Lumberton Union Sunday schools will each have exercises and a tree.

Christmas exercises entitled "The Hope of the Ages" will be held at the First Baptist church Christmas evening, beginning at 7:30. The exercises will consist of special Christmas songs and recitations. There will also be some special instrumental music. It is expected that the Sunday school auditorium, in which the exercises will be held, will be very tastefully decorated for the occasion. Four hundred presents have been prepared for the primary and intermediate grades.

The Presbyterian Sunday school will have a Christmas tree with some appropriate exercises by the little folks on the evening of Christmas Day. The exercises will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

On Thursday evening there will be the usual Christmas entertainment at Baker's chapel. Good entertainment is expected and Santa Clause will be there. The exercises will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

The Gospel Tabernacle Sunday school will also have a tree and exercises on the evening of Christmas Day.

The East Lumberton Baptist school will have a tree and exercises Friday evening and the West Lumberton Baptist school will have a tree and exercises Sunday evening.

There will be services Christmas morning at 10:30 o'clock at the First Baptist church and a collection will be taken for the aged ministers' relief fund. There will be no services at the other churches in town Christmas Day.

Mills Shut Down.

The Lumberton, Dresden and Jennings cotton mills will close down for the week Wednesday at noon. Following their usual custom the management of these mills will send to each of the families employed a basket of fruits and candies Christmas morning. The National cotton mills will close down for the week tomorrow evening. The Kingsdale Lumber Co. closed down its saw mill Saturday night and will close down its planing mill after today until about the first of the year.

All business houses will be closed Christmas Day for the most part, and of course Sunday hours will be observed by the postoffice.

Dinner for Poor.

Miss Lizzie Caldwell is looking after providing a big Christmas dinner for inmates of the county home. Those who would like to contribute should send to Miss Caldwell at once.

Mexico City, Dec. 20—National impoverishment and an increasing organization among scores of rebel bands have reduced the Provisional Government to what appears to have been a desperate situation, but conservative residents at the Capital profess to see in the recent military operations and in the continuation of Provisional President Huerta to secure money, even though in dribslets, evidence that the Government may not fall for many months unless there is an unexpected turn for the worse.

Coughs That Prevent Sleep. These coughs are wearing and if they hang on, can run one down physically and lower the vital resistance to disease. Mr. Bob Ferguson, 319 Pine street, Green Bay, Wis., writes: "I was greatly troubled with a bad cough that kept me awake nights. Two small bottles of Foley's Honey & Tar Compound completely cured me." For sale by all dealers.

ALL BUT HAMMER LAND.

Dortch, Webb and Winston Nominated by President—Senators Overman and Simmons Think Hammer Will Win.

H. E. C. Bryant in Charlotte Observer. Washington Dec. 20—President Wilson today sent the nominations of W. T. Dortch of Goldsboro and Chas. A. Webb of Asheville, candidates for United States marshals, and Francis D. Windsor, candidate for district attorney, to the Senate. The names were referred to the Senate judiciary committee and will be acted upon Monday.

It looks now as if the confirmations would be made late Monday afternoon.

Monday morning Judge H. G. Connor will swear in Messrs. Dortch and Winston and Judge James E. Boyd will swear in Mr. Webb, at the requests of Senators Simmons and Overman.

Attorney General McReynolds endorsed Messrs. Dortch, Webb and Winston this morning, and the White House acted promptly. Senators Simmons and Overman started the ball rolling yesterday by urging Mr. McReynolds to act at once.

The appointment of Mr. W. C. Hammer will be delayed until after Christmas, but both Senators Overman and Simmons think that Mr. McReynolds will finally endorse Mr. Hammer.

LUMBER BRIDGE GUARDS.

Praised for Manner in Which They Turned Out for Service.

Raleigh Dispatch, 21st. Adjutant General Young of the North Carolina National Guard, just back from Robeson and Hoke counties where he went to take a hand in the prevention of any mob violence as the outcome of the murder of McCormick Brown at Dundarrick, Hoke county, by a negro named Dupre, says that the manner in which the militia at Lumber Bridge turned out for service was most gratifying to the State authorities and demonstrated the efficiency and utility of local militia for special service of this sort. This was the first time in a year that there had been occasion for such a test. There were 44 of the 52 members of the company on duty.

The negro Dupre has not been captured, and it is now believed that he has gotten completely away from that section. He was last heard from passing into Cumberland county.

General Young could neither confirm nor deny the reports that the crowd of indignant citizens soundly thrashed the two negroes who were arrested on the charge of encouraging Dupre in his fatal attack on Mr. Brown. Also the wife of Dupre, who is said to have also urged her husband to his awful crime, was soundly flogged, it is reported.

School Entertainments at Barker's and Saddle Tree.

There was a pleasant time at Barker's school house Friday evening in the nature of a school exercise and a box supper. The exercises by the school consisted of some songs and a few recitations by the little folks with an excellent reading by Miss Link, principal of the school at Ten Mile. Mr. H. E. Stacy of Lumberton was speaker of the occasion, and as he always does, made a fine speech. The sale of the boxes and the voting contest for the prettiest girl were conducted by Mr. W. K. Bethune of Lumberton. The prize in the voting contest was a large cake which was won by Miss Annie M'White. The amount realized from both the boxes and the voting contest totaled \$44.86. This was a good time. Mr. J. F. Johnson is principal of the school, Miss Parish is primary teacher and Miss Lucile Straughan music teacher.

The school at Saddle Tree had an entertainment Friday evening. The entertainment consisted of exercises by the pupils, a speech by Mr. J. Buck Bowen of Lumberton and an oyster supper.

It was announced Friday by a lecture bureau at Chicago that Vice President Thomas R. Marshall has signed a contract to lecture at least four weeks, after the close of the present session of Congress. The vice President will receive \$300 a lecture according to the announcement. His lecture tour will cover cities in the Middle West.

SENATE PASSES CURRENCY BILL.

Proposes Revision of Financial System—Six Republicans and One Progressive Join Democrats on Final Vote—Senate Names Conference Committee.

Washington Dispatch, 19th. The Administration currency reform bill, proposing a revision of the financial system of the United States and the creation of regional reserve banks to act as stabilizing elements in the banking and financial world, passed the Senate tonight by a vote of 54 to 34.

Forces that had fought together for improvement and amendment of the measure to the last divided when the final vote came. Senator Hitchcock, who had led the opposition to the bill, returned to the Democratic ranks and Senator Weeks one of the leaders on the Republican side, with five other Republicans and Senator Poindexter (Progressive) voted for the measure.

Wide differences exist between the form of legislation passed by the Senate tonight and the bill that passed the House several months ago. Democratic leaders already have partly adjusted these differences, however it was predicted tonight that the bill would be completed by a conference committee and sent to President Wilson for his signature by Monday night. The adoption of the Administration bill, known as the Owen bill, followed the formal defeat 44 to 41 of the Hitchcock bill which had been endorsed by Senator Hitchcock and the five Republican members of the evenly divided Senate committee that passed on the legislation. The Senate had previously rejected without a roll call, a "central bank" bill, offered as a substitute by Senator Burton.

To hasten final enactment of the bill the Senate named tonight its conference committee which will work with a House committee to compose the differences between the two bills. The members are Senators Owen, O'Gorman, Reed, Pomerene, Shafroth and Hollis, Democrats; and Nelsons, Bristow and Crawford, Republicans.

Chief Points of Difference.

Among the chief points of difference between House and Senate are the following:
The House provides for 12 regional banks; the Senate for "from 8 to 12," discretion being left to the Federal Reserve Board.
The Senate added a provision creating a fund to guarantee the deposits of failed banks that are members of the reserve associations.
The House limited the rediscount of commercial paper at the regional banks to that of maturing in 90 days; the Senate provided that 180-day agricultural paper could be accepted under certain limitations.
The gold reserve required of the regional reserve banks, against circulating notes, was placed at 33.1-3 per cent. by the House and 40 per cent. by the Senate.
Banks would be permitted to loan on 5-year farm mortgages by the Senate bill; on one-year mortgages by the House bill.

Students Home for Holidays.

The following are among the students home for the holidays: Misses Lina Gough, Annie Ruth Caldwell, Mildred Williams, Mildred McIntyre, Louise Townsend, Marie Linkhaw, Meredith College, Raleigh; Lillian Proctor, Converse College, Spartanburg, S. C.; Annie Neill Fuller, Greensboro Female College, Greensboro; Agnes McLean, Peabody Conservatory of Music, Baltimore, Md.; Janie Carlyle, Missionary Training School, Nyack, N. Y.; Janie Lennell, Saint Mary's, Raleigh; Loretta Spivey, Statesville Female Institute, Statesville; Messrs. Robert Prevatt, Knox Proctor, J. A. Green, University, Chapel Hill; David Fuller, Trinity College Law School, Durham; Douglas McLean, Davidson College, Davidson; Luby Prevatt, Kentucky Military Institute, Lyndon, Ky.; C. Basil Skipper, Fishburne Military Institute, Waynesboro, Va.; James Cowan, Oak Ridge Institute, Oak Ridge. Several students returned about the middle of last week mention of which was made in Friday's Robesonian. Mr. Frank L. Nash, who is a student at Davidson College, is expected home this evening.

HORSE AND AUTO BURNED.

Rev. W. R. Davis Heavy Loser in Fire—6-Year-Old Boy Set Fire to Fodder.

Fire Saturday about 12 o'clock destroyed the barn and stalls at the East Lumberton Baptist Parsonage, in which was a horse and almost new Ford automobile and quite a bit of feed, all belonging to Rev. W. R. Davis, pastor of the East Lumberton Baptist church. A 6-year old son of Mr. Davis set fire to some fodder in the building, which burned very rapidly, there being no chance to extinguish the fire. Mr. Davis says he could have saved his car easily had it not been for the fact that he worked trying to get the horse out, but failed to do so till the fire was so near the car that he couldn't get to it. The loss was something like \$800, with no insurance.

Mr. Davis moved into the parsonage which was recently completed, Friday.

—Red Cross Seals are on sale at the drug stores. They make attractive stickers for Christmas presents and by buying them you are helping to stamp out tuberculosis. Help a good cause along.

—Saturday Mr. W. D. Prevatt, who lives three miles from town on the Carthage road, killed a hog what was a hog. It weighed, when dressed, 750 pounds. One ham weighed 127 pounds and the hog's head weighed 60 pounds. Mr. Prevatt says that he was offered \$95 for the hog before he killed it.

—There will be fun at the Pastime theatre this evening when "The Scratch," a riot of mirth, by Essany, goes on the screen. The other two reels will be "A Youthful Knight," comedy drama, Edison, and "Pedro's Treachery," Western, Lubin. Good pictures are promised for the entire week.

—The residence of Ex-Sheriff Geo. B. McLeod, which has just been moved from the side of the lot fronting on Elm street to the lot fronting on Chestnut, mention of which was made in a recent issue of The Robesonian, was the last job completed by Contractor G. P. Higley, father of Register of Deeds T. N. Higley, before he enlisted in the Civil War, which was 54 years ago.

—Rev. W. B. North filled his first appointments as pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church yesterday, preaching morning and evening to large congregations. There was special music for both these services, the regular choir being assisted by Miss Julia Culbreth, who is in charge of the music department of Carolina College, Maxton, and who is here for the holidays at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. B. W. Page, and Messrs. R. R. Carlyle and Ed Freeman. Dr. North left this morning for Stem, Granville county, to spend Christmas with Mrs. North at the home of her father. He will return the last of the week and fill his appointments here Sunday.

—Announcements reading as follows have been received here:
Mr. and Mrs. William D. Hutchins announce marriage of their daughter
Leila Cobb
to
Mr. Joseph H. Chamberlain
on Wednesday, the 17th, of December one thousand nine hundred and thirteen.

Augusta, Maine.

Mr. Chamberlain during the month he spent in Lumberton at the end of last summer assisting, as leader of music, Rev. Raymond Browning in a protracted meeting, made many friends who will wish him and his bride all the happiness possible.

Washington, Dec. 21—President Wilson intends that his vacation at Pass Christian, Miss., shall be a complete rest from official activity, but in leisure moments he will apply himself to the task of choosing tentatively members of the Federal Reserve board to be created by the new currency law.

Sidney, N. S. W., Dec. 21—Incoming steamers bring terrible details of the recent volcanic eruptions on the island of Ambrim, in the new Hebrides group, in which 500 natives lost their lives. Witnesses of the disturbance describe it as having been so sudden and violent that they expected to see the whole western side of the island disappear.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Middling cotton today, 11.3-4c.
—Regular meeting of the K. O. T. M. tonight. There will be some degree work and all members are requested to be present.
—License has been issued for the marriage of W. A. Bracy and Willie V. Spivey, B. B. Burrows and Flora Pratt, Troy Hester and Blanche Powers.
—Mr. Lee Caldwell has resigned the position he held with the Seaboard at Laurinburg on account of his health. He returned home sick Thursday night but his condition has improved since then.
—No freight will be received or delivered Christmas day by the Carolina Southern after 10 o'clock a. m. The freight depot will be closed for the day after that hour. The passenger service will be carried on as usual.
—The following cases have been tried in the recorder's court since Friday: Will Rozier, colored, resisting officer, judgment suspended on payment of cost; John Hardin, Indian, resisting officer, judgment suspended on payment of cost.
—Deputy Sheriff Willis Britt completed his last tax collecting round Saturday. Mr. Britt says that collections were favorable on this last round, but still there are those who haven't done the stunt.
—When the Virginia & Carolina Southern Railroad, Lumberton to Hope Mills and Elizabethtown, began carrying mail two or three years ago the Government made contract for two bags of mail a day; now the road is carrying 15 bags a day.
—A card from Rev. J. W. Bradley, former pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, advises that he has reached his new appointment, Hooker circuit, all right and that he wants The Robesonian to follow him there in order that he may keep up with Lumberton.
—Although he hasn't been officially commanded to do so, Postmaster D.D. French is at his own expense having all parcel post packages delivered in town. This is only an act of kindness to the patrons of the postoffice on the part of Mr. French, and will only be in effect during the holidays.
—Eleven marriage license were issued by Register of Deeds T. N. Higley Saturday—for three white couples, 6 colored and two Indian. That is something of a record-keeper. Nor hard times nor high cost of living nor height nor depth nor any other creature gives pause to couples matrimonially inclined. They should marry.
—Mr. Grover Britt attended the annual meeting of the North Carolina Division of the Farmers Union at Shelby last week and has written an account of his trip which will have to be held over for next Monday's paper. A dispatch sent by Mr. Britt who is a reporter for The Robesonian giving principal business transacted at this meeting was published Friday.
—Deputy Sheriff W.C. Britt and Rural Policeman Phillips went yesterday to the home of Mr. Stephen Townsen near Raft Swamp, and took three children belonging to Mr. Townsen sent them to the Baptist orphanage at Thomasville. It was a sad time. The children were crying and had to be held in the car. Mr. Townsen is mentally deranged, was the cause of the children being taken.
—The McAllister Hardware Co. has a most attractive window display of the Ingersoll watch. Columns thick with \$1.50 and \$2 watches support an arch of \$2 midget ladies' watches, and from this arch is suspended a large wheel with \$1 watches all around the circle; and in the middle of the circle is this: "The watch that made the dollar famous." What do you know about that—"that made the dollar famous!" Wouldn't that astonish you? It's a dandy display.
—All unsuspecting, Mr. Floyd Bailey, a young man who lives near St. Paul's, rode into town this morning on a bicycle which was stolen a month ago from Joe Carter, Western Union messenger here. Mr. Baxley bought the wheel 3 or 4 weeks ago from Fuller Harris of Woodmore, as he is out about \$12, which he is going after Harris to make good. The machine was identified by number, model, &c, and Mr. Baxley was convinced that he had unknowingly bought a wheel that somebody stole.