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LED BY LOVE TO AWFUL CRIME

Desperate Man Committed Bold Robbery, Murder and Suicide.

FIRST HELD UP CASHIER

He Thus Secured Money to Go to His Sweetheart and After Shooting Her He Shot Himself—Had Two Wives.

Peru, Ind., Dec. 29.—A carefully laid plan of a lovesick and discouraged man, involving robbery, murder and suicide, culminated today in the slaying of Miss Dora Chapell, 21 years old, a waitress in the dining room of the Beers Hotel by Roy McKinney, who then committed suicide.

According to advices from Indianapolis, McKinney entered a lunch-room there early yesterday and rifed a cash register while he covered the man behind the counter with a revolver.

Letters found in the dead man's pocket indicate that the hold-up and today's crimes were planned. It is thought that McKinney committed the robbery to get money to come to Peru.

The letters were addressed to the coroner, the girl's father, Frank Chapell, of Peru, and to McKinney's wife at East Germantown, Ind.

In the letter to the coroner McKinney first directed that his body be sent to a medical college and then added: "I left my first wife because she was not true to me. I left my second wife last March. On March 18, 1909, I met Dora Chapell and went with her two months, at the end of which time I found that she was the only girl for me. Several days ago the girl's father went to Indianapolis and caused me much trouble and brought Dora to Peru. It was impossible for me to forget her so I came to Peru. I asked her to go to the theatre with me but she had other arrangements. I could not sleep and God only knows life has been a hell. May God help Dora and take pity on me. Before I close, I hope that everybody will take a punch at me before I pass over the great divide."

In the letter to his wife McKinney said: "Only wish you were with me so I could take you with us, too."

McKinney came to the hotel yesterday and registered as L. B. Lenthart, of Chicago. He posed as a United States marshal and displayed a secret service badge. It is not known where he obtained the badge as he has not been in the government service.

RAILROAD ACCIDENTS.

Two on A. C. L. Proved Fatal—Young Man From Burgaw.

Rocky Mount, N. C., Dec. 29.—Logan Higgins, the Wilson negro, who was run over Friday night at Wilson by the night shoe train from Richmond to Fayetteville, was brought to the hospital of the Atlantic Coast Line here where he died Saturday morning. The negro was thrown under the train when he lost his footing as he was in the act of catching it as the train was pulling out of the station at Wilson. Both legs were severed from his body.

While en route to his home at Burgaw from Emporia, Va., Friday night, Mr. S. T. Williams fell from an Atlantic Coast Line passenger train near Whitakers and suffered injuries from which he died the day following at 4 o'clock. Nothing is known as to why Mr. Williams should have fallen from the train, and as to whether or not he was a victim of foul play. The train was stopped and the young man picked up and brought to the relief hospital of the company here. It was learned from the first that he had suffered injuries about the head and there was little hope entertained for his recovery. The deceased was 19 years old, unmarried and leaves a mother and father living. His remains were shipped to Burgaw Sunday.

HIGH TARIFF IN FRANCE.

Chamber of Deputies Passes Bill by Big Majority.

Paris, Dec. 29.—The Chamber of Deputies today passed the tariff bill by a vote of 365 to 42 after a protracted discussion. This represents a victory for the high protectionists and the tariff commission which practically had its own way.

The government has held aloof and has not shown its hand except to intervene for the modification of some schedules which were inevitably bound to menace France's foreign trade relations.

Nevertheless it is expected that the government will step in at the final moment and offer a conciliatory proposition, as the bill still has a long road to travel. It must yet pass the Senate and the differences between the two houses must be reconciled.

AFFAIRS AT STATE CAPITAL

Union Depot at Marion—Fourth Reprive for Robeson County Negro—Soldiers' Home—School Libraries—Brilliant Wedding.

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 29.—Official notice came today from the Carolina, Clinchfield and Ohio Railroad to the Corporation Commission that the union passenger station at the junction of the C. C. & O. and the Southern, one mile from Marion, is just completed and the system for the transfer of passengers between the railroads there is in satisfactory operation. This improvement is the result of complaints filed by travelers and a subsequent order by the Commission that the accommodations be provided.

It looks now like there may be necessity for a fourth reprieve in the case of the Morrison negro, from Robeson county, under sentence of death for criminal outrage, for the reason that the electrical equipment for the death chamber in the State's prison is still incomplete with no prospect for the missing parts to be gotten here by January 14th, which is the last date named by the Governor for the execution. Superintendent J. J. Laughinghouse says no trace of the missing part of the apparatus which was shipped from New York early in November, can be found by the use of tracers or otherwise.

Some sympathy has been expressed for the prisoner and the tantalizing manner in which the death sentence has swung about him. However, Supt. Laughinghouse declares that he merits all the worry that is coming to him in that he is the most unruly prisoner that was ever in the prison. A guard has to be kept at his cell door practically all the time and he never misses opportunity to give all the trouble he can. Twice he has all but succeeded in getting away.

The prison authorities now have about 650 prisoners, all except a little more than 100 being out on the farm and on contract work in various parts of the State. Supt. Laughinghouse says 73 are in the hospital much of the time from falling health. There were ten deaths during the past year.

Out at the North Carolina Soldiers' Home there are now an even twelve Green Confederates veterans, the average of the battle scarred heroes being 72 years. The full capacity of the home is taxed and there are now 25 applications for admission on file. The oldest veteran cared for in the home is Jno. M. Poole, who is in his 106th year.

During the year just closing there were 200 new rural school libraries established, making 2,400 in the State, averaging over 100 volumes each.

There have been 159 local school tax districts voted, making 927 in the State. This is significant in connection with the fact that seven years ago there were only 20 of these local tax districts in the State.

This afternoon at Edenton Street Methodist Church there was a pretty marriage ceremony in which Miss Sallie Robbins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Robbins, became the bride of Mr. Charles U. Harris, a prominent young lawyer here. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Edward Rothaler, of Salem, N. C., bishop of the Southern Province of the Moravian church. The bride is a graduate of Salem Female College, the Moravian College, famous throughout the South. The bridal party comprised Miss Wood, Watlington, Greensboro, maid of honor; Miss Evelyn Wood, Jacksonville, Fla.; bridesmaid; William Harris, brother of the bridegroom, best man; William Robbins, Jno. Hinsdale, Willbur Bunn, Jno. Stronach and Thomas Aiken, groomsmen. The bride wore a traveling dress of blue cloth and carried a magnificent bouquet of bride's roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris left for a bridal trip North and will be at home to their friends here about January 15th. Both are quite popular here. Mr. Harris represented Wake county in the 1907 session of the General Assembly as a member of the lower house.

A commission is issued from the office of the Adjutant General to S. Edward Malone, of Goldsboro, as second Lieutenant of Company D, Second Regiment. He is a dentist of Goldsboro and made the highest score in the rifle range practice at Morehead last Summer, receiving an expert rifleman's medal.

DEATH OF DA. J. A. BURROUGHS.

Was President of North Carolina Medical Society.

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 29.—J. A. Burroughs, president of the North Carolina Medical Society, and also identified with the Mississippi Valley Society and the American Tuberculosis Congress, died at his home here at noon today, after an illness of only a few days. Dr. Burroughs was one of the best known physicians in the South on the treatment of tuberculosis.

Dr. James Anthony Burroughs was president of the North Carolina Medical Society, and one of the State's most prominent physicians, and noted expert on tuberculosis. He was elected president of the State association in June. Only recently he wrote Governor Kitchin officially protesting against "Sanitary Sunday."

JANUARY 1st.

Is the beginning of a Regular Interest Period at The People's Savings Bank. Deposit with this bank on or before January 3rd, and you will receive credit for Three Months interest April 1st. de 28-3t.

PRESIDENT TAFT ON HIS METAL

Makes Plain Declaration of His Programme Concerning Conservation.

WON'T WAIT INVESTIGATION

Asserts That This Session of Congress Will Place Practically First Conservation Laws on Books. Depends on Ballinger.

Washington, Dec. 29.—"Acts, rather than declarations." President Taft is reported in this terse way to have described recently with callers his programme as to the conservation of natural resources. The President, it is said, has declared that when the present session of Congress ends he will be able to point to first practical conservation statutes ever placed upon the law books of the nation as his answer to the criticism which has been directed toward the White House.

Without waiting for the Ballinger-Pinchot investigation, Mr. Taft soon will begin the preparation of his promised special message on conservation, and he has received assurances from both Houses of Congress that while some trouble may be expected in the lower branch, the legislation which the executive will suggest, will be made into law before the Spring adjournment. The President is represented as taking the position that there is nothing in the Ballinger-Pinchot dispute that has a bearing on his own legislative programme and he will proceed regardless of it.

In the preparation of his special message the President will have the co-operation of Secretary Ballinger and Senator Nelson, of Minnesota, chairman of the Senate committee on public lands. It is asserted that in the constructive work of needed legislation the President has had to depend almost wholly upon Mr. Ballinger, who has been at work for several months on the draft of proposed statutes which will meet the intricacies of the vexed problem of practical conservation and embody the President's views on this important subject. These proposed new laws are ready to be submitted to the committees of the Senate and House along with the special message, the preparation of which the President will begin as soon as he gets the message on the inter-State and anti-trust laws out of the way.

PACIFIC FLEET IN ORIENT.

Entire Squadron Will Visit Japan and Return to Honolulu.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The itinerary of the first squadron of the Pacific fleet now in the Orient has been revised by the Navy Department. The Tennessee and Washington, now at Woonung, will go to Yokohama on January 2, to remain there until January 20.

The California and the South Dakota, now at Yokohama, and the Colorado and the Maryland, now at Nagasaki, will go to Woonung immediately after New Year for a new two weeks' stay. The West Virginia and the Pennsylvania, now at Hong Kong, will go to Nagasaki for the same period.

ILL-FATED SCHOONER PALMER.

Divers Sought in Vain for Bodies of Twelve Victims.

Boston, Dec. 29.—Six fathoms and more beneath the waters on Broad Sound channel a professional diver today sought in vain for many hours for the bodies of Capt. Leroy K. McKeown and the 11 men of the crew of the five-masted schooner Davis Palmer, which was sunk in Sunday's disastrous storm.

The diver was unable to enter the hulk of the schooner, so tangled was the wreckage about the decks.

The schooner lies 33 feet below low water mark. A taunt port anchor chain showed the useless attempt which had been made to hold her against the storm. The anchor had dragged and in the violence of the strain the bow of the schooner apparently was wrenched apart. The search will be continued tomorrow.

TWENTY FRENCH WERE KILLED.

Borku Warriors Attacked Outpost With 300 Warriors. Paris, Dec. 29.—Col. Moll, commander of the French forces at Chad, reports that 300 Borku warriors, in revenge for the capture of Abeshur, attacked the Nebarist outpost 45 miles northeast of Mao on November 27th. The warriors killed or wounded 20 trahisseurs, including a Lieutenant. Col. Moll has dispatched reinforcements to the scene of the outbreak.

BROKAW SEPARATION SUIT

Wife Who Wants Divorce and Allimony Refutes Husband's Testimony His Own Lawyers Declare He Made False Statements.

New York, Dec. 29.—The sensational and long drawn out Brokaw separation suit came to a close today so far as the taking of testimony is concerned.

Adjournment was taken to Saturday when the case will be finally submitted to Justice Purman for his decision, after W. Gould Brokaw's attorneys have presented a statement of their client's financial position.

The closing of the proceedings to date took everybody by surprise. It came soon after Mr. Brokaw's cross-examination had been concluded, and Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw had been recalled.

The plaintiff was well fortified with details of charges made by her husband. She emphatically denied that Mr. Brokaw had ever told her about a treat made by her father, Mr. Blair, at Atlantic City, to kill the millionaire.

She declared that she had never smoked cigarettes in her husband's home before the marriage. Mr. Brokaw had testified, and she denied ever telling her maid that she expected soon to set up a house of her own and wanted the maid to work for her.

Before Mrs. Brokaw was called, Messrs. Matney and Busch, for Mr. Brokaw, told the court that their client had made statements on the witness stand regarding his financial condition that were found to be incorrect. As a matter of fact, the lawyers declared, Mr. Brokaw at the present moment did not know what his actual financial position was. They asked for two days in which to prepare a statement.

The court granted until Saturday when a session of the court will be held.

Mrs. Mary Blair Brokaw's attorneys declared at the opening of court at Mineola today their belief that they had established by Mr. Brokaw's testimony two grounds for a legal separation.

The new result of Mr. Brokaw's responses on the witness stand, the plaintiffs' lawyers claim, should lead the court to declare that the espionage of servants upon Mrs. Brokaw's part was a crime, and that the abandonment was shown by Mr. Brokaw's legal action in Paris and the statements he made in letters to his wife and her mother, Mrs. Blair.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES USELESS

Those Who Learn Them Have Little Use For Them.

Thaca, N. Y., Dec. 29.—"What is the use of retaining the study of German and French and other modern foreign languages? What are the grounds for maintaining them? If you exclude college and university teaching, not one of 500 who have learned the languages will ever use them or could if they were called upon to do so."

President Jacob Gould Schurman, of Cornell University, suggested this radical change in college curriculum in speaking before the convention of the Modern Language Association of America here today.

OUTLINES.

Particulars concerning the execution of Groce and Cannon in Nicaragua are that they were condemned on Friday, Dec. 24, by a military court, and were hanged on Saturday, Dec. 25. The West Virginia and the Pennsylvania, now at Hong Kong, will go to Nagasaki for the same period.

PRESIDENT ELIOT TO EDUCATORS

Address Yesterday to Southern Educational Conference at Charlotte.

BUSINESS TRAINING NEEDED

Refuted Idea Americans Becoming Materialistic in Their Views—Other Speakers Heard With Yesterday.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 29.—"Business has become a highly intellectual college. I do not mean that a high degree of business efficiency is needed to run the corner grocery, but I do mean that we need a highly intelligent man to organize and conduct a great business, to whatever subject it may relate."

Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president emeritus of Harvard University, expressed that sentiment in an extemporaneous address today to the Southern Educational Conference. Dr. Eliot was expected to speak tomorrow evening but through a misunderstanding, arrived this morning and spoke this afternoon. Thousands braved the biting cold and crowded the meeting place to hear him speak.

Dr. Eliot defended the denominational colleges and reviewed the religious history of Harvard. He refuted the idea that Americans are becoming materialistic in their views.

"A year ago," said Dr. Eliot, "we established at Harvard a school of business administration. It was welcomed to a high degree by the sympathy and support of the leaders of business of the eastern part of the country. And we have experienced no difficulty in securing business men to speak, each one explaining the elements of success in business as he knows them—a merchant, a banker or a manufacturer. This was done before the governors of the university became convinced that business has become a highly intellectual calling."

"In the last five years, business men have come into a new view of business itself. The question frequently asked 'Have I not a right to do what I will with my own?' is answered universally 'No, no, no.' The leaders of business recognize today that their possessions are the result of social influences and that the duty of service to their fellow men as broad as possible faces them."

Dr. Edward Franklin Buchner, of Johns Hopkins, Baltimore, Secretary of the Religious Education Association, of Chicago; Professor Hand, of Columbia, S. C., and William W. Webb, president of Central College, Mo., were the speakers at the morning general session of the educational association.

The committees named today are as follows:

Nominations—J. J. Joyner, North Carolina; L. L. Jarman, Virginia; Otis Ashmore, Georgia; J. G. Crebb, Kentucky; L. A. Robinson, South Carolina; H. L. Whitfield, Mississippi, and N. M. Holloway, Florida, Maryland.

Constitution—D. B. Johnston, South Carolina; and Prof. Smith, Florida.

Dr. Buchner's subject was "The Work of the Southern Society of Philosophy and Psychology," and his was one of the greatest addresses of the convention.

One of the strongest addresses of the day was that delivered by Secretary Henry F. Cope, of the Religious Education Association, of Chicago. Secretary Cope represented an organization which has as its aim the improvement of humanity along religious lines, and the scope is large, and embracing membership diversified, embracing lawyers, laborers, ministers, physicians, college men, heads of seats of learning, and many of the best men of the country.

"The people of the South," said Mr. Cope, "whatever their position as to industrial economic and other conditions, stand I believe pre-eminently three things—courtesy and character. Because our association covets the co-operation of a people who have achieved such a civilization, where industry is not all, and where morals hold a high place in the minds of the people. Our purpose, in our work, is to make men and women intelligent, and able to live out their lives for others, and to be able to withstand the temptations of life."

BOUND TO LAND IN JAIL

Out of Every 10,000 Americans 582 Are Sure to Get in the Bastille Some Time During a Year. Booze is Responsible.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Wherever there are 10,000 of us you may be sure that 582 of us will land in jail some time during a year. There is absolutely no way of dodging it, it is the law of statistics and the conclusions of the Census Bureau say so.

And for all of us who do wind up in the bastille 35 per cent. of us are sure to get there for over-friendliness with the cup that cheers and flirting with Bacchus.

The census bureau's conclusions are also to that effect in a study on the subject of arrests and lawbreakers during 1907 in all cities in the United States having more than 30,000 population.

Those political purists who like to think of Washington and the "unkissed city," are shocked to see that Washington stands at the head of the list of all the cities in the United States when it comes to a recapitulation of the number of arrests in proportion to the population. There is some balm in it, however, because the report says the number of arrests is no indication of the lawlessness of a city's population; it rather reflects varying local laws and conditions, and the activity of the police department.

The largest cities may be the hot beds of vice, but a process of elimination proves that the ratio of arrests is greater in cities of smaller population. Milwaukee and Detroit are both larger than Washington, but there were four times as many prisoners jailed here in 1907 than there were in Milwaukee and three times as many as Detroit.

The large class of minor offenses, officially dubbed "offenses against society" formed 84 per cent. of the total of all the arrests in 158 cities of the United States during the period of investigation.

NO REWARD FOR SEN. GORDON.

Story Connecting Him With Lincoln Assassination is Fake.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Specific denial is made at the State Department after a careful examination of the records of the story published to the effect that a reward of \$10,000 had been offered for the capture of Col. James Gordon, appointed by the Governor of Mississippi, to succeed the late Senator McLaurin, for alleged participation in the conspiracy to kill President Lincoln.

The matter was brought to the attention of the officials of the War Department a search of the records was instituted. This involved an investigation of the records of the Civil War and of all the advertisements for fugitives and rewards offered in connection with the assassination of Lincoln. Nowhere was the name of Colonel Gordon found in the papers on file in the Department. Therefore, the War Department officials declare that there was no basis for the story published concerning him.

PRESIDENT TAFT'S CALLERS.

New Plan for Receiving Senators and Representatives.

Washington, Dec. 29.—President Taft today put into operation a new plan of receiving Congressional call. It is a practically a reversion to the Roosevelt method of admitting a large number of Senators, Representatives and other callers into his private office at the same time.

Since the beginning of his administration President Taft has endeavored to give each caller an individual audience. He has found, however, that this plan has sadly disarranged his engagement list and often some Senator or Representative has had to wait an hour or more for his turn to talk with the President.

Under the arrangement put into effect today matters were greatly facilitated. The President will continue to set apart the half hour from 10 to 10:30 A. M., every day except cabinet days, for the reception of Senators and Representatives having constituents to introduce.

KING EDWARD AS VISITOR

May Come to United States and Canada in Near Future.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 29.—That King Edward would visit Canada and the United States in the near future, was the hope expressed by Senator Belcourt at the Ottawa board of trade annual banquet here tonight. "If he comes and I believe he will," said Senator Belcourt, "the result will be a close alliance between Great Britain and the United States, which will insure for all time the peace of the world."

LEVY FOR WAR IN NICARAGUA

Minister of War Asks Congress For Permission to Dictate Assessment.

INVESTIGATE ZELAYA'S ACT

Story of Execution of Groce and Cannon Who Were Blindfolded and Shot—Zelaya Remains Titular President—Situation.

Mexico City, Dec. 29.—"Mr. Knox is not my judge. I am answerable only to my government for my actions," said Jose Santos Zelaya, formerly president of Nicaragua. Asked to-night what attitude he would assume should Secretary Knox seek to have him extradited from Mexico, Zelaya intimated that Secretary Knox would not have the right to request his presence in the United States.

"I have no feeling against the American people at large nor the government."

"The government has been misinformed and public opinion in the United States has been prejudiced against me, but the real facts must become known in time and it is to time that I trust for my vindication."

"My relations with the preceding American government were exceedingly friendly. The present situation contains many unfortunate conditions both for our own people in Central America and the Americans. I am afraid that the attitude of Secretary Knox is undoing all that work throughout Latin America."

Zelaya made the assertion that American marines engaged in several recent battles in Nicaragua and that 20 were killed. He said: "There were 400 Americans fighting with the insurgents at the recent battle of Rama. At the battle of Colorado on November 1, the bodies of 20 Americans were found dead on the field by our foremen. They were all from the American gunboats anchored in the river to protect American interests. The official explanation given me was that these men were deserters."

Zelaya declared that on December 20, 1907, he wired the United States to retire from the presidency and from politics altogether if a confederation of the five Central American States could be brought about.

"The immediate outlook in Central America," said Zelaya, "is difficult to prophecy. The struggle between the present government and the forces of Estrada will probably reach a climax in a short time, but so many factors enter into the result that it would be a very wise man indeed who could discount the future."

Managua, Dec. 29.—The Nicaraguan Congress met in extraordinary session today and appointed a commission to consider the message of Minister General Baca who has asked the government to grant him power to exact war contributions after the manner and in the amount dictated by his discretion.

President Madriz today issued a decree appointing an investigation committee of five which is charged with the responsibility of examining the accounts of the Zelaya administration. The finance minister is made chairman of the committee—whose duties include the working out of a new system of finance, the revision of the various concessions of the government and the determination of the legality of a recent act of the President in revoking the grants of alcohol, tobacco and other monopolies.

The governments of Honduras and Costa Rica today made formal acknowledgments of the presidency of Madriz, expressed confidence in the stability of his administration, and renewed protestations of friendship for the republic of Nicaragua.

Zelaya, who since his arrival in Mexico has announced himself as still head of the Nicaraguan government, is technically correct. He surrendered his office for the remainder of his term but was permitted to retain the title of President in order that he might enjoy the immunity that the office provides. When this arrangement was made Zelaya had in mind rumors that the United States government would hold him individually responsible for the deaths of the Americans, Groce and Cannon.

There was a lively debate in Congress before the commission to consider the message of Minister General Baca was appointed. Deputy Luciano Gomez, a notorious Belayista, was booed during the course of a speech in which he opposed the authorization of further war taxes. Deputy Matus, replying, declared that on the occasions of two previous forced loans certain intimates of Zelaya had not been assessed and he suggested that they should not be made to pay their proper share of the expenses of the war. This covert reference to the earlier speaker was met with shouts of approval and encouraged one of the members to cry: "Gomez did not pay. We can soak him for a million."

Americans Blindfolded and Shot. Managua, Dec. 29.—Recent reports that Groce and Cannon, the American recruits in the insurgent army who were put to death at the command of President Zelaya, were tortured before being shot are untrue. Groce and Cannon were notified of