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SHOT A BULLET THROUGH THIGH

Shooter Runs, But Is Run Down and Caught

RATHER BOLD THEFT

Normal Beasley Snatches Money From a Woman's Hands, Puts Up a Fight and Gets Away—Murderer Appeals on Four Exceptions.

(Special to News and Observer.) Durham, N. C., Sept. 27.—There came near being a fatal shooting affair at the Seaboard Air Line depot when Bun Mitchell was shot and wounded by Fred Carlton, both negroes. Carlton, who claims that the shooting was accidental, tried to escape but was run down, captured by Sergeant Pendergraph. He was captured fully a mile from where the shooting occurred. The ball passed through the fleshy part of the right thigh. While the wound is a very painful one it is not considered that it is of a serious nature.

Grabbed Money and Fled. The officers are this afternoon looking for one Norman Beasley, a negro, who snatched \$7 from the hands of the wife of Robert Weaver, also colored, and then ran off. When he grabbed the money the cries of the woman brought her husband to her help. Weaver made a break to get Beasley and the latter grabbed a chair, keeping him off and then reaching for his pistol, telling him he would shoot him. The charge against Beasley will be highway robbery, but up to late this afternoon he was keeping out of the way of the officers.

Condemned Murderer's Appeal. The appeal case of Major Guthrie, the negro murderer who stands convicted and under sentence of death for strangling his wife has been prepared by his attorney, Mr. Benjamin Loveston, and forwarded to Solicitor A. L. Brooks. The appeal is based on four exceptions, as follows:

- 1. Exception as to the evidence of Lula Stallings, that the dead woman was in good health the evening before her death.
2. The court allowing Louis Adkins to tell of a conversation he had with Major Guthrie, this conversation being convicted in nature, and before the fact had been established that a crime had been committed.
3. The action of the court in overruling a motion to set aside the case because there was not sufficient evidence to convict.
4. The fact that Juror Horner was sitting on this case when he had just been discharged from the trial, killing by an automobile while being before the speech of the defendant.

THREE FOR MURDER

Light on Killing of Banks Rothwell

Tilden Cook Admits Shooting Him. But Attempts to Justify the Deed. Jesse Higgins and L. M. Bryant Arrested.

(Special to News and Observer.) Wilmington, N. C., Sept. 27.—The mystery surrounding the murder of Banks Rothwell, colored, on the Martindale place, near the city, before day yesterday morning, when he was called from his home and shot as he ran from three unknown white men, was cleared up today with the arrest of Tilden Cook, a young man of Delgado village, who was armed with a warrant for the negro's arrest from a magistrate in the country, and had been accompanied to the house at five unseemly hour by another young man, Jesse Higgins, of Delgado, and the prosecutor in the case, L. M. Bryant, a man of some means in this city.

Gambled in Magistrate's House. There was a case of a very unusual nature pending before Justice of the Peace J. C. Cox, which will be tried tomorrow morning. Four negroes, Harrison Garland, James Biddle, Bill Jones and Dave Lewis, were before the mayor a few days ago on the charge of gambling and were sent to the higher court. They were found gambling in an unoccupied house on Honey street, the property of Justice of the Peace J. C. Cox, which will be tried tomorrow morning.

Worry Led to Suicide. H. G. Christofferson, a Norwegian, 53 years old, keeper of a seamen's home here, committed suicide this morning in a storage room on the third floor of the building at the corner of Front and Dock streets, where he was found a few hours later by his wife, who had gone out to enter her children in school. The suicide had been carefully planned, the man went up in the room, made a bullet, drew a comfort over his head to muffle the sound, and sent a ball through his brain, the pistol being still clutched in his hand when he was found. Worry over financial obligations is attributed as the cause of his rash act. He leaves a wife and several children.

Liverpool Cotton Statistics. Liverpool, Sept. 27.—Following are the weekly cotton statistics: Total sales, all kinds, 32,222 bales. Total receipts, American, 26,000 bales. English spinner's takings, 47,000 bales. Total export, 30,000 bales. Imports, all kinds, 27,000 bales. Stock, all kinds, 501,000 bales. Quantity, all kinds, 115,000 bales, quantity afloat, American, 97,000 bales. Total sales to speculators, 1,200 bales. Total sales to exporters, 1,200 bales.

CRUEL FILIPINO OUTLAWS

Bandit Chiefs Order Towns Burned and Prisoners Tortured.

(Special to News and Observer.) Washington, Sept. 27.—In a copy of the decision of the Supreme Court of the Philippine Islands in the case of Bacario Sakay and three other men, who were convicted of the crime of bandolerismo, or outlawry, and sentenced to death, and which has just been received by the War Department, is incorporated several of the exhibits introduced by the prosecution, which show the methods resorted to by the band.

Another letter signed by Sakay, directed to Major Ramos, acknowledges the receipt of a letter reporting the result of some expedition, and directing Captain Francis to take away Francisco Rosalia and Faustino Castoldo and cut the tendons of their feet and crush the fingers of their hands. The Supreme Court affirmed the sentences of conviction of the lower court.

CARS OFF TRACK. Coal and Cross-ties Badly Mixed up

Coast Line at Wilson Blocked Half a Day—Flagman Braswell Slightly Hurt—Reckless Fooling With a Gun.

(Special to News and Observer.) Wilson, N. C., Sept. 27.—About three o'clock this morning a wreck occurred seventy-five yards south of the Atlantic Coast Line and Raleigh and Pamlico Sound junction, just outside of the corporate limits. A northbound freight train composed of about forty cars, while going at a high rate of speed was brought to a sudden standstill by the derailment of seven coal cars, which were jammed up in a conglomerated mass of coal, iron and cross-ties. Some of the cars were past a distance of twenty-five feet from the track, others were piled cross-wise on one another.

Mr. A. J. Braswell, flagman, received slight wounds on the scalp and one on his legs. The southbound train due to leave here at five o'clock was detained until the arrival of the northbound train, due here between 8 and 9 o'clock. Then passengers and mail were transferred.

Yesterday afternoon two white men, George Hagwood and V. R. Nichols, who live ten miles from Wilson on the Raleigh road, were prosecuted by a rift in the coastwise dispensary in such a reckless manner as to alarm pedestrians, causing them to dodge in and out of stores like martins in and out of gourds. Policeman Bryant ran them in.

MAY ABANDON HUNTING TRIP. The President Likely to Give Up Boar Sicking in Louisiana Cause Brakes.

Washington, Sept. 27.—President Roosevelt was not going to hunt in Louisiana after all; at least that is what he indicated to some of those who talked to him today about his proposed boar-sicking trip in the Louisiana cane-brake after he completes his Mississippi River trip next month. He said that the boar-sicking affair was contingent on finishing up all pending official business in the three days that remained before he starts westward.

A BIG BLOW OUT FOR W. J. BRYAN

Greensboro Will Serve Old Time Supper

SPEECHES OF COURSE

Congressman Page and Ex-Governor Aycock Will Make Talks, and Then Bryan Will Have the Floor to Give His Views on Politics.

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Greensboro, N. C., Sept. 27.—Dr. J. E. Brooks, Chairman of the Bryan Banquet Committee of arrangements, is feeling good this morning. He has heard from the last one of the distinguished men selected to reply to toasts, as well as from Mr. Bryan, and all have not only accepted and notified their purpose to be present, but expressed approval of the idea of having an old-fashioned Southern supper, where true democracy can be preached without fear of giving offense to any.

One of the best evidences of the propriety of the proposed political and social function in a most appropriate manner in which the leading citizens and business men of the city responded to suggestions of financial aid to make the occasion what it should be. The necessary funds could have been duplicated had they been needed.

At a well attended mass meeting of citizens last night, it was decided to celebrate the centennial of Greensboro's incorporation as a city on the autumn of 1908. The general committee having the matter in charge recommended July, but this date was changed by the mass meeting to sometime between September 25 and October 15th, 1908.

It was decided to raise a fund of \$10,000 to aid in the celebration. Resolutions were adopted by the city council to appropriate \$10,000 and the county commissioners a like sum were unanimously adopted.

The following named gentlemen were selected as the board of governors or as an executive committee to have entire management of the celebration: G. S. Bradshaw, R. D. Douglas, E. B. Ransom, C. B. Rowan, Caesar Cone, W. S. Thompson, M. Scales, J. L. Foust, T. A. Hunter.

The meeting last night was thoroughly representative and enthusiastically attended by the board of governors being surcharged with that Greensboro spirit of co-operative enterprise that insures success in all undertakings among those who make short speeches were Col. James T. Morehead, Judge James E. Boyd, A. B. Kimball, G. S. Bradshaw, Mayor Leon J. Brandt, Dr. W. P. Beall, Judge R. E. Strudwick, Joe S. Beeson, W. C. Cook, John S. Micheaux, C. C. McLean, J. S. Kuykendall and M. W. Thompson.

Taken With the Goods. Southern Railway Officer Andrew caught Henry Berry, a well known negro street sweeper employed by the city in a railway freight car early Sunday morning snaling goods. It was dark and the derrick rail, the policeman blazed away with a pistol. Andrews recognized the man and about an hour later with other officers surprised Berry in his home, capturing him, his wife and his newly acquired plunder.

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Maximum temperature 76 degrees; minimum 48 degrees; total precipitation for 24 hours ending 8 p. m. .00 inches.



If the German Crown Prince really wants the great American meal, let his chef fix up one of our "quick" counters. The Crown Prince of Germany has sent his chef over here to discover the American method of cooking.