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SOLOMON SHEPARD KILLED BY GUARD

Convicted Slayer of Engineer Fred Holt Shot Down By Guard As He Makes Fifth Effort to Escape From Authorities

FINAL CHAPTER IN INTERESTING CASE

Negro Convict Was Sent to Penitentiary From Durham County in February, 1910, for Killing Popular Southern Railway Engineer—Jury Found Him Guilty of Murder in Second Degree—All-ways Troublesome Prisoner—Shepard Made Five Attempts to Gain Freedom—Reuben Barbee, White, Tried for Complicity and Acquitted—Story of Case.

Solomon Shepard, the Durham negro sent to the penitentiary for 30 years for killing Engineer Fred Holt, made his last attempt to escape his guards today. He is dead at the convict camp near Aberdeen, a message to Warden T. P. Sale of the state's prison saying that the negro was killed.

Shepard was perhaps the most desperate criminal in some respects even sentenced to the penitentiary. He had not more than entered the prison walls before he received a wound for attempting to get away. On February 17, 1910, he made his first attempt. Then followed in succession other efforts. Sent to the camp near Laurinburg Shepard made a second try for his freedom, secured it and was caught six days later at Graham.

At Garysburg he made the third attempt and received a load of buckshot in his leg. For weeks he was seriously ill, but recovered, and at Tarheel some time later made a fourth effort to break from his guards. He was captured before he got out of the camp and no shot was fired.

The fifth and final effort at the camp near Aberdeen today proved his death. Capt. S. J. Busbee, in charge of the camp, briefly wired the killing to the prison authorities.

Story of the Crime.

Engineer Fred Holt of Spencer was killed by a shotgun while sitting in his cab at the coal chute in East Durham on the night of December 3, 1908. Solomon Shepard was arrested for the crime and later Reuben Barbee, a white man, was arrested and tried. Shepard's trial was held in Granville county, the case having been removed from Durham, and he was found guilty on Saturday, February 12, 1910. The punishment, thirty years, was regarded as sufficient, brothers of the dead man believing that their brother was not the man the murderer or murderers were attempting to kill.

Confessed to Firing.

In a confession made before the trial Shepard said he aimed at a brakeman, and as he had no intention of killing the engineer, the court charged the jury to bring in a verdict of murder in the second degree, if they believed the negro's story. "The case attracted wide interest and many persons believe that one of the principles in the cowardly murder has never been punished.

Talk of Lynching.

While Shepard was confined in the Durham jail it was reported that 500 railroad men from Spencer were on their way to Durham to deal summarily with the slayer of their comrade, but there was no truth in the rumor, the railroad men allowing the law to take its course.

Was Shepard Sane?

Expert testimony was introduced at the trial to prove that the negro was not sane, but the jury took the view that he was. The negro had been in many affairs before and was well known in police circles. His sentence was enhanced today after one of the most remarkable series of efforts to escape ever known in the annals of the state's prison.

Another Account.

Fayetteville, N. C., Aug. 13.—This morning Solomon Shepard, a negro convict at a camp of state convicts who are working on the Aberdeen and Rockfish railroad six miles west of Fayetteville, was shot and killed. When his chain was taken off before being carried to breakfast, Shepard broke and ran. A guard fired on him at a distance of 115 yards killing him instantly. Shepard, who was serving a life sentence, was a negro who confessed of killing a railroad engineer in Durham, for which a white man by the name of Barbee was tried.

Marrying is like taking a flying leap; you never know just how you will alight.

SECURES AGENCY FOR THE CHALMERS

The Raleigh Motor Car and Machine Company today closed a contract with the Chalmers Motor Company of Detroit, for the sale of Chalmers cars in central and eastern North Carolina. The Carolina Garage and Motor Company formerly had the Chalmers line. Mr. Loomis McK. Goodwin, general manager of the Raleigh Motor Car and Machine Company, has been very successful with the various cars that he has handled and he will no doubt make a splendid success in this territory with the Chalmers line. Several Chalmers demonstrating cars of 1913 design will be shipped to Raleigh at an early date.

PRaise THE TIMES

Henderson Veterans Like the Paper And Adopt It as Their Official Organ.

(Special to The Times.)

Henderson, Aug. 13.—At the meeting of the Henry L. Wyatt Camp, U. C. V., on Saturday morning, August 3, a resolution was passed that the adjutant on behalf of the camp, write to The Raleigh Times and thank the men who make it the great paper it is for all the many courtesies which have been extended to the camp, especially for the valuable space this splendid paper has given the camp and given so graciously.

It was moved and passed by rising vote that The Times be recorded as the official organ of the Henry L. Wyatt Camp of Henderson.

The acting adjutant wishes she could tell the men on The Times just what nice things the old soldiers said of this paper and every one of them, she thinks, was deserved and to which she said "Amen" each time.

The camp wishes to extend congratulations to The Times for being such a success as a news gleaner, and being the paper it is.

HAYS CRITICISED BY COMMITTEE REPORT

Washington, Aug. 13.—Assistant Secretary of Agriculture W. M. Hays is criticized in the house committee report regarding the Florida everglades charges and other affairs in the department. His operations in North Carolina with J. O. Wright, former department employe, are arranged. The report hints the impeachment proceedings were narrowly missed. Secretary Wilson is not commended. Loose management merely is charged against the department. Representative Sloan is preparing a supplemental report, to defend the department.

SCHEPPS HAS NOT CONFESSED

Says He Has Nothing to Confess About Rosenthal Case.

Hot Springs, Aug. 13.—In the first authorized statement he declares he has made since his arrest in connection with the Rosenthal case Sam Schepps branded as false the rumors that he has confessed. He says he has nothing to confess. Police Chief Leonard said he would not turn Schepps over to New York police agents without making a fight to hold him for Prosecutor Whitman's men.

INSURANCE MEN MEET.

Second Annual Convention at Old Point—Welcome By Gov. Mann.

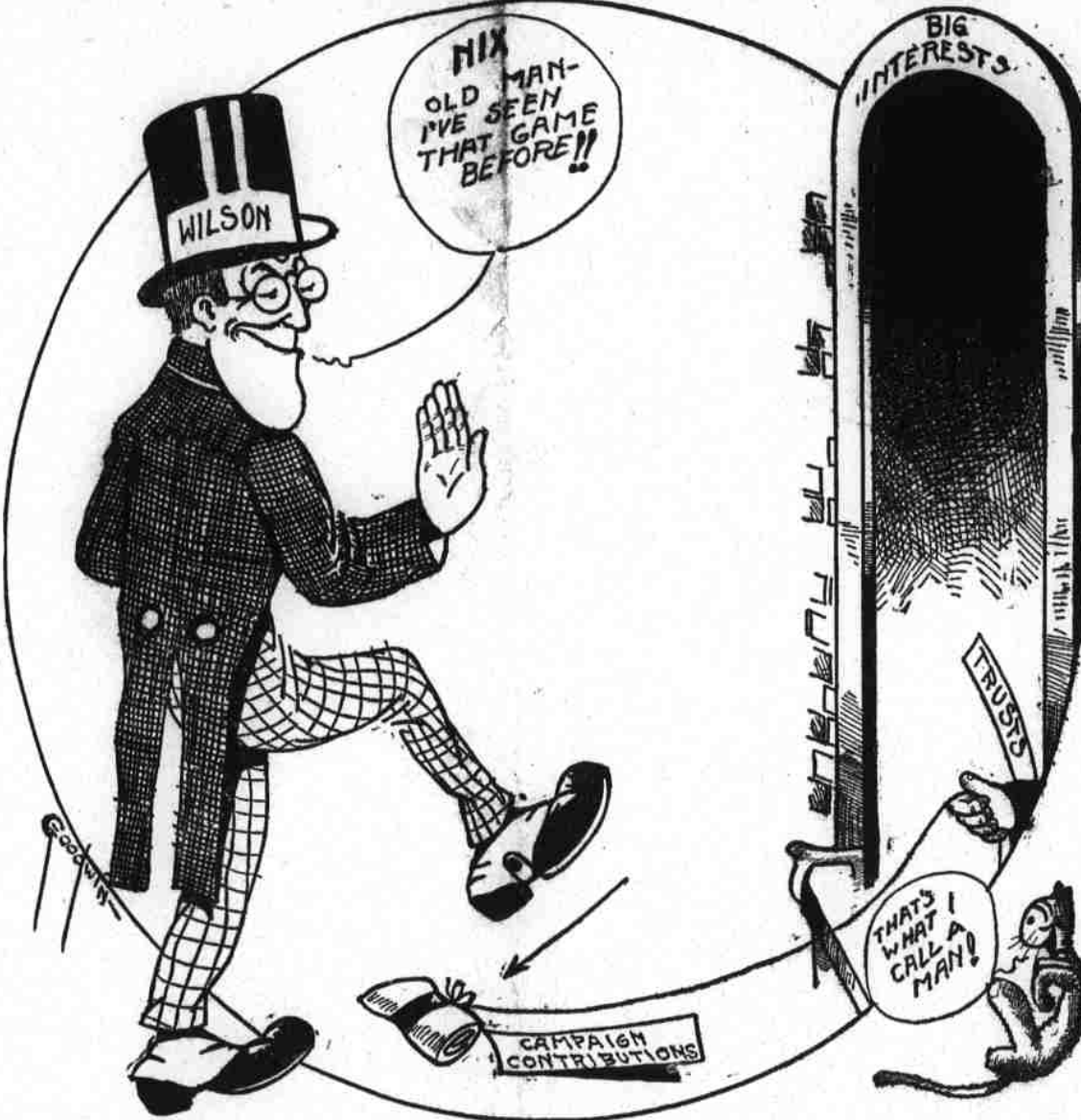
Old Point Comfort, Va., Aug. 13.—Governor Mann welcomed the members of the international association of casualty and surety underwriters, here today in their second annual convention. James V. Barry, of New York, on behalf of the association, which is composed of officials and state agents and general field men of the leading companies, responded. The convention will be in session three days.

Arrested for Murder.

Denver, Aug. 13.—H. J. Jones, a negro, 55 years old, arrested today, is believed to be the murderer of Miss Signe Carlson, a music teacher, killed Friday night.

Five Killed by Explosion.

Auburn, N. Y., Aug. 13.—Fireworks stored in the cellar of a house in Barber street, exploded this morning, killing five; all Italians.



"I WILL ACCEPT NO CONTRIBUTION WITH A STRING TIED TO IT." (From Wilson's speech of acceptance.)

POPULISTS HOLDING NATIONAL CONVENTION

St. Louis, Aug. 13.—The populist national convention met here today with a hundred delegates present. It is improbable that a national ticket will be named. Chief interest is in framing a platform. It is expected to include a strong plank for woman suffrage.

LLOYD TELLS OF DEMOCRATIC FUND

Washington, Aug. 13.—Representative James T. Lloyd, of Missouri, chairman of the democratic congressional committee in 1908, told the senate committee investigating campaign contributions that he had no absolute record of his committee's receipts and expenditures of that year.

BRIDE ACCUSED OF MURDER

Dead a Week After Marriage, Poison Is Found in Husband's Body.

Philadelphia, Aug. 13.—Accused of murdering her husband for his money and life insurance less than a week after her marriage to him, Mrs. Freda Trost, 40 years old, was arrested tonight by detectives, who have been investigating the case.

MANY RATS HAVE BEEN KILLED HERE

Rats are becoming scarcer in Raleigh Sanitary Officers McKay and Peebles yesterday received 51 rodents and today 30. During the other days of the campaign many rats were turned in and interest is increasing. As is well known the Associated Charities is offering prizes and many persons are doing their best to kill the pests and at the same time win prizes. The rats should be left at the city lot at 10:30 each day.

Methodist Protestant Orphanage.

(Special to The Times.)

"Big Chief" Thorpe.

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Rocky Mount, Aug. 13.—A dispatch in the current issue of Sporting Life is of considerable local interest, which states that "Big Chief" Thorpe, who played on the local team of 1910 and 1911, and who recently won the distinction of being the best all round athlete in the world, has been assigned to the Pirates, and will report to them within the next few weeks. It is not stated what part the big Indian will play in his new assignment.

HOT AND DRY WEATHER HERE

Highest Temperature of Year Reached This Afternoon

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With the temperature the highest it has been this year, with corn in some sections literally burned up and cotton badly damaged, the local United States weather bureau this afternoon offered little hope for general relief from the drought. Unless rain falls within a very few days farmers in this section of the state will lose thousands of dollars. As it is vegetation is literally burning up.

MARINES WILL LAND IN NICARAGUA TODAY

Washington, Aug. 13.—American Minister Weitzel at Managua, has entire authority to take measures for the protection of Americans during the fight between Nicaraguan rebels and the government forces. Three hundred marines hurried over from Panama, are expected to land at Carinto from the collier Justa today. Weitzel may send this force to Managua if he thinks it necessary. The state department expects the minister to act upon his own judgment.

MEN "HIGHER UP" RECEIVED BLACK MAIL

New York, Aug. 13.—Blackmail extorted from gambling and disorderly houses, it is said, found its way into pockets of three men "higher up," who are the real heads of the graft syndicate that provides police protection to the underworld for a price. These men, names undivulged, include a lawyer, prominent politician, a hotel proprietor and a police official. Two police inspectors also profited richly. Prosecutor Whitman is now convinced of the truth of Jack Rose's story; that two million, four hundred thousand dollars was collected alone from the gambling houses. Whitman is daily learning more about the blackmail system. The disorderly houses have been under the screws, under the perfected system of the blackmailers.

SIGN OPIUM CONVENTION.

Twelve Latin-American Republics Accept Hague Agreement.

Washington, Aug. 13.—At the instance of the state department, Mexico, Guatemala, Panama, Ecuador, Honduras, Cuba, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, Salvador, Bolivia and Chile have signed the international opium convention framed at The Hague last January. It is the expressed belief at the state department that the remaining Latin-American republics will shortly indicate their adherence to the convention. Brazil and Peru, together with the United States, were the powers of America which, in treaties with China, forbade their subjects engaging in opium trade in Chinese waters.

Wrenon's Democratic League.

Trenton, N. J., Aug. 13.—The woman's Wilson and Marshall league of New Jersey will be formally launched Saturday at Seagirt. Mrs. Thomas P. Gore, Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, of New York, Wilson's three daughters, and Mrs. Archibald Alexander, will enroll the members of the league in a big tent pitched on the Wilson home ground.

Robbers raided Leavinger's pharmacy Sunday night and stole about \$12 worth of cigarettes, cigars and other articles.

TWO HUNDRED WERE KILLED

Battle With Rebels in Streets of Ixata after the Zapatistas band halted on its march to Toluca. The town was garrisoned by a hundred rurales. Fighting occurred around Tenancingo. All the rurales were killed. The total death list included many townspeople. The rurales fought desperately, refusing to surrender. The spoils taken included fourteen thousand rounds of ammunition. The town was looted. Toluca is now garrisoned by five hundred federals. The residents are panic stricken.

ALDERMEN IN COURT TODAY

They Heap Maledictions and Threats On Man Who Made the Revelations

ALL CLAIM INNOCENCE

Edward Schreiter, Common Council Clerk Who Made Confessions Involving the Aldermen and the Aldermen Themselves Appear in Court Today—Some of Accused Men Very Bitter Against Schreiter—Aldermen Are Charged With Getting Graft Out of Franchises.

FIGHT LAST IN SENATE.

To Prevent Fast Office Employees From Joining Secret Organizations.

Washington, Aug. 13.—An attempt to amend the postoffice appropriation bill, prohibiting postoffice employes from joining secret organizations, outside the department was defeated in the Senate today, thirty-one to twenty, after a sharp fight in which a strike against the government was freely discussed. Smith, of South Carolina, claimed that postal employes had a right to strike. Root opposed this view. Root said that the next step would be the strike of the military and naval forces and other government forces. Smith replied that the military forces were held by enlistment contract.

ATTEMPT TO PASS WOOL BILL OVER PRESIDENT'S VETO.

Washington, Aug. 13.—An attempt will be made to pass the compromise wool bill over the president's veto in the house today. Underwood arranged for two house debates, the time being equally divided. Hull, of Tennessee, was the first speaker.

Twenty-Six Workmen Killed.

Dortmund, Germany, Aug. 13.—Twenty-six workmen were buried by a falling slag bank at the iron works here today. All perished.

Wilson Goes to Trenton.

Seagirt, Aug. 13.—Governor Wilson made his weekly trip to Trenton today on state business. He returns tonight.

LIQUOR TRAFFIC 'DEPLORABLE'

Senator Wooks So Says on Conditions Here in Letter to C. E. U.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Declaring that the liquor traffic conditions are "most deplorable," Senator John D. Wooks yesterday sent a letter to the District of Columbia Christian Endeavor union saying that no "right-minded citizen" can oppose the Jones-Works excise bill now pending in the District of Columbia committee of the house of representatives. His letter, made public by President Rexford Holmes, of the union, in part is as follows:

"The bill is a fair and reasonable bill regulating the sale of intoxicating liquors. The pretense that it is prohibitive has no foundation in fact. It excludes the saloons from the residence districts of the city. All good citizens should desire this change. It safeguards the young as fully as possible from temptation, and so regulates the traffic as to minimize as fully as is reasonable the evil effects of the trade.

"The conditions in Washington with respect to the liquor traffic is at the present time most deplorable. There are as many as eight or nine saloons on a single square in some places, and many squares have three and four and five saloons. The neighborhoods around the public schools of the city and the churches are infested with these saloons. I do not understand how any right-minded citizen who believes in the making of Washington a model city can oppose this measure.

"I sincerely hope that the District committee of the house may take it up and give it prompt consideration, and that it may eventually pass and become a law."

WIFE FINDS HUSBAND DEAD.

Hears Shot and Finds When She Discovers Suicide.

Philadelphia, Aug. 13.—Awakened by the sound of a shot, Mrs. Charles Pennecke, of 2543 North Seventeenth street, rushed downstairs early yesterday morning, and found her husband dead in the kitchen. He had placed a revolver in his mouth and sent a bullet in his brain. Before death he wrote a will, naming two men whom he wanted to act as executors of his estate, and then penned a farewell note to his wife, telling her he wanted to be buried on Long Island.

Mrs. Pennecke fainted over the body of her husband. Neighbors found the pair lying together. The woman was quickly revived, but Pennecke was pronounced dead by Dr. W. L. Batoss, of 2466 North Seventeenth street. The police say Pennecke had been melancholy over financial matters.

Prisoners Escape From Penitentiary.

Columbus, O., Aug. 13.—Five prisoners escaped over the high wall of the Ohio penitentiary at noon today. One prisoner was shot by the guard, and another captured, and three escaped.

Julian Massenett Dead.

Paris, Aug. 13.—Julian Massenett, composer of "Thais" and other noted works, died today of cancer, age seventy.