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BODIES WERE BUCKLED TOGETHER IN DEATH

Forms of Charlie Howell and Lizzie Griffin Locked in Close Embrace as They Met Death in Lake in Charlotte—Body of Young Woman Taken to Monroe and Howell is Buried in Charlotte.

Additional facts regarding the double suicide in Charlotte in which a Salisbury young man was one of the principals is partly told as follows: The Charlotte Observer of this morning:

Whatever mystery enshrouded the disappearance of Charles B. Howell and Miss Lizzie Griffin was resolved early yesterday morning when their bodies were discovered floating on the surface of the lake at Lakewood park.

Fastened by a leather belt, the two forms were locked in a close embrace. It was thus they had embraced death together.

What the efforts of searchers had failed to accomplish had been compassed by natural forces, for the rise of the bodies was automatic and thus added weight to the newer theory that the double suicide occurred on the night of Monday, Labor Day, instead of Tuesday night. The lapse of two and a half days is some time sufficient to compel the waters to give up their dead.

The funeral of Mr. Howell will be conducted this morning at 10:30 o'clock from the Hovis undertaking establishment on North Tryon street. Interment will be at Elmwood. Mrs. Howell, mother of the deceased, arrived yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock from Salisbury.

A street car conductor now claims that the two left his car near Lakewood Monday night instead of Tuesday.

When discovered the woman was face upward, the man's face across her right shoulder, the woman's left arm under his left arm and encircling his body.

Miss Griffin wore on her left arm two handsome bracelets, a gold chain necklace, a signet ring on the third finger of the right hand and a crescent gold pin on the front of her waist, which was of white lace.

Mrs. Howell and her two children (Continued on page 3.)

PRES. WILSON WRITES

President in a Letter to President Trumbull of the C. & O. Says That the Roads Credit Should be Sustained.

Washington, Sept. 10.—President Wilson responded today to the request of several railroad executives that he call to the attention of the country the imperative need that railway credits be sustained and that the roads be helped wherever feasible by Government agencies or by private co-operative effort.

The President outlined his views for the country in a letter to Frank Trumbull, chairman of the Chesapeake & Ohio board, who acted as spokesman for the railroad presidents who saw Mr. Wilson Wednesday.

Discussing his action with callers today the President said he was greatly impressed with the reasonable attitude of the railroad men. He added they had not displayed any feeling of a questionable kind nor criticized the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Although he does not believe he should advise other Governmental agencies which have to do with the railroads as to their action, the President declared he would be glad to confer with any one who wanted to see him.

Various reports have said the call of the railroad men upon the President was preliminary to a request for an increase in freight rates. Western roads already are preparing such increase for submission to the Interstate Commerce Commission. Under the law the Eastern roads may not apply within the next two years for increases on rates recently adjusted by the companies. Eastern lines, however, are preparing to effect the economies the commission suggested by making charges for free services to large shippers and to increase their passenger fares.

President Wilson's letter to Mr. Trumbull reflected his confidence in the integrity and soundness of the American railroads and his view that they should not be the subject for agitation. His letter follows:

The President's letter to Mr. Trumbull follows:

"Since you read it to me yesterday, I have read again the statement you made on behalf of the committee of (Continued on page 3.)

AUSTRIA CRUSHED WOULD SUE FOR PEACE; FRENCH RE-OCCUPY MULHAUSEN, ALSACE

Vienna Dispatch Says That There is Bitter Complaint Against Germany Over the Disposition to Leave the Austrians Unsupported Against Greatly Overnumbering Forces—French Airmen Try to Get the Kaiser By Dropping Bombs—Vienna is Overrun With Wounded and Appeals Are Being Made For Aid—Germans and Allies Reinforce Their Central Line—Alliance Formed Between Greece, Bulgaria and Roumania is Latest Reported Alliance—Russia is Strengthening Her Forces Against Germany and Austria.

Vienna, Sept. 11.—Increasing bitterness is the feeling against Germany and the almost universal demand is that she sue for peace. The Austrian army is compelled to meet the Russian assault unsupported by the Germans with the result that the Austrians have been overcome by superior numbers. The result is a storm of bitter criticism.

Austrian Officers Flee and Leave Their Men.

Rome, Sept. 11.—Trieste dispatches state that in the fighting in the vicinity of Lemberg all officers of the Austrian battalion fled the field leaving their men.

Basle, Sept. 11.—It is reported that the French army operating in Alsace have re-occupied Muelhausen.

The Russian and Austrian Contests—Germans Joining the Austrian Forces Against Russia.

Petrograd, Sept. 11.—The Germans are bringing up great numbers of reinforcements to the center of the battle lines. The Austrians are greatly inferior by the arrival of Germans, it being reported that the Germans have sent their first lines or regulars to aid the Austrians who have been in the defensive and the reorganization of the Austrians is being undertaken by the German general staff.

Austrians Cannot Take Care of Such Great Numbers of Wounded.

Vienna, Sept. 11.—It is admitted that railroads are unable to transport the wounded. The Austrian Red Cross has issued a demand that all automobiles within the country be turned over to be used for transporting the wounded to places where they can be cared for. Every hospital in Vienna is full, all public buildings are full and private residences are being requisitioned for public use, but still train loads of wounded are being poured into the city. All accounts show that though the Austrians showed great bravery they have been outnumbered by the Russians who have pursued German tactics and hurled their entire force in the attack.

Food Stuff Short at Trieste.

Trieste, Sept. 11.—Austrian report the sinking of a destroyer off Saffano. It is reported that the most of the crew is saved. The Austrian fleet is moving up and down the Adriatic without encountering any ally fleets. Conditions in Trieste are serious, food stuff is very short.

The Kaiser is Directing the Movements of Troops.

Berlin, Sept. 11.—The Kaiser is with the general staff and is directing the operations of the army from the building of the German legation at Luxembourg. The French and Belgian forces found the Kaiser and sent aviators to drop bombs but none of them fell on the building and the Kaiser was unhurt. The Kaiser goes daily to inspect the advance positions of the army but does not go on the firing lines.

Germans Falling Back Before Superior Numbers.

Galacia, Sept. 11.—It is announced that the allies forward movement in the North continues unchecked. The Germans continue to retreat in the face of the superior number. Both sides are heavily reinforcing their center.

An Alliance is Reported.

Bucharest, Sept. 11.—It is stated that an alliance has been entered into between the Greeks, the Bulgarians and the Roumanians providing that they will attack Turkey should she enter the war on the German side.

Russians Meeting Germans.

Petrograd, Sept. 11.—Russian forces in East Prussia are preparing to renew the defense and to meet the large German army of the first line and the more than 200,000 men of the second line. It is stated that the Russian right will be considerably strengthened. The Germans have sent two army corps to relieve Koenigsburg. The Germans are concentrated along the Alle River.

Eight Sons With English Army.

London, Sept. 11.—The enthusiastic manner in which all England is flocking to the colors is shown in the enlistment of all the male members of one family in various parts of the kingdom. Henry Ellison, an ex-Grenadier Guardsman living at Battersea, has eight sons serving with the colors.

Four brothers, belonging to Cottenham, Cambridge, are with the British troops who have been stubbornly contesting the advance of the Germans in Northern France. Another brother of the same family is on a British warship. Still another, who migrated to Canada, is enroute back to Old England with a Canadian regiment. A seventh has just resigned from Chivers and Sons, a local firm, to enlist. A sister of these seven warrior brothers, is married to a bluejacket, who is on one of the battleships in the North Sea.

Allies Holding Their Own Since the Fifth.

Paris, Sept. 11.—The bulletin of the reserve bank of France, it is understood has been moved to the bank of Italy. Official statements report the French offensive movement results in the Germans being pushed back 75 Kilometers. The first day's battle of Nerne proved serious to the Allies, the Germans strengthen their center and right. Since then the situation is generally changed and the enemy has been unable to push any point of our line back since the 5th of September.

Victory for Germany Reported.

Berlin, Sept. 11.—It is officially announced that the Germans have gained another notable success over Russia. It is stated that after a sharp encounter the left flank in Prussia has been completely crushed.

ENGLISH DEFEAT 400 GERMAN IN NYOSSLAND, IN AFRICA

London, Sept. 10.—8:15 p. m.—British troops have met and defeated a German force of 400 which entered Nyassaland, British Central Africa, according to an announcement by the official press bureau.

The official press bureau adds: "The Germans lost seven officers killed and two wounded, two field and two machine guns. The loss among the rank and file has not been ascertained, but was heavy."

The British loss among the whites was four killed and several wounded; loss among the rank and file not ascertained.

"On September 8 a British force advanced against the Germans, who, however, evaded them and attacked the British station at Karonga (on the northeast shore of Lake Nyassa, at the terminus of the Stevenson road) which was defended by one officer, 50 African rifles, the police and eight civilians.

"After three hours resistance a column arrived from the British

force and drove the enemy off. Later the main British force came up and after a day's fighting, in which the Germans fought with great determination and had to be dislodged by repeated bayonet charges, the British drove the enemy toward the Songwe River. The British were too exhausted to continue the pursuit."

Allies are Making Gain.

London, Sept. 10.—While the latest official statement give few details of the great battle being waged in France in 3,000,000 men are engaged, it seems apparent that the German forces are still falling back from the announcement that the Allies have gained about 7 miles of territory in their advance, an increase of 12 in the past 24 hours operations.

Both British and French troops have crossed the River Marne, the British capturing men and guns. The action of greatest severity is being fought between Maily and Vitry-Le-Francois.

In an engagement between British and Germans in Nyssa Land, British Central Africa, the Germans, according to the British official press bureau, were driven back to the River Songwe, which is part of the frontier between the British and German protectorates.

Prince Joachim Albrecht of Prussia, son of the late Prince Frederick Albert, regent of Brunswick, and a second cousin of the German Emperor, has been wounded in battle.

Both the German and Allies armies in France are being reinforced and the battle in France is likely to last some days yet.

Reports concerning the progress of the Russian and Austrian arms are meager but a Petrograd dispatch says it is believed the German Crown Prince has been appointed chief commander of the forces which are to oppose the Russian advance.

Pope Benedict XV, in an encyclical to the episcopacy of the world, urges peace and brotherhood among Nations. In this encyclical the Pope says:

"We exhort most earnestly those who govern the destiny of the Nations that they should bring themselves to a frame of mind whereby they may put aside all dissensions, contrary to the welfare of humanity."

The British Prime Minister has called for more men to serve the country. Additional British casualties have been made public, covering the period up to September 7, and bringing the total for the campaign close to 19,000 killed, wounded and missing.

DOUGHTON OPENS EIGHTH CAMPAIGN

Boone, Sept. 10.—Hon. R. L. Doughton, Representative in Congress from this the Eight Congressional District, opened the campaign at this place Monday and made his first speech to a court house packed with the steady yeomanry and untrifled Democracy of Watauga county. There were at least 800 present, and among the number many ladies. He was given a most enthusiastic greeting.

He spoke for an hour and a half, during the recess of the court, which Judge Long is holding. He was in fine trim, and began his speech by saying that he was here ready to give an account of his stewardship. He appreciated it highly to represent such a noble people. He led off with the discussion of State affairs, and took for his text the Republican State platform, and the challenge it contained.

FARMERS IN CONFERENCE

Many of the Leading Farmers of the State are in Raleigh at the Instance of the Governor.

Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 11.—Two Hundred and more of the leading farmers of the State are in conference here this afternoon in response to the call of President H. Q. Alexander, of the State Farmers' Union and of Governor Craig considering ways and means of relieving the impending disaster to the cotton growers through war depression of the market. In an address Governor Craig told the farmers that there must be adequate as well as cooperative effort if any really substantial relief is brought about.

The governor held an early morning conference with a number of business men including General J. S. Carr, Durham, J. E. Blades, of Craven, D. Y. Cooper, Henderson, and others to consider a special plan that the governor later submitted to the farmers. It is a proposition that a big central corporation for warehousing cotton be formed with one million dollar capital authorized and two hundred and fifty thousand subscribed for warehousing cotton and loaning money on it. He would have all who deposit cotton to subscribe stock to the extent of ten per cent of the money borrowed on the cotton. Loans would be the extent of 7 cents per pound. In any sales of cotton held for more than ten cents the grower depositing it and the warehousing company would share equally. The corporation would benefit through the warehousing fee and six per cent on the money loaned. This proposal is very favorably received and likely to be acted upon favorably.

Governor Craig commends the spirit manifested in the "Buy a Bale" movement, and similar efforts toward getting all the cotton possible sidetracked out of the way of market depression, but he insists that all such movements can but be as a drop in the great ocean of the cotton supply that is about to be picked out throughout the Southern cotton belt.

State officers generally express themselves as unfavorable to the plan suggested by Senator Simmons for relieving the cotton situation which would entail the calling together of the legislatures of all the cotton States in the cotton belt and procuring in addition the most thorough cooperation by all these states, a thing that they do not believe can be brought about.

Commissioner Young Talks to the Marshals in Their Gathering at Asheville—How the Service May Be Improved is Pointed Out.

Asheville, Sept. 11.—In welcoming the National Convention of Fire Marshals in their annual session that convened today here Hon. James K. Young, North Carolina commissioner of insurance and fire marshal, treated at length the question of "How the Fire Marshal can Best Enlist the Hearty Co-operation of Municipal Officers in Fire Prevention Work." He said the work of the fire marshal is practical and largely educational in impressing the magnitude of fire waste. Marshals and their deputies should go into communities in most friendly spirit and do nothing detrimental to the people in knocking or criticizing and demonstrate that the marshal can be of benefit in overcoming a great evil in fire losses.

Commissioner Young told of his recent new departure in putting a special expert to work with the municipal authorities and fire departments of the tons in improving the service through advising as to equipment and training the fire fighters. Such an officer, Commissioner Young said, that fire waste is largely preventable, especially through proper buildings, regular inspection, fire prevention education, proper laws and ordinances, pamphlets and leaflets, demonstrations, the public press, appeals to the women and children and last and most novel of all the use of the moving picture shows. He told of his recent appeals to the authorities of the North Carolina towns to exact as a consideration for licenses to run movies that they throw on their screens between acts from time to time sentences prepared and set out for the purpose by the State department

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF DAUGHTERS OF LIBERTY

Closes a Big Meeting in Washington City—Officers Chosen With A. L. Bradley, of Richmond, Va., National Councilor.

Mr. J. N. Maxwell was just returned from Washington City where he attended the National Convention of the Daughters of Liberty. The meeting was largely attended and was an enthusiastic one. The reports showed a gain of 10,000 members during the past year and \$2,000 was contributed for organization work immediately. Reports showed \$105,000 in the funeral benefit fund. Mr. Maxwell, who is one of the organizers, has a his territory practically all of the Southern States with the exception of Kentucky. The convention was addressed by a number of prominent men, among these being Representative Burnett, of Alabama, who introduced an immigration bill in Congress. An effort was made to get in touch with Senator Lee S. Overman and have him address the convention but he was out of the city, being at home during the brief Labor Day recess of Congress.

Quite a number of the delegates went over to Baltimore to attend the great Star Spangled Banner celebration now going on there and among these was Mr. Maxwell, who reports a great celebration and the city crowded with visitors.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: National Councilor, A. L. Bradley, Richmond, Va.; National Vice-Councilor, W. H. Jeffrey, East Burke, Vt.; National Secretary, W. V. Edkins, Philadelphia; National Treasurer, W. H. Ralstab, of Trenton, N. J.

SOUTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY CALLED IN SESSION

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 10.—Gov. Cole I. Blease today issued a call for a special session of the South Carolina legislature October 6 to meet conditions in the cotton trade growing out of the European war. The governor's proclamation declares conditions are critical and action is needed to prevent loss to the people of the State.

Salvationists Join Red Cross.

London, Sept. 11.—Five Hundred Salvation Army officers, including both men and women, have volunteered in a body to perform Red Cross work.

FIRE MARSHALS MEET

Thought Man a Hawk, Filled Him with Shot

Distressing Accident Occurs Near Albemarle—Gordon Hudson is Fired Upon by a Man Named Morton—Injured Man Was Gathering Muscadines in a Tree in Which Hawk Was Supposed to Have Perched—May Die.

Albemarle, Sept. 10.—One of the most shocking accidents which Stanly county has experienced in a long time was that which happened late yesterday five miles east of Albemarle when a Mr. Morton accidentally shot and possibly fatally wounded Gordon Hudson, both men being respected white men. Mr. Morton was out with his gun trying to kill a hawk which had been giving his chickens trouble. Mr. Hudson was high up in a tree picking muscadines. Mr. Morton being some distance away thought the hawk had lit in the tree in which Mr. Hudson was picking muscadines, so easing nearer and nearer he discovered something moving the leaves, and thinking that he knew the identical spot where the hawk was, fired. Instead of bringing down the troublesome hawk as Mr. Morton expected, to his horror Mr. Hudson fell from the tree, the entire load having penetrated his left side about the floating ribs. The injury from the fall and the wound from the shot will possibly prove fatal to Mr. Hudson, though he is still alive this evening.

Commissioner Young is president of the National Convention of State Fire Insurance commissioners which follows the fire marshals with its sessions in Asheville next week, September 15-18. Governor Craig is to welcome the insurance commissioners of the nation on this occasion.

EMPIRE STORE CO.'S PLACE IS RAIDED

Entrance Effected Through Rear Window by Means of Ladder and Breaking of a Glass—Shoes, Shirts, Jewelry and Numerous Other Articles Carried Off—Office Furniture Ransacked But No Money Secured.

Thieves visited the Empire store on South Main street some time during last night and carried off a quantity of articles. They effected an entrance through a rear window on the second floor by placing a ladder and breaking a glass, then reaching through and releasing the fastener over the window and raising the same. In going out the rear door was used. Among the articles missing are eight pair of shoes, the thieves taking the shoes from the boxes and leaving the latter scattered about the floor, a number of shirts, ties, collar buttons, socks, several articles of jewelry and other goods. It is impossible to make an estimate of the goods carried away as the store is literally filled with merchandise and much of this is hanging about and in show cases on display. The office on the rear balcony was visited and the drawers in the several desks ransacked, as was also the cash register which had been left open when the store was closed but which contained no money, this always being deposited in the safe. The small stamp drawer in one of the desks was not bothered and in this was Manager Moose's gold watch.

One of the thieves changed shoes in the place and left his old ones and this may furnish a clue for the officers. It is believed that there were three and for reasons best known to the officers, who are now working on the case, there were two out-of-town negroes and one local man engaged in the robbery. It is not known at what hour the entrance was effected but it was after 10 o'clock as there was some one in the store until that hour.

RUSSIANS PRAY FOR CURE OF DRUNKARDS

St. Petersburg, Sept. 11.—While their husbands, brothers and fathers were fighting with the Russian army in the east of Germany, thousands of women throughout the Empire today attended services in Orthodox churches to pray for the cure of those afflicted with the evil of drunkenness. Today had been set apart for this service by the Holy Synod, which acted upon the suggestion of the Metropolitan of Moscow.

John the Baptist was beheaded on September 11. This act was attributed to the inebriety of Herod. In addition to the services there were religious processions, with holy relics and emblems.

NEWSPAPER MEN SAFE.

They Accompanied German Army Two Weeks Across Belgium.

Rotterdam, via London, Sept. 10, 9 a. m.—The party of American correspondents who accompanied the German army for nearly two weeks across Belgium and into France found themselves safe on Dutch soil today after being held prisoners by the Germans for four days under unusual circumstances.

The Associated Press correspondent reached Rotterdam late last night. For the past week the party had been under surveillance at Aix-la-Chapelle, whither they had been brought on a train with prisoners from Beaumont, Belgium. The party included Roger Lewis, of the Associated Press; Irvin S. Cobb, of the Saturday Evening Post and the Philadelphia Public Ledger; James O'Donnell Bennett and John T. McCutcheon, of the Chicago Tribune, and Harry Hensen, of the Chicago Daily News.

Excavating is in progress for the furnace room in the old court house. This will be in the room formerly occupied as a vault room by the clerk of the Superior Court.