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SIXTEEN YEARS AFTER THE CRIME HE CONFESSES

His Name Kept Secret

Slayer of Chinaman, Ling Gun, Who Mysteriously Disappeared From Asheville Several Years Ago Makes Confession.

WORKING ON THE CASE

Asheville, N. C., Dec. 20.—A little more than 16 years ago a Chinaman, Ling Gun, with limited knowledge of the English language and dressed in the provincial garb of his race, started from Asheville for Knoxville. He never reached his destination, however. He was put off the train near the State line in Madison county; he wandered, thin-clad and alone in the mountains of Madison county; he was beat up and, it is alleged, murdered and robbed and fed to the hogs. A searching party from Asheville found the remains of the little old man after several days of hardship and toll; the body was being chewed by hogs; the head was severed and the several hundred or several thousand dollars that the Chinaman was supposed to have carried in a money belt, was gone. The belt, however, was found. All this occurred during late November, 1893. After a lapse of 16 years and with the incidents of the affair, incidents that became international in scope and which called for an investigation by the government at Washington, grown dim: the murder of the Chinaman has been revived through an alleged confession of one of those having knowledge if not guilty knowledge of the affair and it is now probable that arrests will be made and the grand jury of Madison county asked to probe into the case.

The revival of the affair came a few days ago with the receipt by the authorities of a letter written by Rev. R. A. Green of Cocke county, Tenn., a preacher and a physician. This letter containing, it is alleged, valuable information, is now in the possession of the solicitor for this judicial district. It purports, it is understood, to contain a confession made by a man in that section who, believing that he was going to die, told of the affair; gave names of those implicated and recited how the body of the dead Chinaman was hauled across the State line and left in the mountains in Tennessee where afterward it was discovered by the searching party from Asheville which included W. F. Randolph, then connected with the Citizen. The information relative to the confession has been sent to both Sheriff Cile of Madison county and Sheriff Hunter of this county, and these officers together with Solicitor Brown have the matter in hand. No warrants, it is understood, have yet been issued and the names of the persons involved or alleged to be involved are not divulged.

EXCELLENT LIKENESS.

Picture of Miss Rosa Short in Charlotte Observer.

In last Sunday's Charlotte Observer appears a cut of Miss Rosa Short, of High Point. Miss Short is a daughter of Mrs. Bettie Short, a former resident of this city. She is one of the belles of central Carolina.

APPRECIATIVE AUDIENCES.

Large congregations greeted Rev. A. McCullen, presiding elder, at the First Methodist Church Sunday morning and evening. Mr. McCullen filled the pulpit of the pastor, Rev. M. T. Plyler, who is absent in Hyde county. Both discourses were logical and forceful. They were listened to with profit by the entire audience. The presiding elder is one of the strongest preachers in the North Carolina conference, and it is always a delight to hear him.

GLADLY CORRECT MISTAKE.

In giving an account of "The Worst Man" inadvertently we stated that the accompanist was Mrs. M. T. Plyler. This was a mistake on the part of the reporter. Miss Bessie Buckman was the efficient accompanist and performed her part of the program in a manner to please.

TO GIVE OPERA.

It will be gratifying to the many learn that local talent is contemplating giving an opera here sometime during the early spring. It will be for some worthy cause. Washington's musical talent compares with the best and the Daily News feels sure if the intention is carried out it will receive a liberal patronage from the general public.

CANDIDATE FOR THE PRESIDENT MET BY CROWD

She Acclaims Madriz

A Police Protection is Necessary, However, for the Prospective Successor of Zelaya--Gives Short Interview.

IS A CRITICAL SITUATION

Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 20.—Jose Madriz, judge of the Central American court of justice, at Cartago, who has been put forward as candidate for the presidency to succeed Zelaya, received an enthusiastic reception on his arrival here today. Long before he reached the capital Madriz was the object of cheering crowds. He was met by delegations from various departments, and acclaimed all along the way from Corinto to Managua.

At this place the crowds awaiting the appearance of the candidate were extraordinary. Troops and police were out in force for the protection of Madriz, who proceeded on foot to a hotel through an almost inextricable mass of people, the soldiers and detectives breaking a way for him through the solid ranks, pushing and throwing aside the frantic people.

In front of the park there were hostile cries against the attempt of the soldiers to clear the street and immediately fifty civilians, all of them residents of Leon, the home of Madriz and the stronghold of the Liberals who favor his candidacy, whipped out revolvers, brandishing them in the air. They formed a compact mass around Madriz, acting as his bodyguard and escorting him to his quarters.

For a moment the situation was critical. There were shouts of "Viva Leon; to hell with Managua." No shots were fired, however, and the procession went on its way. The presidential candidate's face was flushed and wore a look of anxiety. He was accompanied to the hotel by the Mexican minister and from this place the crowds were shut out.

THE UNIVERSITY DRAMATIC CLUB HERE NEXT WEEK

Opera House Dec. 28

Well Known Dramatic Club is Making a Tour of State and Washington is Included in the Towns to Be Visted.

The University Dramatic Club will present at Brown's opera house, this city, December 28, "The Indian," a Spanish play translated into English.

The students of the University, with the consent of the faculty, will spend a week of their Christmas holidays playing at several of the North Carolina towns, Washington being included in the tour. The performance is billed to begin at 8 o'clock, they're giving all, who desire, an opportunity to see the show and also attend the dance. The prices will be 50 and 35 cents. This is one of the best attractions yet presented by the University Dramatic Club. It is to be hoped that Washington people will give the club a better attendance than they did two years ago. The costumes worn are handsome and gorgeous, being the style used in 1812.

It will be pleasing to the Daily News readers to learn that Mr. J. Harding Hughes, son of Rev. N. C. Hughes, formerly of this county, now a student in the University, is playing the leading part in "The Indian." The announcement of the University Dramatic Club coming to Washington, no doubt, will delight a great many of the theater goers.

"MORALITY"

Mr. J. B. Latham Addresses Young Men at the Young Men's Christian League Sunday afternoon and those who were present speak in the most complimentary terms of his address. His subject was "Morality," and he handled his subject in a masterly manner. Quite a large number were present.

Washington Public Schools

1904-1905-1909--Then and Now.

(By N. C. Newbold.)

Five years ago there were thirteen teachers in our public school. Now, in all departments there are twenty-one. Then 586 pupils were enrolled with an average daily attendance of 388. This year the enrollment has reached 725 and the average daily attendance gone beyond 600. For a part of the year then thirteen teachers were compelled to use ten classrooms, which in the very nature of the case worked a hardship. Now we have the largest and one of the handsomest best equipped buildings in North Carolina.

At that time there was no assembly hall where all the children might gather for opening exercises and for public entertainments. Now we have an auditorium that compares favorably with the best in acoustics, ventilation, light and comfortable seats.

The course of study in 1904 embraced nine years' work. At the beginning of the present school year provision was made for a seven-year course in the primary and grammar grades, and a high school course of four years. After the present year we shall be able to complete the required number of units for entrance to the colleges and our State University.

Five years ago the children of Washington did not enjoy the advantages of any of the following, viz: Kindergarten, Manual Training, Domestic Science, Business Course, Music. Now he have all these departments in successful operation under well trained instructors. We have the honor of being one among the very small number of public school systems in the State to attempt to offer to our pupils the great advantages contained in these departments.

This brief comparison illustrates what the citizens of a city can do when they go into the business of education in earnest. It will, also, no doubt, serve to impress upon us all—teachers, pupils and citizens—that with these increased opportunities come grave and weighty responsibilities.

What Washington Possesses

- WASHINGTON has a population of 10,000.
- WASHINGTON lies almost on the center of the Norfolk and Southern Railway between Norfolk and Raleigh—being 131 miles from Norfolk and 104 miles from Raleigh.
- WASHINGTON is situated on Pamlico River, a beautiful sheet of water, emptying into Pamlico sound, distance away 35 miles.
- WASHINGTON is within 50 miles of the Atlantic ocean.
- WASHINGTON has three railroads: The Norfolk and Southern, the Atlantic Coast Line, the Washington and Vendemere, and before many months of the new year an additional one will enter from Hyde county.
- WASHINGTON's water transportation facilities stand unpassed; large shipments of lumber and other products go direct to Northern markets over our waters. Boats drawing 9 feet of water have easy access to the docks.
- WASHINGTON has three strong, influential banking houses with \$50,000 capital stock, respectively. Each institution is run and operated on a sound financial basis.
- WASHINGTON has a \$13,000 public school building, the best in the State.
- WASHINGTON has paved streets, and the city has just voted more bonds to the amount of \$25,000 for additional paved streets.
- WASHINGTON has electric lights, gas and water. The plants are up-to-date and modern.
- WASHINGTON denominationally has Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Christian and Baptist Churches. All modern and spacious houses of worship.
- WASHINGTON has an appropriation for a \$125,000 public building, for city postoffice and United States court. The site, a beautiful one, has already been selected.
- WASHINGTON has seven large and commodious saw mills for the manufacture of pine and poplar lumber, and two planing mills.
- WASHINGTON has two machine shops and marine railways.
- WASHINGTON has one large oyster canning factory.
- WASHINGTON possesses one ice plant.
- WASHINGTON has a mammoth grist and flour mill; the largest in the State.
- WASHINGTON has a large well equipped slack stove factory.
- WASHINGTON has one large cotton seed oil mill and two large cotton gineries.
- WASHINGTON has a modern and up-to-date equipped steel draw bridge spanning its river costing \$30,000.
- WASHINGTON has four large wholesale fish houses, shipping the finny tribe to all parts of the United States.
- WASHINGTON has one hosiery mill; one shirt factory; one steam laundry, two bakeries.
- WASHINGTON has two modern, well equipped hospitals for the successful treatment of medical and surgical cases.
- WASHINGTON has the most complete telephone exchange in the South.
- WASHINGTON has seven large wholesale groceries.
- WASHINGTON has some of the most attractive and imposing retail emporiums to be found in North Carolina.
- WASHINGTON has a full representation of all secret orders, with well appointed lodge rooms.
- WASHINGTON as a trucking center is unsurpassed. This item is an enormous one annually.
- WASHINGTON has tele weekly river boat lines between this city and Hyde county and other adjacent points.
- WASHINGTON is the largest oyster market in this Eastern section.
- WASHINGTON has modern hotels and cafes.
- WASHINGTON has a well equipped and modern volunteer fire department.
- WASHINGTON's death rate is a matter of pride. The mortality is very low.
- WASHINGTON has no failures among its merchants.
- WASHINGTON has two magnificent suburban sites well adapted for the building of homes.
- WASHINGTON has the United States buoy yard, which is the distributing point for the signposts in this section.
- WASHINGTON has an able corps of physicians, a learned bar, and a history as good as the rest and better than the best.
- WASHINGTON has a hard working and industrious Chamber of

LEOPOLD'S WILL BARS DAUGHTER FROM FUNERAL

Leaves \$3,000,000

Baroness Vaughan, a Member of His Household May Attend and So May Princess Clementine—Other Princess May Not.

NEW KING TAKES TITLE.

Brussels, Belgium, Dec. 20.—"Apart from my nephew, Prince Albert, and the members of my household," reads King Leopold's will, "I forbid any one to attend my funeral."

This means that his daughters Louise and Stephanie, who were not permitted to see him draw his last breath, are forbidden to be mourners at his obsequies.

Princess Louise incurred her father's wrath by running away from her husband, Prince Philip of Saxe-Coburg. Princess Stephanie, whose first husband was the Prince Imperial of Austria-Hungary, was practically disowned by her father for marrying beneath her rank in wedding Count Lonyay.

Princess Clementine, the youngest daughter, who was a member of King Leopold's household, is not barred from the funeral by the will. Neither is Baroness Vaughan, who was a "member of the household."

Bequeaths Only \$3,000,000.

In his will Leopold sets forth that he died possessed of only \$3,000,000, which he left to his children. Baroness Vaughan's two sons are his children. Leopold's private fortune has been estimated at not less than \$40,000,000. The difference of \$37,000,000 may have been bestowed during his life upon persons he desired to benefit. It is believed that a very large share of the dead king's millions is in the possession of Baroness Vaughan or has been placed in trust for her somewhere, probably outside of Belgium.

His majesty expressed the desire that no autopsy be performed and directed:

"My papers shall be destroyed or handed to Prince Albert."

Baron Goffinet, private secretary to Leopold, has been appointed executor of the will.

Albert, the new king, will take the title of Albert I.

The correspondent here of the Paris Figaro has wired to his paper as follows:

No Prohibited Marriage.

"Baron Goffinet, private secretary to the late king, denies the report that a civil marriage was performed at Leopold's deathbed, but he admits that a secret religious marriage probably occurred recently, although the king never specifically informed his intimate friends of such a marriage. Should this be the case, however, it would have no legal standing in Belgium and no complications are feared."

"Baron Goffinet said further that Baroness Vaughan would take her children to Balincourt today, but would return immediately to Brussels, where she would be allowed to remain unless her presence should prove a scandal."

DAUGHTERS OF CONFEDERACY.

The Pamlico Chapter of the U. D. C. met at 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the residence of the president, Miss Lida Rodman. The attendance at this meeting was very small, but efficient members were present to make a quorum, and matters of great importance were transacted. The minutes of the last meeting were read, the corresponding secretary was instructed to write to invite the orator for the 19th of January, and ways and means of entertainment were discussed. Before the close of the meeting the hostess passed delicious chocolate and cake.

Membership of this chapter is over eighty, and it is to be regretted that the attendance at the meetings is so pitifully small. Larger attendance is urged on the members of this chapter. It is not enough to pay your yearly dues. Show your interest in the work by being present at the meetings. In this way alone can the work of the chapter be successfully carried out. The corresponding secretary shows her interest by her attendance and willingness to enter into the work of the chapter to which

CUTTER IN PORT.

The United States revenue cutter Pamlico, arrived in port yesterday afternoon from New Bern and is moored at the buoy yard wharf.

THE ORPHEAN MUSICAL CLUB TUESDAY NIGHT

At School Auditorium

Performance Will Begin Promptly at 9 O'clock; Doors Open at 8:15 and Not Before—Attraction is High Class.

SECURE YOUR SEATS EARLY

Tuesday night, December 21, "The Orphean Musical Club" will be the attraction at the public school auditorium, being the third number of the Lyceum series for the benefit of the Washington Public Schools.

The doors will open at 8:15 and the performance begins at 9 o'clock. The price of admission other than those holding the season tickets, will be: Reserved seats, 75 cents; general admission, 50 cents; children, 25 cents. Seats are now on sale at Brown's drug store.

This is the eighth season of this musical club. They have had phenomenal success in their past seasons and are more generously equipped than ever to please, the public the coming season. They are to be especially commended for their perfect articulation, the story of each song they render being clearly brought out.

The company is composed of the following well known artists:

- A. H. Richardson, first tenor, cartoonist and trombone.
- E. J. Dennis, second tenor, manager and melophone.
- E. W. Crumbaker, baritone, accompanist, impromptu and cornet.
- V. F. Henry, bass, musical director and bagpipe horn.

This attraction bids fair to be one of the best of the series and those who witness it Tuesday night will have the satisfaction of knowing they have seen a performance far above the average, one that educates and instructs.

Washington is fortunate in having "The Orphean Musical Club."

DAILY NEWS MAN INSPECTS CITY'S MANY STORES

Looking for Old Santa

Sees Suitable Gifts for the Shopper—A Visit Both Pleasant and Profitable—Shop Early is What He Advises.

Christmas 1909 should be a joyous one. Everywhere can be seen those things to make it so; in fact, no community anywhere has more reason to spend a happy Yuletide than right here in the good town of Washington, where so many blessings have been ours and stand out in such bold relief.

Crops have been good, business brisk, no famine or pestilence has been visited upon us—all has been a season of sunshine and good cheer. This being true what a time of rejoicing should be our aim and desire as the holidays approach!

No town in North Carolina these Christmas times has a better or more varied line of goods displayed by the respective merchants, suitable for gifts, than does Washington. Nearly every place of business actually groans with attractive novelties for father, or mother, brother or sister, young or old—none need have cause to regret Christmas this year if this part of the occasion to them does seem lacking. For weeks past the shop windows beautifully and artistically arrayed in magnificent raincoats has been a mecca for pedestrians of all shade and color; white and black alike, have loitered on their way to admire and yearn for what our enterprising and up-to-date business men have secured for the holiday season.

The Daily News always with a desire and ambition to see and learn, was inoculated some days back with

portions and see personally what could be secured in the way of gifts. The "devil" and "hand-man" had to be remembered in the office, and with this fact staring the paper representative in the face, he decided on his journey and carried out that duty.

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