

AGED PASTOR
AND HIS WIFE
ARE MURDERED

Mystifies Authorities
Old Minister Was Thrown Down
Cellar Stairs in Awful Double
Crime—Motive for the Deed is
a Mystery.

OFFICERS HAVE A CLUE

Washington, Ind., Dec. 29.—The Rev. William Ritter and his aged wife were found murdered in their home near Elkhart today. The wife was lying dead on the floor, while the body of the aged minister lay in the cellar in a heap, as if he had been thrown down stairs. It is thought Mrs. Ritter was choked to death. They were last seen alive last Friday when Milford Ketchum and his wife, who lived with them and cared for them, left for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Ritter were then in good health. Ketchum and his wife returned today and discovered the bodies. The motive for the crime is a mystery. Apparently no attempt was made at robbery. Ritter, although well-to-do, owning 160 acres of the best land in Davies county, never kept much money at his home, and what little there was in the house was not disturbed. Owing to this advanced years and excellent condition he had no regular ministerial charge. The aged couple had two children, John Ritter, of Indianapolis, and Mrs. Eliza Fisher of Elkhart. Officers who are investigating the crime are handicapped by reason of the long time intervening between the killing and the discovery of the bodies. They have what they believe to be a clue in the finding of a glove on the cellar stairway.

NEW FEDERAL LIQUOR LAW

New York, Dec. 29.—Thirty persons who do business here and dwell in New Jersey, Connecticut, or elsewhere outside this State, will have to take home their "packages" of liquor in their midst after next Saturday. Or, if a man ships wine or liquor from here to his home anywhere outside the State, he will have to take the package plainly with his name and the nature and quantity of the alcoholic contents. A new Federal law, section 240 of the penal code of the United States, goes in effect next Saturday which applies to all shipment from one State to another of packages containing intoxicating liquors and it makes no difference whether the packages are entirely of liquor or also containing other articles. The purpose of the law is threefold: To prevent internal revenue frauds, to help enforce the pure food law, and, chiefly, to end the shipping of liquors from "wet" to "dry" States.

BANKS TO CLOSE

On account of legal holiday tomorrow, January 1, New Year's day, all the banks of the city will be closed.

FROZEN TO CHANNEL

Pamlico river was frozen to the channel this morning. Washington is now experiencing the coldest weather of the winter.

SENSATION IN GREAT BRITAIN

Wholesale Theft of Navy's Wireless Telegraph Plans.
London, Dec. 28.—The wholesale theft of wireless plans, models and sketches, which in the hands of an expert would reveal all the workings and innermost secrets of the wireless service of the British navy is charged against Richard Knowlden who was placed on trial at Portsmouth today. Knowlden is a draughtsman attached to the torpedo school ship Vernon. In his room were found no less than eighty plans for wireless improvements and certain books of the most confidential character which are issued to officers only. The authorities attach the greatest importance to the arrest of the accused man, as they contend that if the documents abstracted from the Vernon had reached foreign governments all the labor of recent years

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

The Sunday school of the First Baptist Church will have their annual Christmas festival at the church Friday night. The auditorium is being most attractively decorated for the auspicious event.

AN ENTERPRISE
IN WASHINGTON
DOING THINGS

Bld'g & Loan Assoc.
Since Organization \$20,000 Paid
to the Subscribers and Over
30 Residences Erected Through
This Association.

MANAGED BY HOME PEOPLE

One of the most important factors in Washington today—certainly one that has done untold good so far as aiding and assisting its growth and extension, is the Home Building and Loan Association. The Daily News is acquainted with no organization within the city bounds that has accomplished greater good. It has been the foundation upon which has been erected many substantial and convenient residences by the owners simply saving a few dollars weekly through the channel of this well managed and business-like association. On every hand can be seen the result of its labor. People reside in their own homes through its instrumentality, they could never have done so but for it. The Home Building and Loan Association is one of the monuments of growing Washington. It has been a God-send in more ways than one. The association was organized in October, 1902, by home people, and from that time until now it has been successfully managed and directed by home people and home capital. The money it makes is kept at home and those it strives to benefit reside here. It believes in home industry and enterprise and aids along in building up the community in which it was organized and does business. Some of Washington's best and most influential business men are stockholders and directors. They have made a success in their private affairs and the work done by the association tells in no uncertain way that they are managing this organization successfully and well. One has only to walk over the city to see evidences of this fact. Since the organization in 1902 the stock matured and paid-in to subscribers aggregates \$20,000. The net earnings have been six and one-quarter per cent per annum. The association has been the means of about 30 houses being erected, that otherwise would not have been. It is a most important factor to the poorer class of people. One can join this organization who does not intend to erect a home, for it is the very best possible way to save your earnings. Just think of it. A citizen can save \$2.50 per week for about six and one-half years and draw out from the association \$1,000 in cash. One can also use his stock to borrow money or send his boy or girl to college. What a grand purpose and aim has the Home Building and Loan Association. What a noble work it is performing in Washington. What an excellent channel through which to induce your boy or girl, in fact, the head of the home, in the habit of saving money. It only costs 25 cents per share initiative, and then 25 cents per week until four stock mature. A member is given the option of drawing out his stock at any time, he giving the association 30 days notice. Messrs. Jesse Ross and Charles Fleming are the efficient solicitors, and more of Washington's citizens would do well to join an enterprise that means so much for them individually and also the community. A home industry, backed by home capital, needs and should have the encouragement of home citizens. There will be a new issue January 1, 1910. The Home Building and Loan Association is a credit to the city and the Daily News takes pleasure in giving the work it is accomplishing space, for the organization is worthy.

DRAMATIC CLUB
GAVE GOOD SHOW

The Dramatic Club of the University of North Carolina presented "The Indian" Tuesday night at the opera house to a good size crowd. The boys of the club deserve much credit for presenting such a good show. The parts were hard, but well played. Under the circumstances we think they did exceedingly well. The impersonations were the best ever seen here. The opera house was not sufficiently heated and the audience was restless on account of the cold. The manager should see that there is a sufficient fire to keep the audience warm. Another thing that the people of Washington have to learn that is to be on time. Tuesday night all during the first act people were coming in. It interferes with the actors as well as the audience. Those who do come on time cannot see for others coming in. If they are going to continue to come in late the manager of the house should see that they remain in the rear of the building until the act then being played is over.

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FACE ELECTION
FRAUD CHARGES

Has Nothing to Say
Attorney for Francis Dolan Says
He Will Apply for Warrant
Within 24 Hours for the New
York Journalist.

CHARGES ELECTION FRAUD

New York, Dec. 28.—Louis A. Culliver, attorney for Francis Dolan, who is charged with having aided in the alleged Tammany theft of the Independence League machinery in the September primaries, said in court today that he would apply for a warrant for the arrest of William Randolph Hearst within the next twenty-four hours. Culliver declared that the charge would be election fraud in that Hearst failed to obey the mandatory injunction of the election law, which specifies that delegates chosen at primaries must be summoned to the convention to which they are elected even though the convention does nothing more than adjourn sine die.

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MADRIZ MUST
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END THE WAR

Reject Overtures
Revolutionists Say That Seeking
of Peace by Madriz is a Cloak
for Treachery—Marshaling His
Forces in Secret.

ATTACK THE CAPITAL

Bluefields, Nicaragua, Dec. 29.—Preparations for war are being rushed by the provisional government, in spite of the peace negotiations, in the belief of the insurgent leaders, the seeking of peace by President Madriz is merely a cloak for treachery and advice received here today from the secret rebel agents at Bluefields declare that the government is arraying its forces. The spirit among the chiefs of the revolution today show that there is little prospect of war's being called off unless Madriz yields all. All plans for the advance of the rebel troops on the capital, attacking Graytown on the way, have been completed and the advance guard is believed to be well on the journey toward the San Juan river. Estrada has decided on a double attack of the capital—one force proceeding by water, via the sea, the San Juan river, and Lake Nicaragua, and the other striking out overland on the Rama trail. "Only the absolute capitulation of the Madriz government can insure peace," declared a prominent member of the provisional government today and this is the attitude of the rank and file as well as of the military and administrative leaders. Reports from scouts sent into the interior received at the headquarters here declare that the spirit among the people as a whole is decidedly in favor of Estrada and that Madriz is looked on as doubly unworthy as president, because of his reputation as a tool of Zelaya and of his action in throwing over the formal leadership that he has the reins of the government in his own hands. It is expected that the rebel forces will be greatly augmented by volunteers in their course to the capital.

WRECK ON VA. COAST

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AND NICARAGUA

Washington, Dec. 29.—The State Department is now playing a "waiting game" regarding Nicaragua, with several of the more important cards still concealed. Contrary to the general opinion, the American program will not be shattered if Estrada fails to overthrow the remnants of the Zelaya regime. Secretary Knox is prepared to accept Madriz as president if he cannot do better, believing that with the mischief-maker-in-chief banished, conditions will soon improve, the new government being given to understand that the United States will permit no nonsense. As for Estrada it is believed here that he is far too shrewd to accept the premier or peace overtures, dependent on the insurgents surrender. Should he do so, it is evident that confidence in his judgment as a revolutionary leader has been seriously at fault.

SOCIAL POSTPONED

On account of the death of Mr. Frank G. Paul, the Elks social, which was to have taken place Friday night, is indefinitely postponed.

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USEFUL CITIZEN
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THIS MORNING

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Operated on at Washington Hos-
pital Christmas Day for Appen-
dicitis and Gradually Became
Worse Until the End.

AN EXAMPLE OF ENERGY

A halo of sadness hangs over the entire community today, for one of Washington's most useful and influential citizens in the person of Frank Gordon Paul, has passed into the Great Beyond. The end came this morning at Washington Hospital at 2 o'clock. Up until last Friday Mr. Paul was in apparently good health. Some time during the day he was taken with a severe case of colic, so diagnosed by his physician. Although in severe pain he was still able to attend to his business. During the night he grew gradually worse, when at 5 o'clock, Dr. D. T. Taylor, his family physician, was hastily summoned. On examination it was found Mr. Paul was suffering from an acute attack of appendicitis. Saturday afternoon, Christmas day, he was carried to the hospital where he was immediately operated on. From that time up to yesterday his condition was such that strong hopes could be entertained for his recovery. A change for the worse developed yesterday morning and he gradually weakened until last night, when he fell on sleep. The remains were taken to his late home, East Main street, this morning. This afternoon they were taken to Grantsboro, Pamlico county, his old home, where the interment will take place. The deceased was born in Pamlico county, near Grantsboro, forty-eight years ago. Most of his young life was spent on the farm. Here it was he developed those traits of character and determination of purpose, that in later years made him the ideal business man, useful citizen, devoted husband and affectionate father. In 1882 he and his brother, Mr. Tillman Paul, came to this city and went into the grocery business in the store now occupied by Mr. W. B. Harding. They began business on a capital of \$500. By close attention to business the young firm began to grow and broaden. Soon they decided their place of business was inadequate, so they had to seek larger quarters. In 1901, Mr. Tillman Paul withdrew from the firm, being succeeded by a younger brother, Mr. Hugh Paul, at present the city postmaster. From a small beginning the firm of F. G. Paul & Brother today occupies one of the largest stores in the city and they do a large wholesale and retail business throughout this eastern section of the State. They are the largest dealers in salt fish in North Carolina. Mr. Paul was a Republican in politics. In its principles and tenets he was always gloried, and for its success and progress he worked assiduously. By his party was extended to him many gifts of trust and honor. For the past ten years he has been the chairman of the County Executive Committee and during the last campaign was made his party's candidate for county treasurer. He was a faithful member of the Elks, the Charitable Brotherhood and the Heptasophs. Mr. Paul leaves a grief stricken wife and six children; three brothers, Mr. Tillman Paul, Mr. Smith Paul and Mr. Hugh Paul; three sisters, Mrs. Alex Lee, Mrs. Walter Brinson, of Belhaven, and Mrs. Joseph Wiley, of Grantsboro. For years he has been a member of the Christian Church, being one of that denomination's most liberal contributors. Thus closes a life full of fruition and usefulness to his home, his community, his State. His life is an example of what effort and energy can perform. From a small beginning in life, carrying with it those vicissitudes and uncertainties that befall all that are mortal, he rose to a position of eminence and success. While fortune seemed to smile on him at the very first rung, he never forgot to remember those less fortunate. He was ever ready to aid and assist in the struggles and

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DEBAUCH ENDS
IN MURDER
AND SUICIDE

Protracted Intoxication
He Wounded His Mother-in-Law
and While Dying Tried to Shoot
the Policeman Who Came Up
Killed His Wife.

DAUGHTER ESCAPED HARM

Macon, Ga., Dec. 28.—Dependent and in an ugly mood following excessive intoxication, Edward B. Alford last night shot and instantly killed his wife, seriously injured his mother-in-law, Mrs. Martha Exum, then turned the pistol on himself, firing one bullet into his right temple and another into his right lung, inflicting injuries which will result in his death. Attracted to the place by five successive shots, Officer R. L. Thomas would have also fallen victim before Alford's gun except for the fact that all five cartridges had been previously fired. As the officer walked up the bank to the place where the bodies lay beside a fence, Alford prostrate upon the ground and groaning with pain, turned and snatched his revolver in the policeman's feet. At the Macon hospital at midnight the surgeons stated that Mrs. Exum would recover. She was shot through the fleshy part of the left arm and through the neck. Alford's death is but a matter of a few hours. Alford was an employe of the Massey Feltton company and was a steady workman. He was under the influence of liquor for several days recently, but had become sober. Two months ago he attempted suicide by taking morphine. Several years ago he also attempted to take his own life in a like manner. After abusing his wife and her mother he drew his pistol and stated to them he was going to kill them and himself. They fled from the house. He followed and fired upon Mrs. Exum, shooting her as she ran. The wife ran toward her husband after he had shot her mother. He fired upon her and then turned his gun upon himself. The husband fell across the body of his wife and in this position an officer found the man, near the door of the store. A year-old daughter, the only child, was absent from home when the tragedy occurred.

LATE DANCE SUPPER

After Tuesday night's dance Miss Julia Mayo gave a late supper at her residence on West Second street to a party of young friends. Covers were laid for ten, and a most delicious repast was served to the following guests: Miss Mabel Kelly, of Henderson; Carrie and Rebecca Simmons, Olive Burbank, Plum Crawley, Adeline and Julia Mayo; Messrs. Joe Bell, Cliff Haskely, Haxter Bell, Henry Moore, Wm. Rumley and Clayton Moore, of Williamson.

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