

THE SLAYER OF SIX

Little Electrocuted at Richmond This Morning.

LAYS BLAME TO WOMEN

HOWARD LITTLE, THE MURDERER OF GEORGE MEADOWS AND FAMILY AND OF MRS. BETTIE JUSTICE, IS TO DIE TODAY IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 11.—Howard Little, the condemned murderer of George Meadows and his family, and of Mrs. Betty Justice, at Hurley, Buchanan county, and who is a pardoned life-term convict for a murder committed years ago, is to die in the electric chair at an early hour this morning, unless the present governor will do that which his predecessor refused to do, and commute his sentence. The Supreme Court of Appeals has also decided not to interfere. Little maintains that he is innocent. It has been reported that he would make, or had made, a confession to his priest, but this is not admitted.

Little at one time was United States marshal in Kentucky. He is of good family. He attributes his downfall to his fondness for women. He is married and has several children. In a letter written to his cell Little requests his wife to claim his body and take it back to the little family cemetery in McDowell county, W. Va., where his father and mother are buried.

The crime for which Little will forfeit his life is the worst in the history of Virginia. On a rainy night five months ago Little left his home, going in the direction of the Meadows home. When he returned his clothes were covered with bloodstains. The woman he lived with testified that in his sleep he muttered about murdering people. The crime was discovered by farmers passing the house. The body of Meadows was found near the front door riddled with bullets; that of Mrs. Justice near the wall, with her skull crushed. The bodies of the children were found in another room with their brains dashed out with the butt-end of a rifle.

Little was arrested at Bluefield in the act of boarding a train for the West with a woman. He was tried at Grundy, and feeling ran so high that an armed guard was placed around the jail and courthouse. After conviction he was kept in Roanoke jail for safekeeping.

M. E. CHURCH

The Pastor Will Deliver Second of His Sermons on the Great Sinners of Bible Sunday Evening.

There will be regular services at the First Methodist Church Sunday morning and evening. At the morning hour the subject of the sermon will be "The Tragedy of a Soul." At night the topic to be discussed will be "A Short Sighted Sinner." Sunday school meets at 3 o'clock. Come and hear the orchestra: Mr. E. R. Mixon, the superintendent, extends a cordial invitation to all to be present.

AT THE GEM.

Those who attended the Gem theater last night were highly pleased and they had good reasons, for no more attractive program has ever been presented at this attractive place of amusement. Tonight the following well-known program is arranged: Uncle Waffles the Insane Asylum, comedy; A Soldier's Heart, melodrama; The Gambler's Honor, melodrama; The Protector of Animals, comedy; Washington Under the American Flag is to be repeated tonight by special request. This picture is one that every citizen of Washington should witness. Not only is it historical, but it is interesting and thrilling. The Gem has certainly been exhibiting pictures of merit during the past week and tonight their performance will be a fitting climax to one of the most successful weeks in its history. Hear the orchestra this evening.

PRESBYTERIAN

Regular Services at the First Presbyterian Church Sunday Morning and Evening.

Everybody cordially invited to attend the services at the First Presbyterian Church Sunday morning and evening. The pastor, Rev. H. B. Seagriff, will preach at both services. Sunday school at 9 a. m., J. B. Sparrow, superintendent. Regular prayer-meeting Wednesday evening. Excellent music. All receive a cordial welcome.

WOMEN HOLD FATE

They Were the Nurses of the Late Colonel Swope.

TO BE SPECIAL GRAND JURY

THE HEARINGS OF THE JURY IN THE HYDE INVESTIGATION TO BEGIN TODAY, AND THEY WILL ENTER INTO EVERY DETAIL OF THE SENSATIONAL CASE.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 11.—Five women hold the fate of Dr. B. Clarke Hyde, accused of poisoning Colonel Thomas Swope, in a plan to secure a part of the Colonel's \$4,000,000 fortune. The women, on whose testimony the prosecution will largely rely, are the nurses who cared for the aged millionaire just before his end last October, and who, in a secret meeting, branded Dr. Hyde's actions as suspicious and brought on the investigation that led to the physician's arrest yesterday. Today both sides were busy preparing for the hearing of a special grand jury which will begin tomorrow.

The county marshal, acting under the instructions of subpoenas, was also begun. The special grand jury will go into every detail of the case, which from the beginning has been surrounded by baffling mystery. Not only will the death of Colonel Swope on October 2 be gone into, but the death of Christmas Swope two months later under similar circumstances, the epidemic of typhoid that affected nine members of the family of Mrs. Logan O. Swope, mother-in-law of Dr. Hyde, the disappearance of a tube of typhoid germs loaned to Dr. Hyde for "experimental purposes" and all the aged not of lesser mysteries that make up the great enigma will be thoroughly threshed out. Hyde will either be indicted or completely exonerated.

ST. PETER'S

Usual Morning Prayer With Sermon Will Be Said Tomorrow Morning at This Church by Rector.

Morning and evening prayer at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Bonner street, at the usual hours Sunday. Sunday school at 2 p. m., C. H. Harding, superintendent. All strangers in the city are cordially invited. Polite and attentive ushers. Services daily during the coming week.

Y. M. C. L.

Interesting Services Planned for the Young Men's Christian League Sunday Afternoon.

The following program will be rendered by the Young Men's Christian League Sunday afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce rooms: Opening hymn, No. 155.

Prayer.
Hymn No. 50.
Scripture reading.
Prayer.
Hymn No. 69.
Collection.
Address, "An Ancient Document," Mr. A. D. MacEwan.
Hymn No. 178.
Benediction.

ACCIDENT

Two Gunners' Mates Injured on the Battleship Virginia While Firing Salutes.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 11.—Two gunners' mates were injured in an explosion which occurred on the battleship Virginia yesterday while that vessel was engaged in firing a salute off Guantanamo, Cuba. A charge which was being hoisted into one of the Virginia's guns, exploded as it was being placed in the breach. Third-class gunner's mate, J. Irban, who was working at the gun, had his right hand badly mutilated by the explosion and the surgeons found it necessary to amputate the arm above the wrist. T. W. Branch, another third-class mate, was severely burned about the face. Both the men were transferred to the fleet hospital ship Solace, where their injuries are being cared for.

Rear Admiral Schroeder, commander-in-chief of the fleet, has ordered an investigation into the cause of the accident. The Virginia, with the other battleships of the Atlantic fleet, are engaged in maneuvers in the West Indies, with Guantanamo as headquarters.

VALENTINE DAY.

Young America is looking forward to Monday with great pleasure, as being St. Valentine's Day. Each year this day is fittingly celebrated in the city.

THE SECOND FLOOD

Crowds Lined the Banks of the Seine Yesterday.

APPREHENSIVE OF DANGER

ALTHOUGH RIVER CONTINUED TO RISE SLOWLY, IT IS PREDICTED IT WILL GO DOWN BEFORE CRESTS OF THE FLOOD REACH THE LARGER RIVERS.

Paris, Feb. 11.—Crowds lined the banks of the Seine at dawn today waiting for the second flood to reach its crest as the hydrographic office had announced. Although the river continued to rise slowly and reports from the tributary streams declared that they were higher it was predicted authoritatively here that the Seine would begin to go down before the crests of the floods in minor streams reached the larger river.

Nevertheless the situation, especially in the suburbs, does not support the hopes of the most optimistic. In the suburbs suffering in great, and troops that had been relieved from flood duty have been recalled, being dispatched today to Alfortville, Ivry, Clapton and Gennevilliers to aid in constructing dams and warning inhabitants who had ventured back to their homes. The exodus continued in greater force and today, with many houses declared unsafe, whole districts are entirely deserted.

STORE ENTERED

Store of Mr. Joseph F. Taylor Entered and Several Articles of Merchandise Taken.

A thief entered the store of Mr. Joseph F. Taylor last night by forcing an entrance through the front door. The lock of the main entrance was smashed. Several boxes of cigars, two or three hams, and several articles of canned goods have been missed. There is no clue as to the guilty parties.

ANOTHER LAWYER

Son of Judge O. H. Guion Among the Successful Candidates for License to Practice Law.

Mr. William Blount Rodman Guion, eldest grandson and namesake of the late Judge W. B. Rodman, of this city, and son of Judge and Mrs. O. H. Guion, of New Bern, was one of the successful applicants for law license in the recent class before the Supreme court. He is well and favorably known in this city of his birth and we wish him much success in his chosen profession.

THIEVES AID SICK MAN.

Give Him Medicine, Rearrange His Pillows, Then Rob His Flat.

Chicago, Feb. 11.—Two thieves stopped their work of ransacking a flat last night to wait upon a sick man who was alone in the rooms. They gave him his medicine, took him a glass of water and set it on a chair, and then turned his pillow. The robbers' patient was J. S. McCullough.

"If you make a noise we will kill you," said one of the thieves. "Now be good, and we'll treat you right." After they had ransacked a bureau in the bedroom, one of the robbers went to other rooms, in quest of valuables, and his companion remained with the sick man. Some small articles of jewelry were taken by the thieves, who politely bowed themselves out.

AT THE GAIETY.

The Geisha Who Saved Japan. The first scene opens at a time when the activities of the modern royalists or reformists were beginning to harass the Shogun. This picture is unsurpassed in photography. It presents eight scenes, and is one of the most wonderful panoramic episodes shown by moving picture companies in the United States. Forty years have elapsed since this romantic incident occurred in which Prince Ito's life was saved by the little Geisha, whom he afterward married. The Gaiety will present 4,000 feet of film. The Warrior's Sacrifice will also be given the patron this evening as an extra. Remember the Gaiety is patronized by the merry crowd. Hear the orchestra tonight and see one of the most remarkable pictures yet produced in Washington.

OBSERVING HOLIDAY.

The general delivery of the Washington postoffice is closed today on account of Abraham Lincoln's birthday.

AVAILABLE TIMBER

Missouri Democrats Want Governor for President.

ASKED JEFFERSON DINNER

ARRANGEMENTS UNDER WAY, IT IS SAID, TO LAUNCH HIS CANDIDACY WHETHER HE ATTEMPTS OR NOT—COL. HENRY WATKINSON TO SPEAK.

New York, Feb. 10.—Mayor Gaynor is available presidential timber, in the eyes of some Missouri Democrats. He received a letter today inviting him to attend a dinner in Springfield, Mo., on April 16, the one hundred and sixty-seventh anniversary of the birth of Thomas Jefferson, and the invitation intimates that he is looked on in Missouri as the national leader of the Democracy for the year 1912.

The Mayor has not yet signified his assent, but it is understood that arrangements are under way to launch his boom, whether he attends or not.

"Another Tilden."

Those acquainted with the movement here say that Col. Henry Watkinson has been asked to propose the toast, "Has New York Another Tilden?" and that former Judge Augustus Van Wyck has been asked to answer "Yes."

"The people of this section are much interested in the splendid work you are doing for the cause of good government," the invitation reads, "and we will be prepared to give you a cordial and enthusiastic welcome."

Anticipate a Victory.

"Missouri Democrats are already anticipating a Democratic victory in 1912, and many are beginning to believe that New York will furnish our national leader."

H. H. Hughes is the leading spirit behind the movement, and among other signers of the letter are Hal C. Young, Lee Savage, Walter B. Robertson, Ed V. Williams, E. Y. Mitchell, T. J. Delaney, Col. L. H. Murray, and H. S. Jewell.

150 PERISH AT SEA

RENCH STEAMER GOES DOWN IN MEDITERRANEAN.

The General Chanzy Crashes at Fall Speed on the Reefs Near the Island of Minorca.

Palma, island of Majorca, Feb. 11.—Driven helplessly from her course, in one of the wildest storms that has swept the Mediterranean sea in forty years, the French Trans-Atlantic Steamship Company's steamer General Chanzy, crashed at full speed in the dead of night on the treacherous reefs near the island of Minorca and all but one of the 157 souls on board perished.

The sole survivor is an Algerian customs official, Rodol, who was rescued by a fisherman and who lies tonight in the hospital at Ciudadela, raving as a result of the tortures through which he passed and unable to give an account of the disaster.

In the ship's company there were 37 passengers, of whom thirty were in the first cabin. The crew numbered 70. It is not thought that any Americans were aboard the liner. The ship was in command of Captain Cayol, one of the most careful officers of the line. In his long experience he had never before met with an accident. He had intended to retire from the service in the near future.

The passengers of the Chanzy were mostly French officers and officials returning to their post in Algeria accompanied by their wives and children; a few soldiers, some Italians and Turks and one priest. The only Anglo-Saxon names on the list were Green and Stakely. They were members of an opera troupe of eleven which had been engaged to sing at the Casino in Algiers.

The General Chanzy sailed from Marseilles Wednesday at noon and was due to arrive at Algiers Thursday afternoon.

STILL LEADS

Miss Mary Carter, of This City, Still Leading in the Evening Times Voting Contest.

It is more than gratifying to the many friends of Miss Mary Carter, daughter of Mr. D. K. Carter, to know that she is still in the lead for the European trip in the Raleigh Evening Times voting contest. Miss Carter has several thousand votes to the good. She is one of the city's most popular young ladies and the Daily News hopes she will attain her goal and to the end.

A CAMPAIGN FUND

\$100,000 To Be Raised for "Dry Chicago" Crusade.

A PERFECT ORGANIZATION

EVERY WARD IN THE CITY OF CHICAGO TO BE THOROUGHLY ORGANIZED AND GREAT CAMPAIGN WAGED—PROHIBITIONISTS DETERMINED.

Chicago, Feb. 11.—A campaign fund of at least \$100,000 and perhaps more is to be raised for the "dry Chicago" campaign.

Every ward in the city is to be thoroughly organized; every precinct is to have its suborganization.

The dead walls and the advertising stands will be plastered with posters in many different languages in the course of a few days.

Mass meetings in every ward will be held nightly until election night in April. Ministers of the gospel will sound the battle-cry from their pulpits.

These are a few of the things that are asked to lead their aid in the fight that is on to make Chicago a "dry" city.

There are a few of the things that were decided upon by foes of the moon and the liquor traffic at a meeting held in Willard Hall.

"We are determined to strike at the whole whiskey line from now on and we will continue fighting until the last battle is won," said Chairman James K. Shields.

"The liquor crowd has got a double-headed fight on its hands—and it will know that it has been in an awful hot fight before we are through with the battle."

"We will have literature in many different languages prepared and will use advertising as one means to our end. We will plaster the city with our advertisements and will have many speakers of national fame and of many different nationalities here to help us out."

BAPTIST CHURCH

Regular Services Sunday Morning and Evening—Sunbeams to Give Valentine Social Monday.

The pastor, Rev. J. A. Sullivan, will fill the pulpit of the First Baptist Church, Market street, Sunday morning and evening at the usual hour. Sunday school meets at 9:45 a. m. The pastor's subject at 11 a. m. will be, "The Bank of Heaven." At night the subject is "A Night Storm at Sea."

Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock there will be a meeting of the Sunbeam Society. Immediately after the business there will be given a Valentine-Social. There will be no charge for admission, it is for the Sunbeams and their friends. All strangers in the city without a church home are cordially invited to attend this church. Seats free.

RESOLUTIONS

Company G Pass Suitable Resolutions Honoring Memory of Their First Commander.

At a meeting of Company G at their armory last evening, the following resolutions were introduced and unanimously adopted:

Co. G, 2nd Inf., N. C. N. G., Washington, N. C., Feb. 11, 1910.

The State of North Carolina is called upon today to mourn the loss of her distinguished citizen and eminent jurist, Hon. James E. Shepherd, 1. L. D. While sharing in the common sorrow, we, the officers and men of Co. G, 2nd Inf., N. C. N. G., desire to place on record our high appreciation of his services as the first captain and organizer of our company. By his faithfulness to duty, his firmness, his manliness, his courtesy to all, Captain Shepherd won the love and confidence of his command, and we, with all his fellow citizens, sorrow for his removal.

Four captains of our company have been called to report at Headquarters since our company was organized. Let us be ready for our marching orders.

Resolved that a copy of this tribute be sent to the family of the deceased, the city papers, the News and Observer, and spread on the minutes of our meeting.

1st. LIEUT. R. B. COWELL.
2nd. LIEUT. R. B. ROSS,
1st. SERGT. R. R. HANDY,
COMMITTEE.

SUCCESSFUL AGAIN.

Mr. Hardison, who held the lucky coupon last week at the Gaiety theater, was again successful last night. He is to be congratulated on his good fortune.

HOLD CONFERENCE

The President and Senator Aldrich Have Agreed.

PLEDGES MUST BE MADE

A CONFERENCE BETWEEN TAFT AND ALDRICH WAS ONLY THE FORERUNNER OF OTHERS TO FOLLOW—STATEMENT ANTICIPATED AT AN EARLY DATE.

Washington, Feb. 11.—A conference which was held at the White House last night between President Taft and Senator Aldrich was only the forerunner of others in the future, the outcome of which will probably be the early issues through an appropriate channel of a statement dealing with the possible consequences, financial, industrial, and political, hinging upon the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States in the pending cases of the American Tobacco Company and the Standard Oil Company. The former has been argued, and is now in the hands of the court; the latter has been advanced and set for argument on March 14.

The immediate subject of the conference between the president and Mr. Aldrich was the perfecting of the administration's proposed amendments to the interstate commerce law, but the effects of the Supreme Court's decisions in the tobacco and Standard Oil cases also were discussed to some extent and will be further discussed after Senator Aldrich's return on Monday from New York, whither he went yesterday. Meanwhile the president will speak in New York tomorrow evening at the Lincoln birthday dinner of the New York Republican Club on the subject of party pledges and how they should be kept, and he is attempting no concealment or modification of his intention to make the decision of the Supreme court the guide of the government's action in regard to corporations charged with violations of the Sherman anti-trust law. He makes it plain that he has in no wise changed his purpose to investigate the conduct of all trusts, and will not be swayed therefrom by rumors or flurries or other manifestations in Wall street.

KINDERGARTEN

Those Wanting to Enter Kindergarten Course Requested to Be Present Monday Morning.

The teachers of the kindergarten grade of the Washington Public Schools will begin the primary work next Monday. Those parents that are now sending their children will please keep them in attendance regularly. It is desired that all children having taken instruction in this department will be on hand Monday. All children who did not enter this course at the beginning of the session and who are contemplating doing so, are requested to be present Monday.

FEBRUARY 22

Elaborate Preparations Being Made For Celebration of Washington's Birthday.

The teachers of the Washington Public Schools, aided by the pupils, are planning a most elaborate celebration of George Washington's birthday. The exercises will take place in the school auditorium. Those who attend will be much instructed.

FIRE AT WILMINGTON.

Stock of Morris Bear & Bros. Badly Damaged—Loss \$60,000.

Wilmington, Feb. 11.—Fire early this evening, originating either from a defective fuse or defective wiring in the rear of the portion of the building occupied by the Wilmington Savings and Trust Company, resulted in large damage by smoke and water to the wholesale dry goods stock of Morris Bear & Brothers on Front street. The stock is valued at \$125,000. Smoke poured through the upper floors, where large stocks of white goods were carried, some placing the damage as high as 50 per cent. The damage to the building was inconsequential, though the blaze in the rear was exceedingly hard for the firemen to get at. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

VALENTINE PARTY.

Remember the Lead-a-Hand Circle of the Presbyterian Church gives a Valentine party Monday night in the store room formerly occupied by H. H. Goldstein, the tailor, on Market street. This is a worthy cause and should be generously patronized.

FOR EXCHANGES

Solomon N. Cone Before House on Agriculture.

BILL DIRECTED AT FUTURES

MORE HONOR IN WALL STREET THAN IN THE HEART OF COUNTRY. HIS REMARKABLE STATEMENTS—ARGUMENTS BY ADVOCATES OF LEGISLATION.

Washington, Feb. 11.—Defending the cotton exchanges as the gatherers of true information that is disseminated by thousands of brokers to everybody interested, Solomon Napoleon Cone, of Greensboro, N. C., attacked the proposed anti-option bill during the hearing before the House Committee on Agriculture today.

Mr. Cone described himself as a spot cotton dealer, a stockholder in various cotton mills, a member of "all the cotton exchanges of the world" and the handler of over \$4,000,000 worth of spot cotton annually.

The sessions today were devoted to closing arguments by the advocates of the proposed legislation to prohibit dealings in futures in the exchanges and boards and to the argument of Mr. Cone. Former President Hubbard, of the New York Cotton Exchange, and George W. Neville, of that body, were among the opponents of the measure, while Senator Smith, of South Carolina, and Representative Burleson, of Texas; Hardwick, of Georgia, and Simms, of Tennessee, were among the outsiders who occasionally prompted information.

The hearing will be resumed tomorrow and on February 18th the committee will hear a delegation from the American Association of Grain Exchanges.

Mr. Cone said that his practice as a large dealer is to sell more heavily when the market is going up and to buy more heavily when the market is going down, that the usual practice was based on a pure calculation, not on luck or chance.

"I do not defend gambling," he explained. "I am an old bachelor, some of you others are married, but I have never even taken the chance. I think this old matter before the committee is a matter of ethics and one for the preachers to deal with."

"It was a common report recently," suggested Chairman Scott, "that Mr. Patten, of Chicago, came to New York and picked \$5,000,000 out of the New York cotton market. If that is true, who paid that profit?" "Much of that money was lost in both a legitimate and an illegitimate way, as commerce runs," answered Mr. Cone, evasively.

"Why is it that such a boom in the cotton trade as a future market has not evolved into the iron business, newspaper property business, hay and other lines of industry?" inquired Mr. Scott.

Mr. Cone did not furnish much information on this point, but declared that he believed that he would make more money if the exchanges were abolished, although he did not favor any such step. He characterized the mill men as the "worst lot of pessimists I ever knew."

Mr. Cone said that the commission generally paid on cotton transactions is \$15 per 100 bales, though because of his large business he got one-half the broker's commission.

"There are, I believe, about 1,000,000 bales of cotton dealt in annually by the New York Cotton Exchange," suggested Mr. Scott.

Before Mr. Cone could reply Mr. Neville explained with some feeling, "With all due deference to the committee, I consider that is a matter of estimate and there is no way of getting at the figures."

WILL PREACH

Elder J. Frank Farmer, of Wilson, the Speaker at Primitive Baptist Church Tomorrow.

Elder J. Frank Farmer, of Wilson, will fill the pulpit at the Primitive Baptist Church, North Market street, Sunday morning and evening at the usual hours. The public cordially invited. Mr. Farmer is a speaker of ability and all who hear him will be greatly pleased. Elder Farmer held services at this church this morning and his sermon was much enjoyed.