

NEGRO KILLS PITT COUNTY ROAD FOREMAN; MAKES ESCAPE

NEGRO CONVICT CRUSHES IN SKULL OF COUNTY OFFICIAL AND MAKES GOOD HIS ESCAPE

Large Posse of Residents Are Out on Hunt For Slayer of Joe McLawhorn And Other Convicts.

NEGROES ARE COMING THIS WAY

McLawhorn Died This Morning At Greenville Reward Offered For Capture of Men Murderer Will Meet With Rough Treatment if Captured.

A posse of over a hundred indignant residents of Pitt county are today on a hunt for David Evans, a negro convict, who late yesterday afternoon crushed in the skull of Joe McLawhorn, superintendent of the road force.

The force, which consisted of seven negroes, was at work on the roads yesterday afternoon a short distance from the stockade. The men were under the supervision of Mr. McLawhorn. The other guard was at the stockade. Evans, it is stated, went up behind McLawhorn and raising his pickaxe, high up over his head, brought it down with all his strength on the skull of the white man.

OFFICERS OUT ON HUNT. The sheriff immediately started out on a search for the escaped convicts. This morning the officials were joined by many residents of the rural districts of the county, who are greatly stirred up over the killing.

REWARDS OFFERED FOR CAPTURE. Evans is a coal-black negro, forty years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall, weight about 150 pounds and has a small moustache.

THREE NEGROES BEEN CAPTURED

Greenville, N. C., Feb. 17, 2 p. m.—Three of the escaped convicts were caught late this morning a short distance below Grimesland. One of them has already been brought into town and lodged in jail.

REPUBLICANS IN THIS STATE ACTIVE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL FIGHT

Roosevelt Is Greatly Admired But It Is Not Believed He Will Be Elected.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Republican politicians in North Carolina were never more active in any campaign than they are in the present one for the nomination of a presidential candidate to be named at the Chicago convention in June.

NEW THEATRE TO-NIGHT Essanay offers 'THE SPIDER' 2 reels 'The Careless Anarchist' 1 reel 'Cooky's Adventure' 1 reel 'Olives Other Self' 1 reel Prices 25c & 50c

KITCHIN GIVES EXPLANATION OF HIS PLATFORM

OPPOSES SPENDING 70 PER CENT OF U. S. REVENUE FOR FIGHTING PURPOSES.

HEAVY TAXES

Proposed Increase in Face of Present National Deficit and Will Mean Imposition of Taxes Greater Than Country Can Bear.

Washington, Feb. 17.—My position on an adequate military and naval preparedness for the defense of the U. S. has been so considerably misrepresented that I will define briefly the exact platform on which I stand.

The above statement was made this morning by Majority Leader Claude Kitchin relative to the preparedness program.

"In the first place," continued Mr. Kitchin, "I am not opposed to what I consider a rational preparedness. I am strongly in favor of a world peace and I am a foe of all militarism, but I recognize that the world does not yet seem to be ready for universal disarmament and universal peace."

"Where I differ from the President and from many of my friends in and out of Congress, is not in seeking a premature disarmament of our country. On the contrary, I thoroughly believe in our preparation to defend ourselves."

"The exact point on which I differ is this: I believe, from all the facts that we are now in the process of being fully prepared adequately to defend ourselves, and that any great extension of expenditure either for the army or for the navy is unwise, because it is not only beyond the financial strength of the country, but it is an invitation to militarism and aggression. I think, on all the facts, that we are now fully prepared."

"If the proposed military and navy programs become a law the United States will be expending over 70 per cent of its total revenue for military and naval purposes. That is, out of every \$100 collected from the people, over \$70 will go into the army and the navy."

"This proposed increase in the face of a present national deficit, and it will mean the imposition of taxes greater than the country can legitimately bear."

"But in addition to the great financial objection to providing ourselves with something which we do not need, is the even greater objection that we propose to present ourselves to the world as an armed camp and thus poison for generations the day of universal peace."

FELL DOWN STEPS, BROKE HER ARM

Mrs. Davis of Ayden Met With Accident Last Night. Hearing Comfortably Today.

Mrs. Davis of Ayden, who is in the city visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ed Mallison, met with an accident while coming out of the high school building last night. She fell down the front steps of the building, struck on her arm and broke that member in two places. She was taken across the street to Mr. Ross' home, where a doctor was called and bound up the injury. It is believed that someone behind her stepped on her dress and caused her to lose her footing.

CONDITION OF NATIONAL BANKS IN THIS STATE

Washington, Feb. 17.—The statement of the condition of the national banks of North Carolina at the close of business on December 31 as reported by comptroller of the currency shows the reserve held at 30 to 100 per cent and discounts at 100 to 125 per cent.

INTERNED GERMANS GET GOAT OF PINETOWN MAN

Literally, Not Figuratively Speaking. They Also Want a Bear Cub and Some Lambs.

Pinetown, N. C., Feb. 17.—Walter Powell, a full-blooded Englishman who lives at Pinetown shipped seven goats to the Germans on board the interned cruiser, Prince Eitel Friedrich at Norfolk today.

It seems that the German sailors want them for pets or muscoats and are willing to pay a very good price for them. They write Mr. Powell now that they

want a bear and some lambs. Mr. Powell says this is a way he has of whipping Germans. He has had quite a lot of experience with goats and knows whereof he speaks. This is one way to get the best of them—take their money and give them goats.

Anyone having a bear cub for sale will please communicate with Mr. Powell.

MAY LOCATE AN AVIATION CAMP ON N. C. COAST

Washington, Feb. 17.—Senator Overman today introduced a bill providing for the establishment of an aviation school and training camp to be located on the North Carolina coast, the exact location to be selected by the secretary of the navy. Senator Overman said that it would be a fitting tribute to the progress of aviation that such a school should be established on the coast of North Carolina, because the first real progress ever made with the flying machine was accomplished by the Wright brothers along the North Carolina shores.

TILLMAN CLAIMS WILSON SHOWED POOR JUDGMENT

Says President Was Excited When He Made Statement Regarding "Largest Navy in World."

Washington, Feb. 17.—Naval affairs commanded the spotlight at the capitol today. While Chairman Tillman, of the senate naval affairs committee, was declaring for an efficient but not a competitive navy, Rear Admiral Grant was asking the house naval affairs committee for 111 new submarines, eight battle cruisers and 12 scout cruisers.

"I am not in favor of the greatest navy in the world," said Senator Tillman. "I can't believe the President spoke in cool judgment when he made that statement."

"I am a public speaker and I know we get intoxicated when people hurrah and shout."

"We couldn't compete with England. The British know that. It is said for how to have the biggest navy in the world."

"I do favor the best trained officers and most efficient ships. Probably that is what the British really want."

HEARING HEARD IN SENATE TO PASS SENATE

Senate Committee Shows Hostility to Those Opposing the Child Labor Bill.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Hearings on the Keating child labor bill began in the senate this afternoon. Senators on the industrial commerce committee to which the bill was referred showed about as much hostility to those opposing the bill as was shown by the house members. Probably the only man favorable to the cottonmill men is Senator Oscar Underwood of Alabama.

Former Governor W. W. Kitchin, David Clark, of Charlotte, S. F. Patterson and A. N. Hanna of the May oada mills, were among the North Carolinians who opposed its passage. Walter S. J. Mackelvey was busy pointing out weak spots in the testimony of the mill men.

MRS. HOWARD PASSED AWAY

Was Known to Older Residents Here. Funeral Held from St. Peter's Church Today.

Died in Weldon early yesterday morning, Annie Cobb Howard, widow of the late O. K. Williams Howard, formerly of this city and well remembered by the older citizens. The remains were brought here last night. The funeral will take place at 2:30 this afternoon from St. Peter's church.

Mrs. Howard was the aunt of Mrs. J. W. Charles and T. H. Myers, of this city.

JURY CLAIMS KEYS NOT GUILTY

Trial of Negro, Charged with Transporting Liquor, Was Held Yesterday Afternoon.

Philip Keys, colored, charged with transporting more liquor than the law allows from Bunyon to this city, was tried before a jury yesterday afternoon. The jury deliberated on the facts of the case and for some time they stood, four for acquittal and two for conviction. Later, however, they returned into the court room with a verdict of not guilty. The negro was released.

MAY REOPEN QUESTION OF THE SUBMARINE WARFARE

Washington, Feb. 17.—Secretary Lansing said today that the German government's announced intention of sinking armed merchantmen without warning after February 29 has reopened the entire question of submarine warfare.

The Lusitania agreement presented today cannot be finally accepted until the United States determines whether anything in its conflicts with the new policy of sinking armed merchant ships.

SPLENDID PROGRAM AT NEW THEATRE

The New Theatre has on tonight a splendid program of five reels, with some of the best dramas and comedies that have been made since the war.

For tomorrow night the second episode of the "Red Circle" story, a splendid serial of love, romance and mystery featuring Ruth Roland and Frank Mayo, will be shown in addition to the regular program of five reels.

Next Tuesday the house will open for the first time. The program will be a five reel serial, "The Tiger's Claw," with the only story popular story of the "Red Circle" series, Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne.

Tiger Superstitions Persist. In India the people believe in tiger many old fairy tales. One of them is that the ghost of a man killed by a tiger rises on the head of the tiger that slew him to warn him of danger and to guide him to new victims. It is declared that Providence provided for the tiger's daily wants to the amount of 1 rupee 2 shellings a day. That is to say, if a tiger kills a calf worth 2 rupees he will be allowed another victim for five days. Killing the flesh of a tiger is supposed to give one great courage and strength, but the white tiger must first be slain off the head. It is said that the tiger will hunt the man who has slain it, and that it will follow him to his home and kill him there.



MUCH CHATTERING SPOILS MUSICAL VALENTINE PARTY GIVEN YESTERDAY

Excellent Program Rendered Was Spoiled by Continuous Talking in Audience.

A large audience attended the musical which was given last night at the high school auditorium by pupils of Miss Glasgow's class. The program rendered was exceptionally good but the effect was largely spoiled by the continuous chattering on the part of certain persons in the audience. This not only affected those who sat next to these thoughtless persons but was a considerable annoyance as well to those who took part in the program.

Both Miss Glasgow and her pupils are to be congratulated upon the concert and it is hoped that they will repeat in the near future.

TO CONTINUE THEIR SOCIAL

Harvesters Will Sell Refreshments at Brown Building Tomorrow and Saturday.

The Harvesters and Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will continue their social at the Brown building during Friday and Saturday. The doors will be open on Friday afternoon and the sale of refreshments will continue until Saturday night. Music will be a feature, both instrumental and social.

WINSTON-SALEM MAN PLAYS WASHINGTON AS IF IT BELONGED TO HIM

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—J. Hampton Rich, of Winston-Salem, is a live wire. Yesterday he called upon the largest banker south of New York and after a 15 minutes' conference with this great financier, Rich told him that he had a worthy associate and left the bank with \$35 in his pocket.

Rich went to the White House and announced and a stranger to arrive. He told the guards he wanted to see Secretary Tamm and his request was granted. Once on the inside of Mr. Tamm's office, Mr. Rich proceeded to argue with the President's private secretary and within a short time was conversing with President Wilson, telling him of the wonderful road proposition he had. Mr. Wilson promised to take the matter up with Secretary Houston.

Last night Mr. Rich was elected an honorary member of the North Carolina Society of Washington and he had delivered a speech and invited the members to Winston-Salem to see the monument at...

VALENTINE PARTY GIVEN YESTERDAY

Mrs. James Ellison Entertained Yesterday Afternoon in Honor of Miss Mae Ayers.

A valentine sewing party in honor of Miss Mae Ayers was given yesterday afternoon by Mrs. James Ellison at her home on North Market street. The home was attractively decorated, the color scheme being carried out in red and green. Innumerable red hearts formed the principal means of decoration.

Shortly before refreshments were served each guest was presented with a little heart-shaped holder, filled with rice, which was used in showering the bride-elect. Miss Ayers' holder was filled with tiny silver horse shoes and four-leafed clovers. The guest of honor was presented with a large red heart, shaped box in which a shower bouquet of narcissi was concealed. Tied to each ribbon end, with which the owners were bound, was a handkerchief from each of the guests present. She was also presented with a handsome box of toilet accessories. The serving of delicious refreshments concluded the occasion.

Those present were Mesdames Leo Davenport, E. K. Willis, Ed. Mallison, Walter Wolfe, Jesse Harrington, John Gorham, Mrs. O'Brien of Beaufort, William Rumley, Sam Etheridge, Mason Smith, Misses Christine Tyson, Elizabeth Warren and Margaret Clark.

BRAVES TO PLAY IN ROCKY MOUNT

Exhibition Game Between Boston and Rocky Mount Teams Has Been Arranged.

(By Eastern Press) Rocky Mount, Feb. 17.—The Boston Braves have agreed to open their exhibition game in this city and will play the Rocky Mount team here on Monday afternoon, April 3. It is expected that the game will draw a large attendance from this section of the State.

Weather Forecast

"I do not think," says Edmund Yates in his book, "Recollections and Experiences," "I ever met a man more hopelessly deaf than Charles Kemble at seventy. Some of us were sitting one afternoon at the Garrick club when a tremendous thunderstorm broke."

"It raged with extraordinary fury, one clap exploding with terrific noise immediately above us like a volley of artillery."

"We looked around at each other almost in horror, when Charles Kemble, who was calmly reading, lifted his eyes from his book and said in his trumpery tone, 'I think we are going to have some thunder, I feel it in my bones.'"

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