

Shot to Death In Doorway

Boy Mistaken for Burglar And Killed by His Best Friend.

The full particulars of a tragic and deeply deplorable shooting accident at Jarvisburg, in Currituck county, reached this city today, where its relation, even though the parties involved are unknown, causes deep sorrow and regret.

The victim of the accident, for an accident, terrible in every detail it is said to be, was Hezekiah Baum, a boy of 12 years, and his slayer, who is now almost prostrated, is Mr. Hubbard Forbes, a well-known resident of the mentioned place.

Young Baum had for sometime been living at the home of Mr. Forbes, occupying a room in the main part of the house. Tuesday morning at about 2 o'clock he got out of bed and made his way to the yard without awakening the other inmates. After a few moments he endeavored to re-enter the house but this time using the front door, which was securely locked. He loudly shook the door, which of course resisted his efforts, and the noise awoke Mrs. Forbes, who not knowing that the boy had gone out, was positive that the noise was made by a burglar. She awoke her husband at once, and securing his pistol he went to the door and demanded who it was. He received no answer although he called several times, but the rattling of the door continued. With his pistol in readiness, Mr. Forbes unlocked the door and then opened it suddenly and as a form was rushing in, he fired, thinking that it was a negro, he said. The shot was answered by a scream of pain and the figure sank to the floor. Lights were brought and young Baum was seen on the floor in a veritable pool of blood, welling from a wound in the chest just below the heart. The realization of the awful mistake overpowered them for awhile and it was several moments before they acted. Recovering however Mr. Forbes carried the unconscious boy to his bed and rushed for a doctor, who was soon working over the patient but it was evident that he was beyond all medical skill. At times he revived partially but continued to sink and yesterday at 2 o'clock he died, without the bullet ever having been extracted.

As mentioned before, Mr. Forbes is almost prostrated, and, it is said, constantly relates the shocking details of the accident. For many months the boy had lived with him and was regarded in nearly the same light as a son. He was buried today and around the grave gathered the whole village. Everyone knew and liked him, and the terrible mistake of which he was the victim will always be regarded as among the saddest happenings in the history of that section.

Identified Negro Assailant. DANVILLE, Va., July 27.—Officer E. L. Stevens, of the Martinsville police force brought three negroes here today who had been arrested as probable assailants of Mr. John D. Spencer, who was recently shot in his brother's house in Martinsville. The negroes were taken to the general hospital where Mr. Spencer is a patient, and he promptly identified one of the three James Watkins as the man who shot him. The other two men will be released. Mr. Spencer is recovering from the wound he received at the hands of the would-be robber.

School Teacher a Suicide. CAMBRIDGE, Md., July 27.—Mrs. Florence C. Lord, who has been for many years a teacher in the public of the county committed suicide at the home of her sister, Mrs. Harper, today by swallowing cyanide of potassium. Mrs. Lord had been in a deplorable condition since the death of her husband.

Morton Succeeds Pres. Alexander. NEW YORK, July 27.—At a two hours session of the directors of the Equitable Life Assurance Society yesterday the resignations of former President James W. Alexander and Nevada N. Stranahan as directors were accepted. Paul Morton was elected president of the society retaining, it is understood, the chairmanship as well. A special meeting of the directors will be held today at which additional directors will be elected and amendments to the charter of this society adopted.

At yesterday's meeting of the directors George F. Vietoe, of this city, and Ernest R. Kruttschnitt, of New Orleans were nominated as directors and will be elected at today's special meeting. Mr. Vietoe is a prominent dry goods and commission merchant of this city and Mr. Kruttschnitt is one of the leaders of the bar in the southwest. Chairman Morton reported to the directors that in pursuance of his policy of retrenchment the society would effect savings of \$500,000 a year. He submitted a financial report for the first six months which was pronounced very satisfactory by the directors. At today's meeting it is quite probable the position of chairman will be abolished. The matter of pensions to the widow of H. B. Hyde and others were referred to a committee consisting of Directors McCook Whitman and Zlender, who will probably report thereon tomorrow.

It is also understood that Mr. Morton's salary as president of the society will be \$30,000 a year. B. E. Thomas was elected a member of the executive committee, which has not yet been fully reorganized. Held for Mail Fraud. NEW YORK, July 27.—John Powers, alias Ambrose Laprell, alias A. Howard alias Logan was arraigned before Commissioner Shields today charged by post office inspector James T. Cortelyou of Newark, with using the mails in a book swindling scheme by which publishing houses have been lured out of thousands of dollars worth of books. According to the complainant, one of the gang of swindlers writes a letter to a publishing firm, professing to be a book agent, with a prospective customer and asking for a quantity of samples. This letter was purporting to be written by a well-known member of the gang and apparently good addresses. These letters not only backed up the book agent's request for samples but ordered a large lot of books for their writers also. The books, when secured, were immediately sold and the gang removed to another town from which according to the inspectors, they would work the scheme anew. One of the letters quoted in the complaint asks John. Morris & Co., Philadelphia publishing firm, to

Annie Cannot Preach on Streets

City Fathers Rule That Annie Would Create Nuisance Thereby.

Condescending to accept no smaller mouth piece than His Honor, Mayor Leigh, an enthusiastic religious-devotee, by name, Annie Skinner, and decidedly of color, applied to the aldermen to grant her the special privilege of conducting religious meeting on the streets at any point where and when the spirit chanced to move her. But this would be Salvation Army prodigy, suffered an abrupt check at the hands of the all-wise and provident City Fathers, and if she had chosen to be present to urge her petition, she would have stood "rebuked, even like unto the Pharisees" for publicity in giving vent to effusions of the wrong kind of religious ideas, etc., in the wrong way, for so ruled the "Fathers" that such procedures as the one alluded to are well calculated to result in strenuous nuisances. So during the week, Annie must dampen her ardor for conducting and emitting religious harangues, and must subdue her overflowing spirits until a meet time is at hand.

Following at the individual scores: W. H. Green, 6; J. W. Wallace, 20; Claude Ziegler, 12; Ed Outlaw, 13; O. F. Gilbert, 20; J. B. Leigh, 17; W. T. Old, 14; J. T. Land, 19; L. D. Aydtlett, 18; Tom Hayman, 9; L. E. Old, 4; Joshua Stokely, 14; I. B. Betts; 9; Capt. Harris, 16; Dr. Blades, 11.

By the scores appearing above it is evident that the shoot was uninteresting until Messrs. Ballance and Gilbert commenced shooting to break the tie. It was decidedly another day off for the whole club except Mayor Leigh, who broke his old reliable seventeen

NEGRO MURDERER LYNCHED BY MOB. MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 27.—A Commercial Appeal special from Glendora Miss., says that a mob of fifty men today took Will Harris, a negro from a Yazoo and Mississippi Valley train at Black bayou and hanged him to a tree about a quarter of a mile from the railroad. Harris and his brother, Henry, shot and seriously wounded two white men, Barksdale and Allen, respectively on the James plantation near Sharkey, July 13. A posse pursued the negroes and in attempting to arrest them shot and killed Henry Harris. The other escaped, but was arrested last night at Heatman. This morning and prisoner was taken to Greenwood and later placed aboard a train and was being conveyed to a point in Tallahatchie county, where he was to be turned over to the sheriff when the mob boarded the train and secured him. Little difficulty was experienced in taking the negro from his custodians and Harris was quickly conveyed to a prearranged spot and lynched.

JAPAN WELCOMES TAFT. Yokohama, July 26.—Secretary of War Taft and party received a demonstrative welcome to Japan the principal buildings, streets and wharves of this city and the shipping in the harbor being gallily decorated. A noisy display of daylight fireworks along the streets, fronting the harbor announced the arrival of the steamship Manchuria at the quarantine grounds at 7 o'clock this morning and continued until the vessel was docked. Secretary Taft and Miss Roosevelt held an informal reception upon the decks. The party was then driven to the railroad station through the crowded streets and boarding a special train, departed for Tokio. Upon arrival at Tokio Secretary Taft and his personal staff were taken to Shiba where a detached palace was provided for their accommodation. Miss Roosevelt accompanied Minister Griscom to the American legation. The voyage was uneventful and the party arrived well.

Three Killed in Freight Wreck. ATLANTA, Ga., July 27.—Spreading rails caused the derailment of a freight train on the Central of Georgia railway in the western part of this city today, bringing death to three men, fatal injuries to one and serious injury to another. The dead: John Woodruff, conductor; Horace McGee, trainman; Green Colbert, negro fireman. The injured: Yardmaster, F. M. Woodall, fractured skull, right eye torn out—may die; Sam Farris, engineer, severely scalded on arms and legs, will recover. The locomotive which was hauling about twenty tons of coal, fell on one side and the train on the other side of the track. The speed of the train, which was about 15 miles an hour

O. F. Gilbert Came Out Victorious.

He and Mr. J. W. Ballance Had to Shoot 28 Times to Decide it.

The weekly shoot of the Albemarle Shooting Club was held yesterday afternoon at the trap on the marsh, and the trophy pin competed for each week went to Mr. O. F. Gilbert by virtue of his record of 23 in a possible 28. Mr. J. W. Ballance was second with 20 in a possible 28. These two were tied up on 20 when the regular 25 shots had been fired, and agreed to shoot three times more, to decide it, but Mr. Ballance never touched 'em at all.

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The remainder of the stock will be disposed of by the usual means adopted in such cases.

CRUEL DRIVER SENT TO COURT. Marshall Jennings, it is Claimed, Nearly Killed Horse in Sunday Drive. A man named Marshal Jennings, who lives out near the cotton mill, was arraigned before Mayor Leigh yesterday afternoon on a charge of cruelty to animals and on being pronounced guilty, was shovelled up to superior court, securing his release by giving bond in the sum of \$50. The arrest was made by Chief of Police Bell partly at the instigation of Mr. A. C. Stokes, who told the officer the circumstances and said he would swear out a warrant if Jennings was not arrested by other means. The evidence in the case as rendered at the hearing was to the effect that Jennings hired a horse and buggy last Sunday afternoon from Mr. A. C. Stokes and when he finished his drive and returned the same to the stables, the horse was in the last stages of exhaustion and bore marks of the energetic application of the whip and also other signs that he had received rough treatment. Chief Bell in investigating the case secured, he stated, an ample amount of evidence that the horse had been driven hard for about five hours and during that time had been urged in a cruel manner by whip and other speed producers. It is calculated that the so far successful prosecution of the case will lead other horse dealers to swear out warrants for the parties returning jaded and maltreated teams.

STEEL TRUST'S NET EARNINGS. NEW YORK, July 27.—At the quarterly meeting of the United States Steel corporation directors today the regular dividend of 1 3/4 per cent on payable August 30. The financial statement for the quarter shows a net earning of \$30,305,116. Unfilled orders on hand June 30 amount to 4,829,655 tons. The earnings for the quarter show an increase of \$15,814,391 as compared with 1904, and a decrease of \$6,337,191 as compared with 1903. Unfilled orders are 1,637,358 greater than a year ago. The statement contains several unusual features including an appropriation of 1,000,000 charged to "special improvement and replacement," \$5,000,000 on account of "expenditures made and to be made for additional property," etc., and \$2,000,000 "specifically set aside for contemplated appropriations and expenditures of which is now disclosed."

Lost Hair While She Slept. ROANOKE, Va., July 27.—One of the most singular occurrences that has been reported in this section befell Miss Maud Giddings an attractive young lady of Rocky Mount, last night. Miss Giddings had a very beautiful suit of hair. The weather was extremely hot last night, and she pulled her bed near the window of her room on the first floor of her father's home where she dropped off to sleep. This morning when Miss Giddings awoke she was astounded to find her hair lying in a heap on the floor beside her couch. Some time during the night some miscreant crept to the window and

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Made Beef Steak With a Brid. And He Who Did it Developed Distance-Defying "Digging." Len Sharpe, a negro, yesterday killed a valuable cow with a bulldog and at once liked to parts unknown. The negro was in the employ of Mr. Charles Grandy, who had a him-up to the Grandy residence cornered Road and Matthews street to clean up the yard. The valuable milch cow belonging to Mr. L. Winder had been turned in an adjoining lot to graze and at the time was near the dividing fence. It is known whether the brick was through mallee or whether it was an accident but with great force it whirled over the fence, striking the cow about the head and killing it instantly. Seeing the effects of it throw the negro fled at once, mounting fences and other obstacles as if he had well feathered plinths suddenly presented him. The vision of the scared negro was a dark and uncertain streak whose velocity was constantly accelerated, evidently by visions of the much dreaded coo which must have haunted him. His employer expected him to return during the night, but so far no one has seen him, and it is reckoned by the time that he has reached the "wild and woolly west"—that is, if he maintains his first head of steam. The deceased animal was decayed, quartered, etc., and today choice slices of the remains grace the boards of numerous beef eaters.

Fire Panic in Chicago Hotel. Chicago, July 26.—Fire in the building 63-65 Canal street, caused a scare among the guests of the Grand Central Hotel, Madison and Clinton streets, last night. Many women ran screaming through the corridors of the hotel. One of the women was seriously injured by falling from a fire escape. The building in Canal street was destroyed with a loss of \$20,000 on the structure and \$30,000 to the contents. The latter loss was distributed among about fifteen small firms, most of whom dealt in small machinery and novelties.

POTATOES AT \$1.25 TO \$2.25. Mr. W. C. Glover, the local commission merchant, received the following quotations on potatoes today: New York, \$1.50 to \$2 per barrel; Pittsburg, \$2 to 2.25 and Philadelphia, \$1.25 to \$1.50. As mentioned in a previous issue, the farmers in this vicinity are rapidly shipping the remainder of their crops. On being asked concerning sweet potatoes Mr. Glover said that they are selling very low bringing only about \$2.50 per barrel. He said further that the growers could realize no profit on sweet potatoes unless they sold for as much as \$3.50 per barrel. At these figures it is quite evident that this crop is also a failure, as well as the Irish potato.

Jumped From Liner to Death. NEW YORK, July 27.—A desire to escape deportation led to a tragic suicide today on board the steamer Grosser Kurfurst bound for Bremen. While the steamer was passing through the Narrows one of a group of immigrant declared unfit to enter the United States suddenly leaped overboard. The liner was stopped for nearly fifteen minutes a life-raft rowed back and forth over the eddy-marked path where the unfortunate foreigner went down. The sailors recovered nothing except a life-buoy which had been thrown out at the first cry of "Man overboard." The tug William J. McAlidin drew up alongside the Grosser Kurfurst and learned the details of the tragedy but not the victim's name. It could not be ascertained whether the lost immigrant was a man or a woman. The steamer proceeded on her voyage.

Want to Get Next. The Bee Hive is now holding its semi-annual clean sweep sale and is advertising the event extensively. The whole front of the building is