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HOLT BOMBED CAPITOL, SHOT J. P. MORGAN AND SUICIDED

Cornell Professor Went Insane About War; Wrecked U. S. Capitol, Shot Morgan Then Took Own Life.

Glen Cove, N.Y., July 6.—Frank Holt, the Cornell university professor, who shot J. P. Morgan in his home near Glen Cove last Saturday, committed suicide in the jail tonight at Mineola.

While several of the jail authorities declare that Holt killed himself by climbing through the opening at the top of his cell door then plunging to the narrow court below, Holt's keeper said he was positive that the prisoner was killed in his own cell, where he said he found the body.

Conflicting Reports.

There were many conflicting reports as to the manner in which Holt met his death but it was definitely established through Dr. Cleghorn, the jail physician, that Holt died of a fractured skull.

Several of those about the jail said they heard an explosion, the report coming from Holt's cell. This noise, it was believed, was due to the falling of boards from the top of the cell.

Glen Cove, N. Y., July 3.—J. P. Morgan, head of the banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co., was shot twice today at his country home near here by Frank Holt, a native American, a former student and instructor at Cornell University, who was to have become the head of the department of French in the Southwestern Methodist University at Dallas, Tex., next fall.

Both shots took effect in the region of the hip. A bulletin issued by specialists at his bedside late today stated that there were no unfavorable symptoms and that Mr. Morgan was resting easily.

Holt was overpowered by Morgan and Henry Fiske, the butler in the Morgan household, who grappled with him in the hallway. He was locked up in jail here and from his cell issued a written statement saying that he had intended no harm to Mr. Morgan, but had come to Glen Cove to persuade the banker to stop the shipment abroad of munitions of war from this country. He went into the Morgan home, he said, with a pistol in his pocket, intending to remain there till Mr. Morgan did something.

Another loaded pistol was found in Holt's suit case and more dynamite was in a suit case which he had taken to the Morgan house. In addition there were numerous newspaper clippings in the suit case, all bearing on the European war.

An authoritative statement of the shooting, obtained here late today after many conflicting reports had been circulated, says:

Holt called at the Morgan home at 9 o'clock while Mr. and Mrs. Morgan at breakfast. Fiske, the butler, answered Holt's ring at the door. Holt handed the butler his card, telling him to inform Mr. Morgan it was from a friend. As the butler started back through the hallway, Holt slipped a pistol from his pocket and pressed it against the butler's stomach.

"See this gun," he demanded. "I have another one."

The butler, pressed by the muzzle of the weapon, backed into the hallway, Holt following. As the front door closed behind them, the butler realized the determination of the assassin and spoke in a loud voice, so that Mr. Morgan might hear, "Mr. Morgan is in the library."

Holt was not deterred by this, but continued to press the butler backward down the hallway toward the dining room. As they neared the dining room door, the butler spoke again: "Upstairs, Mr. Morgan, up stairs," he shouted.

Alarmed by the shout, Mr. Morgan and his wife left the dining room by another door, entered a rear hallway and went up stairs. They found nothing amiss there and started back, using the front stairway. Unwittingly they walked almost into the assassin's arms. Mrs. Morgan saw him first screamed and drew back.

Holt turned and fired twice before Mr. Morgan could seize him. Fiske, the butler, no longer menaced by the pistol, grabbed the assassin's right hand. Mr. Morgan with two bullet wounds in his body, threw himself on his assailant and the three men went down in a struggling heap on the hallway floor.

Glen Cove, N. Y., July 5.—Frank Holt, the university professor who shot J. P. Morgan, declared today when arraigned Wednesday he would tell the whole story of his life, particularly his movements leading up to the placing of a bomb in the United States capitol at Washington and his attempted assassination of Mr. Morgan. He will reveal also, he said, where he bought the dynamite found on him.

Holt made these declarations to Dr. Guy Cleghorn, jail physician, adding that he was anxious to tell his story in court.

Dr. Cleghorn said, however, that Holt was in such a weakened condition that unless he showed decided improvement by Wednesday he might report it inadvisable to remove him from the jail at Mineola to the court house here.

Mr. Morgan, who was shot twice by Holt last Saturday at the financier's home near here, continued to improve

NEW FOREST BUILDING IS A BEAUTIFUL ADDITION TO CITY.

John S. Forest has completed his new \$6,500 two-story brick building adjoining the Blue Ridge inn. The structure stands on the site of the old building erected many years ago and which for a number of years was occupied by the French Broad Hustler, later the Democrat.

The building is 24 1-2x100 feet in dimensions and is constructed of brick with beautiful Tapster brick for the front. Below the large plate glass windows is a marble base and to the top is a wide space covered with colored prism glass to afford light for the interior of the building, which has plastered walls with metal ceiling. A feature of the front—unlike anything in Hendersonville—is an invisible awning, which completely disappears when not in service.

Leading from the front is a stairway to the second floor, which has four nice rooms modernly equipped and a large room about 24x52 feet in dimensions.

Though small, the building is about as handsome as any in the city and a big improvement over the old one it replaces. It represents an investment in the neighborhood of \$6,500.

The building is occupied by Frank Johnson of Key West, Fla., who is conducting the Bazar.

MICHAEL SCHENCK ASSAULTED IN GREENSBORO BY TIPTON.

Solicitor Michael Schenck while accompanied by Mrs. Schenck and son in Greensboro last Saturday was assaulted by F. E. Tipton, formerly of Hendersonville, where he conducted a tombstone and auction sale business for some time.

The assault is described in the Greensboro News as follows:

"The only unpleasantness that marred the celebration at the Guilford battleground yesterday was an attack by F. E. Tipton, of Greensboro, upon Michael Schenck, of Hendersonville, solicitor of the Henderson-McDowell judicial district, brother of Paul W. Schenck, of this city, president of the Battleground association. The trouble occurred just as the parade was being organized in front of the president's cottage, and quite a scene was precipitated for a few moments.

The cause of the trouble dates back over a period of six or seven years, it is stated. Mr. Schenck declared that he had once prosecuted Tipton in Henderson county, and he attributed the attack to this fact. The latter avers that difference in politics between the two had engendered ill feeling, and that both had anticipated the trouble of yesterday. Tipton was taken before a justice of the peace, where he posted bond for his appearance on a charge of assault.

"Mr. Schenck was with his wife and child when the trouble occurred and he declared that Tipton attacked him from the rear, first elbowing him away from Mrs. Schenck and then striking him several blows in the face. This statement is borne out by several eye-witnesses. Tipton claims that he did not attack from the rear, although he admits to striking the first blow. He says that they came face to face and that he allowed Mrs. Schenck to pass before striking.

"Occurring as it did in the very midst of a crowd men, women and children, the affair caused quite a bit of excitement, but it also had the effect of bringing the affray to a sudden end, as friends of Mr. Schenck intervened and separated the men. Tipton gave himself into the custody of an officer immediately afterwards."

COMMITTEES OF COMMISSIONERS

Mayor Brooks Names Committeemen for Equalization of Public Work.

In order to equalize so far as possible the work to be done by the city commissioners, Mayor C. E. Brooks has made appointments as follows, the first named on each committee being the chairman:

Police: J. W. Bailey, M. M. Shepherd, John S. Forest.

Library: J. W. Bailey, B. Jackson.

Cemetery: M. M. Shepherd, K. G. Morris, R. C. Clarke.

Revenue: J. W. Bailey, K. G. Morris, M. M. Shepherd.

Ordinance: B. Jackson, Jno. S. Forest, R. C. Clarke.

Finance: M. M. Shepherd, J. W. Bailey, B. Jackson.

Street: J. W. Bailey, Jno. S. Forest, R. C. Clarke.

Water and Sewer: M. M. Shepherd, J. W. Bailey, R. C. Clarke.

Light Committee: K. G. Morris, Jno. S. Forest, B. Jackson.

Building: Jno. S. Forest, K. G. Morris, R. C. Clarke.

today—so much so that specialists in attendance announced he was out of all danger.

Vice President Marshall Threatened. St. Louis, Mo., July 4.—Thomas R. Marshall, Vice President of the United States, in a statement to newspaper reporters tonight, said he had been threatened with death in more than a dozen anonymous letters which he had received during the last six weeks.

More Than 1,300 Anti-Typhoid Vaccinations in County



Dr. Warren H. Booker, chief of the Bureau of Engineering and Education of the State Board of Health was in the city Wednesday in connection with the anti-typhoid campaign which is being waged here and which for the past three weeks has resulted in the vaccination of over 1,300 patients.

Dr. Booker expressed great satisfaction at the results of the campaign now being waged in several counties. Dr. Booker took it upon himself to pay the Democrat office a visit and to express personally in addition to letters received from him, his high appreciation of the valuable services this paper has rendered in its campaign of the past year for a cleaner, more attractive and healthier community.

MERCHANTS ELECTED OFFICERS AND ENDORSED REST ROOM PLAN.

Officers Re-Elected; Committee Appointed for Rest Room; Semi-Annual Reports Show Progress.

The Merchants Association of Hendersonville met Tuesday night in semi-annual session, heard the reports of officers and committees and re-elected the retiring officers for the coming six months.

The combined report of the secretary, the treasurer and the finance committee showed that since the association was re-organized six months ago \$122 had been collected from the merchants to meet expenses; that the association has thirty-one members and that it is in fair shape to furnish information as to the credit standing of people when inquiries are made of the secretary.

Wm. Lott, who attended the recent State association of merchants in Asheville, reported concerning the meeting. Secretary S. Nixon Rowe reported that in accordance with instructions of a previous meeting dues had been forwarded to the State association, with which the local association had been affiliated.

G. G. Jones reported for the transportation committee that the matter of more complete information as to weights and rates on freight bills had been taken up with Capt. J. W. Bailey, the local agent, and Division Freight Agent Orr of Asheville, but that no satisfactory reply had been received. The work of the committee will be continued.

Rest Room Plan Endorsed.

It was reported that the Woman's club was working with the view to establishing a "rest room" in Hendersonville and that inquiry had been made as to what co-operation the merchants would give. Wm. Lott, J. C. Morow and H. Patterson were named as a committee to confer with the Woman's club and ascertain what co-operation would be necessary and what would be required to establish the rest room.

New Credit Records.

C. G. Jones and W. M. Gull were named as a committee to assist Secretary S. Nixon Rowe in the matter of inducing the members of the association to furnish the credit ratings of their customers. New ratings will be furnished and the records in the secretary's office will be made up-to-date as to the credit standing of customers.

The following officers were re-elected:

Noah M. Hollowell, president; S. J. Harris, vice president; C. G. Jones, treasurer; S. Nixon Rowe, secretary.

The president stated to the association that he thought it would be inconsistent to re-elect him in that he expected to retire from business in August and would not by rights be a member of the association thereafter. He was told that it was within his province to resign when his position seemed inconsistent for business reasons.

Standing committees will be named within the next few days.

The President's Report.

"To the Members of the Merchants Association of Hendersonville:

"In submitting this report, which covers the activities of the Merchants Association of Hendersonville for the past six months, it is not the aim of your president to review in detail our achievements, since this information doubtless will be given in the committee's report. I shall attempt to review our work in a general way only and shall ask your indulgence while I attempt to outline some lines of activity that probably should claim our attention.

"While we probably fell short of what we might have done in view of the many things requiring our attention when we organized, your president does not feel that the association needs to make any apologies, for it has wrought well in organizing itself into a working body and creating a spirit of co-operation that should count for much in the future when we undertake bigger things than heretofore attempted.

"While your president has no personal knowledge of the amount of money saved to the county by the influence of the "trade at home" campaign which the two Hendersonville newspapers have been conducting at only a nominal cost to the merchants, he does know that the campaign has provoked considerable discussion throughout the county, which doubtless has had its effect for good.

"Some valuable committee work has been done along different lines and the association, which is now affiliated with the State association, is in excellent shape for undertaking things of real importance; and now is the opportune time for this association to make its influence for good felt in this community since there are many directions in which we may profitably turn our attention.

"Following are some things to which I respectfully call attention for future consideration and action if deemed advisable:

"The designating of a time for closing stores.

"The adoption of a uniform time as to making free deliveries of goods and conditions governing such when purchases are comparatively small.

"The appointment of a committee with power to act on all new advertising schemes to which the merchants are repeatedly subjected.

"The adoption of rules governing the taking out of goods on approval and their return, which is supported by recent legislation.

"The appointment of a committee to ascertain the feeling of city towards the establishment of a "rest room" so as to afford a comfortable resting place for out-of-town shoppers and especially women with their children from the country during unfavorable weather conditions.

"The adoption of a resolution authorizing the association to appoint a committee on the application or request of any person becoming financially embarrassed, the committee to be agreeable to the applicant, for the purpose of investigating his affairs and rendering him such moral help as consistent in recommending to creditors an extension in case such committee is of the opinion that conditions justify such a recommendation.

"In completing my term of office as your president for the past six months I wish to make my acknowledgment

MASONS INSTALL OFFICERS.

Judge Blythe is Remembered for His Faithful Service of Many Years.

The annual installation of the officers of Kedron Lodge, No. 387, A. F. & A. M., was celebrated on Thursday night, June 24, St. John Baptist's Day. Rev. H. N. Wilcox was the installing officer.

The officers and committees for the ensuing year are as follows:

Master, J. W. Grimes.
Senior Warden, T. W. Valentine.
Junior Warden, J. M. Rhodes.
Treasurer, K. G. Morris.
Secretary, R. M. Oates.
Senior Deacon, F. S. Wetmur.
Junior Deacon, A. Covington.
Tyler, L. M. Dodamead.
Stewards, F. L. Bane, G. F. Garlington.

Marshal, O. V. F. Blythe.
Orphanage Committee, T. W. Valentine, W. C. Rector and O. V. F. Blythe.
Finance Committee, C. E. Brooks, E. G. Stillwell and E. W. Ewbank.
Charity Committee: The Master and Wardens.

In token of appreciation of the work and faithful performances of duty to the lodge for the past twenty-five years a Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring master, Judge O. V. F. Blythe, by the members of the lodge. A number of the brethren expressed the high esteem in which they held Judge Blythe as a fellow Mason.

LUTHERAN PREACHING.

Lutheran preaching in the Methodist church Sunday at 4 o'clock. A cordial invitation to our services is extended.

M. M. KIPPS,
Mission Supply Pastor.

to the officers, committeemen and members in general for their uniform consideration and hearty co-operation.

"My final message to the business men of Hendersonville, and you are the city's principal stronghold and support, is this:

"Let us appreciate our business. Whatever may be our motive, a legitimate business honorably conducted has a beneficial effect upon the community, and he is a public benefactor who supplies the community's needs and who gives employment to men and women, many of whom have families dependent upon them. Let us lend our aid to those undertakings which command our confidence and which are for the upbuilding of our city and county.

"As stated in the outset of this report, we have no apologies for what we have done well since we organized six months ago. We have no apologies to make for our record, but let us press forward even far greater things in the promotion of our business and the development of one of the most highly favored sections on earth.

"Again thanking you, one and all, for your cordial support in the discharge of my duties and in your efforts to make the association a success, I bid you Godspeed and bespeak for you a reputation for honesty, sincerity and most honorable motives as business men working for a community in which God is honored, where righteousness is exalted and where brotherly love abounds."

"REST ROOM" IDEA FOR THIS CITY IS AGITATED BY LADIES.

Story of Dedication of "Community Building" in Stanly County for Benefit of Country People.

Last week the Democrat editorially advocated the establishment of a "rest room" or "community building" in Hendersonville to be used as headquarters for the people from the rural districts.

The story below telling of the dedication on last Wednesday of a Community building in Albemarle, Stanly county, the first building in the State definitely erected for the purpose of supplying a place for the comfort and pleasure of the people of the city and county, will be of special interest in this connection.

The old court house in Salisbury was assigned to similar purposes recently, and a "rest room" has been established in Fayetteville.

A number of people in Henderson county are interested in a "rest room" and it is understood that the Woman's club is working with the view to opening one at an early date.

Following is the news dispatch with reference to the Stanly county building:

Albemarle, July 2.—Wednesday was a red letter day for Stanly County. A large crowd was here from all parts of the county and many from Rowan, Cabarrus, Union, Anson, Montgomery and a few from Moore to be present at the dedication of the Stanly County Community Building which took place at 10 o'clock in the morning. The crowd was possibly swelled on account of its being the third day of the Albemarle chautauqua, the New York Marine Band having been booked for a concert in the afternoon, but the greater number came to be present at the formal opening of the community building.

The exercises were held at the big chautauqua tent, which is located near the new building, and it was packed to its utmost capacity. W. L. Mann, president of the Piedmont Commercial Club, acted as master of ceremonies, and opened up with an appropriate talk, introducing R. L. Smith who formally turned over the building to the women of Stanly county. In his address Mr. Smith briefly touched upon the history of the county, showing its unparalleled growth and development during the past 20 years. Mr. Smith stated that 20 years ago there was possibly only one man in Stanly County, the late Samuel J. Pemberton, who had the nerve to look the world square in the face and say he was from Stanly, but that in this day of her growth and progress every man, woman and child takes early advantage of the opportunity when away from home to say he is from Stanly, the best county in North Carolina. His address, as well as Mr. Mann's sounded a note of progress along industrial, educational and religious lines.

The building was formally received by Mrs. E. C. Bost on behalf of the country women with a brief address which was a beautiful line of thought clothed in perfect English. Mrs. Bost said among other things that she trusted the wage of progress and the spirit of good fellowship would not stop until it had permeated the remotest country districts of this good county; and closed with the statement that she hoped God would bless the Stanly County Community Building to the good of the Womanhood of Stanly county.

Dr. S. R. Belk, platform manager for the chautauqua, was then introduced and for 30 minutes held the large crowd profoundly interested.

After Doctor Belk's address the large crowd went across the street to the newly dedicated building and took possession. The women's clubs were serving punch and other light refreshments in the large assembly hall upstairs.

The Stanly County Community building is a large, two-story brick building, located on South Second street near the Central Hotel, in the heart of the business section of the city, where it will be of most convenience to the out-of-town shoppers and visitors. On the first floor adjoining the street is a large rest room furnished with tables wall benches and rockers, with large electrodriers for lighting. Just through this room and beyond it are private rooms furnished with comfortable seats, cribs, dressers and lounges where women with children may rest and have absolute privacy from the front or main rest room. Adjoining this ladies' private rest room is a toilet, furnished with all modern conveniences.

On the second floor are two rooms, one a large assembly hall where the women's clubs can meet, and a small committee room adjoining. The assembly hall is furnished throughout with chairs already in position, desks and tables. One of these, a beautiful library desk was donated by Miss F. E. Uford, founder of Albemarle Normal and Industrial Institute. This assembly hall is intended principally for the use of the women's clubs of the county, girls' tomato clubs and similar organizations, and will be furnished with an excellent library.

At a smoker given by the Piedmont Commercial Club early in March the

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