

BODY IS FOUND IN A CREEK

Nude Body Of Mrs. Woodill, Who Had Been Foully Murdered, Found By Some Boys—Her Supposed Slayer Suicides.

St. Michaels, Md., Special.—Practically the entire eastern shore of Maryland was aroused and searching Thursday night for one Emmet E. Roberts, who had been wanted in connection with the brutal murder of Mrs. Edith May Woodill, wife of Gilbert Woodill, an automobile dealer of Los Angeles, Cal., whose nude body was found in a creek...

Roberts was with Mrs. Woodill when she was seen for the last known time, and he is accused of having committed the murder. The motive for the crime is at present a mystery. The wife of Baltimore and all other cities to which Roberts might make his way were asked to search for and arrest him. He is said to be about 50 years old, five feet six inches tall, stout, smooth-shaven, with abundant bushy hair and a ruddy complexion. He wears a blue coat and a white shirt. He is claimed to be a magazine writer and general correspondent of newspapers.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodill came here early this month, the latter with the intention of spending the summer with her father-in-law. Her husband remained only a few days, leaving it understood, to Detroit, whence he intended to return to Los Angeles. From that time Mrs. Woodill and Roberts are said to have been much of each other. Last Saturday Mrs. Woodill went to Eaton to have some dental work done, and it had been arranged that Roberts should meet her at Royal Oak and return with her to her home. Roberts missed the train for Royal Oak and drove there, met Mrs. Woodill and drove with her back here to the landing where his launch was moored. They entered the launch and Mrs. Woodill was not seen again alive, so far as has been learned.

Since her disappearance Roberts has made a trip to Baltimore, from which point a letter was received by Captain Thompson, ostensibly from Mrs. Woodill, saying that she was in that city and would shortly return. Roberts remained in this neighborhood until the finding of the body. He had previously endeavored to ally the growing suspicion of Captain Thompson in connection with his foster-daughter's absence, and used

KATHARINE GOULD DENIES CHARGE OF IMMORALITY. New York, Special.—Katherine Clemmons Gould was called back to the stand for a final oral Thursday to explain away if possible the damaging testimony given by the witnesses for her husband in her suit for separation and alimony of \$250,000 a year.

It was a day of denials, beginning with the reading of the deposition of Dustin Farnum, the actor, who denied in toto all allegations of improper conduct with Mrs. Gould and ending with Mrs. Gould's repeated denials of practically everything in word or action attributed to her by the witnesses for the other side.

MRS. GOULD GETS DIVORCE AND \$36,000 A YEAR. New York, Special.—After a trial which lasted nearly three weeks, Katherine Clemmons Gould obtained a legal separation from her husband, Howard Gould, third son of the late Jay Gould, by a decision of Justice Howland in the Supreme Court Friday. Her victory was complete, but in this phase of the case the court decided

TESTIMONY CONCLUDED IN GEORGIA RAILROAD CASE. Atlanta, Ga., Special.—With the testimony Friday afternoon of General Manager Thomas K. Scott, of the Georgia Railroad, the proceedings before the board of arbitration in the matter of the settlement of the questions arising from the recent strike of white firemen of that road, reached the argument stage.

HORRIBLE CRIME OF A 12 YEAR OLD CALIFORNIAN. Modesto, Cal., Special.—Cecil Hopkins, 12 years old, Friday confessed that he shot and buried his brother, Theodore, 6 years old, and his statement strengthens the coroner's belief that the victim was buried alive on the hill where his body was found Thursday. As he told of the shooting and consequent burial of his brother, Cecil, ate candy and apparently failed to realize the gravity of

SMITH GIVES REASONS FOR SUSPENDING POSITION. Atlanta, Ga., Special.—Governor Hoke Smith Friday sent to the Legislature a special message, giving his reasons for suspending from office Chairman McLendon, of the State Railroad Commission.

The message charged in general that McLendon had abandoned the principles of the convention which nominated him, and specifically, that McLendon used free transportation

WASHINGTON NOTES

Much voting and little talking characterized the work in the Senate Wednesday. The lumber schedule was disposed of and the duty on pineapples was increased, the finance committee suffering a defeat in the latter case. An attempt to reduce the finance committee's rate of \$1.50 per thousand on saved lumber to \$1, the House rate, was lost. The entire wood schedule making reductions of about 25 per cent from the present rates was agreed to. A new amendment to the coal schedule, offered by Mr. Aldrich, reducing the duty on bituminous coal from 67 to 60 cents a ton and eliminating the reciprocity clause from the House bill, was adopted. The two Senators from Florida, a plan for producing State in upholding the amendment to increase the duty on pineapples from \$7 to \$8 per thousand, were opposed by the two Senators from Maryland, in which State there are a number of large pineapple canning factories.

The Wright brothers, whose time it was to complete their official tests with their airplane which had expired next Monday, were granted an extension of thirty days. The question of the eight hour law was submitted to President Taft in the form of a request by Thomas Dolan, president of the Steam Shoemakers' Union, and the President's opinion as to whether the law prohibiting payment for overtime is not being violated on the Panama canal.

Just before the Senate adjourned on Friday night, Senator Shepard, chairman of the finance committee, introduced the corporation tax amendment to the tariff bill, recommended by President Taft. To encourage American shipping, Senator Elkins introduced an amendment which would allow to American vessels a reduction of five per cent in their duties.

Petroleum, linoleum and scrap iron tariff schedules were the principal ones discussed in the Senate. Senator Penrose's amendment fixing a duty of half cent a gallon on crude oil was lost. Increases over the House rates were made as follows: On harness from 35 per cent ad valorem to 40 per cent; on scrap iron from 50 cents to \$2.50 per ton; and on wire nails from 1-4 to 1-2 cent, and from 1-2 to 3-4 cent per pound, the former for those less, the latter for those an inch or more in length.

Although it devoted almost eight hours to strenuous effort in that direction, the Senate Saturday failed to conclude its consideration of the schedule of the tariff bill, and at 5:12 o'clock, an adjournment was reached, there were still a number of important rates to be determined. The day, however, was full of achievement, a number of provisions were disposed of.

Probably the most exciting incident of the day was the vote on Senator Beveridge's amendment reducing from 30 per cent ad valorem to 15 per cent ad valorem, the duty on cash registers. The Indiana Senator's amendment, which would reduce some days ago and was enabled to force a vote on it Saturday after comparatively little discussion. The vote resulted 31 ayes and 33 noes. Stating that after the vote was announced several Senators had informed him that they had voted against his motion under misrepresentation.

Mr. Beveridge said he would renew the motion at a later date. The wood pulp provision also again received attention, and it was supposed that it had been finally acted upon until Senator Clapp, taking exception to the retaliatory provision of the schedule as amended, stated that he would make an effort to have the provision entirely eliminated before final action should be taken upon the bill.

In the Senate Monday the finance committee's amendment to take hides from the free list and place a duty of 15 per cent ad valorem on them was under discussion all day. Senators Warren, of Wyoming, and Carter, of Montana, spoke in favor of the amendment, while Senator Page, of Vermont, opposed it.

Orville and Wilbur Wright, who arrived here Sunday, stayed in Monday at Fort Meyer to assemble their airplane, the official government test of which will begin in a few days. Orville expressed the belief that his new machine will make an average speed of forty miles an hour. President Taft set June 28 as the time when a hearing as to "what is to be done" will be granted the attorneys for the various distillers.

The President consulted with Attorney General Wickereham for an hour and a half on the subject of the proposition tax upon the net earnings of corporations. There seems now to be little doubt that the corporation tax as passed will exempt net earnings of \$5,000 and less so as to take any undue burdens off the smaller corporations.

Late Tuesday the Senate reached the voting stage on the hide schedule, and after several amendments had been defeated, the amendment of the finance committee fixing a duty of 15 per cent ad valorem on hides was agreed to, 46 to 30. This is the rate of the present law, but under the rulings of the Treasury Department is applicable only to hides weighing more than 25 pounds. The House placed all hides on the free list, but the committee restored the Dingley policy.

Senator McLaurin undertook to have the provision amended so as to make the duty applicable to hides weighing less than 25 pounds, which failed. His amendment being voted down 31 to 48. An amendment by Mr. Stone, placing no duty on hides but many of their products on the free list, was also lost.

Perished in Pack Ice. Tromsø, Norway, Special.—The steamer Arctic, of Walter Wellman's North Pole expedition, returned here Sunday from Spitzbergen with her flags at half mast, bringing the news that Knud Johnson, one of the two men who remained at the Wellman camp this winter, had perished in the pack ice when his airship had been destroyed by a heavy storm.

On May 10 Johnson went with his fellow watchman, Paul Bjorvig, on a hunting expedition over the pack ice.

BIGGERS SET FREE

Jury Holds That He Was Insane at the Time of Killing Hood.

Chapelotte, Special.—The jury of twelve freemen, the select body appointed to pass upon the merits of the case of State against W. S. Biggers, charged with the murder on the morning of Tuesday, February 9, of J. Green Hood, reached a verdict Saturday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock, their decision being that the defendant was "not guilty" of the crime as charged.

As noted by every one who followed the trend of this great legal battle whose results held within it the freedom if not the life of Biggers, the plea of insanity was the entire issue. It was not that insanity for which the asylums are built and maintained, but that termed variously by emotional insanity, brain storm, and the like, but in this case termed "confusional" insanity.

The case was fought before the bar with the utmost tact and unlimited talent and legal force. No stone, as it were, was left unturned. It was pleaded that the man had suffered a wrong and that his financial straits had preyed upon his mind, and mental confusion had brought him to the stage of not being conscious of the enormity of the deed which he contemplated and actually committed.

At the first vote of the jury 10 stood for acquittal, one for murder in the first and one for murder in the second degree. The jury had the case just four hours when it became unanimous. The case had taken 11 days in its course.

Shepard the Slayer of Holt. Durham, N. C., Special.—Solomon Shepard, the negro of mysterious action, has confessed that he killed Engineer Holt near Durham last December and that he had no assistant. This startling turn in the dreadful affair came Saturday night when Dr. N. M. Johnson went into the jail to attend a sick prisoner. Shepard had spent the day reading the Bible and getting religion. Why he took a notion to unburden himself to the doctor, is not known, but he did and said that he slew the engineer that night without the aid of anyone.

The negro tells a reasonable story. There never has been any large number of people who did not believe that Engineer Holt met death meant for another man. The wanton use of a shotgun was commonly called a Reuben Barbee characteristic, but nobody ever found the motive whereby Reuben Barbee became the assassin of Fred Holt. The brothers of the dead man believed that their kinsman had been murdered by mistake and the negro says so.

Suspicion for this crime has been resting on Reuben Barbee who is now in jail awaiting trial. It seems that Shepard had been put off the train. In his rage he secured a shot gun and went to kill the breaker. He then stated that he found his man he fired a random shot, as he says, to scare somebody. This shot put out the life of a popular and most valuable engineer.

Joe Brown is Governor. Atlanta, Ga., Special.—Joseph M. Brown, son of "Joe" Brown, one of the Georgia war-time Governors, took office Saturday amid ceremonies of Jeffersonian simplicity. Governor Brown's address was brief. At its conclusion Governor Smith handed Governor Brown the seal of the State of Georgia and the ceremony was completed.

Governor Smith's last official act Saturday was the signing of 15 pardons. Those set free included six murderers and three persons convicted of violating the prohibition laws.

Firmen Loss Case. Atlanta, Ga., Special.—The Georgia Railroad strike arbitration board Saturday night decided against the seniority of white firemen over negroes. The arbitrators, however, placed a premium on intelligence among firemen, which it is believed will ultimately result in the gradual elimination of all except the most expert negro firemen.

Exonerates Man Convicted of Murder. Palatka, Fla., Special.—When James Kelly and D. M. Davidson were sentenced to life imprisonment for murder, Kelly said: "I accept the verdict of the jury, but as for D. M. Davidson, he is as innocent of this crime as any man in the hearing of my voice." The men were convicted of the murder of W. C. Sellers, a night watchman of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad three years ago at High Springs, Fla.

From Chicago to Charleston. Winston-Salem, Special.—The official announcement Saturday by the Atlantic Coast Line and Norfolk and Western that the Winston-Salem Southbound Railroad would be pushed to completion within the next 18 months is received with great satisfaction here. The movement for this through line from Chicago to Charleston, with the Twin City as a prominent junction point, was begun about three years ago. Col. F. H. Fries and Mr. Henry E. Fries, of this city, being among the leaders in the enterprise. Henry E. Fries is now president.

Asheville, Special.—Miss Bertina Lanford, who, while driving with her mother and a small negro boy to the Avery's Creek section of the county Friday, was thrown from the buggy and badly injured, died at the Billmore Hospital Friday night. Miss Lanford suffered a fracture of the skull at the base of the brain and the attending physicians at the hospital where the young woman was taken expressed the fear that the injury would result fatally.

Potato Crop Damaged. Williamston, Special.—The heavy rains of the past week have greatly damaged the Irish potato crops near Williamston and throughout the county. The potatoes have begun to decay in the ground, and many planters are contemplating letting them remain, as they are so badly damaged that they will not bring the standard prices. This means a heavy loss to many of the farmers, as these potatoes are grown extensively in this section.

TAR HEEL CHRONICLES

Happenings And Doings Gleaned From All Parts Of The Old North State.

M. C. PREE CONVENTION. Rev. J. O. Atkinson Elected President and J. B. Sherrill, Secretary-Treasurer. Hendersonville, Special.—The editors of North Carolina were literally presented with the key to the city Wednesday morning, when, at their opening session, held in the court house, Col. S. V. Pickett gave them an auspicious rusty, two-foot-long jail key, recently uncovered here by workmen in excavating for a new building.

At 9:30 the convention was called to order by Dr. J. O. Atkinson, third vice president, who invoked a divine blessing upon the town of Hendersonville and the members of the association. Mayor Staton then presented Col. S. V. Pickett, who cordially welcomed the editors to town. M. L. Shipman, on behalf of the local press, spoke a few words of appreciation and Archibald Johnson, editor of the Asheville Times, responded gratefully on behalf of the association. Dr. Atkinson then read the annual address of the president, who, on account of sickness, was unable to be present in person. The association voted to wire President Thomas its appreciation and its regrets that he was unable to be present. The following sessions to the association were enrolled at the session: 18 new members were admitted as follows: J. V. Sims, Raleigh Times; W. I. Underwood, Greensboro Patriot; J. A. Packiam, Fayetteville Index; Owen G. Dunn, Newbern Sun; R. A. Deal, Wilkesboro Chronicle; W. E. Pharr, North Wilkesboro Hustler; M. L. Yeager, Southern Publisher; R. E. Ranson, Spring Hope Leader; Andrew Joyner, Greensboro News Bureau; C. A. Eury, King's Mountain Herald; Clint Linder, Salisbury Post; T. H. Gosorn, Bakersville Chronicle; H. H. Hamlin, Beaufort Lookout; D. L. St. Clair, Suffolk Express; E. P. Pepper, Danbury Reporter; T. R. Barrows, Hendersonville Hustler; J. R. Roundtree, Kingston Free Press; Chas. H. Williams, Polk County News.

Ashe County Fair. Jefferson, Special.—Ashe county is to have an agricultural fair on September 15-17th. The following officers were elected: President, W. H. Worth; secretary and treasurer, E. E. Fogle; executive committee, John Dent, T. E. Reeves, E. J. Johnson, R. A. Hamilton, W. E. Johnson; premium committee, Jas. P. Perkins, Geo. J. Hamilton, W. T. Colvard; music committee, P. E. Fogle, Joe Worth, W. E. Gentry; committee to arrange premiums, Miss Jennie Worth, Mrs. W. P. Hamilton, Mrs. B. W. Tugman, Mrs. A. E. Graybell, Miss Eula Todd; advertisement committee, W. E. Johnson, G. L. Park, Chas. S. Neal.

Ministers Wife Skips. Newbern, Special.—The congregation of Centenary Methodist Episcopal church was greatly startled Sunday morning when the pastor, Rev. R. C. Beaman, D. D., announced to them that his wife had disappeared and could not be located. The pastor's words were pronounced in as fine oratory as has ever been heard in that pulpit and no word of censure or bitter feeling escaped his lips. It was a very pathetic scene. Notes found in different places indicate that she has left with a man named Grant. The Methodist church is the largest and most influential in the city and one of the largest in the State and Dr. Beaman's charge over it has been marked with a period of prosperity.

Killed by Live Wire. Greensboro, Special.—Bryan Benton, the 12-year-old brother of James M. Benton, city editor of the Morning Telegram, was instantly killed by a live wire late Tuesday afternoon. The boy was at a lawn party at the Christian church, and while a playmate climbed a tree, his fingers touched an uninsulated electric wire, his leg another, the short-circuit causing him to drop.

Death of Miss Sallie Underwood. Charlotte, Special.—Miss Sallie Underwood, the young lady struck by lightning near her home in Gaston county last Thursday afternoon, died Sunday morning at 3:30 o'clock without regaining consciousness. The funeral took place at the home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the service being in charge of Rev. J. B. Tabor, of Mount Holly. The interment was made at Castania church. The funeral procession is said to have been one of the longest that ever followed a funeral in Gaston county.

Youth Develops Rabies. Spencer, Special.—Scott Winders, an orphan boy, aged 13 years, at the home of D. M. Pennington, a prominent farmer, living near Spencer, is in a desperate condition with what is said to be hydrophobia. The boy was seized with fits and, when under the influence of the spasm, attempts to bite and scratch his friends. The lad was bit by a dog six months ago and no attention was given the matter until the disease developed this week.

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NEWSY GLEANINGS.

Frederick De Martens, a famous Russian statesman, died suddenly in a railway station in Vienna caused a big slump in stocks.

A Wall Street rumor that E. H. Harriman was dead in Vienna caused a big slump in stocks. George Kraus, of Pittsburg, eighty-three and dependent, committed suicide by taking poison. Columbia has decided to present the tripartite treaty to the National Assembly, which will be elected on July 20.

A committee of the trustees of Brown University formally recommended that the institution become non-denominational. The Rev. Dr. Leon Harrison said in his sermon in the Free Synagogue, New York City, that Christians shouldn't marry Jews. Philip Lamb dived into the East River, New York City, to show his uncle how to swim and never came up. General George B. Loud protested to the War Department against the "desecration" of Memorial Day at West Point by a baseball game. Edwin Hawley's railroad system obtained an outlet on the Pacific by a traffic agreement with the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway.

The State Department is satisfied that American capitalists will be allowed to share in the profits of the loan to enable China to build a railway. Frederick Cadmore, a young clerk, illustrated in a boat on a pier, in New York City, "how a fool looks a boat." He fell off the pier and had a narrow escape.

GETTING ACQUAINTED. "I don't know her, but I mean to know her before the day is over." "Beware, you are on thin ice." "Then it will be all the easier to break it."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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