

MILLER IS SEEN NEAR MINT HILL

Reported That He was Riding Toward Outskirts of County at the Time.

Adam Miller, the negro charged with committing the outrage upon Mrs. D. F. Finger at her home on the Monroe road Saturday night, was last seen Monday afternoon a few miles beyond Mint Hill, residents of that community reported to the local officers. This report stated that he was in a buggy with another negro when detected. Chief Orr said Tuesday morning that

his force was still undelighting in its search for the negro which has been continuous since shortly after the assault. Motorcycle officers and plain clothes detectives of the city squad have been uninterrupted in their quest and these have been joined by the entire output of the office of Sheriff Cochran.

The entire county to the south and east to the city is still being scoured, but so far without avail. Officers are searching not only during the days, but nights as well. Chief Orr himself having spent the greatest part of the last three nights in the countryside, directing the men working on the case.

The view is generally held by the officers that Miller will be apprehended in the county. They are not of the opinion that he has escaped the dragnet thrown about him. Since the department was notified Saturday night

of the affair, outgoing trains have been watched and stops along the roads have been notified to be on the lookout for the negro whose description has been forwarded. The policemen held to the view that Miller would have been detected had he sought to escape on a train.

The officers are being aided in the scouring of the county for the negro by residents of the Crab Orchard and Clee Creek sections of the county, in one of which he is believed to be in hiding.

Some officers think that Miller is being shielded either by acquaintances or relatives in the Crab Orchard vicinity, where he is well known and where many of his relatives live, but have been unable to get a clue as to his whereabouts from anybody in either of these two neighborhoods.

It is noteworthy, they say, that as soon as Miller put out to make his escape, he headed for the direction in which he was largely familiar with the territory, namely, through the outer fringe of Crab Orchard township. It has been in this section that he has spent his life and he is, therefore, conversant with the by-ways of that neighborhood. The view is held by these officers that, if he is not being actually hidden by some of his many acquaintances in that area, he is concealing in the forest or swamps of the creek and is scouting out occasionally to get his meals from somebody he knows thereabouts.

Officers expressed themselves Tuesday as confident that they would eventually catch Miller. They anticipate that he will make a break for his liberty and then the dragnet will have been drawn so tightly around him, that he will find it impossible to break through.

The condition of Miller's victim permits from the hospital Tuesday as showing continued improvement.

EIGHTEEN EXTRA SHOPPING HOURS

Stores of Merchants Remain Open Until 9 O'clock Until Christmas.

Eighteen shopping hours have been added to the just-before-Christmas week for the benefit of 50,000 living in Charlotte and suburbs and the 500,000 that live in Charlotte's trading territory of 100 miles circumference.

First advantage of the extension of pre-Christmas shopping hours were taken Monday night when a small army of people who work during the day and up to 6 o'clock—the usual hour for Charlotte and suburbs—went forth to shop leisurely pleasantly after they laid down their own work for the day. It was the first time in a full year, or since the week before last Christmas, that Charlotte stores were open at night. They were a riot of light, and color and tempting arrays of goods piled high on counters laid, alluringly and seductively in the windows and displayed in enticing manner at every vantage point in show case, show window, demonstration rack and elsewhere.

True, the stores were open to 9 o'clock Saturday night, but it took the innovation of being open on Monday night to attract attention.

By agreement among the members of the Charlotte Merchants' Association the leading stores of the city, of every kind and perhaps of every grade of importance, will remain open this week until 9 o'clock each evening. This will allow the public three hours extra each day in which to do Christmas shopping and will aggregate 18 extra hours for the whole week.

The public has become so accustomed to the closing of stores sharply at the hour of 6 p. m. that when that hour approached Monday afternoon shoppers began to drift out to the streets either from force of habit or because they had overlooked the new announcement.

The extra hours for shopping at the end of the ordinary business day in Charlotte are expected to prove of exceptional benefit to the workers in industrial plants of all kinds, to employees of stores, offices and other places where there are fixed hours of employment and which usually coincide with the opening and closing of Charlotte mercantile places.

With the stores open after 6 o'clock the employees of many establishments will have an opportunity to shop at their leisure and to examine the arrays of Christmas goods with more care.

COUNTY DESIRES TO CO-OPERATE

With City in the Furtherance of Health Plans for Entire County.

The county desires at least to co-operate with the city in its health activities to the extent of sharing with the municipality in its general offices and laboratory equipment and, perhaps, also to the extent of utilizing the present city physician, Dr. W. A. McPhaul, as supervisor of all health work in the county, it was stated at a meeting of the County Board of Health held Tuesday at the office of Chairman McLaughlin in the court house.

A committee from the board will confer with the city authorities with a view to ascertaining if the health board may have the liberty to consult with Dr. McPhaul in reference to terms of employment for the entire county. It was felt that, inasmuch as the city commissioners have employed the city health officer on a whole-time basis, it would be expedient to find out of the commission will object to the proposal to put Dr. McPhaul in charge of the health activities of the whole county.

This was recommended at a meeting held lately when the board of health

conferred with Dr. Miller, representative of the State board of health, and the latter strongly insisted that, in the interest of economy as well as efficiency, the city and county combine their health operations and centralize them under one man. He recommended that Dr. McPhaul should take the head of this combined office and that he be given sufficient nursing equipment as well as an assistant to enable him to handle the larger task effectually.

The health board decided that, at any rate, it would co-operate with the city in the maintenance of the present offices of the city health officials.

HARDING TO ISSUE PARDONS

Washington, Dec. 20.—President Harding will issue this week a number of pardons for persons imprisoned for violation of the war laws, it was stated authoritatively today.

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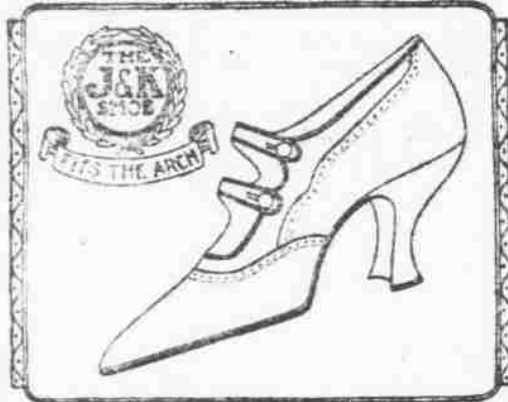
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COIT ALBERTSON AT THE ACADEMY

Former Movie Villain and "That French Girl" Josephine Feature.

Coit Albertson, who used to be a star in the movies and who has starred as the villain in many notable films, is varying his screen experience with a season before the footlights in vaudeville. With an exceedingly fair young lady as a partner, he is on the bill at the Academy of Music the first half of the week and proved to be one of the best performers, in the opinion of many who saw the Keith program at one of three performances Monday. Mr. Albertson appears in a sketch entitled "The Tale of a Tail" and is depicted on an ocean-going steamer bound for the Bermudas on his honeymoon. He and his newly-won bride are hardly out to sea before they have developed a hectic misunderstanding. The comedy of the sketch lies in their quarrelling and their reconciliation. Both Mr. Albertson and his partner show much talent.

Stewart and Harris, two young men with an act compounded of skilled juggling and comedy in about equal proportions, are very acceptable entertainers. Mathews and Ayers, in "Hardboiled," a sketch intended to be comic, are clever, but being hardboiled is only lack of good breeding and, while the audience admires the cleverness of the act, it allows the performers to leave the stage with almost no applause.

Josephine Amoros, "that French girl", and company close the bill after Johnson & Mack, old-time character actors portraying two bums, recall a type of comedy act that was formerly very popular but is not now seen often.

Miss Amoros is a chieftainess of a girl that one imagines are found by thousands on the boulevards of Paris. But she is an acrobat first of all and does one or two stunts of surprising skill. She is accompanied by a young woman of attractive personality who plays the violin and piano and who introduces Miss Amoros in one or two roles.

FARMERS COMPLAIN OF TREE CUTTING

The practice of people in the city going to the country and cutting down Christmas trees has come to be exceedingly annoying to the farmers, it was reported by one of them Tuesday. He said that his wife observed cars going by his house at the other end of the road and not a single automobile passed for a solid hour headed toward the city that did not have a fine cedar tree in it.

Some of the people of the city make it a rule to ask permission of farmers to cut down a small cedar or remunerate the owner as much as the tree is worth, but a whole host of city folks, he said, neither ask permission to cut down the cedars nor offer compensation. They take their axes or saws with them and simply walk out into the forest and whack the tree down, saying nothing about it to anybody.

This rural resident complained that the forests of the countryside are being depopulated of their cedars by this practice. Hundreds and, perhaps, thousands of them are cut down during the holidays every year and at the rate the custom is prevailing and will likely continue, he foresees the end of the cedar tree species here as well as elsewhere.

OWNERS OF FUR COATS AND AUTOS ARE NEEDED

Newport News, Va., Dec. 20.—Owners of big automobiles, fur coats and the like in this city are without food or money with which to purchase the necessities of life, according to officials of the Associated Charities, who are receiving from ten to fifteen calls a day for aid.

GOODFELLOWS TO HAVE BIG EVENT

Christmas Meeting Wednesday Will be Featured by Number of Diversities.

The most important meeting of the Charlotte Goodfellows' Club for the year will be held Wednesday from 1 to 2 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce building when more than 600 members will celebrate the advent of the Christmas season with a specially appropriate program.

One of the features of the occasion will be the musical program, which will be devoted to Christmas ideas. The program will be started with a unique incident. Before sitting down to the table all present will stand and sing, with Rev. Daniel Iverson, pastor of Tenth Avenue Presbyterian church, leading, the famous Christmas hymn, "Joy To The World."

After all members and guests have stood and sung this number, the invocation will be made and the Goodfellows will then eat a Christmas luncheon. Following this they will again be led by Mr. Iverson in singing "Adeste Fideles," the famous Christmas number. Following this the three competitive speakers for charity will be heard. They are to be Dr. W. H. Frazer, president of Queens College; Frank R. McNinch, former mayor of Charlotte, now engaged in community service work; and Lewis Burwell, Charlotte jobber.

After some announcements by President David Owens of the club, the Goodfellows' octet will sing special Christmas numbers, one entitled "Christmas Song" the other be Haydn's famous "Silent Night." The Goodfellows' orchestra will furnish special music during the luncheon hour and will play the accompaniment to other numbers. The Goodfellows will march out of the assembly room led by Mr. Iverson singing "Onward Christian Soldiers." As they go they will not forget to place a few "mites" in Christmas stockings that are to be hung in the assembly hall.

The meeting is expected to be the climactic one for the entire year, so far as the Goodfellows are concerned. The hall will be appropriately decorated for the occasion in Christmas emblems.

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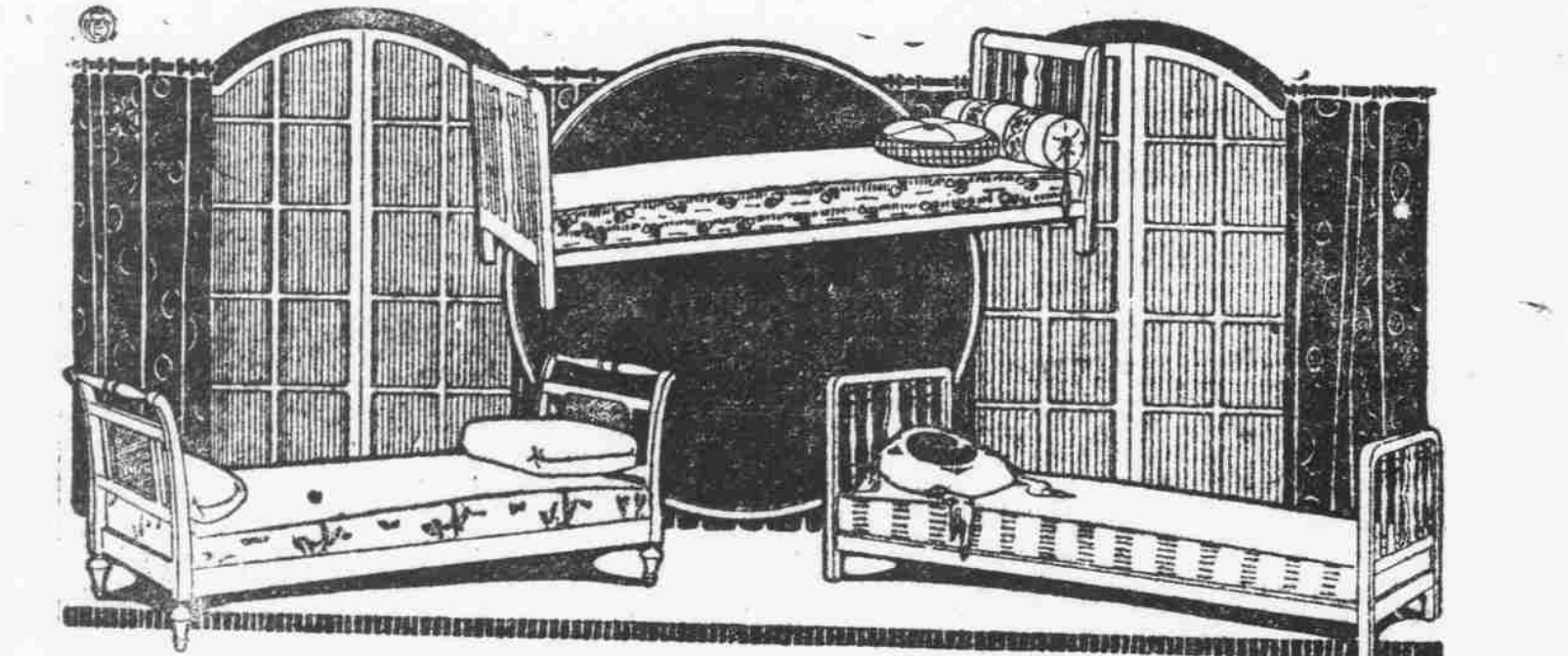
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