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FREE DELIVERY CARRIER'S PAYROLL MURDERERS ESCAPE

Amounts to a Good Sum--A Petition in Voluntary Bankruptcy--Wake Forest Students' Pranks--Large Number of Young Barristers

Two Negro Murderers in the Penitentiary Emulate the Example of Will Harris. The Munificent Reward Offered for Apprehension

(Special to The News.) Raleigh, N. C., Sept. 4.--Certificate of increase of capital for Cora Cotton Mills, Cleveland, by issuing \$50,000 preferred 7 per cent. stock, was filed with the Secretary of State today.

Head-on collision on the Western passenger train No. 35 collided with an east bound freight at Majolica, six miles west of Salisbury. Three persons injured.

Two negro convicts, Malcom Smithman, serving twenty years for the second degree of murder, committed in Guilford, and John Cressman, serving fifteen years, from Henderson county, second degree of murder, escaped last night from the Central Prison.

Postmaster Baker of Raleigh, who is paymaster of rural free delivery mail carriers for North Carolina says the payroll for August was \$17,000. There are 367 routes in the State.

A petition in voluntary bankruptcy is filed in the United States Court here by Abe Morris, of Tarboro. The liabilities are \$7,011 and the assets \$4,940.

The first bale of 1903 cotton was sold on the Raleigh market yesterday and brought 12 cents a pound by M. A. Parker. It was grown by W. L. Turner of Wake county.

MACEDONIAN REVOLUTIONISTS

The Macedonian Committee Trying to Raise a Loan of Ten Millions in London--A Wealthy American Promises Half Million Conditionally

(By Publishers' Press.) London, Sept. 4.--Eugene Lazarovich the organizer of the Macedonian Revolutionary Committee, is now in London seeking to raise a loan of ten million dollars. He said to the Publishers' Press today: "Our object is to recruit with this money an international army of fifty thousand to be placed at the disposal of the Powers as a Macedonian Police to preserve order after peace is restored. We intend to secure a representative body of trustees to act as custodians of funds. A rich American whose name I am unable yet to state has promised five hundred thousand dollars provisionally and there is more now in sight. We look to America for substantial help."

road track in the yard, when his foot was caught between the bumpers of two freight cars and crushed.

Two cadets at the A. and M. College having a grudge against Capt. Phelps, commandant, rushed against this officer on the stairway of one of the buildings yesterday and knocked him down so that he rolled down several steps and was painfully bruised. The boys claimed it was accidental, but two of them have been expelled.

A student from Wake Forest College brought the news this morning that some of the boys last night went into the chapel and removed the strings from the upright pianos in that department. No one knows who did it. Last year 15,030 bales of cotton were sold on the Raleigh markets. The dates and prices for the sale of the first bales for the past three years are: 1901, Sept. 6, 8 cents; 1902, August 22, 8 1-2 cents; 1903, Sept. 3, 12 cents.

A member of the Supreme Court says the names of the successful applicants for licenses to practice law will probably be given out Saturday. Eighty stood the examination and the percent of those receiving licenses will, he says, be unusually large.

Some creditors of W. E. Gwaltney, who until recently ran a large store here, have petitioned for Gwaltney to be declared a bankrupt in order that they may break a bill of sale of stock and fixtures by Gwaltney to Crutchfield, Tollam & Co., of Spartanburg, S. C., and force this firm to share the assets with other creditors. Gwaltney left the city the day before the place was closed up and is said to be in Oklahoma.

HEAD-ON COLLISION ON THE WESTERN

Passenger Train No. 35 Collided With an East Bound Freight at Majolica, Six Miles West of Salisbury. Three Persons Injured

(Special to The News.) Salisbury, Sept. 4.--At Majolica, a small station on the Western North Carolina road, six miles west of this city, last night at 9 o'clock, there occurred a head-on collision between No. 35, the West-bound passenger train and No. 78, an East-bound freight. Baggage-master Jones had one of his hands badly broken and Engineer W. S. Taylor was slightly injured.

One passenger, a woman, whose name could not be learned, had two teeth knocked out.

Twenty head of sheep in a cattle car attached to the freight train were instantly killed, it is thought from the shock.

The cause of the collision seems to be with the crew of the freight train No. 35 had orders to pass No. 78 at Majolica. Usually, the West-bound train does not stop at this station and the supposition was that No. 78 would be in the sidetrack. Instead, the freight was a few minutes behind time and had not pulled in the sidetrack. No. 35 was running at the rate of 25 miles an hour. The engine to the freight was not derailed but the passenger engine was knocked in an upright position and was almost straight in the air this morning.

NOTED BURGLAR GOES TO SING SING

Gentleman George, the Man of Many Aliases, gets a Sentence of Twenty-Three Years--Twenty-Nine Burglaries in Two Months

(By Publishers' Press.) New York, Sept. 4.--Harry S. Brooks alias Robinson alias Gentleman George and other fanciful names, was sentenced today to 23 years at Sing Sing prison for burglary. Brooks comes from Connecticut and is 29 years old. He pleaded guilty on five indictments to burglary but confessed to the police that in the last two months he had committed 29 burglaries in this city. He procured forty-five thousand dollars worth of property by his thefts and a goodly portion of it was displayed in the court room today. He stated that he had been twice before convicted, and once in Connecticut for burglary and once in New Jersey of manslaughter.

Charles J. Glidden and Family Who are Making Their Record Breaking Tour of Europe Now Penetrating Arctic Circle.



COL. W. A. TURK TALKS OF SOUTHERN

Says His Road is Doing Everything Possible to keep Trains on Schedule Time. Work of Double Tracking Delays Matters no Little

The biggest man of the Southern railway was a Charlotte visitor yesterday afternoon for a short while. Most everybody would name this gentleman without any further description but in case there are any who are at a loss to know who this gentleman is, The News will name him--Col. W. A. Turk.

Mr. Turk, who now holds down and ably too, the position of passenger traffic manager of the Southern, was only here for a short while. He came from Greenville and left on one of the night trains for Western North Carolina, his family being at Toxaway Inn, in the Sapphire Country.

Age is dealing lightly with this genial and clever gentleman. He, however, grows no thinner. In fact he will almost admit that he is several pounds heavier than this time last year. Col. Turk had been to Greenville looking after some of his company's interests. While there he gave out the following interview to the Greenville News:

"Now about the handling of through trains from Washington, just look at the work between the National Capital and Orange, Va., and you will find the cause of delays. Hundreds and hundreds of men are working day and night on the double track. The distance is eighty-five miles and while this work continues the greatest care must be exercised in the movement of trains. They must run over the line to Orange at a reasonably safe speed, otherwise there might be serious disasters. It is to our interest, of course, to protect the railroad property, but at the same time we must have due regard for the safety of passengers. I am not going to say that the Washington trains will be on time hereafter. That would be foolish. For the next two months the service must be slow, or until the double track is in shape for fast traffic. The ordinary man cannot appreciate what is being done, or the amount of work involved, and this thing has given the company more concern than it could possibly give to any private citizens. We are honestly trying to provide the best service under the conditions, and there will be more improvement as the work advances and nears completion.

"The Southern Railway was also handicapped by not being able to secure locomotives ordered long ago. The shops had more than they could do and our orders were delayed. Many new engines have been delivered, however, and as these are broken in we are able to make better time. You know a new engine is like a colt that has never been trained. It must be broken. It has got to be acquainted

WAR VETERAN

Colonel McClellan, a Soldier of Three Wars, Celebrates His Eighty-Ninth Birthday. Was a Confederate Soldier Under Johnston

(By Publishers' Press.) Bristol, Sept. 4.--Col. George R. McClellan celebrated the 89th anniversary of his birth at his home in Bristol yesterday. He is said to be the only surviving field officer of the volunteer army that marched against Mexico. Also fought in the Cherokee Indian war and also in the civil war under General Johnston. He was wounded in the battle of Shiloh. The colonel is still a vigorous man.

THE TURKISH SITUATION

American Marines Will be Landed in Constantinople if Necessary to Protect Americans--Horrible Outrages in Adrianople

(By Publishers' Press.) Vienna, Sept. 4.--The Odessa correspondent of Vol Ksblatt, wires that all the Coast of Adrianople and Stefan is ablaze. Hundreds of villages have been destroyed and the once smiling region of Goekepe and Wasliko are blackened like the desert. Hundreds of Turkish women, girls burned to death.

WILL LAND MARINES IN CONSTANTINOPLE

Washington, Sept. 4.--U. S. Minister Leishman at Constantinople today informed the State Department that some European powers have landed marines at Constantinople. If the lives of Americans there become endangered the United States government will also send a detachment of marines to Constantinople.

—Mrs. L. L. Surratt, who has been at the Stokes-Whitehead Sanitarium, Salisbury, for several weeks, is expected to return home in a few days.

HARRIS IS SHREWD AND WATCHFUL

He Carries a Bottle of Turpentine to Ward Off Bloodhounds -- Mixes Up With Cows and Hogs in Order to Thwart the Dogs

Mr. Victor Fesperman, of Long Creek, was in the city today and had a long talk with Sheriff Wallace concerning his race after Will Harris, the negro desperado.

Mr. Fesperman states that his bloodhound ran Harris for more than two miles Wednesday afternoon and night; that Harris was seen by several parties including his father-in-law, Calvin Houston. He went to old man Houston's home Wednesday afternoon between three and four o'clock, asked for something to eat.

This was about three hours after Mr. Robert Earnhardt saw him at the bridge over Stony creek, in Mallard Creek township.

Some little distance from Houston's home, Mr. Fesperman's dog unearthed some watermelon rinds that Harris had buried only a short while before.

After leaving that place where he devoured the watermelon, Harris continued up the creek to a point a short distance from where Mr. Earnhardt had seen him at the noon hour. Instead of going up the creek on the same side as he came down, he crossed to the opposite side.

Mr. Fesperman's dog was making Harris hum when the negro dodged in among some cattle and hogs that were in a field close beside the creek. At this point the dog lost his track and ran back to old man Houston's, it is supposed on the track of Harris as he went down the creek at mid-day.

In speaking of Harris, Mr. Fesperman says he is the shrewdest negro he has ever had anything to do with. If he sees a cow or a hog, when he is being run, he will follow the animal as long as he can. Mr. Fesperman says he does this, knowing that it will be hard for a dog to keep up with his tracks. Then, too, he has gotten on to another scheme to baffle the dog. He carries with him a bottle of turpentine and sprinkles the fluid as he goes. When the dog is following the trail and strikes tracks where turpentine has been sprinkled the animal gives one big snuffle and returns home. A dog, according to Mr. Fesperman, cannot bear the scent of turpentine.

Ten Thousand Soldiers.

(By Publishers' Press.) Louisville, Ky., Sept. 4.--It now seems assured that ten thousand soldiers will take part in the manoeuvres at West Point, Ky., in October. Major Elias Chandler received a list of the state troops who will be present. They are Kentucky, 1,400; Wisconsin, 800; Michigan, 3,000; Indiana, 2,200. There will be at least 3,000 regulars. There will be no women at the camp as guests. General Bates commander, department of the Lakes, issued an order to this effect, and so instructed Adjutant General Murray.

Frederick Coudert Better.

(By Publishers' Press.) Oyster Bay, Sept. 4.--At the home of Frederick R. Coudert, Sr., it was said that Mr. Coudert who has been seriously ill with heart trouble, passed a comfortable night and that his condition is much improved since yesterday.

MINE-WORKERS QUARTERLY REPORT

Gratifying Exhibit Made by Auditing Committee -- Absence of Strikes in the Organization--Financial Status--Large Monthly Income

(By Publishers' Press.) Indianapolis, Sept. 4.--The quarterly reports of the auditing committee of the United Mine Workers of America was completed last night. With a membership of 325,000 scattered throughout the states from coast to coast, less than two thousand men are on strike. The report shows that the organization now has \$99,610.94 in cash in their treasury and an income approximating sixty thousand dollars a month. The situation, as far as the mine workers are concerned was never more gratifying in this history of their union.

NEW AUTOMOBILE RECORD.

An Automobile Goes to the Top of Mt. Washington.

(By Publishers' Press.) Crawford House, N. H., Sept. 4.--Martin J. Hoy and Mrs. Albert H. Hoy of Chicago, made a trip to the top of Mount Washington yesterday and returned and established a new record. The run was made in a steam automobile and the trip was made in the actual running time of an hour and 33 minutes allowing 25 minutes time lost, on account of meeting carriages going up and coming down.

FATAL MANOEUVERS.

Too Realistic Drilling--A German Officer Killed and Soldiers Wounded.

(By Publishers' Press.) Berlin, Sept. 4.--The German army manoeuvres were again too realistic at Kaiser Lauten in Rhenish Bavaria today. One officer was killed and six men wounded. This is the second fatal manoeuvre this year in the Prussian army.

TRAIN ROBBERS ATTEMPT FOILED

Kid Curry Supposed to be the Head of the Gang -- The Railroad Sends Another Train Ahead of the Limited. Plot Thwarted

(By Publishers' Press.) Missoula, Mont., Sept. 4.--A special train carrying a posse of armed men ran ahead of the Northern Pacific Limited last night because of the discovery of a plot to hold up and rob the regular North Coast Limited. The railroad officials learned that the plan had been laid upon the North Coast Limited at Malta. It is said that Kid Curry is abroad in Montana with another gang and that railway officials will adopt extraordinary precautions until he is in custody again.

REVOLUTION IN CIVIL SERVICE RECOMMENDED

The Thousands of Government Employees Designated "Laborers" to be Placed on the Classified List. Merit System to Prevail

An Eligible List of Laborers to be Created and the Man at the Top of the List will Fill the Next Vacancy -- Immense Strides in Reform

(By Publishers' Press.) Washington, Sept. 4.--An order is soon expected from Oyster Bay that will virtually have the effect of placing the thousands of government employees designated as "laborers" in the classified service. Regulations governing this proposed change have been formulated by the Civil Service Commission and will be laid before President Roosevelt on Tuesday. Commissioner Cooley has left here for New York. He has a draft of the regulations with him and will go to Oyster Bay the first of the week. "The proposition," said Cooley today, "is to create an eligible list of laborers. All applicants must qualify as to their physical, mental and moral attainments and the one heading the list is to be given the first vacancy."

SENATOR BALL NON-COMMITTAL ON THE TURNING OUT OF THE DELAWARE POSTMASTER.

(By Publishers' Press.) Wilmington, Del., Sept. 4.--United States Senator Ball when asked his opinion regarding the removal of Miss Hulda B. Todd as postmistress of Greenwood, Delaware, by Postmaster General Payne, refused to make a statement. His silence is believed by many to be due to the fact that he approves of Payne's action.

ADMIRAL DWEY'S MOVEMENTS.

(By Publishers' Press.) Troy, N. Y., Sept. 4.--Admiral Dewey came to Troy this morning from Saratoga, and spent an hour in inspecting the shirt and collar factories of Clapp, Peabody and Co. He afterwards visited Watervliet arsenal. He will die at the Troy Club as the guest of E. M. Green, of this city.

MUSICAL DIRECTOR DEAD.

(By Publishers' Press.) Muncie, Ind., Sept. 4.--General Music Director Zumpe was found dead this morning. He had practical oversight of the Wagner Cycles at the Royal Theatre and his death will interrupt their progress.

TO MODERNIZE THE PAPAL SYSTEM

The Young Clergy are Starting a World-wide Movement to Bring the Papal System into Accord With Modern Progressive Ideas

(By Publishers' Press.) Rome, Sept. 4.--The young clergy are agitating to start a world-wide movement to induce the Pope to modernize the Papal System to accord with modern progressive ideas. The initiators count especially on the French, Irish, American and Australian clergy to help and trust the Powers and the Press will support them.