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BURGLARS CLEVER WORK REWARDED VERY POORLY

Three Safes as Many College Street Merchants Were Blown to Atoms at an Early Hour This Morning

Officer Shields Escaped Death by the Narrowest of Margins--There is Absolutely No Clue as to Who the Burglars Are

A total of \$37.54 in cash, three safes blown to atoms and a police officer badly shocked by a bullet that came very near to his heart, is the result of a raid by professional cracksmen on a number of North College street merchants at an early hour this morning.

At about 3:20 o'clock this morning, Officers Shields, Hargett and M. M. Earnhardt were passing along College street between Fifth and Trade streets. Their attention was attracted by a noise in the rear of the store room occupied by J. C. and J. P. Long. They stopped and the noise, as if hammering on a piece of iron, again reached their ears.

Officers Hargett and Earnhardt remained at the front door of the Long store while Officer Shields quickly went down College and down Trade to a small alley-way that leads in rear of the buildings on College street. Just as Officer Shields made his appearance in rear of the buildings a man arose from behind a pile of rubbish and threw a pistol in his face. Before Officer Shields had time to pull his gun, the man fired. The bullet struck the officer's coat just above the heart, penetrated the heavy cloth and spent its force on a large button on his inside coat. The bullet's force shocked the officer and it was some moments before he recovered.

Simultaneously with the report of the first shot there came a thundering noise from the store room occupied by Geo. W. Painter & Co., which is located a few doors south of where Officers Earnhardt and Hargett were standing. The men rushed to the rear of the store and found Officer Shields still standing near the spot where the cracksmen had fired on him. After ascertaining that their fellow officers were not seriously hurt, they returned to the front of the buildings on College street and sounded an alarm.

Sergeant Farrington and Patrolmen McCall and Crowl investigated the call and then a general investigation of the premises were gone into.

In the store room occupied by J. C. and J. P. Long it was found that the burglars had entered by knocking out several panes of glass in one of the rear windows. In their efforts to get to the safe they had knocked down the store and piping and had almost turned the safe around in the basement. The blast in the right place. The dial of the safe was knocked off and the upper corner of the door was battered and blown open from the effects of the explosives. It was during the time the men were arranging to make the second blast that the officers heard the noise of the hammering in the basement. They thought that the ones who were working on the Long safe made their escape at the first report of the pistol.

In the harness store occupied by the Trotter Harness Company, formerly P. A. Osborne's place, the safe blowers entered the hiding place in order to place the safe. It seems they had some trouble with Mr. Trotter's safe, for after they had reduced it to pieces, they pushed it out the back way on a small landing. The timber was not strong enough to hold the weight of the safe so it tumbled down in the basement. It was there the officers found it some time after the search was begun.

Mr. Trotter had, luckily, taken most of his money to the bank yesterday. There was, however, about \$18 and a watch in one of the drawers. The burglars took the large sum of \$18 and the watch. So far, nothing else has been missed.

The grocery store of J. E. Darsey was, it seems, overlooked by the cracksmen. At least there are no signs that the burglars attempted to enter. Mr. Darsey had quite a sum of money in his safe and he is today blessing his luck.

The furniture store of Cooper and Davis was next entered. Here the burglars broke several panes of glass, through which they entered.

The safe was removed from its position and the dial and hinges were in the knocked off. Explosives were inserted in the small opening at the edge of the door and the blast followed. The door of the safe was completely blown off.

For this clever piece of meanness, the burglars were rewarded by securing the large sum of \$18 and the watch. Cooper, one of the proprietors, stated to a News man this morning, that he had deposited what cash he had on hand yesterday and the small amount the cracksmen got was in five and ten cent pieces and a few brownies.

At the commission house of Geo. W. Painter & Co., next door to Cooper and Davis the burglars went to the safe, successfully worked the combination, smashed in the small door to one of the inside drawers and took \$18 in cash.

In the same drawer where the cash

ASSAULT ON NEGRO WOMAN.

A Black Brute in Raleigh is in Jail For the Crime, With Threats of Lynching by Negroes--The Grand Lodge Officers.

(Special to The News.)

Raleigh, Jan. 14.—George McNeil, colored, was jailed this morning for criminal assault on Ida Taylor, wife of John Taylor, a respectable negro here. It has excited much indignation among the negroes, and there is considerable talk by them of trying to lynch him tonight. The woman has had spasms repeatedly during the day.

The Grand Lodge of Masons adjourned the 119th annual session at 2 o'clock today, after installing the officers elected last night. Grand Master Liddell announced the following appointment of officers:

Grand Chaplain, Dr. T. N. Ivey, of Raleigh; Grand Lecturer, E. W. Hatcher, Liberty; Senior Grand Deacon, W. B. McKay, Wilmington; Junior Grand Warden, F. M. Winchester; Grand Marshal, W. J. Roberts, Winston; Grand Sword Bearer, M. D. Kinland; Grand Pursevant, J. B. Griggs, Elizabeth City; Grand Stewards, J. D. Elliott, Hickory; F. J. Jones, Gulf; Grand Tiler, R. H. Bradley, Raleigh; Grand Custodian, J. E. Cameron, Raleigh.

Of motion of A. J. Parker, a resolution regarding the sale of intoxicants, tabled yesterday, was taken from the table and the following substitute adopted:

"Resolved, That no man be eligible to membership who is engaged in manufacturing intoxicants, or in the wholesale or retail liquor business, the resolution to be referred to subordinate lodges, and to become a law of the Grand Lodge when adopted by two-thirds of the subordinate lodges.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 14.—At 10 o'clock this morning the Grand Lodge of Masons installed the following officers for the next year:

Grand Master—W. S. Liddell of Charlotte.

Deputy Grand Master—F. D. Winston of Winsor.

Senior Grand Warden—S. M. Gattis of Hillsboro.

Junior Grand Warden—R. N. Hacklett of Wilkesboro.

Grand Secretary—William Simpson of Raleigh.

Assistant Grand Treasurer—Leo D. Heart of Raleigh.

Grand Secretary—John C. Drewry of Raleigh.

The building committee of the State Board of Agriculture has decided to proceed at once with the work of completing the Pullen building and Wauga Hall erected during the past year and propose to start as soon as possible the erection of the \$50,000 agricultural building. They are having some difficulty in securing the site they desire for the building. This is right opposite the State Fair grounds.

Charters are granted for six new corporations, another Greensboro furniture manufacturing company, Nathan O'Berry, F. K. Borden and others, company to do a general wholesale grocery business.

White Pine Lumber Co., Asheville, capital \$50,000; incorporators, C. M. Pittman and others, to do a general lumber business, get out telephone poles, etc.

Hines Buggy Co., Murfreesboro, capital \$10,000; incorporators, G. W. Hines, J. R. Hines and others.

Escaped convict Walter Joyner brought back to penitentiary from Wilson county. He was sent up from farm in July. Was sent up from Wilson and served 15 years for assault with intent to commit criminal assault.

KILLED WIFE AND SELF.

Young White Man of Buncombe Shoots His Wife and Then Himself.

(Special to The News.)

Asheville, N. C., Jan. 14.—The sheriff received a telephone message last night from Horning, a country post-office about twelve miles from Asheville, stating that George Corn, a young white man, living in that vicinity, had shot his wife to death and then, going out into the main road, had put a bullet into his own brain. A late message says that no cause for the tragedy is known. It is believed that Corn committed the crime in a fit of insanity. So far as is known he was perfectly sober, and had not been drinking at all.

Hon. R. B. Glenn at Newell's.

Hon. R. B. Glenn, of Newell's, arrived in the city last night and left today at noon for Newell's where this afternoon he delivers an address at a big educational rally on the occasion of the opening of the new Newell's Academy. Mr. Glenn was accompanied to Newell's by Mr. R. J. Cochran and Mr. F. R. McNinch, the latter being booked for an address also.

The party expected to return late this afternoon.

The white graded schools of the city were dismissed at 12:30 today in order to give teachers and pupils an opportunity to attend the Gordon memorial services.

CHARLOTTE PAYS LOVING TRIBUTE TO THE DEAD

Memorial Exercises in Memory of Gen. John B. Gordon Held in the First Presbyterian Church This Afternoon.

Many Pay Beautiful Tributes to the South's Great General--The Church was Filled With Those who Sincerely Mourned.

Perhaps at no time since the death of the South's great leader, Jefferson Davis, has this city displayed greater signs of mourning than on today when for several hours many of the leading stores, the graded schools and other institutions were closed, to pay a last tribute to the memory of the South's late hero, Gen. John B. Gordon.

The public exercises and memorial services were held at the First Presbyterian church. The front seats were reserved for the Veterans, Sons of Veterans, Daughters and Children of the Confederacy. The members of Mecklenburg Camp, Confederate Veterans met at their hall at 12:30 o'clock and marched in a body to the church, where the memorial exercises began at 1 o'clock.

On the pulpit platform were seated Commander Harrison Watts of Mecklenburg Camp; Capt. Carlisle of the South Carolina Division, Confederate Veterans; Chaplain Holland of the local Camp and Dr. J. R. Howerton, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

After the singing of Kipling's famous Recessional, "Lord God of Hosts be With Us Yet, Lost We Forget," Commander Watts announced the order of exercises.

Commander Watts said in part: "Veterans, Sons of Veterans, Daughters of the Confederacy and others, we have met here in a common sorrow to pay a last tribute to the memory of our South's great hero, whose funeral is now taking place in Atlanta."

He then announced the order of services as follows: Scripture reading, by the Chaplain, Dr. J. R. Howerton.

Prayer, by Dr. J. R. Howerton.

Hymn, "Servant of God Well Done." Dr. Robert C. Holland paid the first tribute to the dead hero, saying in part: "The body of our late Chieftain is now lying in state in the capital of his native State and it seems that all the South has paused to pay tribute to the dead. Legislatures have adjourned and sent representatives to funeral; flags are at half mast over city buildings and each heart in common tones gives note to the common sorrow."

"What meaneth this?" "Is it because there lies a distinguished soldier awaiting burial. Entering the ranks as a private soldier he rose from rank to rank until he became the commander-in-chief of the survivors of the great struggle in which he so nobly fought. And yet there are soldiers surviving him equal in bravery and in action. But more was it because General Gordon was commander-in-chief of the Confederacy that we witness this great course of sorrow. As such he was loved and loved in return.

"As the years passed by the Southern heart sought out some one who should embody its true feelings. As to the Confederacy Gen. Gordon seemed to spring up spontaneously in answer to this demand. The Confederate and the National flag bend today over the casket of this great hero and I think in no country on the globe can be found a more tender recollection of the heroic deeds of the dead hero. To these virtues he added a noble and knightly character. Through all the years he has preserved his integrity—unpurchasable by all the honors his country could offer. We therefore come to pay tribute to the memory of a man worthy of tribute. But more than all this he was a man of crowning virtue, a soldier of the cross and not ashamed to stand up in righteous indignation against shame among wrong."

The second speaker was then introduced, Gen. Carlisle, Commanding the South Carolina Division, Confederate Veterans.

"As the representative of South Carolina," said Gen. Carlisle, "I am here to say there was no man in the South more loved by my State, except our own Hampton, than General Gordon."

"Not more than three weeks ago it was my privilege to meet General Gordon. I saw that he was failing and I said to him: 'General, you will have to give up work' and he, with that kind way of his, placed his hands on my shoulders, and said, 'Carlisle, I realize it, too.'"

"Let us all," concluded Gen. Carlisle, "unite to pay honor to this noble and great chieftain."

At the conclusion of Gen. Carlisle's brief address the hymn, "How Firm a Foundation" was sung and Dr. J. R. Howerton then arose and made the

concluding address. Dr. Howerton's remarks were made especially to and in behalf of the Sons of Veterans and Daughters and Children of the Confederacy. Dr. Howerton said: "The honors that we give to these heroes as they pass away one by one are paid to each one in humbler walks who pass away. It will not be long ere we see for the last time the Confederate Veterans among us. But every one of such leaves behind a legacy to us to be kept and honored. To us belongs the duty of defending the honor and perfecting the memory of those who are thus passing away."

Dr. Howerton read an interesting extract from Gen. Gordon's writings in which he said: "I have long been a broad statesmanship, and a united country free from petty of partisan strife or hatred."

Continuing, Dr. Howerton said: "While we should be liberal to those opposed to us, we cannot be right to agree with them in all things, some of which they may entirely contradict us in. We cannot afford to let go down in history any theory that would brand these heroes with opprobrious terms."

"Either these epithets, 'traitor and rebel,' should be dropped from history or let them become synonymous with bravery and loyalty, and we can do this without opposing any other section. We must continue to say that our heroes fought for what they believed to be right, what they were taught was right and that in which they, as children, were reared in."

"The have set before us an example of that patriotism which we must copy if we would be true to our country."

"God grant that we may never be called upon to shoulder the musket, but there are other battles for us to fight and unless we emulate the courage and manhood of the Confederacy we will fail in the battle. The highest type of manhood is that set forth by the Son of God and many of our heroes were greater men because they, too, were humble servants of the Man of Galilee."

"If ever the Sons of Veterans should forget the duty imposed upon them to sustain the memory of the dead, let the Daughters of the Confederacy and the Sons of Veterans remember, but I am sure we can say to these old Veterans that we as Sons of Veterans will see to it that the memories of the Confederacy and its heroes and the honor of our country shall be preserved."

CHARLOTTE CONVOCATION.

Programme of Exercises During the Meeting.

Beginning tonight at 8 o'clock a series of special services will be held in St. Peter's Episcopal church, corner Seventh and Tryon streets, under the direct auspices of the Convocation of Charlotte. Many visiting priests and laymen are expected from the various points in the Convocation, and the occasion among the members of the church is of a most interesting nature.

The Convocation is presided over by the Ven. E. A. Osborne, a priest well known to the people of this community for his zeal and piety. He has arranged a most interesting programme covering the four days of the Convocation, which is as follows:

Thursday, January 14th: 8 p. m., Evening Prayer, with sermon by Rev. S. R. Guignard; alternate, Rev. J. H. Williams. Subject: "Responsibility of Laymen for Diocesan Missions."

Friday, January 15th: 10 a. m., Organization; 11 a. m., Morning Prayer, with sermon by Rev. H. B. Dean, D. D.; alternate, Rev. R. G. Shannonhouse. Subject: "Need of Lay Workers in the Church;" celebration of the Holy Communion; 3 p. m., Conference. Reports of Ministers and treasurers. Discussion in regard to work in the Convocation; 8 p. m., Evening Prayer, with sermon by Rev. H. B. Dean, D. D.; alternate, Rev. R. G. Shannonhouse. Subject: "Need of Money in Missionary Work."

Saturday, January 16th: 7:30 a. m., Holy Communion; 10 a. m., Conference, Sunday school work. 1. Qualification of Teacher, Mr. C. R. Brown; 2. What Should Be Taught in Sunday Schools? Mr. W. A. Smith; 3. The Primary Class, Mrs. C. L. Hunter; 3 p. m., Conference, Women's Auxiliary, Junior Auxiliary, Daughters of the King and Babies' Branch; 8 p. m., Evening Prayer, with sermon by the Rev. Harris Mallinckrodt; alternate, Rev. S. J. M. Brown.

Sunday, January 17th: 11 a. m., Morning Prayer, with sermon, Holy Communion; 4 p. m., Sunday School Rally. Address by Rev. Harris Mallinckrodt; alternate, Mr. C. R. Brown; Address by Rev. R. G. Shannonhouse; alternate, Mr. C. P. Willcox; 8 p. m., Evening Prayer and Conference on the Brotherhood of St. Andrew. Address by Mr. J. C. Buxton; alternate, Mr. Heriot Clarkson.

Badly Frightened Coons.

This morning at 9 o'clock there was the sound of wailing and weeping in a negro house on South Church street. The commotion was caused by the appearance of an obnoxious white man who came to an adjoining house and finding nobody at home, he entered the house occupied by the negroes where he produced a revolver and succeeded in frightening the inmates nearly to death.

The man, as it was deemed expedient somebody slipped out and phoned for an officer but when the latter arrived the man had fled. The officer was unable to learn his name.

North Carolina endorses Josephus Daniels' vote for St. Louis since it hears that Chicago was the place the Hearst boomers wanted.

WITH MILITARY HONORS SOUTHLAND PAYS HOMAGE

General Gordon, Soldier, Statesman, Author, Patriot, Christian, the Last of the South's Great Commanders, Sleeps Near the Confederate Monument

The South Wept Over His Body and her Distinguished Sons Spoke His Praise--He was Buried With Military Honors and the Tears of His People

(By Associated Press.)

Atlanta, Jan. 14.—Attended by military honors, and all the homage that his native State and the Southland could give, John B. Gordon, soldier, statesman and citizen, was buried in Oakland Cemetery here this afternoon. The funeral was the largest ever known in this city, and the memorial exercises, which were conducted in the House of Representatives in the State capitol, were attended by thousands. The governors and distinguished statesmen of the South, and Confederate leaders and veterans, that fought through the war between the States, gave eulogies to Gen. Gordon's name.

A salute of seventeen guns was fired during the day, the cours and schools were closed, and many of the business places suspended business during the hour of the funeral.

The memorial exercises began at ten o'clock, and were presided over by Gov. Terrell. Among the speakers who paid a tribute to Gen. Gordon were Gen. Stephen D. Lee, Commander-in-Chief of the United Confederate Veterans; Gen. Clement A. Evans, Commander of the Department of Tennessee, United Confederate Veterans; Judge Thomas G. Jones, of the United States District Court of Northern Alabama; Gov. Duncan Clinch Heyward, of South Carolina; Gov. W. S. Jennings, of Florida; Judge George Christian, of Virginia; Gen. Bennett Young, of Kentucky, and John Temple Graves, of Georgia.

Following the memorial exercises, which were concluded at noon, the remains were carried across the city to the Central Presbyterian Church, where the funeral exercises were conducted. The doors of the church were thrown open to the public, so that the veterans might have the opportunity to witness the services.

The services in the church were of the simplest order.

During the funeral different organizations of military veterans and civic bodies formed outside the church, and it is estimated that five thousand men were in line. The procession, consisting of the Sixteenth regiment, Georgia State Guard, three troops of cavalry; different posts of United Confederate Veterans, and the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Long lines of carriages followed the procession. The services at the cemetery were simple, consisting of a salute by the companies, and the sounding of taps. The casket was placed in a vault near the Confederate monument.

The Services in Detail.

Promptly at 10:15 a. m. Gov. J. M. Terrell rose and stretched his hands forth as a command for silence. At the silent command the great crowds in the hall rose to their feet and stood with bowed heads. Rev. T. P. Cleveland, Chaplain of the United Confederate Veterans of Georgia Division, rose and with broken voice offered a touching prayer. During the opening prayer of the impressive ceremony the vast crowds in the chamber and galleries stood with bowed heads and not a sound broke the silence during the heart-rending prayer of the venerable Chaplain. With his voice choking with emotion and husky with the sorrow he felt, Dr. Cleveland held the prayer of the impressive ceremony to the hearts of the South. No man ever held more firmly within his grasp the love and devotion of the people than this chieftain of the glorious yet unsuccessful South. While he was yet in life all Georgians felt that "thrice elected to the United States Senate, twice Governor of his State, he was true at all times and distinguished himself in every position of trust and never was the day Georgia was not ready to confer upon this most faithful servant any honor which her gifts could bestow. Each recurring season found him pleading for a reunited country without a suggestion of dishonorable compromise. Esteem warmed into admiration that is a tribute to American manhood."

General Stephen D. Lee, the first speaker, said: "General John B. Gordon at the time of his death was the most conspicuous and typical Confederate soldier living, one of the most distinguished personal valor and one nearest and dearest to the hearts of his living comrades. He was an ideal soldier, inspiring his soldiers almost to madness and being able to lead them into the very jaws of death. As a citizen and patriot and statesman

successful as had been his record as a soldier. In Congress, in the most trying period, with Hill, Lamar, Gibson and others he placed the entire South under lasting obligations to him for his wisdom and patience. He was the able governor of Georgia. He did his full duty in peace as well as war and in his latter years while as loyal to tender memories of Confederate causing his allegiance, set an example of loyalty to our great reunited American nation. He virtually became the great apostle of reconciliation and obliteration of sectional feeling between the North and South. But it is in our great fraternal association of Confederate Veterans an example of Confederate greatness and most beloved. He was for 13 years since its organization its first and only commander. No living Confederate can fill his place in the affections, admiration and love of his comrades as he filled it. His private life was pure and spotless and an example to every American citizen. He was an all around great man, distinguished and valiant as a soldier, eminent as a statesman and author, a great orator and a useful and public spirited citizen."

Speaking of Gordon's valor, Governor Heyward of South Carolina said: "As a great American of the Southern Confederacy, as Governor and United States Senator of the Grand old State of Georgia, as a patriot, citizen and man, John B. Gordon stood always true and right. In his loyal heart there was no room for anything that was not brave and noble. God's place is in the hearts of our people. His work is finished. He sleeps and sleeps well. He fought the good fight, he has finished his course, he has kept the faith. We who knew him know that there is now for him a crown of righteousness, peace and rest for evermore."

ANTI-SALOON MEETING.

Invitations issued to the Gathering Sunday Afternoon.

Invitations calling attention to the Anti-Saloon meeting that will be held in the Academy Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, were issued today. They read as follows:

Dear Sir:

We desire to call your attention to, and give you a cordial invitation to attend, the Anti-Saloon meeting to be held in the Academy of Music Sabbath afternoon, Jan. 17, at 5 o'clock. Mr. J. W. Bailey, of Raleigh, N. C., an interesting and eloquent speaker, will make the address.

As a citizen you will be interested in this meeting, no matter what your views on the subject under discussion may be. It will doubtless soon be incumbent on the citizens of Charlotte to decide at the post whether or not the saloon shall continue to do business in this city. We are not seeking to dictate to you what your attitude shall be on this question, but simply invite you to come and hear a clear, interesting and dispassionate address on the subject.

Such things are involved in this issue, financial and social, as well as moral. It is one of the greatest questions before the American people today, and one that must be settled at the ballot box. As a citizen you will have as much to do with its settlement as any other man in Charlotte. It is because of this fact that we call your attention to the meeting at the Academy, and urge your attendance. We are sure you are concerned to discharge your civic duties with an intelligent regard to your own best interests, and the best interests of others.

Assuring you an hour of entertaining and profitable discussion of this subject in a way becoming a religious service on the Lord's day, and that no violence will be done your honest convictions, we are,

Sincerely yours,
J. KNOX MONTGOMERY,
T. F. MARR,
G. C. HUNTINGTON,
Committee of the Ministers Conference.

No Intervention.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Jan. 14.—In regard to reports from Paris of possible intervention of Great Britain and France the Foreign Office says no such steps are on foot. So far as Great Britain is concerned no request has been received from either Russia or Japan for such action and Foreign Office says it fears time has passed for any intervention to be asked for or for unasked for intervention to be effectual.

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—Cotton receipts today 51 bales at 12½ cents against 114 bales at 8.65 last year.