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## NO TRACE OF HARRY CLARK WHO MADE ESCAPE FROM CAMP

Was Serving Sentence in Connection with Sensational Killing of Chas. G. Smith at Union Depot Plot for his Escape Unearthed.

Improve Executive Offices, Young Negro Committed to Penitentiary, Prof. Burkett to Retire, Students Leave Dormitories, Campuses Chartered.

Special to The News.

Raleigh, N. C., March 20.—No trace has yet been found of Harry Clark, who escaped about midnight last night from the county convict camp. Clark was from New York, and serving a sentence in connection with the sensational killing of Charles G. Smith, of Raleigh, Va., October 21, in the union depot.

Clark is known to have powerful friends in New York and the sensation developed a few weeks ago when a plot for his escape was unearthed.

The escape effected last night was outlined in the intercepted letter which exposed the former plot.

The county authorities believed the informer figured in effecting the escape and that persons high in the community were connected with the scheme.

Raleigh, N. C., March 20.—Governor Glenn has just placed orders for hand-some new gas and electric chandeliers for the executive offices and contracts have been awarded for refinishing the interior of the offices quite handsomely. A massive oak flat top desk containing no end of drawers and compartments has been ordered to take the place of the present executive desk to which Private Secretary Arrington will fall heir. It is safe to say the executive offices of the North Carolina state capital will compare favorably with any in the country when the improvements are all in.

Sheriff Harris of Cabarrus county has just safely committed to the state prison Ernest Scott, a young negro who is under sentence to serve ten years for criminal assault, having allowed the negro to break away from him last October when he was conducting him from the Union depot here to enter on the service of the sentence. The sheriff recaptured the negro a few days ago a few miles from his old home. He says that when he escaped last October he ran to Oberlin and induced a negro to cut off the handcuffs and then made his way to West Virginia working several weeks in Bluefield but that he had not a minutes rest as he was constantly dreading arrest which has come as a great relief.

It is understood that Prof. Burkett of the chair of agriculture at the A. & M. College has finally decided that he will retire from the college next July to accept an offer he has from an institution in Ohio. He has greatly advanced the efficiency of the agricultural department during his connection with the college the enrollment of agricultural students having increased ten fold.

It is a notable fact that since the difficulty between the college faculty, and the students at the A. & M. College has fallen over the withdrawal of certain privileges from the students, especially the senior class, the number of students has steadily dwindled until the number actually living in the college dormitories has fallen from upwards of five hundred to less than two hundred. The students have not abandoned their connection with the college but have gone out into the city and secured board in the Raleigh families so that they would not be under the operation of the college regulations after recitation and work hours every day. It is understood that the faculty gave them their choice to do this provided they obtained the consent of their parents or guardians. The increased cost of food has also in the meantime increased the cost of board at the college so that an advance of \$2 per month was made in the rate a few months ago. This contributed to the cause for the going of several of the students into private families. It is understood that quite a number are asking now to be taken back into the college dormitories and to the college table.

A charter was granted this morning in the office of the Secretary of State for the Carolina Apartment Co. of Wilmington. The capital is \$150,000 authorized and \$15,000 subscribed by Thos. W. Wright, W. R. Kenan Jr. and Col. Walker Taylor. The purpose is the erection of a big thoroughly modern apartment house at the corner of Market and Fifth.

There is also a charter issued for the Oxford Buggy Co. at a capital of \$10,000 by J. H. Long, A. A. Hicks and others.

The L. O. B. Branch Camp United Confederate Veterans decided at their annual meeting today to send the famous Confederate drum corps in this city, the only surviving corps of the kind in the south, to the annual reunion of the United Confederate veterans association to be held this spring in New Orleans.

Hill E. King who was conspicuous in republican circles here during the fusion regime when he was clerk of the state Senate and held an office in

CHARLOTTE, N. C., TUESDAY EVENING, MARCH 20 1906.

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## FAMILY WAS FOUND UNCONSCIOUS FROM ASPHYXIATION

The Postmaster, his Wife and Three Children Were Found Entirely Unconscious. The House was Filled with Fumes of Gases.

Doctors Summoned and After two Hours Work Succeeded in Restoring Them to Consciousness, Fumes Arose from Furnace. All May Recover.

By Associated Press.

Pittsburg, March 20.—The entire family of John H. Williamson, postmaster and station agent at Glen Osborne, Pa., on the Fort Wayne Railroad, were found unconscious from asphyxiation this morning.

The family consisted of father, mother and three children, and when found were supposed to be in a moribund condition. The discovery was made by persons who had gone to the station to take the train for Pittsburg.

Forcing the doors, they found the entire family still in bed and unconscious. The house was filled with fumes of gas. Physicians were summoned and heroic efforts made to resuscitate the victims of the accident.

The physicians worked over the stricken family for two hours, and finally succeeded in restoring them to consciousness.

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'KILL ME,' SAID WIFE; HE DID She Asked Him to Kill Himself, Too, But Arnold Failed.

Topeka, March 20.—Because she made the request, William Arnold killed his wife and then tried to take his own life. This was the story he told in the Abeline jail today to the Probate Judge. Arnold said he learned that his wife had been unfaithful and informed her of his discovery.

"She admitted the charge," said he, "and asked me to kill her. I told her I would, just to satisfy her, and then she asked me to kill myself. I used my razor and cut her throat, and then tried to cut my own. I did not do a good job."

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**RIOT MAY FOLLOW.**

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By Associated Press.

Chattanooga, Tenn., March 20.—The negroes employed in several large factories quit work today presumably on account of the lynching of Ed Johnson by a mob last night.

The police force and Sheriffs officials are in conference looking toward measures for the prevention of a possible riot.

Johnson was the prisoner under Federal Control, notification to that effect having been given and members of the mob are amenable to indictment by the United States grand jury, and trial in the Federal Court. Action by the federal authorities is looked for.

**MOROCCON CONFERENCE.**

Foreign Office is Convinced That Settlement is in Immediate Prospect.

By Associated Press.

Berlin, March 20.—The German representatives at Algeciras, have been instructed by the foreign office provided that France meets the German views on the question of the Moroccan bank, to yield on the police question to the extent of giving up Casablanca as the headquarters of the Inspector General but retaining a neutral inspectorship with the real powers of control over the police.

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**GREENE—GAYNOR.**

Civil Engineer Alexander, Who Was Employed By Carter, Was Cross-Examined.

By Associated Press.

Indianapolis, March 20.—The Bituminous coal operators of the central competitive district held an executive session. They informed the miners that they would not be ready to meet them in joint conference until two o'clock.

**First Snow Of Season.**

By Associated Press.

Birmingham, Ala., March 20.—The first snow of the season fell here today. All the streams in North Alabama are high because of the recent rains, and the trains are still delayed on many railroads due to washouts.

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### DAVIDSON COLLEGE NOTES.

Colored Missionary Lectures—Banquet to Freshman Class—A Declaration Contest Last of Series of Lectures.

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Davidson, N. C., March 19.—Rev. W. H. Sheppard, the colored missionary from Africa, gave an enjoyable and interesting lecture last Friday night in the Shearer Hall before a large audience. He gave a brief account of the mission work in the Congo Free State, and recounted many thrilling adventures that he and the other missionaries have passed through. He showed and gave a brief history of many interesting souvenirs which he had brought over with him. One of special interest was a large knife which is said to have beheaded as many people as there are tacks in the handle, and the handle is nearly full of them. The whole talk was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present. After this lecture he gave a talk before a large audience of negroes in their church.

Mrs. H. M. Sloan served a delightful banquet last week to the Freshman class of the North Carolina Medical College.

The Declaimer's contest of the Philanthropic Society will take place Saturday night April 7th. This contest is open to all the Freshmen and Sophomores who are members of the Society, and great interest is taken in it on account of the handsome medal given.

Mr. C. W. Erwin, of the Columbia Theological Seminary, is visiting on the hill.

Rev. W. J. McKay, D. D., of Mayesville, S. C., who is the chairman of the Board of Trustees of this College, filled the pulpit here yesterday morning for Dr. Graham, and preached a very able sermon from the text, "all things work together for good to them that love God."

Miss Beulah Fields, of Elkin, is visiting at the home of Rev. Wm. Black.

Rev. S. M. Johnson will give the third and last lecture of the series tonight on "Scotland and the Covenanters."

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Berlin, March 20.—The publication of the Census Bureau cotton report was followed by a very sharp break in the market. May broke to 10.38 and July to 10.48, or about 36 points below the closing prices of yesterday. The decline was followed by a reaction of 10 or 12 points but the sentiment was very unsettled.

**BARONESS A SUICIDE.**

Mrs. Bussche Lived With Her Son at Fort Leavenworth.

Leavenworth, Kan., March 20.—Mrs. Emma Caroline Rooth Bussche, mother of Second Lieut. Carl F. Bussche, Eighteenth Infantry, and wife of Baron von dem Bussche-Haddenhausen, committed suicide by shooting at Fort Leavenworth this morning in the officers' quarters, which she shared with her son. Death resulted instantaneously from a pistol wound above the right ear.

Mrs. Bussche accompanied the regiment to the Philippines in 1903, but on account of ill health returned to the United States. Of late she had been suffering from mental depression. It was in one of her spells of acute melancholy that she took her life.

Baron von dem Bussche-Haddenhausen visited in Leavenworth last summer for a few weeks, and while here was frequently in communication with his wife. His wife was absent. Why she and the son forsook Germany is not known. The Baron makes his residence in Berlin.

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The carriage-drivers heard shouts of warning and they put on whip and got out of the cow's way. She dragged the man at the end of the rope along two blocks, while the Sunday crowds ran for cover and gave her the right of way. At last the cow ran close up to a waiting hearse and caught a glimpse of herself in the big glass side of it. There she halted stock still, and the man at the end of the rope had to call two policemen to get her under way once more.

**THIS PROPHECY CAME TRUE.**

Stolen Ring Returned to Woman by Pittsburgh Man.

Youngstown, O., March 20.—Mrs. Frank Whitherstall received through the mails a ring with a ruby surrounded with diamonds that was stolen from her home three years ago. On the envelope was this: "From B. A. Bobbinson, No. 4000 Liberty avenue, Pittsburgh." No other words accompanied the ring. Recently Mrs. Whitherstall was a clairvoyant, and was told the missing ring would be returned to her.

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## FAVORS A STRAIGHT SEA-LEVEL CANAL AS THE BEST TYPE

John F. Wallace Former Chief Engineer of Panama Canal Commission Testified Before the Senate Committee on Inter-oceanic Canals To-day.

Favored Sea-Level Canal of Ample Width and Depth. Thinks \$300,000,000 a Sufficient Amount to Construct Canal. Other Facts About Canal.

By Associated Press.

Washington, March 20.—John F. Wallace, former chief engineer of the Panama Canal Commission, testified before the Senate committee on inter-oceanic canals today.

In advocating an approximately straight sea level canal, of ample width and depth as the best type, he urged that any other plan that places restrictions upon the probable permanency of the canal itself, as well as upon the speed, size and number of vessels passed through it, must render the canal far less valuable.

He deemed \$300,000,000 ample to construct a sea-level canal. He said that a sea-level canal can be fully completed in ten, or to be entirely safe, say twelve years, while the lock canal would require only three years less.

He reiterated that increased efficiency could be secured if the work were handled by a single contracting firm.

**ATTACKED BY A WILD CAT.**

Commercial Traveler Has Lively Encounter With Animal.

Dunkirk, March 20.—Harvey J. Jackson, representing a New York wholesale clothing house, reached Dunkirk en route home, and during a short stop here told of a thrilling encounter which he had with a wild cat.

Mr. Jackson had been covering Irvineton, Pa., and that evening, having missed his train to Youngstown, a few miles away, started to that village.

On the way he stopped a moment to cut some plug tobacco for his pipe, and as he was doing so became aware of an animal in the branches of a tree at the roadside. Mr. Jackson reached for his whip and struck the beast.

Like a flash the wild cat hurled itself into the buggy and began to claw the driver's legs. Luckily, Mr. Jackson still had his long-bladed knife in his hands, and a few slashes killed the cat, but not until the victim had been severely scratched and bitten.

Mr. Jackson had the beast skinned and intends to have the skin mounted. It measures more than 3 1/2 feet from tip to tip.

**MESQUITE BLOCK PAVING.**

San Antonio Doesn't Like to Remove Them But They Are Not Satisfaction.