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THE SENSATIONAL STORY OF A LITTLE 10 YEAR OLD NEGRO

Henry Gillespie Says his Father Killed Mr. and Mrs. Lyerly and that Jack Dillingham Killed John and Little Alice. Two Axes were Used.

The Wife of Jack Dillingham Held the Lamp while Her Husband and Nease Gillespie Brained the Sleeping Occupants of the Lyerly Household.

Special The News. Salisbury, N. C., July 20.—The most sensational feature in connection with the preliminary hearing of the evidence in the Lyerly murder case today was the testimony of a little negro boy, ten years old, Henry Gillespie by name.

This wee, bit of a child told a story of brutality that would have done credit to one of his color of twice the age. He recited in a straightforward and convincing manner the horrible plot that was made in Nease Gillespie's house the night of the murders.

In beginning his story the boy says that John Irwin, alias John Gillespie, and his father, Nease Gillespie, met at the latter's house at nine o'clock the night of the murders. They talked over the matter (that is the killing of the Lyerlys) and shortly after nine o'clock Nease Gillespie and John Gillespie left. They returned at 11 o'clock and while sitting in the house went over the details as to how the four Lyerlys were killed.

The boy states that his father on entering the house remarked "By God, we have killed old man Ike Lyerly and his children."

Gillespie, who was talking to his wife, said: "We met Jack Dillingham and his wife at the branch. We went on up to Ike Lyerly's house. I killed old man Lyerly and his wife, with my axe, and Jack Dillingham killed Alice and John with old Ike Lyerly's axe. Jack Dillingham's wife held the lamp while we were making way with old man Lyerly and his family."

In explaining what kind of lamp Jack Dillingham's wife held while the horrible deeds were being committed little Henry Gillespie said that it was one of these church lamps that hangs on the wall. Continuing his story the boy said:

"Papa said that after they had killed the Lyerlys they threw Mr. Lyerly's axe in the branch and washed it off and that they also washed the blood off papa's axe."

Before leaving the house Henry Gillespie said that his father said while talking that night that after killing Mr Lyerly and his wife and children, they set Mr. Lyerly's bed on fire with a match.

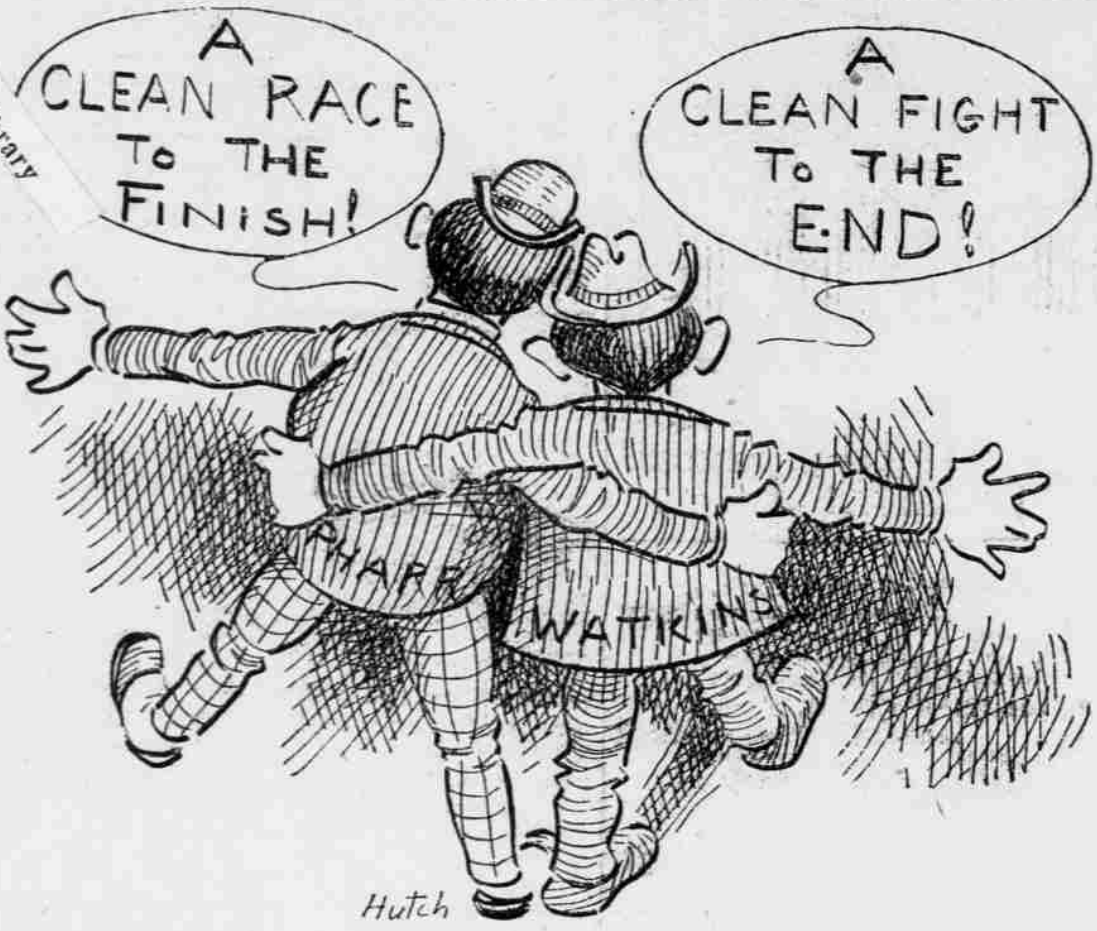
Nease Gillespie told his wife that he was damned glad they had killed them and that they did it because old man Ike Lyerly had not toted fair with them about that wheat deal.

Continuing Henry Gillespie said that all the time that Nease Gillespie was relating the incidents in connection with the murders John Gillespie was in the house and heard all that was said. The next morning Nease Gillespie piled all of his clothes on one side of a path leading from the house and throwing some straw over them, set fire to them and burned them up. John Dillingham's clothes were piled on the opposite side of the path and

By Associated Press. Samarra, July 20.—The latest news from Syzran is that the city is a heap of ruins. Hundreds of people have lost their lives in the flames and several men suspected of incendiarism were lynched.

PULLED UMPIRE'S NOSE. Capt. Jack Dunn for Pulling Umpire's Nose Must Pay \$100.

By Associated Press. Rochester, July 20.—President Taylor, of the Eastern League, announced that he had fined Capt. Jack Dunn, of Providence team, \$100 and had suspended him until July 29, for a fight yesterday during which Dunn pulled Umpire Moran's nose.



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with the aid of some straw from a pillow case, they were also burned.

The boy says that the next morning bright and early he went to the home of Mr. Manlius Walker, who lives some distance from the Lyerly home and there related to him the details of the crime as told by the father the night before. He says he told Mr. Walker the same story that he told today. He says that there is still blood on Mr. Lyerly's axe, that they have failed to wash it off so that it cannot be seen. He also says that he saw the blood on the bosoms of the shirts worn by Nease Gillespie and Jack Dillingham the night of the murders.

The hearing this morning began at 11 o'clock in the office of Prof. Kizer, Superintendent of the County Board of Education of Rowan county. The preliminary examination was conducted by Solicitor Hammer assisted by Hon. Theodore Klutz and Mr. T. C. Linn. In addition to a number of immaterial witnesses the three surviving members of the Lyerly family, Misses Mary, Addie and Janie, were present. Each of these young ladies were examined and their story was the same as has been published before. They recited the incidents, horrible as they were, the night of the murders and there is substantially no change in their evidence.

Mat. Webb and Mr. J. G. Lyerly were also examined but no material points were brought out in their evidence.

The hearing to day was for the most part behind closed doors. Only about 20 people were admitted to the room during the progress of the examination of witnesses.

At 2:30 o'clock the examination was still in progress.

TROUBLE FEARED IN SONORA.

Governor of Sonora, Mexico, Will Consult With President Diaz.

By Associated Press. El Paso, July 20.—Rafael Ysabel, governor of Sonora, Mexico, passed through El Paso en route to Mexico City to consult with President Diaz and prepare for the threatened uprising in that country, September 19. President Diaz is calling all his governors in conference. Considerable trouble is feared in Sonora, as Cananea is located in that State and said to be a revolutionary hot bed.

The uprising proposed is against foreigners on September 16, the movement originated with the league of the Mexican railroad employees and the purpose is to drive out of the country foreigners holding official positions in the railroads, mines and smelters.

BRYAN WELCOMED HOME.

Kentuckians to Give Mr. Bryan a Great Welcome—Extensive Preparations.

By Associated Press. Louisville, July 20.—Mr. Bryan will be given a public reception and welcomed home by the Democrats of Louisville and the entire South soon after eastern Democrats get through welcoming him. A movement is on foot to make the reception a big event.

John W. Ireland, member of the Democratic State Central Committee has charge of the arrangements. It is his intention to invite all Democrats in the South. The reception will be held in the Armory, which will seat 17,000 people.

COUPLE FOUND UNCONSCIOUS. Had Been Assaulted During the Night—May Both Die—An Arrest Made.

By Associated Press. Kansas City, July 20.—Bertha Bond and Frank Kern both 21, were found unconscious at Fourteenth and Franklin streets. The couple had been assaulted during the night. The woman will die, the man may not recover.

Albert Crone, aged 21, a stock yard employe was arrested and held by the woman last year and had beaten her at that time. When arrested there was blood on his clothing.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOL BOOKS.

Progress Made by Text Book Commission—Band Will Play on Capitol Square.

Special to The News. Raleigh, July 20.—The council of State is having an immense platform constructed just to the left of the Hillsboro street entrance to the State house in Capitol Square. On this platform the Third Regiment Band will on every Friday night give open air concerts. These concerts are sure to contribute very largely to the enjoyment of the people of the city and visitors.

The members of the Text Book Commission now have their work of examining the text books offered for adoption for use in the public schools of the State well in hand, and say that they are making good progress. Their report to the State Board of Education or Text Book Commission as they are designated for the purpose of the act governing the adoption of text books, will not be made before August 1st. It will require prompt work thereafter for the board to make the adopting and for the publishers of the books adopted to get them out to the depositories throughout the State in time for the opening of the fall terms of the schools.

Rosenburg is Released.

By Associated Press. Altona, Prussia, July 20.—August Rosenberg, of Seattle, arrested here July 3, on the charge of being engaged in an anarchist conspiracy, has been released. The judge decided the testimony inadequate and said no suspicion remained in the minds of the authorities against him.

CONDITIONS GROW FROM BAD TO WORSE

The Situation in Russia Grows More Ominous Daily. Parliament in Darger of Being Broken up. Great Devastation on all Hands.

By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, July 20.—Extreme nervousness and excitement prevail among all classes owing to fear that the action of the Lower House of Parliament in adopting the address to the people may be the signal for coup d'etat against the Parliament. It is rumored the step has been decided upon and the Strauna says imperial ukase ordering a dissolution of Parliament has already been signed.

The feeling of general alarm is increased by the fact that all night long guard regiments have been marching into the city from the guards camp at Krasnoy-Selo.

Even in the present crisis passed without surrender to the government things are almost sure to drift from bad to worse and in the end the government will be forced to disperse Parliament at the point of the bayonet, as its role as buffer between the government and revolution is rapidly disappearing.

The Verge of Panic. The bourse is on the verge of panic, the imperial fours falling to the lowest point since October.

STOCK EXCHANGE GLOOMY.

The New Russian Loan is Held Responsible for the State of Affairs.

By Associated Press. London, July 20.—With the exception of the American market in which there was all round recovery, the stock exchange is enveloped in gloom. A break in Russians is held chiefly responsible for this state of affairs. The new Russian loan is quoted at a 7 per cent. discount.

MR. BRUNER SECRETARY.

Was Chosen Secretary of Dairy and Food Association.

Hartford, Conn., July 20.—The convention of dairy commissioners of the states adjourned this afternoon. It was decided to name the body the Association of State and National Dairy and Food Departments. G. A. Bruner, of North Carolina, was chosen secretary.

PRESIDENT TAKING GREAT INTEREST IN RADICAL CAMPAIGN

On Next Monday Plans for the Republican Congressional Campaign will be Formulated at Sagamore Hill. Prominent Republicans are Invited.

President Roosevelt is Taking an Active Interest in the Congressional Campaign Conference now Being Planned. Headquarters to be in New York.

By Associated Press. Oyster Bay, July 20.—Plans for the Republican congressional campaign are to be formulated at Sagamore Hill Monday.

President Roosevelt has invited Speaker Cannon, Chairman Sherman of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee, Secretary Loudenslager and Treasurer McKinley, of that committee, to luncheon on Monday.

It is understood the congressional situation will be presented in such form that the weak places may be readily ascertained.

The President is taking an active interest in the congressional campaign conference planned for Monday, which immediately precedes the active operations of the campaign committee. Headquarters of the committee are to be established in New York.

ICE MEN IN TOILS.

Two Large Companies an Officials of Same in the Toils.

By Associated Press. Washington, July 20.—In the criminal court the American Ice Co. and Samuel F. Kimberly and Geo. F. Hoover, officials of said company, and the Chapin Sakes Manufacturing Co. and Arthur H. Chapin and Samuel C. Redman, officials of the latter company, were arraigned on the indictment charging them with conspiracy in the restraint of trade, under the Sherman anti-trust law in connection with the sale and distribution of ice in the District of Columbia.

The defendants waived the recording of the indictments and pleaded not guilty. They were given until September 1st to withdraw their pleas and file demurrers to the indictments.

PROF. RADEFFER CHOSEN.

Has Accepted the Chair of German and French in Roanoke College.

By Associated Press. Salem, Va., July 20.—John David Radeffer, graduate of Roanoke and Johns Hopkins, has accepted the chair of German and French in Roanoke College. Prof. Radeffer was thoroughly prepared by this university study in America and Europe for the new position to which he comes from the library of congress, Washington.

He succeeds D. R. Painter, who is transferred to the new department of education just established at Roanoke College.

MR. ROCKEFELLER WILL SAIL.

Starts Home This Evening—Nothing to Say Regarding Proceedings Against Him.

By Associated Press. Paris, July 20.—John D. Rockefeller will sail for New York this evening. He declined to discuss the announcements of legal proceedings against him which are awaiting his arrival in the United States.

ELKS ENJOY BIG EXCURSION TO-DAY

The Official Excursion to the Continental Divide was Attended by all who Could Secure Accommodation. Snow Banks Visited. Officers Installed.

By Associated Press. Denver, July 20.—This was "Excursion Day" on the program of the Elks annual reunion and having enjoyed four days merry making in Denver, with never an idle moment, a thousand of the visitors refreshed themselves by trips to the mountain resorts. As many Knights of Antlos as could be handled, went on the "Official excursion" to the continental divide, being desirous of visiting the snow banks from which came the snow with which they were pelted in the parade yesterday.

The Grand Lodge installed its new officers at the final session today. Judge Henry A. Melvin, of Oakland, Cal., becoming Grand Exalted Ruler for the ensuing year.

The new ritual of the order was finally adopted and will be sent out to the subordinate lodges as soon as practicable.



No Need of Boiling Drinking Water Any More.

SECON ROBBERY RECENTLY.

Considerable Amount of Goods Stolen—Union Clerks Give Barbecue to Employes.

Special to The News. Durham, N. C., July 20.—Capt. J. E. Wrenn, Southern agent, J. B. Graham and Thos. Ellington, who have been spending several days in Charlotte, attending the trial of Mrs. Stein against the North Carolina Railroad, have returned home. This party were to appear as witnesses in the case, and have made several trips to Charlotte before to appear in the case, but each time it has been postponed.

Mr. Geo. L. Lyon, of this city, is representing the Geo. Car Company, as a contestant for the Glidden Trophy from Buffalo, N. Y., to Canada. The party which numbers seventy left Buffalo, July 12th, and it will require seventeen days to complete the trip, in this time one thousand and ninety miles will be covered.

The store of M. C. Jones several miles from the city was entered by unknown parties last Wednesday night, and a considerable amount of goods were stolen. The robber also went into the cash drawer and carried off a little change that had been left the night before. This is the second time the store has been entered recently, and as yet there is no clew to the guilty party. The amount stolen from the store in goods and money was valued at \$50.

The union clerks of the city gave a barbecue today to their employers at Lakewood Park. This is something out of the ordinary and was largely attended.

AS TO THE TELEPHONE RATES.

Why Asheville Company Lost Money—The Morris Case.

Special to The News. Raleigh, July 20.—Yesterday evening Addison Maupin, of Atlanta was on the stand as a witness for the Southern Bell Co., in the telephone hearing before the corporation commission and testified that as an expert accountant he made an examination of the books of the Independent Telephone Co., at Asheville just before it went out of business and gave place to the Southern Bell corporation and found that on their basis of \$24 a year for business and \$16 for residence telephone service the company had lost \$11,000 a year for five years. A Mr. McLeod had made an examination at the same time for the city of Asheville and his figures only differed from those by the witness (Maupin) by \$400. The taking of testimony will continue tomorrow when the auditor and chief engineer and other officers of the Bell Co. will be examined. The examinations are being made by Secretary State J. Bryan Grimes by whom the complaint on which the examination is being made was filed demanding reduction of rates to \$1.50 for residence and \$2 for business phone service.

The taking of testimony for the prosecution in the case against M. T. Norris, prominent Raleigh merchant charged with burning a farm house owned by his wife so she could collect the insurance was concluded last afternoon about 4 o'clock. Judge Webb declined a motion by the defense to dismiss the case on the ground that the state had not made a case strong enough to go to the jury.

IN SUPERIOR COURT.

One Mistrial and One Non-Suit Today—Calendar Being Rapidly Cleared.

The calendar for the present term of Superior Court of Mecklenburg county is being rapidly cleared, and by the end of next week most of the cases that have been set for trial will have been disposed of. Today the first case called was that of C. H. Robinson & Co. against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. The plaintiffs were represented by McCall & Nixon and the road by Burwell & Conslor. The case was non-suited. The second case today was that of J. W. Shaw against the Highland Park Manufacturing Co., the plaintiff having retained as counsel McNinch & Kirkpatrick, and the Highland Park, Tillett and Guthrie. The case resulted in a mistrial.

OPERATIONS SUSPENDED.

Armstrong and Company Reported to Have Suspended Operations.

By Associated Press. Memphis, Tenn., July 20.—The announcement is made that Armstrong and Co. commission brokers, has suspended operations. It is said the correspondents of the firm demanded margins on cotton futures which could not be covered. A member of the firm said the suspension is only temporary.

COTTON MILLS TO BE SOLD.

Sale is to Satisfy Mortgage of \$300,000. Against Co.

By Associated Press. Jackson, Miss., July 20.—Judge Niles in the Federal Court issued a decree of the sale of the Mississippi Cotton Mills, at Wesson, now in the hands of a receiver to satisfy a \$300,000 mortgage, given as security for a bond issue. The sale will take place before November 1.

MRS. THAW KNOCKED DOWN.

Over Curious Man Bumped Against Her in Prison Lane.

By Associated Press. New York, July 20.—When Mrs. Harry Thaw reached the Tombs and made her daily dash through the lane, in crowd of curious persons, one man in the crowd pushed forward so roughly that he bumped against Mrs. Thaw and she was knocked down. She was not injured and continued on her visit to her husband, after which she went to the office of Mr. Hartridge, his attorney.

TO OPEN CAMPAIGNS.

The Men Who Will Open the Democratic and Republican Campaigns.

By Associated Press. Kansas City, July 20.—Vice-President Fairbanks, Speaker Cannon and Senator Warner will be stated take part in opening the Republican campaign in this State next fall. Mr. Bryan, Senator Stone and Governor Polk are to open the Democratic campaign.

DIAMONDS VALUED AT \$50,000 STOLEN FROM MRS. CORWIN

Largest Robbery of Jewels on Record in New York was Reported to Police Wednesday. Over \$50,000 worth of Diamonds Stolen from Mrs. Corwin.

Two Arrests Made in Connection with Robbery so far. Little Light on Mystery. Story of Robbery and of Mrs. Halsey Corwin.

By Associated Press.

New York, July 20.—Two arrests were made by the police in connection with the robbery of \$50,000 worth of jewels from Mrs. Halsey Corwin, reported to the authorities Wednesday. Give \$5,000 Bond.

Alfred Kinan, bookmaker, and a young woman wearing many jewels and giving the name of Elizabeth McDetty, were detained at the headquarters, that she may be able to throw some light on the mystery.

King and Mrs. McBetty are held in \$5,000 bail. It is charged the robbery occurred July 15 at the apartments of Mrs. McBetty, who described herself as a housekeeper.

Story of Robbery.

A \$50,000 diamond robbery was reported Wednesday to the police, bringing into immediate service almost the entire strength of the detective force of the city. The case is still a deep mystery, although it was learned last night by The American that the jewels were stolen from Mrs. Halsey Corwin. Mrs. Corwin is best known publicly through her romantic marriage after her disappearance at a Coney Island frolic had resulted in a charge of abduction against her present husband.

Mrs. Corwin's magnificent jewels and the carelessness with which she handles them have been the cause of police concern before. Luckily, she had suffered no serious losses up to now, but this time the most magnificent pieces in the collection are missing, and appear to have been stolen by a band of expert thieves. They have probably disappeared for all time from Mrs. Corwin's possession.

The most magnificent piece among the lost jewels is a diamond stonacher, a girdle of fire, in which only gems of the first water are set, and which range in size up to six carats. The police have a photograph of this almost priceless bauble, and hope to trace it if it is not broken up.

Other jewels on the long list are made up of diamonds and rubies, the smallest stones weighing about four carats, and running from that size up to six carats and larger. No such theft of large diamonds alone has ever been reported to the Police Department of this city.

Mrs. Corwin has employed a large number of private detectives to search for the missing jewels, but has been advised to preserve secrecy regarding the robbery, and not even allow her whereabouts to be generally known until the detectives have had a chance thoroughly to canvass the circumstances of the robbery.

The jewels of Mrs. Corwin, generously displayed at the theatres and at dinners, two years ago tempted two employes of the Hotel La Marquise to a robbery in which \$30,000 worth of jewels was taken from Mrs. Corwin's rooms, but recovered just as one of the robbers was about to escape with them packed in a suit case.

HANNIBAL LEAK IS NOW AN OUTLAW

The Rockingham County Wife Murder now has a Price on his Head, Dead or Alive. A Number of Charters Granted Corporations Throughout State.

Special to The News. Raleigh, July 20.—A proclamation was issued today from the office of Governor Glenn, offering a \$100 reward for the capture of Hannibal Leak, who is wanted in Rockingham county for the murder of his wife, July 14. The county offers \$50 in addition and Leak is outlawed, the reward being for his capture dead or alive.

A charter was issued for the Carolina State Bank of Salsda, with a capital of \$5,000 by D. C. Barrow and others.

The J. L. Faulkner Company of Goldsboro, with a capital of \$7,000 by J. L. Faulkner and others, was chartered also.

The Levy Rogers Lumber Co. of Rocky Mount, with a capital of \$7,500 by W. T. Rogers and others.

The Spray Civic Association, no capital, the incorporators being J. S. McAllister and others.

The Crescent Mills Co. increased its capital stock to \$150,000.

Loss by Fire \$195,000.

By Associated Press. Butte, Mont., July 20.—The mills of the Montana Zinc Co., a New York corporation was destroyed by a fire that started from defective electric wire. The loss is \$195,000 and insurance \$80,000.