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COUNT BONI LOSES OUT, COUNTESS IS GRANTED DIVORCE

Sudden End Came to Castellane Divorce Case when Judge Rendered Decision. Countess, Formerly Miss Gould, gets Divorce.

Count Boni Loses out Almost Completely. Must Bear Expense of Trial and is Refused Allowance of \$50,000 Annually.

Paris, Nov. 14.—Countess de Castellane (formerly Miss Anna Gould) was today granted a divorce and the custody of her children who, however, will not be allowed to be taken from France without the consent of Count Boni de Castellane, their father.

The end of the famous case came suddenly. The court brushed aside the demand of the Count's lawyer for an examination of witnesses, and, as anticipated, the public prosecutor did not even ask to be heard.

As soon as the court assembled Judge Ditto handed down the judgment which is a sweeping victory for the countess. The count was given the right to see the children at stated periods at the home of their grandmother and keep them a month annually during the holidays.

The Count's demand for an "alimentary" allowance of \$50,000 annually was pronounced by the court to be without foundation in the law and was rejected.

The only point decided in the Count's favor was the imposition of the inhibition on the Countess to take the children out of France without their father's consent.

The court appointed the president of the Chamber of Notaries to liquidate the affairs of the husband and wife.

The judgment was given with the costs against the Countess. The decree, the reading of which hardly consumed five minutes, was delivered by the judge in a voice so low as to be practically inaudible to the crowd filling the court room.

Many women climbed on chairs in vain efforts to hear the decision and Gould, brother of Countess de Castellane, who is in this city, when informed by the Associated Press that his sister had been granted a divorce from the Count, said that while he was grateful for the information he had no comment to make upon it.

The decree of the court with respect to the children, not leaving France without the consent of the father, he said, was rather to be expected, as it was in accordance with the French customs.

Upon being furnished with details of the decree, Mr. Gould remarked: "That seems to be very satisfactory."

Pres. Castro Thought to be Dead, Death Concealed

By Associated Press. Fort de France, Island of Martinique, Nov. 14.—The Dutch cruiser Kortenaar arrived here yesterday from Willemstad Island of Curacao, and reported today that at the time of her departure from Curacao it was reported there persistently and generally believed that President Castro of Venezuela was dead, but that his death was being concealed by the Venezuelan government in order to maintain itself in power.

Kortenaar has received orders to hasten her preparations to put to sea again and to leave Fort de France for La Guayra, Venezuela if the death of President Castro is confirmed.

THE HAU CASE.

Case is Extended One Week Longer Because of Lack of Papers. London, England, Nov. 14.—Karl Hau, alias Stau, professor of Roman Law in George Washington University at Washington, D. C., who was arrested in this city on November 8th, charged with the murder of his mother-in-law at Baden-Baden, was further granted a week at the Bow street police court this morning, the papers in case not having arrived from Germany.

Hau still protests his innocence.

The Case of Rosenthal.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 14.—An attempt was made to secure the discharge, under habeas corpus proceedings, of Julius Rosenthal, arrested here and being held for the Savannah authorities upon a gambling house charge. The court denied the writ and Rosenthal was recommitted to jail, pending the arrival of Georgia requisition papers.

M. E. CONFERENCE OPENED TO-DAY

Sixteenth Annual Session of Western, N. C. Conference Met To-day at Central Methodist Church of Mt. Airy.

Special to The News. Mt. Airy, N. C., Nov. 14.—The sixteenth annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference met with Central Methodist Church of this, the Granite City, at 9 a. m. today, Bishop Alpheus W. Wilson, of Baltimore, presiding.

After religious exercises, conducted by the Bishop, the secretary, Rev. W. L. Sherrill called the roll and the members responded to their names.

Rev. W. L. Sherrill was re-elected secretary of the conference. About 125 members were present at the opening session.

The following committees were appointed: Conference relations; books and periodicals; spiritual condition of the church; Temperance; Sabbath observance; Church work; Public worship.

The first day's work is proving most satisfactory in every way and the members are looking forward to a most interesting and helpful session.

Notes. The meeting of our annual Methodist Conference always marks an epoch in the preacher's life. He is appointed for only one year at a time and each annual gathering means a closing up of the work of a charge.

Then, too, each man's name is called and the presiding elder says whether the man is clean in his life and administration, before he makes his report. Hence in these reports men are characterized as passed, or they are blameless so far as the Conference knows.

These annual meetings always develop the social side of life, and at Mt. Airy it is no exception. The town is of the smaller size that undertake to entertain so large a body, but there is no lack of hospitality here. The latch string is on the outside and the air crisp and bracing.

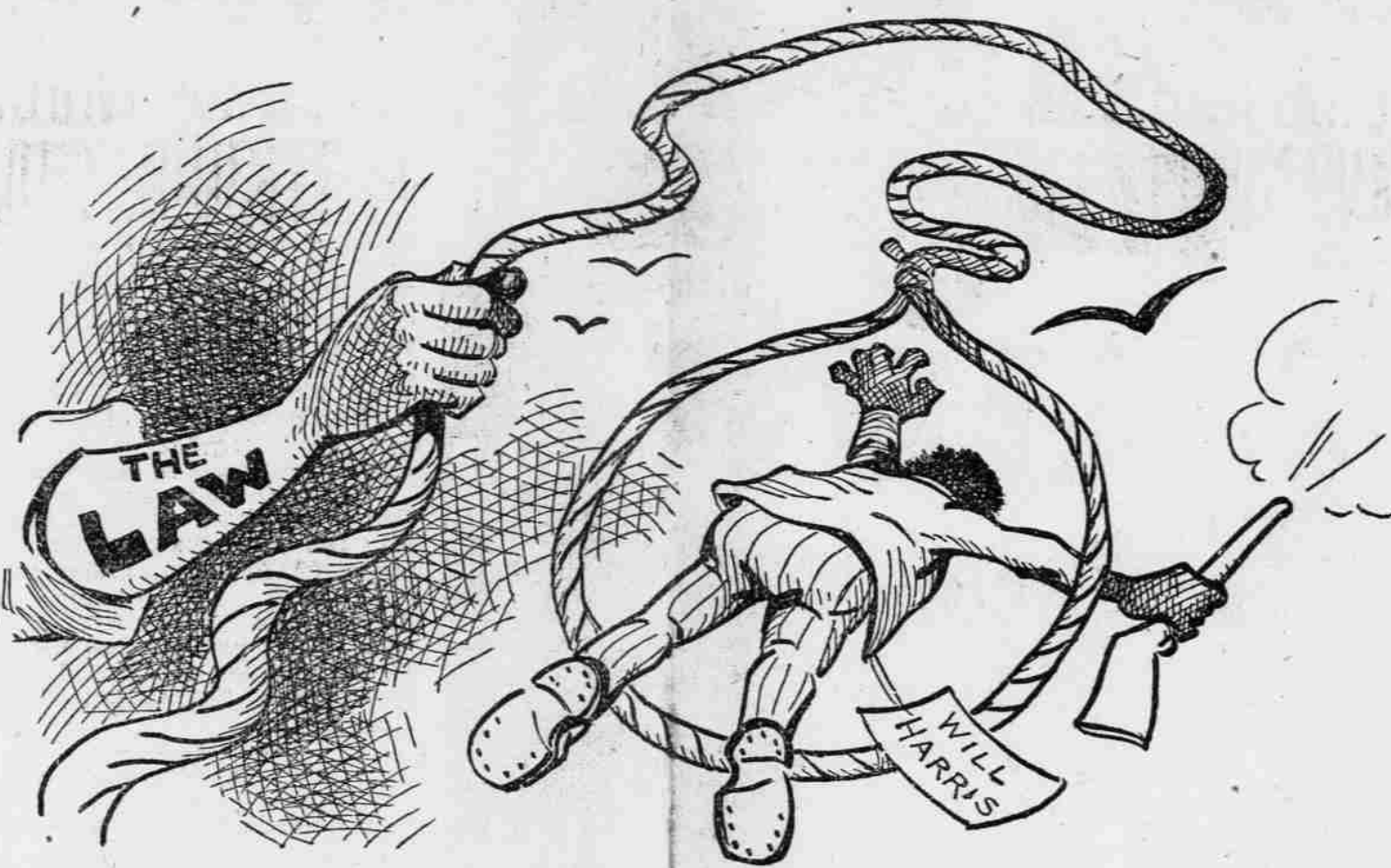
Of the many interests of the church which are annually considered, I will write in detail as they come up. The attendance is large and the session promises to be a happy and profitable one.

DEATH OF GEN. ELY

Commander of Connecticut Volunteers Died of Heart Trouble. Norwich, Conn., Nov. 14.—General William G. Ely died suddenly at his home here last night from heart trouble. He commanded the 18th Connecticut volunteers in the Civil war and was brevetted brigadier general at its close.

He was treasurer of the Shetucket and Falls Cotton Mills here.

Bar Association to Meet. The Charlotte Bar Association will meet tomorrow morning to arrange the calendar for the next term of the civil courts which will convene November 26th. This will be a one week term.



NEGRO FIEND KILLS FOUR PERSONS AND WOUNDS OTHERS

Negro Desperado, Thought to be Will Harris, Murders Two Officers and Wounds Another at Asheville. Also Kills Two Negroes.

Mountain City Stirred to its Depths. Mayor Offers \$500 Reward for Murderer Dead or Alive. Posse in Search. Dead Negro Found.

Asheville, N. C., Nov. 14.—Five hundred citizens, armed with Winchester rifles, pistols and other weapons, some with blood hounds, are scouring the country for miles in every direction from here in search of a negro fiend, thought to be the notorious Mecklenburg county desperado, Will Harris, who last night between eleven and twelve o'clock slew four men and wounded two others, one mortally, in a wild, demoniacal rush through town.

The dead men are Policeman Charles Blackstock and William Bailey, Ben Allison, colored, and another negro found this morning on College street, dead.

The wounded are Police Captain Page, who was shot in the arm, and Tom Hall, colored, who is now at the Mission Hospital and will die.

Immediately after the shooting a posse of 100 prominent citizens was quickly organized and left at one o'clock this morning to search for the desperado. At six o'clock this morning 200 additional men, well armed, set out to scour the country, and at eight o'clock 200 more left the city with blood hounds, making a total of about 500 men now engaged in the search.

This town is in the throes of terrible excitement over the atrocities. Early this morning Mayor A. S. Barnard offered \$500 reward for the murderer, dead or alive, which makes a total of \$1,000 for the negro's capture, that is if he is Harris.

The colored citizens of this city are aiding in the search and are as eager as the whites to capture the desperado. Early this morning leading citizens subscribed \$700 for the families of the dead officers who surrendered their lives at their posts of duty. The colored people are also aiding in the work.

At Alexander, eight miles west of this city, on the Asheville & Knoxville division of the Southern, a negro was seen this afternoon, whose description resembles closely that of Harris. He was headed in the direction toward Knoxville and the mountains. This trail has been taken up by hundreds of determined men, and if the negro is overtaken there is no doubt but what quick work will be made of him.

Negro's Death-Dealing Rifle. At a small cabin on Valley street, in the Southern part of town, Harris emerged about 11 o'clock last night apparently under the influence of passions demoniacal in their terror. Declaring that he was Will Harris, the noted Charlotte desperado he opened fire first on Ben Allison, a quiet sort of negro whom Harris encountered as he left the house. Without provoca-

tion Harris fired and the negro fell dead at his feet. About a block further on Harris passed a negro, Tom Neal, whom he mortally wounded with another shot from his rifle. By this time Harris was near South Main street and began firing indiscriminately into dwelling houses as he proceeded. The reports of the rifle were heard by officers and the three above mentioned officers of the Asheville police force left police headquarters hastily to ascertain the cause of the shooting. Captain Page and Officer Blackstock ran down Main street and met the negro not far from the Swannanoa Hotel. The first officer shot was the Captain, who with a severe bullet wound in his arm, called on Officer Blackstock to shoot the negro. While the officer was in the act of drawing his pistol Harris leveled his rifle at the officer's breast and fired. Officer Blackstock falling dead on the spot, Harris then shot three men Harris ran on towards the business center of the city at the intersection of Patton avenue and Main street, where Officer Bailey was waiting, pistol in hand. When Harris came up Bailey opened fire at once, but Harris, taking advantage of the darkness, deliberately pointed his rifle at the policeman's head, pulled the trigger—there was a loud report, flash of fire, and the fourth victim fell dead, with a bullet hole through his head.

Harris then disappeared in the direction of Biltmore estate, taking almost a back track along the murderous route he had first followed.

In a few minutes the entire city was aroused by the general fire alarm and hundreds of citizens poured out on the streets to learn the terrible news. Looking about for weapons, a hardy party was entered and an abundant supply of ammunition and rifles were secured and distributed among the posse, which was beginning to form, to follow the track of the murderer.

In the meantime kind hands raised the bodies of the fallen officers and carried them to places of shelter. The crowds continued to increase and the terrible news sent a thrill of horror through the minds of every one present.

Considerable interest attaches itself to the ultimate outcome of the search which is now being made by the authorities at Asheville for the negro who dealt death to four at that place last night. If it proves to be Will Harris and his capture is effected, he will likely be brought back to this city.

Associated Press Story. Asheville, N. C., Nov. 14.—An armed posse of officers and citizens are scouring the surrounding country for the negro, said to be Will Harris, of Charlotte, who last night shot and killed policeman Blackstock and also Policeman Bailey, mortally wounding a negro named Neil, and wounding Police Captain Page. There is talk of lynching this negro if the fugitive is captured.

Both Sheriff Wallace and Chief Irwin are rather skeptical about the identity of the negro who created such disorder in Asheville last night and left four dead as the result of his reckless rampage. They admit that the crime is none too base for the Mecklenburg desperado, but claim that it is not the

ROAD FOREMAN STABBED. Was Called "Scab," Resented the Epithet and Put up a Vigorous Fight. Special to The News.

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 14.—A. C. Kenyon, road foreman of engines for the Southern Railway company was stabbed last night through the lung and is now in a critical condition. Kenyon was accosted on his way to his boarding house across the street from the Southern shops and called a "scab" by several men. He resented the epithet with one that means fight and he was attacked by three or more of the men. Kenyon is a powerful man and weighs about 225 pounds. He fought the men vigorously and knocked down one of them. In the encounter he was stabbed in the back of the left side and the physician when called found that the blade had penetrated one of his lungs. It cannot yet be determined whether or not the wound will prove fatal but, from its nature it is necessarily very serious.

During the recent strike Kenyon took work in the shops and his action was resented by the strikers. Some of them on the streets called him a "scab" and he came out of the yard and knocked one man down, for which he was fined in the police court. Since the strike he has been back at his old position as road foreman of engines.

The police last night arrested T. H. Crenshaw, L. F. Miller and J. T. Thomas for the attack on Kenyon and each of them were later released on \$100 bail. They all deny that they are the parties who stabbed Kenyon.

Mrs. Cameron Morrison has returned to this city after spending several weeks at Durham with her father, Maj. S. F. Tomlinson.



Charlotte Visited With Considerable Snow Storm

Charlotte was visited this afternoon about three o'clock with a considerable snow storm that gave the appearance of real winter. The snow came despite the prediction of the weather man that the weather would turn decidedly warmer tonight, forecasting rain instead of the colder article.

Mr. L. H. Robinson phones the News from Providence that the flurry lasted for a considerable length of time down there, beginning shortly after two o'clock.

Snow so early in November means the establishment of a new record by the weather in this section. This vicinity is seldom visited by such furies before the latter part of the month. Thanksgiving being the date usually associated with the flaky element.

The warmth of the ground caused snow to melt just as soon as it came into contact with terra firma, but the quantity that fell in the short space of a few minutes would have made the fields white on a colder day.

Washington of the North.

Ottawa, Ont., Nov. 14.—Mr. H. F. B. McFarland, one of the commissioners of the District of Columbia, is in Ottawa to deliver an address before the Canadian Club of this city on the subject of the history and government of the District of Columbia. The invitation was extended to Mr. McFarland in view of the fact that Ottawa is considering the proposition to ask the Dominion government to form it into a national district similar to the District of Columbia.

Indiana Bankers in Session.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 14.—The members of the Indiana Bankers' Association assembled in Indianapolis today for their annual convention and were called to order at the Clapham Hotel by the president, C. H. Church of Muncie. The proceedings will continue tomorrow and will include numerous papers, addresses and discussions on topics of interest to the financiers.

WILL WE ALL USE FLYING MACHINES

Santos Dumont Says we will all Soon be Riding in Flying Machines. Thinks they Will be the Poor Man's Automobile.

Paris, Nov. 14.—Santos Dumont, since the successful flight of his aeroplane "The Bird of Prey," predicts the early approach of the day when all mankind will be navigating the air and when flying machines will be more common than automobiles.

Indeed, he thinks that the flying machines will eventually become "Poor Man's Automobiles," be safer, faster and cheaper.

He said that next year the people will be able to go to the Seashore on their Aeroplanes.

It will become the fad and the commencement of a new industry.

DENOUNCES U. S. COURTS.

At Meeting of Federation of Labor A Resolution Denouncing Judicial System of United States Introduced. By Associated Press.

Minneapolis, Minn., Nov. 14.—A resolution denouncing the judicial system of the United States as "tyrannical and antiquated," from the police court to the Supreme Court of the United States" was introduced at the session of the American Federation of Labor here today and referred to the committee on resolutions.

These with other resolutions known as "Socialist resolutions," were presented by Victor L. Berger, of Milwaukee, the delegate for the Wisconsin State Federation of Labor.

Arrested for Being Drunk. Cornelius Graham, an elderly white man who insisted that he was a "gentleman," was arrested by Patrolman Hunter and Merritt this afternoon while walking down the Seaboard tracks near Sixth street crossing. He was very drunk—so much so indeed that he was barely able to give his name. He was given a place in the police station.

Miss Mary Hillman. The May Hillman Stock Company delighted another large audience at the Academy of Music last night with the presentation of "Flood Tide." Miss Hillman has an excellent group of players around her and so far all have made good. The vaudeville acts are very good and highly entertaining. "East Lynn" was the bill at the matinee this afternoon and "Charity Best" will be the attraction tonight.

Loss by Fire \$65,000. Sheffield, Ala., Nov. 14.—Fire destroyed the stores of B. Spellberger & the Sheffield Drug Company today. Loss \$65,000.

MILLION DOLLARS STOLEN FROM FUND SENT SUFFERERS

Investigation Being Conducted as to Misplacement of Contributions Donated to San Francisco Sufferers Brings Robbery to Light.

Contributions, Great and Small, Aggregating Near Million Dollars Never Reached Sufferers. President's Opinion.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 14.—The Chronicle says today:

A new investigation is progressing in the course of developments in the local graft scandal. It now appears that many sums of money, large and small, that were sent from different States to San Francisco for the relief of the sufferers from the calamity of the earthquake and fire, never reached the relief committee.

Some of these amounts which aggregated large sums were mailed to the care of Mayor Schmitz.

F. J. Henri, Detective William Burns and about 100 Government agents have been making an investigation.

President Roosevelt is the moving spirit behind the inquiry, and he declares no man guilty of diverting the relief funds shall escape justice.

The cases come within the jurisdiction of the Federal authorities because of the inter-State character of the postal service, which, it is alleged, was criminally tampered with.

It is said that in the aggregate the stealings will amount to a million dollars.

Governor Names 29th As our Day of Thanks

Raleigh, Nov. 14.—Governor Glenn today issued his Thanksgiving proclamation, designating Thursday, November 29th, as the day to be given to the rendition of thanks. In his proclamation the Governor speaks of the damage done by incessant rains, and bewails the numerous acts of lawlessness, but declares that the manifold blessings, along every line, educational, industrial, moral, etc., by far overbalance the other and calls for hearty thanksgiving. In his proclamation the Governor outlined the progress made in this State along every line during the past year and cited many recent reasons why we should tender thanks to God for these blessings.

A charter was granted to the Relay Manufacturing company of Charlotte at a capital of \$125,000 by Messrs. G. B. Keller, M. S. Trotter and others. Another charter was to the Mountain Retreat company of Montreat, at an authorized capital of \$150,000, by S. H. Alexander, Jr., and R. O. Alexander and others.

CONFEDERATE REUNION.

Georgia Veterans Elect Officers and Choose Next Meeting Place. Savannah, Ga., Nov. 14.—The Georgia division of the United Confederate veterans elected the following officers: Commander, A. J. West of Atlanta; Brigadier-Generals, Eastern Brigade, J. W. Clark of Augusta; Northern Brigade, L. P. Thomas, of Atlanta; Western Brigade, J. E. DeVaughan, of Montezuma; Southern Brigade, L. G. Young of Savannah.

The next meeting is to be held in Augusta, November 1907.

Changes in Hotel Circles. It will be a matter of interest to the traveling public to know that Mr. J. A. Boyett, late steward of the Seashore hotel at Wilmington has taken charge of the Falls House at Gastonia succeeding Mr. J. W. Woodburn, who goes to Salem, Va., to assume the management of the Hotel Crawford. Mr. Boyett is an experienced hotel man and will conduct the Falls House on a high scale. Mr. Woodburn made many friends while he was in charge of the hotel who will regret to see him leave this section.

Poor May Suffer from Sudden Drop in Temperature To-day

Spartanburg, Nov. 14.—A heavy snow storm began at noon today accompanied by bitter north winds. The temperature dropped to 22 degrees last night and many water pipes in residences are frozen.

In addition to the damage to the cotton crop, much of which has not been gathered, it is feared that there will be great suffering among the poor as there is a shortage of wood and coal in this section.

Snow Storm Raging. Special to The News. Union, S. C., Nov. 14.—A heavy snow storm has been raging here for the past 50 minutes with colder atmosphere than yesterday and prospects of the snow continuing to fall.

Young Mother and Three Babies Burned to Death While in Bed

Cold Water, Mich., Nov. 14.—Mrs. Charles Mowry, aged 21 years, and her three children, Homer, aged six years; Louise, aged three years, and a baby of six months, were burned to death early today in their home on a farm near Davavia, a station six miles south of here, on the Lake Shore railroad.

Charles Mowry, the husband and father rose early and built fires in the house.

He then went to the barn to do the chores, and while there discovered that his house was on fire. He rushed back, but the flames had made such headway he could not enter his house, and his calls through the windows to his family brought no response.

It is thought that the mother and three children suffocated to death while asleep.