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CHARLOTTE N. C., SATURDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 16, 1911

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Three Shelby Negroes Spirited Away Last Nighi To Charlotte

Police Jetton of Shelby and ing Mr. Dixon?" Sheriff Wilkins, of Cleveland County.

will and John Ross Taken on on?" to Gaston County Jail-County Jail-The Men Talk Freely to Reporter.

tast night at 7:10 Chief Jetton, of shelby, and Sheriff Wilkerson, of wood." reveland county, arrived here with John, Will and Hack Ross, charged Dixon's house?" the murder of Mr. and Mrs. the Dixon, near Shelby, December Ross told him."

will and John Ross were kept at he police station last night and sent Gastonia this morning for safe keeping in the pail there. Hack Ross was taken to the jail in this city. This arrangement was thought best, all parties concerned.

John Ross, the youngest of the ree, showed the best nerve. He ent the night quietly. Will and ack were terror stricken. They myed and cried all night.

The three men were interviewed places of confinement by a News' The three men tell different sto-

John Ross' Story.

John Ross, when interviewed this orning, spoke calmly about the mur-

he bodies the morning of the murer half an hour after sun up. Mrs. mon was not dead when we found hen and she sent us to tell her taking that hog?" as, in the barn. They said 'we'll pay for it and told Mr. Dixon so and lyou if you say anything about he came after it."

When asked if he saw bolod on Dixon?" hese men he answered "No "Did you go on to get Mr. Dixon?" was asked.

"Yes, I went on and told him and hen I came back and stayed around, like thew hite folks told me to. Then hey sent me after the sheriff and the doctor and I went and came straight back with them."

"Did John tell you that he killed Mr. Dixon?" "No, sir, didn't say that he killed him but he told me that if I told anythink about it he would kill me."

"Did he tell you how he got Mr. Dixon out of the house?" "He said that he hold Mr. Dixon hat the mule was in a ditch and asked him to help get it out." "Was this the same mule that Mr

Dixon had a mortgage on?" When was the first you knew of

them urder?' "When we found the body." "Did you ever hear Will say any hing against Mr. Dixon before that

"No, sir, I did not" How old are you?" "Twenty-four."

Will Ross' Story. Will Ross was in a paroxysm of By Associated Press. tar. He was crying, praying and alling on the white folks to give

"Did John Ross find you and Hack loss in the barn?" was asked. barn? Mr. John Dixon's am? No sir, i ain't been near that am He might have found Hack ere but I was at home."

Ja, Sir Mincemeat, Danceway 113; Vcs, sir. My wife knows I was De Oro, Tom Shaw, 116; Maynora, "Can you prove that you were at

When was the last time that you ere at Mr. John Dixon's house?" ing there and Mrs. Dixon asked me Our Nugget, 98; Sigo, x Horace E, get her some water and I fetched Animus 103. me six apples for bringing it but I the had been so good to me. She Kid, 98; Cuban 106.

The made me take the apples anyhow Fifth race, 3 year olds and up, selland I went take the apples anyhow Fifth race, 3 year olds and up, sell-

No, sir, not 'til the sheriff got me. en they would not let us talk." When was thel ast time you Www Hack before the murder?"

the last time I was there."

Sunday evening when I was going to church I met Hack in the road and Hack was mad. He knew that Dixon was going to take the hog which he got from Mr. Dixon in the STILL PROBING cause he hadn't paid for it. ew as mad and he said that there thing laside him what peo- By Associated Press.

nule?" was asked.

acted mighty nice about it."

Will John, And Hack Ross, talked about the mortgage Monday Brought Here by Chief of and I thanked him and he left. That was the last time I saw him." "How long have you been know-

'About twenty years and I been working for him off and on all that time and he always paid me right up. I never had no trouble with him at

"Who do you think killed Mr. Dix-

"I think Hack done it, but I ain't got no proof. I think he done it cause he was mad about that hog. Hack Ross in Mecklenburg He knew Mr. Dixon was going to take that hog Monday." "Who told you about the murder

and what time?" "Mr. J. L. London told me about it that morning about 9 o'clock when I was at work on his place cutting "How far was that from Mr. John

"About a mile and a half. Mr London told me and he said John

"When was the first time you heard any thing about the murder?" asked the reporter.

"When the officers came after me." "Where were you when you were arrested?" "I was arrested on Mr. Horace

Moody's place about three miles from Dixon's house?" 'What were you doing over there?" "I was just moving over there." Mr. Moody told me to come over early that day and I got up some-

time between two and three with my this morning in their respective wife and baby to get ready to go." "Did you see Will Ross between time of the murder and the time you were arrested?" "No sir."

When questioned he denied that he had met Will Ross in the road Sunday and that he had told him anything about having something in him that people did not know. He said that he didn't know what Will was talking about"

"Were you mad about Mr. Dixon therin-law. Mr. Tommy Dixon and "No, sir. I told him that I could In Dem Wright. I was on the way to not pay for that hog and asked him to come and get it. I didn't have mber Hack and my cousin, Will anything to be mad about. I couldn't

"How far did you live from Mr.

'Were you at home all night?" "Were you in the barn the morn-

ing of the murder as John says you

barn in a week."

Mr. Dixon?" "When he came after the hog Monday, like I asked him to. He sat down in my house and we talked attaches of the hotel entered. about the deal then. He was just as good to me as he could be and 1 did not have a thing against him." Hack Ross stated that he had been working around the place for about 15 years and had only once before that time had any trouble with the police. That was once about 15 years

ago when he got in a fight. Hack was nervous. He cried and constantly protested his innocence, calling all the while on the white folks to take care of him.

ENTRIES FOR RACES AT COLUMBIA.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 16.—Entries at Fair Grounds Monday: First race, two year olds, 5 furlongs,

selling: x Lucky Wish, x Orperth, 97; Henock, x Miss Stanel 102; x Arany, Stelcliffe, Charlie O'Brien, 195. Second race, 3 year olds and up, selling 5 furlongs:x Carlisle M, x Doris Ward x L'Appelle 105; Lydia Lee, 106; Hibernica, x Leon B. 108; La Sa

Third race, 4 year olds and up, selling 1 1-16 miles: Otilo, 108; x Mark-About a week before. I was pass- ham, x Roseburg II, x Spring Frog, x

two buckets. She wanted to give six apples for bringing it but I selling, one mile: x Feather Duster selling, one mile: x Maromara, 103; do anything I could for the selling of the sellin do anything I could for her 'cause x V. Powers 86; x Oakley 91; Irish

went en. Fore God that was ing, 5 1-2 furlongs: General Phillips, ast time I was there."

X Tiny Tim, 105; Rhasneth, x Bertis "Did you see Hack after the mur- 108; Centre Shot 103; x Horicon 111; Grenida, Edith C., 110; District Attorney 116; x Stanley S., 100. Sixth race, 3 year olds, selling, 5 furlongs: Barn Dance, Sig Levy 110; Swell, Sea Swell, 116; Rubia Granda,

Billy Barnes 113; x Sir Edward III; Tippy, Chilton Squaw 105. xApprentice allowance claimed.

DYNAMITING PLOT.

now. He said 'People things | Junction City, Kas., Dec. 16.—Millknows me, but they don't know tary officials at Fort Riley today conabout me. He didn't call no tinued their investigation of the alleged plot to annihilate the post with "Did Mr. Dixon have a mortgage on fire and dynamite, details of which became public with the confession Tuessir, but he acted like a man day night of private Michael Quirk. by ten said that he would let It is said details of the of the all on my cow and then take public for many days had not Quirk's off, and just keep the one on my friends threatened habeas corpus prowas stated definitely. Following these was choking her. The jury believed threats army officials were forced to the story and returned a verdict of threats army officials were forced to the was choking her. The jury believed threats army officials were forced to the was choking her. The jury believed the was stricken three threats army officials were forced to the was choking her. The jury believed the was stricken three three three was choking her. The jury believed the was stricken three three was choking her. The jury believed the was stricken three three three was choking her. The jury believed the was stricken three three was choking her. The jury believed the was stricken three was choking her. The jury believed the was stricken three was choking her. The jury believed the was stricken three was choking her. The jury believed the was stricken three was choking her. The jury believed the was stricken three was choking her. The jury believed the was choking her. The jury believed to the was choki my cow and on my mule, too, but lease unless the charge against him It. Dixon before you saw him dead?" have warrants issued.



Chicago, Dec. 16.-Mrs. Edna Robinson, 32 years old, of Portland, Ore. is charged with an attempt to commi suicide in her room at the LaSalle hotel early this morning by shooting herself over the heart.

The woman is said to have shot herself while engaged in conversation over the telephone with Frank Cockrel, of St. Louis, who was a guest at another hotel. He heard the shot-

Cockrel is said to be a relative OI former United States senator. "When was the last time you saw ing near the bed with blood flowing from a bullet wound near the heart. She attempted to pick up the revolver which had fallen to the floor as

> "I tried to kill myself but I made a bad job of it," said Mrs. Robinson. Later she added that she attempted to kill herself because Cockrell refused to marry her.

> Shot Son and Suicided. Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 16.—Samuel B. Ayres, of Boston, shot and probably fatally wounded his son at a hotel early today and then committed suicide.



LILLIAN GRAHAM

CORNELIUS VANDERBILT
UNDERGOES OPERATION.

Miss Lillian Graham, who went on the witness stand in her own defense, and told a story of how she had been hounded by the millianaire, and said that she shot him in self defense after avenue home by Dr. Austin Fint, Jr., parties for distributing where they are placed with the proper they are most needed.

Do you want to make this fund larger?

Or, do you have toys, clothing struggle lasted.

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For North Carolina: Cloudy and colder tonight, rain in east . portion; Sunday, fair, colder.

Moderate west and northwest

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Efforts to bring over the wire and gave the alarm. the democratic national convention Mrs. Robinson was taken to a host to Chicago to a new life last night pital where her condition is said to at a meeting of the citizens' com-

A resolution was adopted accepting the invitation of the republican trip of three weeks during which it

he said that I was in the barn. I noted detective and cloth the room when they heard a revolver zens committee in charge of arrange-point. Seven governors were on the haven't been about that house or shot and found Mrs. Robinson stand-ments for the republican national special train when it left and ten convention. It is proposed to arrange a preliminary program for both contional democratic committee when it mon of Ohio. meets in Washington January 8 to decide on the place for holding the

next convertion. It is set forth by members of the committee that more money can be easily raised if needed. Chicago has not had a democratic national convention since 1896.

School for Illiter-

By Associated Press. Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 16.-Albert This gained Ferguson the aid of the education because of Ferguson. penitentiary officials.

It is said Ferguson is a member of years sentence for robbery, from Kan-sas City. Ferguson from his cell kept up correspondence with several persons and wrote much verse. He is paroled to William Marion Reedy, a St Louis editor.

Brooklyn Pastor

Briceville, Tenn., Dec. 16 .- Rescue work in the Cross Mountain mine has

een retarded today on account of fire in cross entry No. 17 right and also cross entry No. 18 left. It is thought no more bodies will be removed until late this afternoon

perhaps Sunday.

Western Governors Return Home

By Associated Press. Mrs. Robinson has been ag uest or the hotel since December 3. She was out last evening and did not return until an early hour this morning. The "Me? No, sir, I didn't know that hotel detective and clerk went to he said that I was in the barn. I arrived on the train this morning the additional governors being Oddie of ventions to be submitted to the na- Nevada, Deneen, of Illinois and Har-

> The governors, whose purpose is was to bring the East and West into closer social and business relationship and to exploit the resources of the various states represented, are all enthusiastic over the results of the trip.

JAKE STAHL FINDS

prises last night while making an ex-amination of his roster of players. One surprise was the purchase and vember 18. An autopsy showed that day report that the rebels fought badamination of his roster of players. Ferguson, convict poet and magazine writer, who will leave the penitentiary on parole, owes his liberty to some extent to the fact that while in

some extent to the fact that while in later let go to Sacramento. He also erate prisoners. More than one convict who entered the prison unable to either read or write left it with a fair the second to be a pitcher turned on the second to be a pitcher turned on the second to be a pitcher turned on the second to be a pitcher turned to be a pitcher t

The new manager said he had made formal application to the commission for reinstatement. He expects to be gave his age as 24 when he entered the penitentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to Potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to Potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to Potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to Potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to Potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to Potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to Potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to Potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to Potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to Potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to Potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to Potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to Potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to Potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to Potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to report to potentiary in 1906 under ten refusel to potentiary in 1906 under ten refuse caused the black mark against his name. He expects to be ready to go by Associated Press. with his players on March 10 to Hot For the first time Springs to begin training.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE

Most Notable Week In History Of The Chinese Revolution

RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR

FILES PROTEST.

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 16.-The Russian ambassador, George Bakhmetoff, called at the White House today and formally protested against the proposed abregation oft he treaty of 1832 with Russia on the ground that such action would be inconsistent with the long friendship that has existed between the two countries.

The abrogation of this treaty on acof alleged discriminations against American Jewish citizens was provided by the Sulzer resolution recently passed by the house and now pending in the senate.

Every Vessel a Treasure Ship

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 16.—Every trans-Atlantic liner that sails through the narrows to or from New York these days is a treasure ship. Four vessels ists, is to arrive in Shanghai early on alone within the past four days have carried abroad four millions of dollars and more, New York's annual Christmas present to the old world. This city will have sent in the neighborhood of ten millions of dollars abroad when the last gift-laden liner leaves her pier within the next

Over the money counter of the Cruisers and gunboats.

New York postoffice there have passtaken, Great Britain was leading with \$1,337,000, with Italy pressing her for second place with 39,104 money orders totalling \$1,091,000. To Austria there had gone 25,916 money orders aggregating \$493,000 to Swed-orders aggregating \$493,000 to Sw smallest, there being sixteen money orders with \$863, while to Egypt, next in order from the end there lected by Premier Yuan Shi Kai to went 94 orders totalling \$1,826. offset the revolutionary convention

Woman Summoned As Ventreman

By Associated Press Chicago, Dec. 16.-Mrs. A. S. Wood a business woman, was summoned yesterday to appear as a venireman in the trial of the ten packers charged with criminal violation of the

Sherman anti-trust law. Mrs. Wood said last night she would appear and insist on her rights as a citizen.

"I pay taxes and expect to go to the polls soon," she said, "and I shall offered the town hall for the meetings certainly protest against any at- of the peace conference. This propo tempt to exclude me from jury ser-

The subpoena had been made out for "A. S. Wood" with the woman's address.

Durland Life Insurance Paid. NUMBER OF SURPRISES.

New York, Dec. 16.—It was announced to demand that the dynasty be brought to a close and the the dynasty be brought to a close and the the dynasty be brought to a close and the the dynasty be brought to a close and the the dynasty be brought to a close and the the dynasty be brought to a close and the dynasty be New York, Dec. 16.—Itw as announc-

For the first time in several years the annual six-day bicycle race neared a finish today with one team leading all others. At 9 o'clock Joe Fogler of Brooklyn and Jack Clarke, of Melbourne, Australia, were a lap ahead of the next six teams. If they can hold this advantage until 10 o'clock to-night

Commits Succide

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 14, 1911.

The News, City.

"Enclosed please find check for \$10.00 to help you in supplying Xmas presents for the Poorth Avenue Baptist church in Brooklyn, was found dead today in a bath tub half immersed in blood that has flown from several arteries in his wrists. For several months Dr. Olsen had been suffering from heads ache and insomnia and lately he feared he was going insane.

A few days ago his wife and two children went to Chicago to visit Mrs. Olsen's dying mother. Taking advantage in the was going insane.

A few days ago his wife and two children went to Chicago to visit Mrs. Olsen's dying mother. Taking advantage in this sood work.

Ossen's dying mother. Taking advantage in the sun connection, I am, "Yours truly.

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CORNELIUS VANDERBILT.

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 14, 1911.

The News, City.

"Enclosed please find check for \$10.00 to help you in supplying Xmas presents for the poor and needy children do our city.

"How many little hearts would six next teams will participate in the six next

Such Will be The Coming Week -Imperial Plenspotentiary, Appointed to Negotiate Terms of Peace With Rebels

to Arrive in Shanghai.

Will be Accompanied by 80 Assistants - Fear . Junterence Will be Staged in Town Hall-Great Interest Taken In the Outcome.

By Associated Press.

Shanghai, Dec. 16.—The coming week will be perhaps the most notable in the history of the revolution in China. Tang Shao Yi, the imperial plenipotentiary, appointed by Premier Yuan Shi Kai, to negotiate terms of Sunday. He is accompanied by a suite of assistants and personal ser-

vants numbering no fewer than eighty. The party is making the voyage from Hankow on the chartered river boat Tung Ting. On their arrival here miles along the river Yang Tse, which is patrolled by a score of revolutionary

ed within the last ten days more than dozen well fortified points and will They will have passed the guns of a six millions of dollars for shipment abroad and the season is still at its height. When the last inventory was

orders aggregating \$493,000; to Sweden 40,352, aggregating \$442,810; to Germany 37,573 money orders totalling \$430,346; Liberia's gift is the conference. He also has with him twenty-two representatives of different provinces of China who have been se-

low sitting at Nanking.

Four representatives of General Li Yuen Heng, the revolutionary leader are traveling on the same boat with Tang Shao Yi and his party. Wu Ting Fang, former Chinese min-ister at Washington, and recently selected as foreign minister of the re-publican cabinet, who is directing the reception of Tang Shao Yi, will send wo representatives to meet the party

at its landing at the settlement. According to present arrangements Tang Shao Yi and his two counsellors, Yen Shi Si and Yang Shi Chi will take up their quarters at the Kalee hotel while the remainder of his suite

will put up at other hotels. The municipality of Shanghai has sal already has been accepted by Wu Ting Fang on the condition that Tang

Shao Yi approves of his choice. The best observers among the influential Chinese believe there is good chance of a settlement being made through mutual concessions.

The republicans at the present mo-

Peking, Dec. 16.—Eye witnesses toist troops on December 14 at Lyang Tse Kuan where the imperialists gained a victory. The rebels abandoned guns, ammunition and camp equipment and left forty killed and 200 wounded on the field.

The way was thus cleared to Tai Yuan Fu for the imperialists. Wu Ting Fang protested against operations in the province of Shan Si during the armistic but Premier Yuan Shi Kai replied that anarchism in the district rendered a forward movement necessary. The rebels has destroyed part of the Tien Tsin-Pukow railway near Pukow.

Majority Favor Republic. Shanghai, Dec. 16.-A census taken among the representatives of the republicans now assembled in convention of Nanking shows that a large majority of them is in favor of a republic but at the present crisis if Dr. Sun Yatsen, general Li Yuen Heng