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## WAS THE MAN DROWNED AFTER ALL?

### LATER DEVELOPMENTS INDICATE THAT THIS MAY BE THE CASE.

When Pulled Out of the Water Said: "Get the Other Man."—Little Said Man With Him Wore a Dark Suit of Clothes.—The Affair a Mystery.

There is yet considerable doubt as to whether a man was drowned at the time J. J. "Doll" Little came near losing his life in Cold Water creek on the Post mill road Tuesday night when he drove his wagon and team into the swollen stream.

Mr. C. F. Smith, who lives only a short distance from the ford, was in the city this morning and in an interview with a reporter of this paper stated in part: "My two sons, R. R. and Z. B. Smith, rescued Mr. Little while he was holding to a bush. I was also at the stream and we spent several hours searching for the man and team before we succeeded in rescuing them. When Little was pulled out he was taken to my house. As soon as the boys pulled him out he said: 'Get the other man, he jumped out of the wagon on the other side from me.' Later when I questioned him about the man he said he wore a dark suit of clothes and his name was John and he couldn't give the other part definitely. Little's condition was such that I could get very little information from him. A number of people investigated the affair and two negroes who saw Little returning from town say that a man was riding in the rear end of the wagon and appeared to be sick. A search was made yesterday but no trace of the man was found. The wagon bed was found this morning near Post mill, about three miles from where the accident occurred. The wagon itself was badly broken up and when my son, Randolph, cut the mules loose from the front wheels and axle was attached to them. On questioning Little further about the man, who he said was with him, he stated that he has positive a man was with him at that time but he could not 'testify' as to whether he was with him when the accident happened."

"Do you believe a man was drowned?" Mr. Smith was asked.

"I don't know what to believe," he replied. "I have given you the facts as I found them and anyone will just have to draw his own conclusion," he added.

Coroner Isenhour stated this morning that he was at a loss to know that to believe about the matter. "I can get witnesses who will testify that they say Little and he had a companion in the wagon with him, and I can get witnesses who say they saw him and there was no one with him," he said.

In the meantime the matter is being investigated and it is probable that more light will be thrown on it in a short time.

## WAGON AND TEAM WASHED DOWN STREAM

### Driver Escapes Unhurt.—Much Excitement Caused by Report That a Man Was Drowned in Cold Water Creek.

From Wednesday's Tribune. A man by the name of Bradley was drowned last night at Cold Water creek near Mr. C. F. Smith's, 4 miles east of Post mill and J. "Doll" Little narrowly escaped similar fate, when the two men riding on the latter's wagon attempted to ford the stream, it was the report that reached here early Wednesday morning.

Coroner Isenhour, Chief of Police Boger and a reporter of this paper began a diligent inquiry for the facts in the case.

Little difficulty was experienced in finding out the fact that Little came near losing his life in the stream, which was greatly swollen by the heavy rain Tuesday afternoon. He spent the day in town and started for his home on Wednesday late in the afternoon, traveling in a wagon. The edge at the creek was damaged some time ago by high water and has not been used since an effort was made to ford the stream. The wagon and team was washed down the stream by the current and Little managed to scramble to the bank. The team was later cut loose from the wagon by neighbors who went to the rescue. The report then went abroad that a man was on the wagon with Little. The latter's condition was such that

he could not give an account of just how the accident occurred. Rumors began to float thick and fast. The first one to reach town stated that a man by name of John Bradley was on the wagon with Little and that he was drowned. It was also reported that a searching party had been organized to find his body.

Little himself could not be communicated with and an investigation failed to reveal any facts concerning a man by the name of John Bradley. "I know several Bradleys here," said Chief of Police Boger, "but I don't know anyone by the name of John Bradley."

A second report was that the man drowned was a citizen of Georgeville. One message went so far as to give his name, a later message stated that this was an error. "Phone lines in that direction were kept busy all through the morning but no detail bordering on an accurate story could be secured."

About noon Mr. Lum Kizer of that neighborhood reached town. He was seen by Chief Boger and stated that he saw Little yesterday and that he stated no one was with him at the time he drove into the creek and that no one had been with him on his trip home.

## A TIMELY WARNING.

### What Has Become of Those Who Have the Interest of the City in Hand?—Some Cleaning Up Needed.

What has become of the Betterment Association—health officers, sanitary committees, etc., who are supposed to have the beauty and health of Concord in hand?

The writer had occasion to walk along Church street, between Loan and Marsh, just one square, the other day, and what was seen and smelled is passed all description. The gully to the right of the street going north, has evidently been for a long time the dumping ground for all sorts of trash. No it reeks with filth of every kind, garbage, rags, papers, old buckets, tin cans, the latter, when half filled with water, the culture beds of the deadly mosquito. When an epidemic of diphtheria or typhus fever, (almost any fatal disease could stalk out of the place) breaks out in the community, it will be too late to "clean up" this unsightly, disgusting place, almost in the heart of our city, only one street off from the main residential portion of north Union street. How the people who live in sight of, and smell of it stand it, is beyond accounting for, except as some of them say, they just have to, although they often can not sit on their porches at night, for the orders arising therefrom and mosquitoes, are vying with the flies for supremacy. I am told there is another dangerous place similar to this one in rear of the First Presbyterian church just off Depot street, also in the heart of the city.

## Letters Bare Myrtle Hawkins' Love.

Hendersonville, June 5.—"I had to sit like a block and see the only boy I really loved married to another girl. Man, it took nerve; I wish to God I could go down to your home, for I don't see how I am going to stay here loving him. I know it is a sin, but I can't stop. I think of nothing else but Brad, Brad, Brad all the day. I would be sorry and worried and I am for anything because I know he would be sorry and worried and I want him to be happy even if I am miserable. No one shall take away the kisses that Brad gave me. I will never kiss him again but I will never kiss any one else."

Thus Myrtle Hawkins poured out the burden of her grieving heart to her intimate friend, Alda Therrill, of Concord, shortly before the unfortunate girl disappeared. The letter referred to George Bradley and was introduced in evidence yesterday in the trial in Hendersonville. (No such girl is known here.)

## Festival of Corpus Christi.

Vienna, June 6.—Vienna today witnessed the customary elaborate celebration of the festival of Corpus Christi. The festival was instituted in 1264 in honor of the Consecrated Host and though it is generally observed by Roman Catholics everywhere, in no other city is the celebration of such splendid character as in Vienna. The custom for the Emperor of Austria to take part in the procession was begun in the seventeenth century by Ferdinand II, who by his presence succeeded in putting a stop to the conflicts between Catholic and Protestant mobs, with which the ceremonies in those days were almost invariably attended. This ceremony has been observed ever since by the Emperor of Austria.

Miss Jessamine Gant, of Burlington, is the guest of Mrs. J. Locke Erwin.

## REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETS

### BOTH SIDES PUBLICLY CLAIMING EVERYTHING.

#### Outcome is Much in Doubt, However. —Taft Forces Control Committee, And Will Seat Taft Men.—It is Believed That Roosevelt Will Be in Chicago Next Week.

Chicago, June 6.—With both factions claiming publicly everything in sight, and privately admitting that the outcome will be close, the Republican national committee met today to consider temporary roll of convention. The Taft forces are in control of the committee and the result of the majority of the contests it is believed will certainly be the seating of Taft men. The committee did not plan to take up contests today but only the organization, election of a chairman and defining the rules of procedure during the coming ten days.

A private wire was hooked up today from Chicago to the White House for President Taft. Roosevelt, it is believed is coming here next week.

## THE STATE CONVENTION.

### In Session at Raleigh To-day—Simmons-Kitchin Fight Will Creep In.

Raleigh, June 5.—The Wilson steering committee will recommend tomorrow the following as the Wilson floor leaders: W. G. Hammer, of Asheville, J. C. Biggs, of Durham, and Connor, of Wilson. The anti-Wilson forces claimed tonight an unstructured delegation would be sent. Varner tonight claimed ten district delegates already selected for Underwood to eight for Wilson. The sixth, the last district to hold, will select its delegates at a meeting here tomorrow morning.

The Kitchin-Simmons fight is liable to creep into the convention tomorrow and may have a large bearing on nomination for lieutenant governor and corporation commissioner. The Kitchin forces are particularly active as evidenced by a meeting tonight of Governor Kitchin, Congressman Claude Kitchin, Manager Frank McNeill, F. L. Travis, and other lesser lights of the Kitchin retinue.

It was learned tonight that State Chairman A. H. Eller will hardly be reelected. There is a possibility that Charles A. Webb, of Asheville, may become manager of Craig's campaign.

The fight for instructions may draw the convention out several hours longer than at first thought. The Wilson delegates said to have been selected by the caucus tonight are E. J. Justice, R. B. Glenn, E. J. Hale, and Gen. J. S. Carr. It was not clear at midnight whom the opposition would support.

## Bryan Talks Some More.

Chicago, June 6.—Bryan in an interview today speculates upon outcome of Republican national convention. He asks if Taft will accept a steam roller nomination, and if Roosevelt, in case he is not regularly nominated, will bolt. Bryan sees a possibility of a national committee seating enough both Roosevelt and Taft contested delegates to give balance of power to La Follette and Cummins. "The Chicago convention promises to be most exciting ever held in the history of the country, if there is no surrender before the battle," said Bryan.

## As He Weds Son's Widow.

Zanesville, O., June 5.—John C. Baird, 63 years old, is now the husband of the widow of his son, Mrs. Mary H. Baird, 36. The laws of Ohio do not prohibit such a marriage, and Baird says: "We can see no harm in it. I have liked my son's wife, and since his affection has ripened into love." Neither Mr. nor Mrs. Baird has any children.

## Old Folks' Day at St. Johns.

The service at St. Johns Lutheran church next Sunday will be conducted in honor of the old folks. At the conclusion of the morning service there will be an intermission of one hour and thirty minutes, after which the congregation will re-assemble and a song and prayer service will be conducted by Mr. G. E. Ritchie followed by an address by Rev. C. R. Pless.

## Treasurer of Christian Science Church Dead.

Boston, June 6.—After a short illness, Stephen A. Chase, treasurer of the Christian Science Church of America, died today.

## BEAUTIFUL MARRIAGE HERE LAST NIGHT.

### Miss Ruth Coltrane Becomes the Bride of Mr. Charles Cannon.

Beautiful in its simplicity, exquisite in every detail was the wedding last evening of Miss Ruth Louise Coltrane and Mr. Charles A. Cannon. Aladdin, with his genius of the lamp, was surely the decorator for the transformation was complete and out of this handsome home arose the "palace for the bride." The interior decoration was entirely in white, the parlors with their canopies of white wisteria and trailing vines presented a scene of rare beauty. Across the spacious reception hall was arranged an altar of pure white lilies before which the wedding vows were spoken. Over this was arranged an arch of lilies and ferns, studded with soft lights, while overhead a canopy of wedding bells swayed in rhythmic time to soft music, and from every nook and corner these lilies breathed forth their fragrance and nodded their stately heads in approval of this consummation of "love's young dream." Music signaled the approaching hour. Miss Harris, accompanist, Dr. John Reed, violin, Mrs. Guthrie, voice.

Mrs. Guthrie sang, in perfect voice, Serenade—La Targe and "I Love You Truly." To the strains of Lohengrin the bridal party entered. Misses Mariam Louise Coltrane and Ella Cannon Hill, Misses Adelaide Douglas and Nancy Carr, Misses Mary Branson Coltrane and Margaret Louise Carr carrying garlands of flowers and ribbons. These little girls wore exquisite white lingerie dresses over white silk. Through this aisle came the attendants, Miss Elizabeth Coltrane with Mr. Ross Cannon, Miss Laura McGill Cannon with Mr. Winslow Scherman. Misses Cannon and Coltrane wore gowns of white lace over satin. Following came the groom with his friend, Mr. Sisk. All eyes sought a glimpse of the lovely bride as she entered on the arm of her father. Always pretty, Miss Coltrane's beauty was enhanced by the love light that glowed on cheek and brow. Her gown was duchesse satin, en traine, with draperies of embroidered Japanese tissue and rose point. She wore no jewels, save the gift of the groom, a diamond pendant.

The impressive ceremony was spoken by Rev. E. K. Mcarty, of Greensboro, and Dr. J. M. Grieg, of Concord. During the ceremony Traumerai was softly rendered. Sixty guests witnessed the wedding ceremony, and after the ceremony the wedding reception was held.

The guests were received at the door by Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Coltrane, and Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Garrison and guided to receiving line by Mrs. D. F. Cannon. Assisting the bridal party in receiving were: Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Coltrane, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cannon, Sr., and Miss Coltrane.

At the register were: Miss Blanche Brown and Mr. L. D. Coltrane, Jr. Guests were taken to the dining room by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Odell. Color tones of this room were pink, shower bouquets of Killarney roses and ferns with centers of small lights swung from ceiling over the gracefully arranged tables.

Mesdames Hugh Propst, W. D. Pemberton, D. L. Bost, E. C. Barnhardt served the sumptuous supper. The guests were shown the magnificent array of wedding gifts by Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Cannon. Out of town guests attending the wedding were:

Dr. and Mrs. D. A. Garrison, Gastonia; Mrs. J. F. Yorke, Mr. John Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gattis, Charlotte; Mrs. C. A. Pamplin, Goldsboro; Miss Austin, Charlotte; Mr. George Winslow, of Carrollton Ky.; Mr. W. Scherman, Carrollton, Ky.; Mrs. T. C. Guthrie, Charlotte; Mrs. W. S. Glenn, Spartanburg; Miss Barnwell, Goldsboro; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hill, Thomasville. Mr. and Mrs. Julia Carr, Durham; Mrs. Barney Longlass, Winston-Salem; Mr. and Mrs. George Wadsworth, Mrs. A. B. Reese, Miss Reese, Charlotte; Mr. A. H. Sisk, Havana, Cuba.

## Cotton 78.9 Per Cent of Normal.

Washington, June 4.—The Department of Agriculture, in its first cotton condition report of the season, estimates the condition on May 25 of the growing cotton crop to be 78.9 per cent of normal. The condition by States is as follows: Virginia, 89; North Carolina, 87; South Carolina, 83; Georgia, 74; Florida, 75; Alabama, 74; Mississippi, 72; Louisiana, 69; Texas, 86; Tennessee, 74; Missouri, 74; Oklahoma, 78; California, 96, and Arkansas, 73.

George B. Nicholson, a prominent young lawyer of Statesville, died at Billingsley hospital Tuesday where he had been under treatment for several weeks.



HON. LOCKE CRAIG Who Will Be Next Governor of North Carolina.

## MARRIAGE IN ASHEVILLE.

### Mr. W. Reece Johnson and Mrs. T. A. Holden Wed There Yesterday.

A marriage that will be a great surprise to the people of Concord and this section was solemnized in Asheville yesterday when Mr. W. Reece Johnson and Mrs. T. A. Holden were married. The ceremony took place at 1 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Holden and was performed by Rev. Dr. J. C. Rowe, presiding elder of the Salisbury district. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson returned to Concord last night.

There were many people present on the happy occasion. The rice pleasantries played prominently in their departure and the automobile in which they left was showered with rice. Happy congratulations filled the air.

Mrs. Johnson formerly lived in Concord and has many friends who will welcome her here. Mr. Johnson is a well known business man of the city and is widely known throughout the county.

## Rates to Baltimore Convention.

The round trip fare from Concord to Baltimore, on account of the Democratic convention is \$13.55, tickets to be on sale June 20th to 24th inclusive, with final limit to reach starting point not later than midnight of July 3rd.

In this connection the Southern will operate a special train from Charlotte to Baltimore, leaving Charlotte at 8 p. m., June 24th, arriving at Baltimore at 8:50 a. m., June 25th, train to consist of day coaches and Pullman sleeping cars.

R. H. DEBUTTS, D. P. A., Charlotte, N. C.

## Affray at the Cannon Mill.

The case of Tom Porter, charged with assaulting Caleb Cox, will be tried in Recorder's Court tomorrow morning. The affair occurred at the Cannon Mill Monday morning. Cox is a second hand at the mill and Porter a weaver. A misunderstanding arose and the affray followed. Cox received a deep cut on his right arm. Porter was arrested and placed under a \$25 bond for his appearance tomorrow.

## Senator Nixon of Nevada Dies in Washington Hospital.

Washington, June 5.—United States Senator George S. Nixon, of Nevada, died at 10 o'clock tonight.

Senator Nixon had been at the Episcopal eye, ear and throat hospital since Thursday when an operation for nasal catarrh was performed. Spinal meningitis developed and the Senator's condition soon became critical. For the past twenty-four hours his death had been momentarily expected.

## Titanic Survivor to Marry.

New York, June 6.—Among the passengers who sailed on the steamer "Baltic" from this port today were Mrs. E. Edward Robert, her daughter, Miss Georgette Madill, and her niece, Miss Elizabeth N. Allen, who were among the survivors of the Titanic disaster. They are braving the dangers of the deep again for Miss Allen's marriage to Dr. James Mennell, a London physician.

## Comptrollers and Accounting Officers

Buffalo, N. Y., June 6.—The annual convention of the National Association of Comptrollers and Accounting Officers began in this city today, with headquarters at Hotel Statler. The programme covers three days and provides for addresses of Mayor Hunt of Cincinnati, Comptroller Prendergrast of New York city and other prominent municipal officials.

Mr. D. F. Cannon has gone to Marion on a short business trip.

## THE CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION YESTERDAY.

### Delegates Uninstructed as to President. — Congressman Doughton Made a Rousing Speech of Acceptance.

The Congressional convention of the Eighth district met yesterday in Salisbury, and was called to order by the chairman of the committee, Hayden Clement, of Salisbury.

R. L. Smith was called to act as temporary chairman, and A. S. Carson, C. N. Brown and J. B. Sherrill secretaries. The temporary organization was made permanent.

Senator L. T. Hartig, in an eloquent and stirring speech placed in nomination Hon. R. L. Doughton to succeed himself. Seconding speeches were made by Messrs. Long, Bailey, Gwaltney, Jones and Klutz. Mr. Doughton's unanimous nomination was made by a rising vote.

Mr. Doughton made a strong speech of acceptance. He declared that he has no fears of Roosevelt this year, that if nominated for the Presidency he would grow weaker until election day. Mr. Doughton further stated that as soon as his opponent is named by the Republicans he will challenge him to a joint canvass of the district.

W. R. Lovill, of Watauga, was nominated without opposition for elector.

Messrs. Hayden Clement and Whitehead Klutz, of Salisbury, R. S. Young, of Concord, R. L. Smith, of Albemarle, and R. A. Doughton, of Alleghany, were placed in nomination for delegates to national convention. The convention had previously voted to elect four delegates each to have one half vote. The result of the ballot was as follows:

- Clement, 248.
- Young, 226.
- Doughton, 239.
- Klutz, 160.
- Smith, 240.

Clement, Young, Doughton and Smith were declared the delegates. No instructions were given them. All are underwood men except Dr. Young, who is for Wilson.

A. H. Boyden asked the convention to endorse Gen. J. S. Carr for delegate at large, but Edmund Jones, of Lenoir, arose to say that the district had a delegate for this place in the person of Lieut. Gen. Newland. Col. Boyden withdrew. Gen. Carr's name in the midst of some confusion, and the convention immediately adjourned without endorsing anyone.

## Spencer Trainman Killed.

Spencer, June 4.—S. A. Blackburn, a flagman on the main line of the Southern Railway between Spencer and Monroe, Va., was killed by coming in contact with an overhead bridge near Lynchburg early this morning. It is said that he was knocked from the tender of the locomotive of the train on which he was working, that his skull was fractured and that he was taken to a Lynchburg hospital, where he died later today. He lived in East Spencer, where he has a wife and one child a year old. Mrs. Blackburn went to the bedside of her dying husband today, but it is said did not reach him before he died.

## To Meet in Gastonia.

Gastonia Gazette. For the first time in eleven years the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Western North Carolina Conference, M. E. Church, South, will hold its annual meeting in Gastonia, the session to be held in Main Street church, June 6th to 10th inclusive. Between 150 and 200 delegates from the local societies in all sections of Western North Carolina will be in attendance and the ladies of the local societies are now busily engaged in perfecting all arrangements for the meeting. The delegates will be entertained free of charge in the homes of Gastonia.

## Sheriff McKenzie Makes First Indictment Under Dog Law.

Salisbury, June 5.—Sheriff McKenzie today made the first indictment under the dog law, warrants being served on three white men of this city, for allowing their dogs to run at large. The action of the sheriff was brought about on account of the severe biting of a little girl on the streets yesterday by a dog which was afterwards killed. There is some doubt as to the proper person to make arrest and indictment on the above charge in the city limits and the result of this case will be watched with interest.

A horse belonging to the Concord Candy Kitchen fell down Monday while being driven to the delivery wagon and broke his neck. The accident occurred near the Gibson Mill.

Mr. C. W. Pearson, of Greensboro, is a Concord visitor today.