

Man And Wife Robbed Of Jewelry And \$400. In Cash

(By Associated Press)
An armed bandit, who held up Samuel Schastain and his wife, as they stepped into the porch of their Brooklyn home, on returning from a theatre party early today. The robbers escaped with ten thousand dollars worth of jewelry and four hundred dollars in currency.

ODD FELLOWS TO MEET IN RALEIGH, MAY 20TH

The laying of the cornerstone of the half million dollar Odd Fellows Temple at Raleigh, and the Grand Lodge parade on the afternoon of May 20th, a public meeting at the City Auditorium on Tuesday night, a barbecue complimentary to visiting members of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah State Assembly on Wednesday and a sight seeing trip on Thursday will be the features of the meeting of the North Carolina Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F. which convenes at Raleigh next week.

The Grand Lodge will convene at 2:30 p. m. on Tuesday for a brief business session. The parade will take place at four o'clock. State and City officials, civic and fraternal bodies will take part. A number of the delegates are expected to have flights.

At night there will be an open meeting at the City Auditorium. Addresses of welcome will be delivered by the Mayor and Past Grand Master S. B. Currin of Greenville. A musical program will be a feature of the evening.

The Grand Lodge officers will lay the cornerstone. The following program will be carried out: "Carolina" by State College Band. "America" by the audience. Official ceremonies oration by Gen. E. W. Bradford of Washington, D. C., Star Spangled Banner, by band.

ATLANTIC COAST LINE N DECLARES EXTRA DIVIDEND

(By Associated Press)
New York, May 15.—The directors of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. have declared an extra dividend of one percent on common stock in addition to the regular semi-annual dividend of three and one half percent.

"BILLY" SUNDAY REACHES MAYO HOSPITAL

(By Associated Press)
Rochester, Minn., May 15.—Rev. Billy Sunday, evangelist has arrived here to enter the Mayo-Clinic hospital for treatment for kidney ailment. He spent a restful night aboard the private car that brought him here from Chicago.

MRS. EDITH GOULD SUIT BROUGHT AGAINST HUSBAND

(By Associated Press)
Paris, May 15.—Edith Kelly Gould lost the suit she brought in the French courts to obtain half of the property in France, owned by Frank Jay Gould her former husband. The court ruled she had no right to share in this property because her marriage occurred in America where the rule of separate property of husband and wife prevails.

RIGHT OF PRESIDENT TO PARDON WAS DENIED

(By Associated Press)
Chicago, May 15.—The right of the President of the United States to pardon in a civil contempt case was denied in the opinion signed by the federal district judges George C. Carter and James Wilkerson, in the Philip Grossman case which was considered before the Daugherty investigating committee, the opinion held that Grossman should be taken in custody on sentence of one year in jail for contempt decreed by the former federal judge, Landis. Grossman was sentenced for contempt in the prohibition case.

Weather

Partly cloudy with moderate temperature today and Friday.

MRS O'BRIEN ENJOYS VISIT TO THE MILLS

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. W. A. O'Brien of Seattle, Wash., who has been spending the winter in North Carolina and Virginia had the pleasure of being shown through the Rug Mill and the Bedsread Mill. She was accompanied by Mrs. M. E. Murray and for an hour they were shown the different departments of the mill by Mr. Trantum who takes great interest in showing and explaining the work of these wonderful mills.

Mrs. O'Brien was especially interested in the rug, as they have four stores in California, and it was a great pleasure to see how the rugs were made from beginning to finish.

She expects to leave in about ten days for a short visit in Kentucky. She will be met there by Mr. O'Brien who has been in San Francisco for a year or more. They will go to their ranch in Washington to attend to some business, and from there to San Francisco where they will make their home.

When Mrs. O'Brien returns to California she expects to tell the people she had the pleasure of seeing the rugs made in Leaksville mills. And the courtesy showed by Mr. Trantum in explaining the different work, and also tell them of the beautiful designs in bed spreads which are being made here in our own town.

THE WILD BEAST MAN

(By Wickes Wamboldt)
I read the other day where hold-up men with guns in their hands used their teeth to pull stick-pins from the clothes of their victims and rings from their fingers. The thought occurred to me, how like wild beasts these men were. How like the tiger of the jungle and the wolf of the forest. With their teeth they tore from their victims what they wanted.

Unlike the tiger and the wolf, they took jewels instead of blood, but this was due only to difference in taste, not character. Had they, like the tiger and the wolf, wanted blood, they would have taken blood and like these ferocious beasts would have sunk their teeth in the throats of their victims. As it was, they wantonly shot four of the party they robbed. The tiger and the wolf would have killed not had not they wanted blood.

The whole United States is seeking for the wild beast man who the other day snatched a little baby and made off with it. Did he eat it? No; probably he was less merciful. Had the little thing been carried off by this man's twin brother, the tiger, his parents could at least have had the meagre comfort of knowing it was out of its misery.

Some one made the observation that 600 years ago the site of New York City was the haunt of wild beasts and savages, and someone else remarked that there were fewer wild beasts and savages, there 600 years ago than today. The city jungle always attracts the wild beast man.

Have you ever thought how like animals some people are? There is the man, shrewd and shifty eyed, who makes us think of a fox. Another, slick and treacherous, reminds us of a snake. Another has the fierce demeanor of an eagle. Another is lithe, graceful and as dangerous as a panther. Another, high-strung, emotional, irrational, reminds you of a horse. Another, placid, and mentally heavy, makes you think of a cow. Some people chatter and go on like a flock of guinea hens. We have all seen the man with a face like a rat. As for the cat—this simile is too common to need mention.

Most of us in some degree the wild beast taint. Our biggest job in this life is to get it out of us.

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS DECLINE TO HAVE PEACE COMMITTEE

(By Associated Press)
Atlanta, Ga., May 15.—Southern Baptists convention has declined to authorize the appointment of a special peace committee, to prepare a paper for presentation to the convention in 1925 setting forth the Christian teaching in regard to war.

HENRY EDHAM MAY BE KEENAN GIRL'S SLAYER THE POLICE BELIEVE

CHOKES AND ROBS LADY Police Trying to Link Confessed Gem Robber With Other Crimes in Gotham

New York, May 15.—Henry Edham, an Englishman of a half dozen aliases and a suspect in several of this city's most sensational unsolved crimes, was in custody tonight on a alleged confession that he drugged Mrs. Howard Johnson wife of the playwright and robbed her of \$9,000 worth of gems at the Hotel Alamac last Monday night.

Arrested on a clue furnished by a bottle of cough medicine an identified by numerous witnesses, the prisoner was reported by Inspector Coughlin to have admitted he and a woman companion robbed Mrs. Johnson and that he and two gunmen recently invaded the apartment of Mrs. Mildred Monroe, a former Follies dancer, overlooking several thousand dollars in jewels and money.

Witnesses were summoned to his cell tonight to see if they could identify Edham as a participant in the drugging, robbing and murder of Dorothy King Keenan and of Louise Lawson. Police declared they also had clues linking him with a Broadway shop silk robbery of two weeks ago.

The prisoner is known to the police under the aliases of Harry Lasser, Wilson, Phillips, Trent and Roth. He is alleged to have confessed he stole the stones to pay a lawyer at Washington, D. C. where he recently was arrested for burglary and released on bail.

The records indicate Edham was born in Dorchester, England and that he has served in Sing Sing prison, Atlanta penitentiary and Trenton prison in this country. He told his captors that "Sam Jackson" now in Sing Sing was his brother.

LIMIT STAY OF BISHOPS IN ONE PLACE TO EIGHT YEARS

(By Associated Press)
Washington, May 15.—No limitation to eight years of the bishop's tenure in any one area residence in this country which was formerly indefinite was approved by the Methodist Episcopal General Conference. The change was regarded as radical and opponents of the measure said it would decrease the effectiveness of Episcopal supervision.

POWER COMPANIES SUBMIT PROPOSAL FOR MUSCLE SHOALS

(By Associated Press)
Washington, May 15.—Willingness on the part of associated power companies to submit another Muscle Shoals proposal to purchase the power produced at Muscle Shoals by the government and to distribute it under federal water power act was expressed at senate agricultural committee hearing by E. A. Yates, general manager of the Alabama Power L. J. Power Co. Yates explained this proposal would depend upon the perpetual government ownership and operation and in effect would be the modification of the Norris bill which provides for the government operation of the property.

The Baptist Vote To Handle Negro Problem Without Outside Help

BIG SUM IS RAISED

Report At Southern Baptist Convention Show 53 of 75 Millions is Rased

CATHOLIC AFTER NEGRO

Atlanta, Ga., May 14.—Voicing its determination to handle the negro problem in the south without conference or consultation with the northern Baptist convention or any other organization, the southern Baptist convention late today rejected a recommendation of its executive committee for a joint conference with the southern Baptist convention, the northern Baptist convention and the national Baptist convention. The recommendation was contained

COLORLESS VERDICT IS RETURNED IN DEATH OF MRS. JOHN EGGLESTON

Expect "She Was Killed By Persons Unknown."

HER HUSBAND IS HELD

He Is In Jail In Martinsville, Va., and Will Be Given a Hearing Today

Danville, Va., May 15.—The coroner's jury which for days has been investigating the death of Mrs. John Eggleston late this evening returned a non-committal verdict that she had been killed by persons unknown. The formal decision was reached after the jury had gone to the Eggleston home near Fontaine, combed through for new evidence, and discussed the affair with neighbors who spoke of the family with some reluctance.

Notwithstanding the colorless verdict returned, John Eggleston tonight remained a prisoner in the Martinsville jail charged with complicity in the death of his wife. He will be given a preliminary hearing tomorrow while the evidence in the case remains clear in the minds of witnesses. He has not formally testified but maintains ignorance of murder in all particulars. The state, however, holds circumstantial evidence in spite of the theory that jealousy prompted the crime, that Eggleston had found letters from an admirer addressed in warm terms to his wife and had taken them to an attorney. There is also evidence that three days before Mrs. Eggleston disappeared she had told a friend she was having trouble over money matters with her husband.

Sapling Spattered With Blood

The coroner's inquest which began early on Tuesday morning continued most of the day and was held in the open air at the spot where the remains were found. All of the evidence was presented there and Coroner J. W. Simmons afforded the jurors every opportunity to examine the spot. A group of the jurors were examining the surroundings when two of them came upon what probably is the most vital evidence substantiating the theory of violent death. A young sapling, a distance of five feet or more from the ground. This was close to where the body lay and the theory is that when the woman was attacked she staggered against the sapling and then sank to the ground.

The theory of robbery was also gone into exhaustively, the jury going to Martinsville and making inquiries at the bank where she kept her savings. These had not been withdrawn and it is doubtful if Mrs. Eggleston had the \$300 which her husband opines was on her person at the time. However, Mrs. Eggleston was known to always carry substantial sums of money on her person for some reason not explained. This she kept in a belt about her waist. It was found to be empty.

Mrs. Eggleston was about 42 years of age and is described as having been a comely woman. She was a member of a prominent Henry county family. She was before her marriage Miss Nancy Graveley and member of one of Henry County's pioneer families. Jack Graveley living on the old homestead is her brother and T. B. Graveley, hardware merchant of Martinsville, is her cousin.

Both Wood and Starnes Make Bitter Complaint Of a Harsh Prison Life

WOOD AND STARNES TAKE DINNER TODAY AT MORGAN'S CAFE

This afternoon about 3 o'clock Otto Wood and J. H. Starnes accompanied by three officers from the North Carolina penitentiary stopped at Morgan's Cafe on the Boulevard and had lunch. Quite a number of people congregated in front of the Cafe to get a glimpse of the two desperadoes.

SENIOR CLASS PLAY WAS A GREAT SUCCESS

A most interesting and entertaining play was given by the Senior Class of the Leaksville High School in the High School Auditorium, Tuesday, night, 13, 1924.

The Senior Class intends to follow the custom of presenting some gift to their Alma Mater, and the proceeds from this play will be used for that purpose.

The opening scene of the play was in the home of a rich man, Mr. Capell (Allen Ivie). His daughter Evelyn, (Elizabeth Patterson) and Evelyn's aunt (Mildred Osborne) are very much disturbed because of an accident caused by Evelyn's carelessness which resulted in the serious injury of a stranger, David Bourne (Fred McKenzie) Evelyn's suitor, William Abernethy, his sister, Johnnie Fagge and their so-called friends, Mary Milnet and Sallie Smith, try to help Evelyn out of her trouble and see her safely married to her suitor.

The second scene shows the stranger in the hospital under the special care of Dr. Johns (John Moore) and of the nurse Miss Ramsey, (Willie Mae Rice). Evelyn brings the young man promise, him a position as manager of their farm.

The third scene the ambulance Doctor, Homer Vernon brings David as a convalescent to Mr. Capell's home Evelyn gradually becomes more and more interested in his welfare. Her brother Gilbert, (James Crouch) and Mammy (Ruby Hedrick) are interested in spite of the disapproving words of eyesy one else.

At the manager's bungalow in the last scene, we meet David's mother, Audrey Hodges and Remus (Joseph Bondurant). Remus is a great help to David and Evelyn on their daily hunts. The play as a whole was well directed and well presented. All of the characters acted their parts well and deserve credit for their interest and diligent work.

WORKMEN FUSS OVER CLOSING OF WINDOW RESULTING IN 3 DEAD

Chicago, May 14.—Angered because other employes opened a window, John C. Gardner, 60 years old an inspector for the Illinois Malleable Iron Co., today shot and killed two foremen and then pursued by other employes, placed one of the three pistols with which he was armed against his temple and committed suicide.

The police said they learned that Gardner and his two victims, R. W. Wilcox, 54, and Herman Krause, 41, had quarrelled because the two men insisted that a window be left open while Gardner insisted he had a cold and the air would make it worse.

Gardner left the plant and shortly came back with three pistols. He first shot Krause and then rushed to an other part of the factory and shot Wilcox.

METHODISTS IN UPROAR

(By Associated Press)
Springfield, Mass., May 14.—A charge that the Methodist church had been brought into ill repute as a supporter of communism and third international threw the Methodist Episcopal general conference into an uproar. It was finally voted that policy Word chairman of civil liberties union and director of Methodist Federation of social service was behind the jurisdiction of conference.

IN PRISON AT ROANOKE THEY ASK PEOPLE NOT TO JUDGE TOO HARSHLY

Wood Say That Society Never Gave Him A Chance

LAW ALWAYS HOUNDED

Otto Says He Tried to Be Model Prisoner and That Was Treated Harsh

Roanoke, Va., May 15.—Otto Wood and J. H. Starnes the two North Carolina convicts captured here Monday evening, today issued signed statements telling why they left the North Carolina prison and scoring the prison officials. Wood's statement was headed "Why I Left the North Carolina Penitentiary". It follows: "Good citizens of Virginia and all: I know you have Wood and Starnes pictured as desperate criminals, but I would like to say to one and all that I, Wood, have never had a chance to make good for I have been drug around by the North Carolina authorities.

"Sometimes I think I was born on a dark and cloudy night for my troubles have been much and many. I am now 29 years old and I have now all told been sentenced to 80 years and at the time of this trouble in North Carolina I came out with a clean breast of everything that I had done. That I ask the people for a chance on account of having a dear wife and two little babies.

Warden Makes It Hard

"Instead of getting a chance, the warden of the North Carolina penitentiary Sam J. Busbee makes it hard on me in every way I went to him and asked him to treat me as he did the other prisoners: that I had a long time and I wanted to make good and that I didn't want to run away from there, but I was tired of rough life there. I was living and he says to me, 'If you think you can get away from here you better go, if it is that easy.' Then is when I made up my mind to leave for I seen that I had no chance. That is why we have so many criminals today. It is the harsh treatment that a poor devil gets that turns him against the public and society and the inhuman treatment.

"When a man with a long sentence enters the penitentiary he needs all the encouragement he can get for he feels that the world is against him, anyway. And I hope that the good people will not criticize my wife for what she did not do anymore than any other loyal wife would have done. (Signed) "OTTO H. WOOD"

Starnes Statement

Statement by J. H. Starnes, Jr. "They do not treat all prisoners alike, as the officials show partially toward some prisoners and some of the prisoners get treated worse than a bull dog that I used to own myself. "I guess the public thinks I am a desperate, hardened criminal but they have done me wrong, if they do, I have never hurt no one. The only injury I have ever done is to myself. I would have tried to make my five years but that was too much time for the offense that I was sentenced for. But after all, at the penitentiary we get the treatment like as god as some dogs get for I owned one myself once, and I know.

We have to work 10 hours a day from 5:45 a. m. to 12 and from 10 to 5:15. Then after what they call supper they march us in and lock us up in a cell just large enough for a cat and you can hardly turn around. The cell is just 5 by 7. So there you are until 5 o'clock the next day, and then you have another day of the same thing. Some days we will have some kinds of beans or peas and it is no trouble to find bugs, and flies in the food. But still we prisoners have to eat it and say nothing.

"But the old prisoners they told me it was heaven from what it used to be. When you get sick you go to the drug room as they call it and give you a handful of colomet 8 and 10 trains at a time and the next day the doctor comes around and passes by you at from four to ten yard, from you and says 'well you are ready to go back to work' (Signed) J. H. STARNES