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TEN YEAR OLD CHILD KILLED

Horrible Thanksgiving Accident Occurred at the Home of Mr. Neut Aycock When Gun in Little Boy's Hands Exploded

Mrs. Janime Aycock, aged 10, was instantly killed; her mother, Neut Aycock, was shot in the hand; and a few months old baby was struck about the neck yesterday morning when a single barrel shot-gun exploded in the hands of an 8-year old son of Mrs. Aycock.

Three shots took effect in Mrs. Aycock's right hand, but beyond being painful at the time being, nothing serious will result. Eleven shots struck the baby around the neck, face and back. None of them broke through the skin, but just simply blistered the flesh.

The accident occurred about seven o'clock Thanksgiving morning. The family had had breakfast, and Mr. Aycock had left the house to go to the barn to attend to some chores.

On the night before, Ellis Aycock, an older son, aged 15, had heard some dogs prowling around the house. Going to investigate, he loaded the gun and took it with him.

Funeral services over the little girl's body was held this morning by Rev. M. D. L. Preslar. Interment was at Meadonia. Janime was a good little girl, and her untimely death is a matter of much concern to all who knew her.

Honor Roll for Graded Schools.

- Florence Redwine, Martha Adams, Fanny Person Rudge, Mildred Lee, Mary Shelley, Blanche Armfield, Ana Frances Redfern, Ada Levy, Blendell Curlee, Whiteford Blakeney, Henry Ellis Cople, George Beasley, Clarence Houston, Louise Anderson, Mary Browning, Alda Broom, Ed Roe Houston, Cecil Knight, Lillian Wardick, Katherine Kyle Redfern, Margaret Dixon Sikes, Mary Wylie Stewart, Viola Clontz, Henry Boger, Eva Shute, Pink Coan, Helen Cook, Claudia Brown, Virginia Blakeney, Annie Louise Caldwell, Katherine English, Mary Elizabeth Evans, Mary Elizabeth Faust, Horace Fowler, Willie Mae Haynes, Katie Grayley, Mary Lee, Katherine Holmes, Walter Lockhart, Byron Long, Virginia Neal, Irene Presson, Eleanor Stevens, Ear Saleeby, Louise Sikes, Joseph Stewart, Louise Watts, James Morgan, Mary F. Clark, Anna Redfern, Chattie Stack, Allie Hawn, Frank Armfield, Vann Sills, Pickette Williams, Henry M. Major, Robert Neal, Lula Bell McGill, Mae Sell, Thomas Griffin, Will Lane Gardner, John Stewart, John B. Stewart, Robert Clark, Harry Lee, Raymond Wilson, Hazel Clontz, Wrennie Griggs, Margaret Redwine, Louise Tedder, Emsley Laney, Hoyte Maness, Emmett Griffin, Bivens Helms, Loyd Tucker, Jessie Harper Brown, Marguerite McDonald, Alice Gibbon, Mary Dean Laney, Grace Johnson, Nellie Austin, Jessamine Austin, Max Griffin, Woodson Benton, Mary Frances Lemmond, David Capehart, Henry Tedder, Albert Laney, Abram Hill Crowell, Emsley Horton, Sam Lemmond, Sholena Helms, Imogene Merritt, Alice Shora, Margaret Helms, Mary Watkins, Nellie West Basinger, Eleanor Armfield, Clara Lee Austin, Rowland Beasley, Berta Allen Houston, Louis Laney, George Tucker, Henry Adams, Gladys Lathan, Albert Lee, Rosa Penegar, Gladys Polatty, Finley Rogers, Nan Schachner, Henry Belk, Viola Hart, Murlie Hinde, Velma Lathan, Elizabeth Williams, Mamie Lemmond, Mable Pointer, Leland Stewart, Joe McEwen, Arthur Griffin, Esther Griffin, Ella May Helms, Frances Halton, Ruby Lemmond, Jack Coan, Clayton Moore, Della Moore, Maud Rowers, Lula Griffin, Lydia Helms, Henry Brown, John Broom, Charley Helms, Annie Helms, Fannie Griffin, Maud Broom, Howard Furr.

Lots of men marry young because they are.

Seventh District Medical Society Meeting.

All those ladies who have asked for guests will please write them, if they have not already done so.

- 1. The Chronic Degenerative Diseases (Illustrated), Dr. J. P. Munroe, Charlotte.
- 2. Urinary Calculi (lantern slide illustration), Drs. A. J. Crowell and J. W. Squires, Charlotte.
- 3. Restoration of the Female Perineum, Dr. L. N. Glenn, Gastonia.
- 4. Infections of Maxillary Antrum, Dr. J. P. Matheson, Charlotte.
- 5. Acidosis and Carbon Dioxide Tension of Avelar Air, Dr. Robt. H. LaFerty, Charlotte.
- 6. Eclampsia, Dr. J. C. Twitty, Rutherfordton.
- 7. Case Report Illustrating the Necessity of Re-examination of Hook Worm Patients, Dr. J. Rush Shull, Cliffside.
- 8. Our Consumption Problem and How Shall It be Solved, Dr. R. Arrafield, Marshville.
- 9. Blood Transfusion With Special Reference to the Citrate Method, Dr. Wm. M. Scrugas, Rutherfordton.
- 10. Leukaemia, Dr. Otho B. Ross, Charlotte.
- 11. Suggestions in Administering Anaesthetics, Dr. J. C. Montgomery, Charlotte.
- 12. The Relation of the Medical Profession to the People—Dr. H. D. Stewart, Monroe.
- 13. Manifestations of Elementary Toxaemia, Dr. R. F. Leinbach, Charlotte.
- 14. Fracture of Femur, Dr. S. A. Wilkins, Dallas.
- 15. Histerectomy, Dr. Oren Moore, Charlotte.
- 16. Diphtheria, Dr. C. D. Thompson, Lincolnton.
- 17. A Plea for Modern Orthopaedic Surgery, Dr. R. A. Moore, Charlotte.
- 18. Pyelitis in Children, Dr. Yates W. Faison, Charlotte.
- 19. Puerperal Sepsis, Dr. C. J. McCombs, Gastonia.
- 20. Morphism: A Variety of Comments, Dr. S. M. Crowell, Charlotte.

JESSE PRICE PARDONED

Governor Craig Took Action Monday—Price Had Served Four and Half Years for Murder of Lester Rushing in 1910.

Wadesboro M. & I. Governor Craig on Monday signed a pardon for Jesse A. Price, who, at the September, 1911, term of court was found guilty of the murder of Lester Rushing and sentenced to seven years on the chain-gang. Price had served four years six months and ten days of his term when he was released Tuesday.

Two Items in High Cost of Living.

In its search yesterday for reasons for the high price of milk and the skyrocketing advance in eggs, the Wicks Legislative Committee brought out two facts.

First—The New York Central is paying \$25,000 a year to the estate of Robert E. Westcott, the expressman, for supervising milk shipments to New York from districts in the northern part of this State, where Mr. Westcott developed a milk trade for the railroad years ago.

Second—A car load of Indiana eggs, sold by the Decatur Produce Company last June to a New York City wholesaler at 24 1/2 cents a dozen, was resold nine or ten times without leaving the cold storage warehouse, until the St. Regis Hotel paid 43 cents a dozen for part of the lot on Nov. 13.

There was also evidence that large quantities of coal tar dyes are used in this city to color ice cream.

Passed 100,000,000 Mark.

Population of continental United States on January 1, 1917, will be 102,826,309 and with its outlying possessions 113,309,285, the census bureau estimates upon the increase as shown by the Federal censuses of 1900 and 1910.

Treasury Department statisticians, using a different method of calculation, estimated the population of continental United States as 103,062,000 on November 1.

FORMER CLERK SENTENCED TO BE HANGED

Found Guilty of Murdering Local Judge But Declares That He killed in Self Defense.

Huntsville (Ala.) Dispatch, Nov. 28. After being out 17 hours, a jury in the circuit court here today found David D. Overton, former clerk of the county court, guilty of murder of Probate Judge William T. Lawler, last June, and recommended the death penalty.

Judge Miller immediately sentenced the defendant to be hanged on January 12, but suspended the sentence when a motion was made for a new trial. The date for arguing the motion has not been fixed.

Overton received the verdict with apparent calm, and when asked if he had anything to say replied with liberation: "Nothing, judge, except that I am not guilty."

The verdict was brought in half an hour before noon and as soon as the court procedure had concluded Overton was returned to the county jail.

The conviction of Overton today was the climax of one of the most sensational murder cases in the south in recent years. Overton and Judge Lawler were political opponents and at his trial Overton said he had killed Lawler in self-defense after they had quarreled over a matter growing out of local politics.

Judge Lawler was known to have gone to the courthouse here the night of June 14, last, and was not seen alive after that by anyone except Overton. His body was found June 17, under 15 feet of water in a Tennessee river slough 10 miles from here, weighted down with a piece of railroad iron and bearing a bullet wound that was believed to have caused his death.

Within a week Shelby Pleasants, a Huntsville attorney, and Sheriff Robert Phillips had shot and killed themselves, their action adding to the mystery and excitement that was stirring the town. The state militia was encamped here several days to prevent any outbreak.

In the meantime Overton had disappeared and a wide search was made for him, extending to the Canadian border. He was arrested in Smithville, Tenn., several weeks ago and was held in jail at Montgomery until his trial.

Overton said on the witness stand that he killed Judge Lawler after the latter had attacked him with a knife. The attack, he said, followed his (Overton's) refusal to join Lawler in a plan to delay the report of a special grand jury which was understood to be investigating alleged irregularities in the election last spring in which Lawler defeated Overton, for the probate judgeship. He denied he had anything to do with the disposition of Lawler's body.

He stated he and the jurist had driven in his buggy from the county courthouse in Huntsville to the Whiteburg bridge to discuss political differences which they hoped to settle. These alleged differences were not explained.

Death of William Pitts.

Mr. William Pitts, spoken of as the oldest man in Chesterfield county, died at his home in the Shiloh community last Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

His body was laid to rest in the Pitts graveyard Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the presence of a large concourse of friends.

The Rev. J. L. Tyler conducted the funeral service.

Mr. Pitts died in his 97th year and is survived by his wife and nephew, Charley.

This man has lived a remarkable life. Long before his fatal illness this writer had often heard "Billy" Pitts spoken of not only as a very old and very active man but this one expression has been often repeated in speaking of him: "In his dealings he was as straight as a die." He always walked with head erect and shoulders thrown back in a manner that would shame any a young man and this erect physical posture was often likened to his moral character.

It is said that he died within one half mile of the place of his birth. He was a typical Chesterfield county farmer and loved his county and its people. He worked, even plowed his own farm up to a few years ago. Up to the last his mind was clear except during severe attacks of the malady that carried him off. All of Chesterfield county knew him and his death is mourned by all who knew him.

Loss By Improper Grading.

Cotton growers in the United States lost something like \$7,500,000 in 1913-1914 because grades were not properly taken into account in the primary sales, according to the announcement by the national Department of Agriculture. Losses due to inaccurate grading are still great in spite of the tendency toward improved conditions since the promulgation of the official cotton standards of the United States, the announcement added.

TRIED TO END "DIRTY MESS"

The Wife Started the Shooting But the Other Woman Got the Better of It.

Scranton (Pa.) Dispatch, Nov. 25. Two women, each claiming George W. Snyder, a local wholesale fruit dealer, as "her man," met face to face in Snyder's house on the mountain side at Moscow, a peaceful farming village ten miles away here, last night. One woman was Snyder's wife and the other was Miss Grace Crosbie of Malone, N. Y.

"What do you want in this house?" demanded Mrs. Snyder of Miss Crosbie, who had entered without knocking.

"I want him," answered Miss Crosbie, crying and pointing to Snyder sitting at the dinner table. "He is the father of my baby about to be born and he must acknowledge it to the world."

"What about my boy? I have a boy, and he too needs protection, and his father must remain with me!" Mrs. Snyder, enraged, shouted at her caller.

"Whom do you love?" Miss Crosbie asked Snyder.

"I love you, but this woman is my wife," he answered, trying to pacify the women.

Mrs. Snyder walked into an adjoining room. Returning within a few minutes, she said:

"It might be better for us three to die and settle this dirty mess!" Then she drew a revolver from behind her and fired at Snyder and Miss Crosbie, who were standing close to each other.

The bullet lodged in the wall. Miss Crosbie stepped away from Snyder, drew a revolver from a muff and started toward Mrs. Snyder. Mrs. Snyder backed away and fired a second shot, but the bullet again went wide.

Miss Crosbie pulled the trigger of her weapon, but it only snapped. She pulled it again and a bullet entered Mrs. Snyder's left breast just above the heart.

She backed out of the house, staggered into the home of a neighbor and fell on the floor. Snyder followed, told the neighbors to summon a doctor and then he and Miss Crosbie got into his automobile and started for this city.

The village authorities were notified and started out for Snyder. His car broke down and he was arrested with Miss Crosbie and brought to jail here and held. Mrs. Snyder is in a dying condition.

Miss Crosbie admitted shooting Mrs. Snyder. She also confessed she has been living with Snyder as his wife occasionally for many years. She met him in Malone when she was a telephone operator. Snyder, she said, rented an apartment for her in New York City. Six years ago when Mr. and Mrs. Snyder moved here Miss Crosbie also came and Snyder fitted up an apartment for her.

A few days ago Mrs. Snyder learned of "the other woman." Mrs. Snyder tried to have Miss Crosbie go away, but she refused. Snyder failed to visit Miss Crosbie yesterday and then she went to his home in Moscow.

Snyder is about forty-three, his wife is forty and Miss Crosbie is thirty. The Snyders have been married eighteen years.

CHAMP CLARK SOLVES HIGH COST OF LIVING

Buy Some Laying Hens and Eat More Corn Products and Rice, Says the Speaker.

Washington Dispatch, Nov. 27. If the high cost of living bothers you don't wait for governmental remedies, but buy some laying hens and eat more rice and corn products, says Speaker Clark. Not that he does not think the government can help bringing down the price of food-stuffs by legislative or other action, but he pins greater faith in more direct methods.

Thus the speaker expressed himself today on the high cost of living problem which he regards as one of the greatest facing the nation. Referring to Representative Fitzgerald's embargo bill he said:

"There may or may not be a chance for Mr. Fitzgerald's proposed bill. It might do some good; I don't know." The speaker declared that he will urge passage this year of a federal law prohibiting the killing of veal calves. Such a measure failed at the last session. He also expressed the view that egg speculators violate the law holding eggs for a rise in price.

Democrats May Control.

Washington Dispatch to Greensboro News. It is generally conceded here by Republican leaders that the Democrats will have control in the next House by a narrow margin, and that they will be able to organize with the assistance of the Progressives and Prohibition and Socialist members.

Many of the Republicans from the Western States which went for Wilson this fall will refuse to support Jim Mann of Illinois for Speaker, or any other Republican who will not agree to change the rules from the old Cannon regime, when the Speaker of the House had more power, some people say, than the President of the United States.

ROUTED CARRANZA TROOPS AT JUAREZ

Piles of Dead in Chihuahua Streets Covered With Oil and Burned After Villa Enters City—Bandits, Singing and Shooting, Charged Santa Rosa Hill in Face of Heavy Artillery Fire—Looters Shot by Chief.

Juarez (Mexico) Dispatch, Nov. 30. The remnants of a Carranza army that fled from Chihuahua City after a battle with Villa troops are in camp tonight on the plains south of Juarez.

They brought with them the story of the evacuation of the city after four days and nights of fighting. The dead were piled high in the streets when they left and had been covered with oil and burned, they said.

Soon after 1 p. m. today the first troop train brought the ragged survivors of the de facto force which had escaped to the north. Accompanying this train was a sanitary section carrying more than 100 wounded Carranza soldiers. The hospitals here are filled with wounded.

The troop trains that brought this surviving force to the border left Chihuahua City at 1:30 Monday morning.

The troops brought back many of their field pieces. Women camp followers hared in the retreat. Some of them had children said to have been born on the battlefield.

Refugees said that between the cemetery and Santa Rosa hill the dead covered the streets. Along the streets near the railroad station and surrounding the station, one of the refugees said he saw many cavalry horses with carbines and sabers attached to the saddles. The Carranza cavalymen abandoned them in order to leave the city on the troop train. Along Zarco avenue the fighting had been fiercest and many civilians had been killed there and in other parts of the city by shell fire and rifle balls. Many houses were damaged.

Defenders Routed Fifth Day.

All of the refugees agreed that Carranza troops were winning during the first four days of the fighting, but either because of a shortage of ammunition or lack of morale, they abandoned the city early on the fifth morning of the battle, fleeing in all directions. The taking of Santa Rosa hill, which always has been known as the "key to Chihuahua," was said by one foreign refugee to have started the retirement of the Carranza forces which, he said, resembled a rout before the last train left.

One civilian refugee claimed that General Gonzales Cuellar was responsible for the taking of Santa Rosa hill, where he was in command as he allowed the infantry line to be weakened.

It is believed by the refugees and Carranza officers that Gen. Trevino led first for Tabalopa, south of the city and from there moved to Aldana, about 20 miles from Chihuahua City.

One Mexican civilian refugee declared today he had seen Villa in the city Monday morning. He said Villa was walking without crutches, as if to inspire his men with his fortitude. To obtain medicines for his wounded, Villa is said by this refugee to have broken into two drug stores in the city. Thinking this action meant the beginning of looting, Villa bandits broke into stores and private homes. Villa is said to have shot two of his followers and succeeded in stopping the pillaging.

No Foreigners Killed.

Nothing was known of the Americans by these refugees. In Chihuahua City one foreign refugee said George Brittingham, an American, was seen at the station, but he did not get away on the last train. All of the refugees agreed that there had been no killing of foreigners up to the time they left, although there were rumors that several Chinese had been killed.

Joseph Ynez Salazar's command was reported to have been sent south to stop the advance of General Maycotte's cavalry column and took no part in the capture of the city. One refugee said the Villa commanders who were each given a section of the city to attack, were:

Julio Acosta, who was reported to have been killed; Martin Lopez, Baudelio Nribe, Juan Murga, Silvestre Quevedo, Mariano Tamez and Rodrigo Quevedo.

Villa followers are said to have captured five field pieces on Santa Rosa hill shouting "Viva Villa" and singing as they charged. General Ozuna, injured but not disabled by four bullet flesh wounds, routed out the fleeing Carranza officers from the refugee train at Sauz and made them return to his command, according to a man who says he was an eye-witness of the event.

The general then announced that he was going back to Chihuahua City and that neither Villa nor any one else could stop him.

Caught Train and Death.

Robert Sigmon, aged 17 years, was killed by a Southern railway freight train, east bound, in Hickory Sunday when he attempted to swing the train to "beat" a ride. Death resulted in 30 minutes.

"Watch me catch that train," were his last words, according to a companion who described the accident. Sigmon fell beneath the wheels and was ground into pieces.

Teacher—Tommy, can you spell "fur"?

Thomas—Yes, sir: f-u-r.

Teacher—That's right. Now can you tell me what fur is?

Thomas—Yes, sir. Fur is an awful long way.—Farming Business.

TRAGEDY AT LILESVILLE

Loyd Morton Accidentally Shoots Himself While Hunting—Death Followed.

Wadesboro Ansonian. Loyd, the 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Morton, accidentally shot himself Friday afternoon while hunting near Lilesville, the home of his parents.

He was in the act of setting down by a log when the hammer struck some object causing it to fire once or both barrels. The fatal wound was just back of the right ear and he died without speaking to his companion. The particulars of the sad affair, which has cast a gloom over the entire town, reached here soon after it happened.

It seems that Loyd Morton and Hardy Sellers were hunting and came to Mr. W. J. McCaskill's sawmill, near the town. They stopped at the mill where Mr. McCaskill and others were at work, doing some repairing. Loyd was standing near the carriage truck of the mill and started to set his gun down. It is thought that the hammer struck some part of the carriage and this caused it to fire.

It is not known whether one or both barrels fired, as he had shot a squirrel a few minutes before the accident and his companion does not know whether he had reloaded the empty barrel or not and both barrels were empty when the gun was examined. An ugly wound was made, almost the entire back of his head being torn away.

Loyd was a popular boy in the community and gave promise of a useful life. His family is one of the most prominent of the community and have the sympathy of a host of friends. He was a student of the Lilesville high school and had been out of the school for a few days on account of the scarlet fever scare in the town. The funeral at the Baptist church was attended by a large number of relatives and friends and the burial was in the cemetery at the church. The service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. T. B. Justice.

Mr. Pleasant News.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Monroe, Route 1, Nov. 29. — Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Query of Charlotte spent last Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Godwin.

Rev. E. C. Snider of Wingate spent last Saturday night with Mr. H. M. Keziah.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Keziah visited at Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Gordon's of west Monroe.

Mr. G. W. Funderburk and sister attended the fair and vilited relatives in Lancaster last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Cecil Braswell spent last Thursday night with Mr. W. C. Green.

Mr. F. A. Aldridge visited in Cabarrus county last week.

Mr. T. B. Davis attended the fair in Lancaster last Wednesday and was accompanied by Messrs. Gilbert Threat, Charles Eubanks, Kennedy Jarmon and Melvin Deese.

Mr. Charles Winchester went to Badin by way of automobile last Tuesday and was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Eubanks, Miss Nancy Eubanks, Mrs. G. W. Funderburk and daughter, little Miss Odessa.

The Mt. Pleasant church has been sold and preparations are being made to build another in the near future.

The Mt. Pleasant Betterment Club has the honor of paying for the labor done in painting their school building.

Mr. Andrew Allen of Pageland spent last Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. O. R. Horne.

Misses Rosa Rogers and Hoda Keziah are expecting to take an automobile trip to the mountains in a few days.

Mrs. Robert Deese of Angelus is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Horne, this week.

Messrs. C. W. Eubanks, Boyd Funderburk, Walter Davis, Ernest Mangum and G. W. Funderburk made up an automobile party on a trip to Badin last Tuesday.

Mrs. R. W. A. Rogers is spending some time with her son, Mr. R. W. Rogers, of west Monroe, who is suffering with rheumatism.—Laughing Rose.

A Poet's Prayer.

Edwin Hunt, the Kansas Poet.

Some day I know the evening sun will sink adown its golden lane into the west, but I'll have read the Greatest Poem of All and sought the solace of eternal rest. The little children still will play about their laughter yet will rise upon the air, but I, who love them so will never see, and nevermore for earthly things will care. Teach me, O Lord, before that time shall come, to know Thy love holds sway o'er everything, that Thou art watching all the paths we trod from humblest laborer unto the greatest king. O Lord, the way is sometimes hard, the thing I think a gift is oft a curse, but though I stumble, still I rise again, and keep on going, if for good or worse. Help me to learn the beauties of Thy world, the good that lies within my fellow-men, and that as Thou has willed, so shall it be, help me to play the game, O Lord. Amen.