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JOHN MEDLIN WAS ENTICED FROM HIS HOME; WHIPPED

Three Men, Believing He Caused His Stepson's Death, Punished Him.

DID NOT RECOGNIZE THE MEN

Lured from his home by a ruse, John Medlin, a farmer who lives on the Concord road, four miles from Monroe, was set upon by three men and badly beaten late Friday night. The men, it is said, believed that Medlin had caused the death of his stepson, Roy Holbrook, aged 6 years, by continued mistreatment, and were punishing him for the deed. The boy died Friday a week ago.

Medlin's head was split open in three places, and his face was bruised in a few places. The men, according to Medlin, used only their bare fists in whipping him, except that he is of the opinion that one of the wounds on the top of his head was made with a rock.

Contrary to reports, there were only three men involved in the affair. Medlin did not recognize any of them. The whipping took place at about 11 o'clock behind a barn on Medlin's place.

It was charged, following the death of young Holbrook, that Medlin caused his death by striking him with a singletree, or some other instrument, and by kicking him in the stomach. Dr. W. M. Love of Unionville, who attended the boy, stated that there were no signs of foul play on the boy's body. He did find, however, a slight scratch on his hip and shoulder. It is said that the boy ate some mulberries on the day previous to his death, and that his intestines became locked.

"I'm as innocent of harming that boy as you are," stated Medlin yesterday to the Journal reporter. "I thought as much of him as I did of my own children. I've whipped him several times, just as I did my own children, for disobedience, but I never struck him with anything but a hickory limb. I believe in whipping children occasionally in order to rear them right, but as for harming that boy, I don't do it. I'm innocent of the charge."

The boy's mother, Mrs. Medlin, stated to the Journal that her husband had never mistreated her son. She said that he had been ruptured ever since he was about a month old which probably, together with the mulberries, brought on his death.

An investigation of the charges was made by Sheriff Griffith the day of the boy's death, but he was unable to find evidence of foul play. Those who dressed the boy's body, it is said, are also firm in the conviction that there was no foul play.

Lured From His Home

Medlin, who talked freely and openly about the affair, stated that he was awakened about 11:30 Friday night by repeated knocks on his door. He arose, and discovered two men, total strangers to him, standing at his front door. He inquired as to their mission, and was told that they had a sick horse and were looking for some liniment. The men then went on to explain that they feared their horse was afflicted with the colic, and that they would appreciate it if he (Medlin) would get a little liniment and help them drench the horse.

Without questioning their motive, stated Medlin, he went to the barn, lit his lantern, and secured a bottle of liniment. They walked in the direction of the road, making a short cut around an out-house that stood on the place. Just as they rounded the corner of this house, Medlin stated, a third man jumped from some bushes behind his back. Ere he could turn, he said, the man had kicked his lantern out of his hand, and all three commenced raining blows on his head.

After pummeling him for some time, Medlin declared, the men stopped long enough to tell him why they were whipping him. He told them that he was innocent of the charge but this did not deter them from continuing their blows.

At first he cried out, the man stated, hoping that his wife would realize his predicament, but he was silenced by the threat of one of the men to shoot him. He was unable to recognize a single man in the party, but stated that the two men who came to his house were of medium build, while the third man was heavy set. They were driving a bay horse to a single buggy, he learned before they departed. He was not knocked unconscious, but was left badly bruised.

Alleged Mistreatment. Various reports have been flying in the air as to the treatment the Holbrook boy received. One stated, but which Medlin denied, that young Holbrook, Medlin, and one of his own sons, were in swimming one day, and that Medlin came very near drowning his stepson by refusing to let him land on the bank after he had been in the water for some time. It is said that Medlin's own son, after witnessing the treatment his stepbrother received, went into the water, against his father's command, and brought young Holbrook to the bank. Similar reports, calculated to raise the ire of a mob, were passed from mouth to mouth.

Medlin is of the opinion that a former neighbor of his started the reports from malicious motives. He and this man, Medlin stated, had a disagreement several years ago, and that there had been ill-feeling existing between them ever since. The officers, it is said, are

thoroughly convinced that Holbrook did not come to his death as a result of mistreatment. Medlin stoutly maintains his innocence of any of the charges. He talks freely, and tells a rather straight story.

There has been some talk of having the body exhumed, and holding a coroner's inquest, but this will hardly be done. The charges were thoroughly investigated on the day of the young boy's death, and the officers did not find any evidence of foul play.

W. C. MCGINNIS DEAD

Well Known Agent Succumbed Saturday to Heart Trouble.

Mr. W. C. McGinnis, the well-known Singer sewing machine agent, died at his home Saturday night at 11 o'clock. Heart trouble was the cause of his death. He had been in failing health for about five months, but was able to continue his work up until the day he died. The funeral services were held at 10:30 Monday morning in the North Monroe Methodist church, and the services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Warren, assisted by Rev. J. E. Abernethy, Rev. E. C. Snyder and Rev. R. H. Kennington. The interment was in the cemetery here.

The deceased was born in Lincoln county on May 13, 1858; being 59 years old at the time of his death. He came to Monroe about twenty-five years ago, after the cotton mill at North Monroe had been built, and he had lived here ever since. He was twice married. His first wife, who died about fifteen years ago, was Miss Fannie Ingle. To this union five children were born, who survive their father. They are: Messrs. W. A. McGinnis, Gastonia; A. L. McGinnis, Concord; G. M. McGinnis, Monroe; V. T. McGinnis, Monroe, and Mrs. Walter Lemmond, Monroe. His second wife, who was Miss Florence Polk prior to her marriage, also survives together with six young children.

Mr. McGinnis joined the Methodist church in his youth, and has always been a faithful member. When he came to Monroe he joined the church at North Monroe, and has been one of the leading members ever since. He was elected a steward several years ago, holding that office until his death. He always took great interest in the welfare of the people over in North Monroe, and they have lost a friend. He was well-known all over the county, having traveled extensively in the interest of his firm.

JULY 1 MAY NOT BE SUCH A DISMAL DAY, AFTER ALL

Express Agent Here States That He Will Continue to Deliver Whiskey After "Bone Dry" Bill Goes Into Effect, Unless Ordered Otherwise.

It begins to look like booze in Union county isn't dead by a long shot. The word is being passed around that the "bone dry" bill isn't going to effect our quart shipment one bit, and it is claimed that Congressman Webb, one of the biggest prohibitionists in the house, and a lawyer, is responsible for this statement. He has said so, so it is reported, that one can continue to order one's quart just as long as one can conscientiously state on the order blank that it is for medical purposes!

Mr. H. D. Browning, the express agent here, stated to the Journal this morning that he would continue to deliver whiskey on and after July 1, unless the new law goes into effect, unless he receives orders otherwise. He, too, has about arrived at the conclusion that the new bill won't cut out the coveted quart.

There will be little scruples against stating on the order blank that the booze is wanted for medical purposes, so stated one man to the Journal, who imbibes occasionally. He claims that John Barleycorn is a cure for all evils, especially the blues. Another one claims that a little booze enables him to sleep better at night, but not if he takes too much. The bed then, according to him, resembles a merry-go-round.

The script law, according to Mr. Browning, cut down the liquor shipments about 75 per cent for a while, but the receipts are now climbing up a little. The act that cut the women out of their booze also had a deterrent effect on the shipments. The Pageland express office was a fierce competitor of the Monroe office for some time, but April 1 sounded the death knell of the gallon in South Carolina. Since then business at the Monroe office has picked up a little.

Legal opinion over the operation of the "bone dry" bill is divided in Monroe. Some are inclined to believe that it will stop the importation all together, while others do not believe it will interfere with the shipments anywhere except in states that are really dry. By allowing two quarts a month, one lawyer stated, North Carolina is not dry.

The liquor circulars will have to come by a postmaster-general after July 1, as the Postmaster-General has barred them from the mails. The liquor houses, if the quart shipments are not cut out, will probably have to send men around over the country to distribute them in order that the thirsty ones can order their wares.

Duma Declares Separate Peace Would Be Treason

Although quiet still prevails on the Russian front, there seemingly is an indication that hostilities soon will begin there again. The Russian duma, at a secret session, has passed a resolution calling for an immediate offensive and declaring that a separate peace with Germany would be treason toward Russia's allies.

UNCLE JOE BIVENS HAS SURE GOT THE GENUINE CALEB SPIRIT

He Journeyed to Church Sunday, and Made Some Inspiring Remarks—Another John Henry Tragedy—Rev. Jimmie Is On The Job.

Wingate, June 18.—Mrses Bessie Gaddy and Sallie and Lola Griffin went to Rock Hill Monday, where they are going to attend the summer school at Winthrop college. They have been teaching for sometime, and want to keep posted so that they may do the very best work possible.

Mr. Raymond McIntyre, who now lives at Badin, visited home folks last week. He was over attending the trial between the Broom-Boyd Lumber Co. and J. C. McIntyre.

Mr. Boyce Griffin, who has a job with the Bell Telephone Co., was home last Saturday.

Mr. Claude Benton of Unionville was visiting his sister, Mrs. Alfred McWhirter, last week. We have so many girls in Wingate the boys enjoy visiting their married sisters here. We have the girls sure, all ages and sizes.

Dr. I. S. Funderburk and Miss Mary Pery each underwent an operation for tonsillitis in Charlotte last week, and are home now with very sore throats. The doctor's was exceptionally sore, but he is improving now.

The small children of the Marshville Baptist Sunday school are going to have some extra exercises next Sunday evening at seven-fifty-five. The public is invited. Miss Lizzie Boyd has charge of the Sunbeams there now, and has trained the little folks for this occasion. We feel sure that they will have something nice, so go out to hear and encourage them by your presence.

Mr. Roy Mills had a very severe experience with his Ford last Saturday. He was speeding a little and went to turn a curve in the road and Mr. Ford decided that it was best to go straight on, so he just turned turtle into the ditch, broke off the windshield and came very near breaking the driver's head. The result was a fine job for our garage man at Marshville and Roy has a very sore head.

Rev. J. W. Whitley, pastor of East Gastonia, is going to aid us in a meeting of days at Marshville Baptist church beginning the third Sunday in August and continuing through the following week. We feel sure that he will do a great work with us at Marshville.

Uncle Joe Bivens and his little grandson, Homer, attended services at Marshville last Sunday. Uncle Joe means to go to church as long as he can travel. He has the real Caleb spirit. He not only goes but talks in public yet. He made some splendid remarks at Marshville last Sunday. The pastor preached on "Sabbath Observance" and Uncle Joe got up and endorsed the sermon in a way that did much good.

Evangelist Jimmie Little is holding a meeting in Chester this week.

Prof. B. Y. Tyner and wife of Fredricksburg, Va. are expected to land in Wingate today. They are making the trip in an automobile. They have made several stops already, and if no bad luck befalls them, they will arrive here today and remain for several days.

Our children were delighted to have Mr. R. C. Newsome's little girls visit them a few days ago. They live at Marshville and were visiting their aunt, Mrs. Marshal Newsome, in Wingate, when they come over to see our little folks. Children, come to "Glenalpine" again when we do not have quite so many mumps. We are having a swelled time around here now.

Dr. Funderburk, wife, and little son, Stewart, returned to their home in Mt. Crogan last Sunday afternoon. The doctor had been away for about a week. Dr. Wm. Perry took care of his practice while he was away.

Dr. Mark Griffin, who graduated at Philadelphia a few weeks ago, went to Raleigh this week where he will take the State Board examination for his license and take up his work at the State Hospital at Morganton. We feel sure that Mark is going to make good.

Mr. James Griffin of Laurinburg visited in Wingate last Sunday afternoon and returned in the evening, taking his little daughter, Mildred, who had been visiting little Nora Lee Gaddy, with him.

Mrs. Perry, who has been visiting in Wingate for a week or more, returned to her home in Chesterfield Sunday.

Miss Mattie Gaddy returned to Chesterfield last Sunday and will begin her work as music teacher there at an early date. She has been teaching there for two years.

We go to Huntersville, N. C. this week to hold a meeting. This is our old camping ground, and you cannot imagine how we feel to go back to the old home to hold a meeting with the men and women we played with when we were children. Now, since we are getting somewhat advanced in life, it makes us feel somewhat sad to see the companions of our early life, when we realize they are fast growing old. The saddest thing about it is the missing ones. So many of them have gone to the Great Beyond. For one week we are going to mingle with old friends, so we will not have the second letter this week. We will try to do better next week.—Glenalpine.

About the only difference between repartee and impudence is in the size of the man who says it.

When extremes meet they get chummy.

UNION COUNTY MAN WILL SUE ALUMINUM COMPANY

Mr. J. E. Funderburk Asks for Damages in the Sum of \$2,000 for Injuries Received While Working at Badin.

Alleging that he received injuries due to negligence of the defendant companies while he was in their employ, Mr. J. E. Funderburk, who lives in Goose Creek township on the Lawyer's road, has instituted suit against the Tallahassee Power Company and the Aluminum Company of America for \$2,000 damages. Mr. Funderburk was injured on October 24, 1916, while doing carpenter work for the two companies at Badin. Stack & Parker are his attorneys.

Mr. Funderburk alleges two causes for action. The first is that he was required to lift himself on a scaffold by the strength of his arms, which action wrenched his side, tearing loose certain ligaments, and causing other injury. The second cause alleges that boiling hot tar was dropped on his hands while he was at work on October 27, 1916, which caused him to suffer much pain, compelled him to secure the services of a physician, pay doctor bills and drug bills, besides being incapacitated for work for a period of two months.

In his complaint for the first cause for action, Mr. Funderburk states that at the time he received his injury he was working under the direction of a foreman, who invested with full authority to employ and discharge hands, to tear down certain scaffolding. The foreman, as it is set forth in the complaint, negligently ordered the plaintiff to climb from one scaffold to another when there had been no means of passing from one scaffold to the other provided, and the plaintiff was compelled and required to lift himself by the strength of his arms from one scaffold to another in such manner that the plaintiff wrenched his side, and causing other injury as has already been stated.

Negligence is charged in that the defendants failed to provide for the plaintiff a safe method of doing the work which he was required to do; plaintiff having been required to tear down certain scaffolding for the defendants, and the only method provided for him to pass from one to the other was draw himself up by his hands from one to the other, which was a method fraught with danger to the plaintiff; that the defendants did not provide for the plaintiff any ladder, elevator, lift or other means of passing from the bottom to the top of the scaffolding, but required the plaintiff to lift himself from one to the other by his hands, which was a dangerous method, and one not approved, or in general use in work of this character.

That by reason of this negligence, the plaintiff sets forth, he suffered great pain, a ligament in his right side was torn loose, his back sprained, and he was unable to turn over in his bed for a considerable period of time.

In the second cause for action, the plaintiff alleges that he was working on one of the steel buildings of the defendants at Badin, making forms for concrete, when certain employees of the defendants, who were not engaged in the same branch of work as the plaintiff, and were not under the same foreman, but were engaged in putting a roof on said building, and did negligently, and carelessly, drop boiling gas tar on the hands of the plaintiff, scalding and burning his hands.

The company was negligent, according to the plaintiff, in that they failed to provide him a safe place within which to do the work he was required to do, in that they required him to work upon the cement forms of their steel buildings when boiling gas tar was being handled overhead by those who were engaged in putting on the roof and that same was liable to be spilled upon the plaintiff and those working underneath on said building.

Two Killed in Zeppelin Raid

London, June 17.—Two persons were killed and sixteen injured in last night's air raid, during which a Zeppelin was brought down. The following official report of the raid was given out here today:

"Last night's air raid was carried out by two enemy airplanes. One aircraft crossed the Kentish coast at about 2 a. m. and dropped six bombs on a coast town. According to the latest police reports, two persons were killed, sixteen were injured, and a large number of houses were damaged."

"A Zeppelin attacked the east coast town of West Anglia at about 2:30 a. m. It was heavily shelled by the guns of the anti-aircraft defense and driven off. It is probable she was damaged by gunfire. Shortly afterwards this raider, after dropping a number of bombs in open places, was engaged and brought down in flames by a pilot of the royal flying corps. The aircraft was destroyed.

"There were no casualties or damages in West Anglia."

Army Man Confesses to Burning Asheville Hotel

Asheville, June 16.—Nat Young, who has been in the United States army at Ft. Oglethorpe, was brought back to Asheville today by Deputy Fire Insurance Commissioner Frank Jordan on the charge of burning the Avery hotel at Elk Park, Avery county, three years ago. The young man has confessed to the actual burning of the hotel and is being held in Buncombe county jail for trial at the October term of superior court at Newland.

FIFTEEN HAVE SIGNED TO GET STATE GUARD ARTILLERY CO.

A Big Patriotic Rally Will Be Held on the Square Saturday Afternoon at 2 O'clock to Get More.

Although enlistments have been coming in rather slow, Mr. F. B. Ashcraft, Jr., continues canvassing the county in an effort to secure enough volunteers to land the Field Artillery battery for Union county. Up until this morning fourteen men had joined, and many others have about made up their minds to attach their signatures to the list. The fourteen who have signed up are:

Messrs. Harry Blair, Earl Griffith, Moke Williams, B. F. Eubanks, Wade Rogers, Paul Griffith, H. M. McWhirter, Jackson township; Henry West, Clifford Goodwin, Hugh Houston, Warren Helms, Carmel; Wriston Shepherd, Bert Crowell, Frank Billingsby and Jim Hinson.

A big patriotic rally will be held on the court house square next Saturday at 2 o'clock. An effort is being made to secure several State Guard officers to be here to make speeches, but nothing definite can be promised along this line. Local men, however, will speak, and matters will be interesting. A band will render music for the occasion. Everybody is urged to attend this rally, and help Union county to get the battery. It is not a town affair by any means. The young men from the country will be doubly welcome.

Mr. Ashcraft went to Waxhaw Monday in the interest of the battery. He talked with many citizens, and enlisted the aid of some of them. He broached the matter to a number of the young Waxhaw citizens, but the idea was so novel that they wanted a little time to think it over before joining. Several promised Mr. Ashcraft to write him in a day or two, and let him know whether or not they would join the battery, or take their chances with the draft.

Two young men from the county, Mr. H. M. McWhirter of Jackson, and Mr. Warren Helms of the Carmel community, have already enlisted. Mr. Ashcraft is planning to make a thorough canvass of the county to get more, as men of this kind make good soldiers.

Three Reasons For Supporting the Red Cross

"There are three reasons why the people who stay at home should actively support the work of the Red Cross," said Hon. Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War, on his recent visit to North Carolina. The first of these reasons, as explained by Mr. Baker, was that as hundreds of thousands of the young men of the country will soon leave their homes to take up their abode in the "White Canvas Cities" that they will need all the aid, the comfort and kindly interest that the folks back home can give them in the period of training for the men that their country expects of them. And there will be the sick and wounded to minister to with sympathy and consecrated service. Hospitals will need medical supplies, and even the services of trained individuals will be called for.

The second reason given by Mr. Baker for supporting the work of the Red Cross was that other countries have taught us the necessity of caring adequately and systematically for the dependent soldiers and families of soldiers, which problem has been found most easily and efficiently handled through the Red Cross.

"While cities and larger towns have become actively interested in the work of the Red Cross," said Mr. Baker, "people of the country and small towns have not yet realized the importance of this service." That every town and organized community should form a Red Cross Auxiliary, organize classes in First Aid and meet and make bandages, comfort bags and other hospital supplies, always by the directions given, is, in the opinion of the Secretary, the best expression of the town's or community's appreciation for the boys fighting for liberty at the front."

Russian War Mission to Reach Washington Today

Washington, June 18.—Russia's war mission, whose coming is awaited with more than ordinary interest because of the internal situation facing the new Russian democracy, will reach Washington at noon tomorrow. Ranking officials of the state department will meet the envoys and, accompanied by a cavalry guard, will escort them to their headquarters. Every effort will be made to have the welcome reflect the American nation's deep sympathy and confidence for the struggling democratic government at Petrograd. The mission, it is understood, will have full powers of negotiation and will serve as a Russian counterpart to the American mission now in Petrograd under the leadership of Elihu Root. Since its departure about five weeks ago from the Russian capital, it has kept fully in touch with the situation by cable and wireless and is fully informed to discuss the situation in detail. Russia needs above all organization, munitions, supplies and railroad materials.

American Volunteers Leave For The Front

Paris, June 18.—Two hundred and seventy volunteers left the headquarters of the American field service for the front during last week, making altogether 1,500 men actually serving in the American ambulance or American transport service with the French armies or in training camps within the army zone. Three hundred Americans are in the newly-organized transport branch.

A TOTAL OF \$9,128.00 WAS SECURED FOR THE HOSPITAL

The Dream of Mrs. Fitzgerald Has Now Become a Reality.

THE \$10,000 WILL BE SECURED

The Ellen Fitzgerald hospital is now a reality. The big whirlwind campaign yesterday did not accomplish the goal in view—\$10,000—but it came so near the mark that stray contributions that will come in for the next few days will make up the deficit. A total of \$9,128 was secured, which leaves \$872 yet to be raised.

You didn't see how it was done? There are a lot of others in a similar position. It was done, and done well. Nobody had to come across with a big lump sum of several thousand dollars, although it is true that Dr. J. M. Belk did the magnificent thing by starting the ball rolling with a \$1,000 donation. Most of the contributions were small, but many of these kind added together made the big amount.

It was fun raising the amount. The six teams battled manfully for the lead all through the morning and early afternoon. For a while one team would lead only to be outstripped by another. Throats passed continually by the bulletin board in front of Rudge's to see how the campaign was getting along, while the teams hustled and scratched for donations.

Team No. 5, Dr. J. M. Belk, captain, with W. H. Norwood and W. J. Rudge as lieutenants, got the largest amount. This team secured a total of \$2,000. Team No. 2, J. W. Lane captain, with C. C. Sikes and J. A. Stewart lieutenants, came next with \$1,848.50, beating Team No. 1, captained by J. C. Sikes, with Mrs. W. A. Henderson and G. B. Caldwell as lieutenants, by a small amount. Team No. 1 secured \$1,833.50. Team No. 3, F. G. Henderson captain, Mrs. D. B. Snyder, M. K. Lee and E. C. Carpenter lieutenants, reported a total of \$1,557. Team No. 4, T. P. Dillon captain and J. V. Griffith, N. G. Russell and T. C. Lee lieutenants, picked up \$1,063. The baby member of the campaign, team No. 6, R. A. Morrow captain, F. M. Morgan, G. B. McLelland and T. C. Collins, lieutenants, only reported \$826.

A list of the contributors, with the amount each one gave, will be given in the next issue of the Journal. If there are any, who for any reason do not care to have their name or the amount published, they may notify Secretary H. Y. Scott and he will substitute the word "Cash" for their name.

The Journal is proud of the hospital campaign. The people of Monroe have always been of a generous nature, and the hospital will be a monument to the generosity of the late Mrs. Fitzgerald, and the people of Monroe. Many are pessimistic of the outcome of the campaign, but there were men back of the campaign who were determined that it could not fail. It did not, either.

President Determined to Restore Belgium Neutrality

Washington, June 18.—In greeting Belgium's war mission today, President Wilson expressed America's "solemn determination that on the inevitable day of victory Belgium shall be restored to the place she has so richly won among the self-respecting and respected nations of the earth."

The commissioners spent their first day in Washington paying official calls. Secretary Lansing accompanied them to the white house, where Baron Moncheur, head of the mission handed to President Wilson a personal letter from King Albert and expressed in a short address Belgium's gratitude for America's aid.

"Since the first days of the greatest tragedy which has ever befallen humanity," said the baron, "Belgium has contracted an immense debt of gratitude to the generous American nation."

In a magnificent outburst of sympathy for the little country which had chosen to delay a powerful and pitiless enemy rather than to tarnish its honor or forsake its pledged word, the initiative of American citizens gave to the unfortunate victims of German cruelty in Belgium the most splendid evidences of generosity.

Mobilization of First Quota of New Army May Have to be Postponed

Washington, June 18.—Simultaneous construction of sixteen war army cantonments, each to house 40,000 troops, has proved such an enormous task that officials do not now believe it can be completed in time to permit mobilization of the first full quota of 550,000 by September 1.

Whether any of the men selected under the draft will be called out until the government is ready to begin training of the entire first quota has not been revealed. It is believed that even if all the cantonments are not complete by the beginning of September, the date generally suggested for the mobilization, such units as can be accommodated may be summoned in advance of the others.

Russian Mission Due in Washington Today

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