

FILLING STATION ROBBER KILLED

Clark Acland in Plane Seen Intruder and Leds Drive With Gun

Salisbury, Nov. 11.—R. Lamar Riley is dead and his brother, H. T. Riley, is in jail as a result of an unsuccessful attempt to rob the John Brown filling station at 2:30 o'clock this morning. F. M. Messimer, clerk at the filling station, killed Riley with a shotgun. Coroner Summersett deemed an inquest unnecessary and Messimer has not been arrested.

Lamar Riley is said to have entered the front door of the filling station by using a master key. Messimer, who was sleeping in the place, saw the intruder and fired, the lead of shot entering the side of Riley's head and producing instant death. As Riley fell a cocked pistol is said to have fallen from his hand and a lighted flash light and the pistol were lying by his side when the officers arrived. Messimer said he saw another man run when he fired. A car left standing near the place was identified as belonging to a home on East Bank street and when officers went to this home they found Riley's brother, H. T. Riley, in bed, it proving to be his home and his brother's car.

The Rileys were raised at Tupela, Miss. H. T. came here a year ago from High Point where he had lived for years. Before that time he had lived at Johnson City. He has a wife and one child. Lamar Riley came here only recently. He has one son here with him. A wife living in Amarillo, Tex., wrote him recently.

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that she was getting a divorce from him and would marry another man who had been good to her. This letter with the wife's letter was a note from an eight-year-old son which said: "Dear daddy: I have missed you so much. Please come back. I need you all the time."

COURT UPHOLDS "BAD CHECK" LAW

State Supreme Tribunal's Ruling Instruments Should Command Confidence.

Raleigh, Nov. 16.—The state Supreme court late yesterday declared the 1927 "bad check" law to be constitutional.

Justice Adams wrote the court's decision, a reversal of the holdings of Judge Grady in Halifax Superior court at the June term. Chief Justice Stacey and Justice Conner wrote concurrences, while Justices Brodgen and Clarkson wrote dissenting opinions.

The law upheld was drafted and passed to prevent the giving of worthless checks.

"Bills of exchange are now regarded as representing so much money and as performing the functions of paper currency," Justice Adams declared.

"They are an indispensable agency in the maintenance of commerce and in the proportion in which they are spurious the expansion of trade will unavoidably be retarded. These instruments of business intercourse should command public confidence.

The law in question denounces as a crime the mere non-payment of a debt without any find of fraud or false pretense. The test case involved O. Y. Yarboro, who drew a check on the Farmers and Merchants bank of Louisburg, payable to order of George C. Green in sum of \$100.

RECEIVERS OF TOBACCO ASSOCIATION PAY BILLS

Accounts Receivable Now Amount to One Fourth of the Original Sum.

Greensboro, Nov. 14.—The bills payable account of the Tobacco Growers Co-operative Marketing association had been reduced to \$2,715,292.35 on October 21 as compared with a total of \$6,703,590 on June 19, 1926, the date of the receivership, according to the regular monthly report filed at United States district court offices here yesterday by James H. Fox, H. B. Ward and M. L. Corey, the receivers. The three men were named by Judge Isaac M. Hopkins, of the United States court for the eastern district of North Carolina, to wind up the affairs of the co-operative association and they have been making progress, as the reduction in the amount of debts shows.

October sales of tobacco on hand amounted to \$274,905.74, representing 73.81 per cent of bankers' valuations for domestic sales and 76.56 per cent of the same valuations on foreign sales, which showed an increase as a result of a recent trip to a number of European markets by Receiver Corey. Full results of the trip, however, are expected later, the receiver having visited those manufacturing centers where the American weed is in greatest demand.

Receipts from all sources during October amounted to \$405,165.93, while the disbursements totaled \$385,356.26, of which \$356,191.92 was paid the Federal Intermediate Credit bank of Baltimore on the original indebtedness of the association or upon advances made to the receivers for operating purposes.

The receivers have on deposit to their credit the sum of \$200,241.45, of which \$104,653.46 is not available for checking and \$97.17 of which is held for United States court account, leaving a checking balance of \$95,490.82. The entire amount of \$200,241.45 is divided as follows: Agricultural Credit corporation, Danville, Va., \$80,000; Peoples National Bank, Brookneal, Va., \$153.45; Lynchburg National bank, Lynchburg, Va., \$26,411.25; American National bank, Richmond, Va., \$34,500; First and Merchants National bank, Richmond, Va., \$36,677.13; Greensboro Bank and Trust company, \$2,248; Commercial National bank, Raleigh, two funds, \$14,845.85 and \$9.17; Peoples First National bank, Charleston, \$12,308.59.

STETSON FORTUNE MAY GO TO CAROLINA FOLKS

Foundering of Ship off Coast Caused John B's. Son to Marry Carolina Girl.

Elizabeth City, Nov. 15.—The foundering of a ship off the North Carolina coast near Nags Head, 70 years ago, set in motion a train of events that may bring to an Elizabeth City family, in very modest circumstances, a fortune beyond wildest dreams.

Among the survivors of the wreck was the late Thomas Foster Stetson a son of John B. Stetson, of Boston, widely known hat manufacturer.

Thomas Foster Stetson came ashore at Nags Head. It was mid-winter and rather than risk a ship wreck by a trip from the coastal wilderness back to civilization Stetson remained there. Romance entered the picture. Thomas Foster Stetson married a daughter of the coast country and settled down to live at Collington, a few miles north of Nags Head. He died 40 years ago leaving two children, Ada and Louis. The daughter married Thomas Crank, captain of a fishing boat that plied the North Carolina sounds and ultimately settled in Elizabeth City where she still resides. Louis Stetson lives in Norfolk.

John B. Stetson died leaving a fortune estimated at \$1,500,000. According to information recently placed in the hands of Mrs. Crank and her children, all of his children except Thomas Foster Stetson, died without issue thus leaving her and Louis Stetson his nearest lineal kin.

In the last few days members of the Crank family have been in communication with attorneys in Boston seeking further information as to prospects of sharing the fortune of the "hat king." Captain Thomas Crank died several years ago leaving six children. One runs a fish market. Another operates a shoe repairing shop. Others have been operators of jitney lines and engaged in other ventures.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of Isaac Ramey, deceased, late of Surry County, this is to notify all persons having claims against the deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned, or to H. O. Wolts, attorney on or before the 28th day of October, 1927, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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