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MRS. MURDOCK SAYS SHE DIDN'T KNOW MCGINNIS

Woman Wept When Told Authorities Were Digging

MAY FIND MONEY! BUT NO BODIES

Woman Held in Connection With the Murder of Harry Harding Talks in Her Cell Concerning Ac- tivities of Authori- ties—Details.

Norfolk, June 12.—"They may find money buried around my house, but they will never find any bodies that were put there by me or are there with my knowledge," declared Mrs. Minnie Lee Murdock in her cell at the Norfolk county jail.

"I did not kill anybody there. If Harry Harding killed anybody I do not know it and I don't believe he did. I never heard of anybody being killed around there.

"When I bought the lot from Mr. Anderson the darkies in the neighborhood told me that money was supposed to be buried on my ground either in a tree stump or down in the earth, but I didn't believe the stories and never tried to find it."

When told that the county authorities had torn up the floor in one of her rooms, Mrs. Murdock burst into tears and walked around her cell room in distress. It was several minutes before she quieted down.

"Why do they treat me this way?" she asked, between her sobs, "why do they tear up my house, throw my clothes and only possessions on earth all around the floors and try to make me out a criminal when I am not one. Here I am, alone without friends. Was ever a woman treated this way? Why do the authorities let them treat me this way?"

Still sobbing, tears streaming down her cheeks and her face the picture of the anguish she was suffering, she asked, apparently with all innocence: "Why are they tearing up my house; please tell me if you know—why are they doing it?"

When informed that under the kitchen a deep hole had been dug which revealed quick-lime at a depth of about five feet and that a gold cuff button had been found, pointing to the possibility of a body being buried under the house, the little woman was all attention. She stopped crying, wiped her eyes, which regained their keen look, and said:

"Please tell me all about it. It can't be possible that any one is buried there, for I don't know anything about it after I bought the place and if there is anything like that around it was done before I went there.

"Did you ever know a man named J. Forrest McGinnis?"

"Not that I remember. I may have known the man without knowing his name, but I had no acquaintance that I knew by that name. Is that the man they think was buried there?"

"The authorities believe that either McGinnis or Beaver or both were killed and buried in the vicinity," she was told.

"I knew old man Beaver," but he certainly was not killed or hurt there, for he went to New Orleans. I wanted him to take me with him, but he said he did not have enough money. He was with me for awhile in Norfolk and he was down at my house for a short time. He certainly left to go to New Orleans. His name was in Roanoke, Va. Why don't they write there and find out about him. He must have some money there, for they must have found him there."

"I don't see how they can find any money in the house. I don't know him."

A SURPRISE WEDDING.

Miss Bernice Fields Becomes the Bride of Mr. George R. Dunn.

The many friends of Mr. George R. Dunn of this city, were surprised to hear of his marriage to Miss Bernice Fields, of Fields, N. C., which took place at Beaufort, N. C., Saturday evening, Rev. J. H. McCracken performing the ceremony at the Methodist parsonage in the presence of several friends of the couple.

The bride is the young and charming daughter of Mr. Jno. Fields, a prominent farmer of Lenoir county. The groom is the son of Mr. John Dunn, of this city, and is an engineer on the Norfolk Southern railroad, which position he has held for several years.

The groom was in the city this morning between trains, and was seen receiving congratulations from many of his friends.

THE SUN wishes Mr. and Mrs. Dunn a long and happy life.

No Poison in Zody.

Easton, Md., June 12.—Suspicion that Miss Lena Sullivan, who died suddenly at the home of Charles Caulk in Et. Michael's, two weeks ago, was a victim of foul play, was set at rest Saturday by the announcement of Pennington and Brown, state chemists, that an exhaustive analysis of the dead girl's viscera had failed to disclose any failed to disclose any trace of poison.

It was feared for a time that arsenic or some similar poison had been placed in the food eaten by the Caulk family. The inquiry recently begun by the authorities will be dropped.

Charles and Imogene Caulk, who were taken ill at the same time as Miss Sullivan, have recovered. It is the opinion of the authorities that the first theory, that ptomaines in dried beef furnished as a part of the breakfast, were responsible for the tragedy, was correct.

TOWN IS WIPED OUT BY FIRE

Burglars Cause Destruction of French Creek, Va.

LOSS IS ESTIMATED AT FIFTY THOUSAND

Safe Blowing By Robbers in Which They Secure \$6000 Causes Con- flagration—Posses Are Searching For The Criminals.

Elkins, W. Va., June 12.—French Creek, a farming community of 200 souls, 22 miles from here, was almost destroyed by fire early Saturday, and many families are encamped in barns or making a temporary home with more fortunate neighbors.

The fire was started by burglars, who blew the safe in the postoffice. The explosion set fire to the building, and quickly spread to adjoining buildings. The inhabitants were unaware of the cause of the fire until it had been extinguished. There is no fire-fighting apparatus within reach of the community, and the blaze was fought by a bucket brigade.

Before the flames had been stopped eighteen dwellings, besides the postoffice and general store, were destroyed. The burglars made their escape while the fire was being fought, and there is no clue as to their number or the direction in which they fled. They got about \$6000 in currency and jewelry. The loss is estimated at about \$50,000.

On Saturday, at French Creek, a posse of about 20 men, including the sheriff, set out to search for the burglars.



Criminal Court.

This morning at 9:30 o'clock a one week's term of Craven county criminal court was convened, Judge G. S. Ferguson presiding, and Charles L. Abernethy as prosecuting attorney.

The morning session was consumed in calling over the docket, selecting a grand jury and his honor's charge to them, which was done in a clean, conscientious, able and forcible manner. After his honor's charge and jury returned to their rooms, several submissions were made by defendants upon whom judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost.

The only jury case tried was State vs. Dave Bryant, charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Guilty. No sentence passed before court adjourned for dinner.

First Bale of Cotton.

New Orleans, June 12.—The report that the first bale of cotton of the new crop had appeared in the Rio Grande Valley at the town of Riviera in Neches county, Texas, started a selling movement on the cotton market Saturday under which prices broke several points, the final quotations being 2 to 3 points net lower.

First Legacy to the New Barn Circulating Library.

Mr. E. R. Bull's legacy of seventy-five volumes, including Washington Irving's complete works and French classical romances, is a great addition to the library and is much appreciated.

The Orphans Class

This Singing Class from the Oxford Orphanage has started on its second tour. The demand for the splendid entertainment which these children give has grown so much that it has become necessary to have the tour of the State divided into three trips instead of two, as has been the case for some years past. This enables them to take two resting spells instead of one which makes the work much easier on them.

The first trip, which was confined to the north-eastern and piedmont section of the State was a most successful one, and the children's entertainment received most flattering compliments at every point visited. In fact we are informed that the invitations which come in, begging for a visit of the children, are so numerous as to make it, at times, not a little embarrassing to the management to know how to accept all of them. This is so much the case that after every effort is made by the management to show their appreciation of these invitations, some places have to be left out.

This is a noble cause and worthy of the help of all good people, but we feel sure that all who attend these concerts will get value received for all they pay.

Mount Etna Again Active.

Rome, June 12.—Mount Etna is again active. In the past 24 hours there have been a number of eruptions and several slight earthquakes.

Officials Going After Rich Tax Dodgers in Durham.

Durham, June 12.—The tax dodgers of the city are to be the next special chase of the officials, the word having gone out from those having this matter in hand that certain (no names mentioned) rich dodgers must this year "come across" or take the consequences. The county commissioners are to go after them at the July meeting of the board. It is said that there are several who did not give in great amounts of money and property last year known to have been owned by them. If there is a listing, there will be no trouble.

Death of Miss Marion Brock.

Died in this city, last night at 12 o'clock, Marion, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. X. M. Brock on National Avenue. The deceased was 23 years of age. She succumbed to a two-weeks illness of hemorrhagic fever. She is survived by her parents, two brothers and four sisters to mourn their loss.

Miss Brock had been teaching in various schools in nearby towns and was home for the summer vacation when stricken with the fatal disease. The funeral services will be held this afternoon at 5:30 o'clock from Christ Episcopal church. The interment will take place in Cedar Grove cemetery. Rev. B. F. Huske will officiate.

Midnight Fire.

At 12:15 o'clock last night the fire department was called to Riverside to extinguish some flames that had originated in an old building in which once was operated a canning factory. The boiler room and part of the factory building was destroyed.

Sunday morning at 2:30 o'clock the fire boys were called to box No. 32, corner George and Pollock streets, but upon their arrival they found another one of those false alarms had been turned in.

PROSTRATION AND DEATHS IN CHICAGO

Temperatures Ran High With Deadly Effects

HEAT KILLS 4 ON SATURDAY

Police Court Wagons and Ambulances Kept Busy All Day Removing the Stricken From the Streets—Thermometer Reached 98.3.

Chicago, June 12.—Four deaths were caused by the extreme heat here Saturday, and the number of persons prostrated who received police aid on the streets ran into the scores. The thermometer registered 98.3 degrees at 3 o'clock, approaching within two-tenths of a degree of the June record, made Friday. In point of fact, however, the suffering was greater than yesterday, owing to the greater humidity. The dead are:

Mrs. Mary A. Casey, aged 80 years, sister of Gen. Robert W. Healy, U. S. A.; died at her home.
Eva Childs, aged 46 years.
Julia Laughlin, aged 45 years.
Mrs. Catherine Quarry.

High temperature was recorded early in the morning, and the prostration began almost immediately after the opening of the business day. On the streets the lack of breeze made the heat unendurable. From 8 o'clock on the reports of prostrations kept patrol wagons and ambulances from nearly every police station and hospital in the city busy carrying the stricken ones to hospitals and homes.

A change of wind and thunder showers, with cooler weather yesterday, made things more comfortable.

MISS GRAHAM DENIES INTEN- TION TO KILL

Girls Who Shot Millionaire Arraigned Today

STOKES IS RECOV- ERING RAPIDLY

Plenty of Bail Ready—Letters in The Case are Still Missing— One of The Girls Tells Her Version of The Affray.

New York, June 12.—W. E. D. Stokes is recovering so rapidly from the three bullet wounds received last Wednesday, when he made a call at the flat in the Varuna apartments, occupied by Miss Lillian Graham and Miss Ethel Conrad, who showed themselves expert in gun play that it is probable that bail for the young women will be fixed on Monday, when they will be arraigned on a charge of assault with intent to kill. Mr. Stokes, of course, will not be able to leave Roosevelt Hospital, to attend the hearing, and Terence J. McManus his counsel will move for a postponement of the examination and will ask that bail be fixed at not less than \$25,000 for both Miss Graham and Miss Conrad.

It is understood that Lawyer Herman Phillips who now represent both of the prisoners will waive examination. Mr. Phillips said today that there would be no trouble in securing bail for his clients no matter what amount was required. He hinted that some one had appeared who would furnish bail in any amount through a security company, while concealing his identity. Mr. Phillips also reiterated the families of both of the young women will stand by them.

Miss Conrad's mother, Mrs. Chas. Nagel, visited her at the West Side court prison today, Mrs. Nagel, said that she believed that her daughter had acted in self-defense.

The lawyers for both sides continued today the denial that they knew the whereabouts of the letters written by Stokes to Miss Graham, to retrieve which is said to have been one of the reasons why Mr. Stokes called at the Varuna. Mr. Phillips intimated that he had learned that the letters had been obtained by persons who would see to it that they did not form a part of the evidence at the trial, and Mr. McManus said cheerfully that Mr. Stokes would be perfectly willing to have the letters read in court if they were found. If they did not turn up, Mr. McManus said, Stokes would be unable to tell what was in them, since he did not remember writing them.

As has already been stated, the defense which Miss Graham and Miss Conrad will make to the charge of assault will be that they shot to defend themselves when Mr. Stokes attacked them.

Miss Stokes today talked freely about her acquaintance with the millionaire. She said: "I want the whole truth to be known about this affair, and I am going to tell the whole truth now—the time has passed for repression. I will hide nothing.

"I want the public to know that my life was wrecked by W. E. D. Stokes. He is a very wicked man. While I never wanted to kill him, the world would be much better off without him. When he came to our apartment on Wednesday afternoon I demanded that he retract the vile stories he circulated about my mother and myself. I had visited him at the Ansonia on previous occasions with a similar demand. His answer was a refusal and he put me out of his office with his accustomed brutality.

"I was in great need of money, and

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