Temperature for the past 24 hours: Max. 72; Min. 52.

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Coroner Begins the **Burdick Murder Inquest**

Howland Gives His Observations-Family Anxious to Adopt Suicide Theory-The Detective's Story

Edwin L. Burdick was struck. police court here today re Judge Murphy. The court room admitted. Among the appear were Mrs. Miss Barrett, the stencunsel. Only one wit-

inquest began with the calling Howland, assistant medical exer, as the first witness. Dr. Hownded to Judge Murphy the rethe medical examiner on the Burdick, which stated the

oder the law we are compelled to this inquest," said Judge Murphy. charge no one with this crime. pose of this investigation is to his crime, if possible, at the door

was examined by Dis-Coatsworth. He said telephone on the morning of mary 27, shortly after 8 o'clock. Marcy met him at the door told him that something had been there, and that Mr. Burdick e'n not sure," continued Howland, "but I think he told me he was not certain whether it was der or suicide. He asked me to ake it out as a case of suicide, if public ".here had been a good deal in the neighborhood respectrelations existing between Mr. were no tracks in the snow outthe window, and the finding of opendrawer. Another thing the ess said Dr. Marcy told him was them, had to tear them down,

ing of the luncheon, a half ounce the method of the crime. sgist's bottle containing whiskey. cocktail glass. He could not say ther the glass had been used. He seen Detective Holmlund take a

Greensboro Moving

A. Grimsley, who was one of Crawford.

was presided over by Mr. gift was accepted by Rev. L. W.

will appropriate as Mr. W. G. Randall.

and Mesars, C. H. Ireland, P. colleges have also made donations.

a very neat and appropriate speech | Durham, N. C., March 14.- Special .-

E. C. Hackney's Will

ded that the city could not afford lie library rooms.

J. E. Cartland, R. D. Doug-

A. W. Cooke, T. J. Murphy, E. P.

on and Rev. L. W. Crawford.

of blood on the floor."

"I think he was."

den?" he was arked.

"I think he was on the couch." on the couch in the position in which you found the body?"

"Judging from the location of the wounds he must have been lying in affalo. March 14.—The inquest into some other position at the time he was

Dr. Howland said he found a tuft dren until the youngest child become opinion that it was longer than Bur- his entire estate is worth somewhere dick's hair. From the condition of the in the neighborhood of \$40,000. body he was of the opinion that Burdick was killed about 2 o'clock. This is regarded as important, as it would tend to nullify the statements made to the district attorney by Officers Meyer and Reid regarding the "lone woman." In reply to another question, an affirmative answer to which would have shown that a woman had been in the room, the doctor gave a negative reply.

Replying to a question by one of the attorneys representing the Burdick family, the witness said his opinion was that the blood found on the door was thrown from the instrument used in committing the murder.

Detective John W. Holmlund, who followed Dr. Howland on the stand, described the scene in the den and related the conversation he had with one of the maids. He found some letters and a revolver in Burdick's coat. The trausers, he said, were lying on the couch and looked as if they had been placed there carefully and folded over. Two of the letters found in Burdick's pockets were from Mr. Cleveland of Cleveland. He gave them to Superintendent Bull. The witness had a talk with Dr. Marcy. The doctor, he said, gave him the impression that he wanted the matter kept quiet. He did miral Coghlan, has been ordered to idea. not want the affair made any more

At noon a recess was taken until 2

Mrs. Hull was a picturesque personality, small and slight, clad all in black, then examined the body and told with a face almost ashen gray, silvery to proceed with the squadron. Marcy that it was impossible to hair, her feautres sharp and of vicetain the suicide theory for a mo- like firmness. Her keen eyes watched at. Asked as to what further con- the district attorney through gold-rimon he had with Dr. Marcy, the med glasses, and now and then she the former told him of sniffed at her bottle of smelling salts. R. W. Hodgin, distributing clerk in divorce proceedings in the Burdick There were times when her memory the Greensboro post office, was today ly. Dr. Howland repeated the con- failed her, and other times when she appointed a post office inspector. He had with Mrs. Hull as to said she did not know or would not will enter upon the duties of the posifinding of the body of Burdick, tell. Without warning, one after an- tion as soon as he files a bond. of a window open, the fact that other the district attorney placed in | The family of F. S. Eldridge, who her hands photographs of the room in has been missing three weeks, received which Burdick's body was found. One showed the smoking room, or den, as it was when the discovery was made. den drawn and, being unable to The other was taken after the pillows and rugs had been removed leaving e also told me that a quilt had the body of Burdick as it was found, wrapped three times about the prone in death and horrible. She took of the murdered man," said Dr. them in her hands and looked at them and that he had found a without a sign except to lean back in her chair. She then looked Coats-Mr. Coatsworth brought out the fact worth in the eye and handed back the Burdick's body had been moved pictures. She left the witness stand he murderer after the crime had without having given an inkling of any committed. Dr. Howland de- idea she might have as to the identity made a similar treaty in 1862 by which the clothing in the room, the of the murderer or as tothe theory of all eports and imports in Persia were

came and went like actors, and in five from Burcick's pocket. "I heard hours four of the most important were Marcy say," continued the wit- examined. They were John D. Howthat Mrs. Hull was subject to land, the deputy medical examiner; failure. While Mrs. Hull was Detective Holmlund, the first policeg her statement she occasionally man to visit the house after the murfated, and at such times Dr. Marcy der; Mrs. Hull and Miss Maggie Murray, the cook.

Lina A. Hackney. After expressing the wish that his body be given a decent burial and directing that all of Witness saw no weapons in the room. his just accounts be paid, he then dis-"What was your conclusion as to poses of his estate as follows: "I give, whether Burdick was killed in the devise, bequeath unto my beloved wife all of my property, both real and personal, wherever the same may be sit-"Do you think he was killed on the uated or found, absolutely, to be used by her as she may, in her judgment think proper, having entire confidence "When he was killed was he lying in her judgment and her affection for our children." The will also provided for an executor in case of his wife's death before his own. The Citizens'

ions of the will there is no way of find-

ing out the value of the estate he left,

as everything is given to his wife, Mrs.

Book-Keepers Changed Durham for some time, has been transferred to Cooleemee, where he will take a similar position. His place will be filled by Mr. R. H. Lewis, now of the East Durham mill, but who came from Raleigh.

Death at Reidsville

Reidsville, N. C., March 14.-Special. George W. Terry a popular and well known citizen, died at 4 o'clock today. The burial will take place tomorrow af-

The remains of Mrs. Brooks were brought from Greensboro, and will be buried at Greenview cemetery temor-

Washington, March 14.-The Caribbean squadron, under command of Ad- cies are to rest upon the reciprocity the East Carolina Fruit and Truck Honduras, where the revolution is as- What is a subject of some concern is thus easily to be seen what an enor- levee at Baton Rouge, which it was relieve the flood on their side by outsuming serious proportions, to protect here is that should the Cuban treaty mous amount of money is paid out in thought would break yesterday, is still ting into the levee. retary of the navy cabled instruction to Admiral Coghlan at San Juan today

Made An Inspector

Greensboro, N. C., March 14.-Special.

no additional information today.

American Trade Affected

States and ersia will be affected, according to a report to the state department from United States Minister Leishman at Constantinople. Russia to pay 5 per cent duty and other na- great tract the Southern Pacific has subject to the specific duties in the

Death of Mrs. Brooks

·Greensboro, N. C., March 14.-Special. Mrs. A. L. Brooks, who had been critically ill for two or three months, and whose death had been expected for weeks, passed away at her home in Heartless Husband Sent About this city at 2 o'clock this morning. The remains were carried to Reidsville today and will be interred tomorrow. for Carnegie Library

brand Opera House last night. The in Paris especially for the library. The brothers.

Carolina 6; Bingham 0

sading promoters of the present | The most happy and graceful event Chapel Hill, N. C., March 14 .- Spelibrary. In calling the meeting of the entire evening was the presenorder, Mr. Grimsley gave some in- tation of a life size oil portrait of cial.—The initial game of the season statistics relating to the es- Greensboro's oldest citizen, the vener- was played here today when the Uniof the library and its suc- able and beloved Robert M. Slaon. The versity boys defeated Mebane 6 to 0. While the score indicates a somegift was made to the city by 100 citithe principal address of the evening zens, the presentation speech being what closer game than was expected, Dr. Charles D. McIver, made by Rev. Dr. E. W. Smith. Mr. yet the University team made a good I resented the claims of the pro- .C. G. Wright excelled himself in his showing. The fielding of the team brary in a very forceful man-happy and eloquent speech of accep- was good, but batting records were not Mr. Carnegle has offered to give tance. The portrait, which is a beau- made. Holt for Carolina played a prople of Greensboro \$30,000 for tifu piece of art, was executed by strong game, knocking two doubles. and equipping a library, pro- North Carolina's well known artist, The batteries were: Bingham-Chandler and Weatherly. Carolina-Green as \$2,000 a year for the support After the mass meeting adjourned a and Noble. Umpire, Cox.

Final score stood, Carolina 6 runs, 7 he institution, and Dr. McIver con- "book reception" was held in the pubhits, 2 errors. Bingham, no runs, 2 hits, 4 errors. grove this proposition. Dr. McIver During the past few weeks different

Winston-Salem, N. C. March 14,-Speoro to support the library un- people of Greensboro take in the li- cial.-Mr. J. W. Fries says there is no terms of Mr. Carnegle's propo- brary can be gained from the state- truth in the Associated Press report ment that books have been donated by sent out from Raleigh to the effect Molver's address was followed by every secret and fraternal organiza- "that a new Fries merger will be formtalks from the following gentle- tion in the city, by all the book clubs ed by the aid of New York capitalists, of whom endorsed the Carne- and nearly all the various church so- and that the consolidation is expected ty is in a reign of terror over the midposition most heartily: Super- cieties. The literary societies of the to be effected early in April." Mr. night rioting of a band of white caps. Broadhurst, of the city public schools and of the two female Fries says there has been no change All negroes have been warned to leave in the plans and he is of the opinion and more than 200 families have left next month.

GERMANY JEALOUS OF RECIPROCITY

Demands for Equal Privileges to Be Made on United States and Cuba

governments for identical privileges. It is given out. A large crowd of sympa-Savings Bank was named as executor is perceived, from the ful lreports sent thisers with the white caps is assentof the estate and guardian of the chilthat German traders will be placed at will be made to rescue them when they of hair on the couch. He was of the 21 years of age. It is supposed that a disadvantage, and the specialists in are conveyed to the county jail at the foreign office who manage Ger- Vandale. The white caps are called many's cases in negotiations for new kuklux here because of the nature of commercial treaties have talked over their operations, but the band has the Cuban treaty with representatives adopted the name of Smith's Chapel of the embassies of the continental Band. It is likely that a verdict will Durham, N. C., March 14.-Mr. J. W. powers, with the result that intima- be reached tonight. Zachary, who has been read bookkeep- itions have been made that other gover for the Erwin cotton mill at West ernments intend also to request the same treatment.

> While annoyed at the prospect of the United States trade having lower tariffs in Cuba than that of Germany, no Something About the Crop in one supposes that even a collective protest on thep art of the continental countries would cause either the United States or Cuba to recede. But Germany's position is to be defined in the two Carolinas is on the increase. clearly, so that the United States may In strawberries the acreage increase er nations preference. The principle cent over 1902. The acreage on the down in entering upon correspondence and South Carolina is 6,474 acres. This concerning new commercial treaties is comprises the greater portion of the "give and take." The most favored strawberry belt in the two states. nation theory is really abandoned. Spe- number of growers is estimated at citl conventions are to be drawn up 2,486. Many of these growers employ to fit different situations. This prin-Ships Ordered to Honduras ciple seems to be accepted by Russia, estimate that 50,000 people are em-Austrit and Italy, and the trade poli- ployed during the shipping season, says

> > the United States with Melco, Brazil and Argentina, ultimately resulting in the United States obtaining a monopoly of all the South and Central American markets.

FOR SETTLERS

Los Angeles, Cal., March 14.-The United States, through the federal land office at Los Angeles, will open to settlers within the next thirty days about 1,000,000 acres of land in California. Washington, March 14 .- By a new This land is situated between the throwing open of this vast tract to doctrine, as is well known, is condemroad by act of July, 1868.

In the territory which embraces this at Los Angeles.

MCTHER AND BABE

His Business Charlotte, N. C., March 14 .- Special.

Mrs. Brooks was the wife of Mr. A. A sad story was brought to light by and baby to Charlotte last night, stop- wired for and is expected tonight. ping over here with relatives. Before daylight this morning a carriage drove up to the house, Stutts seized the baby, jumped into the hack and ordered the driver to hurry, as he wished to catch

When the wife discovered that her husband was missing she applied to the police. A little later Chief Irwin located the recreant husband and child at Mount Mourne, in Iredell county, telegraphed for his arrest and this afternoon the babe was restored to its mother's arms. The scene at this touching reunion made strong men weep. The husband was allowed to go his way, as the wife would have naught to do with him.

the books had shown that it would have donated a large number of books an additional tax of 6 cents and quite a neat sum of money to the

Laid to Their Door

Wynne, Ark., March 14.-Cross coun-

Public library with the "Cavalier," clerk of court today. By the provis-

John H. Brown of Memphis, who was to give a signal whistle when all was ready to resist the expected attack. A band of mounted white caps rode out of the swamp and fired a volley at the house, then turned and rode back into the dense copse. It was found thirty minutes later that Captain Brown had been killed, receiving a charge of buckshot full in the face. Eleven men are under arrest here, heavily guarded, pending the verdict Berlin, March 14.—Germany, a ssoon of the coroner's jury. The jury has as the reciprocity treaty between Cuba been in session three days and scores and the United States is ratified, will of witnesses are being summoned. The ask both the Cuban and United States jury is in secret session and nothing here from Washington and Havana, bled here and it is feared an attempt

were the detectives, in charge of Capt.

STAWBERRIES

the Carolinas

Wilmington, N. C., March 14.-Special, The strawberry and vegetable acreage not complain when Germany gives oth- this year will be nearly fifteen per which the German foreign office lays Atlantic Coast Line in North Carolina from fifty to a hundred hands during the picking season, and it is safe to Growers' Journal. The Journal says it although threatening. The Arlington American interests. The acting sec- be accepted and found to work well this section every year that goes into similar treaties may be arranged by daily circulation. Add to this the sum section from the berries and vegetables sold, and the wonder is that the people of the trucking district are not the most prosperous and independent on the globe. The figures are astound-

HAY APPLAUDED

Rejection of Calvo Doctrine Approved in Europe

Paris, March 14.-The Temps in leader today applauds the action of Secretary of State Hay in repudiating treaty made between Russia and Per- Needles and Mojave, and borders the the Calvo doctrine brought forward by sia, which went into effect February Colorado river. Much of it is valu- Dr. Drago, the minister of foreign af- initial installment of the \$340,000, 15 last, all trade between the United able for agriculture. The prospective fairs of the Argentine Republic. This softlement is the result of a recent de- natory of the policy of strong powers cision of the United States supreme collecting debts from weaker nations court with respect to the famous grant by force. The Temps says the Monroe made to the Atlantic and Pacific rail- doctrine will possibly become the pivot of the destinies of a hemisphere with which European statesmen will be compelled to reckon. Even the kaiser, lowed Castro two additional days of ers there. Although there is no indifor the inquest that the witnesses tion footing, so that they naw are reserving of entry applications for the 1,000,000 acres in question has been doctrine. The Temps ridicules Argen- payment, amounting to about \$70,000, would accept such a compromise, it is received from Washington by the offi- tina's naivette in supposing that the is not forthcoming as soon as Baron believed here that he will be asked cials of the United States land office United States would consent to compromise its financial credit and moral authority by bolstering up American bankrupt states in echange for their adhesion to the Monroe doctrine to which ultimately, willy nilly, they will be compelled to ubmit. Thes Temps concludes: "Mr. Hay is too sharp to entertain this curious deal."

Pest Office Robbed

Rutherfordton, N. C., March 14 .-L. Brooks, solicitor of this judicial dis- Charlotte police this morning when Professional safe crackers blew open trict, and was a lovable and popular Mrs. W. H. Stutts asked the local au- the safe in the post office here this woman. She was a daughter of Mr. thorities to locate and arrest her tru- morning at 2 o'clock, securing \$100 in Robert Harris, a wealthy tobacco man- ant husband. The couple have been stamps and money, and made good enthusiastic and largely attended in of Ontario. Miss Heavin, whose ufacturer of Reidsville. In addition to working in a cotton mill at Pineville. their escape. One year ago cracksmen meeting in the interest of the angestors were natives of Guilford her husband and father, she is sur- Recently the husband decided to go entered the post office here and did the Carnegie library was held in county, painted the picture in painting vived by a young son and several back to the farm, and, after selling out same work, but got about \$500. It is eting the proceeds, he brought his wife county. A post office inspector was

A Newspaper Man's Luck

Schroder's New Berth

Seaton Schroder, United States navy, Carolina, one is to be established at former governor of the Island of Guam, Greenville, Tenn., and one at Birminghas been selected to succeed Captain ham, Ala. It is said that Roscoe Mitch-Charles D. Sigsbee as chief naval in- ell, now editor of the Elizabeth City telligence officer. The change will be North Carolinian, which is to be moveffected about May 1, when Captain ed to Raleigh, is to have charge of the Sigsbee will succeed Rear Admiral Tennessee organ. Mr. Mitchell is a James H. Sands as commander of the picturesque writer. He recently attack-Murder and Other Crimes League Island navy yard. In the ed Mr. Roosevelt's administration so meantime Commander Schroeder will bitterly in the editorial columns of his serve as a member of the general board paper that the postmaster at Eliza- A. Lung of the navy, who has served of the navy. He reported at the navy beth City felt it his duty to go to as attending physician to the presi-

ed by wealthy planters. The first real to the effect that his father will op- have an organ here, makes it likely in a similar capacity for President Congressman W. W. Kitchin will de- fight occurred on the fourth night they pose his candidacy is not true. "The that a new paper will be established Roosevelt and family, and will accom-

Rains Add to the Peril of Mississippi Floods

Danger Is Increasing. Shotgun Patrel to be Maintained Along the River

New Orleans, March 14.-The highgravated today by a violent rain storm, which at times reached the dignity of fell in an hour and most of the streets in the business section of the city serious this morning. The rise has been were overflowed by the rainfall. The more rapid than for some days past, Mississippi rose to nineteen feet and and the rain that is now falling, althree-tenths, only three-tenths of a though as yet slight, tends to increase foot below the maximum of 1897. The the gravity of the situation. levee was topped with sacks of sand | The stage at Cairo this morning is at Canal, Jackson, Washington and 50.5 feet, a rise of 0.3 foot since Friother streets. The river is higher ma- day morning; at Memphis 66.8 feet, a terially at New Orleans and Memphis rise of 07 foot at Vicksburg 48.2 feet, than at any other points. This is due a rise of 0.4 foot at New Orleans 19.2 at New Orleans to the gulf winds feet, a rise of 0.4 foot. which are keeping the water back, at Francis levee in Arkansas, which has ally falling, except the former river kept all the water banked.

In consequence of the gulf winds the river is pouring over the levees in the lower portion of Plaquemine parish near its mouth. There is but little land under sultivation there and but little damage was done. The river is J. T. McClellan announced today that also flowing over the levees along the beginning tonight a shotgun patrol lower La Fourche.

It is now determined that the Falgout crevasse at Bayou La Fourche cut by people from the other side of every three miles with instructions to the bayou who wanted to relieve the keep every person away from the lepressure on their levees elsewhere. The situation is regarded as good,

Levees Still Hold Though the | holding. Along the Yazoo front in gin of six or eight feet and no overflow is expected. In Vicksburg the tracks of the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley and the Alabama and Vicksburg railroads are imperilled by the rising water.

The water-works plant, two come presses and several oil mills are also in danger, and a rise of one foot more will force them to suspend.

situation More Threatening

Washington, March 14 .- The weather bureau has issued the following speed cial river bulletin:

The lower Mississippi river condition, as anticipated, is somewhat more

The Ohio and Arkansas are generat Cincinnati is still rising slowly and is slightly above the danger line this

Shotgun Patrol

Vicksburg, Miss., March 14.-Captain will be established on the 240 miles of the northern Louisiana fevee under his charge. Armed men will be placed vee and to shoot if necessary. Rumors are rife that people in the lowlands on the opposite side of the river hope to

The First Payment From Venezuela Due to Germany

Some Curiosity Felt as to germany was promised an advance Whether It Will Bo Met or Not - The Powers Avoid The Hague Tribunal

Washington, March 14 .- Venezuela's here. pledged to Germany in satisfaction of that country's claims of honor, has not been paid as provided for in the peace protocol. The German minister, Baron on the subject may mean that a plan Hadenhausen, will not reach Caracas is under consideration looking to the until Monday, and as the Berlin gov- settlement at Caracas of the preferenernment at present has no accredited tial question by President Castro and representative there Germany has al- the representatives of the allied powwill be asked to aid President Castro to permitting the allied powers to esin the administration of his customs cape from appearance at The Hague, business, as provided in the protocol. but inasmuch as the cost of a case at By the protocols, which were signed the tribunal would probably exceed the at midnight February 13, Great Britain amount involved, European powers prereceived a cash payment of \$27,500, fer the other mode of settlement,

stallments beginning one month from the date of the signing of the protocol, while Italy is to be paid \$27,500 two months from that date. Minister Bowen handed the British arbassador a check for the British payment the night the protocols were signed and arranged that Germany and Italy should receive theirs at Caracas, What steps President Castro has taken to meet these obligations is not known

Some concern is felt here at the silence of the allied powers regarding the draft of The Hague protocol, which was mailed to them some weeks ago, and the absence of any representation

FAIRBANK'S BOOM

Twisted News Reaches us by Way of Richmond

Richmond, Va., March 14 .- There is

reason to believe that Senator Fairbanks will launch his presidential boom in a few days. Like all presidential candidates, he is first turning his attention to the south and will use news-Washington, March 14.-The post of papers as his most forcible fighting enconsul general at Guayaquil has been gines. There are very few in the south, tendered to Dr. William Shaw Bowen, but Senator Fairbanks will establish a newspaper and magazine writer. He them where they will do the most good, has been selected to take thep lace He will in a short time have a paper of the consul at Valencia, but the post in Raleigh, N. C. He has secured the at Guayaquil is worth nearly \$1,000 North Carolinian, published at Elizabeth City, and will remove it to Raleigh, where it will be published twice a week as a Fairbanks organ.

In addition to two or three other Washington, March 14.-Commander Fairbanks papers to be started in North Washington and explain that he was dent and family for several months not responsible for the opinions of the past, will shortly be detached from that Baltimore, March 14.-Arthur P. Gor- editor of the paper. Parties have been duty and ordered to Philadelphia for man, Jr., son of United States Senator in Richmond examining the prospects duty at the naval hospital in that city, Gorman, who is now a candidate for of a penny morning paper, and this in Rear Admiral P. M. Rixy, urgeon genof cotton mills in the south will be con- Detectives from Memphis, Louis- the state Senate from Howard coun- connection with the report from Wash- eral of the navy, who was President summated at an early date, probably ville and Cincinnati have been employ- ty, said today that the published story ington that Senator Fairbanks will McKinley's family physician, will serve

be made in Virginia to secure Fairbanks delegates. Colonel J. S. Browning of Tazewell county, who has been FAIRBANK'S ORGANS in Washington several days, had a long conference with Senator Fairbanks yesterday. He is an enthusiastic Fairbanks man. Colonel Browning says he is going home and begin work for

GUNNING FOR SHARPS

Salidia, Colo., March 14.-Employes of the First National and the Salidia State Bank of this city, armed with rifles are searching the country around Salidia for two men who successfully defrauded the banks by means of forged checks, securing \$3,300 in cash. Two checks for \$2,000 and \$1,300, bearing the names and endorsements of local business men, were presented to the banks, and on telephonic identification were

It develops that a confederate of the men who presented the checks at the banks had answered the calls on the telephone. When the frauds were discovered a posse of citizens and bank clerks, headed by the cashiers of the two banks, heavily armed and mounted, started in pursuit of the men.

The President's Doctor

Washington, March 14.-Surgeon Geo.

that a careful investigation of citizens and organizations of the city he 5100 valuation of property in library. An idea of the interest the