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## KILLED HIMSELF THIS MORNING

### Wanted at High Point on Various Charges

## AT BENNETTSVILLE, S. C.

Rome Sechrest, Accused of Carrying Off a Horse of Mrs. Chas. Ingram. Went to South Carolina to See His Sweetheart and Committed Suicide.

(Special to The Evening Times.)

High Point, N. C., March 19.—Rome Sechrest, wanted here for carrying off a horse of Mr. Chas. Ingram and various other charges, shot himself with a pistol through the lungs this morning at Bennettsville, S. C., and it is believed the wound will prove fatal.

Sechrest was arrested in Bennettsville Friday at the instance of Chief of Police Gray of this place and later let out on bond by the South Carolina authorities for trial this morning. Mr. Ingram had gone yesterday to Bennettsville to get his horse and appear at the trial.

Sechrest left here Wednesday morning. He had a sweetheart at Bennettsville, and it is thought the humiliation of an arrest and impending imprisonment caused the rash act.

## A NEGRO STABBED TO DEATH IN WASHINGTON.

(Special to The Evening Times.)

Washington, N. C., March 19.—Saturday afternoon about 5 o'clock, while drinking in O. B. Wynn's bar room on Water street, Henry Duggan and Frank Moore, both colored and living in this city, became involved in a quarrel, and in the difficulty resulting Duggan drew a knife and stabbed Moore in the left breast a little above the heart, cutting an artery. Moore immediately started on a run for the doctor, but when about half way up Market street collapsed from loss of blood. He was then taken into a nearby store, where he expired in a few minutes before a doctor could reach him.

Duggan made a break for liberty, but was caught by a policeman and safely landed in jail.

## TOWN WIPED OUT BY FOREST FIRE.

(By The Associated Press.)

Seattle, Wash., March 19.—A special to the Post-Intelligencer from Lyndon, Wash., today says:

Northwood, four miles north of Lyndon in Wharton county, has been destroyed by forest fires. The Northwood Lumber and Shingle Mill was totally destroyed, and many families are homeless. The fire is within a mile of Lyndon, and grave fears are felt for that town. Hundreds are fighting the fire, and the Bellingham department was sent by special train to aid the threatened city of Lyndon and the surrounding farmers to subdue the conflagration.

## THE NEW CHURCH IN GREENSBORO.

(Special to The Evening Times.)

Greensboro, N. C., March 19.—At a largely attended congregational meeting of the First Baptist church yesterday morning, the building committee was unanimously authorized to close the option on the Lindsay property on West Market street at \$5,000, and instructed to proceed at once towards the erection of church there to cost \$35,000 according to plans furnished by Fouk & Son, architects. A strenuous effort will be made to have the new edifice completed in time for the session of the State Baptist Convention, which meets here this fall. The property on which the present church stands, corner Ash and West Washington streets, will be sold.

## Daylight is Safe.

(By The Associated Press.)

New York, March 19.—A cablegram received by the Standard Oil Company today announced the arrival at Yokkachi, Japan, of the long overdue British bark Daylight. She sailed from New York for the Orient more than 200 days ago. She was spoken when thirty-one days out of New York, but no word of any kind had since been received from her until today. The Daylight is one of the largest sailing vessels afloat. Her registered tonnage is 3,756.

## FIRE IN THE TUNNEL Could Not Fight Flames Under East River

### Bags of Hay and Sawdust Burned and Filled Section of Tube With Smoke—Reported One or Two Overcome and Dead.

## AT EVERY FOUR MILES

Day and Night and Night Operator at Each Block—Between Asheville and Morristown, Asheville and Salisbury and Asheville and Spartanburg—Will Take Fully 100 More Operators.

(Special to The Evening Times.)

Asheville, N. C., March 19.—The block system for the Asheville division of the Southern Railway is now an assured fact. It was learned from a high authority this morning that the necessary wire and other equipment to install the system has been ordered and will probably be here within thirty days.

The system will be placed between Asheville and Morristown, between Asheville and Salisbury and between Asheville and Spartanburg. There will be a block every four miles, and a day and night operator for each block.

The installing of the system will entail a considerable expenditure of money, and will require for its operation a hundred additional telegraph operators. It is said that the system will be installed as rapidly as possible upon the arrival of the material, and that it will probably be in operation by mid-summer.

## THE OPERATOR IS GONE

(By The Associated Press.)

Denver, Col., March 19.—The police of Denver this morning were asked by the sheriff of Fremont county to find Frank Lively, a telegraph operator to whose alleged negligence is attributed the disastrous collision on the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad at Adobe, Col., Friday.

It is reported that Lively left Swallow yesterday and joined his brother, also an operator at Portland, Col. Later both left Portland on an eastbound train, it is said. A subpoena had been issued for Frank Lively to appear today at a corner's inquest into the wreck.

## SALISBURY MAY GET MADAME NORDICA.

(By The Associated Press.)

Salisbury, N. C., March 19.—Salisbury can have Madame Nordica, if Salisbury wants Nordica. She has written Manager March that she will give this city one of her two state dates if he says the word and planks down \$1,000. It is believed that she will come. At any rate Salisbury is in a position now to accept or reject attractions that hitherto passed by.

## BROCK MAKES DENIAL OF ALL ALLEGATIONS

(By The Associated Press.)

Philadelphia, Pa., March 19.—George P. Brock, formerly cashier of the Doyleston, Pa., National Bank, who is on trial in the United States court charged with the embezzlement and the misapplication of funds of the institution, today went on the witness stand in his own behalf.

Brock denied all of the allegations of the government and said that the transactions, by which he secured over \$6,000 of the funds of the bank were purely of a business nature. The government charges that Brock used the directors of the bank as "dummies" and secured his various loans without their knowledge or consent.

## Ambassador to Austria.

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, March 19.—The name of Charles S. Francis of Troy, N. Y., former American minister to Greece, will be sent to the senate as ambassador to Austria-Hungary to succeed Bellamy Storer. Mr. Francis' father was formerly ambassador to Austria.

## BLOCK SYSTEM IN MOUNTAINS

### Assured Fact for Asheville Division of Southern

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## SCOTT IS RECAPTURED

(By The Associated Press.)

Escaped When Almost in the Prison Gate

Sheriff Harris of Concord for the Second Time—Brings Ernest Scott Here to Serve a Ten Year Term.

Sheriff James F. Harris of Cabarrus county, today brought to the state prison Ernest Scott, an eighteen year old negro, to serve a term of ten years for a criminal assault.

This is the second time Scott has been brought to Raleigh to begin his sentence. Last October Sheriff Harris arrived here one afternoon about dark with his prisoner and started walking the railroad track from the depot to the prison. The negro was handcuffed and the sheriff held the end of the chain. Suddenly the prisoner made a jerk, pulled the chain from the officer's hand and ran. Sheriff Harris had left his gun, and although he pursued the negro made his escape. Sheriff Harris offered a reward of \$50 for the negro's capture and has been keeping a lookout for him ever since.

A few days since Scott appeared within a few miles of his old home in Cabarrus and Sheriff Harris went to the place and arrested him. He made sure of his man this time and brought him safely to the prison. Scott, when questioned about his escape, says that he ran to Oberlin, where he got a negro to cut the irons from his wrists. He walked to Durham that night on the railroad track and from there made his way to Bluefield, W. Va., where he worked a few weeks. Scott says he has not had a moment's rest, for all the while he has imagined that the officers of the law were close upon his heels.

## SECOND ATTEMPT TO WRECK PENN. TRAIN

(By The Associated Press.)

Greensboro, Pa., March 19.—It has just been learned that a second attempt to wreck the Pennsylvania Railroad eastbound flyer was made at the switch near "G. U." tower Saturday night, but the spiked switch was discovered in time to prevent a disaster. Efforts to locate the perpetrators have thus far been fruitless.

## ATLANTIC CITY OFFICIALS SEE ASHEVILLE'S PAVING.

(Special to The Evening Times.)

Asheville, N. C., March 19.—Officials from Atlantic City spent a portion of yesterday in Asheville inspecting the paved streets of this city. The Atlantic City men have visited New York, St. Louis and Nashville, and before returning to their home will spend a short time in Birmingham. The object of the inspection is to ascertain the best paving material for the streets of Atlantic City.

## SHOT DEAD BY DESPERADOES

### Policemen Victim of Suspected Postoffice Robbers

## CANG OF 3 ESCAPED

Postoffice At Brooklyn, Michigan, Near Jackson, Was Robber of \$200 In Money and \$400 In Stamps. Policemen With Three Officers Tried To Arrest Suspicious Looking Men.

(By The Associated Press.)

Jackson, Mich., March 19.—Police-man Fred Booth, aged 35 years, was shot dead today while a party of officers were trying to place under arrest three men who are suspected of having robbed the safe in the postoffice at Brooklyn, five miles west from here last night.

Word was received here early today that the postoffice had been robbed at Brooklyn, and \$200 in money and \$400 in stamps stolen. Three hours after the robbery occurred word reached the officers that three suspicious looking men were in the neighborhood of the Michigan Central shops. Sheriff Parrish, Policeman Booth and two other officers went to the scene, and Booth was shot dead by one of the trio when the officers tried to arrest them. The men then escaped. Officers are pursuing them.

## L. N. GRANT TALKS TO ROOSEVELT.

(By The Associated Press.)

A recent issue of the Washington Post has the following interesting item concerning the political situation in North Carolina:

"President Roosevelt has come to the conclusion that something should be done to bring about harmony in the ranks of the republican party in North Carolina. This morning he had a long conference with Lewis N. Grant, recently appointed administrator at Goldsboro, whom conditions in the Tar-hack state.

"We think it is about time," said Mr. Grant, "to get together and put a stop to the fighting. The thing to do is to get together down in North Carolina and settle our differences there, instead of bringing them to the president. Mr. Roosevelt agrees to this, and I think before long we may be able to start the work of reconciling the factions. However, the task looks pretty hard at present, as neither side shows the slightest inclination to give in."

## J. H. WINDER ELECTED CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN

(By The Associated Press.)

Indianapolis, Ind., March 19.—Four hundred bituminous coal operators representing the central competitive field, consisting of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Western Pennsylvania, met today at the Claypool Hotel. E. L. Robbins, who has long been a leader of the bituminous operators, called the meeting to order and announced that while he had been misunderstood and misrepresented, he believed it best that he retire as chairman of the operators and be asked to be relieved. Some of the operators opposed Mr. Robbins. It is said, because of his views on settlement with the miners. On motion of Frank S. Peabody of Chicago, J. H. Winder was elected chairman, and will be the leader of the operators in the joint conference with the miners. Mr. Winder is president of the Sandy Creek Coal Company, the second largest bituminous producing concern in the country. The opening session was behind closed doors.

## HOLTON PASSED BY COMMITTEE

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, March 19.—The senate committee on the judiciary ordered a favorable report to be made today on the nomination of A. E. Holton to be United States Attorney for the western district of North Carolina.

## ENGINEER MUSE WAS INJURED

### Slightly, the Official Statement Says

## 66 RAN INTO FREIGHT

Raleigh Engineer Is Said To Be Only Bruised.—Colored Fireman's Wrist Hurt.—Freight Engine Had Stopped Below Hamlet For Repairs to Water Glass.—Flagman Failed To Go Back.

(Special to The Evening Times.)

Rockingham, N. C., March 19.—There has been a movement by the citizens of Richmond county to start a wholesale investigation into the liquor selling in this county, and looking towards that end there have been subpoenas issued for some two hundred of the parties who are supposed to have bought whiskey since the county went dry by an act of the legislature of 1905.

There will be an investigation started at Hamlet on Wednesday, March 21, and it will be continued at Rockingham on Thursday the 22. There seems to be a concerted action of the prohibition forces of the county to stop the sale of liquor in the county, and hence this investigation was started, as evidence could not be procured by any other means.

The ministers of all denominations have been preaching prohibition from their pulpits for some time, and this is the natural outcome of their efforts to stop such traffic. Your correspondent understands that it will be continued until every vestige of the sale will have been wiped out of the county.

This looks like the bars on the state line between North and South Carolina will have to go.

## THE M'KELWAY SUIT BEGUN

(Special to The Evening Times.)

Charlotte, N. C., March 19.—The suit of A. J. McKelway against the Observer Company for \$50,000 for an alleged libelous article appearing in the Charlotte Observer and Evening Chronicle was called this morning, Judge Henry R. Bryan presiding.

A great crowd was present. Both sides signified their readiness to begin trial. The jury was drawn at the morning session and testimony will begin upon convening at 3 o'clock.

## EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF FEDERATION OF LABOR

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, March 19.—In response to the call of President Samuel Gompers the executive council of the American Federation of Labor began a several days' session here today. The meetings are executive. All the members of the council, except President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers, are present. His absence is explained by the demands upon his time in consequence of the miners' convention in Indianapolis.

Although no authentic announcement has been made of the subjects to be discussed by the executive council it is understood that among them will be the controversy between the union printers and the Typothetae of the several cities. Whether or not the council will take up the questions now being considered in Indianapolis could not be ascertained.

## BABCOCK CANNOT SERVE AS CHAIRMAN

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, March 19.—Representative Babcock of Wisconsin has again made it clear to republican leaders that he will not serve in another campaign as chairman of the republican congressional committee. He has urged Senator Allison and Representative Hepburn to agree upon a date and call a joint caucus to select a chairman. In discussing his refusal to serve again Babcock said:

"My health will not permit me to undertake the committee work in another campaign. I have made up my mind to retire."

## HORACE EMERSON'S CONDITION CRITICAL.

(Special to The Evening Times.)

Wilmington, N. C., March 19.—Horace Emerson, general traffic manager of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, is still critically ill. He is suffering from organic heart disease. Mr. Emerson was taken to Baltimore last night for an examination by specialists. Should his condition permit he will later be taken to a sanitarium, either in this country or abroad.

## THE STATE LINE BARS TO DEATH FROM A FERRYBOAT

### Richmond County Going After Blind Tigers

## HE WAS WELL DRESSED

Of Middle Age, Noticed by Nervous Action—Emptied Pocket of Change in Response to Plea of Beggar—Opened Gate of Pennsylvania Boat and Jumped Off Bow.

(By The Associated Press.)

New York, March 19.—An unknown man jumped from a Pennsylvania Railroad ferry boat early today and was drowned. A derby hat which he threw upon the deck just as he sprang to his death bore no marks which might assist in identifying its owner.

Persons who noticed the man while waiting for the boat, and who also saw him leap into the river, described him as about middle age and well dressed. Their attention was first drawn to him when, in response to a plea from a beggar, he emptied his pocket of change. He appeared to be extremely nervous and paced the deck of the boat until it had reached midstream. Then, with a hurried glance to either side he rushed toward the bow and opening the iron gates, sprang directly in front of the boat. He was carried down and was not seen again.

## MANY CHILDREN HURT IN FIRE

(By The Associated Press.)

Haverhill, Mass., March 19.—The manual training school in this city is in flames, and the fire is spreading to the Whitier annex of the high school. It is reported that many children were hurt.

The fire also spread to nearby dwelling houses. Some of the children received injuries by jumping and others in escaping down the stairways. It was stated that none was fatally hurt.

## PROMINENT NEWSPAPER MAN DIED TODAY

(By The Associated Press.)

Grand Rapids, Mich., March 19.—William Hall Turner, general manager of the Grand Rapids Herald, died early today from paralysis, with which he was stricken several days ago. He was born in 1855 in South Bend, Ind., became editor of the Jackson, Mich., Patriot, and in 1892 became the manager of the Grand Rapids Evening Press. In 1897 Mr. Turner assumed the management of the Chicago Journal, and became the president of the Chicago City Publishers' Association. Later he published the St. Joseph Press and the Memphis Scimitar. About a year ago he returned to Grand Rapids. Mr. Turner is survived by a widow and one son.

## CITY WARRANT CLERK KILLED HIMSELF

(By The Associated Press.)

Buffalo, N. Y., March 19.—Charles P. Lyttle, warrant clerk in the city comptroller's office, shot and killed himself today. Worry over a recent investigation of his accounts by Mayor Adam is said to have prompted the act.

"I am positive there is nothing wrong with Mr. Lyttle's accounts," said Deputy Comptroller Secreter in discussing the tragedy. "What caused him to take his life I cannot understand, but I am sure that his honesty was beyond question."

## Damage to Fruit.

(By The Associated Press.)

Asheville, N. C., March 19.—Damage to the fruit crop, especially the peach, in the cold mountains of last week was reported as considerable damage to fruit in Brunswick and other adjoining counties. Peach trees were almost in blossom when the frosts and the fruit came. Small fruit is also believed to be damaged.