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## DID THE SHERIFF DIE OF THE SHOCK

### He Pulled the Trap and Then Collapsed

## MAN HANGED A NEGRO

### The Crimes for Which He Was Executed Were Peculiarly Atrocious. He Assaulted His Brother's Wife and Then Killed the Husband When the Deed Was Discovered.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Greenville, S. C., May 6.—Sheriff R. F. McCaslin, of Greenwood county, died today following a general collapse incident upon the hanging of Joe Evans, a negro assailant.

Evans was the first man ever hanged in Greenwood county, and his crime was particularly atrocious. He assaulted his brother's wife and then shot his brother to death when this act was discovered.

As the time for the hanging approached the sheriff, usually a man of splendid nerve, began to show signs of physical collapse and when the day of the execution approached he dragged himself from his bed and pulled the trap that sent Evans into eternity. After the man had been pronounced dead by the county physician the sheriff went back to his bed and died this morning.

## THE SUICIDE OF F. W. WERTHEIMER

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
New York, May 6.—F. W. Wertheimer, proprietor of the Fairfax Hotel, Norfolk, Va., was found dead last night in his room at the Hotel York with a bullet wound on the right side of his head. His body was on the bed and the revolver was in his right hand.

Wertheimer left a letter addressed to his mother and wife at Norfolk, Va. The letter said Wertheimer had been worrying over the possibility of a return of an illness from which he suffered last year. It was signed "Despondent Fred." Coroner Shradley gave permission for the body to be moved. Wertheimer's relatives in Norfolk were notified.

Norfolk, Va., May 6.—Mr. Wertheimer was married several months ago to Miss Agnes Hothelmer of this city. So far as can be learned, his married life has been a happy one.

## MAY DRIVE ALL OF THEM FROM STATE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Jefferson City, Mo., May 6.—Insurance men in Missouri are awaiting with apprehension the taking effect on June 15th of senate bill No. 1106, passed recently by the legislature. The act provides that no domestic life insurance company shall pay any salary or emolument to any officer or person in excess of \$5,000 per annum unless such payment has been authorized by the board of directors. But section 2 causes the most apprehension. It reads as follows:

"No life insurance company which pays a salary or compensation for services or as an emolument or allowance of any kind whatsoever more than \$5,000 per annum to any one person shall be licensed to transact business in the state."

If the section is construed literally, the effect will be to drive from the state every one of the old-line companies. Attorney General Hadley says the section means just what it says.

## THE CHARGE AGAINST RANNEY IS FORGERY

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Grand Rapids, Mich., May 6.—The charge against M. C. Ranney, who was arrested in New York Saturday, is forgery. Ranney had a woman who said she was his wife registered here last week. Ranney claimed he was representing an undertaking supply house in New York, and that the company was going to establish a branch in this city. Then he presented a check for \$50 on the Dime Savings Bank of New York and asked to have it cashed. J. E. Rice, proprietor of the hotel where Ranney stopped, cashed the check on the strength of Ranney's story that a farmer in the county was his uncle. Later the check was found to be forged. The landlord turned the matter over to the sheriff.

## PREPARING TO RECEIVE KUROKI

### Interest in One of the Coming Events of the Exposition.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Norfolk, Va., May 6.—When General Kuroki and his staff of naval and military aides come to visit the Jamestown Exposition they will doubtless be impressed. Since no Japanese ever allows anyone to know what his impressions really are, the exposition officials and the officers over at Fortress Monroe will have to accept the delicately turned compliments that will be inevitable. Plans that are beginning to take shape for the reception of the distinguished visitor from the Orient seem to guarantee that the general will keep to himself a mental reservation that is at least favorable.

By virtue of his rank and occupation, General Kuroki will be a great extent monopolized by the army during his stay here. The Chamberlain at Old Point Comfort will probably be made his official lodging place, and the officers' quarters.

In order that the leader of the triumphant third army may not feel his isolation among the contingent of American army and naval officers, most of the functions that are being planned for his entertainment include the presence of the fleet officers from the Japanese cruisers.

Colonel Harrison, in command of Fortress Monroe, will order a general parade of the garrison for the general Grant is expected to come down from Washington to represent the army of the United States in the reception of the Japanese visitors.

His plans are not known, but it is said over at Fortress Monroe that very probably there will be another review on Lee Parade over at the exposition grounds, such as was held before the president on the opening day in which the infantry and artillery stationed near the exposition grounds and the marine and navy from the American fleet will participate. The exposition officials will give General Kuroki a formal welcome and the freedom of the grounds which will, of course, include permission to inspect the excellent steam roller service which can be seen on Powhatan street any hour of the day and the privilege of taking in the two shows on the Warpath, which are now giving daily exhibitions.

While the conqueror of the Yalu fight is on the grounds, there are several things that he cannot afford to miss. In the naval building there is a demonstration of operating floating mines. There are also working models of the 12-inch guns protecting Manhattan, which are instructive to all visitors. In the army display the arsenal exhibit is complete and entertaining.

(Special Cable to The Times.)  
London, May 6.—The report that seven battalions of Turks were decisively defeated by Arabian insurgents is confirmed by a dispatch from Constantinople to a news agency here.

## SAVE! HE CRIED AND SHOT DOWN

## Fall From Third Story Window of Highsmith Hospital May Kill

(Special to The Evening Times.)  
Fayetteville, N. C., May 6.—This morning about 7 o'clock pedestrians were horrified when they saw a man hanging by one hand from the window on the third floor of the Highsmith Hospital yelling, "Save me!" But before assistance could be rendered he lost his hold and dropped to the sidewalk, fifty feet below. After being carried into the hospital by doctors and nurses he proved to be John L. Sherwood, a prominent young business man of Dillon, S. C.

## FOUND DEAD, HER THROAT SLASHED

(Special to The Evening Times.)  
Charlotte, N. C., May 6.—The body of an unknown colored girl, evidently dead three weeks, and with only a skirt knotted about the waist, was found on a rocky island in the Catawba river. Her throat was cut from ear to ear.



This is from a snapshot of George J. Gould and his family taken just before they sailed for Europe on the Hamburg American liner Amerika. Just before leaving for Europe Mr. Gould, the controlling factor in the great Wabash system, told, for the first time since the Federal Government adopted its present attitude toward the railroads, what he thought of railroad rate legislation and the existing situation generally.

## TURKS DEFEATED BY ARAB INSURGENTS

## Seven Battalions Beaten by the Fierce Sons of the Desert.

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## TRAPER KILLED IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Buffalo, N. Y., May 6.—Hermann F. Traper, at one time labor leader of this city and prominent in labor circles, was instantly killed yesterday in an automobile accident.

## BELOUNT CONGRATULATED ON ESCAPE FROM DEATH

New York, May 6.—Friends of August Belmont were congratulating him today on a fortunate escape from danger when the gas house on his estate at Babylon, L. I., blew up. Only a short time before the explosion Mr. Belmont had been at the gas house on a visit of inspection. William Buckle, a fireman of Hempstead, was killed while fighting the flames which followed the explosion. The damage was considerable.

## RUMOR OF MACARTHUR'S DEATH IS LAUGHED AT

Washington, May 6.—The rumor that Major General MacArthur is dead is declared by officials at the army department to be absurd. They say that five army officers are accompanying him, and it is unbelievable that he could have died without one of them immediately notifying the war department, which has received no word of such a calamity.

## HEAD CRUSHED AND HIS LEGS SEVERED

## Body of an Unknown Man Found on Track Near Guthrie.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Winston-Salem, N. C., May 6.—The body of a stranger was found on the railroad track at Guthrie, a flag station on the road between this city and Greensboro, early this morning. Both legs were cut off and the head crushed. The coroner's jury decided that the man, supposed to be an Italian, was killed by a freight or passenger train. It is thought that he was beating his way on a freight train and fell.

## THE TIMES AGAIN LEADS IN ADVERTISING.

There was sold for last Saturday's issue of The Raleigh Evening Times considerably more advertising than appeared in any paper in the state, either Saturday or Sunday, not excepting the Charlotte Observer, which always has a large Sunday patronage, that paper handling a line of cotton mill machinery advertisements that cannot be secured by The Times on account of Charlotte being located right in and amongst a nest of cotton mills, out of the reach of our circulation.

Nearly three pages of live advertisements were left out of The Times Saturday on account of the late arrival of copy and cuts. These advertisements will appear tomorrow and during the week, and will show for themselves.

To carry more advertising matter than any other paper in the state, issued either Saturday or Sunday, is saying a great deal; but when it is taken into consideration that not a line of this extra advertising matter was sold and copy arranged before last Tuesday, it speaks volumes for The Times. It simply shows that what we have always claimed is coming true—that advertisers are learning that the evening paper is undoubtedly the best advertising medium, because it is delivered in the home at a time when all members of the family have an opportunity to read. The busy world settles down at nightfall, and it is then that business men, the women and the boys and girls want to know what has been doing during the past day, without having to wait until the next morning, when all have to hustle to their work and to school.

Here is the record, which speaks for itself:  
The Raleigh Evening Times, 1,758 inches of advertising.  
The Charlotte Observer, 1,346 inches of advertising.  
The News and Observer, 929 inches of advertising.

## MAD WITH LOVE HE SLEW CHILD

### Strange and Fatal Passion of John Vaughan

## STABBED HER, HIMSELF

### "I Loved Her," He Said of the Eleven-Year-Old Girl. "I Meant to Kill Her. I Didn't Want Any of These Railroad Men to Get the Girl I Love."

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Lafayette, Ind., May 6.—John Vaughan, thirty-nine years old, last night stabbed to death Lizzie Strubel, the eleven-year-old daughter of Chas. Strubel, a gardener. Vaughan, after committing the murder attempted to kill himself, and in doing so inflicted ten wounds in his neck and breast. He was taken to jail. Immediately after the crime became known excitement ran high, and it was feared that an attempt would be made to lynch the murderer.

## FIRE IN NIGHT AT WILMINGTON

(Special to The Evening Times.)  
Wilmington, N. C., May 6.—Fire broke out here at a little before 3 o'clock Sunday morning in the block between Dawson and Wright and Front and Second streets. The fire was discovered in a frame house occupied by David Jacobs, colored, on Second street between Dawson and Wright, and it spread both ways toward Dawson street soon igniting the Mt. Olive Methodist church and parsonage, both of which were soon in complete ruins, and toward Wright street setting on fire four other frame houses which were soon reduced to ashes.

In the center of the block there is a deep hill and several small houses in these were soon on fire. The Weed Distilling Company, across Front street toward the river and several A. C. L. box cars were in great danger from the heavy fall of sparks, the wind having been blowing in that direction, but the employers at the plant placed streams at several places and saved the property from destruction.

The fire started at the time the fire department was over in Brooklyn, and it was 15 or 20 minutes before any apparatus could be gotten to the scene. Then the nearest fire plugs were several blocks away, one at 4th and Dawson and the other at the foot of Dawson street and more valuable time was lost before water connection could be made.

Some of the burned houses were occupied by white families, but the most of them were inhabited by negroes. It is believed that very little insurance was carried. A large part of the furniture in the different houses was saved and the organ and other furniture in the church was gotten out.

The fire over the railroad was on James street, between Taylor and Howard streets, and three frame houses were destroyed there.

## COREY AND MISS GILMAN WILL WED NEXT MONDAY.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)  
Pittsburg, Pa., May 6.—William Ellis Corey, who is to wed Mabelle Gilman, has presented to his mother a big block of stock of the United States Steel Corporation said to be worth half a million dollars.

Both the father and mother of William E. Corey will go to New York to be present at the marriage of their son and the beautiful singer in the Hotel Gotham next Monday. At the time of the divorce secured by Corey's wife, both his father and mother sided with young Mrs. Corey, but there was no estrangement between them and their son.

There has been a persistent rumor in Braddock, Pa., the old home of the Coreys, that the steel magnate and Miss Gilman are already married.

## MY LITTLE BOY WAS MURDERED

### So Says Marvin Over the Body of His Son

## THE LONG QUEST ENDED

### The Circumstances in Which the Body Was Found Point to the Commission of Murder—Murder Done Within the Last Two Weeks—Detectives Are Active.

In the second edition of Saturday's Evening Times appeared a comprehensive report from Dover, Del., coming over our leased wire, announcing the finding that afternoon of the dead body of the Marvin boy, the circumstances pointing strongly to the commission of murder. Later this service furnished the following details:

No medical examination has yet been made of the child's body, but the place where the body was discovered and the conditions surrounding the discovery are such as to give the strongest possible evidence that the child could not have accidentally met his death sixty-one days ago in the place where he was found.

Throughout the country the opinion is heard that the kidnapers became frightened at the developments of the last two weeks, and that the boy was killed and brought back to the farm for that his body might be found and suspicion diverted from his captors.

Indications of Foul Play.  
The body was found by Oliver Plessantou, a young farmer, who was out hunting. The child's body was lying in five inches of water which accumulated overnight, owing to the heavy rains. For several weeks before the last heavy rain storm there had not been one inch of water, at this spot, and during the two weeks of hot weather in the latter part of March there had been no water at this particular spot, and the grass had all been burned over.

Sticking out of the low water were the burned tops of the grass, yet the boy's body when found showed that no fire had reached it. Detectives had tramped time and again over the exact spot where the body was found. Only yesterday old Mr. Marvin had been working within a few feet of the spot, and there was not one inch of water there at the time to have concealed the body.

The condition of the boy's body points, above all, to the absolute conclusion that he has not been dead more than two weeks. The body is in an excellent state of preservation, an impossibility had he been dead two months, in view of the continuous warm weather, when the thermometer registered 93 degrees for these successive days over a month ago.

The sheriff, who took charge of the body when it was found, refused to permit any examination this afternoon, but expressed himself as convinced that the child had been murdered in some manner and his body brought back to the farm.

The body when discovered was lying so plainly in view that it could scarcely be overlooked by a person one hundred yards distant in any direction, and the first work of the detectives is now being devoted to discovering the identity of the man who is supposed to have taken the body of the child from some hidden place, and in the dead of night thrown the little body upon the spot where he felt it would be quickly discovered.

The father of the boy carried the little body from the shallow pool to a shed, where a sheet was thrown over the child. He was amazed beyond words at the finding of the child in a spot which had been so completely searched and where he had been working the day before.

The Father's Statement.  
"My worst fears have been realized," said old Dr. Marvin, the heart-broken father. "The finding of my poor little boy under these circumstances confirms all that I have believed concerning his fate from the very beginning. My boy was murdered; he most certainly had been in the place where he was found but a short time. Professional kidnapers never took my child, but some one took him. It was an amateur, a degenerate or a man of weak mentality, who, believing that I had more money than I have, decided in almost a moment upon his act."

"I believe that his being found as he was today is the result of the great fear aroused in the mind of the kidnapers that the steel magnate and Miss Gilman are already married."

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