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## FOUND LYING WITH HIS THROAT GAPING OPEN

George Massenberg Killed Last Night at Franklinton

DYING MAN TRIED TO MAKE A STATEMENT

Went to His Room Last Night With Razor in His Hand, Telling Some of the Family That He Was Going to Shave—When Found Barely Alive, He Tried to Tell Something But Could Not—Murder is Suspected.

(Special to The Evening Times.) Franklinton, N. C., Aug. 5.—There is great excitement here today on account of the death of George Massenberg, age twenty-two, which occurred last night. Mr. Massenberg was found lying in the door of his room, with his throat cut. Was it murder or suicide?

It seems that the unfortunate boy was seen to go to his room at about 8 o'clock last night, carrying a razor. He had told some of the family that he was going to shave. A little later was heard the sound of his falling body, and when found he was lying in the door of his room with his throat cut. A physician was immediately summoned from Franklinton, one mile away, and everything possible was done to save him, but to no avail.

The dying man wanted to make a statement. He asked that every one leave the room except his friend, Lee McKnight. His brother, Rufus Massenberg, refused to leave the room, and objected to the statement being made. What the dying man would have said will probably never be known.

The brother, Rufus Massenberg, who so effectively silenced the dying man, is now under arrest, suspected of having committed the crime. As we go to press Rufus Massenberg is undergoing a preliminary examination, Lee McKnight, the chum of the dead man, being on the witness stand.

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## NEW CHARTERS GRANTED TODAY

Articles of incorporation were filed in the secretary of state's office for the Winston-Salem Athletic Association, of Winston-Salem, N. C. Among the incorporators are W. L. O'Brien, T. W. Watson, Geo. F. Dwyne, W. M. Headren, Clement Manly, and others. The object of this organization is to encourage athletics in Winston-Salem. The association is capitalized at \$25,000, shares of \$50 each, \$950 paid in.

The R. E. Quinn Furniture Company, of Elizabeth City, N. C., is to begin business with an authorized capital stock of \$20,000, and with \$15,000 paid in. The incorporators are Messrs. O. W. and R. E. Quinn, and J. H. Wilkins, all of Elizabeth City.

## Hepzibah Church 100 Years Old.

Mr. W. H. Holloway and Rev. R. S. Stephenson went out to Hepzibah church yesterday, where Rev. A. A. Pippin, assisted by Mr. Hoyle, a Wake Forest student, is holding interesting revival services.

Rev. Stephenson preached two strong sermons yesterday and as the result of his work there were three conversions and several requests for prayer. Two young men and a young lady were the converts, while old and young asked for prayer. The sermons were strong and full of points that are hard for a sinner to get around.

The attendance is increasing at every meeting. The congregations are attentive and appreciative and assist in the good work.

Hepzibah church, which is about fifteen miles east of Raleigh, is the heart of the tobacco section of Wake county. The church is one hundred years old this month. The services will continue throughout the week.

## In the U. S. Commissioner's Court.

Stephen Smith, a young white man, was before United States Commissioner John Nichols this morning, charged with running a "blind tiger." The evidence was positive and seemingly conclusive, and the defendant was sent on to the district court under a bond of \$100.

## WIFE OF DEAD MAN ON STAND

Tells of the Killing of Her Husband

## MURDERED YEARS AGO

Dr. Puryear on Trial for Crime Committed Twenty-five Years Ago. Has Had Varied Experiences Since Crime—Case Will be Pushed to Conclusion.

(Special to The Evening Times.) Oxford, N. C., Aug. 5.—At half-past nine this morning the trial of Dr. James D. Puryear was called in Granville court. A selection of a jury from a special venire of 100 men was reached in the course of an hour's time.

The star witness, the wife of the deceased negro, testified to the killing of her husband as a result of a failure of removing some cane from the land of Dr. Puryear.

The special features of the case is the long span of time since the commission, which was in January of the year 1883; also the wild aberrations of varied experiences since his escape from the insane asylum, where he was lodged at the time of the term.

When the examination of this witness was completed, the court adjourned for a recess until 2:30, when the case will be pushed to a termination.

It will be remembered that Dr. Puryear shot and killed the negro and when brought to trial was sentenced to the insane asylum, from where he escaped some two years afterwards. After his escape Dr. Puryear went west and lived for some time before returning to his neighborhood. After his return here four years ago everything went along very nicely until recently, when he had trouble with a farmer, which terminated in his arrest, and hence the trial for the murder of the negro, which has been twenty-seven years ago.

## FLOODS KILL 25.

## Storm Wipes Out Portion of Mining Town, Doing Great Damage.

El Paso, Tex., August 5.—A report was received here today from Bisbee, Ariz., a rich mining community, that floods and landslides last night wiped out a portion of the town and killed many. At least 25 lives are believed to have been lost. Enormous damage is reported. Bisbee has a population of 25,000.

## BOOZE VENDERS BEFORE JUSTICE

The unlawful sale of "old booze" was the subject of discussion in the police court this morning. As the result of the discussion, Lucy Jones, colored, is to serve three months on the county roads; Vernon Upchurch will pay \$29.40 and J. B. Harris, colored, will also help improve the roads for three months.

Lucy Jones was up on two counts, J. B. Harris on one, and Vernon Upchurch on four different accounts. Upchurch and the Jones woman did their flourishing business last Sunday, while Harris "just accommodated a white gentleman," on the 17th of July.

## Caleb Powers to Lecture.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Madison, Ind., August 5.—After a heated discussion the directors of the Madison chautauqua have reconsidered their action as to the lecture of Caleb Powers, and he will appear as originally planned on August 8.

Secretary Cravens notified Powers of the board's action and a telegram was received from him saying he would come.

## Honorable Joseph Chamberlain.



Joseph Chamberlain, who has returned to his Birmingham home from a European trip and is reported to be in a most serious physical condition.

## SULTAN STABBED BY YOUNG TURK LEADER

Great Excitement Created in Europe Today

## STABBED IN BACK BY YOUNG PALACE MAN

Rumor of Attempted Assassination Causes Great Excitement in European Capitals—A Complete Revolution and the Overthrow of the Turkish Government Feared—Belief Now Prevails That Story Emanated from Young Turks in Order to Keep Political Pot Boiling.

(By Cable to The Times.)

London, Aug. 5.—A private dispatch received here this morning stated that the sultan of Turkey was stabbed by a minor palace official who had been bribed by the leaders of the young Turkey movement. It was detailed how the would-be assassin drove his dagger at the heart of the sultan but the point of the blade was deflected by the coat of mail which the ruler wears beneath his clothing.

A later dispatch from the same source stated that the attempt to kill the sultan was made from the rear and that the man who made the attack actually succeeded in driving his short-bladed dagger up to the hilt, seriously wounding the sultan.

Both messages purported to come from a leader of the young Turkey movement, who is now in Geneva.

The message created no end of alarm, for it was predicted that an attempt at complete revolution of government in Turkey would follow. As no confirmation of either message has thus far been obtained, the belief prevails that the rumors were inspired by young Turks, whose object is to keep the revolutionary pot boiling.

## STOLE MARCH ON SLEEPING JAILOR

Negro Taken From Jail and Lynched

## JAILOR NOT DISTURBED

Officer Was Surprised When Informed That His Prisoner Was Hanging by the Roadside Dead—Negro Was Accused of Being Implicated in Dynamite Outrage.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Brichton, Ala., August 5.—The dead body of Will Millings, a negro, was found this morning hanging to a tree by the side of the dirt road leading from Brighton to Woodward. He had been taken out of the Brighton jail during the night and lynched. Millings was arrested Tuesday night and taken to the little jail at Brighton. Warden J. H. Tommerlin declares that he heard no disturbance during the night, but that when he went to look for his prisoner he was missing. Later the body of Millings was found suspended from a tree and Coroner W. D. Parrish was summoned from Birmingham. Millings was accused of participation in the dynamiting of the home of Findlay Fuller, a non-union negro miner at Parker Sidings.

Fuller and wife were arrested charged with blowing up their own domicile, and Tuesday was taken to Jefferson county jail.

A mass meeting of the citizens of Brighton was held last night, having for its object the laying of plans for the suppression of the dynamite outrages which have been so numerous of late and is a direct cause of the miners' strike in this district.

## SUCCESSFUL FLIGHT MADE BY ZEPPELIN

ABSCONDER WILL BUY HIS FREEDOM

Now Serving Jail Sentence for Embezzlement

## CAPTURED IN MEXICO

William Walker, Member of "Wire Trappers' Trust," Convicted of Swindling Operations, Seeks His Liberty and Will Refund Large Portion of Stealings.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

New York, August 5.—It is believed that William Walker, absconder treasurer of the Savings Bank of New Britain, who is serving a jail sentence for embezzling more than half a million dollars will purchase his liberty by refunding a large portion of his stealings.

It will be recalled that after Walker's flight to Mexico the arrest of Charles Gondorf and others in this city was believed to have broken up the manipulations of a band of expert wire trappers that had been engaged in extensive swindling operations and was known to the police as the "wire trappers' trust."

It was said, and was generally believed by detectives who had worked on the Walker embezzlement, that this band had been the ultimate beneficiaries of a large proportion of the securities stolen by Walker, though it has never been definitely cleared up whether its members obtained from him substantially the whole of his bank loot or only a large part of it.

It is now said to be definitely known that Walker has knowledge of the present whereabouts of something like \$400,000 of the stolen securities and he is well aware that he is the only person through whom the bank has any chance of recovering this property, or any considerable part of it. As it is all in listed securities, most of which are high class railway bonds, these cannot be easily disposed of without risking exposure. He is understood to be willing to give most of this back, retaining a competence for himself.

Efforts have been made to persuade Walker to testify against Gondorf, who is now awaiting trial, but he has steadfastly refused thus far all overtures tending in that direction. Therefore his refusal has now appeared, for he believes he holds the cards in his own hands and that by playing them skillfully he can become a free man again after little more than a year.

## RADICALS WILL LAUGH NO MORE

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 5.—William J. Bryan yesterday spent a busy day. The torrid weather did not seem to affect those desirous of taking the long trip to Fairview. They came in great numbers, some on business bearing on the campaign, and many purely out of a desire to pay their respects.

Mr. Bryan gave out the following statement in regard to dissemination of speeches by Mr. Taft by means of the phonograph:

"The republican papers have been making fun of me for using the phonograph as a means of reaching the public, but since the republican candidate has followed the example I presume that the criticism will cease and that this will now be regarded as a dignified method of discussing public questions. It looks as if the democrats were going to have a hard time this year protecting their patents from infringement."

"The republicans seem bent upon imitating not only our platform but our campaign methods. There is, however, some advantage in the fact that we are setting the pattern this year."

Count Covers 256 Miles in Nine Hours

NEW RECORD CREATED IN AIR NAVIGATION

Sensation Caused by Success of Count Zeppelin's Voyage—Suffered From Two Accidents But Still Made Record—Great Activity in Airship Experiments, More Trial Trips Being Made Than at Any One Time in the History of the World.

## NOTABLE AIRSHIP FLIGHTS AND RECORDS.

- Wright Brothers, aeroplane, 48 miles an hour, for short flights, Kill Devil Hill, N. C., May 31.
- Count Zeppelin's airship, 29 miles an hour, in seven hour flight, June 29.
- Alexander Graham Bell's aeroplane ship White Wings, short flights at Hammondsport, N. Y., May 18.
- Henri Farman, aeroplane airship, circular kilometer at Paris in one minute and 20 seconds. Winning Deutsch-Archdeacon prize of \$10,000.
- Leo Stevens, 130 miles in non-dirigible balloon in three hours, Hampton Falls, N. H., March 10.
- Leo Stevens, in non-dirigible balloon Centaur, 126 miles in two and one-half hours, November 3, 1906; gas balloon record.
- Santos Dumont, in balloon airship Santos Dumont No. 10, 35 miles in one hour and 40 minutes, Paris, November 14, 1902.
- Pierre Lebaudy's balloon airship La Dirigible from Paris to Moisson, 35 miles, in one hour and 30 minutes, November 10, 1902.
- Count Zeppelin, 12 hour trip in his balloon airship at an average of 34 miles an hour, Friedrichshafen, July 1.
- Count Zeppelin in 24 hour trip, August 4 and 5, covering 500 miles from Lake Constance down the river Rhine to Mayence and return.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Aug. 5.—For the past twenty-four hours airship experiments have been perhaps the most active in the history of the world.

Count Zeppelin, in his dirigible, ascended from Lake Constance yesterday and is still in the air. It was his intention to make an unbroken record for twenty-four hours, but owing to the breaking of a propeller he was compelled to descend at Nackenheim after a continuous journey lasting twelve hours. His flight was again interrupted by a break down at Stuttgart this morning.

The count covered 256 miles in nine hours and carried in his balloon two persons besides himself, proving more than any other navigator the coming possibility of the air vehicle for passenger traffic and commerce.

## Other Experiments.

While Zeppelin was making his experiments in Germany Henri Farman made three successful events at Brighton Beach here and the Wright brothers, the American navigators, were making preparations at Le Mans for their great journey. The flight will be made either Thursday or Friday. At the same time Thos. S. Baldwin, in his big dirigible balloon, covered himself with glory in the army trials at Fort Myer.

## Suffered Mishap.

(By Cable to The Times.) Berlin, Aug. 5.—Owing to a mishap this morning to the propeller of Count Zeppelin's airship interrupted ship getting back to Friedrichshafen and precluded the possibility of the ship getting back to Friedrichshafen within the prescribed time. When the airship was near Stuttgart the motor broke and it was necessary to bring the aerial flyer to the earth. The injury to the motor will require several hours for fixing.

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