

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY ENACTED IN CITY

Lee Huneycutt, Local Grocerman, Shot and Kills Miss Linda Casper Saturday Night.

URNS PISTOL ON HIMSELF WITH SUICIDAL INTENT

Killing Occurred in Presence of Four Eye Witnesses, Two Men and Two Women.

A terrible tragedy was enacted in this city Saturday night when Lee Huneycutt shot and instantly killed Linda Casper and then fired two shots into his own body and is now at the point of death.

The affair occurred at the home of Mrs. L. C. Shulenberger on East Cemetery street, between Long and Shaver streets in East Salisbury and occurred about 9 o'clock, creating a sensation and drawing a large crowd to the scene.

Huneycutt, who is a young married man with a wife and five children, had been infatuated with the girl, who was 18 years old and beautiful, and was paying attention to her. She lived in an adjoining house with a married sister and when killed was visiting at the home of Mrs. Shulenberger, and with her at the time was two young men, L. D. Holman and Floyd Brown, Katie Litzner and Mrs. Shulenberger. They were all sitting around the stove in a bedroom when there was a knock at the door. Mrs. Shulenberger went to answer the call and it is said Huneycutt was at the door and pushed it open and walked into the room where the party was sitting, immediately addressing Miss Casper, who was sitting in a chair and with an oath demanded to know what she was doing there, at the same time reaching in his inside coat pocket and drawing a Smith & Wesson pistol began firing at her. Three shots were fired and the young woman fell in the floor and died in a pool of her own blood instantly. One bullet took effect in the heart, another broke her left arm just above the elbow and the other inflicted a flesh wound across the abdomen and buried itself in a sun of money which she had on her person.

As soon as the shooting began those in the room made quick escape and it is fortunate for some of them that they did, as the man afterwards expressed regret that he had not killed one of the men. Looking back as he fled from the room one of the men saw Huneycutt turn the weapon on himself and heard two shots. Fearing he might be further armed and deeming it unsafe to venture in the parties awaited the arrival of officers. Sheriff Krier was the first to arrive and was closely followed by Policemen Kesler and Harrison. They found the girl dead and Huneycutt lying across her prostrate form breathing in agony. He begged for water and also to be placed on the bed beside the woman, whose body had been picked up from the floor by this time and placed on a bed. He was placed in an automobile and hurried to the sanatorium. He told the officers he meant to kill the woman and was only sorry he did not get the man with her. He at first protested against an operation being performed but later consented to this. The only reference he made to his family was that the affair would break his wife and mother down.

The body of the dead woman was removed to Summersett's undertaking establishment and prepared for burial. Here it was viewed by large numbers of people, all of whom commented upon the beauty of the woman and of her youth, she being only 18 years old. Later the remains were conveyed to St. Matthew's Lutheran church in Providence township where the funeral and burial took place Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, being conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. A. Trexler.

The affair was the talk of groups of people on the streets Sunday morning and after occasioning excitement Saturday night the sensational tragedy was soon known all over the city.

The dead woman has been living in Salisbury several years and came here from the St. Matthew's church neighborhood. She was an orphan and inherited some property into which she would have soon come into possession. It is said that Huneycutt had threatened her with violence should he ever hear of her being in the company of another man.

Huneycutt has for some time conducted the grocery store at the corner of Main and Liberty streets and was known to many Salisbury people. It is said he had been drinking of late and those who knew of his infatuation with the girl the tragedy came as no great surprise. He lives in Franklin township on the road out from Spencer to the little village of

HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE AT WORK ON THE "LEAK"



Left to right—Representatives James C. Cantrill, Kentucky; Martin D. Foster, Illinois; Finis J. Garrett, Tennessee; Robert L. Henry, chairman, Texas; Philip P. Campbell, Kansas; Irvine L. Lenroot, Wisconsin; William S. Bennet, New York; and Burnett M. Chiperfield, Illinois.

MACKENSEN ONLY 6 MILES FROM GALAZ

Important Rumanian Port on the Danube End of the Sereth Line, Another Gain Scored.

TOWN OF VADENI HAS BEEN TAKEN BY GERMANS

Berlin Claims Most of Isolated Points of Vantage on Moldovian Frontier are Theirs.

(By Associated Press.)

Field Marshal von Mackensen outposts are now only six miles from Galaz, the important Rumanian port on the Danube end of the Sereth line, the Teutonic pressure having resulted in another gain yesterday when the town of Vadani was taken. Vadani is scant two miles south of the Sereth river itself in the railroad between Braila and Vadani.

Elsewhere on the Rumanian front the continuing battle which is being waged under unfavorable weather conditions resulted in few modifications of the line.

Petrograd reports indicate a virtually unchanged position while Berlin claims that most of isolated points of vantage have been won along the Moldovian frontier mountain chains.

On the northern end of the Russian front in the Riga district the advances recently scored by the Russians apparently are being maintained in the face of heavy counter attacks by the Germans.

Twice on successive days Petrograd has announced a repulse of heavy assaults by masses of troops.

The operations on the Franco-Belgian front are confined for the most part to artillery. Paris only has activities by this arm of the service to report today.

Franklin. His wife came to Salisbury early Sunday morning and went to the sanatorium to see her husband.

After the shooting two bullets were picked up on the floor of the room in which the killing took place. One of these is supposed to be one of those fired into his own body. It is the general opinion that the man had become so infatuated with the woman, and through jealousy had been rendered in an abnormal condition of mind, to such an extent that he was wrought up and determined to do her violence if she did not desist in receiving the attention of other men.

When Mr. George A. Kluttz, who died Sunday afternoon, was stricken while walking along a street near the home of Miss Casper Saturday afternoon it was she who was the first to his side and after he had been carried into a nearby house she gave assistance in an effort to relieve him, not knowing that within a few hours she would fall the victim of an assassin's bullet.

Huneycutt Just Alive.

Word from the sanatorium at 3 o'clock Monday was to the effect that the man was in a desperate condition, that the best that could be said regarding his chances for recovery was that he was barely alive. There is very little chance for his recovery and while it is possible that he may linger some days the announcement of his death at any moment would come as no surprise.

A LOAN COMPANY FOR LEXINGTON

Proposes to Loan Money on Real Estate and Gets a Charter from the State.

(By Associated Press.)

Raleigh, Jan. 15.—The Lexington Loan Company, of Lexington, with a capital of \$50,000, of which \$10,000 has been subscribed, was chartered today by the Secretary of State. The company proposes to lend money on real estate.

FARM LOAN MEETING SALISBURY JAN. 19

County Farm Loan Association to be Organized for Rowan at Community Building.

APPLICATIONS FOR OVER \$200,000 ALREADY IN

District Demonstration Agent E. S. Millsap, of Statesville, will be present to assist in the organization of a county farm loan association for Rowan.

Loans amounting to over \$200,000 have been requested for this county, and the membership will probably be over three hundred. Officers of the association will also be elected at this meeting and steps taken to secure loans for the farmers of the county from the Federal Land Bank of this district, located at Columbia, S. C. Additional requests for subscriptions will be received at this meeting on January 19th.

Rowan county is leading in requests for loans from this Federal Bank, which is an act of the Wilson administration and which is now being put in force throughout the country; there being twelve banks similar to the Columbia institution located in various sections of the United States. Davidson county farmers have applied for loans amounting to \$60,000; Mecklenburg agriculturalists want \$150,000, and Guilford farmers want \$85,000. So by comparison it is observed that Rowan is after a greater "silk" of this money than our neighboring counties.

The meeting will probably be largely attended, not only by those desiring loans but by others who are interested in the operations of these newly instituted financial institutions by the Federal government.

COTTON ON HANDS AND SPUN 1916

Census Bureau Issues Some Statistics of the Amount of Cotton on Hands and Used As Compared with Same of a 12-Months Earlier.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 15.—Cotton, exclusive of linters, consumed during December amounted to 538,587 running bales, and for the five months ending December 31st, 2,763,962 bales the census bureau announced today.

In the previous year 555,005 bales were consumed during December, and for the comparative five months of previous year 2,533,640 bales were consumed.

Cotton on hands December 31st in consuming establishments, 2,362,960 bales compared with 1,853,046 bales in 1915, and in public storages and commission houses 4,065,178 bales compared with 5,195,653 in previous year same date.

Cotton spinners active during December 1916 32,864,474 bales as compared with 31,745,772 for previous December.

An alarm of fire from the box at the Kesler mill at 11:30 last night called the department to that place. A blaze had started in some loose cotton in the waste house but was extinguished with only slight damage resulting.

LAWSON TO APPEAR BEFORE COMMITTEE

Boston Financier Will Be Summoned Immediately Upon His Arrival in Washington.

EFFORTS TO PULL NAMES FROM THE BOSTON MAN

Will Face a List of Written Questions When He Goes on Stand and Answers Demanded.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 15.—The House efforts to get Thomas W. Lawson to give the names of officials who he implicated in previous testimony might be involved in his charges relating to a "leak" on advance information on President Wilson's note.

When called to the stand Mr. Lawson will face a list of written questions whose answers will be demanded or threat. If he refuses he might be cited to appear before the bar of the House on charges of contempt and imprisonment if declared guilty.

Chairman Henry received a telegram from Mr. Lawson stating that he could not reach Washington until 2 o'clock this afternoon and would be at the committee's service as soon after that time as possible. Chairman Henry then set the hearing for 3 o'clock this afternoon.

WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT IS INTERPRETED BY COURT

Not Limited to Commercialized Vice and Includes Personal Immoral Escapades is Decision of Supreme Court of United States.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 15.—Interpreting the Mann "White Slave Traffic" act the Supreme Court today decided that prosecution for transporting women in interstate commerce was not limited to commercialized vice and included personal immoral escapades. Conviction of F. Drew Camminetti and Maury I. Diggs, of Sacramento, Cal., were affirmed.

The court divided its opinion, which was given by Justice Day. Chief Justice White and Justices McKenna and Clark dissented. Justice McReynolds took no part in the consideration of the cases.

"The plain terms of the act must take precedent over the designation and the report that accompanied it to congress," said Justice Day. "It is said but that is to be considered by Congress. We think the power of Congress to regulate transportation of passengers affords ample basis to exercise authority in case of this statute."

\$37,000 TO KILL ONE.

Noted Japanese Computes Cost and Asserts it Requires An Outlay of Vast Amount to Kill One Soldier in Europe.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 15.—It costs the warring nations \$37,000 to kill one soldier, according to statistics compiled by the Hon. Fukuta, of Japan, who is sojourning in Atlanta taking lessons in golf from Stuart Maiden, en route to his home after a tour of Europe.

Mr. Fukuta compiled his figures after visiting London, Paris and Petrograd, and they indicate that the old proverb of "ten times his weight in bullets to kill one man" is far too conservative so far as the present conflict is concerned.

Mr. J. E. Robinson, manager of the Western Union Telegraph office at Statesville, spent Saturday here with his sister, Miss Lily May Robinson.

WILLIAM J. BRYAN IN STATE CAPITAL

Great Commoner to Address Joint Meeting of House and Senate.

CONFLICT RESEMBLING CAUSES INTERFERENCE

Some Assert This Was the Work of Some Enemy of the Peerless One.

(By Associated Press.)

Raleigh, Jan. 15.—Unless William J. Bryan can fill a return engagement there is no present prospect of membership in the General Assembly of North Carolina sitting under his eaves and harkening and refusing to harken unto his words of wisdom at this session.

The great Commoner is scheduled to leave Raleigh at 8:30 o'clock for Spring Hope, and while the House convenes at 2 o'clock the Senate does not meet until 3 o'clock. Some say an enemy of the Peerless one has done this thing, others that the Senate's hour of meeting was merely for the purpose of allowing our lawmakers to spend the week at home.

Raleigh, Jan. 15.—An address by William Jennings Bryan featured the opening session here today of the annual convention of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League. Mr. Bryan's address was delivered after the devotional services and the registration of delegates has taken place. J. A. Hartness, of Statesville, president of the league, presided.

An address by the Rev. J. H. Bennett, of Greensboro, miscellaneous business and the appointment of committees concluded the program of the initial session. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union early in the evening was to tender the delegates to a reception at the Young Men's Christian Association building.

The program for tonight's session, to be presided over by Dr. W. L. Poole, president of Wake Forest College, included an address by Judge S. D. Wakeley, of Birmingham, Ala., and the report of the Rev. R. L. Davis, superintendent of the state league.

An address by the Rev. Sidney J. Peters, of Richmond, State Prohibition Commissioner of Virginia, the report of the Rev. R. L. Gay, of Raleigh, field secretary of the league, and the report of the committee on resolutions will occupy the session tomorrow morning.

The election of officers will take place at the concluding session in the afternoon.

A meeting of the new board of trustees will be held immediately after adjournment.

GRAND LODGE MASONS TO MEET IN RALEIGH

130th Annual Communication Will Open Tuesday Evening, January 16th—Grand Master A. B. Andrews to Preside—800 Expected to be Present.

Raleigh, Jan. 15.—Tuesday evening January 16 will be held the 130th annual communication of the grand lodge of North Carolina, at the Masonic temple in this city. It will be opened at 7:30 by Grand Master Alexander B. Andrews, Jr., who will briefly review the work of the past year. His annual report, which the grand master is required to make, will be in printed form, hence it will not be read as heretofore but in a 10 or 15 minute address, he will outline what has been done during the past year, after which the printed address will be distributed to the membership.

Tuesday evening the annual address will be delivered by Hon. F. C. Harding, senator from Pitt county, who is a pleasing speaker and a splendid orator.

Wednesday morning the grand lodge will be visited by Charles Barham, grand master of Tennessee. Mr. Barham, who is a distinguished citizen of Nashville, was born at Goldsboro and for some years lived in Durham, where he has many friends. Mr. Barham is general freight agent of the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis Railroad.

The indications are that there will be an attendance of about 800 from the grand lodge, which will be larger than usual.

New York, Jan. 15.—The cotton market opened today as follows:

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| January | 17.40 |
| March | 17.70 |
| May | 17.80 |
| July | 17.87 |
| October | 18.80 |

PLANS SUFFRAGE "COLLEGES"



Miss Elinor Byrns, a New York lawyer, has started on a tour to inaugurate "colleges" for suffrage workers, and the first one is to be opened at Buffalo. She proposes to teach women anxious to learn how to make converts to the cause how to do it.

"Much of the suffrage work done in the past by untrained workers lost effectiveness because of that very lack of training," said she. "Now we are going to find out those who are good at public speaking and train them for that. Those who can't make speeches but are good at answering questions are to have their special talent developed. Others who show aptitude for canvassing will be drilled for that particular and important duty."

MR. GEORGE A. KLUTTZ A VICTIM OF PARALYSIS

One of Salisbury's Oldest and Most Honored Citizens Passes Away—Funeral and Burial Tuesday Afternoon From Episcopal Church.

Mr. George A. Kluttz, aged 79 years, 4 months and 29 days, died at his home on East Innes street this morning at 5:30 o'clock following a stroke of paralysis and probable apoplexy which he suffered late Saturday afternoon while on East Cemetery street in the performance of his duty in connection with the health and sanitary matters of the city, having been engaged in this service for a number of years. The funeral will take place from St. Luke's Episcopal church Tuesday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock, conducted by the rector, Rev. W. W. Way, and the interment will be in the Old English cemetery on North Church Street.

The pall bearers will be J. C. Kesler, J. C. Deaton, M. C. Quinn, P. H. Bernhard, W. S. Blackmer and W. S. Nielson.

Surviving is the wife, two daughters, Mrs. George Pennick, of Richmond, Va., and Mrs. Mabel Hartman, of Salisbury, and one son, Mr. Ches. Kluttz, of this city, who has been lately making his home in Chicago.

Mr. Kluttz was a native of Rowan county and had lived in Salisbury for many years. He was for years connected with several of Salisbury's leading mercantile establishments as salesman and was one of the best in his day. For some years he has been connected with sanitary and health department of the city and in this work he rendered splendid service. He was a Confederate soldier and a number of his comrades will attend the funeral and burial in a body.

Mr. Kluttz was a most excellent citizen, had served as a member of the board of aldermen, and was universally liked and held in high esteem. He was one of the old school of Southern gentlemen, a man of keen sense of humor and who was firm in his convictions. As a father, husband and neighbor he was ideal and it was always a pleasure to meet and converse with him. He always took a deep interest in the affairs of his town, State and nation and kept well posted on general matters and current events. His friends were numbered by the hundreds and his taking off caused genuine sorrow to all who knew him. Although advanced in years he was an active man for one of his age and spent much of his time touring the city in the performance of his duties as an attaché of the health and sanitary force of the city. He will be missed by many and his death leaves a vacancy that will be felt.

SPANELL CASE IS POSTPONED.

San Angelo, Texas, Jan. 15.—When the case of Harry J. Spanell, charged with killing his wife and Lieutenant Colonel C. M. Butler at Alpine, Texas, 1st July was called in the District Court here today the court granted a postponement to 9 o'clock tomorrow when the defense explained that several witnesses had not arrived, due to delayed trains.

HERO OF MANILA BAY IS NEARING DEATH

The Shadows Are Closing About Admiral Dewey and Death is Expected at Any Time.

LAST PHYSICIANS BULLETIN HOLDS OUT LITTLE HOPE

Arterial Sclerosis, Affecting Practically Every Organ of the Body, is His Trouble.

ADMIRAL DEWEY ILL.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Admiral Dewey's condition was such this morning that his doctors declared him to be very weak, and further that his great vitality may fail him at any time.

In a bulletin issued later in the morning the physician in charge of the case said: "Admiral Dewey has been suffering for the past five days from a general breakdown, consequent of his 80 year of age. Some improvement for the past few days led to the belief that he might rally and overcome the depression of certain organs.

Last night he slept fairly well, and at times was rational and showed signs of gradual decline.

"This morning he is very weak and his general condition is such as to fear that his great vitality may fail at any time."

Admiral Dewey is being treated at his home in this city.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 15.—Admiral Dewey, hero of Manila bay, who has been confined to his home here for the past five days by a general breakdown, was reported as "slowly sinking" by his doctors at 2 o'clock this afternoon, at which time the following bulletin was issued:

"Admiral Dewey has been slowly declining since early this morning. His primary condition is arterial sclerosis, which affects practically every organ of the body, especially the kidneys and brain. Although he has shown great rallying power at this time he is slowly sinking. So far his heart is strong and his lungs clear but these organs may become suddenly and seriously affected at any time."

COURT DECIDES AGAINST ROADS

Test Cases, Involving Claims of About 800 Railroad for Large Sums for Carrying Mails, Are Decided.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Jan. 15.—Test cases regarded as decisive of about 800 railroad's claims against the government where approximately \$5 million dollars for additional compensation for carrying the mails from 1907 to 1911 were decided today by the Supreme Court against the railroads. Appeals of the Chicago and Alton and Yazoo and Mississippi railroads from rejection of test claims were dismissed.

SNOW AND SLEET GENERAL.

Some Points in Texas Covered to Greatest Depth in Many Years—Arkansas, Mississippi and Tennessee, as Well as N. C. and Va.

(By Associated Press.)

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 15.—Snow and sleet today covered a large portion of the South. Northern and Central Texas are under one of the heaviest snowfalls in their history. More than seven inches has fallen at Dallas since early yesterday morning. The storm extends over Eastern Arkansas, Northern Mississippi and Western Tennessee, as North Carolina and Virginia.

A STRANGE UNDERSEA BOAT.

Sighted Last Thursday by British Vessel 800 Miles East of Newport, Rhode Island.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 15.—News that an unidentified submarine, moving westward in the Atlantic as late as last Thursday morning was brought to port here today by the British steamship Clematis from Bordeaux, France. Persons on the freighter thought the undersea boat might be the German merchant submarine Deutschland on her third voyage to America. The stranger made no move to attack the Clematis, which was at the time approximately 800 miles east of Newport, R. I.