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THE EVENING MASCOT.

Death of Smith is Investigated

BELIEVED MAN WAS MURDERED

Traveling Representative of White Oak Coal Company Was Victim of a Murder Most Foul—Remains Sent Home to Richmond—Looking for Evidence.

Raleigh, Nov. 16.—A coroner's jury is today investigating the death of W. E. Smith, traveling representative of the White Oak Coal Company, of Richmond, Va., whose body with neck broken was found in a 50 foot pit of the rock quarry east of the city Sunday evening.

Evidence is meagre as yet, with nothing to show definitely whether he lost his way and fell into the excavation which has no guard of any kind to prevent such accidents.

A police officer identifies Smith as the man who asked him toward midnight Saturday to show him the way to Capital Square, having lost his way near the Governor's Mansion on Blount street.

He did not appear to be drunk then, although, it is said, there is evidence that he had been drinking heavily here for several days.

The coroner will continue the inquest several days to await the search of evidence.

A Foul Murder.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 16.—The police developments today established the fact that Dr. Elbert W. Smith, representative of a Richmond, Va., coal company and son of F. M. Smith, of New Hope, W. Va., whose body was found in the city rock quarry in the outskirts of Raleigh yesterday, was the victim of one of the worst murders in the history of the city. He left his hotel Saturday night and it is believed he was murdered in the city and his body carried to the quarry for concealment. The body was taken to Richmond today.

Beulah May Fink Dead.

Little Beulah May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Fink of Barber was born on April 3rd, 1906, and fell asleep in Jesus Nov. 14, 1908, aged 2 years, 6 months and 11 days.

The funeral was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Theo. C. Parker, from Lebanon Lutheran church, and the little body was laid to rest in the nearby cemetery, to await the resurrection morn.

Little Beulah was a most lovable child, and was the joy and sunshine of the home. Being the only child, the hopes and hearts of the fond parents were entwined about her. But her favour loved her more than they, and He has taken her unto Himself.

Caloris Bottle.

Red-Hot drinks without fire! Ice-Cold drinks without ice! Jeweler Henry has on exhibition in his window a number of the celebrated Caloris bottles, a new device for the sick room or campers outfit.

One of these bottles is guaranteed to keep any liquid cold in the warmest of weather for 84 hours or hot under the most chilly circumstances for 30 hours.

Mr. Henry would be pleased to have you call and inspect these. They are grand for keeping baby's milk warm.

Blackburn Not a Democrat.

It gives us pleasure to announce that the report that E. Spencer Blackburn was making Democratic speeches in his new home of Oklahoma is a mistake. Quite the opposite is the fact; he is whooping it up for the G. O. P. as never before. The Democratic party has quite as many burdens as it can carry—perhaps more.—Greensboro Record.

Mr. Mills Moves.

Mr. N. B. Mills has moved his office from the basement under the Slan Clothing Company to his new block on West Broad street.

The store room is nearly ready for occupancy but is not leased as yet.

Mrs. Jhn Nabors has been seriously ill at her home on 10th street for the past week.

Senator Carmack Did Not Shoot

BOY WOUNDED BY HIS FATHER.

Pistol Carried by Senator Carmack on the Day of His Death Had Been in the Hands of His Enemies for Two Hours Before Coming into the Officers' Possession.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 17.—Will A. Percy, a well known lawyer, made the startling statement yesterday that Senator Carmack never fired the pistol he carried on his death walk and that young Cooper, who is alleged to have been shot by Carmack, was in fact wounded by bullets from his father's revolver intended for Carmack.

Percy says the son was behind Carmack and the father in front, each being so near the other that their victim was powder-burned by the father's shots. That the chambers of Carmack's pistol had been fired means nothing, says the lawyer, for the weapon was in the hands of his enemies for two hours before it was turned over to the officers; and besides, Carmack's hand still held a cigar he had been smoking.

Services were held in honor of Senator Carmack in many churches throughout the state.

Mr. W. B. Waters of Wilmington, was in the city last night.

Mr. C. B. Stephenson of South Bend, Ind., was in the city last night.

Mr. R. V. Tharpe spent yesterday in Newton on business connected with his insurance agency.

Mrs. A. L. Coble went to Concord last night to attend a meeting of the trustees of the State Reform school.

Mr. Carl Sherrill returned to Davidson college today, after having been at his home since last Friday.

Mr. W. J. Turner returned to Mt. Airy yesterday, after having spent Sunday with his father, Mr. W. D. Turner.

Mr. W. L. Funk of Richmond, and his young son, Martin, arrived last night for a visit with relatives in Shiloh township.

Mrs. C. B. Greene and Miss Rosa Greene are expected to arrive in the city tomorrow for a visit with Mrs. J. O. Purnell.

Mayor H. P. Grier went to Charlotte this morning to attend the convention of mayors that is now in session and will last through tomorrow.

Mrs. J. W. Gray who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. F. E. Bradley and Mrs. R. E. Armfield returned to her home in Charlotte yesterday.

Miss Annie Ardrey of Mecklenburg county and Miss Ethel Wilson of Asheville who have been the guests of Mary Kennedy at Housontonville were in the city yesterday en route to their respective homes.

MRS. G. A. ALLEN DEAD.

Was Mother of Mrs. Frank Siler Formerly of This City—Mrs. Siler Was With Her Mother When Death Came.

A telegram was received in this city yesterday announcing the death of Mrs. G. A. Allen, mother of Mrs. Frank Siler whose husband was formerly pastor of the First Methodist church here.

Mrs. Allen died at Forsythe, Ga., and her daughter was with her when end came.

Mrs. Allen visited here frequently while her son-in-law was located in Statesville and was well and favorably known.

Mr. Siler is now pastor of a Methodist church in Charlotte.

With the Sick.

Mrs. W. F. Hall who was operated on Sunday at the Billingsley hospital is improving slowly.

Miss Mary Lewis was called to Anderson, S. C., because of the serious illness of her cousin, Mrs. Neville.

Annual Reception.

The young ladies of the Statesville Female college gave their annual reception in the library at the college last night.

The room was artistically decorated and refreshments were served.

A number of Davidson college students were among the guests.

Mr. Gompers Very Defiant

SAYS HE WILL NOT PAY FINE.

President of the American Federation of Labor Declares That if Found Guilty in Government Contempt Proceedings he Will go to Jail Rather Than Pay or Allow Federation to Pay for Him.

Denver, Col., Nov. 16.—President Samuel Gompers, at today's session of the convention of the American Federation of Labor, declared that if he were found guilty and fined in the contempt proceedings against him at Washington he would go to jail before he would pay his fine or before he would allow the federation to pay the fine for him.

This statement was made during a discussion of the report of the committee on the treasurer's report. The committee recommended that immediately following the adjournment of the convention, the executive committee shall take up the proposition of placing its funds where they may be removed from danger of attachment.

Several suggestions were made, one being that the funds be deposited in Canada and another that certificates of deposit be taken out in some other name than the treasurer.

D. G. Ramsey of the electrical workers, declared: "We had a chance to place our funds beyond reach of those who would take them, but we let it pass on November 3d. The only way to protect our money is to change the laws."

Mr. Gompers warned the delegates that if a way were found to hide the funds, the courts would thereafter point a receiver not necessarily to secure in some way the hidden fund, but to get the money being contributed.

By request Mr. Gompers explained the status of the Danbury hat case.

Labor Menaced by Courts.

"Our standing is menaced by the courts of law," he said. "The matter of the application of the Sherman anti-trust law to unions has reached final adjustment by the United States Supreme court. No matter how the Danbury case is decided that will not alter the status one bit. The United States supreme court has said the final word and the law of this country is that labor organizations of this country are now conspiracies and combinations in restraint of trade."

"Under the Sherman anti-trust law honest business cannot be conducted, much less honest straight-labor organizations. With reference to the case against me in the District of Columbia, I want to say that I will never consent that the American Federation of Labor shall ever pay one cent of fine for me. I don't want to go to jail, but I will not tamely submit to the Federation of Labor being mulched for me."

Mr. Gompers declared that the decisions of the supreme court had but one object, namely to tie the men of labor in their right to work or their right not to work.

"These decisions," he said, "will result in fettering them for all time to come."

Belongs to no Party.

"I am not in touch with the Democratic party; second, I am not a Democrat, and, third, I owe allegiance to no party. I am a trade unionist."

"When the Democratic party made our contentions its own," said Mr. Gompers, "it would not only have been ingratitude but cowardice to desert them. If Bryan had been elected with the hosts of organized labor back of him it would have given spirit to human freedom."

New Telephone Directory.

The Iredell Telephone Company has issued a new directory for the use of its subscribers.

It contains a complete list of all subscribers and the various connections.

A License to Wed.

The register of deeds has issued a marriage license to Mr. Green Brown and Miss Emily Myer. Both are residents of Union Grove township.

Six Men Meet Instant Death

IN A MINE CAGE ACCIDENT.

Because of Break in Machinery the Cage, Occupied by Ten Men, Plunged From Near the Outlet to the Bottom of the Shaft—Those Not Killed had Narrow Escape.

Pittsburg, Nov. 16.—Six men were instantly killed, another was dangerously injured, and three others had narrow escapes from injury or death in a mine cage accident at Ell-worth mine No 1 located in Washington, county, late today. The mine is owned by the Ellsworth Coal Company, of this city.

Because of a break in the machinery, the cage, occupied by ten men, several of whom were mine officials, plunged from near the outlet to the bottom of the shaft, a distance of 280 feet.

Murderer is Pronounced Insane.

Newton, Nov. 19.—Lon Rader who it will be remembered, cruelly stabbed to death Miss Willie Bollinger in the Baptist church at Startown last summer was Saturday pronounced by a jury to be insane and incapable of conducting his defense and will be committed to the hospital for the criminal insane there to remain until his mental condition is restored to its normal order if such is ever the case when he will be brought back here and placed in a trial for the murder of Miss Bollinger.

Rader's insanity has developed since his incarceration, to a wilfully demonstrative stage. At the preliminary trial and when he was first placed in jail he was silent and seemingly calm, talking sensibly on any subject except that of the murder but recently his insanity has taken the form of wild utterances in the nature of religious exhortations.

It is not expected by many that his condition will ever be any better.

Negro Boy Found With His Skull Fractured.

Furham, N. C., Nov. 16.—Willie Hall, a young colored boy, was brought here last night on the Norfolk & Western train with a cracked skull, sustained in some way on the railroad. The boy had purchased a ticket on the railroad beyond the place he was found. He was discovered in an unconscious state by a train man and picked up. He was taken to the Lincoln Hospital and treated. The seriousness of his injuries cannot be told for a day or two.

Negro Shot Five Times in Abdomen.

Wilson, Nov. 16.—Tonight an unknown negro was shot five times in the abdomen on the outskirts of the city by another negro, said to be George Ruffin. The wounded man is at a hospital here but is not expected to recover.

He assailant escaped and has not yet been apprehended. The shooting occurred over a woman.

Some Big Pigs.

Mr. J. J. Rhyne of Olin township thinks he is this year's champion pig raiser.

Last Saturday he butchered two that were nine months old and they dressed 601 pounds.

Mr. Deitz Moves.

Mr. L. C. Deitz has moved his place of business from the shops near the Iredell Livery Company stables to the old Dietz stand opposite the First Presbyterian church.

Melba's Son is Denounced

WIFE TELLS A PITIFUL TALE.

She is Not Yet Twenty Years of Age. Her Husband's Ill Treatment Commenced Almost on Day of Her Marriage About Two Years Ago—He Beat Her Frequently and Locked Her in a Room.

London, Nov. 16.—George Nesbit Armstrong, Mme Melba's son, has been divorced by his wife, formerly Ruby Otway, after twenty months of unhappy union.

A curious circumstance is that any one reading the reports of the suit in this evening's London papers would never be able to identify the respondent as the son of the famous prima donna. This shows what a person with a big "pull" can do with the impeccable press here.

Ruby Armstrong, not yet twenty, told a pitiful story of violence and infidelity on the part of her husband. She said he began to quarrel with and ill use her within two months after their marriage. They went to Texas, and there he beat her and locked her up in her room. Later he went to Australia, where her unhappiness became intensified.

On their return to London early in his year Armstrong was thrashed by a irate husband, a Mr. Hoffman, who found him with Mrs. Hoffman at the Hotel Metropole. Hoffman also demanded \$35,000.

Armstrong confessed to his wife and she immediately began suit. He is in no defense.

Mme. Melba arrived in London yesterday from Cardiff, Wales, and her son is with her. She regards him as an injured innocent.

A Correction.

It seems that the Mascot was in error when it stated in its superior court report that Mr. Everett Smith, the well known driver for the Iredell Livery Company had been put under bond for his appearance at the next term of court.

Mr. Smith was wanted as a witness in an unimportant case but he had not been summoned and for that reason was not present. He states that he would certainly have been on hand if he had known that he was wanted and those who know of the prompt manner in which he meets all trains at the depot will believe him.

For many years he has served in his present capacity and it is his proud record that he never had a passenger lose a train.

COTTON MARKET.

Local Market.

Prices paid at wagon:

Strict good middling.....	9.05
Good middling.....	9.00
Middling.....	8%.
Stains and Tinges.....	6@7 1/2

The market was firm.

New York, November 16.—Spots closed quiet at 9.35.

December.....	9.09
January.....	8.92
March.....	8.88
May.....	8.85

Bride and Groom Here.

Mr. John H. Dale and Miss Hattie Benfield were married at Morganton where they both reside, last night by Rev. Mr. Larkins, and immediately took the train for this city.

They are stopping at the Henry house on Center street.

There are a number of circumstances that seem to indicate that it might have been a runaway marriage.

Constipation causes headaches, nausea, dizziness, languor, heart palpitation. Drastic physics gripe, sicken, weaken the towel, and don't cure. Doan's Regulets act gently and cure constipation. 25 cents. Ask your druggists.

Oak Grove School.

The school at Oak Grove, on the Taylorsville road opened yesterday. Miss Lizzie Foster is teacher and there is an enrollment of 82 pupils.

Chicago Man Has Confessed

TELLS HOW HE MADE \$700,000.

He Handled Worthless Paper and Asks That he be Punished at Once—Was Classed Among Chicago's Most Prosperous Man of Business.

Chicago, Nov. 16.—Peter Van Vlissingen, a real estate dealer for years classed among the first of Chicago's prosperous and reputable business men, today confessed to having forged notes and deeds, more than \$700,000, and a few hours after his arrest, on his own urgent appeal to be punished, was sentenced to the penitentiary.

The arrest, the indictment, the confession and the sentence were the work of less than four hours.

Taken in the midst of business from his office desk at 172 Washington street, shortly before noon, Van-Vlissingen, a venerable looking man, appeared before the court and in tears confessed that for from 18 to 20 years he had been securing money through the sale of forged documents and that though he had bought back many of these spurious instruments without detection, at least 250 people would lose an aggregate of more than \$700,000, through the paper which he had not yet rendered.

Using Ingenious Device.

In forging notes, he declared, he had perfected an unique device. This consisted of a plate glass desk top, arranged that by an electric light thrown up from beneath he could readily trace from originals forged signatures on to worthless paper. Throughout his arrest and sentence the prisoner made no effort to defend himself.

Asked if he had anything to say before sentence was imposed, Van-Vlissingen, bowing his head, replied, "Only that I be given my punishment at once."

His term in the penitentiary was fixed as indeterminate from 1 to 14 years.

Van Vlissingen, who is about 45 years of age, was married February 1, 1907, to Mrs. Jessie Roosevelt Blend, who was described at the time as a distant relative of President Roosevelt. The bride was a daughter of Wilton C. Blend. Van-Vlissingen had been a bachelor living at the Calumet club. He was known as being of a philanthropic disposition.

Off for Asheville.

Rev. Dr. J. R. Scroggs, pastor of the Broad Street Methodist church, Rev. H. H. Robbins, pastor of the Race street church and Rev. T. E. Wagg of the Statesville circuit left this morning for Asheville to attend the annual conference of Western North Carolina which convenes in the Central Methodist church tomorrow morning.

Presiding Elder J. N. Huggins left last night.

The lay delegates from Statesville district Conference are Messrs. Jas. F. Anderson, of Statesville; W. J. Irvin, of this county; G. F. Ivey, of Hickory, and P. J. Moore, of Caldwell county, and these will also attend.

Prof. D. Matt Thompson and Mr. E. G. Gaither, of Statesville, also expected to attend the Conference, they being members of official boards.

This year's session promises to be a busy one. From the time the first meeting is called to order tomorrow morning until the assignments are read just before adjournment, a heated discussion on questions relating to church and missionary work will be kept up.

It is not expected that there will be many changes in the appointments for this district.

Rev. T. E. Weaver of Stony Point has served full four years and will be changed to some other pastorate. He is the only pastor that is now closing his fourth year.

It is not thought that their will be any changes in this city.

The Elcriemoh Clum.

Mrs. Eugene Morrison will entertain the Elcriemoh club next Friday. The guests are invited to assemble at 3:30 o'clock.