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COLUMBUS LONG-BOTTOM KILLED

Found Lying in His Buggy With Head Crushed and Unconscious.—Murdered by Unknown Person.

Columbus Longbottom, whose home was in Somers Township between the homes of Dr. L. P. Somers and Mr. S. A. Mitchell, was found by two of Mr. Hackett Nichols' sons, last Friday afternoon, lying across the foot of his buggy in an unconscious condition, his head crushed in two places, and on Sunday morning about four o'clock he died without regaining consciousness. The deceased was about 40 years old and was twice married. He is survived by his second wife and eight children—six children by the first marriage and two by the second—and he was their sole dependence for support.

No word was received by the authorities here of the tragedy until the message of his death came and immediately thereafter Coroner C. P. Crysel, Sheriff Woodruff and County Physician J. M. Turner, accompanied by Messrs. G. A. Crysel, W. S. Pearson and D. S. Lane, went to the home of the deceased where he was taken before he died. Dr. Turner assisted by Dr. L. P. Somers, aided Coroner Crysel in making the post mortem examination and as a result of their examination they found that the deceased had received two severe blows on the head, one on the right side and the other on top of the head, and that there was a crack in the skull on the right side about five inches long and another crack on top of his skull about two inches long. The doctors expressed the opinion that the wounds were inflicted by a blunt instrument and that the person who dealt the blows was behind his victim and struck from the rear. The coroner's jury, which was composed of Messrs. G. A. Crysel, D. S. Lane, W. S. Pearson, L. W. Lonsford, C. R. Goforth and another man whose name we have failed to learn, rendered a verdict which in substance, said the deceased had come to his death by two severe blows by a blunt instrument in the hands of some person unknown to the jury. It is thought however that the guilty party will be apprehended, though there were not any eye witnesses to the tragedy and the evidence will be purely circumstantial.

The facts concerning Longbottom's movements on the day he was assaulted on the lonely road in the forest where he was found, his trusty mule having stopped when its master's voice ceased to urge it on, as related to The Patriot, are about as follows: Leaving home Friday morning about 11 o'clock the deceased told his wife that he was going up in the Windy Gap section, which is a distance of three or four miles from his home, and that he had just had a "hot report" on a blockade distillery. Whether this was said in jest or in earnest Mrs. Longbottom is not quite sure, but she says that her deceased husband had been in the habit of reporting blockade distilleries and had been aiding the officers that came up from Statesville in locating and destroying illicit liquor plants. The next time he was seen was when he reached the home of Mr. Reece Johnson, where he called for a drink of liquor. He was told that there was not any liquor there and was invited to eat dinner with the family, but declined the invitation and went on his way. From that time on until between two and three o'clock in the afternoon, when he passed the home of Mr. A. P. Coffey on his way back home, no trace of his whereabouts has been found. As he passed the Coffey home he and Mr. Coffey spoke to each other and he continued on his journey, still going in the direction of his home, and this is the last time he was seen until after he had been assaulted and was found in the road between Mr. Coffey's home and the home of Mr. F. H. Nichols, a short distance away. After finding the injured man lying prostrate across the foot of his buggy, the two Nichols boys who were returning to their home from the mill, hurried home and told their father what they had found. Mr. Nichols and his neighbor, Mr. Leonard Bell, lost no time in accom-

Haynes-Jones.

Characterized by its simple dignity was the marriage on yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Hiatt, 1017 N. Liberty street, when their sister Miss Lillian Gladys Jones of West Bend, N. C., became the bride of Mr. James F. Haynes, of Ronda, N. C., in the presence of only the relatives and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stith.

Rev. J. S. Hiatt officiated, the impressive ring ceremony being used. The bride an unusually attractive young woman looked charming in a suit of mid-night blue taffeta silk with accessories to match.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Haynes left for West Bend where last evening a beautiful wedding reception was tendered them by the bride's parents.

Mrs. Haynes, the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Jones, of West Bend, for a number of years taught music in West Bend, but when the war called for women to take men's positions she entered the mercantile business with her brother.

We all remember Mr. Haynes as being one of the "lucky 13" of the famous Co. E, 119 Infantry 30th division. He was one of the thirteen left out of a company of two hundred and fifty after the battle at Cambrai. He was several times wounded, spent sometime in the hospital at Bath, England, and landed in New York December 23. Prior to the war Mr. Haynes was principal of the schools at West Bend but will now engage in the mercantile business in that place.—Twin-City Sentinel, June 18.

panying the boys to the scene of the tragedy and Mr. Bell got in the buggy and took the wounded man to his home. Dr. Somers was called and advised that he be taken immediately to a Statesville hospital where it was hoped his life might be saved. Mr. S. A. Mitchell volunteered his services and took the man to that city in his car, but after seeing the condition of his wounds the physicians there pronounced his case beyond recovery and he was taken back to his home Saturday afternoon where he died early the following morning.

This seems to have been a cold-blooded, premeditated murder of the very worst type and it is the hope of all good citizens that the beast in human form that committed the heinous act will be apprehended and, if proven guilty, be made to pay the penalty with his life. There was no evidence of a scuffle or struggle, no dirt on the wounded man's clothes and everything around the buggy where he was found indicated that he had been struck on the back or side of the head while he was driving along the road and probably without any warning or knowledge beforehand of the impending assault.

Since the foregoing account of the murder was put in type it has been learned here that Mont Parks, a citizen of the New Hope section of Iredell County, has been arrested and was placed in Statesville jail Tuesday, charged with the murder of Columbus Longbottom. From evidence secured at the coroner's inquest it developed that Mont Parks passed the home of Mr. A. P. Coffey shortly after Columbus Longbottom passed there on the afternoon of the day he was killed and that Parks was just a short distance behind the deceased. Longbottom never reached the next house on the road, which is the home of Mr. Hackett Nichols, but Parks passed there and was driving very rapidly, it is said. He drove along the same road that Longbottom was traveling and it is said he was bound to have passed Longbottom on the road. It will at least give him a chance to explain whether or not he saw Longbottom and what condition he was in when he saw him. Parks will be brought to Wilkes and tried here, the crime having been committed in this county.

At the inquest a witness stated that Parks told someone at the Coffey home as he passed that he did not want to overtake Longbottom, as he was afraid of him, and drove slowly until he was nearly out of sight when he began to drive faster and went out of sight driving rapidly.

CROWN PRINCE HAS ESCAPED.

Causes Some Concern in Paris.—Has Returned to Germany.—Kaiser May Try to Escape.

Paris, June 26.—Frederick William Hohenzollern, the former German crown prince, has escaped from Holland and made his way into Germany. News of the escape of the ex-crown prince caused a considerable stir in peace conference circles. While it is not felt he is a figure around which the reactionaries and monarchists would gather enthusiastically, nevertheless his escape is regarded as an event of considerable significance in view of other German recalcitrancy.

Joe Easter, Colored, is Killed in Yadkin.

Elkin, June 24.—Monday morning on the farm of Mr. J. G. Ray, four miles south of Jonesville, Yadkin county, Luther Starnes, a white man, 18 years old, shot and instantly killed Joe Easter, a negro tenant on Ray's farm. Starnes is foreman of a squad of road hands with their camp on Ray's farm. Sunday the white man and negro had some trouble and it is alleged the negro slapped the white man in the face. Mr. Ray interfered and thought the trouble was settled. Monday morning the trouble was renewed and negro attacked the white boy with a club and in his effort to defend himself Starnes used his gun, putting three bullets into the negro's body and on thru his arm. Two of the balls entered the heart, causing instant death.

The sheriff and coroner from Yadkin arrived on the scene of the murder last evening and Starnes is being held to await the verdict of the coroner's jury. He made no effort to get away, but quietly waited for the arrival of the sheriff. The negro's body was brought here last evening and embalmed by Undertaker P. C. Reich. It will be shipped today to his old home at Middleboro, Ky.

Wilkes Commercial Club Notes.

Did you attend the Wilkes Commercial Club Social last Friday night, June 20th? If you did not, you missed a good time and a whole lot of fun. About 55 club members, their wives and lady friends were on deck, when Jim Reins announced that the entertainment would begin and announced that Mrs. Kate Fletcher Absher and Miss Fannie Cranor, our star reciters and star entertainers in any community would furnish the opening features of the evening. Their recitations were worth the money alone and furnished enough amusement and laughter to last the whole evening.

The celebrated African Trio, from somewhere then pranced in upon the arena and startled the audience with melodies that are only heard upon the stage of the theaters of our larger cities. All the entertainers were encouraged to the limit and the club feels greatly indebted to them for a class of entertainment that made everybody good fellows and everybody feel at home.

Jim then separated the audience into two groups, one of which surrounded the long table in a game of "up-jinks" and the other group attempted to pin the sheep's tail on the sheep while playing blind man's bluff in attempting it. Some came very close while others missed it by several yards. The up-jinks table gave evidence by peals of laughter that ran around the table at frequent intervals.

After the hour had become sufficiently late splendid ice cream, cake, cigars and cigarettes were passed.

The club members and visitors feel much indebted to Mrs. Absher, Miss Cranor and the celebrated African Trio, who we understand were Joe Parkin, Bill Brame and Ralph Miller, for their part in the efficient entertainment.

The next 3rd Friday will feature an entirely new program that will interest everybody. Every social is guaranteed to furnish an entirely new and startling program.

The club is getting in new members weekly who are interested in the town and county progress and the only way to do this is to get acquainted. JOIN. See Mr. Eshelman, Jim Reins and Dick Norris and they will tell you how.

WILKES COMMERCIAL CLUB.
By Secretary.

WILLIAM CHATHAM MURDERED.

Assaulted Tuesday by Talmage Billings.—Died Yesterday.—Billings Evading Arrest and Defiant

William Chatham, whose home was in Reddies River Township, was assaulted Tuesday afternoon by Talmage Billings, a neighbor of the deceased, and died Wednesday afternoon. The assault was made at W. T. Nichols' store at Goshen, in this county, and the weapon used by Billings was a large oak hammer handle.

The Patriot has not heard Billings' side of the tragedy but from facts learned from a reliable source the circumstances leading up to and surrounding the horrible affair are about as follows: Billings, who is a married man, is alleged to have taken one of Chatham's daughters to the home of a woman of ill fame in that section and kept her with him there over night and when the girl returned to her home her father whipped her. Billings heard of the girl being whipped by her father and when the latter appeared at Mr. Wiley T. Nichols' store at Goshen last Tuesday afternoon he asked him if he had whipped the girl on his account. Chatham replied that he did, whereupon Billings picked up a large oak hammer handle that was in the store and struck Chatham three licks, knocking him heels over head back into the store and making two ugly wounds on his head, one over each eye. The first lick was warded off by Chatham with his arm, but the other two blows landed squarely on his head and either one of them perhaps would have proven fatal. Not content with knocking the man a double somersault with the large hammer handle, it is said, Billings made an effort to strike him a fourth blow while he was lying prostrate on the floor, but was prevented from doing so by Messrs. W. T. and Tom Nichols, who were eye witnesses to the affair. The examination made by the doctor showed that Chatham's skull was burst and that some blood vessels had been broken. The suffering man, who never regained consciousness, was taken to his home where he died the following afternoon.

The deceased was a quiet, peaceable, law-abiding, sober citizen and a member of Pilgrim Baptist church. He was 55 years old and leaves a wife and five children. Besides his wife and children he is survived by three brothers, namely, Emory Chatham of Reddies River Township, Emmet Chatham of Union Township and Peter Chatham of Lovelace Township. He was related to the Chathams of Brushy Mountain Township.

Talmage Billings is a son of the late Jasper Billings and has a wife and several children. He has figured more or less in the courts for several years and has given his family and community much trouble. He is still at large and is said to be determined not to be arrested. As the doctor was leaving the home of his victim it is reported that Billings was seen sitting by the side of the road with his gun in his hands and that he inquired if Chatham was dead and if the sheriff had come up there and threatened to shoot any man who would attempt to arrest him.

Sheriff Woodruff was not notified of the murder until Wednesday afternoon. He and J. B. Nichols, constable for Reddies River Township, went immediately to the neighborhood in which Billings lives, but after making thorough search failed to find him. Sheriff Woodruff summoned a posse of fifty men and went to Reddies River Township in search of Billings.

Miss Maude Nance Dead.

Miss Maude Nance, age about 22 years, died, Saturday, at her home at Gilreath, of paralysis, and was buried Sunday, in the Anderson graveyard. Rev. J. B. Ray conducted the funeral service. She was a daughter of Mrs. Nettie Nance, and the late Will Nance, who was killed about three years ago, in a railroad wreck in the West.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to thank our friends who have so kindly helped us in our time of bereavement in the sudden death of wife and mother.

J. I. MYERS & FAMILY.

4th of July Preparations.

The rainy weather has interfered with the farmers quite a bit, but it hasn't put a bit of damper on the plans for the celebration of the fourth of July. All the committees have gone right ahead with their tasks.

The registration committee is arranging for medals to be given to each of the veterans of the World War who registers on that date. These medals are of a very handsome design, intended to be kept and worn by the men as tokens of the esteem in which they are held by their home folks.

An interesting athletic program is being arranged in which the men will compete. A first class base ball game will be one of the chief attractions.

The Red Cross is arranging to furnish ice-cold lemonade for the men throughout the day, free of charge. Arrangements will be made for stands at convenient places where they can quench their thirst whenever they feel like it.

The North Wilkesboro basket committee states that their will be no personal solicitation for baskets in North Wilkesboro, but all who can furnish one for the occasion are asked to notify Mrs. C. F. Lineberry or Mrs. Donald Coffey at once.

Reports from the country indicate that there will be the largest crowd that has ever been in town for any occasion. Wilkes county is proud of her soldiers and she is planning to give them a royal good time on that day.

J. D. C. WILSON,
Publicity Chairman.

Mr. S. G. Stout Dead.

Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, Mr. S. G. Stout, a highly honored and respected citizen, died at his home near Moravian Falls, after a short illness, at the advanced age of 76 years. The cause of his death was stomach trouble. He is survived by ten children: Messrs. A. D. of Jonesville, Christie, of DeLand, Fla., Elmore, of San Francisco, Calif., E. J., of Noimal, Ky., Lester, of San Jois, Calif., and J. B. of Foidland, Mo., and Mesdames J. W. Nichols of North Wilkesboro, Mrs. Neta Scott, of Okla., Mrs. Edgar Parlier, of Chase City, Va., and Miss Lucy Stout. All of his daughters and one son, A. D., were here for the funeral which was held Monday afternoon and the body laid to rest in Moravian Falls cemetery, Rev. W. F. Staley conducting the service.

Mr. Stout was a confederate veteran and a man of high character and will be missed in his community and home.

Death of Mrs. H. M. Hamby.

Mrs. H. M. Hamby of Champion, N. C., who was formerly Hane McGee died at her home on June 20, 1919. She was sick about two weeks and everything possible was done for her, but could not stay the hand of death. "Aunt Hane" as everyone knew her, was a most industrious woman, and had been living alone since the death of her husband. Mr. H. M. Tamby who died about three years ago. She had been a member of Mt. Pleasant church for a number of years, at which place she was laid to rest June 22. A large crowd of sorrowing friends were present. "Aunt Hane" was a good neighbor, and a friend to all and will be greatly missed.

The deceased was 75 years, 6 months and 1 day old.

—REPORTED.

Destructive Hail Storm.

Elkin, June 24.—A destructive hail storm passed over a narrow section of country three miles southwest of here last Friday afternoon, doing heavy damage to gardens, growing crops and fruit. The Highland Orchard Company's farm on the Brushy Mountains, owned by Messrs. Click, Hubbard and Gray, of this place, was directly in the path of the storm and they were perhaps the heaviest losers. They had several thousand young peach and apple trees that were in their third and fourth year bearing. These trees were completely stripped of leaves and fruit and many of them of the bark. The heavy pour-down of rain that accompanied the hail washed all the soil from the land, leaving it practically worthless. It is believed their loss will reach eight or ten thousand dollars.

GERMANS WILL SIGN TREATY

Tomorrow or Saturday the Allies Expect the Peace Treaty to be Signed and War to End.

Friday afternoon probably will witness at Versailles the signing by Germany of the peace treaty of the allied and associated powers.

The German plenipotentiaries, armed with authority to affix their signature to the document which is, in a measure, to rehabilitate Germany in the eyes of the greater part of the world as no longer an enemy power, are due to arrive in Versailles Friday morning.

Herr Mueller, foreign minister in the new cabinet of Herr Bauer, is expected to be the chief German plenipotentiary, Dr. Haniel von Haimhausen, who was to have signed the treaty for Germany, having resigned from the peace delegation, not desiring to have the onus of sealing the compact to the terms of which he and other high members of the German government object, fall on his shoulders.

Even the new premier in Germany, continues to express indignation over Germany being compelled to meet the allied terms. In his latest address before the national assembly at Weimar, Bauer is quoted as having said:

"Let us sign, but it is our hope that to the last breath this attempt against our honor may one day coil against its authors."

The new Italian delegation to the peace conference, made necessary by the resignation of the cabinet of Signor Orlando, also is expected to be headed by Signor Tittoni, foreign minister.

The sinking of the German fleet in the Scapa Flow by the skeleton crews of Germans aboard them is to be investigated by order of the council of three, composed by Premiers Clemenceau, avil Lloyd George and President Wilson. The idea of the investigation is to ascertain if the armistice terms were violated by the Germans. The French minister of marine says France will require complete reparation from Germany.

The council has resumed its work on the provisions of the Austrian treaty which were not included in that part of the document recently handed the Austrian delegation at St. Germain. It is expected that the treaty now will be speedily concluded.

The Turkish delegation has sent to the council of 10 a detailed memorandum of the requests recently made orally in behalf of Turkey. Turkey's willingness to recognize the independence of Armenia and a suggestion to grant a sort of autonomous government to Palestine and Arabia under Turkish governors were made known in the memorandum.

Belgium is to have priority in reparations to be paid by Germany to the extent of 2,500,000,000 francs. Formal approval has been given this decision.—Washington dispatch.

Paris, June 24.—Premier Clemenceau has expressed his intention to resign from office as soon as the treaty is promulgated, feeling that he has accomplished the task for which he assumed the premiership, says Marcel Hutin in the Echo de Paris. It is expected that parliament would ratify the treaty late in July.

Paris, Monday, June 23.—"We have waited 49 years for this moment," exclaimed Premier Clemenceau as he opened the fateful dispatch announcing that Germany would sign the treaty at the meeting of the council of three this afternoon.

"For 49 years," he continued, "the mailed fist of the retire (German trooper) who has governed Germany has menaced the world. Whether the man's name was Bismarck or William II, it was still the same retire of the middle ages, surrounded by soldiery and drunk with pride.

"Be careful; keep your powder dry. Be careful. Remind the world that it is living on a barrel of that powder. "This retire's dogma was that might is right, that a state's only obligation is its own interest, that

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