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**THE MURDER STORY TRUE.**

Mr. Washington Gives Particulars of the Murder Reported to by Mr. Sims, which Occurred Here Just After the Close of the War.

Mr. Editor:

Friday's Tribune contained a report of a murder, written by Mr. J. A. Sims, which was committed on the Wilson Miller place, now owned by Robt. F. Phifer just at the close of the war, while the troops were going to their homes in the South.

The railroad, now the Southern, was the main line of travel from Virginia to the South, and thousands, on foot, on horses, on mules and every other way of conveyance, went through this county. The writer of this article saw the murdered man Mr. Sims speak of about eighteen hours after it happened. He was lying in the hall on a trundle bed in the Miller house. His skull had been crushed in with the poll of an axe; the belt was made on the neck of the head just above the temple. His pockets in his pants and vest were out; his watch and any other valuables were missing. Mathias Cline was living on the Miller farm at the time of the murder and the following is his story:

"Two men on horseback came to my house late last night and wanted to get their horses fed. I went with them to the barn and put up their horses and fed them, then we went to the house, we all went in; after remaining in the house for some time, one of the party went out into the yard and made down their bed of blankets, and called the one who had remained in the house. He went out and returned and told me that his comrade had made their bed under a tree in the yard and wanted him to come and go to bed. I told him that I had plenty of room in the house, and did not like for him to sleep in the yard.

"The man in the house told me that he was Lieutenant Wallace; his comrade kept calling. Wallace got up pulled out his watch, compared his time with a clock on the mantle, went out and that was the last seen of him until the next morning. I believe the watch was a gold watch.

"Next morning about sunrise the negro servant came in the house to make the fire; he told me that a man in the yard under the blankets was making a strange noise. I went out to investigate. I saw that blood had run from under the blanket and when I raised it I saw the wound and the axe lying beside the dying man.

"We carried him into the house and cared for him until he died. Dr. E. R. Gibson was called in and did everything possible for the poor fellow. After the deed was committed the murderer went to the barn, got his victim's horse and rode up the lane about half way from the house to the public road on the inside of the field, stopped, turned the horse around, then he about faced, went to the far end of the lane, laid down the fence, got in the public road. Never been heard from since. They had only two horses."

W. M. WEDDINGTON.

**PRESIDENT TAFT RECEIVES.**

Big New Year's Reception at the White House Today.—A Brilliant Event.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 1.—The New Year's reception at the White House, which for nearly a century has answered as the curtain raiser of the Washington season, was held today under conditions that made the function as brilliant and spectacular as in any previous year. The reception, as usual, was characterized by true democracy. The portals of the executive mansion swung wide for all the world. All the people, whether of high or low degree, were welcomed and accorded the opportunity personally to greet both the President and Mrs. Taft. Thousands embraced the opportunity.

The distinguishing feature of the reception was the extraordinarily large number of newcomers among the foreign diplomats. The representatives of the foreign powers were as usual given precedence. The Austrian ambassador, Baron Hengelmüller, who is the dean of the diplomatic corps, was absent, being unable to reach Washington in time to take his place at the head of the line. He is now on his way here from Europe.

Other notable absentees among the foreign ambassadors and ministers were M. Jusserand, the French ambassador, and Minister Loudon of the Netherlands, both of whom left recently on a trip to Panama.

The notable newcomers among the foreign diplomats included George Bakmetieg, the new ambassador from Russia; Dominico de Gama, the new Brazilian ambassador; Dr. Charles N. De Penna, the new minister from Uruguay; N. Havenith, the ambassador from Belgium, and Ricardo Arias, the new representative of the Republic of Panama.

A full half hour was given over to the reception of the diplomats, and the scene as they passed through the Red and Blue rooms to the East room was a most brilliant one.

Following the diplomatic corps, the members of the Supreme Court of the United States, headed by Chief Justice White, were received by the President and Mrs. Taft. Judges of the United States Court of Appeals of the Commerce Court, of the District Court of Appeals, and of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia then were received. These were followed in turn by ex-cabinet members and former representatives of the United States abroad.

The reception of members of Congress began at 11:30 o'clock. Practically all of the senators and representatives who remained in the capital over the holidays embraced the opportunity to extend to the President and Mrs. Taft their good wishes.

Following the legislative, came the military branch of the government. All of the army and navy officers stationed in and about Washington were present. Admiral Dewey was at the head of the naval contingent, while General Nelson A. Miles, retired, headed the long line of army officers who called in full dress uniform. With General Miles was Major-General Leonard Wood, the chief of staff of the army.

The reception of citizens began at 12:30 and was not concluded until nearly two hours later. Every phase of life was represented in line, old and young, rich and poor, black and white. The line of people entered the north door of the White House, passed across the vestibule and main corridor, and thence through the Red and Blue rooms.

Mrs. Taft and Miss Helen Taft stood with the President at the head of the line during practically the entire time the reception was in progress. The Vice President and Mrs. Sherman and the members of the Cabinet and their families assisted the presidential party in receiving.

The floral decorations of the White House were elaborate. The music as usual was furnished by the Marine Band. The members of this famous organization, in full dress uniform, were drawn up in two sections in the main corridor and throughout the receiving hours the music was continuous.

Today's reception is the only occasion of the year when the doors of the White House are thrown open to all and every citizen permitted to pay his respects to the Chief Magistrate of the nation without any questions being asked. Under the circumstances it is but natural that special precautions should be taken to insure the safety of the President.

An extra force of secret service officers and additional policemen were on guard both in and about the White House throughout the day. While the reception was in progress no person was permitted to approach the President with his hands in his pockets or otherwise concealed.

**CHARLOTTE ENDORSES THE PEACE TREATIES.**

Following Col. Waterson's Address On Peace Resolution Was Presented.

Charlotte, Dec. 30.—That the notion that war makes for mainly development is at variance with all history, was largely the burden of an address delivered here tonight by Col. Henry Waterson, who advocated the ratification of the pending peace treaties between the United States and England and France. Colonel Waterson spoke to a large audience and was heartily applauded throughout his address. At the conclusion of Mr. Waterson's speech Maj. J. C. Hemphill, editor of the Charlotte Observer, offered a set of resolutions endorsing the ratification of the peace treaties. A sensation followed when Cameron Morrison, a well known local attorney, made a vigorous reply to the proposition advocating the endorsement of the peace treaties on the ground that the constitution of the United States delegates this power to Congress, and that the matter should be left entirely in the hands of that body. The resolutions offered by Major Hemphill were unanimously adopted, thus stamping the audience's disapproval upon Mr. Morrison's position. Replying briefly to this unexpected objection to endorsement of a movement having as its ultimate end world-wide peace, Colonel Waterson readily acknowledged that Mr. Morrison's position was tenable, but emphasized the fact that Congress, while it would in his opinion, do the right thing and ratify the pending treaty, should have the unqualified endorsement of the American people, this as a mark of national advancement along the larger lines of mental development. Congress represents the people and the opinion of the people largely influences its actions. Colonel Waterson's remark was heartily endorsed by tremendous applause from the audience and when Mayor C. A. Bland and former Solicitor Clarkson secured the floor and reiterated the adoption of the motion suggesting also that the women be allowed to vote, practically every person in the vast audience arose when the affirmative was put.

**First System of Its Kind.**

Boston, Mass., Jan. 1.—The first retirement system for State employees to be established in this country was put into effect in Massachusetts today. The new system, which was created by an act of the legislature last year, is not in reality a pension system, but a plan for compulsory assisted insurance for public employees.

Heretofore State pensions have been paid only to special classes, such as teachers, policemen and firemen. It is now undertaken to grant retirement payments to practically every person on the pay roll of the commonwealth, whether employed in the direct service of the State or the metropolitan district service, who regularly gives his whole time to that service. Certain high officials are excluded, such as the governor, lieutenant governor and high-salaried State officials, and employes pensionable under special acts.

The retirement fund is made up in part of State contributions, with assessments upon the employes amounting to not less than 1 and not more than 5 per cent of their wages, as the administrative board, headed by the State treasurer, shall determine. The funds are to be placed at interest, with a semi-annual compounding, and when a person retires the amount that the fund will yield is equalled by a contribution from the State. The total of the annuity or pension is not to exceed half of the wages paid at the time of retirement, but it shall in no case be less than \$200. Employes may retire at the age of sixty, and they must retire at seventy. Employes who have served continuously for thirty-five years may retire or be regardless of age.

**Birthday Party at Flowe's.**

Master Peter Roger Bowe, of Flowe's, celebrated his sixth birthday anniversary on Friday evening, December 29th. After spending several hours in playing games, dainty refreshments were served. Those enjoying the little fellow's hospitality were: Alice Logan, Justin Helen, Gould Linker, Farrell Sossamon, William Jackson Bowe, Bill Bowe, Ruth Bowe, Ida Bowe, Isabelle Bowe, Lena Bowe, Mary Marie Lapeley, Agnes Lapeley, Joe Pharr, Margaret and Lonnie Howie, Beulah and Jones Flowe, Alton Black, Felix White, Cornelia and Elizabeth Wern, of Charlotte.

Mr. J. B. Efrid, of Charlotte, was a visitor in the city yesterday, the guest of his brother, Mr. E. L. Efrid.

**PERSONAL MENTION.**

Some of the People Here And Elsewhere Who Come And Go.

Mr. Donell Smith is visiting friends in Salisbury.

Miss Nan Cannon is spending the day in Charlotte.

Mr. T. C. Newman spent yesterday in Durham with friends.

Mr. R. C. Teague spent yesterday in Mooresville with relatives.

Mr. E. A. Moore spent yesterday in Danville with friends.

Mr. Vance Jeromey of Salisbury, was a Concord visitor yesterday.

Mr. O. T. Umberger spent yesterday in Rowan county with relatives.

Mrs. C. C. Hook, of Charlotte, is visiting her sister, Mrs. G. L. Patterson.

Misses Martha Moore and Bonnie Orr, of Charlotte, are visiting Mrs. Z. M. Moore.

Mr. Tod Misenheimer, of Charlotte, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Mrs. F. B. Cobb, of Greenwood, S. C., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. John Fox.

M. C. G. Hill, of Thomasville, spent yesterday here with Mrs. Hill at Mr. J. W. Cannon's.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Wall, of Diverson, Ill., are visiting Mrs. Wall's brother, Mr. G. Ed. Hastler.

Mr. W. E. Swinson has returned from New Port News, Va., where he attended the funeral of his sister.

Col. and Mrs. Al Fairbrother, spent yesterday in the city the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gowan Dusenbery.

Mrs. H. M. Blair has returned to her home in Greensboro, after visiting her sister, Mrs. H. M. Blair.

Miss Helen Patterson left this morning for Mecklenburg county, where she will teach at the Melver school.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Pollock, of High Point, were visitors in the city yesterday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rector.

Mrs. E. C. Misenheimer, of Washington D. C., was visiting friends in Concord and Cabarrus several days last week.

Messrs. William Wadsworth and Hartsell returned last night to Philadelphia to resume their studies in medicine.

Mrs. W. T. Wall and little daughter have returned from Henrietta, where they have been visiting relatives for some time.

Miss Jenn Coltrane will leave tomorrow for Kansas City to resume her studies at the Scarrett Bible and Training School.

Mrs. S. W. Beck, who has been visiting at the home of her mother, Mrs. M. E. Barrier, left this morning for her home in Crescent.

Mr. Leslie Bell has returned to Davidson College after spending the holidays at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Bell.

Messdames C. H. Foil and C. P. Cline have gone to Salisbury to attend the funeral of the child of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Stone, who have been visiting at the home of Capt. J. M. Alexander, have returned to their home in Charlotte.

Mr. Julian S. Carr, of Durham, spent yesterday here with Mrs. Carr and children at the home Mrs. Carr's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cannon.

Mr. Galloway Ross returned this morning to Richmond to resume his studies at the Union Theological Seminary after spending the holidays in the city with relatives.

Miss Ora Hoover left this morning for Canton to resume her work as teacher in the high school there, after spending the holidays in the city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Hoover.

Miss Amy Harlowe, of Wilmington, is the guest of Mrs. J. A. Cannon. Miss Durald Borden, of Wilmington, and Miss Mildred Borden, of Goldsboro, will arrive tomorrow to visit Mrs. Cannon.

Mrs. D. B. Privett and little daughter, Anna Montgomery, left Galveston, Texas, yesterday for Concord. They are expected to arrive Tuesday night on train No. 39, and will visit here for some time.

Miss Mabel Bulwinkle has returned to her home in Dallas, after visiting her sister, Mrs. S. A. Wolfe, for several days. She was accompanied by Mr. C. A. Wolfe, who will visit there until the opening of Newberry College.

**SENSATION COMES IN DYNAMITE CASE.**

Nine Labor Leaders Indicted; Three Under Arrest.

Los Angeles, December 30.—The expected and long-awaited sensation in the Federal investigation of the dynamite plot here, light on which came through the confession of Ortie McManigal, burst to-day in the return by the grand jury of indictments against nine members of organized labor, three of whom were arrested before the close of the day.

The indictments, which charge the illegal transportation of dynamite, were returned against Olaf A. Tvietsmo, Anton Johannsen, J. B. Munsey, E. A. Clancy, Ortie McManigal, M. A. Schmidt, David Kapken and John J. and James B. McNamara. Tvietsmo, Johannsen and Munsey were arrested as they sat in the witness room of the grand jury, which found the indictments, waiting to be called upon to testify.

Tvietsmo is secretary of the California Building Trades Council, and head of the Asiatic Exclusion League; Munsey is business agent of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Johannsen is State organizer of the Building Trades Council.

**Forest Hill News.**

Mr. R. F. Coble, of High Point, spent Sunday in the city with his family.

Mr. C. E. Stratford, of Charlotte, spent Sunday in the city at his home on North Union street.

Mr. J. C. Cook has returned from a three days' visit to his father, Mr. D. H. Cook at Mt. Gilead. Mr. Cook tells us that Mt. Gilead is growing very fast.

Messrs. J. P. Wheeler and D. R. Henderson, of Hope Mills, arrived in the city last week and have accepted positions as beamers at Locke mill.

The superintendent and overseers at the Locke mill were very substantially remembered by their faithful held Friday before Christmas.

Mr. Fowler, superintendent, was pleasantly surprised to find a handsome, leather up holstered Morris chair at his home Friday night, presented by his overseers. Mr. Jno. A. Goodman received a fine Elgin gold watch, Mr. A. C. West received a fountain pen, Mr. J. L. Strowd received a handsome Elk emblem ring, and Messrs. J. C. Cook and W. P. Hurt received neckties and scarf pins.

**Mr. J. Mac Caldwell Extends Vote of Thanks.**

I wish to thank the patrons of R. F. D. Route No. 1 for the many boxes, packages, fresh meats, turkeys, chickens, etc., which they have given the mail man. It certainly has been appreciated, and then it helps a fellow along through the rain, mud, snow and ice to think that he is working for the best people in the land.

RURAL LETTER CARRIER NO. 1.

**Mrs. J. A. Cannon to Entertain.**

Mrs. J. Archibald Cannon, one of the city's most charming hostesses, has issued invitations reading as follows:

Mrs. J. A. Cannon at home  
Wednesday, January third  
four to six

Mrs. David Corl, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. C. P. Cline in No. 5 township, has returned to her home in Salisbury.

**CANNON-COLTRANE**

The Announcement of the Engagement of Prominent Young Couple Creates Surprise.

Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Coltrane announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ruth Louise, to Mr. Charles A. Cannon. The announcement will be of much interest throughout the State on account of the prominence of the contracting parties.

Miss Coltrane is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Coltrane and is a young lady of highest culture and refinement, having graduated with honors at Greensboro Female College last May. She is an exceptionally pretty type of decided blonde and is indeed one of the fairest flowers in the beautiful floral garden of Concord's womanhood. Mr. Cannon is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cannon and is a young man of exceptionally high morals and integrity. He holds a responsible position with the Cannon Manufacturing Co.

**Boys From Rector's to Receive.**

On account of this being leap year "The Boys from Rector's" will observe the ancient and beautiful custom of keeping open house to-night to receive their great concourse of friends. The hours are from 10 to 12 and from 12 to 2:15 o'clock. Refreshments consisting of "good cheer" and "best wisherine" will be served with a glad hand. The following will receive: Mayor C. B. Wagoner, General C. L. Ervin, Commodore D. A. Klutz, Admiral Horace Blackwelder, Brigadier General Edward L. Efrid, Right Honorable Lee Roy Taylor, Captain Archibald Lenox Taylor, Major Henry Grady Gibson and Colonel John Montgomery Oglesby.

Mr. A. M. West, who with Mrs. West and two children have been visiting at the home of Rev. J. H. West has returned to his home in Hickory. Mrs. West and children will return tomorrow.

**TEXAS SWEEP BY BLIZZARD.**

Train Schedules Abandoned and Cattle State Library.

Abandoned train schedules, herds of cattle unable to obtain forage, and droves of sheep in peril of starvation are some of the effects of a prolonged cold wave and the heaviest snowfall in nine years in north Texas. In addition the worst blizzard of the year is reported to be sweeping down through Oklahoma in the vicinity of Tulsa, toward the Red river counties.

In the northwest portions of Texas conditions are the worst. Snow is piled high in the draws and in railroad cuts in some cases to a depth of 40 feet.

Meanwhile herds are deprived of the range and cattlemen are forced to feed them as best they may. Sheep are in the same situation.

Railroad operations have been hampered and trains in some cases are being detoured through Kansas, owing to the heavy drifts.

**A Mite of Radium Lost.**

A large reward was posted in Paris Saturday for the recovery of a mite of radium, valued at \$8,000, which was lost in the streets of Paris. In addition, the police have sent out a warning that the finder should turn it over at once, as it is a very dangerous substance to have in one's possession.

The radium was placed in a platinum tube and given to a messenger to deliver to an unnamed American physician. The messenger put the tube in his pocket and upon arriving at his destination found that the tube had burned a hole in his coat pocket and dropped out. A searching party failed to find the tube.

A Chinese republic seems more and more certain of establishment. All news from China indicates the passing of the throne. It was reported that delegates from 18 provinces would meet at Shanghai Friday and elect Dr. Sun Yat Sen president of the provisional government of the United Provinces.

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