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MR. M. F. RITCHIE SHOT!

PROBABLY FATALLY WOUNDED
BY MR. M. A. HAMILTON.

Shooting Occurred Late Monday Afternoon in Efrd's Store.—Miss Hamilton Over Account Hamilton Owed Ritchie.—Four Shots Fired, But Only One Took Effect.—Bullet Entered Abdomen, Forcing Upward and Grazing Lung.—Mr. Ritchie Taken to Salisbury Hospital.—Still Living, With Chance of Recovery.—Details of the Tragedy.

Mr. Mumford F. Ritchie, a prominent and popular young hardware merchant, lies in Whitehead-Stokes Sanatorium with his life hanging in the balance as a result of being shot by Mr. Marion A. Hamilton yesterday afternoon about 6 o'clock. The sensational affair took place in Efrd's department store, where Mr. Hamilton works. Mr. Ritchie had gone to the store to collect an account from Mr. Hamilton, a misunderstanding arose and the shooting followed.

Occurring at the time of day when quiet reigned supreme, the streets being almost empty, clerks, laborers and late shoppers having already gone to their homes, and just as nature was drawing the evening shades to assist in the metamorphosis of the dwindling day into calm and tranquil evening, the shocking suddenness of the unfortunate affair made it more startling.

The two men were talking behind the counter about midway the store on the shoe side. A number of clerks had left the store for the day and of those who remained several were out towards the front of the store and the others were in the rear. Mr. Hamilton said a misunderstanding about the interest on a bill for a buggy arose and that Mr. Ritchie struck him and had him over the counter knocking him when he shot him.

Four lead bullets from a .32 calibre, pearl handled Smith & Wesson pistol were fired. Only one took effect, penetrating the lower left vest pocket of Mr. Ritchie's vest and entering the abdomen. The three others bored into the floor, just behind the counter.

When the shots were fired clerks from Efrd's rushed into Ritchie's hardware store, which is next-door, and told what had happened. Messrs. John Hopkins and Boyd Moore, of the clerical force, and H. G. Gibson, bookkeeper at Ritchie's, rushed into Efrd's store. Mr. Gibson states that when they arrived the two men were in a struggle. They caught hold of Mr. Ritchie and he exclaimed: "Boys, I am shot, but don't know where." Mr. Moore assisted him out the front door into the front door of Ritchie's. He walked the distance all right but appeared to give way from weakness just as he entered Ritchie's. He was placed upon a counter and physicians summoned. When his brother and business associate, Mr. Charley Ritchie, reached his side, he said: "Charley, I am shot, but don't know where."

By this time the news had spread and a great crowd of the curiously anxious had gathered in front of the store. The physicians arrived and began their heroic work. The crowd pushed and shoved for an opportunity to get a look at the injured man, making it necessary for the clerks in the store to cover the windows with blankets and robes to cut off the vulgar gaze of the throng.

Mr. Ritchie remained conscious, but appeared very weak and his physicians would not allow anyone to talk to him of the shooting. Before they arrived, however, he made a short statement to his associates in the store, saying: "I went in there to collect the account and said, 'Hamilton, I have been doing business a long time and I never knew a man to act as you have.' Hamilton said, 'I never knew any man to act as you have,' and he handed me a check and shot me."

Mr. Hamilton surrendered to the police. At police headquarters he appeared calm and unperturbed. He requested that a physician be sent for to dress an injury to his nose, which he sustained in the scuffle, but showed no alarm over the act. For a few minutes, immediately after the shooting, he and the police and a representative of this paper were in the police headquarters alone. During this time Chief of Police Boger asked him what he and Mr. Ritchie were doing when the shots were fired. He replied: "He had me over a counter knocking me and I shot." His brother, Mr. George A. Hamilton, arrived at headquarters about that time. Chief Boger then took the two young men in the city tax collector's office and examined them. If Mr. Hamilton made any statement then it has not been given out.

At the conclusion of the examination conducted by Mr. Boger in the city tax collector's office, Mr. George Hamilton went to secure counsel, retaining Mr. T. D. Messers and Mr. Messers. Counsel went before Recorder Puryear, who placed the young man under bond of \$5,000, which friends raised.

At the time the shooting occurred there were no customers in Efrd's. All the employees had gone to supper, etc. Messrs. George Hamilton and H. C. Teague were in the store at the time the shooting occurred.

INDUSTRIAL PEACE AND PROGRESS.

To Consider the Relation Between Employer and Employee.
Washington, D. C., March 5.—Several hundred delegates, appointed by the governors of forty States, all men of earnest thought, devoted to the best interests of their country, met in the assembly hall of the Bureau of American Republics this morning to discuss the subject of industrial peace and progress. The National Civic Federation, as a feature of its twelfth annual meeting, brought them together to exchange ideas and to recommend informally some solution of the serious problems pertaining to the relations between employers and employees.

Three notable participants in the initial session were Seth Low, the president of the National Civic Federation, who called the gathering to order; Cardinal Gibbons, who acted as presiding officer, and President Taft, who delivered the opening address. In addition, the seats on the platform were occupied by members of the cabinet, senators and representatives, heads of departments, noted financiers, merchants and manufacturers, educators, ministers of the gospel and heads of great labor organizations.

The day was devoted almost wholly to discussion of relation of employer to employee, from the following standpoints: "The Private Employer to his Employees"; "The Public Utility Company to its Employees"; "The Government—Federal, State or Municipal—to Its Employees."

The discussion of the first topic included consideration of such trade agreements as those between the Publishers' Association and its 100,000 employees who are members of the typographical, pressmen's and stereotypers' unions, and the contracts between the building trade employers and the half-million members of the thirty-five national building trade unions.

Under the division applying to public utility companies special consideration was given to the successful operation of the Erdman Conciliation act, and to the methods of negotiation between employers and employees. Judge Martin A. Knapp, of the Commerce Court, led the discussion and among the other participants were managers of several of the large railroad systems and the heads of the railroad brotherhoods.

Under the "Relation of the Government to Its Employees" was considered the question, "How can public employees secure redress of grievances without striking?" The discussion of this subject was led by Second Assistant Postmaster General Stewart, and addresses were made by William H. Edwards, commissioner of the New York street cleaning department; Representative Lloyd of Missouri; Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and Dr. Charles P. Neill, commissioner of labor.

The general topics selected for consideration at tomorrow's sessions are "Workmen's Compensation and the Prevention of Industrial Accidents" and "Pensions for Public and Private Employees." Charles Nagle, Secretary of the Department of Commerce and Labor, will preside at the morning session, and Franklin MacVeagh, Secretary of the Treasury, will officiate in the afternoon. Senator Sutherland, of Utah, chairman of the congressional commission on workmen's compensation, will open the discussion on "Compensation for Injured Railroad Employees" and Representative Frederick H. Gillett, that on "Pensions for Federal Employees."

Thursday the federation's department on regulation of industrial corporations will consider an analysis of the 16,000 replies to its "Questionnaire on Trusts" and its proposed "Act to supplement the Sherman anti-trust law," based thereon. The woman's welfare department also will meet Thursday. Its programme will consist of a business meeting in the morning and addresses from representative women in the afternoon.

Means of preventing the "law's delay" will be the topic of the department on reform in legal procedure, which consists of representative lawyers from every State. The department is urging the passage of the bill drafted by a committee of the American Bar Association designed to prevent delay and unnecessary cost in litigation through reversals by higher courts on technicalities.

The annual dinner will be given at the New Willard Hotel tomorrow evening and will have a number of men of national prominence as speakers. The following evening Mr. and Mrs. John Hays Hammond will give a reception at their home to the delegates and members of the National Civic Federation.

"The Voiceless Message."
Distinct and clear is the recompense of kindness bestowed. The adoption of a mute child makes it necessary for its foster parents to learn the sign language, which saves them from possible death and robbery. This charming Vitagraph will be distinctly and clearly shown by the management of the Theaterium today. Do not let this unique opportunity pass. It would be amiss to let it escape you.

COUNTY MATTERS.

Contract for Steel Bridge Over Rocky River.—Other Matters.
The board of county commissioners held the regular monthly meeting at the court house yesterday. The work of the board consisted chiefly in going over the financial affairs of the county, endorsing pay-orders and bearing reports on the various county institutions. A number of delegations on road matters also appeared before the board, asking for new roads, bridges, etc.

Mr. R. C. Kiser was paid \$70 for raising abutments and bridge over the branch near the Gibson mill. Messrs. John W. Cook, John W. Morris and C. L. Erwin were appointed a committee to have the Morris mill road surveyed. Superintendent J. C. Earnhardt was paid \$331.60 for expenses for changing for month of February. Superintendent M. I. Winecoff was paid \$7242 for expenses of County Home for month of February.

The board awarded a contract to the Oswego Bridge Company for a steel trestle for the Morehead bridge across Rocky river, according to the plans adopted by the board at their regular meeting on February 12. The contract price is \$1,142, this being the lowest bid on the trestle when bids were opened. This contract is only for the steel. It also provides that a competent superintendent be sent here by the company to superintend the erection of the structure.

KIMMEL IMPOSTOR IS JURY'S VERDICT.

Satisfied That Real Kimmel Died, But Do Not Know the Date.
St. Louis, March 4.—The jury in the Kimmel case reported to Judge Amidon today that they had agreed that A. J. White, who claims to be George A. Kimmel, was an impostor and that Kimmel was dead. It was stated they could not agree, however, as to whether Kimmel was dead prior to July 22, 1904, when the suit under consideration was filed. The jurors asked for further instructions.

Although the jury agrees that Kimmel is now dead, it is not possible for them to render a verdict without fixing the time of his death prior to 1904. The case involves insurance on Kimmel's life.

Five Thousand Killed By Riots in Peking.

Peking, March 4.—Five thousand people have been killed here since the outbreak of the rioting, according to figures given out by Yuan Shi Kai today. The property loss will amount to more than \$15,000,000.

For County Fair.

In accordance with the action of the citizens who attended the meeting last Saturday for the purpose of organizing a county fair association I have appointed the following committee to decide upon a location for holding the fair: Messrs. J. C. Wadsworth, W. L. Morris and B. L. Umberger.

No Leonard Verdict Yet.

Lexington, March 4.—The Leonard case went to the jury this evening at six o'clock. The entire day was taken up with speeches of counsel and Judge Ferguson's charge. The prevailing opinion is that the defendant has been proven guilty. A verdict is not expected tonight.

LETTER FROM RED CROSS.

Amount Sent for Famine Sufferers By Tribune Readers Cabled to China February 26.
We have received the following letter from Mr. Chas. L. Magee, secretary of the American Red Cross Society at Washington: Editor, The Concord Daily Tribune, Concord, North Carolina. Dear Sir: The American Red Cross gratefully acknowledges receipt of your letter of February 22nd enclosing check for \$35.11 collected by your paper for the relief of the famine sufferers of China. Your co-operation in this work for humanity is greatly appreciated by this Society, as the scope and effectiveness of the relief work is limited only by the amount of funds procurable.

We always take pride in advising our friends and contributors that every cent of money donated for relief purposes is used for the object for which it is given, nothing being deducted for expenses of any nature. The Chinese Famine Funds are forwarded to China at frequent intervals by cable, the Department of State transmitting the funds to the American Consul General at Shanghai, China, to be delivered to the Central China Famine Relief Committee, which is a well organized and efficient international committee. The proceeds of the check forwarded in your letter of February 22d were cabled to China on the 26th of February. The total amount sent since the publication of the President's appeal in January is now \$31,000. I enclose a circular containing data respecting the famine in China, some of which you may find of sufficient interest to lay before your readers.

Very sincerely yours,
CHAS. T. MAGEE,
Secretary.

The Lyceum Attraction Tonight.

The Wilbur Starr Quartette will give a concert at the Central graded school auditorium tonight at 8 o'clock. Mr. Starr is a good impersonator as well as singer, and his selections given in "make-up" will give strength and variety to the entertainment. Mrs. Starr is a brilliant pianist and cellist and her work will greatly strengthen the programme. As an accompanist she can scarcely be surpassed and her skillful playing adds much to the musical features presented by Mr. Starr and his quartet singers.

The trio of singers whom Mr. Starr has selected to accompany him are highly capable of carrying out the high-class programme announced, which we believe to be the best programme being offered by a Lyceum male quartet this season. Every singer is an artist and was thoroughly coached by Mr. Starr before the concert tour for the season opens. Taken all in all, the management is exceedingly gratified, even proud, to be able to offer this great organization to its committees. For years we have wished to have the management of Mr. and Mrs. Starr and whatever company they might head.

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See change in ad. of Mr. J. F. Hurley today.

DR. HERRING HAPPY.

"Somewhere in the East" Shooting Ducks, And His Cup is Full.
A card from Dr. H. C. Herring brings the information that he is "somewhere in the east." The general doctor does not state whether he is in the East Indies, Eastern North Carolina or Eastern Stany. He just puts it "somewhere in the east." He adds, however, that it is a fine country and that game is more plentiful than in the past 36 years or more, which is some length of time as well as an abundance of game. The doctor proves his assertions by stating that as he writes there are 26 ducks lying dead before him as a result of a morning's hunt. The doctor also expresses fear that if the Concord boys were there they would not go back to work. This is very reasonable indeed, for who wouldn't quit work to kill 26 ducks in one morning? Thing of killing 52 ducks in one day. No wonder the doctor fears they would not work any more. He is right, exactly right. For if any Concord boy or any other boy would ever go off "somewhere in the east" and kill 52 ducks in one day he might come back home but not to work. That boy would spend the rest of his natural life telling how he done the trick.

Really, Doc, if this duck killing stuff is on the level, you can found a colony "somewhere in the east." You could be the John Smith of the whole shebang, toss you hat into the ring, and dive into the ring after it, get a houn' dog for the boys to kick around, secure a self-appointed groomer of presidential candidates, candidates be elected, and run things with "animated moderation."

Special Dog Tax in Rowan.

Salisbury, March 4.—Taxpayers, especially those of the rural districts, continue to complain of the special dog tax which is \$1 on each dog owned. This tax was put on for Rowan by a special act of the last legislature and is more for the purpose of reducing the number of worthless dogs in the county than for raising a revenue. This tax goes into the school fund of the county. Township Tax Collector A. M. Rice has one negro man on his books who returned eight dogs for taxation. There is no escape from this tax if you have a dog and gave it in and every one owning a dog was expected to return the same.

The King's Daughter's will have an important meeting tonight at 7 o'clock at Mrs. Dr. Herring's.

They will meet early on account of concert at graded school at 8 o'clock.

TO ARRANGE FOR STATE PRESS MEETING.

Executive Committee to Meet in Raleigh Wednesday, March 20.
To the Members of the North Carolina Press Association:
The executive committee of the North Carolina Press Association has been called to meet in News and Observer office at Raleigh on Wednesday, March 20, at 12:45 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of selecting the time and place of the annual meeting of the Association, and of transacting such other business as may be required.

The members of the committee are: J. J. Farris, H. A. London, R. W. Vincent, H. B. Varner, B. M. Phillips, D. T. Edwards and J. B. Sherrill. The association has already received an invitation from the Atlantic Hotel of Morehead City and the chairman of the board of trade of that town to hold the meeting there, and no doubt other invitations will be presented to the committee when it meets. The members of the association are asked to express to some member of the committee their choice of a place for the meeting to be held, so that the committee in its action may as nearly as possible represent the wishes of the members.

J. B. SHERRILL, Secretary.
Concord, N. C., March 5, 1912.

Mr. Stahlie Linn, a prominent young Salisbury attorney, has announced that he will be a candidate for prosecuting attorney in the Rowan county court, to succeed Mr. Kerr Craige.

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