

CHARGED WITH CRIMINAL ASSAULT

CHAIN GANG GUARD ARRESTED ON SERIOUS CHARGE.

George Barnhardt Now in Jail. — The crime is alleged to have taken place Sunday, February 16. Barnhardt drove Mrs. Sam Irbey to Chain Gang to see her husband, who was on the gang. She claims that he drew a pistol on her. Husband had Barnhardt arrested as soon as he was discharged from gang.

George Barnhardt is in jail, charged with criminal assault on Mrs. Sam Irbey. He was arrested yesterday afternoon while at his work as guard on the county chain gang, Deputy Sheriff Probst making the arrest. The warrant was sworn out by Sam Irbey, husband of the alleged victim, and was issued by Squire G. M. Lora.

The crime is alleged to have been committed last Sunday a week ago, Mrs. Irbey made her home at the Gibson Mill, residing there during the past eighteen months while her husband has been serving a sentence on the chain gang for storebreaking.

According to her statement about the affair, Barnhardt came by her home Sunday a week ago and told her if she wanted to see her husband she would have to go to the gang at once as the authorities would not allow her to see him late in the afternoon. She stated that after hesitating about going she finally consented to go, leaving with Barnhardt. At a point on road near a saw mill place, which is surrounded by a clump of trees, she alleges that Barnhardt drew a pistol on her and compelled her to go into the woods where the assault was committed. When reaching the chain gang she was allowed to confer with her husband to whom she related what had taken place. On being informed of what had occurred she stated that her husband told her not to say anything about the matter; that if she did the guards at the gang would kill him.

Nothing more was heard of the alleged assault until yesterday. Irbey's time was out and he was given his liberty. He returned to his home here and secured an attorney, Mr. L. T. Hartwell. As above stated a warrant was issued and Barnhardt arrested. He was brought to the court house here and waited at the sheriff's office for a short time, waiting for his attorney, Mr. T. D. Maness, who had been sent for. While in the sheriff's office he talked to a representative of this paper about the affair.

Barnhardt protested that he was innocent. "I am as innocent as anybody," he declared. "I never thought of such a thing and did not know that there was any charge until Mr. Probst came to the gang this afternoon. Irbey did not like me because I made him come back to the gang when he went farther away than the regulations allowed. His wife was out there on Sunday. He was a trusty and they went off the afternoon she was out there farther than the trusties are allowed to go and I made him come back to the gang. He got mad about it and he has not liked me since."

Barnhardt's attorney, Mr. Maness, came up as he concluded the statement and they held a conference, which lasted for some time. Later he was remanded to jail without bail to await a hearing before Squire Lora this morning.

Barnhardt is 45 years old and is a native of Concord. He owns a home at the Brown Mill and is married and has a wife and several children living there. Before being employed as a guard at the chain gang (December, 1912) he worked at several furniture stores here. He has also worked as a special officer at the court house during sessions of the superior court.

Irbey is said to be a native of Burke county but it is understood that his father now lives in Florida. He came here several years ago and worked as an insurance agent. On account of unsteady habits and dissipation he did not meet with success and soon left. Later he returned. While on his second trip here he broke into Barrier & Widenhouse Company's store and stole a lot of clothing. After tracking him in various South Carolina towns Chief of Police Hoyer succeeded in capturing him at Morganton, his former home. He was brought here, tried and convicted. He was sentenced to two years on the chain gang but on account of his having only one arm the judge reduced the sentence to 18 months. Mrs. Irbey has been working in one of the mills here during the time Irbey was on the chain gang and made her home on Kerr street.

Barnhardt was arraigned before Squire G. M. Lora this morning at 10 o'clock, and the trial was postponed until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

As the result of selling match heads Wednesday afternoon Dorothy Brit, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Yester Brit, residing near McDaniels, in Robeson county, died Thursday afternoon. The little girl was in her fifth year.

OH! WHAT A WHALE!

Concord Citizen Tells of Big Sea Monster Captured in Florida.

Mr. T. D. Maness returned a few days ago from Florida, where he has been spending several weeks. One of the most interesting incidents related by Mr. Maness of his trip was a visit to the big sea monster at Miami. The fish is reputed to be the only one in the world of its kind. It is not classified in natural history but is proclaimed by scientists to be the most remarkable specimen ever captured.

The fish was captured June 1, 1912, in the vicinity of Knights Keys, Fla., after a fight lasting 39 hours. Five harpoons and 151 bullets were required to subdue the monster and it took five days to finally kill it. In the fight the fish smashed a boat and knocked a rudder and propeller off a 31-ton yacht. After it was subdued it had to be towed 110 miles by a tug. The dimensions of the fish are: weight, 30,000 pounds; length, 45 feet; circumference, 23 feet, 9 inches; mouth, 38 inches wide and 43 inches deep; tail measures 10 feet, tip to tip; hide, three inches thick, no scales.

The characteristics of the fish are said to be contrary to all laws of natural history. It is providing a great curiosity even to the people of the east of Florida, who are accustomed to various freaks of the sea and is being visited by hundreds of people.

BOYS' CORN CLUB.

Thirty-Six Cabarrus Boys Have Entered the Contest for 1913.

The farmer boys of Cabarrus have taken and are taking much interest in the corn-raising contests, and 36 of them have been registered for the contest of this year. There are only eight counties in the State which have a larger number entered, and these are:

- Alamance, 40.
- Beaufort, 39.
- Cleveland, 43.
- Johnston, 65.
- Robeson, 52.
- Sampson, 54.
- Union, 37.
- Wilkes, 67.

As all of these counties are larger than Cabarrus, it will be seen that area and population considered, this county probably stands at the head in the number of boys entered.

The total number of boys who have entered the club in the State is 1420.

PRESIDENT-ELECT WILSON HAS NARROW ESCAPE.

Missed What Might Have Been a Serious Wreck by Only Five Minutes.

Philadelphia, Feb. 28.—President-elect Wilson missed what might have been a serious wreck by five minutes today when a broken rain was discovered by a track walker just ahead of a Pennsylvania train on which Mr. Wilson was traveling from Princeton to Philadelphia to visit a dentist.

A Sordid Tragedy.

Atlanta, Feb. 28.—The sordidness and vulgarity of the Applebaum tragedy have come to the surface even more quickly than they did in the Grace case. The last vestige of what romance the reporters tried to weave around the killing has been dissipated by the reflection of what sort of people morally the man and woman both were. He had three or four other wives, or near-wives. She had three or four other husbands, or near-husbands. Neither of them had anything even approaching social standing in this or any other city, so far as the detectives can learn.

In spite of these facts, the Applebaum killing is the big sensation of the moment in Atlanta. The local newspapers have made it so.

Birthday Anniversary.

Miss Earle Cochrane celebrated her 19th anniversary by entertaining a number of friends at home on the 22. Those present were: Misses Nell and Ruth Sloop, Ella Whitley, Annie Wilson, Nell and Addie Sue Harry, Florence, Clara and Mabel West and Ava Walker, Macie and Janie Cochrane, Messrs. Atlee and Young Davis, Wilbert Holland, Charley Whitley, Jim Sloop, Samuel Leiser, Emmitt Blackwelder, Henderson Overcash, Ira Taylor, Elmer and Walter Cochrane, Bonner, Bryan and Lafayette West.

Numerous games were played and dainty refreshments were served. The evening proved to be one of universal enjoyment. A. B. C.

Chain Gang Operations Suspended.

All the guards of the chain gang, except one, are in the city today to attend the Barnhardt trial, and the operations of the gang have been suspended. They are located on the Poplar Tent road, and a gentleman who passed the camp this morning says it was left in charge of one guard, Mr. Beaver. There are, we learn, about 90 men on the gang.

Religious Church.

Services next Sunday, fourth Sunday in Lent, will be as follows: Holy communion and sermon, 11 a. m. Sunday school 9 p. m. and evening prayer 8 p. m. Choir practice for Easter music after evening service Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. W. H. Bell, pastor.

'FREAKIES'

A. G. Delamater's Comic Production to Be in Concord March 6.

The Rockford, Ill. Star has the following: Two large audiences acclaimed "Freakies" at the Grand yesterday. Genially it was prettily presented and the supporting company was entirely adequate. The book, by Gene Stratton-Porter, has had a remarkable vogue, and it is not more interesting than the play. The dramatization by Nell Trowney, retains the flavor, atmosphere and charm of the novel. The audience had read the work and were therefore in complete spirit with the production. It was an out of the ordinary audience in that young people predominated.

The piece is clean and wholesome, and deals with the inevitable moral. The humor, too, is quaint, the philosophy true and the touches of outdoor life are delightful. There is also a vein of pathos and of course a pretty love story is woven to a happy conclusion. So many have read the novel that mention of the motive of the piece is unnecessary.

A. G. Delamater, who is directing "Freakies," has been fortunate in the selection of the supporting cast.

In the title role John Roberts has a part for which he is well fitted, and he invests it with the required emotion and subtlety. He has opportunities to overplay, but keeps within the author's meaning and purpose. He interpolates several songs and displays a sweet tenor voice. He was heartily cheered and graciously responded. Miss Edith Hendoza, as Angel, was a real delight. She is quite young and not unpretty. Her definition of the part won a warm place in the hearts of the audience. The remainder of the company is well assigned. "Freakies" is a tribute to the scenery in each being beautiful.

At Concord opera house Thursday, March 6.

DIES FROM INJURIES.

Young Man's Head Badly Crushed—Found Beside Railroad.

Salisbury, Feb. 27.—The strange young white man found in a dying condition with his head badly crushed beside the railroad track near Lexington last night and brought to Salisbury on a special train was today identified as James Johnson, of Bessemer City.

Through the efforts of the railroad officials, his mother was located near that place today. His father is a mining engineer in Montgomery county. The body was prepared for burial and shipped to Bessemer City tonight. He died on the train before reaching Salisbury last night. The cause of his fatal injury is unknown.

President Wilson Creates a Stir.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Lively discussion was precipitated in congressional circles today by a publisher's statement crediting to President-elect Wilson that he intended to spend part of each working day in the President's room at the capitol, to keep in closer touch with legislative affairs. Such action on the part of the President would overturn a precedent which has restricted the President's visit to the capitol to the last hours of a session of Congress.

Democratic leaders today discussed the reported plan of Mr. Wilson with reluctance though many seemed to favor it.

Mr. Fred A. Hull, of Asheville, was in Concord yesterday.

THE INQUISITIVE PUP.

HE WONDERS WHAT IT IS—THEN SUDDENLY FINDS OUT



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FIVE PERSONS PERISH IN FIRE

AND TWENTY OTHERS ARE STILL MISSING.

Five Destroyed Dewey Hotel in Omaha at 4:30 This Morning. Ladders Burned Under the Firemen. Fire Fighters Were Handicapped by the Zero Weather. Cause of the Fire is Unknown.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 28.—Five persons are known to have perished and twenty are still missing as the result of a fire that destroyed the Dewey Hotel this morning. Fifty people were registered there last night and only 16 are accounted for. Jesse Hold, the manager, was the last to leave the building. He declared that thirty-four rooms were occupied by fifty persons, including a dozen women. J. Foy, a broker, was passing the hotel at 4:30 this morning when a man rushed out and asked him to help carry some people out. Six persons were lying unconscious just inside the door. By the time these were carried to the street the building was a mass of flames. The firemen and policemen began to search for bodies as soon as the debris cooled. The firemen were handicapped in fighting the flames on account of the zero weather. The ladders burned under the firemen as they sought to reach the upper floors where frantic men and women were calling for aid. The cause of the fire is unknown. Within half an hour after the first woman screamed the building was in ruins. The hotel was a three-story structure of brick. It had formerly been five stories, but the upper floors were condemned and removed.

Large Appropriations for North Carolina.

Washington, Feb. 27.—The river and harbor bill, carrying large appropriations for North Carolina waterway improvements, was sent to conference tonight and Senator Simmons appointed minority conferees on the part of the senate. It is not expected that any of the appropriations for North Carolina will be knocked out of the bill.

The public building bill, which passed the senate this morning, carried approximately \$1,000,000 for buildings and sites in North Carolina, including \$600,000 for the customs house at Wilmington.

Charged With Arson.

Salisbury, Feb. 27.—Charged with setting fire to the home of George White, colored, burned in Salisbury last week, Mattie Garwood was given a hearing in Rowan court today and held without bond for Superior court. The arrest was made at the instance of Deputy Insurance Commissioner F. M. Jordan, sent here to investigate the burning. The owner of the house barely escaped death in the fire.

Will Leave it to Wilson's Administration.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Great Britain's rejoinder to Secretary State Knox's note on the Panama Canal tolls question has formally presented by Ambassador James Bryce at noon today and laid before the last cabinet meeting. It has authoritatively stated no attempt at a rejoinder would be made by the present administration.

Salisbury Woman Charged With Burning House of Neighbor.

Salisbury, Feb. 27.—Deputy Insurance Commissioner F. M. Jordan arrived in the city yesterday to make an investigation into the burning of the house of George and Effie White, which was burned Sunday morning about 3 o'clock. Mr. Jordan gathered evidence last night to warrant the arrest of Mattie Garwood, who lives in a house next to the burned one. It was stated that she had made threats that the house would be in ashes in less than three months. The defendant was tried this morning before Squire D. W. Julian, and was sent to jail to await the May term of court.

IN THE LEGISLATURE

To Eliminate Freight Rate Discrimination. — State Road Bond Bill Passed—No Vote on Search and Seizure Bill—Six Months School Term Now a Law—Bond Issue for Cabarrus.

Special to The Tribune.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 28.—Representative Justice has presented in the House the report of the special legislative commission on the results of the conference thus far with the railroad officials on the elimination of the freight rate discriminations against North Carolina, compared with Virginia cities, and the House has adopted recommendations that the Legislature authorize the commission to continue negotiations to final settlement and place at the disposal of the commission unlimited funds for necessary expenses for the members of the commission all to be paid only on the order of the governor.

By the vote of President Daughtridge the Senate last night passed on second reading the State road bond bill. The vote came after the third debate on the measure and it was 21 to 21. The chairman voted amid applause. Being a roll call bill, it went over for third reading. An amendment offered by Senator Irbey was adopted submitting the whole matter to the voters at the next general election.

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THE POLICE GRIFT SCANDAL IN NEW YORK.

One Grift Scandal After Another.—\$1,200,000 Extorted by the Police.

New York, Feb. 28.—Police life in New York is one grift scandal after another. District Attorney Whitman, after touching the edges of the gambling and disorderly house police alliance, struck a new lead when John Mustard, president of the organization of liquor dealers, declared that he knows all about levying assessments on members of his organization whereby the enormous total of \$1,200,000 was extorted for the benefit of the police ring. Grift was paid to permit saloons to run back doors wide open on Sunday. Whitman believes that the money went to the politicians.

BILL FOR THE DRAINAGE OF IRISH BUFFALO CREEK.

Introduced in Senate By Mr. Cook.—Senate Passed Bill Amending Concord's Charter.

Special to The Tribune.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 28.—Senator Cook introduced bills to authorize the aid of Concord to contribute to the drainage of Irish Buffalo creek. The Senate passed the House bill amending the charter of Concord.

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A Big Auto Truck.

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DIAZ WILL SOON RETURN TO MEXICO

OFFICERS APPOINTED TO ESCORT HIM FROM PARIS.

His Nephew, Felix Diaz, Has Announced His Candidacy for the Presidency.—The Return of His Uncle a Good Stroke of Politics for Him.—De la Barra Will Probably Be Diaz's Strongest Opponent.

Mexico City, Feb. 28.—The return of the exiled Porfirio Diaz within the near future was made certain when a group of officers was delegated to escort him from Paris. Felix Diaz, his nephew, today formally announced his candidacy for the presidency. The return of Porfirio Diaz before the election is regarded as a stroke of good politics by Felix Diaz. Minister of Foreign Affairs De la Barra will likely be the strongest candidate against Diaz.

PEACE IS CONCLUDED WITH THE SEPARATISTS.

Announcement is Hailed With Joy by the Huerta Government.

Mexico City, Feb. 28.—The announcement of the Huerta government has concluded a peace agreement with the Separatists was hailed with joy today. This is accepted as meaning the restoration of peace in the entire southern portion of the republic.

WILSON NOT A TETOTALLER.

His Social Administration Will Not Be "Dry," But He Believes in Temperance.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The social administration of President-elect Wilson will not be "dry," according to information today. Mr. Wilson is not a tetotalter, but he believes in temperance in drinking. His choice whiskey is Scotch. His stand on the liquor question is for local option.

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