

FOR THE ROCK HILL SUFFERERS

CROPS RUINED THROUGHOUT THAT SECTION.

Many Are in Need and Some in Distressful Circumstances. — Cabarrus Man Returns From That Section And Tells of the Disaster Wrought. — Nothing Left of Fruit, Garden or Crops.—One Man Had 13 Head of Cattle Buried in Haystacks and They Were Frozen Stiff. — Help Asked for the Sufferers.

Mr. W. M. Auten, of No. 9 township, returned yesterday from a visit to South Carolina. Mr. Auten visited in the section near Rock Hill, which was visited by the terrific hail storm recently.

Mr. Auten brought with him a number of stalks of cotton and corn that were beaten by the hail. Cotton stalks more than two feet high were beaten leafless, bruised and barked. Corn also met a like fate. Trees were also damaged, the sides of many on which the hail fell being barked and in cases of the trees were beaten into the sap. Nothing is left of fruit, garden and other vegetation in the district visited by the hail storm, which was from three to five miles wide and about 75 miles long.

An idea of the force and devastating power of the storm may be gained by the fact that on one man's farm 13 cattle were killed. The cattle sought shelter in a gulley about 12 feet deep which was filled with hail stones about the size of goose eggs, according to Mr. Auten's statement. When found they were frozen stiff.

Practically nothing of value remains of the crops in that section of South Carolina and the farmers' loss is heavy. In many cases they are in destitute circumstances. To aid the unfortunate farmers of that section the Tribune and Times will be glad to receive contributions, which will be acknowledged in these columns.

A relief committee composed of W. J. Roddey, Ira B. Dunlap and other well known business men has been appointed to handle the contributions and distribute the funds where they are needed.

KIDNAPPER PETTY IS CAUGHT AT LEXINGTON

Does Not Deny Stealing Nettie Holder in Harnett County.—Child With Him.

Lexington, July 13.—I. M. Petty, wanted in Harnett county for kidnaping Nettie Holder, the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. W. Holder, was arrested here this afternoon late by Deputy Sheriff Fletcher Candler. He and the girl were traveling in a buggy. At this hour they are in the custody of Sheriff Shaw, who is trying to communicate with the Harnett county authorities.

Petty is about 50 years old. He wears a heavy mustache and beard and seems to be a very excitable person. He says that he has been teaching the little girl music for three years, and has become very much attached to her. A few months ago the child's father, he says, lost all that he had and moved to a small station named Manor, somewhere on the new railroad that runs through Harnett, and since going to that place he has not been treating Nettie right. In fact, he states that the father has become so debased that he has made of his child a prostitute and that he has been living off of her earnings. He said that it was for the purpose of rescuing her from this sort of life that he carried her away from Spring Hill church, in Harnett county on July 5. He relates a number of instances tending to show that his story is correct, and says that he can prove it.

The little girl bears him out in his story. She says that he is telling the truth and that she has no desire to go home to her mother. She also says that he treats her well. She is a slender little girl. She says that she is twelve years old and she looks it. She is certainly not much older. She has a good face, with very fine eyes, and she is very modest in demeanor. She has made a good impression on all who have seen her.

Possibly Herta would hasten to resign if the people of Mexico City should vote it dry.

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MISSING ATLANTA WOMEN

If They Are Dead, What Has Become of the Bodies?

Atlanta, Ga., July 13.—"The strangest story in history" is the way Atlanta newspaper men describe the mystery of the Nelms girls. They have traced every clue, followed every trail to its end, but Eloise Dennis and Beatrice Nelms, missing more than a month, seemed to have vanished into thin air.

It seems incredible that in these modern days two grown women, one of them a business woman of more than ordinary intelligence and regularity of habits, should take a train for the South, be seen as far as Houston, Texas, and there disappear absolutely. But there the trail ends.

The story of Eloise Dennis and her sister Beatrice Nelms has filled the wires from Maine to Mexico and it seems as though one of the girls, if either is alive would by this time have seen the press dispatches which reveal the excitement their disappearance has caused and would communicate with the mother, who is half-crazed by grief.

Eloise Dennis, divorcee, and Beatrice Nelms left Atlanta early in June, Eloise presumably going to New Orleans to join one Victor Innes, a lawyer who procured her divorce in Carson City, Nevada, and who is said to have since received sums from her amounting to more than \$10,000. Beatrice went with her, remonstrating against her sister's giving her all to this man and determined to obtain from him restitution of the funds or at least receipts to protect her sister against fraud. The two girls were last seen on a train from New Orleans to Houston, Texas, on June 14.

A nation wide search for Victor Innes, the man in the case, resulted in finding him in Portland, Oregon, where he was with his wife and baby. He admitted having secured Mrs. Dennis her divorce but insisted that he had neither seen nor heard from her in more than a year. On the other hand, he is known to have been in the South in the past few weeks and receipts were found in the belongings of Mrs. Dennis indicating that she had forwarded him express orders for large sums of money within the past few months. There the authorities are at a loss. Mrs. Nelms' mother of the two girls, insists that Ennis be arrested and charged with the murder or abduction of her girls. But the lawyers point out that there is no legal ground to hold him, it is not even known that the girls are dead or that he had any concern with their disappearance.

Atlantans are beginning to believe that Eloise Dennis carried out the threat in a letter she wrote to her mother which she said she had killed Beatrice and was going to kill herself. But if the two girls are dead, what became of the bodies? That is worrying the police of a dozen cities.

Latest Developments in the Case. Atlanta, Ga., July 14.—Atlanta and several other cities are still feverishly awaiting news from the missing sisters, Mrs. Eloise Dennis and Beatrice Nelms, who have so mysteriously disappeared. The latest developments in the case today are as follows:

Mrs. Margaret Mindes, of San Antonio, Tex., was found and denied knowing the two girls of Victor Innes or any knowledge of them.

Despite this, it is certain that Mrs. Mindes was seen with the two young women in Corpus Christi, Tex., as late as last Sunday night, and they answered the description of the missing women.

Mrs. Nelms, mother of the girls, has at last come to the conclusion that they are dead and their bodies in the Mississippi river at New Orleans. She offered a reward for their bodies, "dead or alive" in the hope that the river men will search for the bodies.

Mrs. Nelms revealed today that there had been certain intimacy between Innes and Mrs. Dennis. She said Louise feared the government officers were on her trail on a white slavery charge, and also that Innes' wife was having her brother trail her through jealousy.

J. W. Krueger, an Atlanta government employe, said that he saw Innes, whom he knows well, in Atlanta early last May.

Marshall Nelms, brother of the missing girls, is on his way from California to Atlanta and will arrive tonight. He knows nothing beyond what has been published.

Mrs. Nelms has issued an appeal to the Shriners of the country and to all members of women's clubs to aid in the search for her daughters.

The first copy of the "death message" received from Louise Dennis was made public by Mrs. Nelms. It read: "After sending the telegram from New Orleans I got rid of B. T. there,

SLUMMING PARTIES ARE SURPRISED

TWENTY WOMEN AND ESCORTS ARE ARRESTED.

All the Women Were Fashionably Gowned, and Members of the "Best Circles."—All Were Bundled Into Patrol Wagons and Taken to Police Station.—Wild Confusion Caused by Raid of Police, Who Enter Attired as Women.—All Furnish Cash Bail.

Chicago, July 14.—Twenty fashionably gowned women and their escorts, members of three "slumming parties" were arrested early this morning in a raid on Jordan's cafe, in the old red light district. They were bundled into patrol wagons despite their hysterical protests and looked at the police station as "inmates of a disorderly resort." The police entered the resort attired as women. The wildest confusion was created by the raid. A girl, who was playing a piano, jumped from a second story window. Many of the society women attempted to get down fire escapes, while the men fought the police. All furnished cash bail, it not being expected that they will appear for trial.

Convict Knocked Home Run and is Running Yet.

Atlanta, Ga., July 14.—Baseball in convict camp is doubtless very commendable, but the guards at the Adamsville, Fulton county, gang, will be more careful as to ground rules in the future. Will Jones, a life convict, knocked a home run, rounded the bases and failed to stop running. So far as is known he is running yet. He got away in the excitement over his hit and reached the woods.

Jim Conley Wants to Serve his Sentence.

Atlanta, Ga., July 14.—Jim Conley, accused and convicted as accessory to Leo Frank in the famous Phagan case, is getting tired of waiting in jail while his lawyer wastes time trying to appeal the case. He sent word to the judge today that he wanted to get out on the chain gang and serve his sentence. The judge probably will accommodate him.

Three Story Brick Building Wrecked By a Bomb.

Pittsburgh, July 14.—A three story brick building was wrecked by the explosion of a bomb. Orlander, who lived there, had received Black Hand letters. He with his child in his arms, fell into a cellar and was seriously injured, when the stairs were blown out.

The Carman Trial.

New York, July 14.—Celia Coleman, the negro maid of the Carman household, will take the stand Wednesday when it is expected that she will tell a different story from the one she told the coroners jury. Mrs. Carman will take the stand Thursday. Dr. Carman received a letter from Mrs. Carman containing arsenic.

Suicide Epidemic at Pittsburgh.

Pittsburgh, July 14.—Four persons committed suicide and four others attempted it at a fete in a suicidal epidemic today.

Messrs. C. B. Wagner, M. L. Marsh, B. E. and C. J. Harris and H. M. Probst spent yesterday at Blewett Falls. They own a large tract of timber land near there and spent the day inspecting the property.

Britain will not exhibit in San Francisco and is doubtful about the sort of exhibition it is to make in Ulster.

Mexico has been raising Cain so long that it may be reluctant to go back to its other-crops.

At last reports, oratory and water were still flowing at Niagara.

and have come out here to find Marshall and send him to follow her. I have sealed her fate forever. She is now in the unknown land and I am glad I did it. I left B. to go the unknown path away from all where no one will find her or myself. I only hope the animals of the water will have eaten us both before you get this letter."

This signed in writing very closely like Mrs. Dennis, if not actually here, was mailed from San Francisco, and was the first mention that anything was wrong.

DEATH OF MR. L. I. NEISLER.

No. 5. Farmer Succumbs to Typhoid Fever.—Funeral at Mt. Carmel Tomorrow.

Mr. Luther I. Neisler, of No. 5 township, died this morning at 3 o'clock at the Concord Hospital, where he had been undergoing treatment for several days. Mr. Neisler's death is attributed to typhoid fever complicated with other diseases.

Mr. Neisler was 49 years of age and is survived by his wife and one son, Cletus Neisler, eleven years old. He is also survived by one brother, Adolphus Neisler, and two sisters. The funeral will be held at Mt. Carmel Church tomorrow.

HUGE PETITION IS PRESENTED TO STUART

Prohibition Advocates Have Secured 69,936 Signatures to Their Document.

Richmond, Va., July 13.—Out of an estimated total of 140,000 qualified voters in Virginia, 69,936 have signed petitions calling upon Gov. Henry C. Stuart to call a state-wide election to decide whether or not liquor shall continue to be sold in the state. The petitions have been certified to the secretary of the commonwealth and will be presented to Governor Stuart tomorrow. He is expected to call the election for September 22 as provided by the enabling act passed by the last legislature.

Of those who signed the petition 53,567 come from counties. Richmond furnished only 1,976, while Norfolk had 2,137. The total is four times the number necessary to authorize the calling of the election. The enabling act provides that if the "drys" carry the election, Virginia will banish liquor on November 1, 1916.

Golden Jubilee Formally Opened.

Denver, July 14.—With the formal opening of the fiftieth annual session of the Grand Lodge of the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, the Golden Jubilee Reunion of that order is in full swing today. The last of the special trains from all sections of the country arrived during the night.

Late slumbering members of the order were awaked at 9 o'clock this morning by the music of the Grand Lodge band. Many matters of vital interest to brother Elks of the country were taken up but as the sessions are all secret nothing was known of what was done. On Thursday or Friday new grand lodge officers will be elected. It is almost certain that Raymond Benjamin, of Napa, California, will be elected grand and exalted ruler, as he has no serious opposition.

The afternoon was spent by the visitors in various forms of entertainment. The local Elks had provided plenty of dancing floors for the visiting brothers, who delight in the tango, and all of these were crowded during the afternoon. Music has been provided for the dancers until midnight. Tonight a large number of "stunts" have been provided including the White-Yoakum 20 round fight.

Don't Agree With Us.

Salisbury Post. Several North Carolina papers are still classing Colonel Roosevelt among the small men of the earth. Within the past few days the Greensboro Record has discovered fresh evidence to this effect, and the Concord Tribune says amen. We think these editors are making a great mistake to so classify the Colonel. He is a big man and a man of great usefulness, and never forget the fact, dear Democratic friends, he is the "runningest" man ever on the American political speedway. He has more different sort of friends in more sections of the country and can rally them better and quicker than any one yet at the bat. It is, we think, after foolishness to class Colonel Roosevelt outside the top-liners.

Sex Hygiene in Schools.

Berlin, July 14.—That the work of instructing school children in sexual hygiene and enlightening the child's mind in sexual matters should be delegated to school physicians, was the opinion expressed by Dr. Gettkamp of Berlin in the annual conference of German School Physicians, appointed by the authorities, for medical inspection and to lecture upon hygienic subjects. It was Dr. Gettkamp's view that plain talks upon sexual matters should be a part of the school curriculum and that the school physician can better instruct in such matters than other teachers.

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It's a safe bet that no river doubt flows by Kermit's castle in Spain.

FROM THE NATIONAL CAPITAL TODAY

THE TRANSPORT HANCOCK SAILS FOR VERA CRUZ.

Ready for Dispatch to the Haytian Coast Should Farther Disorder Make it Necessary.—Censorship Over Reports of Investigation of Ensign Richardson.—The New Haven Report.

Washington, July 14.—A complete censorship over the reports in the investigation of Ensign W. Richardson by the board of inquiry has been established at Vera Cruz.

Filed with marines for possible service in Haiti and Santo Domingo, the transport Hancock sailed from Vera Cruz for Guantanamo to be held there ready for dispatch to the Haytian coast, should further disorders make it advisable for the administration to take a hand in the affairs. Official reports at the Navy Department said that many foreign refugees are boarding the Civic line steamer, Serrano, at Puerto Plata, fleeing from the revolutionary trouble in Santo Domingo.

That one effect of the New Haven report will be to widen the breach between the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Department of Justice is indicated. The department takes the position that there is no law under which the New Haven Directors can be prosecuted. The department also contends that restitution in the suits are entirely up to the stockholders themselves and not matters of federal attention. The Interstate Commerce Commission holds that it is entirely within the power of the department to bring criminal prosecutions for the New Haven "conspiracy."

Skirmishing at San Luis Potosi.

Ciudadua, July 14.—Skirmishing between the advance guard of the Constitutional army and outposts at San Luis Potosi is already in progress according to advices received here. A general assault on the stronghold will not be ordered until General Gonzales, who will take personal command, arrives. From Guadalajara word is received that Obregon will start the main body of the army toward Mexico City in a few days.

Commissioner for San Francisco Exposition.

Raleigh, July 14.—Governor Craig commissions H. H. Brimbley executive commissioner to have charge of the installation of whatever exhibits North Carolina has at the Panama-Pacific Exposition and the preparation of all literature to be distributed there exploiting the State and its resources.

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JOHNSON WAS PARTY TO BROTHER'S MURDER.

Mrs. Johnson Says She Killed Her Husband Because She Loved His Brother.

Tarboro, July 13.—"I am willing to take all the blame for the death of my brother if that will help me any, and if either of us have to die for the crime I want to be the one." The foregoing statement was made this afternoon to your correspondent and Sheriff J. C. Crawford by Arch Johnson, in jail in Williamson, on a warrant charging him with being an accomplice before the fact in the case in which Mrs. Elizabeth Early Johnson stands charged with the murder of her husband, Joe Johnson, near Oak City, in Martin county, on the evening of Saturday, July 4th. Johnson further stated that he would not deny the statement made by Mrs. Johnson relative to the killing and the part he played in it.

Prior to this occasion Arch Johnson had refused to make any statement other than that he knew nothing of the matter and that he had nothing to do with it. "I loved my brother but I loved his wife more and it was because of this fact that I allowed my self to get into this scrape. I bought the pistol with which the killing was done and gave it to Mrs. Johnson on Saturday morning before the killing that night; I knew what she was going to do with it." Mrs. Johnson, it is reported, says that she and Arch Johnson planned the crime and that Arch told her to throw the pistol to the side of the road so that he could get it next morning. She says that he told her he would stick to her through it all and when told of his confession this afternoon, stated she was satisfied with it and that he was doing as he said he would.

"There is no use in our telling any more stories," she says, "for God knows the truth anyhow, and that's what counts. All that I can say is that it was love that brought us to this for I loved Arch Johnson."

Johnson broke down and wept bitterly as he told the story of how he was implicated and said he did not want his folks to know about it. He is about 21 years old. Neither of the principals have as yet retained attorneys. Johnson will be given a preliminary hearing in the morning before Justice of the Peace L. B. Wynn. It will be recalled that Mrs. Johnson confessed some days ago, that she shot her husband, though at the time she did not implicate any one. Arch Johnson was arrested at his home near Oak City by Sheriff Crawford and brought here and placed in jail.

Sewing Party.

Misses Horton, Livingstone, Petrea and Stafford, who are the guests of Miss Catherine Crowell, were the honorees at a delightful sewing party given this morning by Miss Estelle Diek at her home on North Union street. About 23 guests were present and the event proved a most enjoyable one. Refreshments were served.

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