

HANS SCHMIDT PAID DEATH PENALTY TODAY

LIFE ENDS IN THE SING SING DEATH CHAMBER.

SCHMIDT MURDERED ANNA NUMOLLER

Murderer of Anna Numoller, September 2, 1913, and was discovered when the girl's torso was washed upon the New Jersey shore.

Ossington, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Hans Schmidt was electrocuted at Sing Sing prison today for the murder of Anna Numoller September 2, 1913.

Schmidt went quietly to the death chamber accompanied by the principal keeper and the Rev. Father Cahin, the prison chaplain.

Schmidt seated himself in the electric chair and the current was applied three times.

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GUARD WAS DRUNK

Solicitor Clement Much Wrought Up Over Escape of Convicts.

The Salisbury correspondent of the Greensboro News has the following additional information in regard to the escape of the Baden convicts from the guards at Salisbury Thursday.

Freeman was caught this evening after Sheriff Krider and posse had chased him about 20 miles with two bloodhounds.

Freeman is a desperate prisoner. Once before he attempted to escape and was seriously injured by the guard.

He is doing time for store breaking in McDowell county. Besides Sheriff Krider the posse that caught Freeman was composed of David Graham, Arch Nash, L. D. H. Brown, Clyde Kenerly, Zeb McCulloch and Frank Tolbert.

After the train had left Salisbury last night Sheriff Krider had been warned that the men had gotten away, one of the guards who had been with the party was discovered in a toilet room at the depot.

Officers were sent for but before they arrived the intoxicated man had been taken to a nearby hotel and put to bed. He left on an early train today for the camp to which his party was bound last night.

Solicitor Hayden Clement was very wrought up when he heard of the wholesale escape and he immediately issued an indictment for the guard whose intoxication and desertion of the party probably made possible the escape of the prisoners.

Mr. Clement was severe in his denunciation of the system that makes it so easy for prisoners to escape and stated that a thorough investigation should be made.

He was especially hurt by the escape of Lowe Daniels. He had secured Daniels' conviction and sentence of 30 years and only recently had seen him recaptured in this city and sent to the Baden camp.

BEASLEY IS CONVICTED OF BURNING DWELLING.

Deputy Insurance Commissioner Scott Secures Conviction and Sentence of Rowan Man.

Greensboro News. Capt. W. A. Scott, deputy insurance commissioner, was in Greensboro last night, returning from Salisbury where he had been interested in the prosecution of D. L. Beasley, charged with burning a dwelling in Rowan county.

Beasley was tried yesterday and convicted and sentenced to the county chain gang for a term of two years.

The insurance department made a splendid record during the year 1915 in running down fire-bugs. During the year a total of 11 persons were convicted of starting fires and punished.

Five others were acquitted during the year while the charge against the seventeenth person was not pressed.

MR. HARRIS HOST.

Gives Annual Birthday Dinner at His Home at Poplar Tent.

The big annual event of western Cabarrus took place yesterday when Mr. Shakespeare Harris "yearled" himself as he does occasionally.

He has a habit of late years of gathering around him at his elegant home a large company of his many friends on the occasion of his birthday.

About 25 guests were with him yesterday, the larger part of whom were naturally his comrades of the Civil War.

Most of the day were spent by these grizzled veterans in fighting over their battles again, which somehow get bigger and bigger as the years go by.

The feast, as the guests gathered in the large dining room, was entirely worthy of the occasion—a magnificent turkey dinner, with more than the usual accessories, prepared with rare skill and good taste by Mrs. Lala Caldwell and Miss Emma Harris, nieces of the host.

At the close of the "spread" quite a number of the guests, with Capt. Chas. McDonald as toast-master, spoke in appreciation of the auspicious occasion and felicitated the host upon his attainments along life's highway, and wished him many more happy and prosperous milestones.

Conspicuous among the decorations of the abundant spread was a large cake adorned with more lighted candles than could be conveniently counted.

But they were arranged so as to make these figures: "1845-1916," the significance of which could be guessed, but nobody embarrassed the genial host by asking.

Mr. Harris's guests were Messrs. Brevard Harris, Charles J. Harris, Col. E. A. Osborne, Judge Frank L. Osborne, George Hall, Hal Puryear, Colonel Shaffer, W. W. Rankin, Charles McDonald, John G. Alexander, Col. Bob Wallace of Eastfield, D. B. Coltrane, R. J. Stowe, John Bundy, Rev. R. W. Cuthbertson, J. F. Goodson, Doctor Long, of Charlotte, Captain Zimmerman, of Charlotte, Olin Caldwell, W. S. Pharr, Miss May Helms, K. C. Caldwell.

The rare good fellowship, accentuated by the glorious sunshine of yesterday, will long be remembered by Mr. Harris' guests, who join with his many friends everywhere in wishing him many happy returns.

GETS AUTOHARP PATENT.

Congressman Doughton's Secretary, J. W. Vanhook, Turns Inventor.

Washington, Feb. 17.—John W. Vanhook, of Concord, secretary to Representative Doughton, has secured a patent on an autoharp. His patent was hit upon by accident in 1912 while in charge of some of the work of the Jackson Training School.

He had occasion to see a zither harp that had been given to some of the boys. His patent is designed to simplify the operation, and is made after the plan followed in making the instrument available for the boys of the school.

PARTY YESTERDAY.

Mrs. Goodman Entertains in Honor of Miss Hunt, of Lexington.

PROTESTS AGAINST WOMAN'S EXECUTION

ARE REACHING THE GOVERNOR FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS

OTHERS FAVOR THE EXECUTION

Communications Advocating and Protesting Against the Commutation of the Sentence of Death of Mrs. Ida Ball Warren for the Murder of Her Husband With Samuel Christy Received by Governor Craig.

The pair were to have been electrocuted March 5, but Governor Craig several days ago granted them a respite.

Raleigh, Feb. 18.—Communications advocating and protesting against the commutation of Mrs. Ida Ball Warren with Samuel Christy, sentenced to death for the murder in Winston-Salem in 1914 of G. J. Warren, the woman's husband, are reaching Governor Craig's office from various parts of the State.

It is understood that numerous petitions will be filed shortly. The federation of clubs of Muncie, Indiana, has formally filed a plea for commutation and the compelling paragraph of the communication calls attention to the Governor to the fact that the letter was written on the birthday of Abraham Lincoln, "the great emancipator."

The communication pleads for Mrs. Warren in "behalf of womanhood everywhere." Mrs. Warren and Christy were to have been electrocuted on March 3, but Governor Craig several days ago granted them a respite from that date.

THE STOCK MARKET.

More Steadiness Shown Than at Any Recent Session.

New York, Feb. 18.—More steadiness was shown at the outset of today's trading than any recent session, gains predominating in most part of the active list.

Butte and Superior and American Zinc, yesterday's strong features, rose one and one half each to new records and coppers, particularly Anaconda and Utah, were in demand at fractional advances.

United States Steel, Crucible Steel, Pressed Steel Car, Industrial Alcohol and Mexican Petroleum rose appreciably over yesterday's final quotations, but rails were irregular. Much of this advantage was forfeited before the end of the first half hour, the market developing a reactionary trend.

GETTING READY FOR A N. C. HOME-COMING WEEK.

Meeting Called to Be Held in Raleigh Next Tuesday.

Raleigh, Feb. 18.—Mayor James I. Johnson today called a meeting to be held in Raleigh next Tuesday at which time delegates from all parts of the State are expected to form a permanent organized association, which will have as its object the federation of all North Carolina clubs throughout the country.

One of the plans of the organization will include a "home-coming week" next year.

TEN MILLION DOLLARS IN LATIN-AMERICA

This Amount Spent by Missionary Organizations in Latin-America in Five Years.

Panama, Feb. 17.—More than ten and a half million dollars were spent in Latin-America by the larger missionary organizations of North America in the five years ending in 1914, according to the report of the Commission on the Home Base presented to the Congress on Religious Work in Latin-America which is in session here.

This sum represented an increase of almost four million dollars over the amount spent in the preceding five year period and was nearly three times as much as was spent in the first period for which statistics were available, 1889-1894.

At the same time the Commission reported that the support given by the home churches to the Latin-America missionary field was pitifully inadequate in view of the tremendous scope of the work.

The report declares that until recently at least the prevailing attitude toward evangelical work in Latin-America has been one of indifference, languid interest or actual opposition.

The Commission says that the assertion is frequently made that the average Christian knows more about Africa or China than he does about the Republics of Latin-America.

"Another cause of the prevailing indifference" the report continues, "has been that missions to these countries have been considered as possibly an impertinence. Many find it difficult to conceive of great material wealth and prosperity, such as are evident in the capitals of Brazil, Argentina and Chile, as coincident with real spiritual poverty.

Some have thought also that since the Roman Catholic Church, which has been dominant in Latin-America for four hundred years, has so much of Christian truth and has accomplished so many good things, therefore, this church meets the total need and there is no call for outside religious interference or help."

After reviewing the enormous extent of the countries to the South and the condition under which the masses of the people live the Commission makes an urgent plea to the home churches to awake to a keener interest in their Southern neighbors and give more active support to the missionaries.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels, who is the Democratic national committeeman for North Carolina, has engaged 12 rooms at the Planters' hotel in St. Louis for the North Carolina delegation to the Democratic national convention.

SHORT ITEMS CROWDED OFF LAST PAGE

Cotton is down to 11 1-2 cents on this market today.

The condition of little Miss Ruth Elizabeth Turner, who has been ill with pneumonia, is improved today.

The Virginia Dare Book Club will meet this afternoon with Mrs. W. D. Pemberton.

Messrs. B. T. Phillips and W. A. Sappenfield are spending the day in Salisbury on business.

"The White Sister," featuring Viola Allen with Richard C. Travers and an all-star cast, at the Marsh today. A great feature in six parts.

The usual service that was to be held Sunday afternoon at Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church in No. 11 township, has been postponed one week.

AUSTIN DUNSTON DEAD.

Faithful Porter at Capitol Pneumonia Victim.

Raleigh, Feb. 18.—Austin Dunston, 55 years old, a negro who had been employed at the State capitol for forty years as a porter, and who was widely known throughout North Carolina, died here today of pneumonia. His wife is ill with the same disease and is not expected to live.

Governor Craig and other officials expressed deep regret when the death of Dunston became known. The negro had been employed in the executive offices since the administration of Governor Jarvis, who the last time he was in Governor Craig's office, shook hands with Dunston and said:

"Austin is all right. If I had a million dollars I would not be afraid to trust him with it. The only way anybody would get it from him would be to kill him and take it by force."

The funeral of Dunston, arrangements for which have not been completed, will be attended by a number of State officers, it was said.

NERVOUSNESS IN THE COTTON MARKET.

Prices Started at Decline of 3 to 8 Points.—Active Months 7 to 11 Lower.

New York, Feb. 18.—The cotton market showed renewed nervousness at the opening today. Prices started at a decline of 3 to 8 points and active months sold 7 to 11 points net lower right after the call, with May declining to 11.64 and July to 11.84, under Wall Street and scattering liquidation.

Liverpool was a considerable buyer at the decline while there was also a good demand from spot houses and trade interests on which prices rallied to within one point or two of last night's closing figures during the early trading, but the improvement met increased offerings and later fluctuations were irregular, with trades waiting for southern spot advices.

Cotton futures opened fairly steady. March 11.45; May 11.68; July 11.89; October 12.08; and December 12.22.

NEW STORE.

J. Feldman & Son, of Salisbury, to Open a Store Here.

The firm of J. Feldman & Son, of Salisbury, has leased the store room in the Phifer building, formerly occupied by the dry goods department of H. L. Parks & Company, and will open a store here.

The firm conducts stores at Salisbury, Spencer and other points and is well established and successful.

No announcement has been made as to the date of the opening here.

SEWING PARTY.

Mrs. T. D. Maness Hostess at Her Home Yesterday Afternoon.

Mrs. T. D. Maness gave a delightful sewing party yesterday afternoon at her home on West Depot street. There were 25 guests and after the sewing refreshments were served, the hosts being assisted by Mrs. J. B. Womble and Misses Catherine Goodson and Laura Ridenhour.

FEW BIG MOVES IN MAIN WAR TRENCHES

CAPTURE OF ERZERUM OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED.

MUTINY AMONG THE HINDU TROOPS

Much Speculation as to the Outcome of the Erzerum Campaign.—The Russian Statement, Other Than Announcing the Capture, Gives Little Positive Information Either Regarding the Forces Captured or the Guns Taken.—Report of Mutiny Among Hindu Troops Comes from German Sources.—Report Says Russians Near Tbilisid.

Military operations figure scantily in the news from belligerent countries today. The Russian war office has officially announced the capture of Erzerum from the Turks but has furnished no details of the number of prisoners captured or guns taken.

In the major fields of war there has been no activity of an important nature so far as official reports show.

Much speculation regarding the probable course of events in the campaign about Erzerum is being indulged in but there is little positive information regarding the numbers and positions of the opposing forces.

One report says the Russians have pushed a force northwest from Erzerum and that the body already is within 75 miles of Trebizond, the important Turkish port on the Black Sea.

Reports of a mutiny of Hindu soldiers in Egypt came today through German channels. A circumstantial account published in a Cologne newspaper declares that an entire regiment mutinied after an Australian officer had shot two Mohammedan servants, who had made some mistake. 12 British officers, including the commander of the regiment and a major, were killed, according to the account and it was after two hours of fighting with an Australian regiment before the mutiny ended.

The report adds that the British commander in Egypt had ordered the withdrawal from the Suez Canal of all Mohammedan troops and their transfer to other theatres of war, where they will not be pitted against other Mohammedan troops.

With the passage of the new votes of credit to be asked by Premier Asquith in the House of Commons on Monday next, Great Britain's total war appropriation will have reached 2,620,000,000 pounds. The new note to be asked amounts to approximately 400,000,000 pounds.

LEVER BILL ORDERED FAVORABLY REPORTED.

It Will Be Called Up in the House in Two Weeks.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The Lever cotton futures bill was ordered favorably reported by the House Agricultural Committee to day. It will be called up in the House probably within a fortnight.

The measure is an amended duplicate of the bill held unconstitutional in the court of New York.

Pamlico Farmers to Plant Big Crop of Irish Potatoes.

Newbern, Feb. 17.—Visitors from Pamlico county who have been in Newbern this week, give out the information that the farmers of that section are planning to plant an enormous crop of Irish potatoes this spring and they believe that they will reap a rich harvest from the sale of these.

Last year thousands of barrels of Irish potatoes were grown in Pamlico and the farmers readily disposed of them at a price which was most gratifying. This, in a measure, is accountable for their decision to plant even a large crop this year.

Secretary Houston to Succeed Garrison?