

## FOUND MURDERED IN LONELY CABIN

### Virginian Found Lying On Floor With A Bullet In His Brain.

### HIS REVOLVER NOT FOUND

### Robbery Believed To Have Been Motive Of Foul Deed.

Ridgeway, Va., Dec. 15.—Frank Flynn, was found murdered in his home about four miles south of Ridgeway, Henry county, today. A colored woman visited the Flynn home about 7 o'clock in the morning on some errand and not being able to get a response at the door looked in at one of the windows. She saw the dead man lying on the floor, and gave the alarm. The Flynn home is situated a few feet south of the State line and the North Carolina authorities were summoned. The officers found the outside doors locked and nailed from within. A small window with mud on the sill indicated the manner in which the murderer made his escape from the building.

Flynn was lying on the floor in a pool of blood with a pistol wound in the head and another in the back showed how he met his death. There were three other bullet holes, two perforating the walls of the house and one lodging in a bundle of clothing in a corner of the room. That these were fired from within the room is clearly indicated by the manner in which they penetrated the wood work. The clothing of the dead man was torn as if in a hand to hand struggle, and a pistol holster was lying on the floor beside the body. The revolver which Flynn is known to have possessed was missing. Smears of blood around the walls show that a desperate struggle took place within the room and leads to the belief that Flynn probably wounded his adversary before being himself shot.

Either of the wounds found on the body would have prevented further resistance if not instant death. Flynn was alone in the house at the time of the tragedy, his wife and children having gone to visit her father who lives ten miles distant. It is believed the murder was committed Sunday night, the 13th instant, from the fact that he had not been seen since that time, and from other evidence.

He was in Ridgeway last Saturday and was shaved by the local barber. One day's growth of beard indicates Sunday as the date of the murder. The features were also disfigured by rats, which had destroyed one ear. A number of rumors are current as to identity of assailants and probable motive for the crime. The one most credited is that Flynn became involved in some illicit liquor transactions and was probably the victim of an attack from this source. The finding of a considerable quantity of corn whiskey at Flynn's home gives color to this theory.

The dead man was known to have considerable money, which he always carried on his person and a large roll of bills was seen in his possession when in Ridgeway the day before the murder. Only a knife and some letters.

The announcement that an attempt would be made to put all the colored employees of the Federal building at this place out of the soft snags which they hold, and also to get rid of the colored carriers on the rural free delivery routes, has caused the intended victims much uneasiness and well it might. When a few weeks ago an announcement was made that the postmaster would be put out of office there was a great deal of skepticism. However, this really happened and if the officials at Washington get down behind the colored employees in the Federal building and on the rural routes, it is a safe bet that it means good night for them.

## Some Facts About Selecting Another Assistant Postmaster

Tomorrow is the day on which it is believed Senator F. M. Simmons will name a postmaster to fill the office made vacant a little more than a week ago by the dismissal of Postmaster J. S. Basnight. Interest in the matter increases as the day draws near and the appointment is awaited here with much anticipation.

It is a foregone conclusion that John Thomas, Jr., or L. G. Daniels will receive the appointment and the general public is undecided as to which will be the fortunate candidate. Many think Mr. Daniels will be the man for the place while others are of the opinion that Mr. Thomas will get it. There are a few "sneer" men who claim to know which will be appointed but these men know no more than the general public. There is a great deal of interest

assistant postmaster. Those who are not familiar with conditions think that the postmaster can appoint whoever he desires as an assistant, but this is not the case.

### The President's Order.

On September 30, 1910, President Taft signed the following order relative to the appointment of assistant postmasters:

"It is hereby ordered that the position of assistant postmaster in post-offices of the first and second classes and the position of clerk of what ever grade in post-offices of the first and second classes not hitherto classified shall be included in the classified competitive service, provided that no assistant postmaster or clerk appointed without examination prior to this order shall be classified who fails to establish to the satisfaction of the Postoffice Department his capacity for efficient service in the position held, and Schedule A of the civil-service rules is hereby amended accordingly: This order to take effect December 1, 1910.

"The purpose of this order is twofold, I. e., to bring into the competitive classified service under the Civil Service Rules (1) all positions of assistant postmaster in first and second-class postoffices, and (2) all positions of clerk in postoffices of the first and second classes not hitherto classified. The clerks referred to are with few exceptions employed in first and second class postoffices which do not have free city delivery, the establishment of which has heretofore been a prerequisite to classification as competitive under the Civil Service Rules.

"The order does not in any way effect assistant postmasters or clerks in postoffices of the third and fourth classes, and does not affect the position of postmaster in any office.

"Section 6 of Rule II of the Civil Service Rules provides:

"A person holding a position when it becomes classified and subject to competitive examination shall have the rights which he would acquire if appointed thereto upon examination under these rules, except that he shall not be transferred without first passing the examination provided by the Commission."

"The persons affected by the order will become classified on December 1, 1910, and incumbents thereof will under the above provision of the rules be brought into the competitive classified service when they establish to the satisfaction of the Postoffice Department their capacity for efficient service in the position held. The duty of passing upon the efficiency of such employees rests upon the Postoffice Department, and the commission has no function to perform in connection therewith."

The postmaster is not compelled to appoint his assistant from the clerks in the office, but unless he does so, it will be necessary to hold a competitive first grade examination.

There are two men in the office who would like to have this place. These are George Wood, dispatching clerk, and J. W. Watson, of the money order department. Both gentlemen have been in the office for a number of years and are thoroughly familiar with all details of the work. Friends of both are advocating their appointment and the result of this agitation may result in bringing about the result desired by them.

### May Dismiss Janitor.

T. D. Hewitt, the present assistant postmaster, has been asked to resign, but has so far taken no steps toward complying with this request. It became known yesterday that Hyman Thompson, the colored janitor, will also be requested to hand in his resignation and upon failure to do so an effort will be made to replace him.

Congressman Jno. M. Faison, who is taking an active interest in the New Bern postoffice squabble, wants to get rid of all the negroes and has investigated the record of those employed at the building and also those on the rural routes. The reports of the inspectors who have been here in the past have been to the effect that Thompson's work was not satisfactory.

The janitor has been employed at the Federal building for many years and is under the Civil Service, but if his work is found to be unsatisfactory, the fact that he is under the Civil Service will not by any means help him to hold the place. Once before Thompson thought that he would lose his position and at one hot-footed it to Washington and succeeded in bringing pressure to bear which kept him in the place. At that time, however, the Republicans were in office, and that, in a measure, accounted for his retention.

No official announcement of the proposed dismissal of the janitor has yet been made and will, in all probability not be until after the selection of the postmaster.

The more one reads of Mrs. Pankhurst the more apparent it becomes that she had a very dull time in this country.

Those Chicago hotel beds at 5 cents a night must be for the fellows who do not care where they wake up in the morning.

The White House must be a very busy place, and some people seem determined to see that the President will have no bed of roses.

## FEDERAL ACTIVITY CONCERN TO VILLA

### With His Forces Scattered Real Opportunity Faces Huerta.

### MAKE MILITARY TRAP

### Situation At Chihuahua On Account Of Expulsion Of Spaniards Critical.

Juarez, Mexico, December 16.—While rebel headquarters in Juarez today was sending urgent messages to Gen. Francisco Villa, the rebel commander at Chihuahua, telling him he was incurring the displeasure of foreign countries in his actions toward Spaniards and other foreigners and asking him to modify his attitude, General Villa himself was said to be seriously concerned over the renewal Federal activity.

Reports were that Federals were advancing toward Chihuahua from Torreon, about 200 miles south. Villa has scattered his forces by sending troops to surround the Federals at Ojinaga, on the border, while garrisoning Juarez and Chihuahua. This was said to offer the Federals an opportunity to strike at Chihuahua. Federal troops were also reported on their way from Monterey with a view of strengthening the position of the Huerta Government in the interior.

An attack on Chihuahua, which is not regarded as imminent, would cut Villa off from any base on the border. It was conceded by rebels that the first act of the Federals, should they arrive in the vicinity of Chihuahua, would be to stop all telegraph and railroad communication. Thus the Federal evacuation of Chihuahua which occurred two weeks ago and enabled Villa to enter the State Capital without a battle, would prove to be a military trap out of which the rebels would have to fight their way.

The plan which the rebel forces think the Federals possibly are trying to work out is to draw as many as possible of the rebels toward Ojinaga while Federals from the south reach Chihuahua. Others believe the Federal activity southward may be merely a preparation to check Villa's projected march on Torreon.

The situation at Chihuahua, on account of the protest of Spaniards against their expulsion from Mexico, was critical today. It was understood arrangements were made for the sending of an official inquiry from the American government to Villa through Consul Lecher. Villa is making progress with the disposal of goods which he seized from the Spaniards. All the food and clothing in the Spanish retail stores were sold for less than half price. Word came that Luis Terrazas, Jr., for whose release from prison an appeal was sent to Secretary of State Bryan already had granted loans to Villa. This took the form of checks in small denominations, aggregating \$250,000 and the checks were being used as currency.

One explanation given by General Beavides, commander at Juarez, regarding Villa's acts in Chihuahua was that Villa had been consistent to his own ideas as to what warfare was but had been without advice in regard to the rights of foreigners.

There was no fighting today at Ojinaga, where General Mercado, the Federal commander, is camped.

## STATE TREASURER PUTS BACK TAX CASES IN ATTORNEY GENERAL'S HAND.

Raleigh, Dec. 17.—State Treasurer Lacy said today that the express companies were declining to pay the \$20,000 of back taxes due the state under the recent order of the corporation commission, and that he has notified the attorney general to proceed and enforce the law.

This sum is the aggregate of amounts which for the last four or five years the express people have been deducting from their gross taxes to reimburse themselves for what they paid to the railroad companies. It represents the sum paid to the railroads for transportation.

The tax on express companies under the former revenue acts, was 2 1/2 per cent. of gross receipts. The revenue act of 1913 carried a clause authorizing the collection of unpaid back taxes for four or five years.

The corporation commission is reviewing the records of the various public service corporations, found that in rendering its statement of gross receipts each year, the Southern Express Company had deducted therefrom the amount they had been paying the railroad companies for carriage. The commission ruled that the total amount received in North Carolina, constituted the gross receipts, and ordered the company to pay the back taxes on the amounts so deducted for the several years covered by the new act. This the express company has refused to do, and the state treasurer is proceeding to use the executive machinery of the state in collection.

## TWO OFFENDERS IN THE TOILS

### Colored Fugitive From The Law Is Apprehended In One-Of County.

### SYRIAN UNDER CHARGE

### George Saad Is Accused Of Having Two Living Wives.

Some time ago Arthur Slade, colored, was placed under arrest on a charge of stealing a pair of shoes from another negro. Slade was placed under arrest and taken before Justice of the Peace H. C. Wood at Riverdale and was given a preliminary hearing. Probable cause was found and the defendant bound over to the next term of Craven county Superior Court.

The alleged offender could not give bond and a special officer started to bring him to New Bern and place him in a jail. When about four miles from his city, Slade jumped from the buggy and made his escape. Sheriff R. B. Lane has been on the lookout of the fugitive ever since and last Monday located him at Camp Pender, about ten miles from Jacksonville. Sheriff Lane wired Sheriff Henderson, of Onslow county to arrest him and this was done and he was last night brought to New Bern and placed in the county jail where he will remain until the next term of Superior Court.

Sheriff Lane was also instrumental in causing the apprehension and arrest yesterday of another offender of the law. This is George Saad, a Syrian who formerly conducted a small store in this city. Saad is said to be a bigamist. It is claimed that he has a wife living in the Old Country and also one in America. Several days ago the brother of the woman across the pond, who claims to be the legal wife of the alleged offender, came over to this country and proceeded to tell all he knew of the affair. This resulted in complicating matters and Saad decided to depart for more peaceful climes.

When he left New Bern the Syrian told friends that he was going to Norfolk. Sheriff Lane, however, decided that this was a bluff and at once wired the Sheriff at Elizabeth City to arrest him if he was at that place. Sure enough Sheriff Lane's surmise was correct and Saad was taken in custody at that place and brought back to New Bern.

At a preliminary hearing yesterday before Justice of the Peace S. R. Street the defendant gave bond in the sum of sixty dollars and was released from custody.

## NO RECOMMENDATION FOR NEW BERN POSTMASTER

### SENATOR SIMMONS HAS, SO FAR, MADE NO ANNOUNCEMENT.

The prediction that Senator F. M. Simmons would yesterday make recommendation of a postmaster for the New Bern postoffice did not materialize and it is probable that the fortunate aspirant will not be named until tomorrow.

While no one can say definitely when Senator Simmons will make this recommendation, there is every reason to believe that it will be made this week. He stated last week to a newspaper correspondent at Washington that the office would be filled this week and it is believed that such will be the case.

The suspense of waiting for the words which will prove fatal to the aspirations of three of the four candidates is telling on their friends and the public in general. Not only are the citizens of New Bern greatly interested but all over this section the people are taking an interest in the affair. The Journal last night had twenty or more telephone calls from citizens of other towns, asking if the appointment had been made and an even larger number of requests from local citizens.

Interest in the matter continues at fever heat and the action of Senator Simmons is awaited with much anticipation.

## YOUNG DRUG CLERK HAS AP-PENDICITIS.

John Crowell, one of the popular young clerks in Bradham's Pollock street drug store, has been stricken with an attack of appendicitis and is now undergoing treatment at Stewart's sanatorium. His condition is not considered critical.

## THE CHRISTMAS SOUTHERN EVANGEL IS OUT.

The December number of the Southern Evangel, the official organ of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, is just from the presses of the E. J. Land Printing Company. This magazine, which is edited by Miss Louise Herndon, is one of the most interesting religious publications in the State and enjoys a large circulation.

## Senator T.P. Gore



### THIRTY-EIGHT ARE KILLED IN MINE

Coal Dust Responder Rescued Our Library's Jaws Of Death.

### MANY OF BODIES MANGLED

Several Days Before All Bodies Can Be Recovered.

## POLICE WATCHING FOR NEW HANOVER QUARTETTE

### TWO YOUNG LADIES AND TWO YOUNG MEN DIS-APPEAR.

The New Bern authorities have been requested to be on the lookout for James Streeter and John E. Johnson, of Wilmington, and Miss Beulah Pettit and Myrtle Corbett, of Middle sound, New Hanover county, who disappeared Sunday and have not since been seen by any of their friends.

Yesterday's Wilmington Star had the following to say in regard to the disappearance of the quartette:

"Before day yesterday morning the police at headquarters were asked to assist in a search for two young couples, who seem to have disappeared from Middle Sound during Sunday while services were being held at one of the churches there. The circumstances being such as to indicate that the young people have left for other parts to conclude romantic marriages, which may have been planned on the spur of the moment or may have been in contemplation for perhaps a longer period.

"The parties are Mr. James Streeter, about 17 years old, a son of Rev. Wm. E. Streeter, No. 1121 South Ninth street; Mr. John E. Johnson, of Wilmington, between 25 and 30 years old; Miss Beulah Pettit, said to be 17 or 18 years of age, a daughter of Mr. John Pettit, and Miss Myrtle Corbett, said to be younger and a daughter of Mr. Obidiah Corbett, both the young ladies residing on Middle Sound and being cousins.

"The circumstances were reported to the police by Rev. Mr. Streeter, father of one of the young men; Mr. Pettit, father of one of the young ladies, and Mr. Luther Smith, of Middle Sound, who accompanied them to the city. Mr. Streeter had been accompanied to the sound by his son and had filled his regular appointment at the church for the morning service while the young people were left to their own devices. In the afternoon for Sunday school neither of the couples had put in an appearance, but thinking they had been detained perhaps at the home of some one of the community, no alarm was felt.

"But when they failed to appear for the night service and some one in the neighborhood heard that four young people had been seen hastening to the city in a buggy, it was at once suspected that the young folks had determined upon a romantic marriage, and very soon the 'other heads' were off in search of them. Upon returning to his home in the city, Mr. Streeter found that the horse and buggy that he returned, and a note from his son stated his intention of marrying Miss Pettit and gave an intimation that Mr. Johnson also had matrimonial intentions towards Miss Corbett, for which, however, young Streeter is said to have expressed some regret."

## MARINE-NEWS.

The gas freight boat Spray left yesterday for Vanceboro with a cargo of general merchandise.

The gas freight boat Lallie of Swansboro left yesterday for Swansboro with a cargo of general merchandise.

The freight boat Charming left yesterday for Swansboro with a cargo of general merchandise.

The two masted schooner Bertie of Witt, arrived in port yesterday loaded with oysters.

The two masted schooner Ella May arrived in port yesterday with a cargo of oysters.

The freight boat Alfonso left yesterday for Davis with a cargo of general merchandise.

The gas boat Vance of Atlantic left yesterday for Atlantic with a cargo of merchandise.

## THIRTY-EIGHT ARE KILLED IN MINE

New castle, Colo., Dec. 17.—Thirty-eight men were killed in the Vulcan mine of the Rocky Mountain Fuel Company today by an explosion of coal dust. Two miners were rescued after the underground workings had caught fire. All the victims were married, and all but six or eight were Americans.

Men in charge of the rescue work asserted tonight that it probably would be a day or two before the bodies could be recovered. Before sundown the mine had been cleared of gas and a thorough exploration of the wrecked workings was made.

Many of the bodies were mangled and burned.

Father J. P. Corrigan, of Glenwood Springs, near here, hurried to New-castle at the first news of the explosion. The priest rushed into the smothering pit among the first of the rescuers in search of dying to whom he might administer the last rites of the church. The Vulcan mine was only about a year old and was equipped with modern safety devices. It is believed the explosion was caused by an accumulation of dust in the west portion of the mine where work practically had been abandoned. Most of the dead were found in the east workings to which the explosion was communicated.

This fall the employees of the mine were called out on strike by the United Mine Workers of America, but some of them had gone back to work. The other victims of today's disaster were strike breakers.

## STREET CAR CRASHES INTO PASSENGER TRAIN

### ACCIDENT OCCURRED AT CORNER HANCOCK AND POLLOCK STREETS LAST EVENING.

A wet track and the failure of the wheels to "bite" the rails came near causing an accident which might have resulted in one or more fatalities at the corner of Pollock and Hancock streets last evening when car number 20 of the New Bern Great Street Railway Company ran into the incoming westbound passenger train. As it was, the street car was damaged to the extent of several hundred dollars. Sergeant Joseph E. Gaskill, of the New Bern police force was cut on the face with a piece of flying glass and several colored women, who were passengers on the car, were badly frightened.

Motorman Arc Jones was in charge of the car at the time and, in a statement made to a Journal reporter a few minutes after the accident, he stated that he saw the train when half a block away and put on the brakes. The wheels, he said, were locked, but slid on the rail for a distance of thirty feet or more and brought up against the side of the baggage car.

The motorman stuck to his post until within a foot or two of the train and then stepped back into the car in order to avoid the shower of glass which he knew would fall when the collision occurred. Practically the entire front of the car was demolished and the expense of making the repairs will amount to a considerable sum.

Only a few weeks ago another of the street cars was in collision with a train at that point and was badly damaged. At that time there was only one passenger on the car and he escaped without injury.

## THE LADIES UNTIHING IN THEIR R. C. S. WORK

The ladies of the Red Cross Christmas Seal sales are untiring in their efforts to interest every one in the plan of organization which they will effect on Thursday afternoon in the Elks Club rooms at 4 o'clock. There is a membership committee of work to enlist every one who will give ear to this cause, but it is impossible in the limited time, to interview every person, so we extend this urgent call to every one who is willing to help the cause. Whether you desire to become a member of the organization or not we still wish your presence at this organization meeting. Come, listen to the word of authority as spoken by some of our physicians, to the call for brotherly kindness in time of sickness as given by Rev. Mr. Kiebs, to the laymen's words as told by Messrs. T. G. Hyman, R. A. Nunn, Wm. Dunn, Jr., and others. If you have any suggestions as to the best means of carrying on the work we will appreciate them. If you know of any tubercular patients, especially steady ones, we want to know about them too. We want the voice of the people as to the advisability of engaging the services of a visiting nurse to visit the homes of tubercular patients, teaching the prevention as well as the cure of those suffering the ravages of this pest, the need of more tubercular work. Again we urge you to attend this meeting.

## Jas. Wickersham



### PROMINENT GOLDSBORO CITIZEN PASSES AWAY

### WIFE OF DECEASED FORMERLY LIVED IN THIS CITY.

Goldsboro, N. C., Dec. 17.—Mr. W. C. Munroe died at his home in this city yesterday morning at 1:30 o'clock, surrounded by his immediate family, who for days had been expecting the end. He had been in declining health for many years. His passing causes widespread sorrow, not only to this community, where his life for 30 years, has been as an open book and an inspiration to Godliness and a model in professional ethics and industry, but to the State at large, for he was widely known and universally esteemed.

Mr. Munroe was the ranking member of the Goldsboro bar in point of years and ability as well, and his conferees rendered him filial respect that was as beautiful as it was real, and their sorrow at his death was given expression, when in open court Judge Bland presiding, Judge W. S. O'B. Robinson, who at one time was co-partner of Mr. Munroe in the practice of law, feelingly announced his death and moved the adjournment of court out of respect to his memory, until Wednesday morning, and that a committee of the local bar association be appointed to draft suitable resolutions in his honor. Judge Bland feelingly approved this course and the order was so enrolled upon the minute docket of the court.

Mr. Munroe is survived by his wife who was Miss Kate Street, of New Bern; two daughters, Miss Mary Scott Monroe and Mrs. W. H. Best, of this city, and one sister, Mrs. D. H. McCarr, of Laurinburg; all of whom were at his bedside when the end came. Deceased was a devoted member of the First Presbyterian church of this city and had been one of its deacons for years.

The funeral was held from the home on East Center Street, South this morning at 11 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Peter McIntyre, of Faison, a personal friend of the deceased, and the interment was made in the family plot in Willow Dale cemetery.

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