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S MURDERED.

KOBRE UNLAWFULLY SLAIN BY UNKNOWN PARTY.

Through a Window in His Overhanging Restaurant and Street—Pistol Fired from Unknown Party—Henry Killed—Murdered Man Found Dead—Pool of Blood by Brother—Verdict of Coroner's Jury.—No Gilty Party.

Kobre, a Russian Jew, was murdered last night in the room of the M. Kobre restaurant conducted by his brother, Henry, at the corner of Third and Main streets.

Henry, a younger brother, who was the first one to see the body, was startled by a shot fired from a window in the building. Henry rushed out, and in the confusion, M. Kobre, an older brother, was shot through the chest.

The jury examined several parties this afternoon and their evidence was recorded. Nothing was revealed, however, to give the officers, at present, a clue to the guilty party or parties.

Heard Pistol Fire. The night clerk in the postoffice and one or two other citizens say they heard a pistol shot in the direction of the building where the crime was committed. No attention was paid to it. One man says he first thought it was a torpedo. One of the clerks thinks the time was about 10:45 o'clock.

AT THE RE-UNION.

Earnest Talks by Deacons and Very Fine Music.—Building Committee Appointed Looking to Erection of a New House of Worship for Burkhead Congregation.—New Pastor at North Thomasville.

From Daily, Jan. 18. The reunion at First Baptist church last night was quite a success and the occasion was all that could be desired.

The evening's program consisted of short, earnest talks by the deacons and very fine music. The solo by Mrs. T. S. Sprinkle and the quartette by Mr. and Mrs. Crist, Mrs. Sprinkle and Mr. Jasper Dean, were exceptionally good.

Dr. W. J. Conrad presided over the meeting. In the addresses Mr. T. S. Sprinkle spoke on the work of the Sunday school. Mr. Fred N. Day discussed "The Duties We Owe to the Church," while Dr. J. Conrad Watkins spoke on the church's financial situation.

At the first quarterly conference for Burkhead M. E. church, held last night, a building committee was elected and authorized to proceed with the work looking to the erection of a handsome brick church. The committee is composed of the following named members: R. E. Carmichael, J. W. Carter, J. O. Hipp, R. W. Hedgecock and R. F. Piles. The first duty to be performed is the selection of a site. This committee will meet next week to organize and proceed with the work assigned it.

The conference also elected Mr. J. W. Carter a member of the board of stewards.

New Pastor Appointed.

Rev. J. R. Scroggs, Presiding Elder of the Winston district, went to Thomasville today. He has appointed Rev. M. D. Hicks, until recently a member of the North Carolina Methodist Episcopal Conference, pastor of the North Thomasville church to succeed Rev. R. P. Eubanks, who recently resigned, having decided to rejoin the Episcopal church from which he was received into the Methodist conference at Charlotte in 1904. Rev. Mr. Hicks, who has the reputation of being a strong preacher and a popular pastor, will enter upon his work at once.

From Dr. Scroggs it was also learned that the Methodists of Thomasville are arranging to build a \$10,000 church. Rev. T. W. Watts is pastor of this charge.

300 KILLED OR DROWNED.

So Says Report from Rio Janiero, Brazil, Concerning Crew of Brazilian Warships.

RIO JANEIRO, Jan. 22.—The Brazilian warship Aquidaban is reported as sunk off the coast near here after an explosion. It is reported that 300 of the crew were killed or drowned.

Watch But No Money.

Everybody is well pleased who sells with John Simpson at Brown's Warehouse.

MUCH ACTIVITY.

ENGLAND, FRANCE AND GERMANY ARE STRENGTHENING NAVAL STATIONS.

Strong Naval Bases Are Being Prepared in New Places, Evident Intention of These Three Powers Being to Prepare for Any Emergencies That May Arise.—European Criticism of American Naval Tactics.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—There is a similar movement on the part of the principal European naval powers to greatly strengthen their naval bases. The subject seems to have become important to at least three of the powers at the same time and preparations are being made to expend large sums in strengthening of the important ports.

England has decided to strengthen her position in the Orient. A new naval base will be established at Singapore, Straits Settlement and another at Labera, an English island near Hornsea, Germany is making a material addition to the naval yards at Wilhelmshaven and Kiel. The next French budget will contain an appropriation of fifteen million to be used in extending the naval arsenals at Brest and Toulon.

European naval authorities criticize the apparent lack of appreciation by the Washington government of the importance of maintaining naval stations to their maximum strength. The lack of single first class naval depot of the United States on the Pacific coast has caused comment to be made that America's new warships will be like birds with wings clipped unless additional naval arsenals are provided in the future.

JUNIOR ORPHANS' HOME.

Opposition to Its Establishment Expected at Meeting of State Council.

The state council, Junior Order United American Mechanics, will hold its annual meeting in Salisbury February 20. One of the most important matters to be acted upon at the coming session is the question of establishing a state orphan's home. A committee was appointed last year on the subject and Mr. W. J. Bellamy, Jr., of Wilmington, is taking the lead in championing the orphanage. A Raleigh paper states that the Capital City council, at its last meeting, adopted strong resolutions opposing building an orphanage on the grounds that the dues would have to be increased, that the order does not need such an institution, and third that the education of orphans in this State may well be entrusted to the Oxford Orphanage and the orphanages of the religious denominations.

NORTH CAROLINA NEWSPAPERS.

Some Interesting Statistics Contained in Report of Commissioner of Labor H. B. Varner.

RALEIGH, Jan. 18.—A report of Commissioner of Labor H. B. Varner on North Carolina newspapers issued today shows that there are ten morning dailies with 49,878 circulation against 9.9 four years ago with 26,275 circulation; twenty afternoon papers with 28,754 circulation against twenty-one with 22,785 four years ago; 174 weeklies with 297,057 circulation against 198 with 263,835 circulation four years ago; 19 semi-weeklies with 35,530 circulation against the same number with 27,480 circulation. The total number of papers published is 289 with 754,516 combined circulation as compared with 320 four years ago, with 612,320 combined circulation.

BOSTON MERCHANTS' BANQUET.

Governor Folk, of Missouri, and Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte Will Speak Tonight.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 20.—The annual banquet of the Boston Merchants' Association, which will be held this evening, promises to be of more than ordinary interest, owing to the fact that Secretary of the Navy Bonaparte and Governor Folk, of Missouri, will be the principal guests of honor on that occasion. Both are on the program with addresses and much interest is manifested concerning the nature of the remarks.

Naval Academy Court Martial.

ANNAPOLIS, Jan. 19.—The case of Chester A. Bloebaum, on trial before a court martial for hazarding six midshipmen of the fourth class at the Naval Academy, was submitted to court this morning. The court reached a verdict in less than five minutes. It is believed they found Bloebaum guilty. Their verdict will be sent to the secretary of the navy.

Hoping for Clemency.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 20.—Recent events have caused something like a panic among the midshipmen at the Naval Academy, who have reason to fear to be disciplined for violating the rule against hazarding. Several have already been dismissed from the Academy. It is said that an effort has been made to intercede in behalf of the guilty midshipmen and to induce the President to treat the offenders with clemency.

Sell with John Simpson at Brown's Warehouse.

He will give you a sale personal attention.

PITTSBURG FIRE.

MARKET HOUSE BURNED TODAY, LOSS BEING \$125,000.

This Building, Which Had City Hall on Second Floor, Was Erected in 1852, Money Being Raised by Popular Subscription.—Was Scene of Several Notable Events.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 20.—Fire early this morning destroyed the Diamond market house on Market street, containing the historic old city hall and damaged the surrounding business houses. The fire started from a lighted cigar thrown into a stand outside the market. The flames spread with great rapidity and when the firemen arrived the flames had crossed the street and ignited stores on Market and Diamond street. The entire downtown fire department was called into service. The fire in the market house could not be subdued, however, and the structure, with its contents, were destroyed. The flames were not under control for two hours. The market house was built in 1852 by popular subscription and the city hall, on the second floor, housed many important conventions. It was here that Jenny Lind held forth for many nights and where John Fremont was nominated.

The fire loss is about \$125,000.

ARE SENTENCED.

Jury Returned Verdict This Morning in Murder Trial of Men Arrested on Charge of Killing Man in Depot at Raleigh During State Fair.—Clark Acquitted of Murder Charge But Gets Term on Roads for Other Offenses.

RALEIGH, Jan. 18.—The jury in the case of R. H. Lilliston and Harry Clark charged with murder of Chas. Smith, was out all night, unable to agree on a verdict, having had the case since 5 o'clock. By order of the judge they were escorted to quarters in Yarrowburgh hotel, at 11 o'clock for the night. It is understood that they stand eleven for acquittal and one for conviction, the difficulty about conviction being the impossibility of deciding which, if either, fired the fatal shot.

Later, the jury after being out all night rendered a verdict this morning, finding R. H. Lilliston guilty of murder in the second degree for killing Chas. G. Clark, of Petersburg, on Friday of the State fair week in the union depot. Harry Clark, alias Morris, who was tried at the same time, was acquitted, but entered a plea of guilty in another case for carrying a concealed weapon and assault with a deadly weapon in the same fatal affray, and was sentenced to eighteen months on the Wake county roads. Judge Wadd sentenced Lilliston to fourteen years in the penitentiary. An appeal was taken by Lilliston's counsel to the supreme court and his bond fixed at \$15,000, which it is understood he will give through his friends in New York and elsewhere.

RUSSELL PAGE LOSES A PENNY.

Drops It Buying a Newspaper and Hunts It for Five Minutes.

New York correspondence Philadelphia Record. An elderly man approached the newspaper stand of Arthur Hotelling, at Thirtieth street and Broadway, early Wednesday morning and picked up a daily newspaper. He handed Hotelling a nickel. When the youngster gave him the paper and four pennies in change a penny fell to the sidewalk.

The old man bent to look for it. He searched for five minutes, while an interested crowd watched him. Then he gave it up and walked away. "That was Russell Sage," said a bystander.

NEGRO ADMITS THEFT.

Confesses to Being One of the Parties That Broke Into Elmore, N. C., Postoffice.

RALEIGH, Jan. 22.—Early this morning James Johnson, a negro tramp, was arrested by a Raleigh policeman for being asleep in a box car on the Southern freight yards and when he was searched at the police station a postoffice cancellation and date stamp of Elmore, Scotland county, was found in his pocket, together with a quantity of postage stamps.

Elmore postoffice was broken into and robbed last Thursday night and the negro confesses to having had a hand in it and implicates a "pal" whom he says was with him and is now somewhere about Raleigh.

Thrown from Buggy.

Dr. John W. Petty, veterinary surgeon, who resided in this city for several years before his removal to Greensboro two years ago, was out driving in the latter city Friday with his wife and baby when his horse became frightened and ran away, throwing the occupants of the buggy out. The News says: On examination it was found that no one was injured though all were picked up rather badly shaken up, and the baby's face was skinned in two or three places.

Sell your tobacco at Brown's Warehouse and get the highest market price.

Only Two Witnesses Had Been Examined Up to Three O'clock This Afternoon.—These Were Asked to Identify the Handwriting of the Defendant.—Wednesday's Proceedings.

GREENSBORO, Jan. 18.—The G. W. Samuels trial in the federal court, dragging along slowly. Only two witnesses were examined today for the government. Mr. W. E. Allen, secretary and treasurer of the Greensboro Loan and Trust Co., was on the stand all the morning, he being asked to testify as an expert in regard to Samuels' signature on checks which passed through the Trust Company's bank.

At the reopening of court this afternoon Deputy Collector A. P. Grice was called on the stand to testify in regard to the handwriting of the defendant. The proceedings are uninteresting and few visitors were seen in court room today. Those who called did not tarry long.

Yesterdays Session.

Many witnesses were examined in the case against ex-Deputy Collector Samuels yesterday in the federal court here. The government beyond eliciting from witnesses that Samuels' reputation as an officer was bad asked but few questions except those tending to show that the officer and James Combs, a distiller now indicted as a co-conspirator in fraud and who has absconded, were intimate companions and associates.

But defendant's counsel gave long cross examinations, extracting from each witness the fact that there existed among rival factions of the Republican party in Wilkes county a bitter feud between those siding with Congressman Blackburn, and those opposed to him. It was brought out that at the Wilkesboro congressional convention in March, 1904, when Blackburn was nominated for Congress after a terribly excited contest, Samuel and other revenue officers now indicted were his supporters, while prominent witnesses for the prosecution in these cases belonged to another faction which fought the candidate even to the election. It was also claimed that another class of witnesses for the government were old blockaders who had been formerly convicted in the federal court on the testimony of officer Samuels, who had caught them, destroyed their stills and testified against them at court.

Connected with the political feud was the effort on the part of the defense to show that all reports as to Samuels' bad reputation began soon after that convention, and prior to that he bore a splendid character.

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TOOK A RECESS

Their Evidence Related to the Operation of the McEwen Distillery, Near Wilkesboro Which the District Attorney Is Trying to Establish Was Notorious.—Friday's Evidence.

GREENSBORO, Jan. 20.—There were only three witnesses examined in the Samuels case on trial in the federal court, their testimony being in reference to the operation of the McEwen illicit distillery near Wilkesboro, which District Attorney Holton is endeavoring to establish was notorious. Nothing sensational developed. Court took a recess until Monday morning. The government's evidence will not be concluded before Wednesday and the trial of Samuels will last at least two weeks longer.

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Many witnesses testified to good character, as others who had testified for prosecution, but that Samuels' reputation as an officer was bad. Mr. Watson, for the defense, tried to show by all these that the bad name which had been given revenue officers in Wilkes, included only those who belonged to the Blackburn faction in the political feud among Republicans over offices. Many dated the time of first hearing complaints against officers as soon after the Wilkesboro convention in March, 1904, when Blackburn, after a big convention row, was nominated for Congress.

A BIG TRANSACTION.

Several New York Factories Leased, This Lease Involving Aggregate Rental of More Than \$3,000,000.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Papers were exchanged today in the biggest single transaction in factory property ever closed in this city. Through the agency of Easton & Co., real estate brokers, the Higgins Carpet Factory property was leased to a client for ninety-nine years. The lease involves an aggregate rental of more than \$3,000,000. The property is owned by Eugene Higgins and comprises twenty-four factory buildings, occupying all but four lots of the entire block bounded by West Forty-third and Forty-fourth streets and Eleventh and Twelfth avenues. The buildings have a floor capacity of more than 400,000 square feet. Easton & Co. have already sublet more than 100,000 square feet of this space for the new lessees. Until a year ago the property was occupied by the Hartford Carpet Corporation.

Scranton Mayorality Contest.

SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 18.—The Republican primaries for mayor are being held here today and there will be a lively contest for the nomination for mayor. The number of candidates is unusually large and the candidates are, as a rule, men of high standing. J. Benjamin Dimmick represents the reform element, although the Municipal League, through its head, E. B. Sturgis, disclaims the assertion that Mr. Dimmick is the candidate of any faction. He has not been connected with politics except as a member of the school board. He is one of the officers of the Alliance Franchise and is an accomplished French scholar. Another candidate is Mark K. Edgar, director of public safety under the present administration. He is a young man of ability and has been successful in his present position. Banton J. Jayne, director of public works, and one of the leading members of the Board of Control, is also a candidate as is F. L. Wormser, ex-Director of Public Safety.

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Capt. S. G. Pace was elected chancellor commander of the new lodge, which has a charter membership of twenty-six.

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