Was the Davie County School Teacher Marshal Ney?

Weston, for many years rector of the Episcopal church at Hickory, N. brings to mind his unique work, "iffs | toric Doubts as to the Execution of Marshal Ney." While the book did not have a wide circulation it was read with interest by many and at the time of his death Mr. Weston was prepar-

ing to get out a second edition as sev eral important facts had been unearthed by him after the publication of the While by historians Mr. Weston's claims that 'Airshal Ney was not ex-

ecuted but escaped and lived for many years in North Carolina under the be admitted, upon reading the book strong evidence that such was the case, and that the former Davie coun-

ent service in his behalf. After the taking of Paris Ney urgod Napoleon to the new regime. On Napoleon's return from Elba, Ney, after assuring the king of his loyalty, was sent to check the advance of his old commander. Repugnant as this duty was he can I do?" he exciaimed to his gen-erals, "It is impossible for me to stop he exclaimed to his genthe waters of the ocean with the palm of North and South Carolina. At last, feeling that further opposition was useless he is-

condemned to death for high treason.

Accounts differ slightly as to the well I must go back to France to my exact time and place of execution, but wife and children."
the one commonly accepted is that if "Arshul Ney played on the flute. Accompanying Ney to the place Europe. carriage and marched without hesita-bracing the priest, slighted from the country.

Marshal Ney was noted for his fine pierced by ten bullets." The law required that the body should lie exposed at the place of execution for lifeen minutes. It was afterwards removed to a hospital where it was watched over by nuns all night. The next morning it was taken to the remetery of Pera in Chaise and buried sithout ceremony, none of Ney's near relatives being present. So runs the commonly accepted region of the fluently.

A comparison of the hand-writing of the two men only gives added weight to the testimony that Marshal Ney

hardly seems probable it is not entirely beyond the bounds of possibility. Several things in connection with
the execution seem to indicate that
fine was something more than appeared on the surface. So little known and those who aided in his escape
was the fact that the execution would would be punished for it.

In reaching his thorough knowledge. side of those in charge of the execu-tion except a few idle passers-bi-some of whom even asked who the criminal was. It hardly seems likely that so been intimately associated with the toxed a character as Marshal Ney would have been executed in this way if there had not been a reason for it if there had not been a reason for it. The retired place of execution, the The relired place of execution to the great commander or any areas soldiers belonging to Ney's old command and being allowed to load their ber of his family in his presence.

In the year 1821 he was seated in a chard room when one of the stotas customary, all seem to point con- depts brought him a bundle of news Susjively to the fact of the execution papers, one containing an account of bulg such in name only. Instead of Napoleon's death which had occurred the body lying exposed at the place of some weeks before. As soon as he saw secution for afficen a inutes, a promethia he fell fainting to the floor. On

The recent death of Rev. James A. few spectators declared that it was eston, for many years rector of the nor more than three minutes after fell until the body was taken An Englishman living in this country states that his grandfather, who fought at Waterloo, was one of the soldiers sent to represent the Eng lish army at the execution of Marshal Ney. He was often heard to say, and also recorded it as a fact in his diary,

that Ney was not really executed.

An old soldler of France who desertd from the army and came to this country, stated to a newspaper report-er that in January, 1816, he shipped as a sailor on a vessel from Bordeaux to Charleston, S. C. He noticed one day of Peter Stuart Ney will never on deck a passenger whose face seem ed familiar but whose name he could one is bound to admit that there is not recall. Suddenly one day it flashed upon him that it was his old com-mander. Walking up to him he admander. Watking up to him he addressed him as Marshal Ney. "You are mis aken." was the reply. "Marshal Ney, it will be remembered, after a series of brillant military exploits, was made a marshal by Napoleon, and in this capacity rendered most effect the remainder of the voyage.

P. S. Ney once told a friend that her the

P. S. Ney once told a friend that he was recognized on the voyage to Amabdicate, and he himself submitted to erica by one of his former soldiers,

der. Repugnant as this duty was he could not refuse and so proceeded at once to join his command. Every city and village through which he passed, he found espousing Napoleon's country preparing himself for teach-cause, and he felt that the cause of ling, which he had chosen for his vocations of the cause of ling. the Bourbons was lost. Vainly en-deavoring to stifle his overpowering rumors of his escape which were cur-affection for his old commander, and striving to remain true to the Bour-bons to whom he had sworn allegiance 's position was unbearable, "What mediately and after this spent the re-I do?" he exclaimed to his gen mainder of his life teaching in small towns and villages in different parts

The physical resemblance between Marshal Ney and P. S. Ney was said tued to his men a proclamation, and by those who had seen both men to the whole command passed over to be perfect. Marshal Ney was about the side of Napoleon.

From that time on it seemed that by his unparalleled devotion to Napoleon's cause Ney tried to atone for his former desertion of it. At Waters his former desertion of it, he had been supported by smallpox. Men and women still living who knew P. S. Ney intimately structured by the histogram of the head of the living who knew P. S. Ney intimately structured by the living who knew P. S. Ney intimately loo he led the charge of the Imperial say that this description applies to Guard, a foriort hope, though up to him in every particular. Not only in appearance but in character, tastes, the course of a few minutes he had habits and temperament the two men five horses shot from under him, after were alike. Marshal Ney had a strongwhich with drawn sword he led his men on foot. After the capitulation During the military campaigns in of Paris, Ney, yielding to the entreat which he was engaged he exposed of his wife and friends, fled to himself fearlessly to extremes of heat Switzerland but was arrested and tak- and cold with no ill result. He ate en to Paris. Here he was tried and sparingly and slept very little. P. S. Nev seemed almost impervious friends brought every influence heat and cold, ate little, and slept but possible to bear upon the king in or four or five hours out of the twenty-der that he might be induced to four. Marshal Ney was considered a change the sentence of the court to model son, hasband and father. P. S. exile to America. This Louis positive by refused to do and history states that Ney was shot on December 7, does and in his last liness declared, "I can't stand it any longer. If i get

Purshal Ney played on the flute. occurred about nine in the morning and possessed some talent as an artist at the back of the Luxembourg Gar- and was one of the finest fencers in P. S. Ney was a flute player. of execution were three officers and drew and painted well and was never a Roman Catholic priest. When the beaten at fencing when he met some

bracing the priest, angated from the country.

Marshal Ney was noted for his fine the could be induced to open his school horsemanship. P. S. Ney presented a again and from that time all who line appearance on horseback and knew him said that he was a changed the words, "Are you ignorant that for spirited animals. On one occasion he twenty-five years I have been accustomed to face bullets? I protest become military maneuvers in fore God and my occurry." Then turn to the product of the country. There is something in the form of the President's unextoored accompanied two of his students to return to his native land, and was heard to remark. "I expect to live and die in this part of the country. There is something in my deek that will be solded district attentions of the product of the form of the President's unextoored accompanied two of his students to die in this part of the country. There is something in my deek that will be solded district attentions of the product of the form of the President's unextoored accompanied two of his students to return to his native land, and was heard to remark. "I expect to live and die in this part of the country. There is not the president in the form of the President's unextoored accompanied two of his students to return to his native land, and was heard to remark. "I expect to live and die in this part of the country. There is not the president in the form of the President's unextoored accompanied two of his students to return to his native land, and was heard to remark. "I expect to live and the form of the President's unextoored accompanied two of his students to return to his native land, and was heard to remark. "I expect to live and the form of age his eyes, but was stopped with rode with ease and grace the most man. He never again spoke of hoping the words, "Are you ignorant that for spirited animals. On one occasion he fore God and my ocuntry." Then turning to the soldiers he said, "My brave
the field he attracted much attention
and some foreigners present expressmay breast, fire. See that you take
sure aim at the heart." A moment later, taking off his hat, he gave the command in a firm voice. "Soldiers, his room at the hotel the rest of the

Columbia, S. C. When he rode into
is something in my desk that will astonish the world." He referred to a
manuscript written in short hand and
asked that when he was gone it be
translated and published. After his
leath a member of some historical
society obtained possession of the

TO AID JAPS. comrade, when I place my hand upon and some foreigners present expressions because in the heart. A moment latter, taking off his hat, he gave the command in a firm voice, "Soldiers, straight at the heart, fire!" Instantly day and insisted on leaving early the pays and Ney leave the report of the guns and Ney leave the command the report of the guns and Ney leave the command the report of the guns and some foreigners present expressions an mand in a firm voice, "Soldiers, his room at the hotel the rest of the straight at the heart, fire!" Instantly came the report of the guns and Ney could remain for several plant that they would remain for several afterward and all efforts to trace the fell, one historian says "his heart plan that they would remain for sev-plerced by ten bullets." The law re- cral days.

After the execution it was whispered that Wellington had contrived a way of escape for Ney, and P. S. Ney were one and the same man. Samples of the handwriting of both men submitted to an expert acustoble way of escape for Ney, and P. S. Ney were one and the same man. Samples of the handwriting of both men submitted to an expert acustoble were written by the same hand. P. S. Ney's life in this country was above reproach. He was strictly honorable in all things and he seemed to inspire his pupils and in fact all who knew him intimately with the structed to aim high, the balls would base over him. After the mock execustructed to aim high, the balls would sincerest devotion and loyally to him. hass over him. After the mock execute the had one vice. He occasionally tion was over he was taken to a host drank to excess. When in this compital where a disguise was in readi-dition he would openly declare that ness. That night he was taken to Borhe was Marshal Ney, would talk of deaux, from which port he sailed, Napolcon and describe the battles in hading in Charleston, S. S., in Jan-which he had engaged. When sober mary, 1816. While of course this story be never discussed his identity except had the same probable it is not en with a few trusted friends. To these

ur at the time and place it did that; in teaching his thorough knowledge e was no witnesses present out of Napoleon's military operations, his of those in charge of the execu-plans, character, habits, etc., prove

suffer no criticism made or word of

being revived he dismissed his school and retired to his room where he re-mained the rest of the day. The next morning he was found with his throat cut. The blade of the knife having broken on in the wound saved his life. When remonstrated with by a tor this attempt at suicide he "With the death of Napoleon my tail hope is gone

Many incidents related by different individuals who knew P. S. Ney inti-nately go to prove that he must have been the great French marshal.

He was once boarding in the house

of a pupil who relates the following incident: One evening about duck a stranger rode up and asked to be ac ommodated with a night's lodging. His request was granted and he was seated directly opposite Mr. Ney. There was an involuntary glance of recognition between them, but neither spoke. After the meal was over both Ney and the stranger disappeared and were not seen by the family that night. A servant the next nigra-ing reported that about midnight in passing through a field near the house he had seen the two men beside a straw stack talking in a language he could not understand. The stranger left the next morning, and Mr. No. never alluded to the affair afterward.

One one occasion, hearing that Mr. Ney was intoxicated, the gentleman with whom he boarded sent a negro man with a horse to bring him home. One of his students accompanied the servant and finding his master sicep-ing beside the road tried or awaken him. Failing to do this the two at tempted to lift him ot his horse. This partially aroused him, and he angrily exclaimed, "What! put the Dake of Elchingen (a title belonging to Marand Ney) on a horse like a sack! Let me down."

He once attended a political meetng at Statesville at which there van a large concourse of people. He was seen here by a man who had served under Marshal Ney. The old soldier uttered an exclamation of surprise but Ney immediately gave him a sign to be silent. Soon the two went off together and after a long conversation. lbis man afterward said that he knew Marshal Ney as well as he knew Lis own father and he declared solemaly that P. S. Ney was no one else. other foreigner in the crowd on the same occasion, when he saw Ney, exclaimed excitedly, "Yonder is Marshal Ney! They told me he was shot, but he was not. Yonder he is." He then added, "I know him for I fought under him off and on for five or six years in Napoleon's wars."

A German in search of a situation was boarding. He said he had been reared in a part of the country with which Marshal Ney was quite familiar. In conversation with Mr. Nev he questioned him about families and occurrences which though not generally known would be known to Marshal Ney. Being convinced by th ereplies to his questions that he must be indeed addressing the famous marshal he asked if this was not so. Upon this Mr. Ney immediately left the room

stranger's stay.

Mr. Ney once said to a friend, "Young Napoleon will soon be of age. The French people will put him on the throne and I shall go back to rance and have rank and position."
On hearing of young Napoleon's death On hearing of young Napoleon's death he exclaimed, "With him dies all hope of my ever going back to France and again seeing wife, children, home and friends." He spent the night in looking over papers, burning manuscripts, etc., and seemed so restless name excited that his friends watched. papers have been fruitless. thought by some that news of the ex-istence of this manuscript having reached persons in France who con-nived at Marshal Ney's escape, means

The dying man, raising himself on fering. his elbow, and looking his questioner in a

Many of the most intelligent men of he section of country in which P. S. Ney lived have expressed themselves varshal Ney, while in the minds of others there will be a suspicion that WANTED—Men in each state to travwas an impositor.

And That Was Almost Gone.

'Hold on, madam.

"They ain't nothin' to hold on to but by breath, mister."

If your wife had it to do over again Brown's Warehouse,

DAYS NUMBERED

REPORTED MESSAGE SENT TO MR. HOLTON BY THE PRESIDENT.

Has the District Attorney Been Requested to Dispose of His Docket as Early as Possible?-Generally Believed That State Chairman Rol lins is Slated for District Attorney.

"Yes, the impression prevails among he Republicans in Greensboro that District Attorney Holton's days in office are numbered," said a politician who came in from that town this morning.

"I got it from a reliable source that Holton received a telegram from President Roosevelt one night this week, requesting the district attorney to clean up his docket as quickly as practicable." Continuing this politic-ian said that "there was plenty of evicence to indicate that Chairman Rol lins and Congressman Blackburn had made a deal, by which the son-inof Judge Pritchard was to be district attorney and that Spencer should have a say in naming men for office outside of his own district,

The politician's theory may be true but specials from Washington to the morning papers indicate that Rollins and Blackburn have not adjusted all of their differences. Tom Pence wires the Raleigh News and Observer:

Republican State Chairman Rollins was heard with regard to the appointment of Blackburnites as postmasters at Greensboro and Goldsboro. He sent a telegram to Senator Simmons, dated Atheville, requesting that he hold up the nominations of Frazier and Grani until he could be heard in person. The elegram reached Senator Simmons before he had arisen, and he promptly complied with the request of the Republican leader on his arrival at the

fight. This view was not entirely accepted. There were those who expressed the belief that this telegram the Methodist church, was sent to square Rollins with his following. Having made a deal with Blackburn, they declared that it was antural that he should endeavor to conceal the fact.

It is very generally accepted now that the appointments of Frazier and Grant are the result of a deal. Blackburn was the party of the first part. Opinion divides as to who was the Mr. Ney immediately left the room agnosed. If the deal was with Roi-and did not appear again during the lins, the appointment of District Attorney Holton's successor will disclose the fact.

If the bargain was entered into by Theodore Roosevelt, then Blackburn's vote for statehood was the considera-tion, and other appointments favora-

suicide. It was several days before Douglas, left last night for Washinghe could be induced to open his school ton with the evident intention retrieving the defect that had come

TO AID JAPS.

People Are Starving.

ment has been started to appeal to the American public for contributions of sentatives of the Western cattle trade buring Mr. Ney's last illness he was fellirious at times and in his delirium would rave of France, and Napoleon.

American public for contributions of foodstuffs and money to relieve the distress in the famine stricken northern would rave of France, and Napoleon.

Information received at the Japanese embassy here the northern provinces and would issue commands to Fezeliand, who was Marshal Ney's trusted adde. Tis last words were "Bessierre famine which only the quickest relief will be able to check. According Now let me die." Marshal Bessieres to the information obtained the rice had been killed while riding at Marcrop this year has been about 15 perchal New's side and his sudden and company of the average eron and that the embassy here the northern provinces shal Ney's side and his sudden and cent of the average crop and that the famine is causing particular suffering famine is causing particular suffering silen upon his companion. During his in the three northern provinces of Fuster attional moments his physician kushian, Miyaki and Iwate, which and a friend being alone with him, the have together a population of about ormer said. "Mr. Ney, it pains me two million, seven hundred thousand. Sceply to tell you that you have not many of the people are engaged in the long to live and we would like to silk trade and the failure of the silk hear from your own lips who you are." output has augmented the general suf-

In answer to an inquiry made by firmly in the eye, answered, "I am persons in this country whether any Marshal Ney of France." He was help from a foreign country would be puried in a little country church yard accepted, the Japanese government n Rowan county.

Sectle the question of P. S. Ney's idencharge d'affaires in this city, saying ity it was decided to exhume the that the government investigation in-The physicians present, however, reported the bones to be in such a state of decay that it could not be determined the government is to establish the decay that it could not be determined to the government is to establish of the government is to establish reparated or not. With this failure he last hope of positively identifying the last hope of positively identifying money promise countries.

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DEATH OF MRS. MARY REID.

Mother of Mrs. O. J. Shepperd, of Waughtown, Dies at Wentworth.

Mrs. Mary F. Reld died Wednesday night, January 24, at her home in Wentworth, Rockingham county. De-ceased had been ill for about two years and her death had been expected for a long time. Mrs. Reld was about 58 years of age and was well known in this section. She was the This message from Mr. Rollins was widow of the late ex-Congressman construed to mean that he was "not in" on the two White House appointments that caused all the commotion and Dr. James S. Irvine. She is suramong Tar Heel Republicans and that vived by two daughters, Mrs. O. J. he will manifest his disapproval by a Shepperd, of Waughtown, and Mrs. R. services were conducted today from the Methodist church, of which the deceased was a member.

HONOR BERNHARDT.

Harvard Students Present Her With a Gold Medal.

Jan. 26.-Seventy-five BOSTON. students of Harvard University, members of the Circle Francais de l'Uniparty of the second part. Some say resite will attend the performance Rollins, and some say Theodore of "Phedre" at the Boston Theatre to-next few days will clarify the situation, so that it can be intelligently distinct the performance they will present Mme. Sarah Bernhardt tion, so that it can be intelligently distinct the performance they will present Mme. Sarah Bernhardt tion, so that it can be intelligently distinct the performance they next few days will clarify the situation, so that it can be intelligently distinct the performance of "Phedre" at the performance they next few days will clarify the situation. has heretofore only been bestowed upon men of eminence. No woman in the world possesses one and the dis-tinctive honor for Mme. Bernhardt is in recognition of her great service to French art and history.
Originally it was intended to have

Ine, Bernhardt as a guest of honor at a matinge performance of Moliere's "L' Amour Medecin" at Jordan Hall on January 18, but the plan was aban doned as there is a rule in Harvard that no matinee entertainments shall be given during the school year. Similar medals have been conferred only upon eight persons, Rene Doumlo, Ed-ouard Rod, Henri de Regnier, Gaston Deschamps, Constance Coquelin, Hen-ri Leroux, F. Brunetiere of the French Academy and Rene Millet.

STEPHENS BILL DISCUSSED.

Some Opposition to This Measure Has Developed.

WASHINGTON, House Committee on Interstate and oreign Commerce began the hearing of arguments for and against the Ste-phens Bill today, which is for the ex-tension of from twenty-eight to forty Movement Started to Send Assistance to Japan Where Many Thousands of to remain in cars. Representatives of a number of humane societies appear-WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.-A move- to the bill while a number of repreed before the committee in opposition engly favored the adoption of the bill.

BIG CONCER

INCORPORATION OF BROWN & LIAMSON TOBACCO COMPANY.

Concern Has Paid-In Capital of S 000 And Authorized Capital of Million Dollars .- Takes Over iness of Brown And Williamson Will Largely Increase Its Buil Letters of incorporation have

sent to the secretary of state at eigh, incorporating the firm of Re and Williamson under the name Brown and Williamson Tobacca (which company will take the business of Brown and Wi son, tobacco manufacturers of

The incorporators are Gea. Brown, Robert L. Williamson Walter R. Leak, of the city of ston-Salem, N. C.

Brown and Williamson began iness here twelve years ago in a small way. By close attention to iness and hard work the business continued to grow from year is until today they are the larges pendent tobacco manufacturers in United States, making a complete of plug and twist tobaccos.

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The entire business goes into company, which guarantees the ferred stock, both as to divided principal. Dividends will be can tive and payable semi-annually. 1 and July 1 of each year. Sub tion books are now open at the of Brown and Williamson, this city

Heard-On Collision on the Seabs

RALEIGH, Jan. 30.-Meager mation was received here today head-on collision between Hamlet Columbia of the Seaboard Air I fast passenger train No. 66, 1 bound, and a southbound local free The engineers, firemen and cond

tors of Both trains were killed, il the express messenger and bags master on the passenger train.

eral passengers were injured.

The passenger train was in that
of Engineer John Robinson, of
eigh, and Conductor Whitehurs.



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