

WOUNDED NEGRO HAS FAIR CHANCE

Mystery Surrounds Shooting of Luther Haynes Saturday Night Late

Considerable mystery surrounds the shooting of Luther Haynes, colored, about 24 years of age, who is now at the James Walker Memorial Hospital with a bullet in his right lung and with only a fair chance of recovery. Haynes was shot at Saturday night about 1 o'clock in a house at Second and Brunswick streets as a result of a row in which several negroes took part.

An emergency call was received at the hospital between 12 and 1 o'clock Sunday morning, requesting that the ambulance be sent to Second and Brunswick streets to get a wounded man. Haynes was taken to the institution and yesterday had a hard battle for his life. It was stated this morning that if pneumonia did not set in he had a fair chance of recovery.

Haynes stated to a doctor at the hospital this morning that he was shot by a negro named George as a result of an argument. He stated, however, that he did not believe that the negro with the pistol intended to hit him. He made no statement as to how the argument started or what it was about.

The police know nothing practically about the shooting. A negro appeared at the station last night and had a warrant sworn out against one George Herring, colored, whom he claimed shot Haynes. The negro stated that Herring often loitered around Mr. Walter Boesch's clothing store, corner Fourth and Brunswick streets.

"MOVIE" MEN TO N. C. CONVENTION

President P. W. Wells and Others Will Leave for Charlotte Tomorrow

Mr. Percy W. Wells, president of the North Carolina Motion Picture Exhibitors' League, with Mr. B. H. Stephens, architects, who specialize on theatre buildings; Mr. Marx S. Nathan, proprietor of the Great Atlantic Feature Film Exchange, and Mr. D. M. Bain, publicity agent for the Howard & Wells Amusement Company, all of this city, will leave tomorrow morning for Charlotte to attend the semi-annual convention of the Exhibitors' League to be held there Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

The Charlotte committee has been busy for several days making arrangements for the entertainment of the large number of exhibitors that will be present from all parts of the State. A most interesting program has been arranged. There will also be in attendance many exhibitors from South Carolina.

Besides the many representatives of the largest film-producing companies and the exchange houses, there will be several notable screen stars in attendance. Among them will be Miss Rose Tapley, of the Vitagraph Company; Miss Mabel Trunelle, of the Edison Company; Herbert Pryor, of the Kleine-Edison Company, and Maurice Costello, of the Erborough Company.

TRAINMEN'S SERVICE.

Dr. Hurt Spoke to Half Hundred Yesterday Morning.

More than fifty trainmen, including engineers, conductors, firemen, brakemen and flagmen, were in attendance at the First Baptist church yesterday morning, for the annual sermon for the local division, Order Railway Conductors, conducted by Rev. J. J. Hurt, D. D., pastor of the church.

Dr. Hurt took as his text, "So Run That Ye May Win," from I Corinthians, 9:24, which was most appropriate for the occasion. "The Grand Highway of Life" was the subject spoken on.

ANOTHER STORE ROBBED.

Mr. Renik Offers Reward for Persons Who Entered His Place.

Robbers forced an entrance into the store of Mr. R. Renik, corner Fifth and Nixon streets, early Sunday morning and succeeded in carrying away an automatic pistol, 900 cigarette coupons, a five-dollar gold piece, a quantity of candles and several suits of overalls and woolen underwear. The police have no clue.

Entrance was gained by forcing a window through iron bars, in the rear of the store. A weak attempt was made to get into the safe. After the police were notified by Mr. Renik, Policeman B. W. Jacobs, with the bloodhounds, went to the place, but their efforts availed nothing. Mr. Renik offers a reward of \$15 for the apprehension of the thieves. He thinks they are young boys.

FUNERAL OF MRS. WATTS.

Interment in Bellevue Following Home Services.

The funeral of Mrs. O. O. Watts, whose death occurred at the James Walker Memorial Hospital Saturday afternoon, was conducted from her residence, No. 920 South Third street, yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, by Rev. J. E. Reynolds, pastor of the Dock Street Christian church. The interment was made in Bellevue cemetery.

The pall bearers were: Messrs. J. W. Buck, M. J. Jackson, George L. Hubbard, Thomas Beard, T. W. Watts and Alonzo J. Burriss.

RYAN CABLES LLOYD GEORGE

Tells Premier Lives of Millions Hang on His Decision.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 8.—William J. Bryan, on his way to Miami, Fla., stated that he had sent this message to the British Premier: "As a friend of the nations at war, as a Christian and a lover of humanity, I respectfully but most earnestly appeal to you to use your great influence to secure your Government's consent to negotiations."

"There is no dispute that must necessarily be settled by force. All international disputes are capable of adjustment by peaceful terms. Every guarantee that can possibly be secured by war can be stated as a condition precedent to peace. Do not, I pray you, by refusing an exchange of views, assume responsibility for a continuation of the unspeakable horrors of this unparalleled conflict. Your decision may mean life or death to millions."

Two Universities in Debate.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 18.—The chosen debaters of the University of North Carolina came to the capital today to engage in their annual oratorical tilt with the representatives of George Washington University. The question selected for the debate this year is: "Resolved, that Congress should pass a law requiring compulsory arbitration of all controversies arising between the employers and employees of railroads engaged in interstate commerce." North Carolina has the affirmative and George Washington University the negative side of the proposition.

SAYS GERMANY WILL INVADE U. S.

Mr. Alexander Thinks Great Sin Will Cause War On This Country

Preparedness was the keynote of a Biblical address delivered by Mr. R. O. Alexander, a prominent Charlotte business man, at the Court House before a large audience yesterday afternoon. The speaker believes that we are in the last days and near the beginning of the millennium. According to Scripture, he stated, Germany will be victorious in the present war, which is a fulfillment of the prophecies, and will then invade the United States. However, they will not be victorious here as the Ancient of Days will then sit supreme, which will mark the beginning of a new era.

In the seventh chapter of Daniel, Mr. Alexander based his convictions. The chapter tells of four beasts coming out of the sea diverse from one another. The first beast, which is a lion with eagle wings, the speaker said, was England, because the lion is the emblem of that country. The eagle wings are representative of the United States because they were plucked from England.

The second beast was like a bear, which Mr. Alexander thinks means Russia, as that nation is represented by this beast. Russia, thinks Mr. Alexander, will eventually go over to the side of Germany in the great war. The third beast, the leopard, was once the emblem of France.

The fourth beast, great in its size and terrible, with iron teeth, is Germany, according to Mr. Alexander. This, he thinks is so because the iron cross is that country's emblem. This great beast devoured the other beasts. And then, Mr. Alexander stated, he believes that the United States will be invaded.

The speaker likened the people of the United States to lambs being fattened for a slaughter. He thinks that this country will be drawn into the war because of the great sin here. He advocates preparedness as the next best thing if the people will not repent. Battleships, fortifications, submarines, should be built, said he.

Mr. Alexander prefaced his sermon by stating that neither was he a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but a plain business man who works for his living like every one, but stated he brought the message, because he believes it the truth. He also stated that he would speak in Wall street and in Washington and other places in North Carolina.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS.

Southside Congregation Will Distribute One Hundred.

Rev. W. G. Hall, pastor of the Southside Baptist church, announced this morning that a committee of his church will make a strong effort to distribute one hundred Christmas baskets to the poor of the city on Christmas morning. Those wishing to contribute articles for the baskets or cash to buy same are asked to notify Mr. Hall or Mr. Hardy Lanier, chairman of the committee.

An effort will be made to have at least one dollar's worth of provisions put in each basket and those who do not feel disposed to contribute are asked to give any part of that much and have it at the Southside church not later than 9 o'clock Christmas morning. Persons knowing the names of deserving poor are requested to leave them with the committee.

JAPAN HAS THE TALLEST CHIMNEY

Tokio, Dec. 18.—Japan will have the tallest chimney in the world. Down on the east coast of Kyushu in the little village of Saginaw, 15 miles from Beppu, the great stack which, when completed, will be 12 feet higher than the Washington monument, is gradually building under the superintendence of American engineers, and when finished will reach 567 feet up in the sky.

This towering pile is being constructed for the Kuhara Mining Company, which is building a new copper smelter.

The foundation is placed on the top of a hill which rises 430 feet above the level of the sea. From the seaside, counting the altitude of the cliff, there will be an almost straight rise of about 1,000 feet to the summit of the stack. The construction of the chimney has been planned with a view of giving it special qualities to resist earthquakes. The chimney is now a little past the 300-foot mark and is expected to be completed by January 1. The present highest chimney in the world, is at Great Falls, Mont., at a smelter works. Its height is said to be 506 feet, as against the 555 of the Washington monument.

DEATH OF INFANT.

Many friends will tenderly sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. George W. Webb, of Castle Haynes, in the death of their infant child, which occurred yesterday afternoon. The funeral will be held at Castle Haynes this afternoon.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 18.—Many members of the Kansas Independent Telephone Association arrived in Topeka today to attend the annual convention of the association. The sessions will begin tomorrow and continue until Friday.

ROW OVER MILLIONS TO BE SETTLED

Long Winded Wrangle to Be Ended in English Courts Next Spring

London, Dec. 18.—Legal wrangling which has been going on for eighty years over "John Mobb's millions" will be ended next spring with the sale at auction here of the immense properties which have caused so many heart-burnings.

The auctioneer knows these properties as the "London estates of Lord Arlington," and their value is somewhere in the neighborhood of seven million dollars. They include factories and docks covering scores of acres on the Regent's Canal in London, together with more than 2,500 houses, rented for various terms of years to working-class tenants.

Mobb's millions have for nearly a century been a glittering bubble to hundreds of "rightful heirs," who have either turned up in quest of them or been turned up by lawyers in quest of large fees.

John Mobb was a Northamptonshire coachman. In 1757 he married the daughter of his old master, a rich London distiller, and thus became the owner of a large agricultural estate in the then outskirts of London. But Mobb's use of the land was restricted by certain ancient "rights" which the citizens of London possessed to practice "free archery" over them, and there were stone "archers' marks" dotted over the field when Mobb became the owner.

Mobb, however, granted leases improprietly over the greater part of the estate, and then mortgaged the whole thing to a merchant named Sturt. The greater part of the Mobb meadows thus fell into the hands of the Sturts, the head of whom is now Lord Arlington.

Building began on the Mobb meadows in 1823 and twenty years later they were all covered with houses and factories, wharves and coal yards, canal basins and timber sheds. The golden acres have ever since been so occupied. Hideous slums grew up there, too, which the taxpayers had to buy up at high prices in order to replace them with parks and healthier dwellings. As London increased in value the value of the property went up, and various descendants of John Mobb went into courts, carried on lawsuits, seized empty houses, and otherwise endeavored to assert their alleged claims.

Many of the original leases did not expire until 1870 and there was then a great re-opening of the legal hostilities. The attempts to regain the property for the descendants of Mobb always failed, however, although there seemed to be plenty of legal technicalities to justify their pleas. At one time professional pugilists were employed to garrison the empty houses, but the Sturts won in the end and the Mobb meadows are now to be dispersed by the auctioneer's hammer.

Health and Hygiene

HEALTH HAS NEW MEANING—HAS GREAT COMMERCIAL VALUE.

"Health is beginning to mean more to people than keeping them out of bed or the invalid's chair," says the State Board of Health. "It is now being thought of in terms of energy, efficiency, service, prosperity and happiness. A new concept of health has been formed which not only includes length of life but breadth and depth of life as well. The new health idea is not to live long in years only, but to live broadly which is to live well, both in deeds and spirit."

Health "stock" has risen. Today it has a high commercial value. Yesterday when minutes were of no value and hours were idled away, health "stock" sold below par. A man could be sick half of his time and hold his job. Today, he must not only not be sick but must be there with all his powers and they must be in good working order. In other words, he must be efficient.

"Tomorrow will find no place for the inefficient. The physically defective child of today will be the inefficient man of tomorrow. The young man who fails to appreciate a strong, healthful body and disregards the health rules of today will labor under physical handicaps later on. Health has a great commercial value and whoever fails to recognize that fact and conserve his health will be more than physical bankrupts in the future."

GREEK DIED YESTERDAY.

Funeral of Confectioner Will be Held This Afternoon.

A. Kozokidi, a Greek confectioner, who has conducted a candy store at the corner of Fourth and Harnett streets for some time, died at his residence over his place of business yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock, following a sickness of short duration. He was in the 45th year of his age and leaves a wife and small child. The interment will be made this afternoon in Oakdale cemetery.

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DR. CONNOR ON RACIAL ELEMENTS.

(Wake Forest Special to the Raleigh News and Observer.)

"Racial Elements in the Population of North Carolina" was the subject of an enlightening and highly instructive lecture delivered last night by Dr. R. D. W. Connor, of Raleigh, at the December meeting of the Cosmos Club, which was held in the hall of the Philomathean Literary Society with a full attendance of the members of the club in addition to numbers of invited guests.

Dr. Connor asserted at the outset that the population of North Carolina was not composed of almost pure-blooded Anglo-Saxon people, and contained but a negligible percentage of other races, as the statement was often thoughtlessly made; but that the population of North Carolina today, with reference to the white race only, is a composite population made up of a mixture of four racial elements, namely, the commercially minded, law-abiding, self-reliant Englishman, the Celtic Scotch Highlander, picturesque, proud and sensitive; the democratic, liberty-loving, aggressive Scotch Irishman; and the German, shrewd, thrifty, conservative, a lover of learning and religion.

The speaker traced the history of North Carolina from these four racial elements which have shaped her destiny, and pointed out that the typical North Carolinian of the twentieth century was not Saxon, nor Celt, nor Teuton, but was the offspring of all three.

After reviewing the influence of the first three mentioned races and pointing out briefly their contributions to the development of the State, Dr. Connor dwelt at length upon the German element in the population of North Carolina with its contributions to our history and present-day civilization.

In a graphic manner the speaker related of the settlement of the first pioneers in the State, showing their influence in many spheres of activity—in war, in politics, in law, in literature and in religion. In closing he declared that throughout our history the Germans have been the most conservative force in the life of the State. In every crisis they have acted as a steady influence upon their more volatile countrymen, always moving conservatively, advising caution and patience, and always standing for the ostentatious but most potent and salutary influence which does not prevent North Carolinians from joining in the progressive tendencies and movements of the age, but influence them to do so with cautious thoughtfulness and quiet dignity.



MRS. WINTHROP COWDIN.

Mount Kisco, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Mrs. Winthrop Cowdin, prominent socially in New York and Newport, is in a serious condition today at her home, New Castle House, suffering with a fractured skull and internal injuries as a result of an accident to the automobile in which she and her husband were returning to their home from New York. The present Mrs. Cowdin is Mr. Cowdin's second wife. She was Miss Lella Bell Harrison, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George T. Harrison, of New York. The marriage of the Cowdins in 1908 was one of the social surprises of the season.

It is worth much to North Carolina population the thoughtful, steady influence which is so generally realized—that she has in distinctive of her German citizenship.

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In fact we do not expect ever to attain perfection, for that is a degree beyond the reach of human beings. But we are striving in that direction and will appreciate any criticism or advice that will tend to improve our system or service.

This beautiful store belongs to the women of Wilmington. Many have expressed their pride in having such a store in the community. The more they co-operate and become acquainted with its every feature, the faster it will evolve and become a better center for the distribution of first class merchandise.

However, we do not seek your patronage upon the grounds of civic pride nor even upon the basis of patriotic duty to assist in the upbuilding of the city where you make your home, but rest our case solely upon the MERIT of our MERCHANDISE. It is only through the actual service that you can test our goods, for goods on the surface look very much alike. Twenty-seven years of merchandising in one of Wilmington's Sister Cities have taught us that the only method of building business is through the featuring of quality goods that give good service long after the price is forgotten. In those twenty-seven years the Bon Marche of Asheville has grown from a small store to be one of the largest distributors of first class merchandise in the South, by adhering strictly to this policy.

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