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TRAGEDY IN RALEIGH.

Ernest Haywood Killed Ludlow Skinner.

GREAT SENSATION CREATED.

Counsel for Haywood Issue Statement Claiming Self-Defense for the Prisoner—Spread of Scandal to be Hushed.

(Special to Wilmington Star.)

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 21.—Ernest Haywood, one of the best known lawyers of Raleigh, shot and instantly killed Ludlow Skinner, of the firm of Johnson, Thompson & Co., cotton brokers, this afternoon about 4 o'clock. Both are of social and business prominence. Haywood gave himself up after the shooting but refuses to make any statement and having waived examination was committed to jail without bail.

The two men were seen at the post-office entrance in earnest conversation a few minutes before the shooting. Skinner had turned away and was moving toward the street ten paces away when Haywood fired the first shot. Skinner quickened his pace as though trying to get away when Haywood fired a second shot within probably fifteen seconds of the first, the ball taking effect just back of the left arm and penetrating the heart.

Raleigh never experienced so severe a shock as the killing has created, and the town is rife with supposed explanations as to the cause. It is conceded that complications between the families of the two men are at the bottom of it. It has been common report going for some months that Haywood and Mrs. Gertrude Winder Tucker, widow of the late Wm. R. Tucker and sister-in-law of Skinner, were secretly married in New York several months ago. This he denied. Mrs. Tucker was treated in a Baltimore hospital recently and it is out of these conditions that the shooting has grown, though there can be no comprehensive statement of the case until developed in the trial.

Dr. T. E. Skinner, the venerable retired pastor of the First Baptist church and father of the murdered man, declared this evening that Haywood had written an insulting letter to his son's wife. Mrs. Skinner said, when told that her husband was shot, that she tried to keep him from going down after dinner, and telephoned to Johnson & Thompson's office for him to keep off the street.

These statements, than which there is nothing more definite, now indicate that there was an old and bitter score between the two men to be settled.

The coroner held an inquest and autopsy to-night, finding that the deceased came to his death at the hands of Haywood.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 23.—Counsel for Ernest Haywood, who shot and killed Ludlow Skinner Saturday evening, say that habeas corpus proceedings will be instituted in day or two, and self defence will be proven. They issued a statement this evening in brief as follows:

"As counsel for Mr. Ernest Haywood, we think it proper that we make this statement. The accounts of the unfortunate occurrence of Saturday afternoon, are incomplete and inaccurate. Mr. Haywood did not shoot from behind, nor did he shoot an unsuspecting man. On the contrary there had been a personal altercation between him and the deceased; begun by Mr. Skinner and in which Mr. Skinner struck Mr. Haywood first and knocked him down. Both men then reached for their pistols, and Mr. Haywood fired first, not having stricken a blow. These facts will be proven by men of the highest character, who were eye witnesses. Among those who saw the altercation is Hon. Robt. N. Sims, and he saw Mr. Skinner strike Mr. Haywood. Mr. Haywood has made no statement to his counsel or any other person, reflecting on the character of any

one; and he is in no way responsible for any scandals now being reported or published."

Mr. Sims, who is one of the most prominent of the young members of the Raleigh bar, said to-night that he will testify that he was in front of the postoffice and saw Ludlow Skinner in conversation with Ernest Haywood; saw Skinner strike Haywood on the side of the head, so that he fell either on the post-office steps or on the balustrade of the steps.

Skinner sprang off several feet, when Haywood recovered himself and as he did so he fired at Skinner, who sprang away to the street curb. Here he hesitated for a moment with his face toward Haywood, who fired the second shot, and Skinner, who seemed to be turning when the shot was fired, staggered into the street and fell.

Counsel say none of the scandal to which reference has been made in the reports will come up in the hearing and the impression now seems to be that self defence will be established.

Jno. H. Winder, manager of the Sunday Creek Coal Company, of Ohio, arrived from Cincinnati today. He is a brother of Mrs. W. R. Tucker, whose relations to Haywood brought about the trouble with Skinner, and is also a brother of Mrs. Ludlow Skinner and married a Miss Tucker, sister-in-law of the young widow Tucker. Winder, who as the male representative of the family, will direct the special prosecution of Haywood, if there is any, says he don't know what will be done yet; that no counsel have been engaged and he can't say what will be done.

Every effort is being made now to stop the spread of scandal which the killing has given rise to, the great bulk of which is pronounced really unfounded by both sides.

General News Items.

Joseph Sabarice, the negro who is said to be the sole survivor of St. Pierre, has arrived in New York.

Andrew Carnegie has given \$100,000 to Western Reserve University to found a school for librarians.

Two Italian laborers were killed and two fatally injured on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad near Connellsville, Pa., Monday.

The Senate has confirmed the nomination of Willam R. Day of Ohio to be an associate justice of the supreme court in place of Justice Shiras, retired.

The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western report shows a decrease in earnings of \$2,108,869, due to the coal strike. Lehigh lost \$1,010,170.

Earl Woods, a 14-year-old son of a prominent farmer, of Indiana, on Tuesday evening murdered his father, shot and fatally wounded his mother and sister and then committed suicide.

The car sheds and sixty-seven street cars of the St. Louis and Suburban Railway Company at Delhoadiamont, Mo., were destroyed by fire Tuesday, entailing a loss estimated at nearly \$200,000.

Ten days ago Sterling Aiken, a negro, shot and killed Welton Thomas, a book-keeper, of Weburn, Pa. Aiken escaped, but the Weburn residents ordered all the negroes in the town—about twenty—to leave the neighborhood. Failing to comply after repeated requests, the white residents attacked the negroes' shack with ropes and poles, and pulled it down. The negroes then took their belongings and boarded a freight train for Vintondale.

Mysterious Circumstance.

One was pale and sallow and the other fresh and rosy. Whence the difference? She who is blushing with health uses Dr. King's New Life Pills to maintain it. By gently arousing the lazy organs they compel good digestion and head off constipation. Try them. Only 25c, at Hood Bros., Druggists.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Proceedings of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday as Reported in the Daily Papers.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 23.—The House of Representatives spent about two hours in committee of the whole to-day considering the Revenue Bill. Section 4 regulating taxes on corporations was adopted. Section 5, repealing all laws exempting property from tax except that owned by the State, municipalities and churches, was adopted. Sections 6, 7, 8 and 9, prescribing the inheritance tax and regulations for its payment by executors were adopted.

Graham, of Granville, introduced the present public school law with some changes for enactment by the Legislature.

A bill was introduced to incorporate the High Point Insurance Co. Robeson, to amend the charter of the Carolina Fair Association, and Kinsland to prevent the sale of cigarettes and cigarette paper in North Carolina.

The Code Commission bill, establishing a commission to codify the laws of the State, came up as passed by the House and was put through on second reading after an effort by Senator Durham to refer it to the Committee on Appropriation.

Other bills passed were to amend the charter of the Bank of Fayetteville; to change time for holding court in Brunswick; to incorporate Buie's Creek, Harnett county.

The House and Senate adjourned in honor of Washington's birthday.

In the Senate the bill to revise the pilotage laws of the port of Wilmington came up. Senator Brown said he introduced this bill by request, but did not consider it a local bill, in that it affected all the people who shipped from and to Wilmington, the State's only seaport. He thought it ought to pass. Senator Bellamy made a speech against the bill, saying enemies of the pilots are the lumber trust and the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Company. The bill would ruin the pilots and Wilmington. The bill was deferred until Wednesday.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 24.—When the Senate convened this morning London introduced a joint resolution reciting the fact that a deficit in the Treasury makes it impossible for the State Superintendent of Public Instruction to give any assurance to county school authorities as to when, if at all, this money will be available, and that many schools must soon close down if something definite is not known.

The resolution then authorizes the Superintendent to notify the county officers that the good faith of the Legislature is pledged for the payment of the \$100,000. London asked that the resolution be put on its immediate passage, saying Gov. Aycock was anxious that this be done.

The opposition contended that this would commit the Legislature to a bond issue and insisted that the resolution be referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

The resolution was referred by a good majority vote.

Henderson introduced a bill for re-enacting the old school law with some changes, the most notable being that county school boards be appointed by the Legislature.

White introduced a bill to establish a library and school house fund.

The Senate voted down the committee substitute to the London bill but took no action as to pending amendments to the Watts bill.

The Senate at the night session passed the joint resolution introduced in the morning and referred to the Appropriation Committee, providing that the good faith of the Legislature be pledged to the payment of the second \$100,000 for public schools. This practically pledges the Legislature to

a bond issue if it passes the House.

The resolution, however, encountered a snag in the lower branch of the Assembly, the same having been sent up immediately at last night's session. The House refused by a vote of 38 to 34 to put the resolution on its immediate passage and it was referred to the Committee on Education.

In the House to-night the following notable bills were passed: An act to incorporate the City of Washington, N. C.; to incorporate the Winston-Salem South-bound Railway Company. A great number of local bills were passed.

Kaleigh, N. C., February 25.—In the Senate today bills were introduced as follows:

To incorporate the Virginia, Carolina and Southern Railway.

To empower the county commissioners to exempt Confederate soldiers from peddlers tax.

To allow resident judge to give clerks of court commission to absent themselves from their offices.

To establish a dispensary at Albemarle.

To create the county of Overman.

For the better protection of life and property from injury by boilers managed by incompetent persons.

Bills passed as follows:

To allow Hamlet to issue bonds.

To provide for enlargement of school libraries in rural districts.

To allow the incorporation of street railways under the general law.

To allow the Corporation Commission to order the rebuilding of depots destroyed by fire.

To prevent the spread of smallpox and scarlet fever.

In the House bills were introduced as follows:

To prohibit hunting in Bladen without land owner's consent.

To incorporate the Roanoke Island Celebration Company.

To extend graded school territory at Rocky Mount.

To establish new township in Nash and authorize Nash to levy special tax.

To incorporate Frankfort, Pitt county.

The House in committee of the whole further considered the revenue bill.

The committee decided to favorably report the bill providing that the State shall give \$50,000 in three years in aid of the great celebration of Roanoke Island, upon condition that \$250,000 is raised by other means.

At the House night session, Walters introduced a bill for working public roads of Caswell Catawba.

A bill to amend the public school law regarding the election of county boards of education, passed final reading.

Bills passed as follows:

To incorporate the Raleigh Trust Safe and Deposit Company.

Favoring the passage of the Appalachian Park bill by Congress.

Regarding the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people.

Our Honor Roll.

Since our last report the following subscribers having paid for THE HERALD a year ahead, are placed on our honor roll and given a Turner's North Carolina Almanac:

W. B. Penny, Clayton.
R. D. Daughtry, Pine Level.
A. A. Blackman, Gift.
R. I. Ogburn, Stephenson.
M. Harris, Clayton.
E. L. Hinton, Clayton.
G. S. Wilson, Smithfield.
A. J. Worley, Princeton.
S. W. Morris, Harpers.
J. R. Marler, Four Oaks.
Bradley Johnson, Emporia, Va.
H. Fitzgerald, Micro.
Troy Eldridge, Rome.
Jno. W. Johnson Smithfield.
S. C. Higgins, Smithfield.
E. Beal, Four Oaks.
R. U. Baibour, Ezra.

The President has nominated Geo. W. Robbins for postmaster at Rocky Mount, N. C.

STATE NEWS.

John R. Pitt, of Edgecombe county, committed suicide last week by drinking laudanum. He was a farmer 48 years of age.

Laurinburg has voted to issue \$10,000 of bonds for a light plant but by a majority of six rejected a bond issue for waterworks.

Rev. Dr. H. W. Battle, of Petersburg, Va., has accepted the call to the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Greensboro.

President Remsen, of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, will deliver the annual address at Davidson commencement next June.

Miss Minnie Wolfe, of Monroe, has engaged in the fire insurance business and is probably the only female fire insurance agent in the State.

A colored woman whose name was Cornelia Johnson and a little child were burned to death at Nashville, Nash county last week. The woman was about 40 or 50 years old and was paralyzed.

Henry Young, who killed J. H. Williamson in a bar room at Hamlet, N. C., Saturday night, was captured at Monroe, Tuesday night by the chief of police there, who will receive \$400 reward.

There is talk in Robeson county of an effort to move the county seat from Lumberton to Pembroke, a small station at the junction of the Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Air Line Railroads.

Sandy Stevenson, charged with the killing of John Miller, was convicted of murder in the second degree in Forsyth Superior Court last week. Judge Shaw gave him 30 years in the penitentiary, the full limit of the law.

Mr. J. Robert Jordan, well known as former State lecturer of the Knights of Pythias, died in Asheville Saturday. His remains were taken to Peoria, Ill. Mr. Jordan was married in Asheville a little more than two years ago and his wife survives.

W. A. Phillips, administrator of A. B. Carrick, has brought suit at Lexington against the Southern Railway for \$20,000 damages. Mr. Carrick, who was employed by the Southern as a brakeman, was recently killed in an accident on the Western road.

Arthur L. Bishop, charged with the murder of Thomas Wilson in Charlotte last October, and who was last week convicted of manslaughter, has been sentenced to serve five years in the penitentiary at hard labor. Bishop was a travelling salesman from Petersburg, Va.

The town of Trenton, Jones county, one of the oldest towns in the State, was partly destroyed by fire Saturday night. The fire started from a defective flue in a grocery store and eight stores and their contents were burned. The loss is estimated at \$20,000, with \$3,000 insurance.

A man named Owenby, who was arrested in Swain county, charged with stealing cattle and carried to Asheville for safe-keeping, escaped from jail Sunday night. When the jailer went to give Owenby his supper the man made a dash for liberty. After getting out of his cell Owenby jumped through a glass door and made for the woods, carrying the door with him.

Tragedy Averted.

"Just in the nick of time our little boy was saved" writes Mrs. W. Watkins of Pleasant City, Ohio. "Pneumonia had played sad havoc with him and a terrible cough set in besides. Doctors treated him, but he grew worse every day. At length we tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and our darling was saved. He's now sound, and well. Everybody ought to know, it's the only sure cure for Coughs, Cold and all Lung diseases Guaranteed by Hood Bros., Druggists. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial Bottles free.

WATTS BILL PASSED HOUSE.

Final Reading in the House—The Vote Was 48 to 33.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 20.—The House of Representatives spent three hours on the Watts bill to-day trying to reach a vote on the third reading, but adjourned by limitation at the conclusion of the roll-call ballot on the last amendment offered, which was a provision by King designed to prevent the shipment of packages of liquor by express companies, etc., into prohibited territory, making the place of delivery the place of sale.

The fight was a stubborn one, opponents of the bill being in favor of the amendment. The roll-call showed a majority of three for the amendment, but sufficient votes were changed at the earnest solicitation of Watts to defeat it before the vote was announced. Other amendments voted down were to exempt certain counties from the operation of the bill.

In the House to-night the Watts bill passed final reading, the vote being 48 to 30. Much time was consumed with roll call ballots and arguments on amendments exempting various counties. The roll calls were by insistence of Morton, of New Hanover, who has led the fight against the bill. Thirty amendments of this kind were offered and it required from 8 to 11:30 o'clock to vote them down and get to the first vote.

The Senate devoted some time to the discussion of the London bill and substitute, no vote being reached. Senators White and Lamb advocated the bill strongly. Norris spoke for the substitute and Justice for the London bill, provided the sixth section, regulating the method of procuring license in towns where saloons are allowed, was modified. The section provides that one third of the voters must sign a petition for the saloon.

A joint resolution was introduced in the Senate by Godwin, at the request of the New York American, providing that application be made to Congress under Article 5 of the U. S. Constitution, for a constitutional convention to amend the Constitution by making Senators elective in the several States by a direct vote of the people. It provides that the Secretary of State ask the cooperation of the Legislatures of other States.

The committee appointed to investigate complaints of the bad condition of the convict camp at Dover reported that they found the quantity of food sufficient, but lacking in variety. The bedding was filthy and unfit for use; but they did not find Superintendent Mann in any way blamable for the poor condition.

The Child Labor bill, in the Senate, was passed on third reading, with an amendment by Brown, that the clause requiring that 66 hours constitute a week's work, apply only to persons under 18 years of age.

The committee on Insane Asylums to-day completed the appropriation from these institutions. The amount asked for was \$786,199.95, while the amount appropriated is \$541,266.95, which represents a scale down of \$244,833. The amounts apportioned are: Morganton Asylum, \$257,000; Raleigh Asylum, \$163,100; Goldsboro Asylum (colored), \$107,763.95; Dangerous Insane in the State Prison, \$13,500. Total, \$541,266.95. This bill making the appropriation was introduced in the House by Stevenson.

Eighty-four new bills were introduced in the Senate and House, but nearly all were of a local character.—Wilmington Star.

If the mothers would use Anways Croup Syrup their babies would wear a smile in place of coughing the r little lungs out. It is pitiful to see the children cough so much when they could be cured by a 25 cent bottle of this medicine. Pleasant to take. At Hood Bros. Drug Store.