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ATTEMPT TO KILL THE MAYOR.

Discharged City Employee Fires Bullet into Back of the Head of William J. Gaynor, Mayor of Greater New York. Happened on Steamship. The Mayor was Preparing to Leave on Vacation When Fired Upon—Wound Not Necessarily Fatal. Mayor Exercises Remarkable Fortitude.

New York, Aug. 9.—William J. Gaynor, mayor of New York City, was shot in the head and seriously wounded to-day as he stood on the promenade deck of the steamship Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse by James J. Gallagher, a discharged and disgruntled city employe. Gallagher was almost instantly overpowered and arrested.

The shot was fired at 9:45 o'clock this morning, fifteen minutes before the steamship was due to leave her pier at Hoboken, N. J., and the mayor was receiving Godspeed from a group of friends preparatory to a vacation trip to Europe. The bullet struck him behind the right ear and ranged downward inflicting a dangerous, though not necessarily fatal wound. And unless blood poison develops, surgeons are hopeful of the mayor's recovery, although at his age—59 years—such a wound is essentially grave.

Gallagher used a .38-caliber revolver and an examination later disclosed that the first cartridge had missed fire. This probably saved the mayor's life for Gallagher, when he first pulled the trigger, was less than two feet away. Backing away slightly in his excitement he pulled the trigger a second time and sent a bullet crashing into the mayor's neck below the ear.

William H. Edwards, commissioner of streets cleaning and the former Princeton football star, lunged forward with his 300 pounds just as Robert Adamson, the mayor's secretary, struck Gallagher's arm. As he did a second shot pierced Edward's sleeve inflicting a slight flesh wound on the commissioner's right arm, which remained undiscovered for hours because of the excitement. Unmindful of his wound Edwards hit the man a crashing blow in the face and they crashed to the deck together Gallagher struggling with the strength of desperation and pulling viciously at the trigger in an attempt to fire another shot.

When completely subdued Gallagher was handcuffed by a special officer aboard the ship and he was rushed through a hooting and threatening crowd off the vessel into an automobile and arraigned before Recorder McGovern of Hoboken.

During the struggle with the man who had attempted to take his life Mayor Gaynor, though badly wounded and bleeding from the mouth and nose, did not lose consciousness. The impact of the bullet did not even throw him from his feet but he raised his hands to his ears and, with his face contorted with pain, he staggered in a daze and leaned limply across the ship's rail until Adamson came to his assistance. Then some one drew a steamer chair to his side and into this the mayor sank with relief. A few minutes later he was removed to a state room, where the ship's surgeons temporarily bandaged the wound, preparatory to his removal to St. Mary's hospital. He was taken there in a special automobile.

Rarely has a wounded man evidenced more fortitude and cheerfulness than did William J. Gaynor to-day. He evidently thought as he was being carried down the companionway from the ship on a stretcher that his wound was fatal, for he smiled faintly and said to those near him:

"Tell the people good-bye." To his wife and son Rufus, he said at the hospital later:

"It is very strange, very strange. I wonder why he did it." But at no time did he express ill-feeling toward the man who would have killed him.

Youth Marries Old Woman.

Chicago, Aug. 10.—Mrs. Mary C. Train, 70 years old, of San Diego, Cal., who is reported to be worth several millions, and James Dibs, 23 years old, of New York, obtained a marriage license to-day. Mrs. Train paid for it out of a roll of several thousand dollars.

ORPHAN BOY BURNED TO DEATH.

Lost His Life Under Suspicious Circumstances. Fire in Rock Spring Hotel and Boy Employed by the Proprietor Suffocated—His Clothing Saturated With Oil.

Wilmington, Aug. 10.—Following a fire supposedly of incendiary origin early this morning at Rock Spring Hotel, conducted by J. C. Holley, Edward Cromwell, an orphan boy employed by Holley, was found to be suffocated. When dragged from the room by a fireman the boy was dead. Investigation to-day by the chief of the fire department revealed evidences of arson. Oil saturated the bed clothing, and a can of gasoline was found.

Holley had insured the boy's life only two weeks ago for \$2,500. Cromwell came from an orphan asylum at Charleston, S. C. He was 19 years of age. The boy's body was awfully scarred. The coroner's jury is investigating the boy's death on account of the many suspicious circumstances. An autopsy will be performed. The suffocating of the boy excited considerable comment.

Holley is closely shadowed by officers pending the jury's verdict. State Fire Commissioner Young has been notified of the incendiary materials found in the hotel. Several other guests had narrow escapes from being burned alive.

ASHEVILLE MAN IS CONVICTED.

Guilty of Murder in First Degree. Verdict of Jury in Particularly Atrocious Killing in Mountain Metropolis.

Asheville, N. C., Aug. 6.—James D. Allison, 50 years old, who has killed at least three men during his life time, was, about 8 o'clock this afternoon, found guilty of murder in the first degree by a jury for killing Floyd McGee, driver of the city patrol wagon.

When the jury, after 40 minutes' deliberation returned a verdict, Allison, a slim pale-faced man, slightly crippled, received the sentence without a quiver. Judge Council will pass death sentence next week.

The murder of McGee which occurred July 5th, was one of the most brutal that ever occurred here. Allison, after shooting the man in the back five times, took a two-pound sledge hammer and beat McGee's brains out. While employed by the city three years ago as night watchman at the City Hall, Allison killed a young engineer named Roberts of Charlotte, shooting him while the latter was under arrest. He also beat the brains out of a negro with an Indian club and shot another in the back. In all the cases he pleaded self defense and was cleared. His plea in this case was the same, but it was a very slim case. He is the father of five children. The trouble occurred over a lewd woman to whom he and McGee were paying attention.

RICHEST DOG IN THE WORLD.

Enriched by the Man Who Had Once Abused Him.

The richest dog in the world is said to be "Billy," who belongs to a mining magnate at Nome. His dogs, of whom he has several, are fed on the best the market affords, and sleep at night on beds furnished with mattresses. His favorite and inseparable companion is a large dog, known as "Billy."

On one occasion he was piloting his master and a companion to their cabin in the mountains. The companion was confident that the dog was misleading them, and, kicking the intelligent brute, struck off in an opposite direction. The master, though equally bewildered, trusted to his dumb and faithful guide, who soon led him to his cabin; whereupon, having seen his master safe and comfortable, the sagacious animal set off and rescued the man who had kicked him.

So grateful was he that, according to the Rev. L. L. Woods, writing to Our Dumb Animals, that he presented "Billy" with a collar studded with gold, and opened a banking account in his name, which will only be disturbed to give him an honored burial.—Philadelphia Record.

CHOLERA RAGING IN RUSSIA.

Terrible Toll of Human Lives in Provinces of Russia. Laborers Deserting Works. Fear Affecting Many People Who Flee for Their Lives—Export Movement May Be Crippled—Epidemic Continues.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 6.—Russia's scourge, the cholera, continues to spread with most alarming rapidity, particularly in the southern mining districts and in St. Petersburg, where the conditions are fast approaching the proportions of the great epidemic of 1905.

Figures furnished to-day by the central sanitary bureau show that in the week from July 24th to July 30th the latest available complete figures, there were 150,244 cases of cholera, and 6,944 deaths. Of these 4,750 cases and 2,233 deaths were reported from the Province of Yekaterinoslav and the interior of the Don Cossacks in South Russia. The provincial assembly of Yekaterinoslav to-day assigned \$200,000 for the cause.

The desertion of work by the laborers extends also to the railroads employees and the workmen in the ports in South Russia, threatening to cripple the export movement of grain. Advice from Yekaterinoslav report that the transport of the crops is at a standstill.

The epidemic continues to make enormous progress in the capital, where the daily average of cases jumped last week to thirty. Yesterday 1822 cases or suspected cases of cholera were taken to the hospitals and there were thirty deaths. The hospitals now contain 962 cases of cholera. The high record reached in 193 was 412 cases per day.

The outbreak of bubonic plague at Odessa, however, against which Austria, Roumania, Bulgaria and Turkey have instituted strict quarantines, is not spreading. Only one suspected case was reported yesterday after a two-days interval. Gen. Tolmachoff, the prefect of Odessa, has thrown a cordon of troops and police around the infected ward of the city and allows no one to pass in or out except the doctors assigned to fight the plague.

It is a noteworthy fact that the cases of the plague were first reported from a bakery, in the same house in which the epidemic of bubonic plague started in 1902.

Odessa has been afflicted with a scourge of rats since May, and the effective measures taken to kill off the rodents by the authorities is blamed for the present outbreak.

MURDER AND ARSON CHARGED.

Sensational Arrest Follows Early Morning Fire in Wilmington Wednesday and Proprietor of Hotel Landed in Jail.

Acting upon the theory that Edward Cromwell, 19 years old, who lost his life in the Rock Spring Hotel fire, No. 8 Chestnut street, in this city, early yesterday morning, was murdered and the building set on fire to cover up the crime, a \$2,500 insurance policy on the life of the youth furnishing the motive, Dr. C. D. Bell, the county coroner, yesterday afternoon swore out a warrant for J. C. Holley, proprietor of the house, who was subsequently arrested by Constable W. B. Savage on the grave charge and was committed to the county jail by Justice Geo. Harris, who issued the warrant, without bond, pending further investigation, which is being made by a jury under the direction of Coroner Bell.—Wilmington Star, 11th.

87,000 MEN IN U. S. ARMY.

Gen. Wood Will Use Appropriation For Soldiers Alone.

The enlisted strength of the army during the present fiscal year has been fixed approximately at 87,000 men under the arrangement of the estimates by Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, chief of staff, and approved by President Taft.

Gen. Wood's plan is to use the army appropriation for soldiers and materials and make reductions in other directions. The new chief of staff wants an army of fighting men equipped for business, and says he is willing to make sacrifices in other ways to obtain it.—Washington Post.

A TRAGEDY IN BENTONSVILLE.

Tom Sutton On July 31 Struck Mitt Creech a Blow With a Buggy Whip Which Resulted in the Latter's Death. Sutton Arrested and Placed in Jail to Await a Hearing Next Tuesday.

On Sunday afternoon, July 31st, at the home of Mr. Charley Upchurch in Bentonsville township Mr. P. M. Creech, commonly known as Mitt Creech, was struck a blow by Thomas A. Sutton which caused his death. Mr. Sutton is a tenant on the land of Mr. W. R. Snead and has lived in the neighborhood only a few months having moved there from Wayne County. Some time ago a warrant against Mr. Sutton for disposing of mortgaged property. This warrant was sent to Mr. W. F. Grimes who turned it over to Mr. Charley Upchurch to be served, he living nearer to the man wanted for trial. For some reason Mr. Upchurch returned the warrant to Mr. Grimes. Later Mr. Sutton went to the home of Mr. Upchurch to see about the matter, while there he met Mr. Creech who had been drinking. Years ago Mr. Creech was constable of his township and somehow in his drifty condition decided it was his duty to arrest Mr. Sutton. He proceeded to do so but Mr. Sutton demanded to see the warrant. Mr. Creech remarked that he had never failed to arrest a man he started to arrest. A scuffle followed in which Mr. Creech tried to put Mr. Sutton on his buggy. At this place Mr. Sutton reached for the buggy whip and struck Mr. Creech across the forehead with it. The loaded end made a small dent on the skull. Mr. Creech went home on his buggy but in a few hours it was found necessary to send for a physician. On Tuesday he was carried to Wilson Sanatorium with the hope of saving his life. He died Friday morning. Mr. Creech was a man of a good family and had many good qualities himself but strong drink had ruined him.

Warrants were issued for Sutton's arrest and Wednesday morning he was brought here by Mr. W. R. Snead, who had been deputized to arrest him, and lodged in jail to await the preliminary hearing next Tuesday before Squire Z. L. LeMay.

A METEOR SHAKES A CITY.

Falls Out of Clear Sky Accompanied by a Noise Like Thunder.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, Aug. 7.—Accompanied by a noise as loud as thunder, a large meteor fell in the neighborhood of Council Bluffs, this afternoon, shaking the city and causing intense excitement. Searching parties have been attempting all the afternoon to locate the point where the meteor fell, but at a late hour have been unable to do so. It is supposed to have landed in the hills immediately back of the city.

Hundreds of people heard the explosion and felt the shock, but because the sun was shining at the time very few saw the aerolite itself. The meteor, which is described as very large and traveling from northwest to southeast, passed high in the air and disappeared behind the hills. Tomorrow another effort will be made to locate it.

GEORGIA BANS ELECTION BETS.

Anti-Lobbying and White Slave Bills Also Pass One House.

Atlanta, Aug. 8.—Betting on elections became illegal in Georgia to-day when Governor Brown signed the Anti-betting bill just passed by the Legislature.

The House passed an Anti-lobbying bill which now goes to the Senate. It also passed a drastic "White Slave" bill, the penalty for violation of which is imprisonment for from 1 to 20 years. The measure has yet to pass the Senate.

Their Interests Will Not Suffer.

Hon. Ashley Horne, of Johnston, county, was nominated Wednesday for the Legislature by acclamation by the Democratic county convention. With General J. S. Carr and Mr. Horne in the House there will be something doing for the Confederate Veterans without a doubt.—Maxton Scottish Chief.

COL. WHARTON J. GREEN DEAD.

One of North Carolina's Distinguished Sons Passed Away Saturday. Represented His District in Congress Two Terms.

Fayetteville, Aug. 6.—Colonel Wharton J. Green, distinguished ex-Congressman, soldier and author, died at 4 o'clock this morning at his home, four miles from this city, after a brief illness, which was not considered serious until shortly before his death. His taking off therefore came as a decided shock to his friends and family. Of his immediate family, only his wife, was at his bedside. Of the two surviving daughters, Mrs. George B. Elliot, of Wilmington, formerly of Richmond, reached here at noon, while Mrs. Pembroke Jones, of New York and Newport, will arrive tomorrow in time to attend her father's funeral, which will take place Monday.

Colonel Green was a man of scholarly attainments, marked and varied ability and thoroughly cultured. He was a true type of the Southern gentleman.

During his long and illustrious career Colonel Green came into intimate relations with many men of large mould, such as Andrew Jackson, John C. Calhoun, Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee, Albert Sydney Johnson, J. E. B. Stuart and William McKinley. The deceased was born February 28, 1831, near St. Marks, Florida, the only son of General Thomas J. Green, Texan Patriot, author of Legislative Enactment which fixed boundary between Texas and Mexico and participated in the Mexican War. He was educated at Georgetown University, West Point, and University of Virginia. After graduation he became associated in practice of law with Robert J. Walker, former Secretary of Treasury, and Louis Janin, in Washington practicing before the Supreme court. He was later compelled to abandon the legal profession, owing to threatened loss of health. At the beginning of the Civil War, he enlisted as a Confederate private, later he organized a regiment of which he became colonel. His military record was brilliant.

In 1855 Colonel Green married Miss Esther Ellery, of Boston. Two daughters by this marriage as enumerated above, survive. After the death of his first wife he married Mrs. Addie Burr Davis, the widow of acting Vice-President Davis, who succeeded Vice-President Arthur upon the death of Garfield.

In 1880 he removed from Warren county to Tokay Vineyard, near Fayetteville, and in 1882 was elected to Congress from this district, serving two terms in the House of Representatives, where by distinguished service, he rounded out a full career. Here in 1884 he inaugurated the pure food and drug movement now of national-wide proportion. Colonel Green was the author of "Recollections and Reflections," an interesting autobiography.—News and Observer.

AWFUL TRAGEDY IN PRINCETON.

A Negro and a Shotgun, Backed Up By Blind Tiger Dispensation Claims Another Victim. John Atkinson the Sayer, Arthur Williams The Stain.

Princeton, August 10.—On last Saturday night, John Atkinson, a negro, after tanking up on blind tiger goods, went to the home of old Aunt Caroline Richardson, and asked the question: "Any one here that don't like me?" There were several negroes sitting on the porch at the time, it being nearly dark. They saw that John had a gun and they all said: "Yes, John, we all like you." He replied: "Here's Arthur Williams, he don't like me," and raising his gun within three feet of Arthur, fired, shooting him through the breast, killing him instantly. This occurred within a block of where Frank Langley was killed not many months ago.

John Atkinson had heretofore borne a pretty fair negro character. I did not know the victim, and have been unable to find out what led to the killing, further than to say "but for whiskey it would never have happened."

Atkinson was committed to jail by Mayor C. H. Holt.

MOREHEAD FORCES WINNERS.

Butler Alliance Proves Fruitful in Republican Convention at Greensboro. E. C. Duncan Overthrown. Harmonious End of Contest That Promised to Disrupt Party—New Leader Sounds Keynote—Local Option Plans.

Greensboro, N. C., Aug. 10.—The Republican State convention this afternoon named Congressman John Motley Morehead as chairman of the State Executive Committee, by unanimous acclaim, the other candidates, John E. Carl Duncan and Major J. E. Alexander, having withdrawn from the contest after their names had been placed before the convention.

It was a harmonious ending of a contest, which at one time bore evidence of having in it the germ of serious party disruption.

Mr. Morehead's speech of acceptance breathed an intensely progressive and eminently fair spirit. The keynote of his campaign has been the abolition of the former referee system under which the Republican party has been operated with reference to Federal appointments, and that idea was emphasized in his speech of acceptance.

The convention also endorsed and heartily recommended the administration of the retiring State chairman, ex-Judge Spencer B. Adams, a ringing resolution of thanks for his faithfulness and fairness and eminent services being unanimously adopted.

The convention was organized for business by the election of Thomas Settle, of Asheville, as permanent chairman. He received 737 votes to 378 for H. G. Ewart, of Henderson county, and the election was made unanimous. T. J. Harkins, of Asheville, was elected permanent secretary.

Fully a thousand delegates are here, and the auditorium had to be used to accommodate them. There were not speeches by Settle, T. J. Harkins, V. S. Lusk, A. E. Holton and others.

The State ticket named to-night is:

Chief Justice Supreme Court—T. T. Hicks, of Henderson.

Associate Justice—Harry Skinner, of Greenville, and E. W. Timberlake, of Wake Forest.

Corporation Commission—G. M. Hoover, of Thomasville, and J. H. White, of Madison.

The platform which was unanimously adopted, endorsed the administration of President Taft and the measures passed by Congress at the last session, the monetary commission and the tariff commission.

A plank declaring for free text books for State public schools and declaring for local self-government went through with a whoop. The action relative to the self government means a reopening of the prohibition question in North Carolina, which was voted dry two years ago.

EXPLOSION IN CORN HOUSE.

Disaster Said to Have Been Due to Spontaneous Combustion.

Granite City, Ill., August 7.—Two men are dead and seven are badly hurt as the result of an explosion on the sixth floor of the cornhouse of the Corn Products Refining Company here at 5 o'clock this afternoon. The sixth floor was wrecked, and it was almost half an hour before the men could be taken out.

The explosion was caused, according to officials of the company, by spontaneous combustion, due to the large amount of dust floating about the cornhouse.

Committee to Meet To-day.

The special committee, composed of ex-Governor Thos. J. Jarvis, ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock, ex-Congressman Theo. F. Klutts, ex-Judge A. C. Avery, and ex-Lieut.-Gov. R. A. Doughton, which was appointed by chairman A. H. Eller, will meet in Wrightsville to-day to see if they the Sixth District, which has two men claiming to be the nominee for Congress—H. L. Godwin and O. L. Clark.

Five persons were instantly killed when a Pennsylvania express train dashed into an automobile on a railroad crossing near Cape May Wednesday.