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ACCIDENT CAUSE OF SORROW TO TOWN

Mr. T. J. Talton Accidentally Shot While Hunting. Dies Loss of Blood

One of the most heart rendering accidents which ever cast its shadow over our community occurred last Friday, resulting in the death of Mr. Thomas J. Talton. The circumstances of the tragedy have been related to us as follows: Mr. Tom Talton, Mr. Howard Mitchener and Mr. Leon Talton went hunting Friday, in the region around Polar Creek and when they were one and a half miles from the nearest house (Mr. Buck Talton's) and about a quarter of a mile from the road, they stopped at a spring. While they were there, a rabbit suddenly jumped into view, and Mr. Talton shot at it but missed. Mr. Mitchener instantly placed his gun into position to fire, but just before he pulled the trigger, his foot slipped, and as he fell the gun went off, the whole load passing through Mr. Talton's leg right above the knee. Mr. Talton was so close to the muzzle of the gun, that the load entered the limb practically undivided, making a ghastly wound. The entire bone was shattered and several blood vessels severed. Mr. Mitchener remained with the wounded man, while Mr. Leon Talton went in haste for assistance. But when he arrived at the home of Mr. Buck Talton, further delay was entailed because Mr. Talton was in the field at work and it was necessary to find him and procure a vehicle. When the rescuers reached the scene of the accident, the wounded man was very weak from shock and loss of blood. He was conscious only at intervals after he was shot. After help reached him delay was again unavoidable for they were in the depths of the woods and were obliged to carry the sufferer in their arms, a quarter of a mile to the car. Of course all these lost moments made his condition more nearly hopeless, and when they reached the Memorial Hospital here it was apparent that death was near. All was done to relieve his suffering and to save his life, that science and skill could suggest, but the hour of his departure was at hand, and after a few moments of consciousness his spirit passed peacefully away.

The grief stricken family have the sympathy of the entire community in their sorrow, and in almost as great a degree, the hearts of the people go out to the young man who was the innocent cause of the tragedy. It is a comfort to both families to know, that no blame is attached to Mr. Mitchener. The accident was one which might have occurred in the experience of the most careful hunter.

Mr. Thomas J. Talton was born November 1st, 1871, in the Baptist Center community. He joined Baptist Center church when a young man. In May 1903 he was married to Miss Hawkins Smith. She died 11 years ago, leaving two children, Helena and Wilbur. Seven years ago this Thanksgiving, Mr. Talton was married to Miss Lilly Higgins, who survives him with one little son. Some years ago, he moved to Smithfield, and has since been engaged in farming near town. He was an affectionate husband and father, a quiet, industrious man, a highly esteemed citizen and a faithful church member, doing all in his power to advance his Master's kingdom through the medium of the church of his choice. His pastor and his co-workers knew that Mr. Talton was always ready to respond to any call which his church might make upon him.

The funeral was held from the Baptist church here Sunday afternoon, at 2:30, the pastor Rev. Mr. Baucom officiating. The chancel was banked with floral designs, and a large concourse of people were present to pay the last sad tribute of respect to their friend and neighbor. The interment was in the church-yard at Bethesda, a few miles from Smithfield.

Besides his widow and three children the deceased is survived by his two brothers, Messrs Buck Talton and John Talton, and one sister, Mrs. Parrish, who lives in Raleigh.

Thanksgiving Service.

There will be a Thanksgiving service at the Episcopal church Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. There will be appropriate music and sermon.

STATE LIVESTOCK MEETING.

Livestock Men Will Meet in Salisbury, December 8, 9, 10. Notable Speakers To Be Present.

Livestock men from all over the State will meet in Salisbury December 8th for a three days meeting. The meeting will be addressed by some of the foremost livestock men in America, a few of whom are Dr. Tate Butler, one of the South's noted agricultural leaders known to thousands through his livestock columns in the Progressive Farmer; Dean C. S. Plumb, of Ohio State University, author of several text books on livestock subjects, teacher of national reputation and an investigator whose work is known wherever livestock subjects are studied; Prof. J. C. McNutt, of Massachusetts Agricultural College and formerly of the North Carolina State College, one of the ablest and most popular livestock men in this country, and Dr. C. V. McCullum, of Johns Hopkins University, the noted discoverer of "vitamines," whose experiments are said to have revolutionized the study of foods.

Cotton and tobacco farmers are urged to go to Salisbury and find out how pure-bred cattle, sheep and poultry are making farming more profitable in North Carolina. One of the biggest livestock shows held in the South this year will be at the Salisbury Livestock meeting on December 8, 9, and 10th, and besides these educational exhibits and moving pictures there is to be a sale of 25 head of pure-bred milking Shorthorn heifers, the first big sale of these animals ever held in North Carolina, a sale of pure-bred Shropshire sheep including yearling and aged rams and ewes, pure-bred swine, pure-bred poultry and a car load of pure-bred dairy cattle. "All the livestock men will be there" is the way the officers of the association put it, and they are inviting all the folks even those who don't raise livestock now—but will some day—to come and find out what the wise ones are doing to bring permanent prosperity to the Old North State. For additional information see the undersigned.

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BANDITS CAUGHT, ONE KILLED.

Trio Halted and \$150,000 in Liberty Bonds and Currency Recovered. Two In Roanoke Jail.

Roanoke, Va., Nov. 19.—The bank of Glasgow, Glasgow, Va., 40 miles north of here, at 2 o'clock this morning was robbed by three bandits of \$150,000 in Liberty bonds and currency, according to an estimate of President Vaughn of the bank, and three hours later, Roanoke police having received the alarm, blocked the three roads leading into this city from the North, halted the robbers who were speeding in a seven passenger automobile, killed one of them, took the other two prisoners in a pitched battle, and recovered the loot. In the battle Patrolman O. L. Hendrix, of Roanoke, was slightly wounded. The dead man according to the police, is James B. Rodgers, 26, of Philadelphia. The men under arrest gave their names as: Charles Carter, 36, of Cincinnati, O., and William Porter, 47, of Washington, D. C.

Chief of Police Rigney expressed the belief tonight that the trio is responsible for robberies recently in North Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, and Tennessee.

At the local morgue tonight \$20 was found sewed in Rodgers' coat and \$250 in the lining of his underwear. Most of the loot which included small amounts of jewelry as well as Liberty bonds and currency was found in a barracks bag. Carter and Porter at the local jail, declined to talk, other than to give what they said were their names and addresses.—News and Observer.

Union Thanksgiving Service.

A Thanksgiving service will be held at the Baptist church here Thursday morning at eleven o'clock, and Rev. S. A. Cotton, pastor of the Methodist church, will preach the sermon. Special music will be a feature of the service, and an offering will be taken for the orphans. The State Orphanage Association is urging everyone to contribute the amount of one day's work to this worthy cause. Everybody is invited.

INCREASED REVENUE OF PANAMA CANAL

Best Year as to Finances in Six Years Operation—Handles 2,500 Vessels

Washington, Nov. 21.—The Panama Canal has closed the best year financially in its six years of operation with an excess of \$2,387,599 in revenue over the expense of operation and maintenance.

Brigadier General Chester Harding, Governor of the Panama Canal, predicted in his annual report to the Secretary of War, made public today, that within a reasonable period of normal world conditions, the canal will earn an actual profit on its cost, which has been \$366,650,000 exclusive of expenditures for its military and naval defense. In the meantime, the general added, the canal is performing an important commercial service by stimulating American trade with the west coast of South America and the Orient. More than 25 per cent of the cargo handled through the canal since its opening was in transit between the United States and South America, and 14 1/2 per cent was between the Atlantic coast of the United States and the Orient.

In the year 2,745 vessels passed through the canal, of them 2,478 were commercial transits. Tolls and other revenues amounted to \$8,985,871, while current expenses of operation and maintenance totaled to \$6,598,272. The excess of revenue this year reduced to \$2,387,599 the excess of expense and years the canal has been in operation.

With the growing traffic, it will be necessary to expand these auxiliary facilities in the near future, the General pointed out. He said that drydock and shops were inadequate to meet the present requirements of commercial steamers and that if the development were permitted to lag behind the increasing traffic, the canal would not be in position to handle all of the business offered.

NEW RULE IN GREECE.

New Cabinet Takes Control. Venizelos Slips Away. Athens Celebrates Over Returns.

An Associated Press dispatch from Athens, Greece, tells of the announcement of the new Greek cabinet, Geo. Rallis is the new Premier, who with three members of his cabinet took the oath of office before Admiral Courdouriotis, the Regent, Wednesday afternoon. The other members of the new Cabinet will take the oath before Queen Mother Olga, who has just been appointed Regent. Acceptance of the Premiership by Rallis was conditioned upon the written resignation of former Premier Venizelos. The new Premier said: "The reasons for the defeat of M. Venizelos were, first, the Greeks had a chance to revolt against the regime of arrest and murder which has been in power for the past three years. I, myself, was several times in prison, and all the people you see about me were persecuted and locked up. Second, the Greeks voted against the foreign domination which was supporting Venizelos."

Venizelos, before leaving Greece, issued a message to the Greek people, telling them that he had no hard feelings toward them for their decision.

"Like a college town at a football game, Athens turned out to celebrate the first natural expression shown in many weeks, if not months. The crowds, having managed to get some sleep, after the past strenuous days and refreshed by the sunshine and windless weather, let themselves go. They organized a parade in University Street marched past the home of the fallen Venizelos, swept on thru State Street into Constitution Square, thence to the King's Palace, thence to the Stadium and back again, flooding the side streets."

A delegation of sixty Greek residents from Geneva, Lausanne, and Montreux went to Lucerne Thursday to present their homage to former King Constantine of Greece.

A Greek newspaper published in Switzerland, has issued a portrait of Constantine inscribed, "A Royal Martyr Avenged by His People."

SERIOUS TROUBLE IN DUBLIN, IRELAND

Thirty Persons Killed And Others Hurt in Panic at Football Match.

Dublin, Nov. 21.—Fourteen persons were killed and six wounded in what appears to have been a pre-arranged simultaneous attack on military officers and former officers in their lodgings in various parts of the city today, according to an official announcement.

The streets of the city were immediately placed under a heavy patrol by the military, who resorted to firing their rifles in order to disperse the crowds.

The assassinations occurred in various parts of the city at 9 o'clock this morning.—Associated Press.

Dublin, Nov. 21.—Thirty persons are reported to have been killed and many injured in a panic, when "Black and Tans" invaded a football match today and fired on the crowd. The Tipperary team was playing against the Dublin team in Croke Park before a crowd of 15,000 when "Black and Tans" entered in force by two gates, and after a scene of wild confusion, fired on the people. Sixteen lorries with auxiliaries arrived outside of Croke Park when the game had been underway for about fifteen minutes. They completely surrounded the grounds, mounting machine guns on the railway overlooking the park and then burst through the gates.

Shots were fired in the air, then, to the consternation of the spectators the auxiliaries opened fire on the crowd from various quarters.

An official version of the affair says that the auxiliary police visited Croke Park for the purpose of searching the crowd, as it was known that many gunmen connected with the murders earlier in the day were present. Indeed, some came to Dublin ostensibly to attend the match.

According to this account ten persons were killed. After spectators and players had vacated the place no fewer than thirty revolvers were found on the ground.—Associated Press.

London, Nov. 21.—Fire broke out in Dublin this evening in various places, says the Dublin correspondent of the Daily Mail. Twelve nurses were among those arrested today.

The Mail says that arrangements are under way to send large reinforcements of troops to Ireland and that the opinion is held in official quarters that the danger of assassinations is spreading to England.

Gen. Wrangel Ready for Battle.

Constantinople, Nov. 21.—General Wrangel declared Saturday that he and his army and navy were ready to recommence fighting immediately but that his future course had not yet been determined. General Wrangel's ship is anchored in the sea of Marmora, but he has refused to disembark, insisting on sharing the hardships on the crowded vessel. General Wrangel expressed his thanks to the American nation for the aid given him by the American Red Cross.

The scene aboard General Wrangel's ship Saturday was as brilliant as it was unhappy, his officers wearing gaudy uniforms with their breasts covered with glittering orders. General Wrangel, however, wore only the customary silver topped cartridge cases across his breast.

"I have done all that is humanly possible and my conscience is clear," said General Wrangel. "My troops were overpowered by the desperate onslaughts of six entire soviet armies. They repulsed attacks by 28 divisions until they were exhausted. After most heroic fighting they fell back upon the seacoast, facing terrible onslaughts by bolshevik cavalry sweeping down in a southerly direction. Thus, my troops made possible complete evacuation of the Crimea."—Associated Press.

It may be true that the profiteers will now get what is coming to them, but they have already got what's coming to us.—Columbia Record.

FATAL SHOOTING IN MEADOW

One Negro Killed and Another Seriously Wounded—Result of A Riot Among Negroes

As a result of a riot among the negroes at Long Branch church in Meadow township on Sunday afternoon, the 21st instant, Walter Scoggins is dead, Ulysees Eason is seriously shot, and Howard Raynor is in the county jail in Smithfield, held as being in some way implicated in the shooting.

It appears from information gained from some of the negroes who attended services at the church where the fatal shooting took place, that bad feelings started up between certain attendants of the church early in the day and as the day wore on the feeling waxed worse and worse. Scoggins had an army pistol on his person and flourished it rather threateningly several times during the day, much to the dismay of the other negroes in the crowd. After the services had closed, the rioters lingered around the church, and seemed to want to settle their differences in a violent way. At last Ulysees Eason, whose home is right near the church, left the crowd and with a shot gun. As soon as he made his appearance with the shot gun, Scoggins opened fire with his army 45. He landed one round in Eason's hip and one in his left shoulder; the one entering the hip completely shattering the leg bone near the hip joint, while the one in the shoulder inflicted only a flesh wound. While this shooting was taking place, Eason got one discharge of his shot gun on his antagonist, which proved to be enough. The load entered Scoggins's head at the left eye, and he fell to the ground a dead negro.

Justice of the Peace T. L. Hudson was summoned to the scene of the shooting. He immediately ordered the arrest of the Raynor negro and committed him to jail. Eason was brought to Smithfield Monday and was examined by the County Health Officer. It was found that his condition while not necessarily fatal is very serious and it is thought that he will soon recover.

Scoggins is reported to have recently come from Baltimore and while in that part of Johnston was being doing saw mill work. His remains were sent to Selma Monday where interment was made. Eason is considered a bad negro, having been in several similar affrays.

Millionaire Acetylene Welder

From an acetylene welder in an automobile shop to a millionaire is the step taken within the last few days by George A. Wiseheart, Jr., of Charlotte, as the result of an estate worth around \$200,000,000 that has been cleared up after having been in litigation for over a hundred years, according to the information gathered by the Observer.

The money comes from a great-grandfather, named Murphy, whose given name even George admits that he has forgotten, but whose money is as good as if he were a boyhood pal, and consists of several "country blocks" in the city of Philadelphia.

This property has been in litigation for some time and Mr. Wiseheart has been notified that everything is expected to be cleared up within a short time, when millions will find their way down the channels until they reach their destination.

"The same old George, but with one of the finest welding shops in the city," is the way George is quoted as explaining the predicament in which he is about to find himself. His business motto will be "Let George Do It," he said.

George A. Wiseheart, Sr., of Louisville, Ky., father of Mr. Wiseheart, will be the recipient of one-third of the approximately \$200,000,000 of the estate, it is understood. This amount some \$15,385,000, will be divided among the nine children, of which Mr. Wiseheart of this city is one, it is said. This will give him around \$1,710,000, it is figured.—Charlotte Observer.

Box Party Notices.

All notices of box parties will be gladly received at this office but the small fee of 50 cents will be charged for the advertisement. Send stamps, check or money order.

N. C. CONFERENCE IN ROCKY MT. CLOSES

Appointments Read; S. A. Cotton Goes to Franklinton; D. H. Tuttle Here

The Methodist Conference which has been in session at Rocky Mount for the past week came to a close yesterday. The service Sunday was featured by a sermon by Bishop Darlington, who has been presiding over the conference and by the "love feast" which preceded the sermon.

Yesterday the remaining business was transacted and the appointments for the ensuing year were read. Below we print the appointments for the Raleigh District, of which Rev. J. C. Wooten will have charge again:

- Benson, E. M. Hall.
- Cary Circuit, D. N. Caviness.
- Clayton, C. E. Thrift.
- Four Oaks, E. B. Craven.
- Franklinton, S. A. Cotton.
- Garner Circuit, J. C. D. Stroud.
- Granville, N. B. Noblet.
- Kenly, J. E. Holden.
- Louisburg, G. F. Smith.
- Milbrook Circuit, J. C. Williams.
- Oxford, R. C. Craven.
- Oxford Circuit, B. H. Black.
- Princeton, C. J. Farrar.
- Raleigh—Central, C. K. Proctor.
- Raleigh Street, W. W. Peele.
- Epworth, H. M. Jackson.
- Jenkins Memorial, L. B. Pattishall.
- Selma, G. B. Perry.
- Smithfield, D. H. Tuttle.
- Tar River Circuit, B. C. Clegg.
- Youngsville Circuit, M. L. Lloyd.
- Zebulon Circuit, G. W. Fisher.

NEWS FROM FOUR OAKS

Four Oaks, Nov. 20.—Miss Sallie Adams, who is in school at Atlantic Christian College at Wilson, spent Sunday here with her mother, Mrs. D. W. Adams, who is also in school at Wilson, accompanied Miss Adams.

Mr. Cleon Sanders spent the week end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Sanders.

Last Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Adams and Rev. E. B. Craven left for Rocky Mount where they expect to attend the annual conference of the Methodist church. They made the trip on Mr. Adams' new car.

Several sales are being carried on in town this week. The lower prices are interesting to those who have any money to spend. However, some are not being attracted by the discounts because of lack of money.

Mrs. E. H. Edmonds of Wilson has been spending a few days here recently with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Stanley.

Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Massengill and Mr. Albert Keene left Thursday for Rocky Mount where they went to attend the annual conference.

Misses Bertha Langdon and Leona Martin went to Benson Thursday to see the play given that night by the ladies of that town.

Mrs. J. H. Stanley and Mrs. A. D. Ford spent Thursday in Raleigh.

Mrs. L. E. Oliver has returned from Norfolk where she visited her son, Mr. Ed Oliver.

Next Thursday night a union service will be held at the Methodist church. It is hoped that a large crowd will attend this service at this time. At this service money will be given for both the Baptist and Methodist Orphanages.

On Wednesday morning a program on Thanksgiving will be given at the school by the pupils. The people of the town are invited to come out and hear this program.

Burial of Mr. Parrish

The burial of Mr. Blaney W. Parrish whose death was mentioned in last Friday's paper took place at the Pittman graveyard near Selma. The funeral was preached by Rev. H. W. Baucom at the home at the Smithfield Cotton mills. The pall bearers were Messrs Ashley Beasley, J. R. Outland, A. L. Lynch, G. F. Potter, W. F. Grimes and W. C. Batten. The undertaker did a fine piece of work gathering together and matching up the fragments of Mr. Parrish's head which was so badly broken and scattered after the train struck him.