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MURDERED IN BED

Horrible Tragedy At Home of North Carolina Merchant

SHOT DEAD WITH HIS OWN GUN

Two White Men Enter Home of Mr. John M. Morris in Search of Money and When He Awakes Shoots Him With His Own Gun.

Monroe, N. C., Special.—Two unknown white men, one clad in the garb of a woman, entered the home of Mr. John M. Morris, a well-known farmer-merchant of the county living two miles east of Weddington Academy, at 3 o'clock Saturday morning to burglarize it; Mr. Morris was awakened by the intruders and shot dead in his bed by them, his own gun being used, and the burglars made good their escape after securing a small amount of money from the home and store of the murdered man.

The explosion of the gun awakened Mrs. Morris, who was sleeping with a child in another bed, and she found the bed on which her husband lay on fire. This she threw on the floor and extinguished and saved the house from being burned. By the light of the flames she recognized the two assassins as white men, one of them wearing a dress, supposedly as a disguise.

Coroner Sykes empaneled a jury and held an inquest, examining about fifty witnesses. The verdict of the jury was that Mr. Morris came to his death at the hands of unknown persons. Two white men of the neighborhood, however, are suspected of the bloody crime and the officers are now searching for them. These suspects told parties that they were going away, saying to some that they were leaving for a picnic in Stanley county and to others that they were coming to Monroe, and it may be that these are the burglar-assassins.

The home of Mr. Morris is located in the same building in which he conducted a store, and robbery was what led to the brutal murder. When the burglars entered the sleeping room they found Mr. Morris' gun in a rack on the wall and when he awoke shot him with it before he could move. The assassin was standing within a few feet of the bed and the discharge of the gun set the bed clothes afire. The load entered the dead man's side just below the ribs, tearing a great hole through the body. Death was almost instantaneous. The gun used with such deadly effect was carried off by the burglars when they fled.

Mrs. Morris, bereft of her husband in a moment and without warning, and with no protection left her, not even a pistol, and with two assassins just leaving the house, was terrified beyond bounds, but her self-possession did not leave her, and with the child clinging to her side in fright, and not understanding the catastrophe, she went outside and gave the alarm.

It was a weird sight which met the gaze of the first hurrying men who came to the rescue. The dead man lay half way across the bed where he had been peacefully sleeping only a few minutes before. The burned bed clothing told another part of the story, and an open door in the house where the two men, who were seen by Mrs. Morris escaping, told the remainder of the story.

Men with lanterns, and armed for an emergency, sought about the house and store for traces of the burglars and assassin, and scoured the nearby sections but without avail. The burglars had successfully eluded detection and were doubtless making their hasty retreat from the scene of the crime when the seachers arrived on the scene.

About \$25, which Mr. Morris was known to have in his possession at the time, was missing when, in the early gray of the day, friends of the stricken woman, who had come to her aid, instituted a more systematic search than could be made in the darkness of the night. Out in the back yard of the dwelling which was a store, with rooms built to the side for the family, was found the pants of the dead man with the pockets rifled. Mr. Morris had about \$12 on his person when he closed his store.

NEWSY GLEANINGS.

Henry Arthur Cadogan, Viscount Chelsea, died in London.

Agents of the big beef packers declared that the price of meat would be advanced again.

The Powers agreed to send a warship to Tangier to protect the lives and property of foreigners.

The Russian Ministry decided to present in the Duma a bill providing for workmen's insurance.

The Pennsylvania Railroad having completed four tunnels is now considering a fifth for New York City.

Mexico's "revolution" is practically ended, according to reports to the Government at Washington, D. C.

The Japanese Cabinet formally resigned, and the Emperor instructed Marquis Katsura to form a new Cabinet.

Two world's records for intrenching troops were broken by Company H, of the engineers' corps, at Pine Camp, N. Y.

Dutch colonists in Curacao have prepared a petition to Queen Wilhelmina asking for improved relations with Venezuela.

The United States Government closed the Caracas Legation because of the confiscation and destruction of American property.

The Russ, at one time the leading Liberal newspaper of Russia, suspended publication on account of financial difficulties.

Martin R. Preston, now serving a twenty-five-year term in a Nevada prison for murder, was nominated for President by the Socialist-Labor party.

The Iron and Steel Trades Journal repeated its statement that an international steel trust, having a capital of about \$150,000,000, would be formed in London.

Rash Deed of Insane Wife.

Winston-Salem, N. C., Special.—In a fit of insanity Mrs. Thomas V. Pfaff, of 922 Academy street, Salem, attempted to take the life of her husband by striking him a terrific blow on the side of the head with an axe while he lay asleep about 8 o'clock Sunday morning, and afterwards tried to commit suicide by jumping into a well in the yard. She was on the verge of making the descent to the bottom of the well and eternity when Mr. Pfaff, who had partially recovered from the effect of the blow, arrived.

Telegraphic Briefs.

President Roosevelt, in an official statement, exonerates Taft from responsibility as to the khaki contract.

Independent telephone companies are preparing for a big fight against the Bell monopoly.

It is said that the Baileys took more than \$200,000 in gold out on the steamer Goldsboro.

Frank J. Gould and his wife are said to have become reconciled again.

Freight on Lumber Adjusted.

Washington, Special.—That the freight rate on yellow pine lumber from Arkansas and Texas points should not be higher to Des Moines than to Omaha was decided by the inter-State commerce commission. The greater Des Moines committee had complained against the Chicago Great Western, Missouri Pacific and Wabash and other railroads that 27 1/2 cents per 100 pounds is unjust as compared with 23 cents from the same territories to Omaha.

Prize Fight Promoters Arrested.

Denver, Special.—The principals, seconds, managers and club officials who participated in a prize fight between Jim Barry of Chicago and Jim Flynn of Pueblo, Wayside Athletic Club, Petersburg, were arrested immediately after the conclusion of the bout on the charge of aiding and abetting a prize fight. They were at once released on \$500 bonds.

Railroads Lose Tax Suits.

Montgomery, Ala., Special.—Judge A. D. Sayre, of the city court upheld the contention of the State in the foreign corporations franchise tax suits, the result of which is to sustain the law and bring to the treasury annually something like \$100,000. The fight against it was made by the Louisville & Nashville and other railroads.

TAR HEEL TOPICS

Items Gathered From All Sections of the State

Convention of Farmers.

Raleigh, Special.—Each year the North Carolina farmers' hold their convention at the Agricultural and Mechanical College. The date is August 25th to 27th. The Dairymen's Association meets at the same time. Henry C. Dockery, of Rockingham, is president and Dr. Tait Butler, secretary of the farmers' convention. R. H. Gower is president of the Dairymen's Association. It is the plan to have the Tobacco Growers' Protective Association and the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Association meet here on the same date, if possible. A number of striking lectures by United States and State experts will be delivered at this notable meeting and some of these lectures will be superbly illustrated.

Farmers' Institute Programmes.

The programme for a number of the very numerous farmers' institutes and institutes for women to be held this year beginning this month have been prepared and are now being sent out by Dr. Tait Butler who is the director of these institutes. Taking, for example, an institute to be held at Green Level, July 15th, it is found that the subjects of discussion before the farmers are: "Preparation of the Land," by T. B. Parker; "Insect Pests and Measures for Their Control," by Franklin Sherman; "Care and Feeding of Farm Work Stock," by Dr. Butler; "Corn Culture," by T. B. Parker; "Harvesting the Corn Crop," by Dr. Butler. In the evening Mrs. W. N. Hutt and Dr. Butler will deliver free lectures, illustrated by stereopticon views, on the improvement of farm homes and the value of an agricultural education to the farmer. A programme for the women's institute shows that the following subjects will be discussed: "Foods and Their Preparation and Use," by Mrs. Hutt; "Influence of Woman in the Home," by Mrs. Sue V. Howell; "Prevention of Disease in the Farm Home," by Mrs. Hutt. In the afternoon there will be a joint meeting of men and women at which there will be talks by Mrs. Hollowell and by Mr. Sherman, these being suggestions for improvement of farm homes, etc. The State Department of Agriculture offers a prize of \$1 for the best loaf of bread made from wheat flour and exhibited at the institute.

Winston Negro May Die of Stab Wounds.

Winston-Salem, Special.—Will Stewart, a colored youth about 13 years old, who was dangerously stabbed over the heart by Thomas Green, colored, about the same age, Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock, is still alive, but it is feared that he cannot recover. The stabbing occurred near the bridge across the railroad on Belew's Creek street, Salem. Green fled immediately after the affair and has not yet been captured. The wounded negro was taken to the office of Dr. Hall, colored, who rendered the necessary medical attention.

Officers Shoot a Burglar.

Lexington, Special.—Will Long, another of the negro burglars who has been operating in Lexington and High Point during the past few weeks, was captured but not until he was peppered with shot. Among the articles stolen from the Springs Hardware Company at this place was a 38-calibre, six-inch barrel Smith & Wesson revolver and when the officers called on Long to throw up his hands he reached for his gun, which was the Smith & Wesson. The officers had their guns ready and opened fire and after running for some fifteen or twenty yards Long fell.

Shelled by Shah's Soldiers.

Berlin, By Cable.—According to advices received the Khivana quarter of Tabriz is being shelled by soldiers of the Shah. Machine guns are mounted on the street. Following the suppression of the recent revolutionary outbreak the streets leading to the Khivana quarter are being doubly fortified as they are considered the centre of the revolution.

Shot by Her Sister-in-Law.

Jefferson, Special.—News has reached here from Crumpler, ten miles northeast of Jefferson, that Mrs. Ada Francis, wife of Mr. Eli Francis, once a nominee for register of deeds of Ashe county, has shot and very seriously wounded her sister-in-law, Mrs. Ida Francis. The report is that the women had been quarrelling off and on for some time and that on the evening before the shooting they had a quarrel. It is not known definitely what the difficulty was about, but it is thought that the wounded woman was envious about the way in which her sister-in-law dressed and held herself socially in the neighborhood. It has also been whispered that there is a man in the case. No one was present when the shooting took place. There seems to be no friction between their husbands. Mrs. Francis was shot just below the heart and through the thigh, and it is thought that she will likely die. Both women are young and of good families.

Another Account.

Warrensville, Special.—News has just reached here of the shooting and perhaps fatal wounding of the wife of Roby Francis by her sister-in-law, Ada Francis. Both parties live at Crumpler, this county, where the brothers, Eli and Roby Francis, own a farm jointly, living in the same house. It seems that Roby's wife had for some time been jealous of her husband's attention to her sister-in-law and the trouble came up over that. The woman evidently meant to kill, firing five shots at her victim, all taking effect. All the parties belong to good families and the affair is most unfortunate.

Bryan Denies the Statement.

Salisbury, N. C., Special.—There was much comment in Salisbury Saturday, over the assertion of Thomas E. Watson, the Populist nominee for President in a public address last Thursday night that Bryan had said while in Congress he never would vote for a Confederate soldier. Saturday afternoon The Evening Post wired Mr. Bryan and asked if Watson had quoted him correctly. The following answer was received: "Fairview, Lincoln, Neb. July 11. "John M. Julian, Editor Evening Post, Salisbury, N. C.: "Mr. Bryan said he never made any such statement; that he voted for a Confederate veteran for Speaker of the House of Representatives three times. He voted for Speaker Crisp twice on roll call, first in the 52d Congress and again in the 53d and voted for him in caucus in the 53d Congress. "He recommended an ex-Confederate for the postoffice and while in Congress he sustained the best relations with ex-Confederates. He refers any enquirers to the people of the South who helped to nominate him three times. In the Denver convention every Southern State excepting two were instructed for him, and of these Louisiana, adopted a resolution endorsing him but not instructing. The delegation, however, voted for him as a unit. The other State was Georgia, where the delegates were elected upon State issues rather than upon national issues.

By Wire and Cable.

The engagement of Rev. Dr. Carter Helm Jones and Mrs. Lizzie Hutter Christian, of Lynchburg, was announced.

A mother, afflicted with religious mania, branded and slashed her young son in the belief that he is the Messiah.

Walter C. Butler was put on trial in Richmond for the murder of John V. Hairfield.

Former President Cleveland's will, which was probated at Princeton, does not disclose the testator's wealth.

There has been fighting outside of Tabriz and American Consul Doty appears to be in danger.

The turbine Lusitania broke all of her previous records and advanced to the 25-knot class of flyers.

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

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