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THE WEATHER  
Fair tonight and Tuesday, not much change in temperature. Moderate northerly winds.

## Emerys Dead— Girl May Die

### With Bullet Through Brain Man Lives 7 Hours—Girl Has Slight Chance To Recover

A triple tragedy was enacted at the Southern Hotel Sunday night shortly after the arrival of the night express when John E. Emery, of Norfolk shot and killed his wife, Mrs. Grace Emory, shot three times and probably fatally wounded Miss Eva Harrell of Norfolk and then fired a bullet into his own brain. The girl, who is only eighteen years of age, may perhaps recover. She was shot in the left shoulder, thru the mouth, the ball splitting her upper lip and passing out through the right jaw; and also through the abdomen, the ball entering at the back and lodging under the skin after passing through her body.

The two women were prisoners at the hotel, having been brought here from Norfolk by Chief Holmes about six o'clock Sunday evening. Thinking the jail no fit place for women the Chief made arrangements for them to stay at the Southern, and officer Comstock was on guard at their door expecting momentarily to be relieved by Officer Webb.

Emery came in on the night train. He had been drinking and appeared nervous but talked coherently. He went to the desk at the Southern to register and, telling the night clerk that one of the women in room 210 was his wife started to assign himself to the same room.

"Hold on, you can't do that said the clerk. I'll assign you a room if you want one;" and he did assign the man to a room on the third floor.

Mr. Spence, proprietor of the hotel had been down to the train with a friend and after Emery had registered asked him if he wished to go to his room.

"No," replied Emery. "I want to go down to the police station first." Here the story is taken up by officer Comstock.

Emery approached the door of room number 210 and inquired of Comstock, who was on guard:

"What time is court in the morning?"

"Nine o'clock was the answer. Are you from Norfolk?"

"No I'm from Michigan," said Emery; and according to Officer Comstock, Emery disappeared down the hall.

"I stepped down the hall to a bathroom for a drink of water, and when I left the door was locked on the inside," says Officer Comstock. "While I was in the bathroom I heard shots. I rushed back to the room and the door was open. The girl lay bleeding in the doorway. The man and wife were across the bed in their own blood. All of them were still living."

Medical aid was promptly summoned. Dr. T. S. McMullan, rooming in the building. Dr. I. Fearing was also summoned, and what medical skill could do was done for the sufferers. Then began the long vigil till morning. Mrs. Emery died at 1:58.

Emery himself died at about 6:30. The girl was taken to Norfolk to a hospital on the early morning train.

So ends a story that had its hero who is known here and has relatives

## COOKE THROWS A NEW BOMB

A new bombshell was thrown into the home town camp, just quieting down after the repeal of the extension of the city limits section of Cooke's charter bill, by the news arriving here Sunday that Representative Cooke had introduced and had passed a bill creating a new board of school trustees.

The bill has passed but has been re-referred to committee and a hearing has been arranged for Tuesday night.

The City Council has met and repudiated Mr. Cooke's action and a joint meeting of the Council and Chamber of Commerce will be held in the Chamber's club rooms tonight to see if another Cooke bill cannot be repealed.

The personnel of Mr. Cooke's board of school trustees is said to be as follows: E. F. Aydtlett, seven years; T. J. Markham, six years; W. T. Love, five years; W. H. Jennings, four years; C. O. Robinson, three years; Mrs. J. B. Leigh, two years; Mrs. G. W. Ward, one year.

## Order Investigation Sinking Destroyer

Washington, Feb. 28.—A naval court of inquiry into the sinking of the destroyer Woolsey by the steamer Steel Inventor of Panama Saturday was ordered today by Admiral Rodman, commander in chief of the Pacific fleet.

The navy department dispatches said the court would investigate every phase of the collision which resulted in the loss of the destroyer and the death of one enlisted man, also injury to several others. About 15 members of the destroyer's crew are still reported missing.

## GOOD ROADS BILL PASSED SENATE SATURDAY

Raleigh, Feb. 28 (Special)—The Doughton-Cannon-Bawle fifty million dollar good roads bill passed the Senate on its final reading Saturday with only seven voting against it.

## THEODORE ROOSEVELT ASST. SECY. OF NAVY

St. Augustine, Feb. 28.—Edwin Denby, of Detroit, has accepted the appointment as Secretary of the Navy, and Theodore Roosevelt, son of the former President, has been named Assistant Secretary of the Navy and has accepted.

## BENTON-TILLET

Mr. Joseph Sanford Bennett, of Norfolk, and Miss Hattie Mae Tillet, of this city, were married Sunday afternoon by Rev. H. E. Meyers and left on the afternoon train for a tour of northern cities. They will make their home in Norfolk.

The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Tillet, who live on Poindexter street.

## BROTHERHOOD MEETS TONIGHT

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew of Christ church will meet at the rectory tonight at 7:30 to transact some most important business involving every member of the Brotherhood. Every member is urged to be in attendance in order to voice his approval or disapproval of the business coming up before them.

in the city. She had recently separated from her husband, leaving a note to him saying that she had become tired of living with him. Her father is expected to arrive in the city Monday morning. She was shot through the head the ball entering at the back of the head and coming out above the left eye.

Eva Harrell's mother is dead. Her father lives in Brambleton, Norfolk. Communicated with over long distance telephone during the night, he is quoted as saying he wished Emery had killed her and he did not care what became of her.

She admits that she opened the door for Emery.

The weapon which Emery used was a patent automatic, apparently of a foreign manufacture. On the barrel it bore the name "J. P. Sauer & Sohn, Suhl." On the stock was the number 9563 and "Cal. 7.65." Emery used 32 calibre steel keted bullets and five empty cartridges here mute witness that not a shot had gone wild.

Other details of the affair may be cleared in police court Tuesday morning when the case against J. R. Sawyer will be tried.

## MUST STRENGTHEN THE DRY LAWS

### Anti-Saloon Members and Federal Prohibition Agents See Need of Immediate Law Enforcement Legislation

Raleigh, Feb. 28 (Special)—Unfavorable report of the Cooke bill to co-ordinate the State's laws and to make the eighteenth amendment apply to the prohibition laws of North Carolina raises the question as to whether there will be any law enacted before the close of the Legislature to check the liquor violators.

It is the opinion of the Anti-Saloon members that there is widespread violation of the prohibition laws in North Carolina—possibly worse than at any time before—and this opinion is backed up by the Federal prohibition agents in the State who have already persuaded the superintendent at Richmond to urge the establishment of a State police force to aid the Federal officers in running down the bootleggers. In his letter to the State's executive, who was at the time Governor Bleckitt, Superintendent S. R. Frame says:

"Without meaning to reflect in any way upon the State or local authorities I am constrained to offer the opinion that the time is at hand when the State of North Carolina must decidedly strengthen its laws and initiate comprehensive measures and establish a strong and directly operating system, directed to the one purpose of preventing the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor."

And the Federal agent expressed the belief that the State could put a large force of officers in the field without cost to the State taxpayers. The State's record of captured stills from December 1, 1919, to December 1, 1920, is interesting.

Total number of illicit distilleries seized and destroyed was 3,424, of this number 1,989 were in operation at the time. Prosecutions instituted, 1,375 and the taxes and penalties assessed against violators amounted to \$1,153,181. This work was done by the 46 Federal prohibition agents in North Carolina.

Only one week of the General Assembly is scheduled and it is very unlikely that a law the Anti-Saloon leaguers of the State are seeking will be passed. Certainly it cannot be done unless another champion is found in the legislative halls.

The fifty million dollar good roads bill written into the law, appropriations for permanent improvements recommended by the appropriations committees for the State's educational and charitable institutions and the revenue bill passed by the lower house the legislators have made a big hole in the work that must be done during the week if the session is to be held within the 60-day limit.

The education bills drafted by the joint committee and endorsed by the State superintendent have started through the legislative grind and will doubtless pass without any trouble. All of the bills are now being printed for the benefit of the members and will not be called up for passage until tomorrow or Wednesday. Amendments can be offered and for this reason the measures were ordered printed. These three bills provide for the following:

To provide revenue for six months school term; to provide for a State-wide bond act of five million dollars to be loaned to the counties for building improvements, and amending the law adopting text books for the elementary schools.

Reorganization of the State Building Commission is provided for in a bill being advocated by Representative Glover which will increase the membership from five to seven with authority to engage a whole-time architect at \$7,500 per year.

This bill is the result of agitation and the subsequent investigation of the commission and the State architect. The Glover bill would give the Governor authority to replace members of the commission, three of the seven members to be Republicans. The bill has the endorsement of the committee which conducted the investigation and is doubtless all that will be done toward giving approval or disapproval of either department of the State.

The Old Soldiers' Home at Raleigh for Confederate veterans is to be made a fit place to live at last. A joint committee conducted its investigation and urges the expenditure of \$32,500 to put the buildings in repair and to make other improvements. The committee found conditions at the Home "really deplorable."

## 33 Dead Bodies Taken Out Wreck

### Six Others Visible, Entangled In Wreckage of New York Central And Michigan Passenger Trains

#### DEATH LIST FIXED AT 42

Porter, Ind., Feb. 28.—The death list of the wreck has been fixed at forty-two by the coroner. The morgue at Chesterton contained 36 bodies, some only fragmentary, four are still under the wreckage, two are at a hospital.

Porter, Ind., Feb. 28. (By The Associated Press)—Relief crews early today had taken 33 bodies and scores of injured from the wreckage of the Michigan and New York Central passenger trains which crashed last night at a crossing here, and at least six other bodies entangled in the wreckage were visible.

## Six Irishmen Duly Executed

Cork, Feb. 28 (By The Associated Press)—Despite appeals for clemency made by the Cork corporation, the six Irishmen in jail here, whose death was fixed for today on charges of levying war against Crown forces, were duly executed by the military this morning. The men were shot in batches of two each at 15 minute intervals.

## REV. H. K. WILLIAMS MAKES A FINE TALK

Those attending last Friday's Lenten service at Christ church were glad they were there. Not only did they enjoy the half hour's meditation, prayer and praise, but also they thoroughly enjoyed a duet sung by Misses Emily Mann and Louise Outlaw, of the Junior Choir. Rev. H. K. Williams, pastor of the First Baptist church, made a splendid address to the congregation, which also was greatly enjoyed.

## PRAYER ENGRAVED ON ORDINARY PIN HEAD

New Bern, Feb. 28.—J. O. Lowder has on display at his shooting gallery in this city an ordinary steel pin on the head of which is engraved the Lord's prayer.

The engraving is the work of C. H. Baker of Spokane, Washington, and the job required three years to complete, according to Mr. Lowder. There are sixty-five words, two hundred and fifty four letters and nineteen punctuations on the pin head, and each is so perfectly formed that beneath a magnifying glass they stand out clearly and can be read with ease.

## MEETINGS THIS WEEK

The Woman's Auxiliary will meet this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Flora at 4 o'clock.

The Ladies' Guild will meet tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. Flora at 4 o'clock.

The St. Catherine's Guild will meet tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the rectory.

The Young Girls' Church Club will meet at the rectory tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

## MOTOR EDENTON SUNDAY

Mr. and Mrs. Trannie Crank, Miss Nellie Crank, Mrs. Annie Bamlight, Misses Earle and Catherine Crank motored to Edenton Sunday.

## GIFT FOR MARSHALL

Washington, Feb. 28.—A large silver loving cup, a gold eye glass case and a box of cigars were given Vice President Marshall today by the Senate as a going away gift.

LOST — SATURDAY NIGHT ON sidewalk in front of my house, child's white gumps, trimmed in dark blue lating. Finder please return to Mrs. J. P. Greenleaf, 203 East Fearling St. Feb 28 mar 1-2-2p

The forward coaches of the New York Central train lay upon two splintered coaches of the Michigan, through which it had plowed while going at nearly 50 miles an hour.

Most of the injured and identified dead were from Northern Indiana and Southern Michigan.

The statement by the towerman on duty declared that a block two miles away was set against the Michigan while the track was left clear for the New York.

The Michigan was derailed at the crossing and came to a stop with the engine and several cars off the rails and the day coaches across the New York track.

A moment later the New York Central train plowed through.

The engineer and fireman of the New York Central were killed. All the other killed and injured were on the Michigan.

## Fire Inspectors Here March 9

On March 9th the Conservation & Fire Prevention Association of North Carolina will inspect the city.

There will be about thirty inspectors here who will minutely inspect the business district, and important outlying territory. The water works stations and fire department will be thoroughly investigated by expert engineers, members of the Association. The object of the inspection is to point out causes of fires and seek to remedy such before it is too late. The fire waste of our State is reaching the point where it is considered a crime, and efforts are being made to reduce it as far as possible.

The Association inspected Elizabeth City about eight years ago, and if the citizens will now get busy before these inspectors return, by cleaning up their premises, cleaning out basements and correcting any defects they find in chimneys, flues and electric wiring, much good will be done, and aid towards our fair city getting good reports rather than a poor one.

The orth Carolina State Insurance Department will be represented by Deputy Insurance Commissioner N. J. Heyward, of Raleigh, N. C., is president of the Association, and Ralph L. Lewis, of Greensboro, N. C., secretary. Members are scattered over the entire State, and these will begin to gather here on the evening of March 8th, and morning of the 9th.

At the earnest request of rural "5,000 Club" members, Banner Vote Week will extend until Saturday night of this week, but will positively close then.