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## To Face Murder Charge If Wounded Negro Dies

### Party Of Five Men Headed By Officer Twiddy Who Are Alleged To Have Shot Negro In Attempt To Arrest Him Without Warrant Or Authority Will Be Prosecuted, Says County Prosecuting Attorney

Murder will be the charge brought against Officer George Twiddy, of the city police force, Horatio Seymour, Pete Sawyer, Ralph Cuthrell and a fifth man whose name has not yet been disclosed, if David Overton, the young negro whom they are alleged to have shot Sunday morning a week ago, and who now lies in a critical condition at the Community Hospital, dies of his wounds. This was the statement made by prosecuting Attorney P. G. Sawyer to an Advance reporter Monday afternoon.

"If Overton does not die," Mr. Sawyer declared, "the five men will face charges of felonious shooting, assault with a deadly weapon, and carrying concealed weapons. The whole affair is nothing more than an outrage. Twiddy had no authority to go after the man, in the first place. He had no warrant for Overton's arrest, and even if he had, the shooting was entirely unjustified. As to who shot Overton, that makes no difference. They were acting in concert, and all are equally responsible."

The only statement of any member of the party that has been publicly made was given out by Twiddy, and is a denial by the policeman that he personally shot the negro. No action has yet been taken toward prosecuting the five members of the party, pending the outcome of Overton's injuries.

David Overton, who is declared to be 17 years old, and who lies in a serious condition at the Community Hospital, tells an incoherent story of the affair. He says that on the Sunday morning in question, just before day, he was informed that a crowd was coming from Elizabeth City to "get" him. He was staying in a house four miles from the city on Body road. He jumped out of bed, and ran from the building just as the crowd arrived. He says they began shooting at him, that bullets flew past him on all sides, and that presently one struck him in the back.

"It hurt mighty bad," the colored boy said, smiling grimly, "but I kept right on running. I didn't look back and don't know who shot me. I got away from them, and lay down in a ditch. After they were gone, I was so weak I couldn't walk, and I stayed in the woods three days, until I got better and was able to get to my father's home."

Sheriff Reid, interviewed Monday morning, declared that he had been looking for young Overton for a year and a half, on a charge of stealing a suit of clothes from another negro. The boy, he said, kept out of sight until a short time ago. Recently, he declared, he has had complaints from white people living in the neighborhood of the elder David Overton's home, alleging that the younger Overton, son of the former, had been guilty of some petty stealing.

The sheriff went to Overton's home a few days before the shooting, accompanied by Officer Twiddy, and made a fruitless search for the boy. Knowing nothing of the shooting, which had been kept secret all the week, he went out again Thursday, and told the father that he must turn his son over to him. That night the elder Overton came to this city and informed Sheriff Reid that the boy was at his house, "shot all to pieces" as he put it. The sheriff went to the home, arrested young Overton, who was plainly suffering from the wound in his back, brought him to this city, and placed him in jail.

Early Friday morning Sheriff Reid went to the jail and found his prisoner evidently in a serious condition. He took Overton to Dr. Howard Combe's office, and an X-ray photograph was made which showed that the bullet had lodged in a rib in the negro's chest. Overton was carried to the Community Hospital, where the missile, a bullet from a .38 revolver or rifle, was extracted.

Gilbert Godfrey, a prominent white farmer who lives in the vicinity of the house where the shooting occurred, declares that the party of five men who are alleged to have shot the negro passed his house early that Sunday morning going at least of foreign affairs in the Daily thirty miles an hour. He says that he heard fifteen or sixteen shots fired a few minutes later.

Sheriff Reid and Chief of Police Holmes both declared positively Monday morning that they had not sent Twiddy after the negro, and that they had not in any way authorized him to do so.

## 24 ARE KILLED IN EXPLOSION

Berlin, April 10 (By The Associated Press)—Twenty-three French soldiers and one German foreman were killed and ten were injured in an explosion at the Huetten Smelting Works in Upper Silesia today.

### FUNERAL O. E. LANE

The funeral of O. E. Lane was conducted at the home at Tyner at 11 o'clock Sunday morning by Rev. J. F. Midgett, pastor of Center Hill Methodist church, assisted by members of the Quaker church. Large crowds attended the funeral from the community and from a distance. The body was brought to Elizabeth City and interment was made in Hollywood Cemetery at three o'clock Sunday afternoon.

It was while driving a tractor over a bridge Friday afternoon that Mr. Lane was killed. The front wheels broke the bridge in, while the plow in the rear caught fast hold, and Mr. Lane turned over backwards, Mr. Lane's neck was broken and his skull fractured. He was instantly killed.

### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZES WORK AT MUSCLE SHOALS

Washington, April 10 (By The Associated Press)—A resolution creating a Government owned corporation and authorizing the Secretary of War, pending its organization, to begin construction of Dam Three and to complete Dam Two at Muscle Shoals was introduced in the Senate today.

### Venizelos Says Reports Ridiculous

Washington, April 10 (By The Associated Press)—Reports that he had been asked to return to Greece to resume the Premiership were pronounced ridiculous by former Premier Venizelos today.

### DECLARES BUSINESS DEPRESSION IS OVER

New York, April 10 (By The Associated Press)—The business depression is over and a gradual improvement may be expected, declared Dr. Hugh B. Baker, executive secretary of the American Paper and Pulp Association today at the annual convention of paper manufacturers.

### Says Union Must Not Hinder Competition

Charleston, W. Va., April 10 (By The Associated Press)—The miners union was forbidden to interfere with free competition among men working in the coal industry in this state and tent colonies of strikers in Mingo County will not be maintained after thirty days in compliance with a temporary injunction issued today by Judge McClintic of the United States District Court.

### BODY LIEUT. COL. BECK TAKEN TO ARLINGTON

Oklahoma City, April 10 (By The Associated Press)—The body of Lieutenant Colonel Paul Ward Beck slain April fourth by Jean P. Day, a wealthy oil man and lawyer, is en route today for Washington for interment in Arlington National cemetery.

An Advance reporter heard last week that a negro, charged with petty larceny, was in the city jail, suffering from a bullet wound. Reports were contradictory, police officers interviewed on the subject had little to say other than that the matter would be given an airing in a police court hearing in a few days, and the general impression was given that the whole affair was trivial in nature. Not until the seriousness of the negro's condition became generally known was it possible to get more information on the case.

### J. H. Morrisette Dead

J. H. Morrisette died Monday morning at 2:10 at his home on Burgess street. He was 75 years old and had been confined to his room for the last four weeks.

Two weeks ago his condition became very critical, and for a time the end was momentarily expected. But he rallied and up to Sunday night made such marked improvement that death seemed comparatively remote and there was even hope that he might get out again. Sunday night, however, came another attack and it was the last.

J. H. Morrisette was born in Camden County. He was a young man when in 1871 he embarked in the mercantile business at Shiloh on rather slender financial resources. For twenty-four years the business prospered, at the end of which time he was able to retire. He continued to live in Camden County until fourteen years ago, when he moved his family to Elizabeth City and invested his money in Elizabeth City real estate.

Here he became a member of Blackwell Memorial Baptist church during the pastorate of Rev. I. N. Loftin and soon afterwards was elected a member of its board of deacons, a stewardship to which he remained faithful for the rest of his life.

"J. H. Morrisette was a man of exemplary Christian character," said one this morning who had been the dead man's lifelong associate. "Unassuming and modest, but of unassailable integrity, I regard him as one of the finest men I have ever known. His good name is a heritage of which his children have every right to be proud."

Mr. Morrisette married in 1881, and is survived by his widow who, before her marriage was Miss Addie Virginia Wright. He is survived by five children, H. W. Morrisette, C. B. Morrisette, L. L. Morrisette, J. H. Morrisette, Jr., and Miss Mae Morrisette, also by one sister, Miss Sophia Morrisette.

The funeral will be conducted at Blackwell Memorial Baptist church at 3:30 Tuesday afternoon by Dr. James H. Thayer.

### Janitor Posed As Chamber Secretary

And, Strangely, Beaulac Got Away With It At Edenton For A Week

O. C. Beaulac, formerly janitor at the Chamber of Commerce quarters here, who disappeared a week ago after having given several checks alleged to be worthless, was arrested Sunday night at Washington, N. C., and will be brought back to this city for trial.

Beaulac, it appears, made his way from this city to Edenton despite the vigilance of local police officers who were on the lookout for him. There he represented himself to be F. A. Jones, secretary of the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce, with such success, it is declared, that he was able to cash about eighty dollars worth of checks.

On Sunday night Beaulac left Edenton for Raleigh. One of his victims, meanwhile, had become suspicious and had called a friend in this city by wire to learn who the Chamber of Commerce secretary here is. The police immediately were notified, and Beaulac was taken off the train at Washington.

Reports from Edenton indicate that any Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce secretary who may go there at any early date will be required to produce complete and convincing testimonials upon his arrival. Beaulac, it is understood, spent a week at that city, and in view of the fact that numerous Edenton citizens are acquainted with Secretary Job, of the local Chamber of Commerce, it is considered remarkable that the fake secretary was able to escape detection.

### Irish Captain Is Fatally Wounded

London, April 10 (By The Associated Press)—The police barracks in the county of Clare, occupied by official Irish Republican army units, were attacked this morning, according to Limerick advices. The captain in charge of the barracks was fatally wounded.

### AT THE TENT

Mrs. McAdams' subject tonight will be "The Empty Mare." Splendid services were held on Sunday.

Tuesday morning at ten o'clock a prayer meeting will be held at R. C. Abbott's warehouse, at the end of South Water street. The public is invited.

### MAKING SPEECH SEIZED BY MOB

### Member Dail Eireann Cabinet Dragged From Platform By Men And Women

Tullahoe, Ireland, April 10 (By The Associated Press)—George Gavan Duffy, minister of foreign affairs in the Dail Eireann cabinet, was seized by a crowd of young men and women and dragged from the platform where he was making an address at a pro-treaty meeting today. The disturbers shouted "Long live De Valera! Long live the republic of Ireland."

### ENJOY OUTING AT BIG FISHERY

Professional Folk Guests Of Honor And Learn About Fishermen's Trials

Wanchese, April 7.—It has been customary for several years for the women of this place, both old and young, some time during the shad fishing season after their husbands or parents have gotten their nets all set and the weather has gotten warm, to get together and spend all day at the fishery. So on Saturday, April 1st with Rev. and Mrs. J. Bascom Hurley as the invited guests, Mrs. Mamie Cahoon, Mrs. Isabella Hooker, Misses Tracie Cahoon and Elizabeth Hooker spent the day at the Cut-Through, one of the largest fisheries near here.

Rev. and Mrs. Hurley had been invited by Mrs. Cahoon to spend the week-end with her so that they could join them in the day's outing at the fishery, and learn something about the pleasures and hardships also, that a real pound-net fisherman has to experience.

The pastor and his wife were not the only persons of profession in the party for Leslie J. Brandwell, professor of the high school here, and Miss Daisy M. Garrison, a teacher of some of the smaller grades of the same school, were also present, but as they had been on several such trips during their stay here since last September, the pastor and wife had more real experience than the teachers.

It can easily be said without any contradiction that, after the nets are set and the hard work all done, is really a much better time for visitors, especially preachers, than earlier in the season because, for instance, when trying to set a net with the wind and tide working against each other and both seems to be working against the man, the average person is more than apt to say things that would not become him, in the presence of a preacher.

Anyway all seemed to enjoy the trip and are anxious to take another of the same kind.

Edward Davis was at Manteo Wednesday for the purpose of obtaining a doctor's certificate which has been necessary for the past few months for a person to have before they would be justified in going to far with their arrangements for getting married. Mr. Davis states that he was successful in obtaining the certificate and the wedding will take place some time next week.

Guy Tillett has been unable to be about his work, fishing, for the past week, suffering with fish poison in the hand. He was to the doctor Wednesday night and had it lanced but as yet it isn't any better.

### AMUNDSEN STARTS ACROSS CONTINENT

Central Park, N. Y., April 10 (By The Associated Press)—Captain Ronald Amundsen, Arctic explorer, hopped off in an all metal monoplane today for Cleveland, on the first lap of the transcontinental flight which will eventually take him to Seattle, where he leaves June 1st on a drifting voyage to the North Polar regions.

### SUPERIOR COURT TERM WEEK BEGINNING MAY 15

In order to dispose of the civil cases that the recent overflowing criminal docket of the March term of Superior Court crowded out, a special term of Superior Court will be held here for one week beginning Monday, May 15. Judge C. C. Lyon, of Elizabethtown, will be the presiding officer.

### BLANTON WANTS INVESTIGATION

Washington, April 10 (By The Associated Press)—Representative Blanton of Texas introduced a resolution in the House today to investigate all matters brought up by him and others in connection with charges relating to purchases from the Congressional stationery room.

### Prize Winners In Various Contests

Dress Up Week Closed Saturday, And May Become Annual Event In Elizabeth City

Mrs. F. J. Timberlake, who before her marriage was Miss Eula Pappendick, of this city, was the winner of the ten-dollar prize awarded Saturday at three o'clock for the vehicle that had come the greatest distance to Elizabeth City's Dress Up Week celebration. She came with her husband from Youngsville, a distance of 184 miles.

The prize of ten dollars for the most dilapidated vehicle was won by Robert L. Griffin of this city, with his ancient Maxwell, model No. 2. P. A. Pritchard, of the Corinth section, won ten dollars for the vehicle bringing the largest crowd to the contest. Mr. Pritchard had ten persons, large and small, on his five passenger Ford, and the car was so heavily loaded that the fenders scraped the wheels.

O. F. Gilbert was the successful contestant for the \$15 Superior lock steering wheel, awarded by the Auto & Gas Engine Works of this city for the newest Ford bought of the company. Mr. Gilbert purchased his Ford, a Sedan, at five minutes to three o'clock.

The contest was held at the rear of the First & Citizens National Bank, and was put on by the Merchants Association and the Chamber of Commerce. Following the decision of the judges, the winning cars paraded the streets of the city, bearing banners proclaiming the prizes won.

The winners in the film-guessing competition at Selig's were James Gaskins, the \$15 wrist watch, Ralph Pool, the \$8 Eastman autographic vest-pocket kodak, Mrs. Jessie Skinner, the \$2.50 kodak, and Miss Geneva Roane, the \$2.50 fountain pen. The correct number of films in the case on display there through the week was 356. Gaskins and Pool, with guesses of 357 and 355 respectively, were tied for the first prize and the former won on the draw by which the winner was determined. Mrs. Skinner's guess was 358, and Miss Roane's was 359.

Dress Up Week, the biggest and most pretentious showing of spring merchandise ever attempted here, came to an official close Saturday night. A record breaking crowd was on hand Tuesday night for the opening, and many came on Saturday, the closing day. Numerous merchants have expressed themselves as highly pleased with the way the pian worked out, and there are indications that Dress Up Week will be made an annual celebration here.

### Begin Second Week Of Big Coal Strike

Indianapolis, April 10 (By The Associated Press)—The second week of the big coal strike got under way with the union still presenting an unbroken front, and the situation in non-union fields becoming more favorable to the union's cause, according to John L. Lewis, the union's president, who re-established his national headquarters here yesterday to direct the strike.

### LEVIATHAN ARRIVES AT NEWPORT NEWS

Newport News, April 10 (By The Associated Press)—The giant liner Leviathan arrived for reconditioning here.

### CHILDREN WANT HOMES

The Children's Home Society at Greensboro has notified Mrs. Anna Lewis, Welfare Officer, that the following children want homes:

- 1 boy 3 months old.
- 1 boy 2 months old.
- 1 boy 1 month old.
- 1 boy 2 years old.
- 1 boy 6 years old.
- 1 boy 7 years old.
- 1 boy 14 years old.
- 2 girls 8 years old.
- 2 girls 12 years old.

Any one willing to give a home to one or more of these children should notify Mrs. Lewis at the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce rooms, or Supt. John J. Phoenix, at the Children Home Society, Greensboro, at once.

### May Celebrate Easter Uprising

London, April 10 (By The Associated Press)—The question of whether extremist Republicans of Ireland will observe the anniversary of the Easter week uprising against England in 1916 again this Easter to oust the Provisional Government and establish a republic is being seriously discussed in well informed circles of England and Ireland.

## Genoa's Big Meet Is On

### Representatives Of 33 Nations From Four Continents Have Already Arrived

Genoa, April 10 (By The Associated Press)—Representatives of thirty-three nations from four continents in this ancient city today began efforts to restore to normal conditions at the great economic congress, generally regarded as the most important and significant since the Versailles peace conference. Delegates expect conclusions to lead to the economic reconstruction of Europe and the rehabilitation of Russia particularly. The formal opening occurred at three o'clock this afternoon in the historic palace St. George, built in the year 1260.

The conference was formally opened by Premier Facta of Italy.

### British Troops Create Sensation

Dublin, April 10 (By The Associated Press)—The appearance of British armed troops on the streets of Dublin yesterday for the first time since the creation of the Irish truce caused a sensation.

### Three Victims And Father Are Buried

Charlotte, N. C., April 10 (By The Associated Press)—The three small children, Bronche, six; Alecker, four; Hazeline, nine months, and John Helms, the father, who early yesterday killed them with an axe, later blowing his own head off with a shotgun, were buried today. Helms is supposed to have become temporarily deranged. Mrs. Helms and the two elder children, Ruby Lee, thirteen, and Lima, eight, escaped. The tragedy occurred eleven miles from here at the farm house.

### DEBATERS COME HOME

Misses Mattie Spence and Annabelle Abbott returned home Sunday after visiting Mrs. A. G. Spence at Trinity College, following the debating contest at Chapel Hill.

Mrs. C. W. Melick and Miss Ellen Melick stopped over in Washington on the way home.

Prof. L. W. Jarman spent the week end with friends at Chapel Hill and returned Sunday.

Larry Skinner, Jr., returned home Saturday.

Misses Melick and Abbott won out in the first preliminaries at Chapel Hill.

In the final contest the Aycock Memorial cup went to Durlam high school, and this being the second time that school had won the cup, they have the honor of keeping it.

### RIGHT WRIST BROKEN IN FALL NEAR MILL

Thomas Norris, eleven years old, who lives on Fleetwood street, sustained a double fracture of the right wrist in a fall Sunday afternoon while he was playing with a number of companions near the plant of the Eastern Cotton Oil Company, at this city. The boy was taken to the Community Hospital, an X-ray photograph of his injuries was made, and the broken bones were set. He was reported to be getting along nicely Monday morning.

Mrs. M. G. Morrisette, of this city, was taken to the hospital Saturday. She underwent a successful operation, and is reported to be rapidly improving.

Elias A. Albertson, for many years superintendent of the County Jail, and familiarly known here as "Judge" Albertson, was operated upon at the hospital Sunday. He is declared to be getting better.

An operation was performed upon David Overton, colored, at the hospital last Friday.

### DAUGHERTY MAY DROP CHARGES

Indianapolis, April 10 (By The Associated Press)—Attorney General Daugherty, who is here unannounced, is declared authoritatively to be considering dismissal of the indictments pending in Federal Court which operators have declared made impossible a wage conference to end the coal strike.