

Recent Shooting A Sequel To The Battle Of Canaan

Memories of Bloody Hand to Hand Encounter Resulting from Neighborhood Feud Revived by Bowery Version of the McPherson Shooting

That the shooting of O. A. McPherson by Hiram Eason, which occurred somewhere in Providence township on Tuesday, August 26, is a sequel of Pasquotank's battle of Canaan of January 1903, is the version of the affair current on that section of Matthews street known as the Bowery but for which nobody on the Bowery is willing to stand sponsor, lest McPherson accuse him of giving the story to the newspapers.

It is a fact that McPherson and Eason were both principals in the battle of Canaan, Pasquotank's most famous hand to hand encounter in a generation, in which there were something like a half dozen participants on each side, more than a score of years ago. Caught in a fence jam too high for him to jump and of too solid construction to break down, Hiram Eason whittled his knife with such effect, according to Sheriff Reid, that the ground in front of him was soaked with gore in a semicircle two feet in circumference.

Among those carved by Eason was O. A. McPherson, and McPherson's cheek and jaw to this day are scarred by the scar of the wound left by Eason's knife. McPherson is said to have vowed vengeance and the two are alleged to have passed each other circumspectly from the day of the battle of Canaan till now, but none of these meetings, the story runs, though the two men live in the same township, and only about two miles apart, has ever occurred save when there were too many bystanders for any rough stuff until Tuesday, August 26. Then it was that McPherson, returning home about midday from an automobile trip with Marshall Jennings, near the point where the lane from his house joins the public road, saw a man approaching whom he recognized as Hiram Eason.

Hiram at about the same instant is said to have recognized McPherson. McPherson, the story runs, bore down on Eason, and Eason reached in his hip pocket. McPherson struck Eason and Eason pulled the gun and fired.

An hour or two later, or about half past two o'clock in the afternoon, Marshall Jennings and McPherson came to town. McPherson's shirt all down the front soaked with blood, and went to the offices of a physician, where a pistol ball was removed from the tissues of McPherson's neck. The ball had entered the left jaw to the left of the mouth, struck the jawbone and then, following the line of this bone, had plowed its way to a point about an inch beyond the angle of the jaw. An odd circumstance was the fact that McPherson would not swear out a warrant against Eason nor would he tell one word as to how the shooting came about. The warrant for Eason's arrest was sworn out on information and belief, based on a remark dropped by Marshall Jennings in the physician's office in the presence of witnesses.

Though McPherson would not say who shot him and why, he did intimate that what he had done for the man who fired the shot had been a plenty. McPherson is quoted on the Bowery, when no newspaper men are about, as having claimed that he hit Eason so hard that his arm and shoulder were sore for longer than his cheek was from the bullet wound.

Hiram Eason is still at large. Sheriff Reid has been to his home more than once and has sent a deputy to it two or three times, but without ever being able to find Eason in. Eason is believed to have taken to the Dismal Swamp.

VILLAGES WRECKED BY AN EARTHQUAKE

Constantinople, Sept. 18.—Reports reaching here indicate that 125 villages were wrecked and 190 persons were killed in an earthquake in the Erzerum district.

RAIN AT BEAUFORT DAMAGES STREETS

Beaufort, Sept. 18.—Twelve inches of rain fell in 10 hours here yesterday, establishing a record. Considerable damage was done to the concrete streets.

SENATOR HARRISON AT RALEIGH TONIGHT

Raleigh, Sept. 18.—Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi will fire a big gun in the Democratic campaign when he speaks here tonight.

VIOLA DANA HERE IN A NEWLYWED STORY

Viola Dana appears today at the Alkrama Theatre in "Don't Doubt Your Husband." The story by Sada Cowan and Howard Higgin, tells of first year matrimony in a smart suburban quarter, punctuated with explosions of jealous temperance.

Harry Beaumont, who directed "Shea Brummett" for John Barrymore, handled the Dana picture. The cast includes Alan Forrest, Wilfred Bryson, John Patrick, Willard Louis and Robert Dunbar.

IMPROVEMENTS IN LOCAL POST OFFICE

Painting, Repairs, and Improved Equipment and Service Insured

The painting of the Elizabeth City postoffice now under way is but one of the number of improvements inaugurated by Postmaster J. A. Hooper.

The United States Deputy's office has been supplied with a steel vault equipment, a brass kick plate has been placed on the front doors, a brass nest plate at the C. O. D. window, the floor of the lobby has been repaired and other repairs have been made about the building. These im-

provements and repairs have cost about \$1,995.

The postoffice is now rated as first class because the postal receipts have gone beyond the \$40,000 mark, an increase of nearly \$10,000 during the present administration.

An additional clerk and an additional city letter carrier have been assigned this office. C. O. D. packages are no longer called for by the addressee but are delivered by carrier, the larger packages by motor truck and the smaller packages by city letter carriers.

The general delivery window is now kept open during the distribution of mail and a Sunday street collection is taken from the street letter boxes from all over the city.

MRS. BURRUS DEAD

Mrs. Josephine Burrus died Wednesday morning at 10:55 a. m. the home of her son, J. Burrus, 112 Cypress street, after being in poor health for some time. Mrs. Burrus, a native of Hyde County, was 70 years old and is survived by three children, Mrs. Tom Tillett and J. Burrus of this city and Everett Burrus of Manns Harbor, and by two sisters and one brother. The body was taken to Manns Harbor for burial on the Hattie-Creef Thursday.

BATTLESHIP JUNKED

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of military knowledge appreciates observe but would be used for the wonderful strides that have been made in the air since the World War. The Navy itself has overlooked the fact that done some wonderful flying. Hun-in actual warfare the plane would

dreda of thousands of air miles have been flown without the loss of a single life. Many air problems have been worked out.

The Navy regards the airplane as an adjunct and an asset to the fleet rather than a menace. Planes are used nowadays for "spotting" for the fleet planes observe and direct by radio the range of the guns and report the hits. It would be entirely possible for a ship to fire at and hit an unseen target, so long as the planes were serving as "eyes."

It is the Navy's plan that the fleet shall always be accompanied by its planes as well as its destroyers. These planes, not only observe but would be used for the wonderful strides that have been made in the air since the World War. The Navy itself has overlooked the fact that done some wonderful flying. Hun-in actual warfare the plane would

not be able to fly unmolested over a fleet and drop its bombs at will. It would have to fight its way through defending forces.

It is but natural that there could be rivalry between the Army and Navy. Each service would like to see itself elevated above the other and nowadays when appropriations are dwindling the situation has developed almost into a fight for life.

The air officers have contended from time to time that the plane has doomed armies along with battleships, but old infantry and artillery officers say that "the next war" as well as those in the past, will be decided on man power and not on the number of airplanes. No substitute for the infantry has yet been found and it is not believed any will be found for many years to come. The airplane of the future will make

ground fighting extremely "uncomfortable" but no air force ever is likely to take a city.

Navy men are inclined to look upon the world flight as an admirable stunt and a fine advertisement for the air forces of both services. But when it comes to arguing that the long trail of the Army planes over sea and desert has "doomed" the battleship the Navy gets on its hind legs, and howls. Among other things it is answered that a battleship fleet could have circumnavigated the globe in less time than it took the President to make the journey.

President Coolidge is neutral in the controversy as yet. It will be waged anew in Congress this winter and then the President may have something official to say. He feels at the moment that enough money is being spent on both the Navy and the air forces, and so refuses to get excited.

You can win a prize



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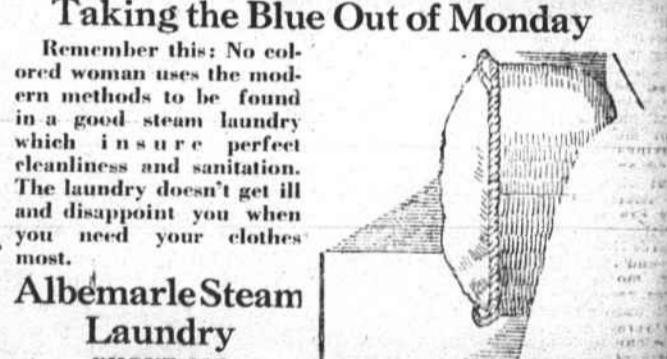


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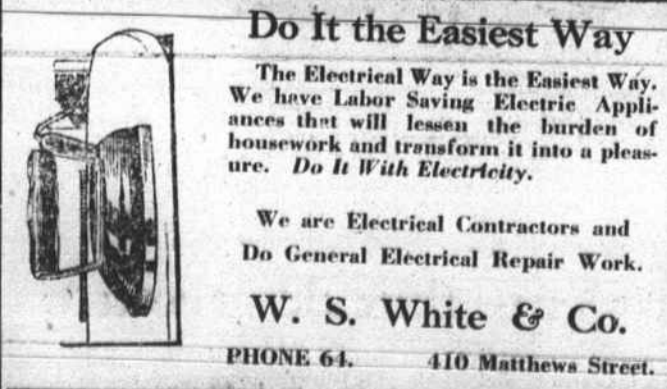
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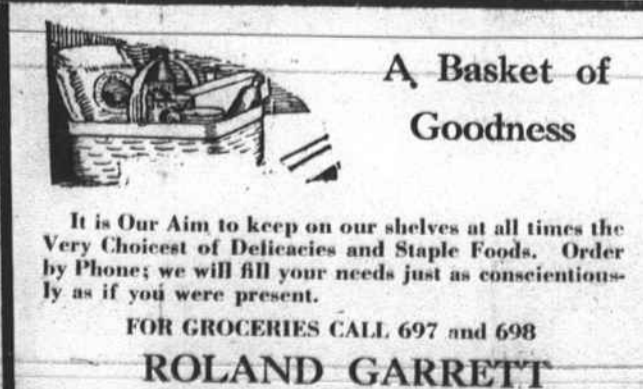


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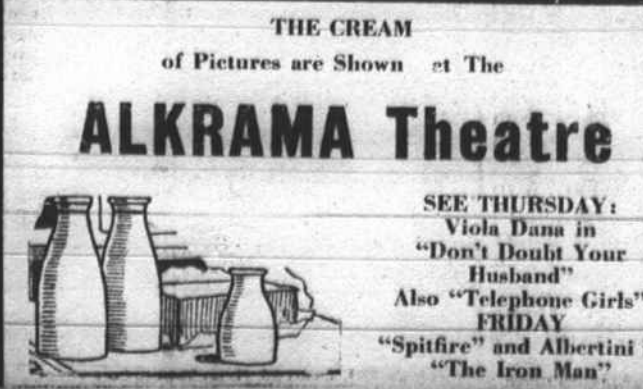
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