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NOBLES HOLDS TO INNOCENCE PLEA

Meets Death in Electric Chair Still Protesting His Innocence

Protesting his innocence with his last conscious breath, and against the current with his physical body, Daniel Milton Nobles stood in the execution chamber of the State Prison yesterday morning. He was in the grip of the current three minutes and 46 seconds.

So intense and prolonged was the voltage required to kill the shrieking, scared little figure that crouched within the straps that livid flames broke out from the electrode strapped to his leg, and ran around the knee, lapping at the ripped open trousers, and another leaped out from under the chin strap and curled up over the ears. The warden hastily checked the current and the flames died.

Witness Death

Eighty men and two women students from the State College Summer School looked on within the little chamber. Outside a crowd of more than a hundred people, unable to gain entrance into the house of death, waited and watched eagerly at the windows. Some of them climbed the walls and peered down through the windows over the heads of those who stood in a dense semi-circle around the chair where Nobles was struggling unconsciously against death.

Merciful consciousness was snatched out of the man before the attendants stepped back from strapping him in the chair; and the deadly bolt was shot home. His quivering lips opened against his lips, and his body clung against the straps. His breathing was imperceptible. The attending physician remarked in an undertone that he had lost consciousness as he turned away from the chair and gave the signal for death.

Certainly over his face as he came through the door vanished as he came down in the chair. His fingers sought the end of the arm of the chair and felt their way back. He glanced down with a faint show of interest as the electrode was strapped against his leg. There was a moment's delay as the attendants reached for the helmet and the breast straps.

"You can say whatever you want to say now—you haven't much time," Rev. S. J. Betts, reminded him.

"Well, I hope I'll meet you all up yander," he began uncertainly. "I have made peace with the good blessed Lord, and I know my time has come. I am innocent—" his voice trailed off into a long drawn sigh. Still the chin-straps were not in place. There was a little delay with the buckles that fasten the leather across the breast. "I am ready to go and I have made peace with the good blessed Lord," he repeated and was silent.

Mr. Betts Protests

The heavy leather that fits across the chin was put in place and the buckles fastened. His lips were tightly compressed between them, and his face almost entirely hidden, except his nose, which was left free for the few final inhalations and exhalations of breath. Nobles breathed faintly through his lips, and with perceptible effort.

"You are making it too tight," interposed Rev. Mr. Betts. In the grim silence of the room the words came almost with a shock of a pistol shot, sounding perhaps louder than they were. Sensation vibrated through the densely packed semi-circle, and Warden Busbee let go the straps and stood over the chair looking directly into the face of the preacher, and pointing to a spot a little distance away.

Busbee's Retort

"Will you stand over there, please?" he said quietly. Mr. Betts moved over and said nothing more. The helmet was placed, and the wires attached. Water ran down out of the helmet, covering the face of the shrinking, motionless figure. The warden examined all the trapplings and stepped back into the ante-chamber and took hold of the switch.

Until that point the crowd had divided its interest between the two young women over beside the door, and the figure in the chair. There was subdued speculation as to whether the two women would be able to stand the scene. Commotion ensued when a soldier wearing a sergeant's stripes, who had accompanied the party of young women, asked to be let out. A third woman who had come in with (Continued on page 8.)

MORE LIQUOR IS SEIZED ON SHIPS

British And French Liners Give Up Surplus; Japanese Ship Also Victim

New York, June 27.—The French liner Paris and the White Star liner Cedric, the third and fourth vessels to defy American dry laws by bringing liquor into New York under government seals, Tuesday lost their excess beer, wine and liquor when customs officers yesterday seized and all but medicinal supplies.

On the Paris thirteen kegs of beer were dumped overboard and almost four thousand bottles of wine were carried away to government warehouses. The beer was poured out instead of seized on request of the ship's officers in order to save the kegs.

After breaking the seals on the Cedric's wine room the officials carted away 7,991 bottles of beer, 90 bottles of spirits and thirty-seven bottles of assorted liquors. Officers said they had received no word as to what action their line would take.

Dr. E. K. Sprague, United States Public Health officer who issued permits for medicinal liquor aboard foreign liners, today opened a special office in the custom house to facilitate handling the cases.

LITTLE BOY KILLED BY AN AUTOMOBILE

Charlotte, June 27.—Ira Hucks, seven-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Hucks, on the Providence road near here, was instantly killed yesterday when hit by an automobile driven by J. M. Armstrong. The boy ran out from behind a water trough near the road where he was playing with his companions, and was struck by the car, his head being crushed. The coroner, after an investigation, attached no blame to the driver of the car for the accident.

OIL WITH PRICE VARIATION

Washington, June 26.—Complaints charging resale price maintenance in the sale of gasoline in and around Tampa, Fla., were filed today by the Federal Trade commission against the Standard Oil company of Kentucky, Gulf Refining company, the Texas company, F. T. Burnes, F. D. Jones and H. G. Thompson, Tampa; the Tampa Automobile Dealer's association, and the Tampa retail gasoline dealer's association.

The commission charges the respondents with coercing and influencing dealers to sell at prices fixed by the respondents and with refusing gasoline dealers who would not sell at such prices.

HOT ATTACK ON FEDERAL AGENT

N. C. Pharmacists Urge Removal of A. W. Bradley for "High-Handed" Methods

Greenville, S. C., June 27.—Urging the North Carolina body of the joint Pharmaceutical association of North and South Carolina in convention here to ask the North Carolina prohibition director to remove Prohibition Enforcement Inspector Augustus W. Bradley, of Salisbury, for methods "high-handed and most unreasonable," J. A. Goode, of Asheville, head of the North Carolina delegation, in an address last night continued:

"This association was one of the first professional bodies of our state to endorse prohibition and we will stand as its friend, but such methods of inspection as used by Mr. Bradley cannot be tolerated."

Attacking the use of patent medicines, President Goode urged that the profession of pharmacy back the State boards of health in their fight against certain patent medicines. Mr. Goode then recounted the story of the association's legislative fight in Raleigh.

Mr. Goode urged that laws be passed requiring medicine manufacturers to label containers plainly "showing ingredients which they claim will do such wonders."

This afternoon here the North Carolina association held a session separate from the South Carolina association and heard reports from officers, including President Goode and Secretary J. C. Beard, of Chapel Hill. Secretary F. W. Hancock, of the North Carolina Board of Pharmacy, also submitted his report.

The South Carolina association also held a session and heard an address by President T. F. Young, of Greenville, and the report of Secretary

WOMAN IS HELD FOR KILLING OF OFFICER

Well-Known Florida Man Killed At Jacksonville Following Quarrel

Jacksonville, Fla., June 25.—Robert Shackelford, 47, chief field officer under former Sheriff Rudolph E. Merritt and one of Governor Hardee's chief investigators, was shot and killed yesterday at his home in Lakeside Park. Mrs. Daisy Vaughn, 30, who was arrested, is said by police to have admitted shooting Shackelford, claiming self-defense.

The woman is said to have stated that she shot Shackelford when he reached for a pistol to shoot her. They had quarreled previously, it was said.

Shackelford is credited with having taken a large part in breaking up the activities of confidence men in Florida.

In 1922 he was detailed to investigate the activities of confidence men who had reaped a large harvest in the State. As the result of his activities many of these men were arrested and some convictions obtained.

Shackelford and Mrs. Vaughn met about eight years ago, friends said, after her husband is declared to have deserted her. Mrs. Shackelford, who resides in Lake City, said she did not know Mrs. Vaughn.

WEDNESDAY TO BE BIG DAY IN DUKE

Will Celebrate July Fourth With An Elaborate Program

Duke, June 28.—Tentative plans have been completed here for the biggest Fourth of July celebration ever held here in Duke's history. The event is to be under the auspices of the Erwin Park commission and will last throughout the day.

Beginning at 7:30 o'clock in the

principal streets of the village. Next on the program is the children's flag drill and other patriotic exercises under the direction of the Misses Cantwell and Prickett. It is expected to have two hundred or more youngsters in these exercises. Then comes one of the most elaborate athletic programs ever gotten up in the town. Suitable cash prizes are to be given for the first, second and third place winners immediately after the completion of the races.

Probably the best sing that ever has been staged in the town starts after the completion of the athletic program. Joseph M. Core, local singing leader, is in charge of this event. He states that the best classes of Johnston, Sampson and Harnett counties will be here and compete for the prizes offered.

At 3:30 in the afternoon Manager O. A. Zachary will lead his local aggregation of baseball artists on the field to meet the Mills Tire Co., of the Raleigh City League, in a contest which promises to be a real game. In the evening free movies are to be shown under the direction of Arthur Whiteley, director of the band. Also the band will play several numbers during the intermissions. Free lemonade and ice water will be in vogue throughout the day. Rest rooms are to be provided for visitors.

NUMBERS DEAD FISH SEEN NEAR OCEAROCKE

Washington, June 27.—Tuesday when Capt. Dave Williams, of Preston, arrived in town from Ocracoke, he reported large numbers of dead fish floating on the water at Ocracoke and over near Portsmouth. More are seen on the water near the latter place even than at Ocracoke, but at both places he says there are scores of porgies, drums, spots and croakers. No one knows what has caused the phenomenon. Sunday afternoon Captain Williams says the surf at Ocracoke was as smooth as glass.

SUNDAY'S SERVICES AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. C. T. Adams, pastor of Divine Street Methodist church, will preach next Sunday morning on "What Constitutes a Nation's True Greatness?" The music will be of a patriotic nature. His subject at the evening service will be "Fishing." A cordial welcome awaits every one. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. H. L. Godwin, superintendent, Prof. W. S. Snipes, teacher Bible class.

Frank M. Smith, of Charleston. Last night there was a dance for the joint association. Tomorrow there will be a number of business sessions.

WILL CELEBRATE CLORNE BIRTH IN NEW STYLE

Big Parade, Band And Athletic Contests Feature

EVERYTHING TO BE ABSOLUTELY FREE

Numerous prizes offered and a grand time is promised. The committee appointed to handle the celebration has asked to spend the money for the benefit of the "Back to the Sun" fund.

In keeping with the new style of celebration for the town, Dunn will on Wednesday next stage a "great and glorious" Fourth of July celebration. It appeared that the parade would be given along without special recognition by the citizens. However, as the day drew near, memories of the great Fourth of July many years past began to come into the minds of the town.

The fact that the celebration does not mean a grand parade to be held in the town, but a celebration of the town, and of the people living in it. Everything will be planned for the benefit of the town, and for the benefit of the people living in it. The committee has been charged with the duty of making the celebration a success.

Merchants' association is planning a parade. J. W. Drayton, chairman, Walter Jones, M. F. Hodges, Hugh M. Primes, Eugene Parker, Milton Tart, J. P. Johnson, B. M. Brewer, A. Feldman. Publicity—Ellie Goldstein, chairman, Byron Ford, F. Grover Britt. Construction—J. L. Wade, chairman, L. F. Bailey, Arthur Pope, G. M. Tilghman, E. V. Dawson, Leander Price, J. W. Hodges, J. B. Butler, E. J. Nobles.

Manufacturers committee—A. L. Newberry, chairman, B. O. Towns, Marvin Wade, E. M. Parsons, Arthur Pope.

Costume committee—Mrs. C. R. Young, chairman, Mrs. W. J. Thompson, Mrs. M. M. Driver, Mrs. T. V. Smith, Mrs. J. L. Wade, Mrs. McD. Holaday, Mrs. A. H. Young, Mrs. L. J. Best, Mrs. J. R. Butler, Mrs. L. V. Saipes, Mrs. Wm. Thompson. Fiddlers and band committee—Will Butler, chairman, Gibson Jackson, R. M. Farnell.

Grounds committee—I. E. Williams, chairman, Robert Young, Earl Barefoot, J. W. Turnage, Jim Davis, Wesley B. Thompson.

Soldiers and sailors—World War—Capt. I. E. Williams, chairman, Capt. W. D. Holland, James Best, Jack Stewart, Otis Warren, R. Durham Taylor, Civil War—Mrs. McD. Holaday, chairman, Mrs. L. J. Best.

Athletic committee—H. B. Taylor, chairman, Edwin B. Cooper, W. E. Newberry, Jr., Sam Farwell.

Refreshment committee—Sam Fleishman, chairman, John Hodges, G. W. Butler, G. W. Gardner, H. M. Pittman, Geo. L. Cannady, J. L. Wade, L. F. Bailey, G. T. Noel, J. W. Purdie, L. K. Denning, Leander Price, J. W. Driver, Dr. T. E. Darden.

Better babies contest—Dr. W. E. Coltrane, R. L. Warren, I. F. Hicks, Chas. Highsmith, E. C. Turlington, C. H. Sexton, O. L. Denning.

Lawyers committee—H. L. Godwin, chairman, C. L. Gray, Robert Young, J. C. Clifford, J. O. West.

Doctors committee—Dr. J. E. Butler, chairman, Dr. J. A. Jernigan, Jas. Highsmith, P. A. Stewart, R. L. Warren.

Judges of live stock—H. A. Turington, J. C. Byrd, B. E. Jackson, Jim Bryant.

PROSAIC DEATH AFTER MANY ADVENTURES

Camp Bragg Soldier Served Overseas With Canadian Forces

Fayetteville, June 28.—After defying death in almost all its known forms with the immortal Princess Pat Regiment and as a member of North West Mounted Police, Charles Deville died from a hemorrhage of the brain while engaged in the prosaic task of repairing a player-piano in the day room headquarters battery of the Fifth Field Artillery at Fort Bragg. Deville was a first class private in that regiment, and had an excellent record as a soldier. He was wounded and gassed in Flanders with the Princess Pats.

Reville had no relatives known to military officials, and his body will be shipped to Raleigh tomorrow morning to be buried in the National Cemetery there. Robert Capshaw, of Cookeville, Tenn., was named in the emergency address on Reville's service record, but no response has yet been received from the telegram sent Capshaw by post officials. It is said that the dead man has relative living in England, but nothing is known of them by Reville's military superiors.

P. A. LEE HEADS N. C. DRUGGISTS

Elected Yesterday As President of State Pharmaceutical Association

P. A. Lee, well-known Dunn druggist, yesterday was elected president of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical association. Other officers are: First vice-president, James P. Stone, Charlotte; second vice-president, Allen J. Jones, Winston-Salem; secretary-treasurer, J. G. Beard, Chapel Hill. Mr. Lee served as first vice-president

of the association for the past year. The association met at the Raleigh Hotel yesterday afternoon. The annual meeting of the North and South Carolina associations was held this year at Greenville, S. C. The North Carolina association will meet next year at Wrightsville Beach, in June. The Greenville meeting closed yesterday.

OESTREICHER BURIED IN NATIVE GERMANY

Salisbury, June 25.—A cable received by Mrs. Dave Oestreicher this afternoon confirmed the cable of last week that her husband had been buried at Eberbach, near Heidelberg, and added that it was according to his own wishes that interment was made there. Mr. Oestreicher, a prominent merchant of Salisbury, died while on a visit to his native Germany, and his body will be allowed to remain there.

ALLEGES HER HUSBAND PAID \$5,000 FOR HER

Valparaiso, Ind., June 26.—Alleging that her husband, James C. Barker, 65 years old, purchased her for \$5,000, when he married her three years ago in Kentucky, Mrs. Sarah Z. Barker, 24 years old, filed suit for divorce here today. Mrs. Barker an orphan, declared she was living with an uncle when the marriage took place, and was forced by the latter under threats of death to marry the aged defendant.

LARGE CROWD ATTENDS FUNERAL OF MISS ADAMS

The funeral of Miss Melva Adams, 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Adams, who died early Tuesday morning, was conducted Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the First Baptist church. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. E. N. Johnson, pastor of the church, and interment was made in the family cemetery in Johnston county. A large crowd of sorrowing friends attended the funeral and beautiful floral offerings were banked high upon the grave.

The Dunn Concert band will furnish music—good music—for the occasion.

Members of the various committees are requested to meet in the Chamber of Commerce rooms on Monday evening, July 2, at 8 o'clock.

Miss Melba Bell spent the week end at Lakeview.

PAUL KITCHIN IS CLAIMED BY DEATH

Brother of Late Claude Kitchin Dies Suddenly At Seven Springs

Scotland Neck, June 28.—The body of A. Paul Kitchin, successful lawyer and prominent citizen of Scotland Neck, who died suddenly last night at Seven Springs, was brought here to his home this afternoon by motor hearse.

Mr. Kitchin went to Seven Springs about 10 days ago for his health, but was not critically ill until a few days ago.

He was a brother of the late Claude Kitchin and of W. W. Kitchin, former governor of North Carolina. Mr. Kitchin was twice a representative from Halifax county in the State legislature and once a member of the senate, and was for many years county road commissioner. At the time of his death he was a member of the local school board.

In his early youth he was graduated from Wake Forest college, after which he located in Roxboro, where he practiced law until 1901. After his return to Scotland Neck he was married to Miss Carrie Lawrence, who with three children survives him—Paul, Francis and Travis Kitchin.

Mr. Kitchin was 50 years old. His birthday occurring April 24. The funeral will take place tomorrow at 5 o'clock from his late residence, and interment will be made in the Baptist cemetery.

FIVE MILLIONS LOST BY PUBLIC IN WALL ST.

New York, June 26.—The net loss to the public as a result of recent stock exchange failures, including those of the past two weeks, will not exceed \$4,000,000 or \$5,000,000, Seymour Cronwell, president of the New York exchange declared Monday.

In regard to the failure of the

seemed to have been lost of the fact that the stock exchange had used for years as a "fighting machine" against the public.

Reports made to him by statisticians indicated, he said, that the net loss to the public would be comparatively small.

TO TEACH RADIO WHILE MEN SLEEP

Washington, June 24.—"Learn while you sleep" is an idea the navy is going to work out at the Pensacola, Fla., air station, where it is proposed to teach the intricacies of wireless to embryonic radio operators after they have retired at night. Special sets are to be strapped to the ears of the sleepers and throughout the night data and formula will be poured into their brains.

\$50,000 LOSS IN MARSHVILLE FIRE

Timely Arrival Of Monroe Fire Company Prevents Further Damage

Marshville, June 28.—A fifty-thousand-dollar fire that has raged in Marshville for three hours was checked today about three o'clock when the fire engine and men from Monroe arrived and turned the hose upon an angry blaze that had cut its way through stack after stack of lumber as it was driven on by a furious west wind. The entire plant of the Union Lumber Company was destroyed, together with about one million feet of fine forest and old field lumber, about an acre of ground being covered by the wild fire as it threatened other sections of the town.

The arrival of the Monroe fire company was timely, since Marshville's water and power system is yet under construction and the fire department not yet organized. In addition to the destruction of the lumber plant and the million feet of lumber, 2 box cars on a siding near the plant were also burned, one of them being loaded with lumber. A cotton gin nearby and the Ashcraft Gin and Mill Company's plant, were endangered, and if the wind had changed to the east other property would have been destroyed. The Union Lumber Company's plant and the lumber belonged largely to J. E. Thomas and the plant was partly covered by insurance, but there was no insurance on the lumber, about seventy-five thousand feet of which belonged to A. M. Sanders.

The fire originated in the boiler room of the lumber plant.

HENRY FORD AIDS A LITTLE CRIPPLE

Detroit Manufacturer Keeps His Promise And She Is Receiving Treatment

Fort Myers, Fla., June 28.—Despite the many demands made on his time, Henry Ford has not forgotten his promise to a little crippled girl at La Belle, near here. His promise—that of medical attention—was made good the other day. A long trip to Detroit, a thing of the past, the little girl is now a patient in a Detroit hospital at the manufacturer's expense.

One day last winter a little girl, a cripple since childhood, sat on the front porch of her home at La Belle. She was watching several of her little friends playing in the street. Her gaze wandered from the children to a pair of crutches which were leaning against a nearby post.

A man came by and spoke to her. "Would you like to play, too?" he asked.

"Oh, yes," the little girl replied.

"Then you shall," the man told her.

Bessie Smith was the little cripple, and Henry Ford was the stranger who addressed her. Mr. Ford has a winter home here, and had been enjoying his customary daily walk when he saw the little girl.

The other day Bessie was informed that all arrangements had been made by Mr. Ford for her to enter the hospital at Detroit. Not only the hospital bill was to be paid by the manufacturer, but her transportation and all other expenses. Accompanied by her father, Ham Smith, Bessie left the other day for Detroit.

MINISTERS HOLDING SUMMER CONFERENCE

Large Attendance And Able Speakers At High Point Meeting

High Point, June 27.—The annual summer conference of the ministers of the High Point conference, held here last evening with Rev. J. E. Fritchard of Henderson, presiding. There is an unusually large delegation of the ministers from all sections of the State in the meeting, and indications are to the effect that this will prove to be the record attendance as well as the most interesting in the history of summer conferences.

This morning the conference was fortunate to have Dr. William J. Thompson, Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, New Jersey, who gave the first of a series of lectures. The series will be continued each morning and evening throughout the conference. Also Dr. C. E. Furlow of Westminster Theological Seminary, Westminster, Maryland, is favoring the conference with a like series of lectures on the Atonement. These too will be a popular feature of the meeting throughout.

Rev. C. W. Bates in the early part of the program addressed the assembly on the conference theme: "Training for Leadership." After a short intermission in the morning session the schedule was resumed at which hour Rev. W. H. Noss delivered a well prepared and forceful address on "Evangelism." The afternoon gathering was marked by a sermon delivered before the conference by the Rev. C. E. Phillips, a young minister of the Methodist Protestant church.

So far the meetings have been held in the auditorium of the Children's Home. The evening sessions, however, will be entertained in the chapel of the new college building.

MEN EVENTUALLY WILL DO THE HOUSEKEEPING

Statistician Says Women To Transact All Business Within A Century

New York, June 26.—All the business of the world will be transacted by women within a century, if the trend now going on continues, according to statistics, Mrs. Alice MacDougal, New York feminist, announced yesterday after a period of intense research.

Since 1880 Mrs. MacDougal said she had discovered that the percentage of women in business increased from 14.7 to 21.6 while the percentage of men dropped five per cent.

"I don't pretend to predict what the men will do," she said. "Some one has to do the housekeeping, I suppose, and if the women are otherwise engaged, the men will have to do it. Probably by that time though, inventors will have relieved human drudgery to such an extent that it will be pretty easy for the men."