

WEATHER

Cloudy and warmer, probably rain in Western portion. Friday rain.

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CLARK NEGRO SHOT TO DEATH SATURDAY ASSAULT IS HELD

Fred Ricks Held for Death of William Henry Saunders May be Charged with Violation of Prohibition Law Also; Officers Find Still in His Back Yard and Whiskey on His Premises; Trouble Saturday Night Result of Attention by Saunders to Ricks' Wife, Officers Learn.

New Bern, Dec. 25.—William Henry Saunders is dead and Fred Ricks is in the county jail awaiting a hearing, charged with shooting him to death as the result of a drunken row Saturday night, alleged to have grown out of undue attentions paid Ricks' wife by Saunders.

The shooting took place in the yard in front of Ricks' home near Clark about midnight, Saturday night. Sheriff J. D. Williams was notified about 4 o'clock in the morning, and he immediately went to the scene, alone, arriving there about 5 o'clock. He found Ricks at home, he having made no attempt to get away. He told the sheriff that he had killed Saunders in self defense, his statement said to have been borne out by Ernest Langston, an eye witness.

Ricks was brought to New Bern, and placed in jail, and Coroner Tartsfield notified. The coroner was taken to the scene by the sheriff, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff James S. Bryan, and a search of the premises revealed a quantity of whiskey while 30 yards back of the house a 50-gallon galvanized still was found. In the house the officers found a half gallon of whiskey and some bottles, while back of the house in the yard were another gallon of whiskey and a quantity of kegs and jugs. About 300 gallons of mash were destroyed at the still.

Coroner Tartsfield empaneled a jury, viewed the body and continued the hearing until Wednesday in order to give time for summoning a witness. In the meantime Ricks is being held in jail.

Ricks used a .38 calibre Smith and Wesson special revolver, shooting at Saunders five times. Only two bullets took effect, however, one of these over the right eye and the other in the left side, the latter penetrating the body.

Stabs Wife to Death As She Prepares Christmas Dinner

Decatur, Ga., Dec. 25.—While their 13-year-old daughter, Bonnie, struggled to protect her mother, Rufus Bird stabbed his wife to death with an ice pick here late today. The tragedy occurred at the home of their married daughter, Mrs. O. J. Morris, where Mrs. Bird was preparing a Christmas feast.

Members of the family told the police that at the time of the stabbing, Bird was holding her two-year-old son, William in her arms. The baby escaped injuries, but the girl received a bad wound in her hand as she fought her father. Bird was taken to jail where doctors say he is suffering from wounds which they believe were self-inflicted after he had thrust the pick into the heart of his wife.

The couple had been separated for about one week, members of the family told the police. Bird followed his wife to the home of their daughter, gaining entrance into the home, Bird is said to have approached his wife on the pretext of holding the baby. Instead of taking the baby, according to police reports, he seized an ice pick and stabbed his wife repeatedly in the face, arms and breast. Mrs. Bird was seated in a chair at the time. She fell out of the chair, the police said, dropping the baby to the floor. She staggered to a window, falling through to the ground below, in an effort to escape from her husband's attack. Neighbors said she was dead when they reached her in the yard.

Bonnie Bird tried to hold her father's arm during the attack, the police were told. Bird thrust the ice pick through his daughter's hand, and then reneged his attack upon his wife. Bird offered no resistance when officers arrived at the house. An examination proved that he was suffering from a dozen or more wounds in the left breast, which police stated were inflicted with the same weapon with which he killed his wife. He is said to be in a serious condition.

W. A. Graham, Jr. Is Appointed

Raleigh, Dec. 26.—W. A. Graham, Jr., has been appointed to succeed his father as Secretary of Agriculture.

LIEUTENANT WOOD, SON OF GOV. WOOD MAKES FORTUNE SPECULATING IN U. S. STOCK

SHOT TO DEATH BY SON XMAS EVE

Father and Son Quarrel Over the Use of Truck Which Son Wished to Use for Joy Riding

Raleigh, Dec. 25th.—Punctured by six bullets from a revolver in the hands of his 22-year-old son, L. J. Harrison, well-known New Light resident, was shot to death in front of his own fireplace Christmas Eve about ten o'clock. His son, Otis Harrison, who did the shooting, fled immediately afterwards and has not been apprehended.

The deceased was a second cousin of D. B. Harrison, Sheriff of Wake county, and was a guard at the convict camp. He was very well thought of throughout his community. He was fifty-five years old.

Evidence collected by deputies Arch Wood and Bud Stell was to the effect that the father came home from the convict camp on a truck and that the boy wanted to borrow the truck for a ride. The father refused because the boy had been drinking and a row started, which ended only when the son drew a pistol and fired six bullets through the old man. A 32 Smith and Wesson was the weapon.

There were no eye witnesses to the shooting. Mrs. Harrison, and his wife, Felsie, who were in the house when the trouble started told the deputies that they ran out into the yard.

The deputies arrived on the scene about 3 o'clock Christmas morning and later returned with Solicitor W. F. Evans and County Solicitor W. F. Evans and County Physician C. B. Wilkerson. Dr. Wilkerson examined the dead man and found that death had been caused by a bullet which entered the side of his body. Another bullet had lodged in the arm.

WARSAW VOTES IN FAVOR OF WILMINGTON POWER

Wilmington, Dec. 26.—By an almost unanimous vote the citizenship of Warsaw yesterday oked the sale of the Warsaw municipal light plant to the Tide Water Power company, that the local concern might in the future furnish the town with electric current, over its high-power transmission line, which has been strung as far north as Mt. Olive.

F. A. Matthes, executive vice-president of the Tide Water paid yesterday that all that now remained to be done to clinch the deal was the official signing of the papers. The light plant at Warsaw will discontinue operation about January 1, and the lines cut into the transmission line, he said.

Vice-President Matthes also announced that there would be located at Warsaw a branch office of the Tide Water, to be in charge of Arthur Humphrey, now located in this city. At that office the distribution of current to four towns, Warsaw, Calypso Magnolia and Rocky Point, will be handled. Four other towns, Burgaw, Rose Hill, Wallace and Mt. Olive, are also served by the Tide Water, but on a wholesale basis.

FIVE MEN DEAD RESULT OF XMAS SHOOTING AFFRAY

When Precrackers Were Exploded at Feet of Officers They Assumed They Were Being Fired Upon and Started Shooting.

Hazard, Ky., Dec. 25.—Of nine men who participated in the Perry county shooting affray over Christmas, five are dead, and one so seriously wounded that it is unlikely he will survive, and three are unscathed. Jerry Dunn, storekeeper, was the last of the five to die, he succumbing today from the wounds he received at the same time the other men were killed inside Dunn's store who were shot by Deputy sheriffs who passed the building when a fire cracker was exploded at their feet, and they took it as an indication that they were being fired upon from the store. Deputies Smith, Dennis and Phillips engaged in the pistol fight that followed, during which Smith was killed and Phillips wounded. John Richmond, negro, was slain on Christmas day, when he was alleged to have attempted to enter the home of James Workman.

Received His Information on Which He Made His Investments from a Will Street Tipster. He Stated That His Profits Were Between \$700,000 and \$800,000.

New York, Dec. 26.—Lt. Osborne C. Wood, son of Gov. General Leonard Wood, of the Philippines, who is reported to have accumulated a fortune of between \$700,000 and \$800,000 in Wall street received the information on which he acted through a Wall street tipster service, which sent him eight cables, and for which he is reported to have paid \$1,000 per month.

This information was given out today by Alfred T. Moore, head of the service. He exhibited to newspaper men hundreds of copies of messages advising the Lieutenant to buy or sell stock and any other information upon request.

HOUSING CONDITIONS IN N. Y. "A MENACE TO MORALITY"

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 25.—A moral menace in housing conditions in the northern section of New York City is described in the report of an investigating commission to Governor Smith and the public today.

"The indiscriminate sharing of rooms by both sexes and all ages, and the lack of privacy, the results of overcrowding are a menace to morality," the report says.

The inquiry covered nine typical city blocks, tenanted by less prosperous classes. Rent has increased 40 to 50 per cent since 1920, the investigators found.

J. MARCUS LEASES THEATRES OPERATED BY AMUSEMENT CO.

Wilmington, Dec. 26.—Announcement of the lease of the holdings of the Howard-Wells' Amusement Co. with the single exception of the Bijou Theatre is known. The lessee is J. Marcus, well known theatre man.

Although the change will not become effective until the first of the year, Mr. Marcus is already making plans for the operation of the Royal and Victoria theatres after that date and rumors are current that he is seeking a location for another theatre that he desires to operate here. He is negotiating for the store formerly occupied by Roy's drug store, on Front street, it is said.

Mr. Howard will, it is understood, continue to operate the Bijou theatre, and Mr. Wells will in the future devote his time to the interests of the Simmons Manufacturing company.

Messrs. Howard and Wells are the fathers of the moving picture business in Wilmington and their many friends will regret to see them retire from the field. However, business interests here have assured Mr. Marcus of their support.

TO FIGHT THE BOLL WEEVIL BY AIRSHIP

Washington, Dec. 23.—Aeroplane attacks on the boll weevil, the most destructive enemy of the cotton crop have proved successful, and calcium arsenate dust has been found the most effective poison for the weevil and other cotton insects, the Department of Agriculture announced today, after extensive experiments.

More tests are needed to develop better designs of planes and equipment, and to improve methods, and experimental work is being continued as available funds permit. The calcium arsenate is declared by the Department to be the best known poison at the present time for the weevil, other poisons are also being tested.

DEPUTY RESIGNS TO RUN FOR SHERIFF

Asheville, Dec. 22.—Otto Wells, to the past four years deputy sheriff of Buncombe county, has resigned his position effective January first in order that he may enter the race for sheriff at the next election against Sheriff John A. Lyster. In submitting his resignation Mr. Wells stated that he wished to give the sheriff a chance to appoint a man in his place as he had decided that it is his duty to make this fight as fair and as conscientious as I can.

GIANT DIRIGIBLE HAS NOT BEEN LOCATED YET

No Word Has Been Received for Several Days From the Dirigible Dixmude Which Has Been in the Air for Many Days.

Paris, France, Dec. 25.—No word has yet been received from the missing dirigible Dixmude which is still missing and may have been in the air for many days, or may have landed in some out of the way place on the coast of northern Africa.

For several days the wireless has been silent and the great craft herself has vanished.

It is calculated that the Dixmude store of gasoline was exhausted by Sunday the 23rd, and consequently the only thing left to do is to explore the regions where the air ship might have come down voluntarily, or by the forces of circumstance.

All reports that the dirigible has been observed recently having proved erroneous there seems to be no doubt that the giant ship was carried to sea.

Time for Argument of I. C. C. Limited

Washington, Dec. 25.—Time for argument before the Interstate Commerce Commission on the subject, "Railroad Conditions" was assigned today to cover six days beginning January 7.

VENIZELON GOES BACK TO GREEK CAPITAL AT ONCE

Paris, Dec. 25.—(By the Associated Press)—Former Premier Venizelos has decided to return to Athens, and is leaving Paris for Greece forthwith.

His decision was taken after a delegation which arrived from Athens last night had delivered to him a document signed by 270 members of the executive assembly elected last week, urging him to resume charge of the government and save the country.

EIGHT ALIENS ARRESTED

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 23.—Eight aliens arrested near Tarpon Springs, were held in jail here today pending a hearing before United States Commissioner Cone, on a charge of illegal entry into this country.

BEATEN DOWN WITH IRON BAR IN LITTLE STORE

Joseph Trollinger is Found in Pool of Blood—Assailant Escapes

Mebane, Dec. 25.—Joseph Trollinger, aged about 65, was brutally murdered in his store on the edge of this town, Monday night, by persons unknown to the authorities.

Today the chief of police of Mebane and Sheriff C. D. Stohry, of Alamance county are without a clue to the assailant or assailants of the old man, but are making effort to find some trace of the murderer.

Mr. Trollinger was struck over the head with a heavy iron bar, weighing 13 pounds, 18 inches long. He was discovered in a pool of blood, behind the counter, groaning, but unconscious. He never regained consciousness, dying an hour after he was found.

He lived alone in his little store on the edge of Mebane. At about 7:30 o'clock a little negro boy passing the store heard him groaning and found him lying a bloody heap. He notified other persons who went to the store, and tried to revive the old man, but their efforts were unsuccessful. He died at about 8:30, without speaking a word.

From indications some one had come into the store and bought a box of sardines, a deuten them. Mr. Trollinger was struck on the back of the head, while leaning over the counter. It is supposed other blows were dealt him, and the injuries inflicted were terrible. His clothing was a mass of blood.

The chief of police, Sheriff Stohry and the coroner of Alamance county hastened to the place, and soon a large crowd had collected. So many people were in and about the building that it was seen useless to use bloodhounds. Investigation failed to show who was guilty of the crime.

Robbery seems to have been the motive. Part of the money of the old man seems to have been stolen and two pistols he was known to have had were gone.

If every day was a holiday, when would we rest up?



King George and Queen Elizabeth of Greece, ordered to leave their country by officers of the Army and Navy, are reported fleeing. A republic will be established, it is understood.

Goldsboro Citizen Injured In Auto Accident Sunday Dead; Funeral Wednesday

ARIZONA ATHLETE SHOT TO DEATH

His Companion Miss Maxine McNelly in Hospital in Serious Condition as Result of Attack Made by Negro.

Miami, Arizona, Dec. 25.—Ted Grosh, University of Arizona athlete, was shot to death and his companion, Miss Maxine McNelly, of Globe, Ariz., is in a Globe hospital in a serious condition as the result of an attack by a negro here early today.

A passing motorist found Grosh's body in the car, and Miss McNelly, wounded and helpless, lying in the road. She is expected to recover.

HOLD FUNERAL SERVICES FOR MAJ. W. A. GRAHAM

Raleigh, Dec. 25.—Funeral services for Major W. A. Graham, state commissioner of agriculture, who died at a local hospital yesterday, were held here today. The body afterward was taken to Lincoln county where it will be buried tomorrow. Major Graham would have been 84 years old had he lived until tonight.

\$50,000 WORTH OF WHISKEY STOLEN

A Score of Men and a Battery of Trucks Swoop Down on Gwynbrook Distillery and Shackel Guards, Move Away With Large Quantity of Barrel Goods.

Baltimore, Dec. 23.—A score of armed men and a fleet of trucks last night swooped down on the Gwynbrook Distillery warehouses at Gwynbrook, near Owings Mills, shacked the three guards and broke into two of the three whisky stocked buildings.

An army of state, county and city police, under National guardsmen on motor cycles last night scoured the roads and countryside for the fugitives who fled just in time to escape the enclosing net.

NEW POLICEMAN

Greensboro, Dec. 22.—Carrying out a plan which has been given a great deal of attention recently, the authorities of Greensboro this week announced the addition of sixteen men to the police force of the city. The total of the force now is 53 men. It has been necessary to establish new traffic corners with all day police, service and also five men have been added to the motorcycle squad.

Parents who bought drums for their children's Christmas may need some ear drums for themselves.

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ONSLOW COUNTY FARMER GIVEN JAIL SENTENCE

Continued Violation of His Marketing Contract and Because of His Threatening Officers Who Served Injunction Papers Responsible for Jail Sentence Imposed Upon J. K. Carter.

(Special to The News) Raleigh, Dec. 25.—Continued violation of his marketing contract with the Tobacco Co-operative and threatful to the officers who served an injunction papers today resulted in a thirty day jail sentence imposed upon J. K. Carter, of Onslow county, by Judge Henry A. Grady, of the Superior court, presiding at Jacksonville, N. C.

The breaking of the Association contract has resulted in thirty day jail sentences for several other members of the Tobacco Co-operative Association, but today's sentence was the most severe which has yet been imposed upon any member in Eastern North Carolina, according to the evidence in today's case. Carter, the defendant in several injunction proceedings brought by the Association, was present in court when the Judge signed the restraining order, but sold his tobacco at a later date, in spite of this knowledge, and according to the affidavits of Deputy Sheriff W. J. Davis, threatened bodily injury when further papers were served, declaring "I'm damn tired of having this paper served on me." The Association was represented by Deputy and Day of Jacksonville, local counsel for the Association in today's proceedings.

Coroner's Inquest Findings in Death of Mr. Best

The Coroner's jury after a long deliberation and consultation rendered a verdict in the case of Mr. B. Frank Best, who died Monday night, December 24, at 11:30 p. m. due to a heart attack which was directly the result of the night of Sunday, December 23, 1923.

Mr. Best, with Mr. Leggett, Mr. Cooney were driving on the Goldsboro-Kinston highway at 5:14 Sunday evening. The vehicle they were driving was a Ford coupe driven by Mr. Whitley of this city. Mr. Best, as the result of the accident, was in the hospital and two other young ladies in the company of Miss Whitley were slightly injured.

WIDOW IS KILLED WITH HAMMER, CHRISTMAS DAY

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 25.—With skull battered by a blunt instrument, thought to be a hammer, the body of Mrs. Mary Munsell, 75, a widow, was found thinsy clad on a bed at her home in Burnside, east Hartford, today.

A window at the rear of the home had been forced and signs of a struggle were evident. A hammer was found on a stairway and an alarm clock which had stopped at 3:15 o'clock A. M. There are clues on which the police are working. Robbery is thought to be the motive of the crime.

After the woman had been struck down, the intruder stripped her night gown from her and with it wiped the blood from her nose and mouth, police said. The body was then placed on the bed, thus it remained until the arrival of a neighbor, who came to inquire why Mrs. Munsell had not appeared at her home for Christmas dinner.

Entrance to the house was gained by breaking the glass in a window, and then removing the lock. The noise is believed to have aroused Mrs. Munsell who arose and went to the kitchen to investigate. There, the police think, she confronted the intruder, and there was staged the first phase of a life and end struggle.

Through the kitchen into the bedroom the two appear to have struggled before the fatal blow was struck. Then the house was ransacked, a trail of burned matches from room to room tracing the slayer's path. Perforated articles were examined and brought to the kitchen were examined by the light of the lamp, which Mrs. Munsell kept burning in the kitchen at all times during the night, police believe.

Aged Woman Succumbs After Celebrating Century Mark

Uniontown, Pa., Dec. 25.—Taken ill suddenly after celebrating her 100th birthday anniversary, Mrs. Harriet Ross Reed died at the home of relatives here tonight.