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AMZI HELMS CONFESSES.

Says He Killed Ella Pryor... Says He Had No Idea He Had Shot the Girl.

Charlotte Observer.

Amzi Helms, who was cast into the Mecklenburg county jail Tuesday night by Sheriff, has confessed to the killing of Ella Pryor, an old sweetheart of his. He declares that he did not know the gun was loaded, and when he pointed it, did so to frighten the girl for the amusement that it would afford. He has employed Stewart & McRae attorneys, and will fight the case through court.

The officers felt pretty certain that they had landed the right man, but the statement of the prisoner, made to Deputy Sheriff E. O. Johnson, without solicitation, came as a surprise.

Before Helms has cleared himself of the charge preferred against him he will have to produce evidence to convince a jury of twelve good men and true that he shot the girl in fun. He says that when he went up to the house and saw the gun sitting there, he picked it up, unbreeched it, removed a shell, which he put in his pocket, cocked the gun and snapped it at the second person who came to the door, whom he took to be Mrs. Pryor. To his great surprise the gun fired and the woman fell. In the dark Helms claims that he had taken it to be a single-barreled gun and, in that way, was fooled. He had been in the habit of projecting with the Pryors and that is why he pointed the gun.

This is a very interesting story. If Helms did what he said he did, he will have to explain further, why, after he had shot the woman, he tarried long enough to unbreech the gun and throw out the empty shell which was found on the ground several hours later. Those who believe that the young fellow intended to shoot the girl say that a more plausible theory is that, when he fired the gun, he broke it and took out the loaded shell to keep any one from using the gun on him before he could get away. If Helms is guilty of wilful murder he is taking the only way out of it, and has a fair chance to win.

The case promises to be very interesting. There is this much in Helms' favor: He did not go to the home with the intention of killing any one, for he carried no weapon. He told his fellow prisoners Monday night that he thought Mrs. Pryor came to the door after Becky had gone back. He declared that he did not know that he had killed any one.

The tragedy has attracted much attention. Many believe that the slayer should be hung, but there are others who are inclined to accept his statement, in the absence of any motive.

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Weather sharps promise an early fall and a severe winter. Maybe so, but it is slow in getting its start.—Florida Times Union.

Cannot Stop Prosperity.

Pittsburg Dispatch.

One thing business men and the public generally can wisely bear in mind. That is that the real factors of prosperity do not depend on paper valuations and are not destroyed by the collapse of bubbles and booms. The nation has as much productive land, as many mills, factories and railroads as it ever had—and then some more in addition. Its population keeps on increasing. The population will not only be buying supplies of food, clothing, shoes, iron, glass and steel, but it will be working to produce what each can to exchange for the products of others. That is what business is, the exchange of products. Money, bank credits, domestic and foreign exchange are but the instruments by which the trade is settled, just as transportation exchange of the products is effected.

When anyone is effected by the thought that the stock complications may stop commerce let him counteract it by this thought: The people must go on eating and the farmer must, therefore, go on raising food. The farmer to do this must have tools, machinery and supplies and draw on mills for them. To transport the goods to the farmer and to bring his products to the industrial population the railroads must have rails and rolling stock. Carry the same certainty through infinite variations and you have the demonstration that commerce is bound to go on meeting the constant needs of the working masses. Inflation and speculation may inflict injury in their cataclysm, but that is an inevitable result of their vices. But in a country like ours the only thing that can permanently stop commerce is the disappearance of population.

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Arrested For Defrauding Uncle Sam.

Charlotte Observer.

Winston-Salem, Nov. 28.—Deputy United States Marshal G. A. Carroll returned last night from Danville, Va., where he went Tuesday night to carry George Sheets, a white man, who was arrested in Davie county Tuesday by Mr. Carroll on the charge of defrauding the government in the operation of a distillery and rescuing property. Sheets was arrested at the home of his father, three miles from Advance. He is a Davie county man, but has been living in Virginia for some time. Sheets had not succeeded in giving the \$5,000 bond required of him when Mr. Carroll left Danville. Mr. Carroll came back by the way of Leaksville and Spray, where he summoned some witnesses to appear in the Federal Court at Danville to-day.

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Let Us Hear No More Of It.

Charlotte Observer.

The railroad rate hearing has at length been resumed before Standing Master Montgomery and let us renew expressions of the hope that it may proceed to a conclusion without further disquieting talk about an extra session of the Legislature. If a compromise can be effected and the case terminated without the intervention of this body, all well and good; otherwise it would better go through the process of the courts. It is a mistake to suppose that the people are in sympathy with this continued agitation and that popular favor waits upon it. They are tired of it as can be learned by conversation with business men and farmers. The signs of the reaction are too manifest to be mistaken. The expense has already been great. An extra session of the Legislature would augment it largely, and apart from that, the calling of this body together would not be regarded with equanimity. We speak not captiously but in a spirit of friendliness. So far as the public patience is concerned the game has been played about to the limit and the added turmoil that a legislative session would involve would fatigue this patience yet further. It would mean additional distraction and additional hurt to business condition which are even now far from composed.

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Thanksgiving Entertainment at The College.

One of the most delightful entertainments of the year was given at Davenport College on Thanksgiving night by the school of Expression, Miss Annie E. Bowman, director, assisted by Miss Crandall of the music department. Owing to various attractions in town the audience, as was expected, was not large, but it made up for number by a hearty appreciation of the programme.

The College has this year perhaps the best trained corps of teachers ever seen in this institution, and the people of Lenoir have learned to expect only finished productions from Davenport.

The programme consisted of vocal and instrumental music, readings, pantomimes and a Comedietta in one act. Special mention should be made of the reading by Miss Lucile Abernethy, which displayed not only careful training, but a great adaptability in one so young.

The closing number was the "Old Folks at Home" in pantomime by the primary class, who were blacked to represent pickaninnies. The acting of little Dorothy Nunvar, aged four years, made an instant hit with the audience, which howled with laughter at seeing the little tot act with the perfect unconcern and fearlessness of a hardened veteran of the stage.

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