

Fiend Assaults Young Woman.

Arcadia, Fla., April 11.—John Smith, the negro who yesterday dragged Miss Mary Steele Ewing from her buggy, two miles from Arcadia, in an attempt at criminal assault, was taken away from the sheriff and his deputies at an early hour this morning and hanged to a tree.

The story of the attempted assault is as follows:

Miss Ewing, who had been to the city on a shopping tour, was returning to her home, four miles from the city, when the negro sprang into the buggy, seized Miss Ewing and dragged her into the bushes, throwing her down and choking her. The young woman begged, fought and prayed to the black fiend to let her go and offered to give him \$100 in cash if he would accompany her to her home, but this did not stop the brute, who was about to force his victim into submission, when Miss Ewing in her struggles, saw Will Knowles and his brother walking some distance from the scene. With renewed vigor she screamed and this attracted the Knowles brothers who rushed to her assistance. The brute made his escape and after taking Miss Ewing to her home, the men rushed to this city, spread the news and bloodhounds, followed by a posse of three hundred men were soon on the trail. The negro was found at a turpentine camp, taken before his victim who positively identified him. Sheriff Freeman and his deputies succeeded in placing Smith in jail, but being afraid of an attack, attempted to spirit the black brute out of Arcadia when they were met by an automobile party, held up and forced to give up their prisoner. The negro seeing that he was doomed to a horrible death, pleaded for mercy, but there was none in the hearts of the mob who carried him to the edge of the city, where they strung him up to a tree, where his body was still hanging this morning. Miss Ewing positively identified the clothing on the negro and pointed out the shirt she had torn in her efforts to escape.

Voice of Niagara Mute.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 11.—The voice of Niagara was mute to-day for the second time in the memory of man. The first time was late in February when, following a severe northerly blow, the falls ran dry. Now, following a severe southwest, the river is frozen solid from bank to bank.

On Wednesday of last week the worst gale of the season and the most violent in the history of the weather bureau for April was recorded. The solid ice fields of lake Erie were chained from end to end and piled in a huge conglomerate mass at the lower end of the lake.

At Niagara Falls there had been a heavy ice bridge in the pool below the cataract since the middle of winter. Under the impact of the mass of ice from the lake above and the added floods brought down by the wind, the bridge gave way and began to surge down the rapids, but before it could win freedom in the ample waters of Lake Ontario, the wind shifted again to the north. Instantly the moving floes packed at the mouth of the river. Each instant of cold congealed the pack more solidly and each hour brought added pressure from above.

Unable to escape by its natural channels the level of the river rose by leaps and bounds. The highest flood level recorded from previous years is 28 feet above the normal. Friday night the river was 40 feet above normal.

Conservative estimates place the damage at \$1,000,000.

Birchfield, Slayer of Zeke Roberts Taken to Jail.

Special to The Observer.

Asheville, Apr. 11.—John Birchfield who last night shot and killed Zeke Roberts over a hack fare was this afternoon moved from the city lockup to the county jail.

While no fear of attempted violence was entertained by the city authorities, yet rumors to this effect were current this morning and since the county jail was deemed the proper place for Birchfield his removal to that place was ordered. Roberts was the fourth of his connection to die violent deaths by gunshot wounds. His grandfather was killed by bushwhackers, an uncle was killed at Big Ivey twelve years ago by a man named Whittemore, and a cousin, Charles Blackstock, was killed by a negro desperado here about two years ago.

Negro Steals Grip From Traveler and Escapes to the Woods.

Augusta, Ga., April 11.—Employees of the Southern Railway here report that early yesterday morning at the Denmark, S. C., railroad crossing, a negro seized a grip containing \$8,000 in currency, the property of N. G. Evans, of Edgefield, S. C., leaped from the moving train and escaped into the woods. Mr. Evans was riding in a first class coach and the grip was by his side when the thief snatched it and broke away from men of the train crew who tried to halt him. Up to this time no arrest has been made. The railroad people intimate connection between this thief and the railroad wreckers work on the Seaboard Air Line, near the same locality, Saturday morning. The wreck occurred about 1:30 a. m. The theft occurred three hours later.

"Purchased" Press Country's Danger.

Kansas City, April 8.—Dr. Hamilton Holt, editor of The New York Independent, and a member of The Hague Peace Conference, in a lecture here last night declared that the great danger to this country lay in the "purchased" press.

"Papers in the employ of special interests—how can they be of service to the people?" said Dr. Holt. "It is impossible. It is just as important for a paper to have character and integrity as an individual. The independent paper nowadays is the paper that commands confidence. The successful newspapers are losing their allegiance to the political parties and that is the greatest and best thing that can be done to strengthen our country and our nation."

Portland, Me., April 11. Samuel Kline, 25 years old, recently of New York, and his bride of three weeks, Ida Branz Kline, aged 21, were found lying dead from bullet wounds today on the floor of their room here. While the coroner believes that it was a case of murder and suicide, he has not decided whether the man or the woman killed the other. The last two weeks of the honeymoon had been unhappy, it is said.

Car Inspector Killed.

Columbia, S. C., April 11.—Car Inspector C. W. Sanders, of the Seaboard, was caught between a section of freight cars while at work in the Seaboard's Sydey Park yards this afternoon and instantly killed, a shifting engine knocking the cars together and horribly mauling Mr. Sanders head. Mr. Sanders was a promising young man 30 years old. He leaves a widow and one child, his home being in Columbia. He was originally from Hagood Station.

Former Caldwell Boy Kills Himself.

St. John, Wash., April 3.—Tom Hagarman Jr., the 16 year old son of T. Hagarman, Sr. is dead from an accidental pistol shot which he received yesterday at noon. Mr. Hagarman lives at Willada, but the son was helping on the Babcock ranch, 12 miles southwest of St. John, when the accident occurred.

Young Hagarman was at the ranch house when the shot was fired. He had been placing blank cartridges in the pistol, snapping the pistol to scare the girl who was cooking for them. Then he would place a regular cartridge in the pistol and fire to frighten the girl.

By mistake the boy, intending to load the pistol with blank caps or cartridges, placed in the gun a loaded shell. He pointed the gun at the girl, it is said, two or three times and snapped it to scare her. Then to show her there was no danger he carelessly pointed the pistol at his head and pulled the trigger. The gun was discharged and the bullet entered the right temple and passed through his head.

Dr. Douglas McIntire was called but the wound was fatal, Hagarman dying at 3:30 o'clock this morning.

(Young Hagarman was a former Caldwell boy and left this county with his parents several years ago. He was a nephew of Mr. John R. Hagarman, of Patterson.)

Child Burned to Death.

Richmond, Va., April 11.—A special to the Times Dispatch says that at Lawyers, Campbell county, early yesterday morning the home of Armistead Yuille was destroyed by fire and his 8 year old daughter was incinerated. Yuille and his wife were awakened by the fire and in the excitement of attempting to extinguish the flames forgot the child, asleep in the building until the roof crashed in. Rescue was then too late and it was not until the flames died out that the charred body of the child was found under the ruins.

Youth Attempts to Blackmail His Own Father.

Fairmount, W. Va. April 11.—After being arrested tonight on a charge of attempted blackmail, Curtis Smith, 18 years old, of Watson, near here, confessed having written letters to his father demanding money, signing a black-hand society's name to them. W. E. Smith received two letters demanding a large sum of money and threatening if it were not paid to kill him and destroy his home by fire. The second letter was answered by Mr. Smith asking for more time. The boy was caught by detectives as he was mailing an answer.

Yadkin Valley News.

Some of our farmers are planting corn.

Mrs. Powell, of Lenoir, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Cottrell, returned home last week.

Mr. J. H. Isbell, of Kings Creek, was here last week doing some surveying for different parties.

Messrs. Francis Hawkins and W. H. Curtis made a business trip to Lenoir last Monday.

Mr. F. P. Curtis, of Globe, visited in the Valley last Sunday and Monday.

The forest fires here last week did a great deal of damage to the timber.

Mr. C. S. Brown made a trip to Lenoir last week. RILEY.

Mecklenburg Celebration.

Special to The News.

Charlotte, April 15.—All committees of the twentieth of May celebration, which is to be held in this city next month commemorating the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, are rapidly completing their programs for the big event. The several parade committees, including the floral, the colonial and others, are making preparations for the most spectacular affair in the history of the city. The Daughters of the American Revolution, the Children of the Confederacy, the Colonial Dames and other historic organizations will participate in the procession. The Chairman of the floral parade committee is anxious that all members of these organizations who do not live in Charlotte shall be present on "Taft Day" and take part in the parade.

Definite plans have been made to erect an immense reviewing stand on the Mecklenburg County court house grounds from which President Taft and his party, including Mrs. Taft and Mrs. Stone wall Jackson, will review the parade.

Negro Girls Burned Barn.

Special to The Chronicle.

Stateville, April 10.—Mary Lee and Nannie Bell Smith, two negro girls, aged about 12 and 16 years, respectively, were placed in jail here yesterday afternoon to await Iredell Superior Court for burning a barn in Cool Spring township Wednesday night. They have confessed their guilt and will plead guilty when the case is called in court next month.

Wednesday evening about dark the barn, granary and ice house of Mr. N. E. Owings, in Cool Spring community, was totally destroyed by fire with practically all of its contents, consisting of a horse, two head of cattle, a wagon, buggy, harness, feed, etc. Mr. Owings had recently had some trouble with the two negro girls, daughters of Al Smith, colored, who is a tenant on Mr. Owings' farm, and it was suspected that it was these girls who had fired the building. Warrants were issued for the girls and Deputy Sheriff Blalock arrested Nannie Lee at her home Thursday afternoon. The girl was badly frightened when taken into custody, but did not hesitate to confess that she and her sister fired the barn. The younger negro explained that her sister had run away when she learned that they were suspected of the crime, and told in what direction she had gone. Officer Blalock and others took up the trail of the missing girl and arrested her Thursday night at the home of a relative several miles away. The two girls were taken before a magistrate and hearing their confession the justice of the peace sent them to jail, in default of bond, to await the disposition of their case by the Superior Court.

To Enforce Prohibition.

Asheville, N. C., April 12.—As a direct result of the killing Saturday night of Zeke Roberts by John Birchfield, who, it is alleged, was under the influence of whiskey obtained in Asheville that night, the Asheville ministers' association held a largely attended meeting today and decided to call a mass-meeting of citizens for Thursday night, April 22, to discuss ways and means of the better enforcement of the prohibition laws.

It was also decided at the meeting today that every minister in the city preach a special sermon on law and order next Sunday.

The killing of Roberts by Birchfield has aroused the prohibitionists of the town, who say that the time has come for the enforcement of the law.



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Spartanburg, S. C., April 10.—Since the construction work of the Carolina, Clinchfield & Ohio road was begun in this section there has been a regular carnival of crime among the negro laborers. Within the last few weeks there have been several shooting scrapes and four or five murders along the line of the road. The court of General Sessions will convene Monday. There are nine murder cases to be tried, most of the defendants being negroes from the camps of the C. & O. road.

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Wilmington, April 10.—A solid car load of berries was shipped today from Chadbourne, the first of the season. Requisition is made for six cars Monday at that point and from now on the movement is expected to increase from day to day from Eastern Carolina. Although heavy frosts occurred this morning throughout the belt and indications are for frost again tonight, it is not expected the damage will be great.

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