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ROBBED OF \$1,000 SAVING OF YEARS AS HE SLUMBERS

Norfolk Man "Touched", For A Large Sum of Money

WAS GIVEN "DOPED" DRINK
Went To Sleep—Awoke And Found
That his Cash Had Van-
ished

Norfolk, March 4.—Minus \$1,000, Jacob Passing, a peddler, who came to Norfolk three months ago, last night appealed to the police to help in recovering the savings of five years toil up and down the country roads of the West. His face, furrowed with sorrow, Passing told Captain W. P. Ford he had fallen a victim of two manipulators in a lodging house at 108 W. Freemason street yesterday afternoon after they had led him on for three days with promises of a handsome salary as a cattle buyer.

The full names of the two men who rifled his pockets of the \$1,000 in notes after they had put him to sleep with a "dope" dose of headache medicine Passing did not know. One of them, he said, was named Steinberg and the other he called Benny. Neither of them could be located by the police last night.

According to the story told the police by Passing he met the man named Benny on Church street last week and struck up an acquaintance with him. In some way, Passing did not know just how, Benny learned he had \$1,000 deposited in a local bank. Benny represented himself as an agent for a large Western cattle buyer and said his boss would arrive in a day or so. Benny's boss arrived the next day and Passing was introduced to Mr. Steinberg in the lobby of the Lynnham Hotel. They talked the matter over and then adjourned across the street to the lodging house run by Mrs. Keeton at 108 Freemason street.

There the proposition was gone into further. Steinberg told Passing he would pay him \$25 a week and all expenses to buy cattle for him, so Passing said. Steinberg painted the life of a traveling cattle buyer in glowing terms, how he would travel over the country riding in pullman cars and stopping at the best hotels. Then Steinberg said it would be necessary for Passing to put \$1,000 in their hands as a guarantee of good faith. This Passing said he refused at first. The men called the deal off. Then Steinberg and Benny drew up a contract assuring Passing he would be fully protected from all loss.

Passing said he again refused, but after thinking the matter over signed the contract. About noon he went to the bank and drew out his entire deposit, \$1,000 in all. With this in his pocket he went back to the room at 108 Freemason street to talk the matter over. Before passing the money over he complained of having a headache. He said that thinking over the proposition had made his brain whirl. One of the men volunteered to give him something to cure it. When Passing accepted the man known as Benny took a bottle of a popular headache remedy from his trunk and went into the adjoining bathroom to mix it.

After drinking the medicine Passing sat down in a chair and before he knew it he was sound asleep. He said the next thing he knew was when he woke up a few minutes past 8 o'clock. His new found friends and business partners were gone; so was his money when he ran his hands in his pockets. He immediately hurried to police headquarters, where he poured his tale of woe into Captain Ford's ears.

HAMMER TAKES OATH.

New District Attorney Sworn In
By Clerk Millikan.

Greensboro, March 4.—William C. Hammer, of Asheboro, came to Greensboro late yesterday afternoon and took the oath of District Attorney before Clerk of the Federal Court J. M. Millikan.

It is said here than an effort will be made by Democrats of the State to have Congress pass a bill taking the appointment of clerks of the Federal Court out of the hands of the judges and give the appointments to the President. Clerk Millikan in this district is one of the Judge Boyd's favored

COL. GOETHALS IS GIVEN BANQUET AT WASHINGTON

High Tribute Paid To Panama Canal Builder.

PRESIDENT WILSON PRESENT
Distinguished Engineer Awarded
A Gold Medal—Many Diplo-
mats In Attendance.

Washington, March 4.—Washington tonight paid tribute to Col. George Washington Goethals, builder of the Panama Canal. The occasion was the annual banquet of the National Geographic Society, with Col Goethals present as the guest of honor and to receive from the hand of President Wilson a special gold medal awarded him by the society in recognition of his wonderful achievement.

Secretary Bryan was toastmaster. Gathered about the banquet table with distinguished scientists of the society were President Wilson and his cabinet, Justices of the Supreme Court, members of the diplomatic corps, high officers of the army and navy, leaders in both Houses of Congress, and other notable figures in the life of the National capital.

During the evening Jules J. Jusserand, the French ambassador, and dean of the diplomatic corps, was formally notified of his election to honorary membership in the society. The banquet hall presented a striking scene. At one end, raised high above the table the words "Atlantic-Goethals-Pacific" blazed in brilliant electric letters as all other lights

MEDAL FOR COL. GOETHALS



This is the medal presented to Col. George Goethals, chief engineer of the Panama Canal, by the Civic Forum of New York at Carnegie hall in the presence of a great gathering of distinguished men.

were extinguished.

Ice cream was served the diners from miniature dredges, carried by waiters dressed in the uniform of the United States engineer corps, and followed by sailors bearing a tiny battleship. Individual dishes of cream appeared moulded in the shape of the Panama Canal dump car.

The medal awarded Col. Goethals was given as an expression of the appreciation of the society and the nation of the army engineers distinguished service. Its presentation was the final act of President Wilson's first year as chief executive of the United States.

Inscribed on the medal were the words: "This medal of the National Geographic Society is awarded to George Washington Goethals to whose ability and patriotism the world owes the construction of the Panama Canal March 3, 1914.

children. Many would like to see a Democrat in his place. A bill providing that these officers shall be appointed by the President is already pending in the national legislative body.

OPEN CAR LINE WITH SACRIFICE



The first electric street railway in Constantinople was opened recently with the ancient ceremony of the sacrifice of lambs, as shown in the photograph. Across the tracks two lambs were placed, and after the customary prayers of the Mohammedans they were killed on the spot, the rails were smeared with the warm blood, and prayers invoking the blessings of Allah on the new line were offered.

STOLE TEN DOLLARS TO ENTERTAIN FRIENDS

TWO LITTLE NEGROES "BOR-
ROW" A TEN SPOT AND
MAKE MERRY.

Ten dollars is not a great deal of money and it would not make the average person feel like our Uncle John D., but two little negroes who stole a ten spot from Susie Heath, also colored, in the northern part of the city yesterday morning, doubtless thought they had about all the money in the world, and that they had in their possession the open sesame to the city's store of goodies.

When the owner of the stolen money discovered her loss, she notified chief of Police Lupton. The chief began work on the case and soon found the culprits, who had gone to a nearby store and, after having the money changed into "small pieces" had invited in several friends and were impersonating the Count of Monte Carlo.

The boys were only nine or ten years of age and this saved them from a trip to jail, but their parents administered a wallop which will long be remembered by them.

FREE POLICEMAN OF CHARGE OF MURDER

NEGRO WITH OTHER WHO WAS
KILLED HELD FOR CUTTING
OFFICER.

Danville, Va., March 4.—Police Officer W. C. Hall was acquitted of killing Percy Foster, whom he shot when the latter stabbed him while resisting arrest on the night of February 13th in front of a colored moving picture show. Russell Blackwell, a negro friend of Foster's, was held for the grand jury on the charge of feloniously assaulting the officers at the same time.

Hall, in his statement to the court, declared that Russell Blackwell, who, with Percy Foster, had upon two previous occasions on the night of the killing sought entrance to the moving picture show and had been refused, ran up behind when Foster drew the knife and deliberately prevented the officer from getting his revolver after Foster had stabbed him twice in the chest and slashed him over the shoulder.

The mayor rendered his decision quickly after the arguments had been completed, exonerating Hall of the killing and ordering Russell Blackwell to be held for the action by the grand jury.

THE WEATHER

For New Bern—Cloudy today with light, variable winds. Not much change in temperature.

BURGLAR DECLARES HE STORED LOOT IN JAIL

ALLEGES HE HAS USED PRISON
AS BASE FOR SAFE CRACK-
ING EXPEDITIONS.

Mineola, N. Y., March 4.—The grand jury today investigated the alleged confession of a prisoner who said that for ten years he has been using the Nassau county jail as the base of safe cracking expeditions into the neighboring country.

According to this prisoner, he has taken part in most of the recent post-office robberies in Long Island and even pushed his marauding trips into New Jersey.

On one occasion, he says, he used the jail as a temporary storehouse for loot taken from a store.

These charges were brought to the attention of the county prosecutor by the Federal attorney because the prisoner involved is in the local jail under sentence by the Federal Court for misuse of the mails. The scandal involves, also, several women prisoners who allege they were "bused by the keepers and by some of the more favored prisoners who had money."

The prisoner who told the district attorney of his activities as a burglar was one of those named by the woman and his alleged confession was made after the authorities began to investigate the women's stories.

REUNION MARCH 17-19.

By Scottish Rite Masons Of Valley
Of New Bern.

Scottish Rite Masons of the Valley of New Bern are looking forward with much anticipation to the reunion which is to be held in this city on March 17th to 19th, inclusive. There are only four Scottish Rite consistories in North Carolina and the one in this section is among the most flourishing. There will be a number of candidates to take the various degrees at the coming reunion and "Raw Meat" will be much in evidence.

ANOTHER PLAY TO BE SEEN HERE SOON.

"Seven Hours in New York," the successful musical play, with a fine company of principals, attractive chorus, a splendid male quartette, beautiful scenery and costumes, is an early booking at the Masonic theatre.

TWO CASES IN POLICE COURT YESTERDAY.

Joseph Fulcher and Jake Gaskins were sent to the county roads for twenty days for vagrancy. There were no other cases tried yesterday.

Miss Grace Offel, of Baltimore, has arrived in the city and accepted a position as head milliner with Miss Jennie Sultan in her millinery establishment in the Elks Temple building.

BRIDGE TENDER MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN DROWNED

SOME DOUBTS AS TO DEATH
OF ALONZO WELDON
AT KINSTON.

Kinston, March 4.—Did Alonzo Weldon fall from the Carolina Railroad bridge over Neuse river during the blizzard before breakfast last Wednesday? is a question that today is being debated in some minds. Weldon, the drawbridge keeper, was believed to have opened the draw to let a boat pass through and then fell 20 feet to the river below. The lever with which the draw was opened was gone his lantern was sitting on the partially open draw, and every sign indicated that he had plunged into the cold current and gone down. Facts now come to light showing that Weldon had a quarrel with his wife, and he had told people several days before that he did not intend to remain in Kinston longer than a week. A veteran at such work dragged the river bed for the body, which he said, if found, would be located directly under the bridge draw, but was unsuccessful. Whether Weldon was drowned or he left the community, leaving the appearance of a tragedy to cover his tracks, may be determined when the body comes up somewhere in the Neuse or the live man is located in another part.

TANGO VULGAR AND IMMORAL.

Massachusetts Legislator Offers Bill
Prohibiting "Modern Dances."

Boston, Mass., Mar. 4.—A legislative committee has given a hearing on Representative Sullivan's bill forbidding the tango, bunny hug, and other so-called "modern dances."

"The dance halls which permit these dances named in this bill are patronized by highly immoral and vulgar people," said Mr. Sullivan. "They have no conception of morals in their language, actions or dress. I have seen girls under sixteen years old wearing transparent skirts, and engaging in the most suggestive forms of dancing. Why, the tango has become so popular that the Indians are substituting it for the old war dance. Perhaps there are some Indians up here at the State House that like it better also."

WRECKAGE OF VESSEL FOUND IN PAMLICO SOUND.

Norfolk, Va., Mar. 4.—Life savers of New Inlet station today found a pilot house and several hatches on a reef in Pamlico Sound, near Jack Shoals. The wreckage is supposed to be part of a barge. There was nothing in the pilot house to indicate the name of the vessel.

The revenue cutter Pamlico is now searching for the wrecked barge and her crew.

COL. P. M. PEARSALL DOES NOT WANT THE CHAIRMANSHIP

Will Not Allow Name To Go Before
Committee

OTHERS ARE MORE WORTHY

Receives Letters Urging Him To
Make The Fight But Declines To
Do So.

During the past two or three weeks Colonel P. M. Pearsall, clerk of the Federal Court in this city, has been quite prominently mentioned in connection with the chairmanship of the State Democratic Executive Committee.

Friends had urged Colonel Pearsall to accept this office and he has had the matter under consideration for several days. In an exclusive interview given the Journal yesterday Colonel Pearsall states that he will not allow his name to go before the State Committee when they meet in Raleigh next week to select the chairman.

Colonel Pearsall believes that there are others who are more worthy and better qualified for this office and for the purpose of simplifying the situation he suggests that the chairman should be selected without reference to any suggestion of a candidacy for the place.

"Since my name has been mentioned said Colonel Pearsall, 'I have received numerous letters from members of the committee and others, congratulating me and urging that I let my name go before the committee. I desire to thank them for their kind words but after considering the matter I feel that I should not pursue the course they suggest.'"

MRS. W. N. HUTT HEARD IN NEW BERN YESTERDAY

TALKED INTERESTINGLY ON
THE SUBJECT OF "PUBLIC
SERVICE"

Yesterday afternoon in the lecture room of the Presbyterian Church, Mrs. W. N. Hutt of Raleigh spoke to the members of the Women's Club and the public at large on the subject of "Social Service."

Mrs. Hutt is a speaker of ability and, having her subject well in hand and her remarks were both interesting and instructive and before the close of the meeting the local club decided to organize a "Social Service Department."

Mrs. Hutt will leave New Bern this morning, returning to her home in Raleigh.

STREET CAR STARTS UP NATIONAL AVENUE

Failure of the brakes to properly respond caused one of the New Bern Street Railway Company's cars to run off the end of the track at the National avenue railway crossing yesterday afternoon and to partially cross the line of the railway company. No one was injured and the car was soon back on its own track.

LAST SAD RITES

Held Over Body Of Captain Richard Henderson

Salisbury, March 4.—The funeral of Capt. Richard Henderson, who died Tuesday at a Salisbury sanatorium, was held at 11 a. m. today from St. Lukes Episcopal Church, in this city by the rector, Rev. F. J. Mallet, D. D., and the body was laid to rest in Chestnut Hill Cemetery. The honorary pallbearers include Dr. J. E. Stokes, Dr. John Whitehead, Dr. L. H. Clement, O. D. Davis, J. H. Roueche and H. L. Smith. The active include A. M. Rice, J. H. Ramsey, E. R. Overman, W. T. Rainey, Dr. R. V. Brawley, John Ide and M. C. Quinn. Capt. Henderson was buried in the navy uniform to which he was greatly attached, having spent more than 30 years of honorable service in the same. There was an immense throng of people at the funeral and the whole city was greatly touched by the death of a good man.

Captain Henderson was well known in New Bern, having paid this city several visits during the past few years.