

Atrocious Murder Was Committed Early This Morning

Unknown Slayer Fired Load Of Buck Shot Into Night Watchman's Heart—Believed To Have Been Intent On Incendiarism

One of the most brutal murders to occur in New Bern in some time, was perpetrated shortly after 1 o'clock this morning when some unknown person who had concealed himself in the plant, fired a load of buck shot into the heart of Tony Rogers, the aged nightwatchman employed by the Pine Lumber Company on Griffith street.

Just after the clock in the steeple of the Federal building had pealed the hour of 1, A. D. Tiler and John Lamb, who reside near the plant, heard a shot and then heard Rogers scream that he had been shot.

Quickly they began a search for the slayer and were in time to see a negro dart through a small door in the rear of the shed and make a dash for liberty. Neither of the two men were armed and, naturally, did not feel like attacking a murderer whom they knew to be armed.

Police Make Capture In the meantime the police had been notified and Chief of Police C. Lupton, Captain A. L. Bryan and Policeman A. A. Ippock were soon of the scene.

Coroner Holds Inquest County Coroner Dr. Walter Watson had been notified of the killing and arrived a short time later. Upon examination he found that the shot had entered Roger's heart, severed one of the main arteries and that death had ensued within a few seconds.

The Jury's Verdict. The Coroner's jury, which was composed of W. C. Mallard, C. B. Smith, J. W. Martin, W. M. Westbrook, H. K. Land, secretary and H. J. Foscoe, foreman, after holding an inquest rendered the following verdict.

Attempted Robbery. During the time the crowd was searching for the man who had fired the fatal shot, some person broke into the home of C. Turley who resides just across the street from the Pine Lumber Company and attempted to steal a sack of flour.

Just what the object the murderer of Rogers had can only be surmised. The old man had been in the employ of the Pine Lumber Company for some time and was known to be peaceable and, so far as is known, he had no enemies.

Another thing which is rather peculiar and points to the fact that the murderer is acquainted with the location of the various exits of the plant, is that the small aperture through which he made his escape is located where a stranger would hardly be able to find it.

Many Attended The Horse Races Yesterday SPEED TESTS AT EASTERN CAROLINA FAIR PROVED INTENSELY EXCITING

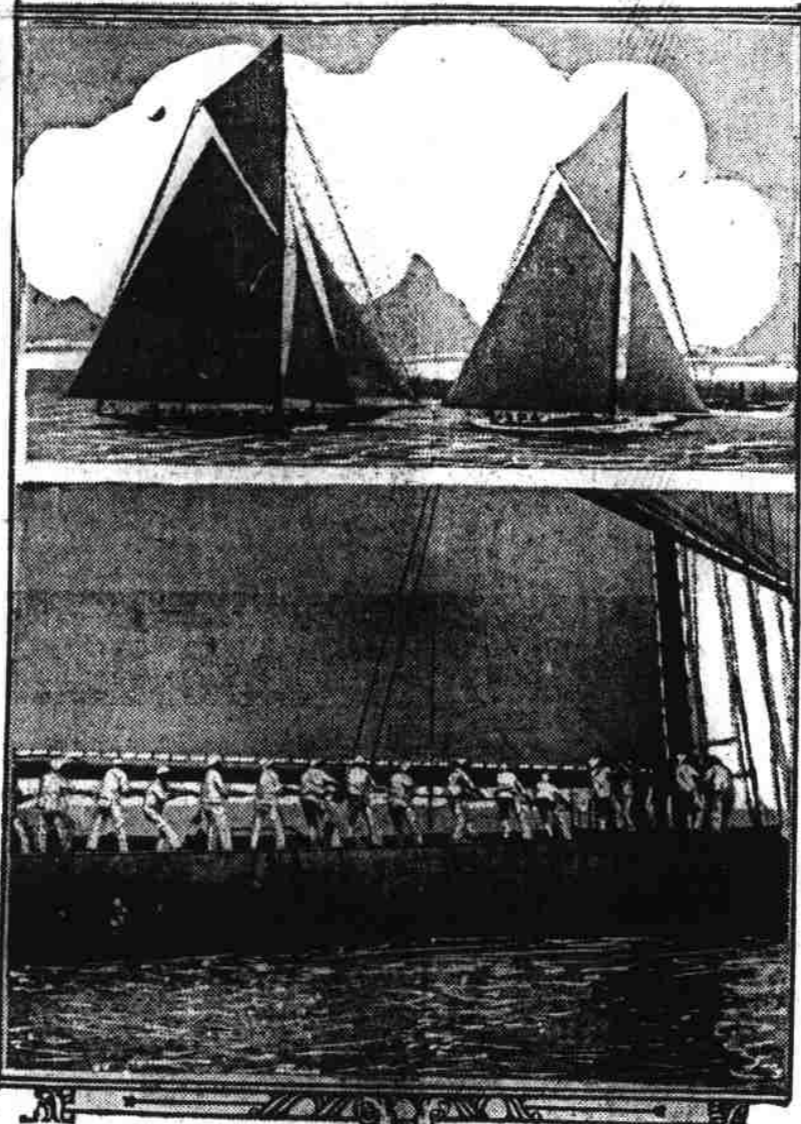
There were several hundreds lovers of horse racing in this section and the greater portion of these went out to the Eastern Carolina Fair grounds yesterday afternoon to witness the speed tests which were scheduled to be tried out at that place with some of the fastest horses in Eastern North Carolina.

The racing began at 2 o'clock and among the horses seen on the track was the famous Billy Hal, owned by F. L. Bray; King Mont, owned by S. P. Hancock of Beaufort; Dr. Wilkes, owned by T. A. Grantham, Billy Boy, owned by Jonnie Cox and a number of others.

The first race was won by Dr. Wilkes. The second race was won by Dan Hebron, owned by M. K. McKeel and in the colt race, David R. took the honors. This colt is owned by George Daly.

10,000 PERSONS DROWNED. Canton, China, July 4.—Reports received here say 10,000 persons were drowned in the West river floods, which this year was worse than usual, and that deaths from starvation in the affected districts have been numerous.

Latest Photos of the Trio Of America's Cup Defenders



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HERE are the latest photos of the yachts built to defend the America's cup against Sir Thomas Lipton's Shamrock IV, which will race in American waters next September.

SEN. BURTON CRITICIZES RIVER AND HARBOR BILL

SAYS UNCOMPLIMENTARY THINGS ABOUT BILL NOW BEFORE SENATE. WASHINGTON, D. C., July 4.—Senator Burton's criticisms of the River and Harbor bill, now under consideration by the Senate, are not directed so much against the merits of the several projects as against the "piecemeal policy" of making appropriations for the various projects.

READY WITHIN 36 DAYS TO ISSUE NEW CURRENCY

PRACTICALLY DECIDED THAT ALL NOTES WILL HAVE GREEN BACKS. WASHINGTON, July 4.—Plans for the issuance of the new Federal reserve bank notes to the 12 reserve banks after their establishment will be completed within 36 days.

Local Police Fail To Locate Thief

MAKE SEARCH FOR NEGRO WHO SHOT AT MATTHEW HALL. Although the local police yesterday made a systematic search for the negro who, on the previous night attempted to murder Matthew Hall at his home on George street when the latter discovered him robbing the house, they failed to find any clue which may lead to the man's arrest.

Young White Man Was Painfully Hurt

CAUGHT BETWEEN TWO CARS AT ROPERS' MILL—ONE ARM BROKEN. A. P. King, a young white man who is employed at the local plant of the John L. Roper Lumber Company and who resides at No. 114 Hancock street, was painfully injured while at his work late Friday night.

THE SOUTHERN RY. WILL NOT CARRY CAROLINIANS AWAY

Advanced Steps Taken in Interest of South. CUTS THE COLONISTS RATE In the Future No Inducements Will Be Offered to Take People Away From Home. CHARLOTTE, July 4.—Keenly alive to the advantages of the section of the United States which it penetrates with its lines, the Southern Railway has announced through its various offices that the sale of colonists' tickets to the Northwest will in the future be discontinued.

FOURTH OF JULY IN NEW BERN WAS SAFE AND SANE

Partial Suspension of Business In The City. SEVERAL EXCITING EVENTS Horse Racing And Baseball Feature Of The Occasion—Many Visitors. Following its usual custom, New Bern citizens yesterday celebrated "the glorious fourth" by a partial suspension of business and a general feeling of festivity.

Colonists' Rates

President Harrison has announced and ordered that his word go out from the various central offices of the Southern in North Carolina that in the future there will be no sale of colonists' tickets. As yet there is no concerted action on the part of all the railroads penetrating the South to cut out the alluring features but the head of the Southern has determined to take this course whether the others do or not.

George Gerrall Was Painfully Injured

NEGRO BRICK MASON DROPPED BRICK ON HIS CRANIUM. George Gerrall, an electrician employed by the New Bern Electric Supply Company, was painfully injured Friday afternoon while at his work wiring the new residence which F. P. Ashford is having constructed on Broad street, when a colored brick mason dropped a brick on his head.

Hundreds Witnessed Two Games Yesterday

BIG DOUBLE HEADER TOOK PLACE AT GHENT PARK—MANY ATTEND. The Railroaders defeated the Ghent team in an exciting game of baseball by the score of 5 to 1, at Ghent Park yesterday morning. The batteries for the Railroaders were Spencer and Harker, for the Ghent team, Mitchell, Bonds and Bartling.

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