

MURDERER OF AGED WATCHMAN HAS NOT BEEN APPREHENDED

Local Police Have Taken Great Interest In Case And Are After The Slayer

Mill Owners Offer Reward

The Pine Lumber Company Will Pay \$100.00 For Apprehension And Conviction Of Culprit.

Although the local police have been working on the case continuously since early Sunday morning, the slayer of Tony Rogers, the aged night watchman at the plant of the Pine Lumber Company on Griffith street, who a few minutes after 1 o'clock Sunday morning was murdered by some unknown party, they have failed to apprehend the slayer. However, they have several clues which, when unravelled, may lead to the murderer's arrest.

The Journal on Sunday morning gave a full account of the affair and during the day the crime was one of the main topics of conversation and a number of persons visited the scene of the slaying. Among the visitors was a gentleman who, in looking over the floor near the spot where Rogers fell after receiving the load of buck shot in his heart, found the empty shell which the slayer had thrown from his gun.

To have done this would have taken several hours and the general supposition is that, the man, hearing A. D. Tiler and John Lamb (the two men who ran to assist Rogers just after the report of the weapon) approaching, prepared to shoot them if he found it necessary to make his escape. Fortunately for those gentlemen they did not press too closely upon the murderer and he managed to get through a small door near the scene of the crime and make a break for liberty. The slayer was seen on Griffith street by T. R. Crawford, W. C. Willett and others and at that time he had no gun. This he must have concealed but a diligent search has failed to bring it to light.

The Motive

Several theories have been advanced as to the motive the slayer had. Some think that he went to the mill for the purpose of robbing Rogers. Some think that the man had some grudge against the old negro while others are of the opinion, as stated in the Journal Sunday, that the slayer went to the mill for the purpose of burning it and was caught red-handed by the watchman and shot to save himself from being arrested or reported.

It was brought out at the Coroner's inquest held a short time after the dead body had been found, that a few weeks ago Mr. Aberly called his men together and told them that, as business was rather slack during the summer months, he would either be compelled to close down the plant for a few weeks or to make a slight decrease in their wages and that he would leave the matter up to them as to which step they had rather he should take. The men decided it would be better to have a temporary cut in wages than to be thrown out of work entirely and such was the case.

Dissatisfaction Arises

The managers of another mill put the same proposition up to their employes but it did not meet with the same result and a number of negroes quit work. One of these, so it seems from the evidence, seemed to think that Mr. Aberly had something to do with the whole affair and on Friday night he was seen around the Pine Lumber Company and it is known he had a talk with Rogers and that the old man had run him off the premises. Now, it may turn out that this negro, intent on wreaking vengeance for a supposed grievance, went to the Pine Lumber Company to set the lumber sheds afire and while in the act, was caught by Rogers, and fired the fatal shot.

Mr. Aberly Interviewed

Mr. Aberly was interviewed yesterday by a Journal reporter in regard to this supposition and he was frank to say that he did not believe that the slayer had any intention of burning the plant or in fact even went there for that purpose. When asked as to what he thought the man's motive might have been, he declined to say but led the reporter to believe that it was some personal affair in which the slayer and the slain were interested. Mr. Aberly is very anxious for the murderer to be apprehended and is in this issue of the Journal offering a reward of one hundred dollars for the apprehension and conviction of the guilty party.

As the affair now stands it is shrouded in mystery. The police are working hard on the case and if there is any definite clue, there is every reason to believe that they will have the murderer arrested within the course of a few days.

Executive Committee Will Meet Tomorrow

ARE TO FRAME RULES AND SET DATE FOR THE NEXT PRIMARY.

Tomorrow the Democratic Executive Committee of the Third Congressional District, will meet at Goldsboro for the purpose of setting a date for the second primary, which is to be engaged in by Hon. Charles R. Thomas, of New Bern and George E. Hood, of Goldsboro. This primary was ordered by the State Committee a few weeks ago, and in addition to setting a date for the same, the committee will also frame a set of rules for the holding of the primary. It is the opinion of the majority of those interested, that a date some time during the latter part of August or the first of September will be chosen, this will give both Mr. Thomas and Mr. Hood an opportunity to rest up after the strenuous campaign which they have just closed in the first primary.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN SESSION YESTERDAY

SEVERAL IMPORTANT MATTERS WERE TAKEN UP AND DISPOSED OF

The most important business before the Board of Commissioners yesterday was that brought up by a delegation of citizens from Vanceboro, asking that the road leading from Streets Ferry to Vanceboro be put in good condition or give their township a voucher for a sum sufficient sum to do the work.

The delegation called the Board's attention to the large amount of traffic hauled over that part of the road also stating that this section is seven miles long and all the distance is almost a solid sand bar. These gentlemen claim that the roads in other parts of the county are having improvement but nothing has been spent on this road. They claim that this section of the county is entitled to what they ask for.

The delegation was composed of J. W. Sears, L. E. Smith, J. B. Barrow, J. B. Barrow, N. M. Lancaster, G. M. Wetherington, J. B. Harvey and J. J. Broadus.

Salem Gets No Aid From Congress

PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION TURNED DOWN BY SENATE AND WHY

WASHINGTON, July 6.—The \$200,000 appropriation for the aid of the Salem fire sufferers asked by President Wilson in a message to Congress last Friday, was refused today by the Senate appropriations committee.

The majority of the committee contended that Massachusetts was able to take care of the situation and that Federal appropriation was unnecessary.

Sen. Ransdell



Senator Joseph E. Ransdell of Louisiana proposed an amendment prohibiting forever in the United States divorce with the right to remarry, and directing the enactment of uniform marriage laws in all states with provision for separation without the right to remarry.

THIRD REGIMENT SOLDIERS REACH CAMPING GROUND

Twelve Companies Now At Camp Glenn.

ARRIVED THERE YESTERDAY.

Governor Craig Is To Review Troops The Latter Part Of Week.

Twelve companies of the Third Regiment of North Carolina National Guards comprising the Company A, Lexington; Company B, Raleigh; Company C, Henderson; Company D, Louisburg; Company E, Oxford; Company F, Franklinton; Company G, Reidsville; Company H, Warrenton; Company I, Burlington; Company K, Asheboro; Company L, Thomasville; Company M, Durham; the Third Regiment Band from Raleigh, and the regiment infirmary from Reidsville, yesterday morning arrived at Camp Glenn near Morehead City, for an encampment of ten days.

The soldier boys found conditions much different from those which have existed in past years. During the past few months several thousand dollars have been spent in erecting buildings and improving the grounds, and the place is now equal to any encampment grounds in the State. Colonel J. N. Craig of Reidsville is in command of the Regiment, and immediately upon the arrival of the trains bearing the soldiers he assumed charge of the work of unloading the equipment and getting everything in tip top shape.

All during the day the soldiers were kept pretty busy at various tasks, and when night fell the camp appeared as snug and "warlike" as though it had been there for months. Assisting Col. Craig are Lieutenant S. W. Minor of Durham, and Majors C. L. McGehee, Franklinton; J. J. Bernard, and R. M. McAllister, of Raleigh. The chief event of the week will be a review of the troops about Thursday by Governor Craig, and his staff. Following this a ball is to be given complimentary to the Governor at the Atlantic Hotel.

BOY KILLS FATHER AT DINING TABLE

GEORGIA TRAGEDY GROWING OUT OF QUARREL BETWEEN BOY'S PARENTS

SAVANNAH, Ga., July 6.—A long distance telephone message from Barrett, Lowndes county, to the Savannah Press states that George Ham, a well known farmer was killed this morning at breakfast by Charlie Ham, his nineteen year old son. The husband quarrelled with his wife and the boy says threatened to kill her before night. Charles secured his 32 calibre revolver and while his father was at the table shot him in the right breast.

MACON LAWYER KILLS ALLEGED HOME WRECKER

Shoots Carpenter, Returns and Fire More Bullets in Victim.

HE SURRENDERS TO SHERIFF.

"No Jury in World Will Convict Me After Hearing My Story," He Declares.

MACON, July 6.—Judge A. W. Stokes, a Macon lawyer, today killed Virgil Thomas a carpenter. The shooting took place on Mulberry street in front of the postoffice just halfway between the courthouse and the jail about 6:20 o'clock. Stokes was then on his way to the postoffice to get his mail.

There was no eyewitness to the first shot. When it was fired, Thomas fell to the sidewalk. Stokes put the smoking pistol in his pocket and started away. After going about 40 yards, he retraced his steps and fired three more shots into the man's body. The first shot had entered the brain. The other three rattled the heart. By this time several persons had run up.

"That man ruined my home," Stokes declared to them, adding, "but he won't break up another."

Stokes walked to the Sheriff's office and surrendered. He is now in jail. Several weeks ago Thomas did some carpenter work on Stokes' home. It is not known whether the men had a previous acquaintance.

"No jury in the world will convict me when my story is told," Stokes said at the jail. "I am going to conduct my own defense."

As the Grand Jury will not meet until November, it will probably be December before Stokes is tried.

VANCEBORO HAS FINE CROPS SAYS J. W. SEARS

J. W. SEARS TALKS INTERESTINGLY OF CONDITIONS IN THAT SECTION.

J. W. Sears, county farm demonstrator, was in New Bern yesterday and while here talked interestingly of the fine crops which are to be found around Vanceboro. During the course of his remarks, Mr. Sears said:

Several days ago, I had two of the states agriculturists with me, a Mr. McLean the district agent in demonstration work. Mr. McLean travels over 35 counties in the state and while driving with me to several demonstrations plats and passing many other farms on the way, Mr. McLean said, "I did not know that Craven county could grow such fine tobacco as in this section."

A few days later, Mr. T. E. Brown the state agent of the Corn Club boys was with me and he too spoke very highly of the crops in this section, especially the tobacco. After Mr. Brown had visited several other counties, he wrote me in part as follows, "I have not visited any other county where I have found the Corn Club boys doing so well as we did on our trip out from Vanceboro," etc, etc.

"There is no section that can grow or has any finer tobacco and corn than the Vanceboro section of the county. Although there are other counties that grow finer tobacco, but we must say that Craven leads in the finest quality of the weed. The tobacco is well developed and bids fair to an excellent crop. So let's hope for an excellent price too."

Man From Charlotte Stricken With Malaria

BOOK AGENT HAD SERIOUS ATTACK ON STREET LAST NIGHT

Persons passing along Pollock street between Middle and Hancock shortly after 10 o'clock last night, noticed a man lying on the edge of the sidewalk, presumably in great pain. Investigation was made and it was found that the man was really ill. He was carried to the office of a physician in the Elks temple and an examination made. The physician stated that the man who said that his name was J. T. Hulon and who was working for C. H. Roberson, book dealer of Charlotte, was full of malaria and was in pretty bad shape. After being given temporary aid he was carried to his boarding house.

Miss Sonya Levin



Miss Levin is one of the most enthusiastic of the leaders in the cause of Woman's Suffrage. She is a lawyer, connected with a prominent New York firm. Miss Levin came to this country from Russia at the age of five and by the hardest kind of work managed to climb the ladder until she has reached an enviable position.

OUSTED PASTOR IS WHIPPED AS 1,200 LOOK ON

Brother of Man Suing Divine for Alienating Wife's Affections

SECOND BEATING IN 2 WEEKS.

Preacher Was Most Popular in Indiana City Until Involved In Scandal.

KOKOMO, Ind., July 6.—The Rev. Charles M. Harness, until two weeks ago pastor of the Harrison square Christian Church of this city, and who is now being sued by Calvin Smith on the charge that he alienated Mrs. Smith's affections, was attacked on the public square, in the presence of 1,200 persons this afternoon by Smith's brother. Harness' face was lacerated by the blows from Smith's fists, and many deep thirty stitches were taken by a physician in closing the wounds.

The fight followed the calling of the case against Mrs. Smith in Police Court. The woman was charged by her husband with having deserted her 7-year-old child. The case was transferred to Circuit Court on motion of the State, and will not be heard until the next term of court. Feeling is strong against the former minister here, this being the second time he has been beaten within two weeks. No charges have been filed by Harrison against his assailant.

Harness was one of the most popular ministers in Kokomo until two weeks ago, when Calvin Smith brought suit against him. The church board met and dismissed Harness the same night. Since that time he has been staying at the home of his parents in Muncie, Ind. Mrs. Smith went there Thursday afternoon, and on Thursday night her husband filed an affidavit against her, charging desertion of her little son. She was brought here to stand trial.

TEACHERS EXAMINATIONS ARE TO BE HELD

Public examinations for teachers' certificates, for white teachers, will be held at the Court House, Thursday July the ninth. The examination will be conducted by S. M. Brinson, Superintendent of Public Instruction, of Craven county.

Examinations will also be held on the following day for the colored teachers.

NEW BERNIANS RETURN FROM "LAND OF THE SKY"

Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Rhem and S. H. Fowler have returned from Asheville where they spent a few days enjoying the beautiful scenes in the "Land of the Sky." The trip was made in an automobile, the time required to make the journey was two and one half days each way.

FOR THE SECOND TIME NEW BERN WAS "LIDDED"

New Ordinance Was Partially Observed.

GOLD DRINKS WERE SOLD.

One Establishment Was Open, While Others Assumed Watchful Waiting Attitude.

For the second time since the recently enacted "blue laws" went into effect, New Bern was "lidded" Sunday, and with the exception of one place, the railroad lunch room, which is located at the Union Passenger Station and conducted by Charles Taylor, only food could be served. As soon as the first Sunday every one of the local drug stores was closed as tight as possible, and so far as is known, no drugs or medicines were sold during the day. The cafes were open, but only food was sold, cold drinks, cigars, fruits, etc. being closed.

Mr. Taylor, who kept his room open on the main sidewalk, was closed up until the Board of Aldermen or the Mayor declared what would be termed "necessities." The Board of Aldermen just put the matter of "necessities" up to Mr. Taylor. The Mayor has found that the Board of Aldermen of the United States is not of much use, and that it is necessary to have another board and has now set up upon the main sidewalk, a board to the Board of Aldermen.

The Board, moreover, is usually session tonight, and they will probably take some action, either setting just what may be sold during the day, and during the night. The action of the Board of Aldermen has already caused much inconvenience. In several places, there has been a loss of business and the people are suffering. However, it has been reported that the business has been getting on fairly well. The citizens want the Board to be a permanent body, and they want the Board to be a permanent body, and they want the Board to be a permanent body.

NEW BERN BOY SCOUTS CELEBRATED THE FOURTH

TOOK A SHORT TRIP DOWN TO RIVERDALE—FIDELITY'S PROCEEDINGS

Several hundred boys and girls took the long Pullman train to Riverdale, Md., last night for the purpose of celebrating the Fourth of July.

The boys were in the charge of the Rev. W. A. Smith and Mr. A. L. Bishop. Mr. Bishop is the commander of the company in this section of the M. C. B.

The day was filled with the boys had a jolly good time. They had a trip until they were nearly dark and then in the afternoon they were back home.

The amusement of the day consisted in an exhibition at which they had good games, preparation and cooking, and other articles for dinner, a display of the water swimming, rowing, boating, and a patriotic speech by the Scout Master.

The work of the Riverdale had generously supplied the boys with fire works and refreshments. To these the boys are very grateful. Perhaps no feature was so much enjoyed as the pretended battle between the Mexicans and the Americans. The boys were divided into two companies each taking a half of the large fire crackers with which they formed lines of battle by planting the explosives in rows in the sand, and discharging them. It looked like a real battle.

\$2,500 REWARD FOR MOTORCYCLE ELOPERS

CHAMPAIGN, ILL., July 6.—Because Beulah Davis and Asa Floor, of Gifford, near here, eloped on a motorcycle early this morning, a reward of \$2,500 has been offered for them if caught before they are married.

The couple left about 1 o'clock. Police of nearby towns have been notified.

Mrs. William Holder, of Raleigh, passed through New Bern last evening enroute to Morehead City where she will spend a few weeks.