

Gannon Fulford Is Killed

Met His Death Last Night On New South Front Street at the Hands of Jesse Creel—His Slayer In Jail—Affair Created Much Excitement.

Gannon Fulford, thirty years of age and a son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Fulford who reside at No. 309 Spencer avenue, Ghent, was almost instantly killed on New South Front street at 8 o'clock last evening when he was stabbed with a knife in the hands of Jesse Creel, sixty years of age and whose home is at No. 3 New South Front street. The wound was in Fulford's throat and the carotid artery was severed. Creel was placed under arrest by Chief of Police C. Lupton a short time after the affair and incarcerated in the Craven county jail. The body of the slain man was carried to the home of his parents where it will remain until tomorrow morning when the funeral service will be conducted and the remains interred in Cedar Grove cemetery.

The Start.

There were several versions of the origin of the murder and rumors were rife on the streets last night. However, a Journal reporter was on the scene a few minutes after the killing and succeeded in getting an interview from each of the parties most interested. W. E. Brock, outside of the murderer, probably told a more comprehensive story before the coroner's jury than did any of the others examined.

Mr. Brock stated that a short time before eight o'clock last evening he was coming down New South Front street and when he neared the home of Creel, he saw Gannon Fulford standing on the sidewalk. Creel and his daughter, Laura, were also on the sidewalk and there was some cursing going on. Mr. Brock then said that he went over to Fulford and said: "Come on away." He then grasped Fulford's sleeve and the two started on down the street. About this time Creel broke away from his daughter and called Fulford a vile name. When the latter heard this he broke away from Mr. Brock, saying that he would not take that from any man, and walked back to Creel. As the two men met, Fulford struck at Creel but failed to land and came near falling. Again he struck at Creel and it was then that the latter struck the fatal blow with his pocket knife. Fulford fell to the ground and lay there. Mr. Brock said that he did not know at that time that Fulford had been stabbed but that he had struck the pavement such a blow that it had killed him.

The Murder.

Mr. Brock then declared that he walked over to Fulford, turned him over on his back and discovered that blood was gushing out of a wound in his throat. He then ran across Spring street to Ben Fonville, colored, place of business and telephoned to Dr. Walter Watson, the coroner, and was back beside the body in about three minutes and that at that time Fulford had ceased to breathe.

Dr. Walter Watson secured a jury of David Henry, J. F. Rhodes, D. M. Roberts, E. K. Bowden, H. K. Land and O. A. Kafer as secretary, and at once went to the scene and viewed the body after which they returned to the coroner's office and held the inquest.

The Inquest.

In addition to the examination of Mr. Brock, whose statement appears above, W. J. Disoway, who is connected with the Home Bakery, was placed on the stand. Mr. Disoway said that he was out delivering orders and that as he came down Spring street and reached a point



WOODMEN MAKE NUMEROUS GIFTS

Forty Houses Visited By Them Yesterday

Many hearts were made glad in New Bern yesterday afternoon by the local camp of the Woodmen of the World. This order has for the past few weeks been making an investigation as to the number of worthy families in the city and as a result forty homes were visited by the committee and packages containing food of all description was left at those places.

The local Elks also contributed to the Christmas cheer of a large number of worthy people last night by distributing useful gifts.

FIVE PERSONS DIE IN THIS FIRE.

New York, Dec. 24.—Five members of one family were suffocated as the result of a fire which started in the basement of a five-story tenement here today.

just in front of Mrs. Charlotte's home, some one called to him and told him not to run over a dead man lying in the ditch. Mr. Disoway then stated that he got out of the wagon and looked at the man and discovered that it was Gannon Fulford.

The Verdict.

After the taking of the evidence had been concluded the jury rendered the following verdict:

"We, the coroner's jury, empanelled this, the 24th day of December, 1914, to investigate the cause of the death of Gannon Fulford, do find that he came to his death at the hands of one Creel, by inflicting a stab wound at the junction of the neck and chest, dividing the common carotid artery on the left side. We recommend that Creel be held in the county jail until the next term of Craven county Superior Court without bond."

The Arrest.

Following the murder, Creel, who wielded the fatal knife went in his home. As soon as Chief of Police Lupton was notified of the affair he hastened to the scene and went to the house, intent on arresting the slayer. A young woman came to the door and told Chief Lupton that her father was not at home and that she did not know where he could be found. However, the chief was out with the intention of arresting the man and he was not to be bluffed in any such manner. He went around to the rear of the house and finding a door there standing wide open and a small out house nearby, he at once came to the conclusion that Creel had sought shelter here. Running over to the door of this building the Chief threw this open and stared down the barrel of a double barrel shot gun with Creel sighting at him from the other end. The Chief realized that something must be done and done quickly if he expected to prevent another murder so he quickly grasped the weapon and jerked it from Creel's hands and at the same time grabbed the man by the collar and brought him out on the street.

To Jail.

As soon as possible Creel was taken to the county jail and placed in a cell. A Journal man reached the jail a few minutes after the incarceration and was allowed to interview the murderer. Creel admitted killing Fulford, but claimed self defense. He realizes that he is in a serious predicament but believes that he will be able to clear himself. The story he told the Journal man was simple and full of interest, a story which at times caused the old man's eyes to fill with tears and one which had the ring of truth in it. Creel said:

Creel's Story.

"My name is Jesse C. Creel. I

XMAS EVE WAS CELEBRATED HERE

Rain Failed to Dampen Ardor of the Crowd

The day before Christmas and Christmas eve in New Bern was a momentous occasion in many ways. Hundreds of visitors were in the city yesterday and these joined the holiday throngs and the scene in the business district was one which will long be remembered.

Everyone seemed to be imbued with the holiday spirit and it was indeed a cheerful crowd. Rain came last night and this made it disagreeable for pedestrians and somewhat cast a blanket over the celebration but this was barely perceptible and the crowds seemed to be just as large as ever.

Today there will be services in many of the local churches and these will without doubt be well attended. In the afternoon and night there will be excellent shows at the theatres and these will no doubt be well patronized.

NEW BERN COTTON MARKET.

(By G. W. Taylor and Sons)

Middling	7c
Strict Middling	7 1-4c
Good Middling	7 1-2c

came to New Bern a year ago last August from Seven Springs, N. C. My daughter, Laura, came with me and we have been making our home at No. 3 New South Front street. I am sixty years of age and have been performing odd jobs in order to support myself and daughter.

"Tonight about 7:30 o'clock, Gannon Fulford walked into my home. I was not acquainted with him and so far as I know he had never been there before. I asked him what he wanted and he told me that it was none of my business. I ordered him from the house and he said he would leave when he got ready. I noticed then that he was under the influence of intoxicants and I started to take hold of him with the intention of leading him out of the building, and being a much stronger man than I, he jerked me around the room several times before he left and then pulled me out of the door with him and on to the sidewalk.

"After reaching the sidewalk we had some argument. Then a man (Brock) came along and made an attempt to get Fulford to leave. He started off and then came back toward me and struck at me several times. I do not remember striking him and did not know that he was dead until my daughter called attention to the blood on my hands and told me to wash it off. A few minutes after this, Chief of Police Lupton came and placed me under arrest."

Before the Journal man left Creel's cell he had unfolded practically all of the history of his past life but this, according to his story, has been fraught with but few incidents of importance. Creel acknowledges that he had taken one drink, and it was plainly evidence that he was not intoxicated and his act was not that of a drunken person.

The killing of Fulford created a sensation which was equal to the killing of young Will Avery by Baker Bryan three years ago during the Christmas holidays, and within a few minutes after the report had reached the throngs on the streets, several hundred persons were on the scene and viewed the body.

The affair is a regrettable one, one which has caused great sorrow to the hearts of a number of persons and has for them ruined the holiday season. Creel will be kept in the county jail until the next term of court and will at that time be placed on trial for his life.

THAW TO SPEND A QUIET XMAS

Will Not Celebrate the Occasion Very Vociferously

New York, Dec. 24.—Harry K. Thaw has prepared to spend a quiet, old-fashioned New England Christmas.

A big turkey dinner has been prepared at the North Elm street home and he will spend the day there. His mother did not arrive today. Ex-Governor Stone of Pennsylvania and Philander C. Knox of Washington, with other counsel, are expected before New Years. Thaw maintains his silence.

MANY ARTICLES BEING SECURED

Exhibit Being Collected By Chamber of Commerce Is Worthy One

The New Bern Chamber of Commerce is doing a good work in collecting an exhibit of agricultural products of this section which will be placed in the Chamber of Commerce rooms as soon as it is secured.

In an article in The Manufacturers Record, Secretary George Green has the following to say about this exhibit:

"New Bern has no textile manufacturing plants, its principal manufacturing industries being lumber, of which millions of feet are shipped annually to Northern cities.

"There are also located here several large guano factories, the factory of the Pepsi Cola Co., a cotton-oil mill, a carriage and buggy factory, several woodworking plants and two iron foundries and machine works. The shops of the Norfolk-Southern Railroad are also located in this city.

"New Bern is the center of the bright tobacco belt, and the heart of the trucking section of Eastern Carolina, and as a market for tobacco equals any in the State.

"The Chamber of Commerce of New Bern is constantly on the alert, and actively and enthusiastically supports every movement looking to the establishment of new industrial plants for which a more favorable location than New Bern cannot be found anywhere.

"A complete exhibit of the agricultural and manufactured products of this section is now being collected, and will be installed at an early date in the Chamber of Commerce room."

ENTERTAINMENT AT THE TABERNACLE

Appropriate Exercises to Be Held There Tonight

The Tabernacle Baptist Sunday school will have their Christmas entertainment tonight at the church and a rare treat is in store for those who attend. An old time Christmas tree has been erected in the church and the ladies were busy most of yesterday attaching the various gifts to the tree. Every member of the Sunday school will be remembered with a Christmas gift from this tree and those who are not members of the school will not be slighted as fruits are to be passed through the congregation for everyone in attendance.

There will also be a number of recitations, dialogues, etc., by the children of the school and a splendid musical program. Everybody is given a cordial invitation to attend this entertainment and are promised an evening of genuine pleasure and helpful amusement. The exercises begin promptly at 7:30 p. m.

THE FRANK CASE IS UP AGAIN

Supreme Court of U. S. Asked to Make Another Decision

Washington, D. C., Dec. 24.—Louis Marshall of New York, today made application to associate justice Lamar of the Supreme Court, for a certificate of appeal of "probable cause" in the Frank case.

A decision on this is expected to be handed down on Saturday morning.

The gas freight boat Ruth C. Watson was in yesterday morning discharging a cargo of wood.

YOUNG WIFE COMMITS SUICIDE

Shoots Herself In the Heart With A Revolver

Washington, N. C., Dec. 23.—With a pistol lying beneath her body, Mrs. Jodie Harding was found dead yesterday afternoon near the home of Mr. Fred Von Eberstein at Chowcherry, N. C., about sunset by a colored man. The alarm was immediately given and her father, Mr. Simpson Taylor sent for. He arrived within a short while and carried the body to his home.

Upon examination it was found that she had shot herself in the heart and that death almost immediately followed. On her breast was pinned a note which stated that it was the desire of the deceased to be kept until Christmas eve, as she wanted her brother, who resides in Tennessee, to be present at the funeral. When she was shrouded another note was found pinned to her clothing. The contents of the second note has not as yet been divulged.

Mrs. Harding was the wife of Mr. Jodie Harding and before her marriage was Miss Fannie Taylor. Dr. Joshua Taylor, the county coroner, viewed the body. Why she should commit suicide has not been ascertained. Her married life was a happy and joyous one and nothing out of the ordinary has been noticed by her friends and relatives recently.

GERMANS DROP BOMBS ON DOVER

Aeroplanes Slip Up On British Ports and Do Damage

London, Dec. 24.—A German aeroplane today dropped bombs on the British port of Dover. The guns of the fortifications fired upon the hostile craft. The latest reports indicate that the aeroplane probably escaped. This was really the second attack upon Dover by German aeroplanes. Mail advices before told of the appearance of two aeroplanes over Dover. Bombs were dropped, but fell upon the outer fortifications. The guns of the forts fired upon the aeroplanes. The aviators who escaped were awarded the Iron Cross by the Kaiser.

A heavy fog prevailed today, and aided the German aeroplane to make its escape. A British machine pursued the enemy but failed to overtake the hostile craft. No damage is reported.

Beginning at 9 a. m. (New York Time) England will turn its attention to the celebration of Christmas and will receive no war news. The British papers will not publish on Christmas Day.

FATAL ACCIDENT NEAR VANCEBORO

Chancey Bright Killed By His Companion

An accident which cast a gloom over two families occurred at Vanceboro yesterday morning a little before eleven o'clock, when a shot gun in the hands of Paul Jacobs were discharged into the body of Chancey Bright resulting in instant death.

The deceased was the son of J. L. Bright, a prominent merchant of that place and was about fifteen years of age. The Jacobs boy was only twelve years of age and is the son of W. J. Jacobs, a contractor who moved there from Kinston a few months ago. The boys had started hunting and were going across the campus of the Farm Life school when the Jacobs boy in crossing a ravine fell in such a manner as to discharge his gun. The entire load of shot entered Bright's back and it is thought penetrated the heart.

Sheriff Lane was at once notified, the informer stating that it was purely an accident. As a result of this information the Sheriff stated that the family of the deceased desired that the coroner hold the inquest he would allow the body to be moved. Later he communicated with the father of the dead boy who stated that he was satisfied that the tragedy was the result of an accident.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Morton, of Morehead City, after spending Wednesday night in the city with friends left yesterday for Hubert to visit relatives.

KINSTON AFTER LEWD WOMEN

Lenoir Capital Says That They Must Get Out At Once

Kinston, N. C., Dec.—24—Lillian Gray, formerly proprietress of a South street resort, was arrested by the sheriff Wednesday night. The woman came here on a visit from New Bern. She had fled from indictment for operating a disorderly house some months ago, and evidently was under the impression that she would not be molested now if she returned. The sheriff, who states emphatically that he will allow none of the women who have run away from prosecution here to remain where he can get his hands on them, took her on the old charge. She is in jail. The Gray woman was some years ago the head of an establishment in another town where two murders of prominent people occurred. A Boston youth named Stone, brother of a noted army officer, fell a victim to a revolver in the hands of an inmate, and the brother to one of the leading physicians of the State was murdered by a youth now doing thirty years in State's prison.

NO MONEY FOR A LARGER NAVY

Japan Believes She Has Enough Fighting Ships

Tokio, Dec. 24.—Parliament today rejected the request of the Cabinet for an increased appropriation for a larger navy.

It is believed that the Cabinet will dissolve Parliament tomorrow.

The gas freight boat Adele arrived in port yesterday morning from Adams Creek with a cargo of country produce.