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A MOTHER'S AWFUL DEED

Brained Her Seven Children and Then Burned Their Bodies

MANIAC THEN TOOK HER OWN LIFE

Mrs. Clarence Markham of Cambridge Ill., Survives Long Enough to Make an Awful Confession.

Rock Island, Ill., Special.—Mrs. Clarence Markham of Cambridge, near here, in a fit of temporary insanity killed her seven children with an axe, after which she placed their bodies on a bed, saturated it with coal oil and set fire to it. She then hacked her throat with a knife and threw herself on the burning bed. Neighbors rescued her, but she was so badly burned that she died soon after she had made a confession. The oldest child was nine years of age, the youngest, a baby in arms.

Neighbors, attracted by the smoke of the burning building, rushed to the rescue and found Mrs. Markham covered with blood and badly burned.

Barely able to tell her story, she at first declared the crime had been committed by a strange man, but later when the sheriff arrived she admitted that she had slain her children one by one and attempted to destroy their bodies and her own in the fire. Soon afterward she died. When the ruins of the home had cooled, a confirmation of her story was had in the finding of the charred corpses, each with its skull crushed.

The Markhams lived apart from neighbors, the husband being employed as a laborer on a nearby farm. He was compelled to be away from home during the day. Having noted his wife acting queerly for several weeks he had kept the children, the oldest of whom was but nine years of age, out of school to be with the mother. She was never known to exhibit violent tendencies previously.

The Carter Civil Suit.

Chicago, Special.—Cross examination of Capt. Oberlin M. Carter, charged with defrauding the government out of nearly \$3,000,000, was continued before Special Examiner Wyman. The inquiry into the defendant's stock and bond deals between 1893 and 1896 occupied the time at Friday's session. The financial transactions of the captain were taken up week by week and day by day, covering a period of four years. Indications are that it will take three or four more weeks to conclude the questioning of the witness.

Prince Charles Supported.

Copenhagen, By Cable.—It is learned on high authority that should Norway's offer of the throne of that country to a prince of the house of Bernadotte be definitely declined during the coming week, steps will be taken by the storting to invite Prince Charles of Denmark to become king of Norway. It is believed that not more than ten members of the storting are opposed to Prince Charles' candidature. King Christian and the British court favor it.

Five Are Murdered.

Edna, Texas, Special.—Mrs. A. J. Condit and four children, a daughter of 13, and three boys from 6 to 10 years old, were murdered in cold blood at their home near here. The mother and daughter were assaulted and their bodies brutally disfigured. A baby about two years old was the only one left alive. All of them seemed to have been murdered with some blunt instrument, their heads were crushed and their throats cut with a knife or razor.

Glass Worker's Suicide.

tempt was made last night in Millville, N. J., Special.—Peter Smith, a well-known glass worker, committed suicide Monday morning by shooting himself through the heart with a rifle. Business troubles over which he worried are given as the cause. His mother lost her reason on seeing the body of her son and it is feared that she will not recover. His sister is also prostrated and in a critical condition.

Walked Out of Meeting.

Montgomery, Ala., Special.—At a special meeting of the city council Alderman Sullivan opposed the resolution to appropriate money for the entertainment of President Roosevelt when he comes to Montgomery, saying that he would oppose one dollar of the people's money going this way. Acting Mayor McIntyre, who is also a member of the council, walked out during the proceedings, leaving no quorum and the resolution was laid over.

WILL SOON LIFT QUARANTINE

Louisiana Parish Health Officers Showing Willingness to Clear President's Path—New Orleans Record 23 New Cases.

New Orleans, Special.—Report to P. M.:
New cases, 23; total, 3,023.
Deaths, 3; total, 391.
New foci, 4.
Cases under treatment, 237; discharging, 2,405.

The Sunday report would have been the lowest on record but for the report of a nest of infection in another convent and asylum, the attending physician reporting six cases among the girls in the Mount Carmel Institute, on Piety street. There have been several cases in the Mount Carmel Convent on St. Cloud street, and as these two institutions are closely allied, it is very likely the infection was transmitted from one to the other. Another case is reported from the French asylum, on St. Ann street, the patients former residence being far out on Gently road. Only four of the new cases were above Canal street. The Algiers side turned up two cases. Among the deaths is Sister Mary Edith of the Convent of Perpetual Adoration, on Marias street. She was only eighteen years of age and had only recently taken her vows. She was Miss Petronille Nigel.

Dr. Souchen's circular letter to the parish health officers suggesting that they fix on October 15 as the date for raising the parish quarantines against the city, has already produced results, the board of health of Lafayette wiring that that town agreed. It is not at all unlikely that by the time the President arrives, the quarantines in Louisiana will be only an unpleasant memory.

Mississippi Fever Summary.

Jackson, Miss., Special.—The Mississippi yellow fever summary is as follows:

Vicksburg, five new cases; Natchez, five new cases, one new focus; Scranton, eight new cases; Gulfport, one new case; one death; Mississippi City, six new cases; Hamburg, two new cases, one death; Rosetta, two new cases, three suspicious cases. Handsboro, one new case.

No new infection at Port Gibson, Harrison, Roxie or Moss point. Supplies have been sent to the people of Hamburg, who are in destitute circumstances. The Marine Hospital Service has sent Dr. Deschette to the place to undertake the fumigation and detention camp work. Surgeon Wasdin reports that he will place an officer in charge of the infection at Seranton.

Alabama Bans All Mississippi.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—State Health Officer, Dr. W. H. Sanders, after consultation with the local board of health announced that Alabama had quarantined against the entire State of Mississippi, effective at 3 o'clock. This action is supposed to be consequent upon the spread of yellow fever in numerous Mississippi towns, although an official explanation is withheld.

Capt. Charles Price Dead

Charlotte, Special.—Capt. Charles Price, division counsel for the Southern Railway, and one of the best known constitutional lawyers in the south, died early Thursday morning at his home in Salisbury of Bright's disease, aged 59. He was for one term speaker of the general assembly of the State, had held many positions of honor, and conducted some of the most notable railroad suits in the south.

United States Court Suit.

Knoxville, Special.—Daisy Sherrin vs. the Southern Railway is the most recent damage suit against that corporation that is the outcome of the Southern Railway wreck at New Market in which sixty-four persons met death, and of which Sunday, September 24, was the first anniversary. The plaintiff sues for ten thousand dollars for alleged personal injuries sustained in the accident. Her home is in Mississippi. She is represented by Pickle, Turner & Kennerly, of this city. The suit was filed in the United States court.

Private Car Line Inquiry.

Washington, Special.—Hearings in the private car line inquiry instituted by the interstate commerce commission will be held in this city on October 13, and probably will continue for more than a week. The cases are directed against the Central of Georgia, the Southern, Atlantic Coast Line, Pennsylvania and other railways.

NORTH CAROLINA AFFAIRS

Many Newsy Items Gathered From all Sections.

Charlotte Cotton Market.

The cotton market, moderate demand:
Low middling ... 9 11-16
Strict low middling ... 9 7-8
Middling ... 10
Strict middling ... 10 1-8
Good middling ... 10 1-4

General Cotton Market.

Houston, steady; middling ... 10 1-2
Augusta, firm; middling ... 10 1-2
Memphis, firm; middling ... 10 11-16
St. Louis, quiet; middling ... 10 3-4
Louisville, firm; middling ... 10 1-4

TRUE BILL FOR MURDER.

Wake Grand Jury Indicts Asylum Attendants for Murder in the First Degree For Causing the Death of a Patient.

Raleigh, Special.—The grand jury returned a true bill for murder in the first degree against J. C. King, Jack Peel, L. R. High and W. F. Durham, attendants at the State Hospital here for killing George Nall, August 24th.

When the prisoners were arraigned Solicitor Jones said he would not prosecute for murder in the first degree, but would insist upon a verdict for murder in the second degree or manslaughter, or any other lesser offense. The Judge ordered an entry made in the minutes to that effect.

Attorney Argo, for the defense, asked for a continuance to the January term on the ground that the defendant's counsel had not been informed that charge would be brought against his clients, and some material witnesses had not been subpoenaed. Attorney Womack, for the State, said that the State did not want to rush the defendants into a trial but he did not see any legal ground for a continuance.

Solicitor Jones said he had told the defendant's counsel that a bill for murder in the second degree would be sent and in his opinion they had had plenty of time to get witnesses.

Ex-Governor Aycock, in behalf of the defendants, said that the trial should be continued because time should be given for the strong feeling to die down; that the minds of the public were naturally wrought up when any suspicion of cruelty to the insane was aroused, and for the defendants to have a fair trial the time should be moved for the reasoning powers of the people to become normal again.

The judge said, in a case so important, he thought the defendants should have every opportunity to prepare a defense, and he would continue the case, as requested, as no harm could come of it. Counsel for both sides agreed that the judge set Monday of the second week of the January term for trial and the witnesses were discharged until then.

Two Trolley Car Accidents.

Wilmington, Special.—Two men are at the Walker Memorial hospital each with a fractured leg, as the result of two accidents on the electric car lines. The first accident occurred at 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the intersection of Front and Church streets. A car collided with a cart, demolishing it. The driver, R. K. Jones, a white man, was thrown out and his left leg was fractured near the hip. At 8.35, a special car was bound for the beach with a party of Red Men, the second accident occurred, resulting in the fracture of the leg of Grover Reese, aged 23. When the car struck the switch at Ninth and Princess streets the second truck split it. The rear end struck Reese, a conductor of a city line car, badly crushing the left leg.

North State News.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Atlantic and North Carolina railroad was held in Newberne on Thursday.

It is said that the internal revenue officers recently indicted at the special term of the Federal court at Greensboro will demand a speedy trial.

The insurance company is the Southern Life Insurance Co., of Fayetteville. The capital is \$50,000 subscribed and \$500,000 authorized to do a life, health and accident insurance business on the stock plan, also contract to pay annuities, etc. There are a great number of incorporators and subscribers to stock, citizens of Fayetteville and Cumberland county, generally. Among them are A. H. Slocombe, J. A. Oates, D. T. Oates, W. J. Johnson and others. The Bank of Warren, Warrenton, N. C., is chartered with \$30,000 capital, authorized and \$15,000 subscribed to do a commercial and savings business.

TEXTILE NEWS OF INTEREST

Notes of Southern Cotton Mills and Other Manufacturing Enterprises.

Big Cotton Mill Plant.

The purchasers of the Tennessee Manufacturing Co.'s big cotton mill plant will spend \$205,000 for new machinery with which to fit up Mill No. 2, which is to be run by W. R. Odell and associates. Not long since it was announced that Mr. Odell, of North Carolina, and a number of local capitalists had purchased the Tennessee Manufacturing Co.'s property in North Nashville for \$145,000. That these gentlemen are in earnest is shown by the fact that they have taken out their charter, that it has been registered at the office of the Secretary of State and the company is now in existence. The capital stock of the company is placed at \$200,000, and the new concern is to be known by the corporate name of the Warioto Cotton Mills. The purchasers will hardly get possession of the property, however, before July 1, 1906, owing to the fact that George Goodwin has a lease on it until that time. Mill No. 1 been sold to the Morgan Hamilton Co. to be used by them as a bag factory. The incorporators of the Warioto Cotton Mills will meet for organization on Sept. 28. The incorporators are J. B. Morgan, William Nelson, Joseph H. Thompson, Edwin Warner and M. J. Smith.

Change in Management.

An almost complete change in the management of the Union Cotton Mills, was effected at a meeting of the stockholders recently. At this meeting, four directors and the treasurer, T. C. Duncan, resigned and in the subsequent election the following well-known and substantial business men were elected directors of the Union Cotton Mills: Emslie Nicholson, president Monarch Cotton Mills; T. C. Duncan, president Union and Buffalo Mills; all of Union; H. C. Fleitman, capitalist, New York; W. M. Winchester, banker, Spartanburg; E. W. Roberson, banker, Columbia, Directors Buffalo Mills; F. M. Farr, president National Bank; A. H. Foster, capitalist; T. C. Duncan, all of Union; with the same out-of-town directors as the Union Mills.

Mr. E. W. Roberson, of Columbia, was elected treasurer of both mills, and has entire management of the finances. Expert accountants are now going over the books of the Buffalo Mills and until their reports are handed in nothing can be known of the liabilities of the mill.

The Union Cotton Mill runs 96,000 spindles and 2,300 looms, has a capital stock of \$1,100,000, and employs 1,200 persons. The equipment of the Buffalo Mill comprises 64,000 spindles and 2,000 looms, 800 people being employed.

Power and Mill Company.

The Anthony Shoal Power and Mill Company has been purchased by John H. Fitzpatrick, of Washington, Ga. He expects to spend several hundred thousand dollars in developing this power, and will begin work at once. Within a radius of 40 miles there is now being used more than 50,000 steam horse power, at a cost of from \$30 to \$50 per horse power, all of which he will be in a position to furnish at a lower rate. The shoals are located about half-way between Washington and Tiberton, and as soon as the power is developed Mr. Fitzpatrick will have all arrangements made for building an electric line between the two places. He also expects to build a cotton factory at Washington and at the Shoals.

Textile Notes.

The State has chartered the Flora Cotton Mill Company to build and operate mills there to manufacture yarns and cloth. The authorized capital stock is \$400,000, of which \$15,000 has been paid in by Henry W. Lily, W. D. McNeill and J. K. S. Ray. Half the stock is preferred and on this 7 per cent. and no more is guaranteed.

At the last meeting of the Augusta council, Gwin H. Nixon applied for water power for the Warwick Mills, which a part of capitalists had purchased from the city. Council left the matter in the hands of a committee, who returned a favorable answer to Mr. Nixon. The opening of the mill will mean a larger output of cotton goods. Mr. Nixon, when seen in regard to the matter, refused to make any statement except to admit that the mill would be re-opened, but it is generally rumored on the street that the corporation intends building up the property with the intention of making a sale.

NORTH STATE CROPS

Weather Conditions Given Out by the Department Observer.

The North Carolina section of the climate and crop service of the Department of Agriculture issues the following official bulletin of weather and crop conditions for the past week:

The week has been characterized by warm days and cool nights, the temperature averaging about 4 per cent. above normal, and by the absence of rainfall, the only rain reported being a trace at Asheville. Light frost occurred in Tyrrell county on the morning of the 27th. The weather has been favorable for saving crops, but too dry for plowing and for small grains. All growing crops need rain, and pastures are failing.

The general condition of the cotton crop remains unchanged; it is opening fast and picking is progressing rapidly, about three fifths of the crop having been picked; fewer reports of shedding have been received but the crop will be very light; in general the crop will be below the average, and in places very light.

A fair crop of tobacco, of rather inferior quality, has been cut and cured. Early corn is maturing fast, and in some localities is being gathered; late corn needs rain, but has been benefitted by the warm weather. A good crop of buckwheat is being harvested, and good crops of Irish potatoes and peanuts are being dug. Sweet potatoes are good; the cabbage crop is a failure; turnips are needing rain badly.

Fine crops of hay, fodder, and peavine hay have been saved. Sorghum molasses making is under way. Over the greater portion of the State it is too dry for plowing and for sowing small grains; some wheat and oats have been sown in the central and western districts, but are needing rain badly. Apples are falling badly and will be a light crop.

Two Insurance Companies.

High Point, Special.—Two insurance companies, capitalized at \$100,000 each are to be established in High Point. One will be organized to write fire insurance and the other life insurance, and both are promoted by Messrs. W. J. Armfield, Sr., and E. M. Armfield, his son, of this place. A large portion of the stock has been subscribed by High Point people. The remaining stock is being taken by people all over the State. Already \$130,000 of the required \$200,000 has been subscribed and the other will be forthcoming. The subscribers are among the prominent and influential citizens of North Carolina and guarantee strength and stability to the new concern, which, without a doubt, will meet with success from the beginning. These companies will be a great benefit to the State and especially to High Point, bringing \$200,000 to this city to begin with.

Respite Granted.

Raleigh, Special.—Governor Glenn granted W. R. Murray, the Durham man who killed his uncle, a respite until October 17th, and the petition for pardon that has been made will be argued before the Governor October 14th. Without passing upon the merits of the case, or even intimating what his final decision will be, Governor Glenn, upon the recommendation of the trial judge and solicitor granted the respite until the 17th, fixing the 14th as the date for hearing the case. The State as well as the defendant's counsel will be present at this hearing.

Endowment of Guilford.

High Point, Special.—Mr. J. Elwood Cox, chairman of the board of trustees of Guilford College, has returned from the North, where he secured the \$45,000 for the endowment fund for Guilford college making the necessary amount to secure Andrew Carnegie's gift of a like amount and the \$25,000 from Mr. Pears of Chicago. This makes one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars in cash that said college has received, which added to present endowment of sixty thousand dollars, gives Guilford college an endowment of one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.

The Industrial News.

Greensboro, Special.—There was a meeting of the directors of the Industrial News Saturday night, or at least Mr. Butler and other influential members had a conference, principally for the purpose of supplying the remaining vacancies on the staff. As predicted Mr. T. B. Eldridge, of the Raleigh Post, was selected as telegraph and news editor, and as predicted a week ago Mr. Parkhurst, of the Philadelphia Ledger, was elected as managing news editor, the position declined by Howard Banks and Gordon Cilly.

WILL FACE DANGER

President Roosevelt Not Deterred in View of Danger From Fever

IS NOT AFRAID OF NEW ORLEANS

Official Announcement is Made That the Crescent City Will Be Made Final Stop on Southern Trip, President Taking a Cruiser For Return In Order Not to Violate Quarantines.

Washington, Special.—The very interesting information was obtained from Senators who called at the White House that the President has not changed his views with reference to railway rate legislation. They found, indeed, that it was the subject uppermost in his mind, and, in the language of one of these Senators, "The President's backbone is just as stiff as it ever was."

Senator Foraker, of Ohio; Senator Hemenway, of Indiana, and Senator Burkett, of Nebraska, were three Satesmen whom the President led into conversation about rates almost as soon as they entered his private office, although they had not called to talk about this question. There is no doubt that the President stands by the recommendation he made to the last Congress. It was also made clear that there would be no extra session of the Fifty-Ninth Congress next month.

Senator Burkett, in speaking of his visit to the White House, said: "I discussed rate legislation with the President and I found him as determined as ever. Although there will be no special session, the President will take up railroad matters as soon as Congress convenes, and will give a great deal of attention to it throughout the session."

Secretary Shaw Speaks in Richmond.

Richmond, Va., Special.—Leslie M. Shaw, secretary of the treasury, Monday night addressed a large Republican gathering at the Academy of Music.

Judge L. L. Lewis, Republican nominee for Governor, presided at the meeting. Mr. Shaw was preceded by Congressman Yost, who made a strong appeal for purity of elections and for the choice as governor of Judge Lewis.

Secretary Shaw said in part: "You must bear in mind there was never a tariff law enacted that was perfect on that anyone claimed it was perfect. No two Congresses would ever enact the same bill. Every tariff law is an aggregation of compromise. All the Republican party ever claims for any tariff law is that its principle is perfect. The rate will be too high here and too low there, but protection will be found in its very feature.

"The opposition party never claims that their tariff measures are perfect. They only claim that the principle of free trade, of which they profess to construct their tariff laws, is the correct principle. They claim to eliminate every element of protection from all their tariff laws, as England eliminates protection from her tariff laws. England provides a tariff for the sole purpose of revenue, and the Democratic party profess to do the same. They have openly and repeatedly denounced as robbery—they strike at the principle.

"While the Republican party never claimed for any tariff law that it was perfect, and never promises to enact a perfect tariff law, it does claim that all its tariff laws are built on the principle of protection. It has never sacrificed one industry for the sake of building up another, and never will."

But Few Cases of Smallpox.

Nashville, Special.—Reports from county health boards sent in response to the request of the state board of health, show that there have been fewer cases of small-pox in the state for past six months than for many years previous during the same period. It is also shown that the cases which have appeared were of the same mild type as those formerly appearing.

Auto Line For Negroes.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—The Union Transportation Company has been organized by the negroes of Nashville and will put in operation five automobiles for the purpose of transporting negro passengers to various parts of this city. Some of the leading negroes of Nashville are interested in the venture and claim to have ample capital. Ever since the "Jim Crow" street car law went into effect the colored population has been greatly dissatisfied and negro travel on the cars has greatly decreased.