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OUT OF SIX MURDERED

Members of Family Are

SET TO DESOLATED HOME

Lyerly, His Wife and Two Children Murdered as They Slept in Their Beds by Unknown Hands. Several Negroes Arrested for the Crime.

Rowan, N. C., Special.—One of the most horrible tragedies in the history of Rowan county occurred near Barber's Junction, about 40 miles from Salisbury Saturday morning. Between 1 and 2 o'clock an unknown person or persons entered the home of Mr. Lyerly, a well known farmer, while its occupants were sleeping. Mr. Lyerly, his wife and two of the youngest children and one of the oldest were murdered by wounding the third.

The parents and the three children were sleeping in the front room of the house. There being two elder daughters sleeping up stairs, who were awakened and were awakened by the smoke from below. The girls fled the stairs to awaken their mother. On reaching their father they beheld their father and three youngest children on the bed, their heads were cut and their faces badly disfigured.

The two elder daughters, Mary and Elizabeth, aged 18 and 16 respectively, were taken to the hospital to be treated for the wounds they received. The house and the neighborhood were in a state of alarm. The neighbors, W. B. Barbers, and told the story of the awful tragedy. There were no officers of the law at this time. R. R. Mulliken, train dispatcher, on duty at that hour, was notified and promptly wired the news to the sheriff at Salisbury, who started at once to the scene with bloodhounds and a posse of armed men. Bloodhounds were also sent from Winston-Salem in the pursuit of the murderer.

Mr. Lyerly was a highly respected and well connected man and it is believed that any one should be charged with the crime. The negro men and a negro woman, George Erwin, Jack Dillingham, Mitchell Graham and his wife, were arrested and put in jail at Salisbury on suspicion of complicity in the case.

There is intense in the neighborhood and there is talk of lynching the criminals are caught.

Charged With the Crime.

Charlotte, Special.—Sheriff Julian Rowan county brought to this city for safe keeping, Neal Gillespie, his wife, George Erwin, Jack Dillingham, Mitchell Graham and his wife, who were arrested and put in jail at Salisbury on suspicion of complicity in the case.

Negroes Made Threats.

Mr. Matt L. Webb, a white man and worked with Nease Gillespie a large mulatto, about 40 years reported that he had heard the following language: "I am going to thrash it and use it," said Mr. Lyerly. "You will not," declared Nease. Hot words followed and Mr. Lyerly ordered the negro out of the yard. It was here Gillespie told his landlord that he would kill him or die in the attempt if he used the wheat without giving him a share of it.

It was after this that Nease told Mr. Webb that Mr. Lyerly might cut the wheat, but he would never eat or sell it. Gillespie had been very insolent to Mr. Lyerly.

The crowd which gathered at the Lyerly home heard of this threat of Gillespie and went to his home to arrest him. The negro had gone to his work, a mile or more away, but his wife became frightened and ran to the home of Mr. Dick Files, a farmer, and begged him to protect her, saying that she would be hanged for killing the Lyerlys when she had nothing to do with it.

Said Gillespie Knew of the Crime. "I don't know nothing about it, but my husband does," said Gillespie's wife.

Near the home of Gillespie was a freshly burnt spot, where a straw bed and other things had been fired since daylight. Those who gathered in the charred place found pieces of clothing, and a spoonful of scorched blood. Some pieces from the house and was still wet, was discovered in a weed patch. These bits of evidence, when put together, make an interesting and convincing story.

NORTH CAROLINA AFFAIRS

Items of Interest From Many Parts of the State

MINOR MATTERS OF STATE NEWS

Happenings of More or Less Importance Told in Paragraphs—The Cotton Markets.

Charlotte Cotton Market.
These prices represent the prices paid to wagons:
Good middling.....11.35
Strict middling.....11.35
Middling.....11.35
Good middling, tinged.....11
Staus.....9 to 10

General Cotton Market.
Galveston, steady.....11 1-16
New Orleans, quiet and easy.....11 1-8
Mobile, steady.....10 3-4
Savannah, steady.....10 3-4
Wilmington, firm.....10 3-4
Norfolk, steady.....11 1-8
Baltimore, nominal.....11 1-8
New York, steady.....10.80
Boston, quiet.....10.80
Philadelphia, steady.....11.05
Houston, steady.....11
Augusta, steady.....11 1-8
Memphis, quiet.....10 7-8
St. Louis, steady.....10 15-16
Louisville, firm.....11 1-8

State's Cotton Crop Below Last Year.

Charlotte Observer.
Secretary Thomas B. Parker, of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Association, has now secured pretty nearly all the reports of the cotton growing counties of the State and of these The Observer correspondent has made quite a study. It may be stated, on the strength of these reports, that it looks something like the crop will be about 75 or 80 per cent. of that of last year. The wet June did a great deal of damage. Cotton has had a hard time this year, between the drought, the unusual cold in May with widespread frosts and the great rains, which in many sections continued day after day and which caused a great growth of weeds in the east where the rainfall has been greatest and in some other sections of the State here and there towards the west, the central belt faring better than the other parts. The increase in the labor troubles, due principally to the exodus of negro field hands to factories and railroads, has become more grave and there is a story of complaint from every county reporting as to this matter. Cotton dealers, with few exceptions, say they regard the crop as much below last year. Some of them, it is true, say they get good reports. The wet June prevented the proper development of the tap roots the main root of the plant, and thus affected the latter vitally. The outlook therefore is not good. In fact, it is not what it seemed to be ten days or two weeks ago.

Attack on Rowan Jail.
Salisbury, N. C., Special.—On Saturday night, just before midnight, a desperate attack by a leaderless mob was made upon the jail here with the purpose of dealing summary punishment to the alleged murderers of the Barbers Junction family. The officers allowed two committees of the lynchers to go through the jail and see for themselves that the prisoners had been removed to Charlotte. Then the mob dispersed.

New Directors Elected.

Elizabeth City, Special.—The stockholders of the Elizabeth City Cotton Mill met here and elected a board of directors for the ensuing year, consisting of C. H. Robinson, J. B. Flora, D. M. Jones, Dr. O. McManian, G. M. Scott, D. B. Bradford and P. H. Williams. P. H. Williams was elected president, G. M. Scott, vice-president and James G. Gregory secretary and treasurer. A 6 per cent dividend was declared. The mill is in a flourishing condition.

The Struggle to be Clean.

At Christmas time a settlement-worker asked an East Side mother what she would like for a present. "A bath-tub," was the quick reply. "My baby is getting too big for the dish-pan."

This, declares one of the visitors of the Charities Department in the New York Sun, is not an isolated case. "It is not only the dish-pan that is brought into requisition as a wash-bowl, but the sauce-pan, the potato-kettle and the bread-tin."

"I always remonstrate with the mothers when this sort of thing comes to my notice, but it is a delicate matter, for one must be careful not to stifle any ambition to be clean."

"Frequently we furnish the mothers in the tenements in the poorest sections where there are no stationary bath-tubs with portable bath-tubs, and their delight in such instances is more than worth the sum invested."

NOT SURPRISED.

"They say," said Mrs. Oldcastle, "that there is a blot on the Miggle-son's escutcheon."

FARMERS MEETING A SUCCESS

The State Farmers' Convention at Raleigh Was a Big Success.

Mr. C. C. Moore, president of the North Carolina division of the Southern Cotton Association, gives the following account of the third annual convention of the North Carolina farmers, held at Raleigh last week:

The convention was in session three days, with three sessions per day. During this time there were meetings of The North Carolina Tobacco Association, the North Carolina Dairymen's Association, and under the excellent management of Mrs. F. L. Stevens, the farmers' wives who attended the convention held five sessions, which were full of instruction and benefit.

At the general sessions of the convention from start to finish the chairman had a supply of speakers who handled their subjects in such a way as to win the applause and appreciation of the convention. The different subjects covered almost the entire question of agriculture.

Governor R. B. Glenn was the first speaker. He was followed by Hon. S. L. Patterson, commissioner of agriculture. Col. J. Bryan Grimes of Pitt county spoke on "Agriculture in North Carolina for the Past Ten Years." Mr. A. C. Green of Wake county delivered an interesting address on "What the Cow Has Done For Me." Mr. A. L. French, of Rockingham county, handled the question of "Beef Raising" with intelligence and demonstrated to the satisfaction of the farmers that beef raising in North Carolina is not only possible but very profitable. Mr. R. W. Scott, of Albemarle county, with his characteristic plainness handled the subject of corn growing to the satisfaction of the convention. Mr. R. H. Gower of Johnson county, showed and demonstrated that dairying can be made profitable on the average farm.

The woman's department was perhaps the most interesting of the whole convention. Dr. Delia Dixon Carroll gave a lecture on home nursing and care of the sick that was full of valuable information. Miss Mae Cord, of Canada, addressed the convention.

The Women's Department elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, Mrs. J. L. Stevens, Raleigh; Vice Presidents, Mrs. C. N. Allen, Mrs. J. N. Bowles; Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. W. Grimes, Executive Committee, Mrs. R. S. Tucker, Mrs. M. M. McLeod, Miss Viola Bidle, Mrs. W. P. Wilson.

The Dairymen's Department of the convention elected R. H. Gower of Johnston county president and Prof. J. C. Kendall, secretary. The exhibits of butter by various dairymen were inspected and prizes awarded. The sweep stake prize was awarded to Mr. R. W. Scott of Alamance county.

Tobacco Growers Session.

There was a session of the tobacco farmers presided over by President John S. Cunningham. Col. J. Bryan Grimes, Secretary of State, was one of the principal speakers. He made a special appeal for organization on the part of the tobacco farmers, declaring that up to the present time this class of farmers have shown themselves incapable of perfecting an organization. He urged that the tobacco farmers present return to their homes and urge the necessity of organization and co-operation upon their neighbors. He said the only successful tobacco farmers' organization in the State is in Pitt county where he has money invested in the co-operative organization that has for three years yielded him thirty and forty per cent. profit.

North State Brevities.

United States District Attorney Skinner has brought suit in the United States District court at Wilmington for \$4,500 against the Atlantic Coast Line for penalties for failure to provide safety appliances for trains and thus violating the law made which requires such appliances.

Charters are granted the Montgomery Construction Company, High Point, to erect all kinds of buildings, capital stock \$100,000, W. O. Montgomery and others stockholders; the Zion Ministerial Brotherhood and Relief Company, Charlotte, no capital stock, T. H. Lomax and others incorporators; the Piedmont Marble and Granite Company, Lexington, \$10,000, Zeb Deaton and others stockholders; the Opie Odum Company, St. Paul's Robeson county, to manufacture lumber, \$6,000; the Greensboro Elks Lodge Company, \$50,000, David Dreyfus and others stockholders,

DREYFUS VINDICATED

BY FRENCH NATION

Devil's Island Martyr Declared Innocent and Rank Restored.

TO BE MADE A GENERAL

Accused Officer Could Not Have Obtained Secret Mobilization Papers For Delivery to Germany—Did Not Write Bordereau.

Paris.—Alfred Dreyfus has been completely vindicated by France. The Supreme Court of the Republic announced its decision annulling the conviction of Dreyfus by the court-martial at Rennes in 1899.

To wipe every stain from Dreyfus' reputation and to emphasize its condemnation of the false evidence that was tried against him the court orders that he need not stand trial again. It declares there is no reason for another trial because Dreyfus committed no offense.

In conclusion the court noted the fact that Dreyfus had waived pecuniary indemnity for all he suffered during twelve years.

The court ordered its decision to be transcribed on the records of the Rennes court-martial and to be published in the official journal and five newspapers to be chosen by the Procurator-General and, at the Government's expense, in fifty newspapers here and in the provinces to be named by Dreyfus.

The former captain, after being falsely convicted of treason, publicly degraded and imprisoned on Devil's Island, is restored to the army by the decision itself.

He will return to his country's service with the rank of Brigadier-General. Premier Sarrien assured the Chamber of Deputies, and the court's decision will be posted in every commune in France.

Neither Dreyfus nor his wife was in court when the decision was rendered. In an interview afterward Dreyfus said:

"This has been a long and terrible ordeal. I began to feel as if it would never end. It is clear that the decision restores me to my old place in the army, but I am not aware of the intentions of the Government concerning my advancement in rank."

"I have nothing to say against my accusers. Being again an officer I am obliged to obey the army regulations of silence."

"I am inexpressibly thankful to all who have assisted in the maintenance of truth."

The Ministers held a protracted special session at the Elysee Palace under President Faillieres. The Government's course in carrying out the court's decision was determined. Two bills were drawn. By them Dreyfus will be nominated a major, with early promotion to a lieutenant-colonel. Dreyfus' name will be entered on the list for the Legion of Honor, but he will not be nominated to that distinction directly.

MOB MURDERS WIFE BEATER.

Indiana Man's Neighbors Capture and Kill Him Before He Gets Sober.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Oliver Bryant, a coal miner, of Vanderberg County, drank to excess, went home and gave his wife a beating.

A mob was organized at night, and while Bryant was sleeping off the effects of liquor they broke into his house, took him out and beat him so terribly that he died next day.

The mob is said to have been led by A. J. Gleich, a prominent farmer and fruit grower. He was arrested, charged with murder. Harry Linnville, a blacksmith, is also under arrest on a similar charge and warrants are out for a number of others.

DEWEY AT OLONGAPO.

Dry Dock Reaches Philippine Waters After Long Voyage.

Manila.—The dry dock Dewey arrived at Olongapo. The trip from Singapore was uneventful.

The arrival of the dry dock Dewey in Philippine waters marks the successful completion of the biggest towing feat ever undertaken in ocean navigation. The giant dry dock passed out of the Virginia Capes at 10.40 o'clock on the night of December 29 last.

Russian Admiral Shot.

Vice-Admiral Chouknin was shot by a sailor at Sebastopol; the surgeons hold out no hope of recovery; the assassin escaped; general conditions in Russia seem to be growing worse.

Kentucky Murderer Confesses.

At the trial of ex-Judge Hargis in Beattyville, Ky., Curtis Jett testified that he had killed J. B. Marcum, but did not stick to his recent confession implicating Hargis.

Coffee Rates Favor New York.

Steamers between South America and the United States announce that the rate from Rio de Janeiro and Santos to New Orleans will be forty cents a sack on coffee, while the rate to New York from the same ports will be thirty-five cents a sack.

Labor Men in Campaign.

Federation of Labor officers announced that an active opposition would be begun to Congressmen who had voted against labor interests.

Public Money Stolen.

Armed men in St. Petersburg, Russia, shot two employes of the Admiralty and stole a bag containing \$12,500.

Chief Events in Case Which Nearly Disrupted France.

The "Dreyfus Case" has excited

France to the verge of revolution several times, it has overthrown ministries, it has excited anti-Semitic fanaticism and provoked insane glorification of the French Army. The dates of its chief events during twelve years are:

- Dreyfus arrested... October 14, 1894
- Found guilty by a secret court-martial... December 19, 1894
- Publicly degraded and sent to Devil's Island under life sentence... January 5, 1895
- Mathew Dreyfus charges Colonel Esterhazy with having written the bordereau... November 15, 1897
- Esterhazy acquitted by secret court-martial... January 11, 1898
- Zola publishes "J'accuse" letter... January 13, 1898
- Zola fined and sentenced to prison... February 23, 1898
- Court of Cassation quashes Zola's sentence... April 2, 1898
- Cavaignac, War Minister, produces documents to prove Dreyfus' guilt... July 7, 1898
- Zola condemned again. July 16, 1898
- Colonel Henry arrested, confesses forging chief of Cavaignac's documents; commits suicide... August 31, 1898
- War Minister Cavaignac resigns... September 4, 1898
- French commission decides against revision... September 26, 1898
- Brisson Ministry resigns; Court of Cassation reports in favor of revision... October 25, 1898
- Dupuy Ministry takes office... October 31, 1898
- Court of Cassation stops prosecution of Picquart... December 9, 1898
- Court of Cassation orders second court-martial... June 3, 1899
- Dupuy Ministry having been defeated, Waldeck-Rousseau forms new ministry... June 22, 1899
- Dreyfus leaves Devil's Island for France... July 13, 1899
- Second court-martial opens at Rennes... August 7, 1899
- Attempt to kill Labori fails... August 14, 1899
- Dreyfus sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in a fortress... September 10, 1899
- President Loubet issues pardon... September 19, 1899
- Dreyfus set at liberty... September 20, 1899
- Supreme Court fully vindicates Dreyfus... July 12, 1906