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ARRESTED IN BERLIN FOR NEW YORK FRAUD

Martin Kaufmann Charged With \$107,000 Swindle.

HOTEL PICTURE GAVE CLUE

Sent to Wife, Who Dropped It—No Name on It, But Place Was Found in Vienna—He Escaped Arrest There.

Berlin, Germany.—Martin Kaufmann, of New York City, was arrested here by former United States Post-office Inspector Henry C. Hill, charged with frauds amounting to \$107,000 in connection with the Cotton Goods Converters' Company, of New York City.

For a long time Kaufmann was considered a trustworthy business man. His partner, M. A. Isaacs, had such implicit confidence in Kaufmann's integrity that he induced a number of his friends to take shares in the business. One of these was a Cincinnati merchant named Blum, who put in \$27,000.

The business proceeded satisfactorily for six months. Then Blum asked a customer to settle an outstanding account, and the customer declared it was not due. An investigation of the company's accounts followed, and resulted in the discovery of a number of falsified entries, amounting to \$107,000. Kaufmann, in the meantime, had disappeared.

Some of the shareholders, who were practically bankrupted, held Isaacs morally responsible, and he gave his check for the total amount missing. Kaufmann was indicted and Hill was placed in charge of the case.

It was known that Kaufmann had sailed for Europe, but no clue to his whereabouts could be found until his wife, who is in business in Lawrence, Mass., dropped a paper containing a photograph of a hotel. Neither the name of the hotel nor the name of the city was mentioned, but a window was marked, and above it were the words "This is my room" in Kaufmann's handwriting.

After many difficulties the hotel was located in Vienna, where Kaufmann lived under the name of Marvin Kent. He had ordered that his mail be sent to a tourist's office in Berlin. He called there, and Hill, who was accompanied by Arthur Kugemann, of New York City, and a detective, accosted him. At first Kaufmann stoutly denied his identity, but later he admitted that he was the man and was arrested.

Martin Kaufmann is believed to have sailed from New York City on the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse on May 25. The steamer was chased by a tug, on which was a United States Deputy Marshal with a writ to prevent Kaufmann's departure. The tug, however, failed to overtake the steamer.

Blum and Kaufmann conducted the business in cotton goods in East Twelfth street. A petition in bankruptcy was filed against the firm on March 22, but the creditors were unable to find Kaufmann.

Kaufmann had been located in Vienna, and he came near being arrested there, but left for Berlin just as the arrest was to be made.

HOOKWORM IN FAR WEST.

San Francisco Doctor Says It Came There From Hawaii.

San Francisco, Cal.—The hookworm disease has been brought to the Orient and hundreds of cases of hitherto unexplained debility, laziness and supposed lack of moral initiative are now attributed to the inroads of the little parasite.

Dr. Herbert Gunn, who directed a campaign of physicians against the disease, said:

"I have treated more than 100 cases of hookworm in this city. I recall at least one death due to it, that of a boy who died in the Lane Hospital two years ago. The disease has not been known to exist in California except in very rare instances until four years ago. A colony of laborers who were born in the West Indies came here from Hawaii, and forty-five per cent. were found to be seriously affected."

FOR A FIXED EASTER DATE.

German State Church Approves the Suggestion.

Berlin, Germany.—The general synod of the State Church approved in principle the suggestion to fix by legislation an immovable date to be observed as Easter Sunday. This is proposed as a convenience to both the church and the public.

Dr. Brvander, vice-president of the Synodal Church Council, said that the Council had the matter under advisement.

PRISON FOR BOY DESPERADO.

Old in Crime, Though He Has Lived But a Decade.

Ottawa, Ont.—Cyril St. Armand, of Thirteen ten years old, was sentenced to six years for horse stealing. When eight years old he was convicted of an attempt to wreck a Canadian Pacific Railway train. His youth enabled him to escape sentences for this and a number of burglaries which followed.

TAR HEEL CHRONICLES.

News Notes Gathered From All Parts of the Old North State.

Cherryville Has Big Fire.

Cherryville, Special.—Fire which had its origin in sparks from the locomotive of a passing freight train Thursday afternoon left the best part of the residential section of this town in ashes. It was the most destructive conflagration in the town's history and the loss will reach upwards of \$15,000.

The sparks first set fire to J. M. Beam's barn and then spread to his residence, destroying both. The flames spread to the dwelling occupied by J. F. Weathers, druggist, then burned the home of ex-Mayor Henry Houser, both owned by D. E. Beam, and finally to the dwelling of J. H. Rudisill, leaving all these substantial two-story houses in ashes. High winds, combined with the fact that there is no fire fighting apparatus in the town left it at the mercy of the flames, though citizens worked manfully to save the property. Hose connection was secured from the Cherryville Manufacturing Company, but the pressure was inadequate to master the fire. The wide gap between the doomed property and the business section was all that saved the town from being wiped from the map.

The losses and insurance so far as they can be obtained are: J. M. Beam, \$5,000, with \$2,400 insurance; D. E. Beam, \$5,000, no insurance; J. H. Rudisill, \$800 insurance; J. F. Weathers \$200 on furniture and Henry Houser \$200 on furniture.

Terrible Boiler Explosion.

Selma, Special.—As the result of a boiler explosion Tuesday at Chas. Creech's gin, near this place, one man is dead, two fatally injured and one seriously wounded, while several are slightly injured.

A peculiarity about this explosion is that it completely demolished the adjoining building, passing through it and causing the roof to fall in. The havoc wrought almost passed human conception and was a sight from which spectators turned their eyes in horror.

L. S. Parrish, a farmer and patron of the gin, was instantly killed, Walter Stancill sustained a fractured jaw bone and injuries at the base of the skull. Dr. J. B. Person stated that cerebral meningitis was almost inevitable in this case. Dock Bratton, the engineer, was scalded seriously, probably fatally. Haywood Ellis sustained several scalp wounds, which are not thought to be serious.

The accident is believed to be due to negligence, as the engine was gauged to 100 pounds and carried 150 pounds. Although the property was completely wrecked, there was no insurance.

Silver Service For Departing Supt.

Raleigh, Special.—At the First Presbyterian church the Sunday school was thronged, the occasion being the farewell to Herbert W. Jackson, for several years superintendent of one of the Sunday schools of this city. A number of teachers from other Sunday schools were present, representing several denominations. A silver service was presented to the retiring superintendent who this week goes to Richmond to become the president of a prominent bank. The presentation speech was made by Alfred A. Thompson, a former superintendent.

Mr. Poe Gets Loving Cup.

Raleigh, Special.—It was announced that the committee had awarded the "loving cup" presented by Mrs. Lindsay Patterson to the association to Clarence H. Poe, for his book, "A Southerner in Europe." This announcement was greeted with great applause.

The presentation of the cup was made by Mr. Bryce in a few striking words, in which he took occasion to say he knew Mr. Poe and no one brought a finer literary taste to his work here.

Statesville Mill Curtails.

Statesville, Special.—The Statesville Cotton Mill is now running only four days a week. The mill people say they are unable to sell their product at a profit. While the mill is running on short time the mill operatives will not be charged house rent.

AUTOMOBILE TRAGEDY

State Senator Fleming and Son of Harry Skinner Victims.

Greenville, Special.—J. L. Fleming, State Senator from Pitt county, and Harry Skinner, Jr., son of United States District Attorney Harry Skinner, were killed in an automobile wreck near here late Friday noon.

Mr. Fleming was thrown from the machine, breaking his neck and dying almost instantly, while Mr. Skinner's skull was fractured. Being rushed to a hospital in Richmond, Va., he died before the train reached Wilson.

Mr. E. G. Flanagan had three friends, Messrs. J. L. Fleming, Harry Skinner, Jr., and S. C. Wooten, out for a ride in his automobile. They had been a short distance in the country and when about a mile from town on their return overtook some lumber wagons in the road. Mr. Flanagan was driving his machine at high speed and in turning out to pass the wagons lost control of the machine and it crashed with terrific force into a tree by the roadside, which turned it over and almost completely wrecked it.

Red Letter Day in Greensboro.

Greensboro, Special.—Friday was Greensboro's busy day, the activities embracing a big parade by the public school children of the county, addresses on public education by Dr. S. A. Knapp, of the United States Department of Agriculture, and State Superintendent Joyner, an address by Hon. James Bryce, the British ambassador, a visit by the delegates to the national farmers' congress, now in session in Raleigh, and an address by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson.

The educational parade, which took place at 11 o'clock, was the greatest demonstration for public education ever witnessed in this section. Headed by several hundred members of the J. O. U. A. M., over ten thousand pupils of the public schools of Guilford county marched through the principal streets of the city to the auditorium, where they sang a number of patriotic airs. The parade was unique and imposing and was viewed by thousands of town and country people, who lined the sidewalks and cheered the children.

The first prize for the best appearance in the line of march was awarded to the graded school of the Proximity cotton mill and the second prize to the Asheboro street school of the Greensboro graded schools. The first prize for the most attractive appearance in the line of march was awarded to the Gibsonville graded school and the second prize to the White Oak mill graded school.

Following the exercises in the auditorium, State Superintendent Joyner made an address in the opera house in the afternoon at 3 o'clock to the teachers, committeemen and others interested in public education. At the same hour Dr. S. A. Knapp addressed the women of Guilford with special reference to the development of the rural schools.

Ten Thousand Pounds Sea Mulletts Sold on Newbern Market.

Newbern, Special.—A rather unusual sight was seen at the market dock a few days ago. A fishing schooner with 10,000 pounds of mullet from the ocean came in and offered the fish for sale in the open market. The fish were rather small, but were finally disposed of. The first price asked was \$150 for the whole load, but what the sale price was has not been learned. Quite a large amount of fish is shipped from this market, but the fish come here in boats belonging to Newbern dealers and it is unusual for an outside load to be brought in.

Funeral of Auto Victims.

Greenville, Special.—The funerals of Mr. Harry Skinner, Jr., and ex-State Senator J. L. Fleming, who were killed in the automobile accident Friday evening, took place Sunday, the former in the morning and the latter in the afternoon. Scores of sympathetic telegrams from this and other States were received by the bereaved families.

Farmers Congress Saturday.

Raleigh, Special.—Thirty-seven States were represented at the session Saturday of the farmers' national congress at the A. and M. College. It was the third day, though Friday was a holiday. The delegates had a great deal to say about the impressions they have received about North Carolina, and may be heard to make comment that this was the most pleasant meeting held by the organization. The session began a little late and Vice President Stranger of Ohio presided until President Cameron arrived and regularly opened the session.

RECEPTION TO PRESIDENT

Columbia and Augusta Gave Him a Hand.

COLUMBIA LABS IN WELCOME

Banqueted Saturday Evening at Columbia and Takes Sabbath Rest at Augusta His Southern Home.

The President's afternoon in Columbia Saturday was filled with interest. He was entertained at luncheon in the chamber of the House of Representatives at the State Capital and remarked that South Carolina was the first State officially to greet him within the walls of its Capitol. The only other President ever to visit Columbia was Washington whose stay in the quaint old city is chronicled as having been an event in 1791. Like President Taft, Washington was entertained at luncheon in the State Capitol. The building which housed President Taft today, however, was not the same, though it is old enough to bear the scars of a bombardment from Sherman's army.

Following the evacuation of Columbia by Gen. Wade Hampton and the occupation by General Sherman, the entire business section of the city was burned.

Consequently the President Saturday looked upon a strange admixture of ante-bellum homes and skyscrapers indicative of modern progress.

During his long automobile ride

OUR PRESIDENT.



WILLIAM H. TAFT

through the city, the President was taken past the old Baptist church where the secession convention assembled. Through the misdirection of a native Methodist church was burned by the Northern army as the supposed place of the inception of the secession. The President also saw the palatial old Preston mansion in which Sherman established his headquarters, and made a brief address to the students of the University of South Carolina on the old campus surrounded by a hollow square of buildings which have known no outward change since the days of the civil war.

The many reminders of the conflict of the sixties caused the President to speak at the luncheon in his honor with a fervor on the subject of the passing of all sectional feeling greater than he has displayed at any other city during his Southern trip. The President also made a speech at the State fair grounds.

After spending the entire afternoon in historic old Columbia, with its many reminders of the withering blast of the civil war, President Taft arrived in Augusta at 8:30 o'clock Saturday to rest until Monday when he resumed his journey to Washington.

The President often speaks of Augusta as "home" and his reception here, as he rode through crowded and brilliantly illuminated streets leading from the train to the home of Major Joseph B. Cumming, whose house guest he was, was in the nature of a homecoming celebration. Mr. Taft has stated several times that he was

a resident of Augusta when elected President of the United States, that is when the electoral votes were cast at Washington. The Augusta people are proud to claim him as their own and hence the name of "Taft, William H., President of the United States, Terret cottage, Summerville," appears in the current city directory. It was from Augusta last winter that the President-elect went to Washington to take the oath of office.

Mr. Taft had been looking forward to his visit to Augusta and the residents of the city made his stay as pleasant as possible. They asked him to make only one speech during his two days in town. Saturday night an

informal reception at the Cumming home left the President free to retire early for a much needed long night's rest. Sunday he attended services at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Episcopalian; lunched with Landon A. Thomas and dined quietly at the Cumming's home in the evening. Monday morning, bright and early, the President played golf on the links of the Country Club where he spent so much time last winter when the snows drove him from Hot Springs to seek a warmer climate.

Destructive Cotton Fire at Norwood.

Wadesboro, Special.—Telephonic advices from Norwood tell of a fire Sunday. About 7 a. m. fire was discovered at the cotton platform, on which were 200 bales. Prompt measures saved all but eight bales. The platform was badly damaged. Shortly before the fire was discovered two men were seen about the platform smoking cigarettes, but the origin of the fire is unknown.

Stop Work on Roads.

Burlington, Special.—J. M. Brooks and Son, subcontractors for \$200,000 road improvement in Alamance county, on account of disagreement between the civil engineer of the county and themselves, have thrown up their contract and discontinued work on the roads.

Attachments aggregating \$2,000 have been filed by local creditors.

Butlers Get New Trial.

Raleigh, Special.—The Supreme Court of North Carolina granted ex-United States Senator Marion Butler and his brother, Lester Butler, editor of the Caucasian, new trials in the case against them in Guilford county, in which they were fined respectively \$500 and \$250 for criminal libel against Chief Justice Spencer B. Adams, of the Chickasaw Court of Land Claims, Indian Territory, now North Carolina Republican State chairman.

K. R. McCormick Meets Tragic Death on Asheville Yards.

Asheville, Special.—K. R. McCormick of No. 29 Ashland avenue, a switchman in the employ of the Southern Railway on the local yards was mangled between two cars on the local yards last week and died at the passenger station in the emergency room, where he was taken after the accident.

Mr. McCormick was about 30 years of age and had been with the railway company about one year. Surviving is a widow.

WROTE HIS WILL ON THE WALL.

Brooklyn Man May Get Estate of Georgia Hermit.

Savannah, Ga.—Peter G. Leist, a hermit, was found dead at his home near Savannah. He was seated in a chair, apparently staring at the wall of his room, on which he had written his will.

His property, which is considerable, is left to his son, who is in school at Sharon, Ga., or in case of his death, to Henry Dryer, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Cotton Mills Will Curtail.

Charlotte, Special.—At a meeting of all the cotton mills of Alamance county held at Burlington Saturday it was unanimously resolved to curtail production to the extent of two days a week or one-third time, until February next. The agreement goes into effect immediately and every mill in the county to the number of 26, signed up. In the aggregate nearly 200,000 spindles and 6,000 looms are affected and nearly 20,000 operatives.

Meets Horrible Death on R. R. Track.

Thomasville, Special.—Saturday night about 9 o'clock word was received here that Guy O. Burgess, night operator of the Thomasville Telephone Company, was killed about five miles west of here by a train. Soon after 7 o'clock the young man was seen on the streets and was under the influence of an intoxicant. He tried to board a moving train.

Seaboard Has \$20,000,000 in Its Treasury.

Asheville, Special.—Mr. E. C. Duncan, one of the receivers of the Seaboard Air Line, was in town Monday at the request of Judge Pritchard, who called Mr. Duncan here to discuss certain features in connection with the turning over of the Seaboard Air Line to reorganization company November 4. It is said that the road has made money since it went into the hands of receivers and that it will be turned over with about \$20,000,000 in the treasury—splendid showing for a receivership road.

THE LAUGH IS ON MA.

"Willie, I'm surprised to hear you say 'udder for 'other.'"
"When did I say that, ma?"
"Just now. I heard you through the window. You said, 'No, I prefer the udder kind.'"
"Well, ain't that all right? Tommy asked me if I liked condensed milk."
—Boston Transcript.

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