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## The Camden Mystery.

### A Slight Clue Said to Have Been Found—Inquest Adjourned Until Next Friday.

Special to The State,

Camden, Oct. 6.—There is now some little clue to the identity of the McDowell murderer. It seems to be ever so vague and holds out little hope of the ultimate success of the earnest efforts which are now being made to get on the right trail. But the coroner's jury, all determined and patient men, will not be found disregarding any circumstances, however insignificant it may appear to be, in their efforts. The development since yesterday, whatever it may have been, was of sufficient importance to cause the coroner to adjourn the sitting, which was ordered for this morning, until next Friday at 9.30 o'clock. There was a certain matter about which Chief Haile felt very hopeful and the coroner was determined to facilitate his inquiry as far as he could.

Dr. A. W. Burnet, who was the first physician to reach the side of the dead man, was sworn and gave his opinion as to the cause of death. He said that he was called to see Mr. McDowell between 9 and 10 o'clock on the night of the killing and found him dead when he reached his side. He was still warm, he said, and had been dead but a few minutes.

After the examination of the wounds he concluded that death was caused by a direct blow from some sharp edged instrument which produced a fracture of the base of the skull. In Dr. Burnet's opinion he never knew what hit him and was unconscious from the reception of the wound. The direct result of death was hemorrhage of the brain.

He thinks Mr. McDowell was unquestionably struck from behind. The instrument of death was either curved or flexible. He thought that a piece of lead or iron had been used. In Dr. Burnet's opinion the same instrument was used on both men.

Mr. Porter's wound was on the right front of the head and the assailant would have had to reach over to have delivered the blow from behind.

Mr. W. F. Russel made a statement about a hatchet which he found near the body. It was a hand axe, weighing about two and a half pounds, has been in use for some time and the edge is gapped. When found it had no handle in it.

Mr. Russell found it near the body and after he and Dr. Burnet and Mr. E. D. Blakeley had examined it he turned it over to Chief Haile. Other witnesses will testify next Friday.

MR. PORTER'S CONDITION.

Inquiry at the Columbia hospital yesterday elicited the en-

couraging information that the condition of Mr. Porter showed so much improvement that the hopes for his recovery are brighter. Last night he was passing through the most critical stage of his injuries and every hour he lives now will strengthen the chances of his recovery.

He is said to have been talking perfectly rationally during the day but is still unable to recall what occurred from the time he was struck until the time he regained consciousness at the Wateree bridge.

## Mob in Wall Street.

### Howling Men and Boys Hunt for "Mr. Raffles."

New York, Oct. 9.—The mysterious "Mr. Raffles," employed by a morning newspaper, advertised that he would circulate about the curb market in Broad street between noon and one o'clock Friday afternoon, and as a result business in the Wall street district was paralyzed for nearly two hours. So great and disorderly was the crowd that the doors of the sub-treasury were closed as a precautionary measure. Reserves were ordered from all the West Side stations as far as Forty seventh street, and for the rest of the day Wall street did business under a strong police guard.

A compact mob of pushing, howling men and boys engaged in the pleasant occupation of assaulting peaceful citizens on a more or less genuine surmise that of the persons so mauled and buffeted one at least would prove to be a certain journalist, "Raffles," for whose capture the newspaper in question offered a \$300 reward.

ALMOST TORN TO PIECES.

As a result of the disturbance Police Commissioner McAdoo issued orders that the man masqueraded as the mysterious "Mr. Raffles" will be arrested. Numerous complaints have reached from persons who have been mistaken for the mysterious "Mr. Raffles" and almost torn to pieces. The commissioner said that he would go as far as getting out a warrant should such a step prove necessary.

The crowd looking for "Raffles" swarmed into Wall street district with a rush that swept the bulls and bears off their feet. When the hour of noon arrived Broad street, south from Wall and for more than two blocks, was packed from curb to curb, and Wall street from Broadway to Williams street was practically impassable.

Every man bearing the slightest resemblance to the published photos of the mysterious "Mr. Raffles" was stopped and questioned. Some of the victims had their clothing torn off by the eager mob. Dozens of young men were thrown down and trampled by persons anxious to grab them and claim a reward for recognizing the mysterious "Mr. Raffles."

## The State's Cotton Crop.

### Reports From all Sections Show that the Farmers are Holding for Better Prices—The Crop Unusually Early.

The Columbia State, Oct. 10th.

The State presents today, through the prompt work of its correspondents, an estimate of the condition of the cotton market in this State, giving reports from practically all the county seat towns which are rated as cotton markets.

While the reports are necessarily not exact, they give a fair idea of the situation in South Carolina at present. The most prominent idea brought out by the correspondents is that the crop of this year has matured early and that a large proportion of it has been gathered at this time, much more than is usual before the middle of October. This fact must be taken into consideration when the amount of cotton being held is estimated and when the disposition of the farmers as to a higher price is considered. It is apparent that during the first few weeks of the present season the farmers were induced by the favorable price to put their cotton on the market and that since the recent slump there has been a very general withdrawal from the market and the farmers are more disposed to hold for a higher price. This shows incidentally, that the farmers on the whole regard 10 cents as a fair price for cotton, that it is indeed an attractive price to them.

That there will be no sales to amount to anything at 10 cents is amply demonstrated by the statement from so many towns that there was practically no cotton on the market yesterday, when the price was ranging around 9½ cents.

The effect of organization among the farmers is shown by these reports. In those counties where the Southern Cotton association is most thoroughly organized the farmers are keeping their cotton off the market most persistently and successfully.

The effect of warehouses is shown by the statements from those counties where the warehouses are accessible, as in Richland and Greenwood. The number of bales in storage this year is much greater than the average. This proves that where warehouses are located the holding movement can be made most successful.

REPORT FROM LANCASTER.

Lancaster, Oct. 9.—The total receipts of cotton in Lancaster county from Sept. 1st, 1905, to this date are about 6,500 bales. The total receipts last year at this time were about 4,000 bales. The farmers generally holding for higher prices. The highest price paid for spot cotton today was 9 3/8 cents per pound.

FROM NEIGHBORING COUNTIES.

Chester, Oct. 9.—Receipts of cotton in this county this year to date, 7,000 bales, same date last year, 8,200. Since the price went under 10 cents farmers generally are holding for higher prices. Ruling prices here today for middling cotton 9 1/2 cents.

Camden, Oct. 9.—There have been about 9,000 bales of cot-

ton bought here this season, against about 7,000 up to this time last year. Farmers have been selling freely up to this time, but will probably hold what they have left for better prices. The average price for middling today was 9 1/4 cents.

Cheraw, Oct. 9.—Cotton received October 1, 1904, 2,800 bales; this year 4,300 same date, estimated. Farmers are beginning to hold generally, have been selling rapidly up to date. Ruling price 9 1/2 cents. Crop much advanced this year.

## Ten Thousand Drowned.

### Fearful Work of the Typhoon on the Coast of China.

Victoria, B. C., October 8.—The steamer Tartar, which arrived last night from the Orient, brought news from Shanghai that the loss of life among the natives of the island at the mouth of the Yangtse River as a result of the typhoon at the beginning of September was tremendous. The North China Daily News, of Shanghai, says:

"To the east of Tamagming, two islands, one called Yawoshwa, the other Shiniousha, distant about twenty miles from Woo subf, have suffered much from the typhoon, nearly all the inhabitants having been swept away. The islands have only been inhabited for a short time, comparatively speaking, as they are of recent formation and are not much above high water mark. It is reported that nearly 10,000 people have been drowned on these two islands and the smaller islands adjacent. Tamagming itself has not suffered much, being well above the high water mark."

The Shanghai papers say that the damage to the Canadian Pacific Liner Empress of Japan by the typhoon will necessitate the expenditure of \$100,000 for repairs. During the storm the steamer Pechih, formerly the Rio Grande du Sol, foundered near the mouth of the Yangtse. Her crew of 54 were saved by the German steamer Albenga.

## Missouri and N. Y. Life.

McCall must Replace Money Contributed to Republican Campaign Fund, or else his Company's License to do Business in Missouri will be Revoked.

Jefferson City, Mo., October 7.—State Superintendent of Insurance, W. D. Vandiver, has sent a communication to John A. McCall, of the New York Life Insurance Company, demanding that the \$148,702 campaign fund contribution be replaced to the company, under penalty of revocation of the company's license to transact business in Missouri for failure to comply with the demand. The communication also informs President McCall that the Missouri department of insurance will insist on a new president, vice president and financial committee for the New York Life Insurance Company just as soon as the directors can possibly effect the reorganization.

## Remarkable Petition.

### Citizens of Texas Want Lynching Legalized—Ask Governor to Endorse Such a Policy.

Chicago, October 7.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Houston, Texas, says:

A petition from a number of citizens, headed by G. W. Knight of San Marcos, has been presented to Governor Lanham, asking that the State permit mob punishment of negroes who assault women.

The Governor is asked to endorse a policy of absolute unprotection to negroes guilty of assault, ensuring that they be given no trial by legal inquiry of any kind, and that they may be hanged instantly as soon as apprehended.

Governor Lanham's response principally is directed to the legal phase of the proposition. It is set forth that it is impossible for him to countenance the policy in view of the oath of office and the State legislation, which he is bound to protect.

## Cotton Between Septembers.

First Census Bureau Bulletin on the Subject Shows an Aggregate of 14,455,994 Bales, of Which 61 Per Cent. Was Exported, and 39 Per Cent. Consumed at Home, Leaving a surplus of 9 Per Cent.

Washington, Oct. 9.—The Census Bureau to day issued a bulletin showing the production and distribution of the cotton of the United States available between September 1, 1904, and September 1, 1905, to be 14,455,994 bales. Of this 61 per cent. was exported, 39 per cent. was used in domestic consumption, leaving a surplus of nine per cent. The domestic consumption includes 36,776 bales destroyed by fire.

The exportation amounted to 8,834,929 bales, the domestic consumption 4,315,756 and the surplus 1,305,309. Of the total 13,693,279 bales were included in the crop of 1904 and the remainder in that of 1905. Of the quantity consumed in the United States, 2,138,829 bales were used in Northern and 2,140,151 in Southern mills.

## Pretty Young Woman Makes Two Attempts to Kill Herself.

New York, Oct. 6.—Seelie Terapolis, a pretty young Russian eight months in this country, made two attempts to end her life during the last two days. Tuesday she jumped into East river and was rescued by members of life saving corps. Today she went to the roof of the factory where she was employed and attempted to jump off, but was prevented.

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