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A FATAL AFFRAY AT MONROE.

J. E. Wilhelm Shot to Death by Henry M. Eubanks.

Special to Charlotte Observer

Monroe, Jan. 27.—This morning at 11 o'clock the people of this place were much startled and distressed to know that a tragedy had been enacted in the store room of the Heath-Lee Hardware Company, wherein Mr. J. E. Wilhelm was shot to death by Henry M. Eubanks.

The principals are familiar figures here and the news of the homicide will be greatly deplored by their friends and acquaintances everywhere. Eubanks is a son of Thomas C. Eubanks, of this county, and a brother of Dr. J. E. Eubanks, the coroner of the county. He came to Monroe about two years ago and was engaged as salesman by the Heath Lee Hardware Co. at the time of the fatal occurrence. Last Sunday he was married to Miss Lula Doster, daughter of Mr. J. F. Doster, of this county, at Waxhaw. Mr. Wilhelm has been living in Monroe six or eight years and has been connected with a distillery, a store and some lumber business here, and latterly in South Carolina. For some time he or his wife conducted the old Central-Hotel here and only moved out of it about the 1st of this month.

About Christmas some sensational stories were to some extent circulated as to an alleged occurrence between Wilhelm and Eubanks at the Central Hotel, where the latter boarded. The facts as to that difficulty are difficult to ascertain, as also in the present instance; but Eubanks came out of it with bruises about the eyes and showed signs of having been roughly handled.

This breach was apparently healed until the developments of this week showed the contrary. The facts as stated, are closely withheld by those who know anything, but, it is said, Wilhelm approached Eubanks last Monday for an affidavit to clear up rumors. This Eubanks refused, except to clear himself. Yesterday afternoon Wilhelm sought Eubanks for another interview, which was apparently without result. Today about 11 o'clock, while Eubanks was engaged in measuring off rope, he was approached again by Wilhelm and struck on the head twice with a piece of iron, being felled to the floor. Eubanks began to fire and shot four times, three shots taking effect. One ball struck the left arm and ranged up into the shoulder. One shot struck the left side three inches below left nipple, four inches to the left of median line, ranging upwards. One shot struck Wilhelm's hand as he was probably trying to wrench the pistol

away from Eubanks. This is shown by blood on the pistol and powder stains, on Wilhelm's hand. The latter fell, and died in 30 minutes. He had no pistol, so far as known, while Eubanks was armed with two and seemingly, therefore, expecting an attack. Eubanks surrendered to the sheriff at once and is now in jail. He has employed Redwin and Stack for his defense. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. D. Reese Williams of Lancaster, who has many friends in Columbia, has been spending a few days with his brother, Hon. T. Y. Williams.—State, 2nd inst.

Mr. W. B. Twitty, one of Heath Spring's liveliest merchants, was in town one day last week.

Social Lancaster.

Special to The State

Lancaster, Jan. 30.—The regular meeting of the Ladies' Card Club was held Thursday afternoon at the residence of Col. A. R. Banks. Miss Edith Stewart was the hostess and entertained her guests charmingly. The game played was progressive whist, and the prize, a silver hat pin, was won by Mrs. R. L. Crawford. Dainty refreshments were served, Miss Ivy Crawford and Miss Estelle Carpenter acting as waiters. The members of the club present were: Mrs. J. H. Witherspoon, Mrs. C. D. Jones, Mrs. R. L. Crawford, Mrs. M. J. Perry, Mrs. Hall Witherspoon, Mrs. G. B. Barron, Misses Meta Jones, Lizzie and Carol Conors. Miss Mell Kaminer of Gadsden, was the guest present. —It was the privilege of the

Friday Afternoon Book Club to meet with Mrs. W. McD. Brown to be entertained. The subject of the Literary programme was: New Orleans, "Queen of the Valley Thou Art Beautiful." "The Southern Capital,"—Mrs. J. P. Hunter. "As a Summer Town,"—Mrs. Ernest Moore. "Places of Note,"—Mrs. L. C. Payseur. "From a Commercial Stand point,"—Mrs. T. J. Strait. "Noted Characters,"—Mrs. W. C. Thomson. "The Negro Inhabitants,"—Mrs. T. Y. Williams.

Mr. John M. Hinson of Longville and Mr. W. U. Clyburn of Haile Gold Mine were in town Monday.

Mrs. Leroy Davidson of Kershaw came up several days ago on a visit to her cousin, Miss Connie Witherspoon.

COST OF PANAMA CANAL.

Will Take Nearly Two Hundred Million Dollars More.

It is estimated that it will cost the United States \$184,233,358 to acquire and complete the Panama canal, besides the amount to be paid to the government in control of the isthmus for the concessions, says the New York Tribune.

Already there has been an immense amount of money and energy expended on the canal. It is safe to say that a sum more than sufficient to dig a waterway from ocean to ocean at sea level has been collected from investors at different times in its history.

When De Lesseps organized the first company in 1880 for the construction of the canal, it started work with a paid up capital of \$60,000,000. For eight years the company toiled, employing at times as many as fifteen thousand men. Then came a necessity for changing the plans and the company failed, after collecting in round figures from the sale of stock and bonds \$260,000,000. Of this it was shown that the expenditures actually made on the isthmus amounted to \$156,400,000 and that the cost of excavation and embankment proper amounted to \$88,600,000. The ultimate cost was then estimated at \$174,600,000. For several years an effort was made to capitalize a new company to complete the work, and at last, in 1894, the present Panama Canal Company was organized with a paid up capital of \$13,000,000. Since that time work has advanced at the rate of about 1,000,000 cubic yds. of excavation each year.

The total amount of excavation up to the present time has been about 81,000,000 cubic yards. Unfortunately, only about 40,000,000 cubic yards of this is available for the waterway proposed in 1899-1900 by the canal commission, of which Rear Admiral Walker was president. The Walker commission's recommendation included this available excavation in the \$40,000,000 to be paid the canal company for its work, maps, records, drawings, and the property of the Panama Railroad Co. The commission estimated that the total amount of excavation which would be required for the canal to be built from its plans, exclusive of that for the Bohio dam and the Giganti spillway, would be 94,863,703 cubic yards. The work remaining to be done, therefore, represents the difference between the amount of available excavation which it will acquire by purchase from the Panama Canal company, or nearly three fifths of the entire work. It is estimated that the cost of this work will be \$144,233,358, in addition to the sum to be paid to the present owner of the property. By the time it is completed more than \$450,000,000 will have been obtained in one way or another for use in building the canal, while nearly \$312,000,000 will have actually been spent in connection with its construction and administration.

It was the intention of the Panama Canal company to make the canal 29.5 feet deep. The increased dimensions of steamers now being built has made it necessary to plan for a much deeper canal, and the Walker commission's plans are for a waterway 36 feet deep.

Mr. E. B. Mobley of Rock Hill was in town Monday.

Mr. J. L. Rodman of Waxhaw, N. C., attended the land sales here Monday.

Miss Nell Kaminer, who has been here on a visit to her cousin, Mrs. M. S. Witherspoon, has returned to her home at Gadsden.