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## TRAGEDY AT UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

### Marshal Ben Haile Shot Prof. M. Goode Homes To Death and Then Killed Himself

Columbia, May 6.—Prof. M. Goode Homes, of the University faculty and Ben Haile, Marshall at University, were both killed today in the office of the University treasurer.

It is presumed Haile killed both the professor and himself, as there was only one pistol found and that by the side of the dead marshal. It is not known what prompted the crime.

There were 20 witnesses. A student was passing the office and heard the shots and climbing over the rails of the office found the two men dead on the floor.

Prof. Homes was one of Columbia's most prominent men. He had been prominent in engineering projects of the nation and was a leader in many activities, religious, social and business. The city is shocked as never before.

President W. S. Currell, of the University said "there had been a long and bitter feeling between the two men growing out of their conflicting duties at the university."

He said Haile told the book-keeper to leave the office and started shooting. He shot Homes several times and then threatened the president, accusing him of being responsible. The coroner said the indications are that Haile committed suicide.

## MURDER AND SUICIDE

### Tragedy at University With No Witnesses

Quarrel Over Construction Work.

Columbia, May 6.—Marshal Haile killed Prof. Homes, following words between the two men this morning regarding some construction work on the campus, regarding which the two men differed. During the morning Haile also had words with President Currell.

## THE TRAGEDY AT THE UNIVERSITY

### Benjamin Haile Killed Prof. Homes and Then Uses Gun to Blow His Own Brains Out

(News and Courier).

Columbia, May 6.—This morning Benjamin Haile, marshal at the University of South Carolina, shot to death M. Goode Homes, professor of engineering, and blew out his own brains. There had been a long standing controversy between Prof. Homes and Mr. Haile relative to Prof. Homes' participation in the awarding of contracts for certain minor repairs to buildings at the university. About six months ago certain anonymous letters were received by members of the board of trustees, impugning the integrity of Prof. Homes in the awarding of building contracts. These letters were investigated and found to be of doubtful origin. They were brought to the attention of the board of trustees of the university and the board's sub-committee found Prof. Homes not at fault at all.

It appears that Mr. Haile was instructed by the president of the university to investigate the authenticity of these anonymous letters, which he did. A feeling of animosity arose between Prof. Homes and Mr. Haile relative to these charges. It seems the board of trustees through its sub-committee investigated the charges and found Prof. Homes blameless, and came to the conclusion that Mr. Haile, through instructions as he thought from the president of the university, had himself probed into the charges against Prof. Homes and in the process thought—believed that Prof. Homes was guilty of "petty graft." Prof. Homes was of the opinion that Mr. Haile had a personal grievance against him. Mr. Haile likewise thought that Prof. Homes was attempting to persecute him, it appears.

Both men were under the delusion that each was persecuting the other. This, according to W. J. Cornack, member of the board of trustees of the University of South Carolina, who in conjunction with D. M. Wither, of Columbia, and E. A. Hagood, of Charleston, investigated the charges which Mr. Cornack believed were the cause of today's tragedy.

It appears in the testimony of Dr. Currell and Dean Baker that several shots were fired before cognizance was taken of the tragedy. George H. Huggins, treasurer of the university at the time of the killing, was using a telephone and Miss Sawyer, assistant book-keeper, was in the office.

Mr. Haile, according to Miss Sawyer, asked her to leave the office as he came in to get his weekly payroll. Prof. Homes was already in the office, inspecting certain repairs made to the office. That is all that is definitely known as to the killing.

Shots were fired in the office. Dr. Currell went to the office and was threatened by Mr. Haile, who pointed a pistol at his head and ordered the president to get away, according to President Currell's testimony. Shortly afterwards (the lapse of a few seconds) Dean Baker went to the door of the marshal's office and Mr. Haile directed him to leave and peremptorily fired at him, but not to hit, as Mr. Haile was an expert pistol shot, and the ball went over Dean Baker's head. A few minutes later another shot was heard by Dr. Currell and others, and when the peace officers appeared they found Prof. Homes dead in an ante-room to the treasurer's office and the body of Marshal Haile lying near the southeast end of the treasurer's office with a revolver lying near his feet.

Five exploded shells were scattered on the floor near him, and two empty chambers were in the revolver.

The supposition is that Mr. Haile killed Prof. Homes and then

## BRITISH AND GERMANS CONFER

### Secret Conference Is Held at Residence of Premier Lloyd George in Genoa

Genoa, May 4 (By the Associated Press).—The German chancellor, Dr. Wirth, and the German foreign minister, Dr. Rathenau, were summoned to Premier Lloyd George's villa today and remained for several hours in conference with the prime minister, Lord Birkenhead and Sir Edward Grigg. Both Germans and British were non-communicative regarding the subjects discussed, but rumors are current that plans were considered for ameliorating Germany's reparations situation.

The English delegates have announced that they still adhere to the suggestion for a meeting of the signatories of the Versailles treaty either at Genoa or a neighboring city before May 31 to take under advisement measures which may be necessary respecting the German reparations payment due on that date, which Germany has announced inability to pay.

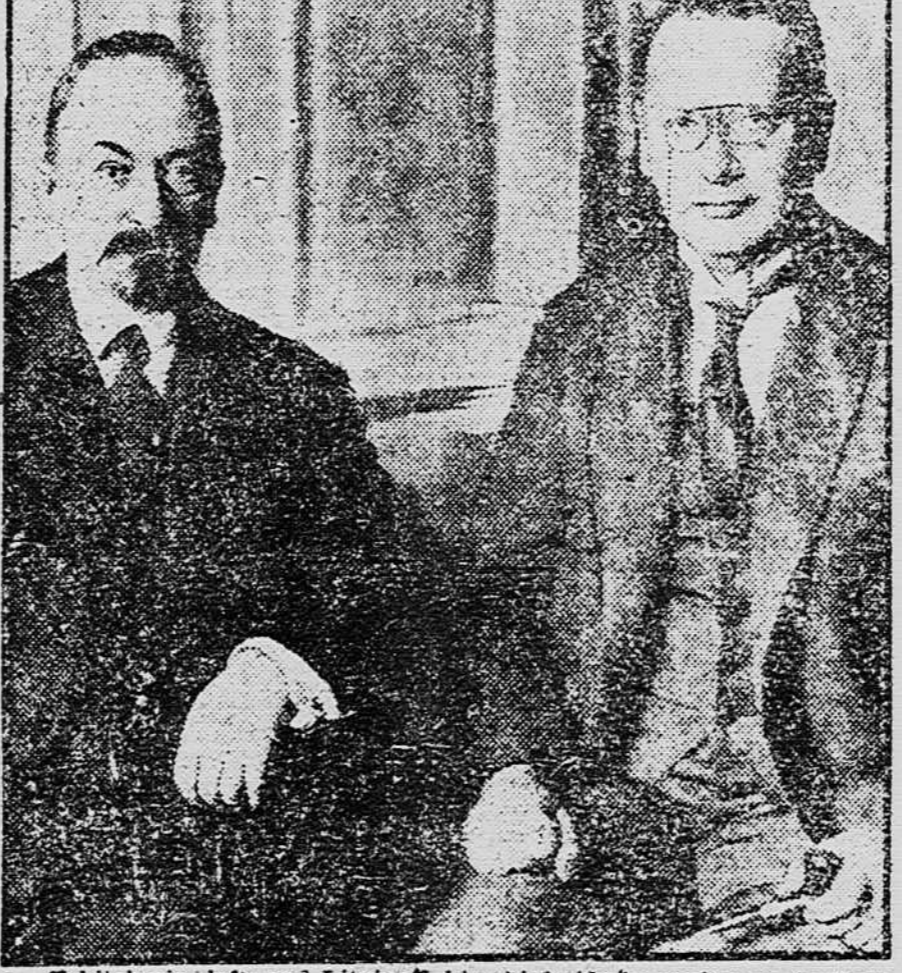
The longer the Russians study the memorandum on Russian reconstruction the less it seems to appeal to them. Rakovsky, Chicherin and Litvinoff have expressed their surprise at some of the sections and the divergence between the allies caused by France and Belgium holding out on Article 6.

It is expected that the Russians will reply to the memorandum on Saturday. Meanwhile they are using their advantage skillfully. Their expert are dividing the various sections at Santa Margherita, where the whole delegation is working steadily, with the exception of Chicherin and Rakovsky, who came to Genoa for a short time today.

There is much speculation on France's position since the conference was completed by the highway department and forwarded to the federal government for approval.

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## Leaders of Russian Delegates



Chicherin, left, and Litvinoff, his chief aide in conference in their apartment at the Hotel Diplomat, Genoa, just before Tchitcherin signed the separate treaty with Germany.

## CONTRACTS FOR HIGHWAY WORK

### Several Projects to Be Awarded This Week in Number of Counties Over State

Columbia, May 7.—Bids will be received by the state highway department on June 1 for the construction of 5.3 miles of hard surfaced roadway in Charleston county, leading out from the present federal aid project toward Goose creek.

May 21 bids are to be opened for the construction of 3.643 miles of hard surfaced roadway in Sumter county on the old Stateburg highway from the city limits of Sumter toward the Wateree river bridge.

Plans for the road from Pickens to the North Carolina line have been completed by the highway department and forwarded to the federal government for approval.

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## FRANCE SEEKS AGREEMENT

### Premier Poincare Instructs Genoa Delegates to Endeavor to Reach Understanding on Russian Question

Paris, May 5.—Vice Premier Barthou has returned to Genoa instructed by Premier Poincare to make an effort to reach an agreement with the allies on a memorandum to Russia that would satisfy Belgium and not sacrifice the principle that private property of foreigners in Russia must be respected.

A foreign office official says France has entered into no agreement concerning recognition of Soviets and is free to deal with the question according to her own view.

## CIVIL WAR IN CHINA ENDED

### President Dismisses and Orders Arrest of Three of His Cabinet. General Wu Recognizes Government

Peking, May 6.—President Hsu Shih Chang has issued a mandate dismissing Premier Liang Ship-Yi, finance minister Chang Hu and minister of communications Yeh-kung-cho and ordering the arrest of the trio. Gen. Chang Tso-Lin, who was defeated by Gen. Wu Pei-fu, has been dismissed from the inspector generalship of Manchuria. The civil war appears to have ended with the flight of Chang and the recognition by the Peking government of Wu.

## CABLE IS LANDED

### War Department Permits Connection at Miami

Miami, Fla., May 6.—The Western Union's Miami-Barbados cable was landed here this afternoon from a point two miles off the shore, where it has been buoyed for several months. Word was received this morning by the War Department engineers from Washington relieving them of their long tour of guard duty.

The cable will not be connected until a license has been received from Washington granting permission to start operations. Manager W. A. Moore, of the Western Union, said tonight. It will be a matter of twenty-four hours after receiving the license that commercial service to the Barbados and South America will be opened, he added.

To have privacy drove all away from his office and wrote a letter. However, the accuracy of expression and the composed manner in which the letter was apparently written, leads to the belief that the letter was composed before Mr. Haile went to the office. The letter purported to be signed by Mr. Haile, was identified by Mr. Chiche Denet, to whom the envelope containing it was addressed.

This letter referred to Mr. Homes as trying to save himself and also referred to others connected with the university as being responsible for the tragedy. The letter contained the hope that "I have a friend that will demand a fair, honest and thorough investigation and let the truth be known."

A notation on a slip of yellow paper which Mr. Homes was accustomed to use contained the following: "But I have been dissuaded from doing this by my friends through consideration for the welfare of this institution."

A coroner's jury found that Mr. Haile killed Prof. Homes and himself while temporarily insane.

W. J. Cornack.

## FUNERAL OF PROF. HOMES

### Members of Board of Trustees Act as Honorary Pall Bearers

Columbia, May 8.—The funeral of the late Prof. M. Goode Homes of the University faculty, who was killed Saturday by Marshal Ben Haile, who committed suicide, is being held this afternoon in Columbia, with members of the board of trustees acting as honorary pallbearers and students of the engineering department, active pallbearers.

The funeral of Marshal Haile was held at Camden, his former home, Sunday. There is considerable discussion of a letter which Mr. Haile had in his pocket at the time of the tragedy, addressed to Christie Denet, who had served him as an attorney, in which he intimated the existence of irregularities, and in which he showed that the feeling between him and Professor Homes had been long standing. Officials of the University today state that there was nothing of an improper nature involved in the transaction in which the two dead men were interested. A thorough investigation had recently been made and nothing irregular was found.

## ASKS CROMER TO RUN

### Gaffney Leader Highly Commends Newbernian

Gaffney, May 6.—The Gaffney Ledger in its issue of today says George B. Cromer of Newberry would make an ideal governor of the state, and calls upon him to offer himself as a candidate for the position. Mr. Cromer is well known to the people of Cherokee county, and it is the opinion of all that he would make a splendid chief executive. The Ledger says it knows nothing of Mr. Cromer's sentiments in the matter. The Ledger evidently believes that the office of governor should seek the man, and in this opinion it is by no means alone; but this sentiment would hardly find an echo in the heart of the modern politician.

## RIOT OCCURS IN CHICAGO JAIL

### Disturbance Suppressed by Whipping of Leaders

Chicago, May 8.—A four hour riot in the Cook county jail was quelled early today when Warden Westbrook and thirty guards removed the ring leaders from their cells and whipped them individually. Disposition of the prisoners over a charge of method of admitting visitors led to the outbreak. Flaming blankets were dropped from the fourth tier of cells to the ground floor and the dense smoke almost suffocated many inmates. The prisoners beat upon the cell bars with steel strips torn from their bunks, the bed-linen being heard for blocks.

## PHONE RATES TO STAND

### Schedule Under Foster Act Unreasonable Also Confiscatory

Charleston, May 6.—Judge H. A. M. Smith of the federal court this afternoon filed a lengthy order in the noted telephone case, which grew out of the Foster act on rate revision, in which he declared the act unconstitutional but held the rates which it imposed to be unreasonable and confiscatory, and therefore refused to dismiss the complaint and petition of the Southern Bell company for a temporary injunction against state officials and for further relief, which means that the present telephone rates will continue in effect until the case is finally settled.

The order provides for the usual developments on the part of either side, and it is pretty well settled that further steps will be taken by state authorities to push this case to final adjudication. The temporary injunction granted the telephone company, which prevents the state from enforcing the provisions of the Foster act as to downward revision of rates, continues, pending further bling of procedure in the case, which will probably reach the highest courts.

## BIG INCREASE IS SHOWN

### In Acreage Planted to Watermelons in South Carolina

Washington, May 6.—The acreage planted to watermelons in the United States this year totals 161,000 acres in nine States, as compared with 108,000 harvested acres in 1921, according to estimates made public by the United States Department of Agriculture. This is an increase of 47 per cent. Georgia has 57,800 acres this year, a gain of 22 per cent. over the harvested acreage last year. Texas has 27,400 acres, or 29 per cent. more than in 1921. Florida has 25,000 acres, a gain of 89 per cent. Averages have also increased in South Carolina, Alabama, New Mexico, Arizona and Southern California.

## PERSISTENT LOVER WANTS PROTECTION

Newark, N. J., May 8.—A request that the British embassy send an agent to escort him from the station tomorrow as a precaution against molestation was made by Alexander E. Robertson, a British car salesman, who plans to visit Washington to press charges that private detectives had attempted to railroad him out of the country because of his efforts to win the affections of Miss Mary Calhoun, daughter of Senator Charles A. Calhoun, of Texas.

If we had no navy, who would cut the waterways?

## MORE FLOOD VICTIMS CALL FOR RELIEF

### Waters of Mississippi Sweeping Southward Break at Poydras Below New Orleans

New Orleans, May 4.—Sweeping on in its destructive spread over the delta here and there by small plantations and villages, crevasse waters emptying through the 400 foot gap in the Mississippi levee at Poydras, 12 miles below this city, had reached a point today 20 miles down the river beyond the break, before finding an outlet into the gulf.

A message was received at relief headquarters here from Pointe La Piche, stating water had reached there and was rapidly rendering homes uninhabitable and questioning that boats be sent immediately to bring out 450 refugees. Arrangements were made tonight to send boats tomorrow to pick up the flood sufferers there and at other points in that section.

Refugees who were driven from their homes by the Poydras crevasse flood are housed in the Red Cross camp in this city. Officials asserted today that it would probably be necessary to establish another camp here as there are many more homeless to be brought out of the affected zone.

Relief work went ahead today in the flooded territory of northeastern Louisiana, where crevasse waters from the Weccoma break and overflow from rivers in that section were gradually spreading out over a vast area and driving additional flood sufferers to refuge camps or to the hills.

Physicians of the medical corps of the Louisiana National Guard, who are in charge of health work at the refuge camps in Harrisonburg and Thibodaux, reported that a case of typhoid fever had developed among the flood sufferers at Harrisonburg and that every person in the two camps was being inoculated.

Memphis today reported a fall of 3.4 of a foot in the stage of the Mississippi river, and Helena a fall of 1.1. The river at all points between Arkansas City and Natchez was stationary. Gradual falls were noted south of there to the gulf. At New Orleans the gauge registered 21 feet, a rise of 2 during the last 24 hours.

## GIVES THE CONDITION OF ROADS

### Highway Department Begins Issuance of Weekly Report as to Best Routes to Travel in State

Columbia, May 7.—The South Carolina highway department is beginning today a road condition report, giving accurate data as to all the main highways in the state and furnishing the traveler the best information obtainable as to the routes he should take. The department intends to issue the report at the end of every week and it is believed this service will be highly appreciated by the people of the state. The first weekly report was made yesterday from direct information in the hands of a highway department covering the week ending May 6.

Below is the condition report on the main roads as issued yesterday by the department:

Route No. 2—Charleston-Sumterville-Orangeburg-St. Matthews-Columbia-Newberry-Laurin's Greenville-Easley-Spartanburg-Waltonville-Georgetown-Charleston. Good condition throughout. Charleston to St. Matthews, except for two short sections in Dorchester county, which are rough, but easily passable; and where work is under way in Orangeburg county, which does not seriously interfere with traffic. From St. Matthews to Columbia, good for first ten miles, remainder under construction and rough, but passable. From Columbia to Newberry, first seven miles out of Columbia impassable on account of pavement construction. Detour by Lexington (Route No. 12) and county road to Chapin, marked with state highway detour signs. From Newberry to Greenville and Wallhalla road is in good condition throughout.

Route No. 3—National highway via Gaffney-Spartanburg-Greenville-Anderson and Alford's bridge. Good condition throughout. Work in progress on Big Thicket bridge in Cherokee county does not interfere with traffic.

Route No. 21—Augusta-Aiken-Batesburg-Lexington-Columbia. Good throughout, except for four and a half miles between Monetta and Batesburg, which is very rough, but passable.

Route No. 15—Laurens-Princeton-Holoca-Path-Belton-Anderson-Clemson. Good except for about eight miles between Princeton and Holoca Path, which is passable.

Route Nos. 16 and 7—Charlottesville-Hill-Chester-Winnsboro-Ridgeway and Columbia. North Carolina line to Catawba river, 11 miles, rough but easily passable. Catawba river to Fairfield-Chester county line, good, except for short detour where bridge over Fishing creek is being constructed. Fairfield-Chester line to Winnsboro rough, but passable. Winnsboro to Ridgeway good but under construction near Ridgeway. Ridgeway to Columbia rough throughout. Koon road under construction in Richland county, detour from Blytheville via Wilson's store to Columbia. (See also routes 26 and 59.)

Route No. 19—Appalachian highway (Newberry-Whitcomb-Union-Glen Springs-Spartanburg-Landrum and to Saluda, Hendersonville and Asheville in North Carolina). Good throughout.

Route 21—Dixie highway (Asheville-Greenville-Greenville-Edgefield-Augusta). Use route No. 29 from North Carolina points to Traveler's Rest. Road from Hendersonville to South Carolina line under construction, but reported passable. Between Traveler's Rest and Edgefield road is good. From Edgefield to Augusta use routes 27 and 12.

Route No. 22—Newberry to Greenville. Good throughout except three miles from Chappells to Saluda river and short detour where bridge is being constructed over Bush river, which is passable.

Route No. 26—Camden-Kershaw-Lancaster-Charlottesville. Good throughout. At present this is the best road to follow in going between Columbia and Charlotte.

Route No. 26—Camden-Sumter-Manning-Kinross-Georgetown. Good from Camden to Kershaw-Sumter county line. Fair to Sumter-Charleston county line. Good to Kinross; pass to Georgetown.

Route No. 27—From route No. 2 at Dorchester via St. George-Franchville-Bamber-Blackville-Aiken and from No. 12 to Augusta. Good from Dorchester to Reesville. Tough but passable to Bamberg. South of Bamberg, rough but passable to Aiken line. Good to Augusta.

Routes Nos. 23, 1 and 30—Orangeburg-Baufort-Fairfax-Hampton-Yemassee and Beaufort. Good to Fairfax, except at detour where bridge is under construction over South Edisto river, which is passable. Fairfax to Hampton fair. Hampton to Beaufort generally very rough and sandy; under construction in Beaufort county; passable throughout.

Route No. 21, 11 and 2—Camden-Bishopville-Darlington-Florona-Marion-Wilmington. Good from Camden to Florence, except between Bishopville and Darlington, which is rough but passable. Florence to Marion, generally rough, particularly at Pee Dee river.

## WHO PARDONED GET-RICH QUICK CHAS. W. MORSE?

### Attorney General Daugherty Threatens to Make Public the Real Facts of the Case

Washington, May 4.—Attorney General Daugherty in a statement declared today that should Democratic discussion in the senate of his connection with the release in 1912 of Charles W. Morse, New York shipbuilder, from Atlanta Federal penitentiary continue, he would make public the "real facts" he coupled with this the assertion that "the real people behind this movement, aside from the partisans interested, have not yet shown their hands or their heads."

Shortly after Senator Caraway, Democrat, Arkansas, has been leading the discussion, renewed his accusations, declaring despite denials made by Mr. Daugherty's friends since the matter was brought up that Mr. Daugherty at the time of Morse's release "took credit" for obtaining the executive clemency. The senator read an interview published in a Columbus, Ohio, newspaper at the time of Morse's pardon in which Mr. Daugherty, then practicing law in Ohio, was quoted as having said he sought the release of the present shipbuilder so that the financial affairs of the steamship company in which the imprisoned man was interested could be straightened out.

"I will never discuss politics," said Mr. Daugherty in his statement, "but there is little interest to be said in regard to articles appearing in the newspapers regarding the discussions in the senate and elsewhere, which constitute an attack upon the administration and naturally an attack upon the department of justice. This may be expected from time to time."

"The Morse, case of years ago was fully discussed in the newspapers when I was a candidate for United States senator in Ohio. At that time President Taft and Mr. Wickersham wrote signed letters which immediately stopped discussion and conclusively stopped all charges that were made or that ever would be made for any purpose whatsoever. These two letters are in my files and if there is occasion for it I shall send for them and they will be republished."

"The real people behind this movement, aside from the partisans interested, have not yet shown their hands or their heads. Their activities are well known and their purposes are well known. In due time it will all be revealed. The department of justice naturally will not be getting into persons who are being brought and will be brought to justice in due course. No activities of the department of justice will be inspired or conducted to help any political party."

## MAKE IT UNANIMOUS

### All Farmers Invited to Line Up With Cooperative Cotton-Marketing Association

Columbia, May 8.—Although over 420,000 bales have already been signed up to the quota of the South Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association announced that the books will be kept open until June 1 and opportunity given those who have not yet joined an opportunity to affiliate with the organization. It is expected at least 500,000 bales will have been signed up by June 1.

The campaign to sign up 400,000 bales by May 1 is declared by many to have been one of the greatest campaigns ever waged in South Carolina and there has been much jubilation among those interested in the movement over the wonderful victory won.

"The larger the percentage of crop the association signs, the more effective will be the results obtained," says statement issued by the association in announcing a continuation of the campaign. "Those who do not sell their cotton through the association sell in competition with the association and against us. Naturally we want to get over, but in the association we can because it helps the situation for the farmers of the state that much. We believe that there are many farmers who are now ready to sign up. They will have the opportunity during the next three weeks of lining up with their brother farmers instead of against them."

Many a politician's platform isn't strong enough to run on.

Route, but passable during past week. Marion to North Carolina line, passable.

Route No. 33—Marion-Gaillard-Ferry-Conway-Myrte Beach. Fair throughout.

Route No. 50—Washington-Anderson-Bishopville-Darlington-Florona-Marion-Wilmington. Good from Camden to Florence, except between Bishopville and Darlington, which is rough but passable. Florence to Marion, generally rough, particularly at Pee Dee river.