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Shocking Murder by Rail Road Hands in North Carolina.

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 16.—A special to The Observer from Marion, N. C. says. "Deputy Sheriff Cox has just reached here with 14 Slavs, who are charged with a shocking murder. Fifteen of these foreigners came to camp No. 5 on South & Western railroad a year ago and have been at work there ever since. According to the officer's story they quarreled among themselves Thursday, the brunt of the war of words falling upon the member to the little colony who had been serving as its cook. The 14 fell upon the unfortunate cook that night and securing him with ropes they led him to a spot in the forest a mile from the camp. There they bound the cook hand and foot and placing him in an upright position against the end of a fill, the crowd stepped off a few paces and began shooting, using the cook as a target. The unfortunate man was riddled with bullets.

Town Terrified by Night Riders-- Ten Men Whipped.

Eddyville, Ky., Feb. 16.—Night riders, 300 strong, galloped into Eddyville at 1 o'clock Sunday morning, aroused inhabitants by firing hundreds of rifle shots, took 10 men from their homes to the edge of town and whipped them severely and then dashed away, threatening to return later.

Fully 1,000 shots were fired during the assault, but the only person hurt by the fusillade is a young woman whose face was grazed by a bullet.

Conductor Kills Flagman.

Columbia special in Charlotte Observer: In the freight yards at Savannah about midnight last night Seaboard Conductor J. M. Williamson, of this city, in a fight with a brakeman and a flagman, over a dispute that arose at Burroughs Station, near Savannah, knocked the brakeman down by striking him in the face with his lantern and turning the lantern on Flagman Mitchell struck him on the head. Mitchell was dead in fifteen minutes. The flagman and brakeman attacked Williamson as he was entering the yards to register. Williamson was today released on bond. Mr. Williamson is well known in Columbia, where has he two brothers. He is only 22 years old and is said to be the youngest conductor in the employ of the Seaboard.

Mr. Jake Mackorell, of Yorkville, was in town yesterday.

—Lancaster C. H. Farmers' Union will meet next Saturday at 10 o'clock. A full attendance is desired.

Barn-Burning Epidemic in Mecklenburg Ended.

Charlotte News: Now that Mary Massey, a crazy negro woman, who has been at large in this county for some time, has been placed in the colored insane asylum, it is thought that the epidemic of barn burning in this county is at an end. When Mr. W. A. Scott, a deputy insurance commissioner, came to this county several months ago to investigate the barn burnings which have almost terrorized the farmers throughout the county, and made many of them leave for other sections, the only clue was that Mary Massey had been seen in the neighborhood immediately preceding the conflagration, and that she roamed about in the woods at night, and was very fond of making fires and watching the flames.

It was learned from one colored woman in the Steel Creek section, that on the morning after a certain barn had been burned, this woman, Mary Massey, came to her house with her clothing all muddy and torn and in an exhausted condition, as if she had been running. This woman said that the Massey woman then told her of the burning of the barn.

Mr. Scott went to see the husband of the Massey woman, and he, too, talked very freely. He said that his wife was crazy and that she did not stay at home, and it was no telling what she might do.

Another fact which strengthened the supposition that this demented woman was the fire fiend, was that, after several barns had been burned, she suddenly disappeared, and that for a space of several months, no fires occurred, and that after this another epidemic of burning broke out in another section of the county, and that this was the woman seen in the neighborhood.

Bill to Repeal Lien Law Killed Again.

Columbia special in the News and Courier: The Senate tonight again killed the bill to repeal the lien law. Senator Raysor, by his personal effort, had the Richards bill restored to the Calendar, but by a quick, sharp fight to night the bill was again sent to the Legislative graveyard by a vote of 15 to 13.

5000 Bales Afloat.

St. Johns, N. F., Feb. 16.—About 5,000 bales of cotton are floating about Trepassey bay from the wrecked British steamer Tolesby with a salvage of \$5 a bale, and the fishermen are earning considerable money but perform their work under hazardous conditions. Thus far about 500 bales have been recovered.

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Kershaw News -- Mayor Hough Entertains--Baptists Secure Pastor.

Kershaw special in the News and Courier: Col. L. C. Hough, the newly elected intendant of Kershaw, celebrated his installation into office by treating the members of the council to an oyster supper Wednesday night. The occasion was a very enjoyable one.

The Rev. Jabez Ferris has been tendered, and has accepted, a call to the Baptist Church, at this place. Mr. Ferris has served this church acceptably in the past and he will be cordially welcomed here, not only by his congregation, but by the town in general.

Mr. F. A. Barnette, the harness maker, is removing his business to Chester. Kershaw loses a good citizen and an expert workman.

Deep Snow in Oklahoma.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 16.—One of the worst blizzards in years struck Oklahoma yesterday, following a general rain of two days. The snow has piled in drifts from ten to fifteen feet deep in Custer county. The terrific wind blew from the north. The business men of Thomas formed a rescue committee and carried children from the public school to their parents yesterday afternoon.

Winthrop to Get Dormitory.

Columbia special in the News and Courier: Senator Raysor today insisted on calling up the Winthrop College bill. Senator Earle moved to strike out the enacting words of the bill. He voted alone, the record vote being 33 to 1. The bill carries an appropriation of \$24,000 this year, and \$24,000 next year for a new dormitory at Winthrop. There was no debate whatever on the bill.

News in Brief.

T. K. Bruner, who had been North Carolina's secretary of agriculture for 21 years, died in Raleigh Sunday. There are two well developed cases of yellow fever at Galveston, Texas. The patients are aboard a steamer from Brazil. A New York press dispatch states that receivers have been appointed for the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company, upon application of a policy-holders' committee. Rev. D. R. Cook, a holiness preacher arrested at Asheville, N. C., several days ago charged with bigamy, has been set free. He claimed that he had not heard from his first wife in 8 years. W. L. Booth, real estate dealer of Dallas, Texas, was shot and killed Saturday at Epps Station, Miss., by J. F. Wider, a prominent lumber man.

Take The News.

The Flood at Pittsburg -Millions of Dollars' Damage and Much Suffering Caused by the High Water.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 16.—After reaching thirty and seventenths feet at noon today and remaining at that stage for three hours, the high water in the rivers is now slowly receding.

The danger mark in this city is 22 feet.

The damage and suffering caused by the annual flood is wide-spread. A remarkable feature, however, is the absence of fatalities.

Live stock has perished in considerable numbers and there are many reports of persons having narrowly escaped death in an endeavor to save their property and live stock.

Miles of territory in lower Pittsburg and vicinity is submerged and it will be some time to-morrow before the water will be back in the channels of the rivers and numerous small streams. Thousands of business houses in the down town portion of Pittsburg are attempting tonight to clear the cellars of their buildings of water. Every few feet along the side-walk are men pumping the water, and hundreds of these little streams can be seen spurting into the streets.

The actual monetary damage cannot be ascertained at this time, but from all accounts, it will run up to several million dollars.

Suffering, caused by the high water, is intense. Thousands of persons are living in the upper floors of their homes, using skiffs as a means of transportation to and fro. The lower portions of their homes are filled with water. In many instances, their household goods removed, owing to a lack of time, and chairs, tables, pianos and bric-a-brac are floating about the rooms.

Two Children Crushed to Death by Train--One tried to Save Life of Other.

Cartersville, Ga., Feb. 17.—In an heroic attempt to rescue her 6-year-old companion, David Rogers, from in front of an approaching train to-day, Lilly May Kline, 12 years old, was struck by the train, and with the child in her arms, both were crushed to death.

The children were walking on the side of the track accompanied by the girl's father. Hearing a train approaching the little boy started to cross the track and becoming frightened stopped midway. The girl, realizing the danger, rushed to his assistance, only to be struck by the train just as she picked him up. Both bodies were mangled beyond recognition.

Mrs. Hegler, wife of Mr. Van Hegler, of Primus section, is recovering from a severe spell of pneumonia.

Twenty-Eight Entombed in a Coal Mine.

Pottsville, Pa., Feb. 17.—Twenty-eight miners were imprisoned in the Mid-Valley Colliery near Mount Carmel this morning by the breaking of a dam of water which had formed in a drift which caused a rush of mud into a gangway where the men were at work. All day long a party of rescuers endeavored to reach the entombed men and shortly after 6 o'clock to-night they were given encouragement by sounds of digging from the inside. Later a shot was also heard, indicating that the men were at work to effect their own rescue and also giving the assurance that the air is good.

Mill Overseer Stabbed in Rock Hill.

Rock Hill Record: Mr. Blackmon, one of the overseers at the Aragon Cotton Mills, was pretty badly cut by an operative named Smith early Saturday morning. The knife struck Mr. Blackmon in the abdomen and cut a large gash, allowing the intestines to protrude, but fortunately did not enter same. He was taken to the Hospital, where Dr. Fennell operated on him, and the last report was that he was doing very well.

Car Loaded with Whiskey and Coffins Derailed.

Chesterfield special in yesterday's State: The Chesterfield and Lancaster railroad had a slight wreck in the edge of town Saturday, which delayed all trains for several hours. A box car was derailed on a short trestle and it took some time to clear the track. This car was loaded in one end with whisky and in the other with coffins and some of the superstitious old darkies here were very much frightened over it.

Buck Creek Booming.

Springfield, Ohio, Feb. 15.—Eighty houses in the lowland district are under water this morning, as a result of Buck creek overflowing during the night. The flood is the worst in many years. The police and citizens are at work taking out people from the second stories of their homes and delivering assistance to them.

Latimer Critically Ill.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Following an operation for a twist of the bowels, Senator Asbury C. Latimer, of South Carolina, for five terms a member of the House of Representatives and since 1903 a member of the Senate, is lying in a critical condition tonight at the Providence Hospital here.

To-day and to-morrow are the last days for making returns to county auditor without penalty.