

AVANT TALKS

Georgetown Man Says Killing Has Ruined His Life.

A PECULIAR SITUATION

Man Does Not Know How His Appeal Stands—Dr. Bigham Not Yet Heard From—Seems to Be Doubt About Report of the Doctor Being in Greenville.

"Of course it worries me. It has ruined my life and I never expect to get over it," said W. B. Avant at the State penitentiary, where he is held, pending an appeal to the supreme court. Avant was questioned closely as to the tragedy of Murrell's Inlet, when he shot and killed Mrs. Ruth Crisp Bigham, on a lonely beach, while he was in company with her husband, Dr. G. C. Bigham. Both Avant and Bigham have been convicted for the crime and sentenced to serve a term of three and one-half years each in the State prison. The prisoner who is now being held, until further advice is received from the Georgetown sheriff is very young, hardly over 23, of unkempt appearance, shoulders slightly stooped, brownish hair, gray eyes and of a nervous nature. The whereabouts of Dr. Bigham, the husband of the woman who was killed, is unknown. Just what will be the next move in the noted case is not known. Dr. Bigham is at large, although recently reported to be in Greenville. W. B. Avant is at the State Prison, though not as a convict, a message having been received by the authorities from the sheriff of Georgetown just before he was to be mustered in, "to hold him until further instructions." Avant firmly believes that he will get another trial but can not understand why the papers have not been filed with the supreme court. It is stated that the time is out for the filing of the papers and that both men will have to go to prison. The prisoner said that he was perfectly ignorant as to just what his attorney had done in the case and that he thought that immediately after Judge Watts refused a new trial that the case would be appealed to the supreme court.

Avant was given to understand before the interview that it was not necessary for him to talk unless he wished to and that he might request any statement he might make not to be printed.

In his conversation, the prisoner at times grew excited and nervous. Questions of general nature he would answer freely, but when asked directly about certain phases of the case he would exclaim in an excited voice, "that I refuse to answer."

Although he was asked many questions concerning the mysterious case, he would give no answers that would make a connected story. He could not remember many of the details of the killing.

When asked who shot Mrs. Bigham, the prisoner said, "Yes, I shot her." When asked why the answer came, "I decline to answer."

On being asked just what his thoughts were when he discovered that he had shot a woman, he hesitated a moment and said, "I had no thoughts. I was scared and nervous and ran back to the house."

"Why did you shoot and kill Mrs. Bigham?" was asked Avant and the usual reply to many questions came, "that I decline to tell you."

"Before you pulled the trigger, what did you see on the beach was the next question asked the prisoner. "Something black, sitting on the ground," was the answer.

When questioned further as to where Dr. Bigham was when the shot was fired, the prisoner said, "I don't know. I was scared."

MAKE HEROES OF THEM

THE SUPREME COURT TAKES UNPRECEDENTED ACTION.

Imprison an Ex-Sheriff and Others for Allowing a Prisoner in Their Custody to Be Lynched.

For the first time in American history, six men are in prison for contempt of the Supreme Court of the United States. For the first time, also, the Federal Government has placed men behind the bars as an outcome of the lynching of a negro.

At the United States jail in Washington, Capt. Joseph F. Shipp, former sheriff at Chattanooga, Tenn.; Jeremiah Gibson, his jailer, and Luther Williams, Nick Nolan, Henry Padgett and Wm. Mayes, of the same city, have begun serving terms of imprisonment imposed a few hours before by the Supreme Court of the United States.

Shipp and Gibson had been found guilty of failing to protect from a mob Ed Johnson, whose legal execution for rape had been stayed by the Supreme Court until it could review the case. The others had been found guilty of participation in the lynching of a Federal prisoner. Shipp, Williams and Nolan were given sentences of ninety days imprisonment each, while Padgett, Gibson and Mayes each received sixty days.

As the big barred doors of the jail swung open to receive the prisoners, immediately after sentence had been imposed, Warden McKee stood before them.

"As least we are in the hands of a soldier!" exclaimed Capt. Shipp, who had been in many a fight for the Confederacy, as he replied a G. A. R. button on the lapel of Warden McKee's coat. Then turning to his five fellow prisoners, he said:

"Boys, it will be all right."

Warden McKee has inaugurated methods of punishment at the jail as humanitarian as the various classes of prisoners will allow, and he was prepared for the reception of the six men from Tennessee.

About a year ago, during the imprisonment of an unusually large number of women, the warden had fitted up a store room on the fourth floor of the jail as quarters for female prisoners. It was in this large room, perhaps twenty by thirty-five feet, that he locked the six prisoners.

In the room were beds for each of the prisoners, while at one end was a table upon which "trustees" will set their meals three times a day. A bath room, adjoining the room, will be used by the prisoners exclusively. Four large circular windows open to the south and west, giving excellent views of the front of the buildings. In fact, so pleasant did the prisoners find the quarters that Capt. Shipp sent his attorney, Major Cliff, to the office of the Supreme Court to withdraw a request he had made when sentence was imposed, to be sent to the Federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., instead of the jail in Washington.

During the afternoon, the six men received calls from Tennesseans and others. Sitting on his straw bed, half reclining on his pillow of straw, Capt. Shipp made this statement:

"We are very well pleased with the treatment given us by Warden McKee, and are delighted with the quarters assigned us."

A few hours in jail made Gibson reminiscent. He told his companions that this was not the first time he had been in prison in Washington.

"But the other time I was brought here as a Confederate prisoner," he said.

SHARP REPLY

To Senator Tillman's Criticism of the Plan of Financing the

TAFT LUNCHEON AFFAIR

Capt. W. E. Gonzales, Member of the Central Committee in Charge of the Arrangements, Explains Why Free Tickets Were Not Issued to the Columbia Function.

The following statement is published by Capt. W. E. Gonzales, who was on the central committee as the representative of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, to provide for the entertainment of President Taft when he visited Columbia recently:

"As a member of the central committee and as the individual primarily responsible for the method of President Taft's entertainment at luncheon in Columbia, a method characterized by B. R. Tillman as 'indecent,' and criticized in chorus by a more or less thoughtless, uninformed or malicious newspapers, I make the following statement of facts. The vicious assault upon Columbia by Tillman, broadcast through the country in press dispatches, is a reflection upon all South Carolina.

Last winter the President-elect was invited to Columbia by the Governor, the president of the South Carolina Bar Association, and president of the Columbia Chamber of Commerce. He could not then come. Later the invitation was renewed by the Governor, the mayor and the president of the Chamber of Commerce. He accepted that invitation. Three months ago organization for the care of the President and his entertainment was begun by the formation of a central committee, of which the Governor, representing South Carolina, was chairman, Mayor Reamer and myself being the other members.

The first suggestion for the President's entertainment was by Governor Ansel, who proposed tendering him a luncheon. I opposed that plan on the ground that the coming of the President to the Capital, was State-wide in its significance, and his hosts should be the representative men of the State; that any formal function at the Mansion must of necessity be restricted, and, therefore, the idea of a State entertainment could not be carried out. As a substitute suggested inviting a certain number of representative men of South Carolina to participate in giving this luncheon. The cost was estimated at \$10 for each host, there to be no 'guests' except the President, his immediate party and members of his Cabinet. That plan was accepted, the Governor deciding to give the President a breakfast. Mr. Taft at that time expecting to arrive here in the morning.

Was State-wide affair.

"Members of committees were later appointed, and the committee on invitation forwarded to the thousand or more persons selected to be given the opportunity to participate in entertaining the President, a card of invitation, in stereotyped form, bearing, as symbolical of the occasion, an engraving of the flag of South Carolina. There was no lower nothing upon that engraved splendor. Columbia as the world especially carried itself upon having the President printing bill passed. Prior to the passage of this bill the legislative printing was not let out to competitive bidders and all the work was done by a political favorite who thus enjoyed a monopoly. The Reynolds bill did away with such favoritism and saved the State large

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Pointed Paragraphs.

People seldom talk too much unless they know too little.

Vanity enables a man to convince himself that he isn't vain.

LANTERN CAUSES FIRE.

Negro Attacked Night Watchman at Americus, Ga.

A loss of fifty thousand dollars resulted from a fire at Americus, Ga., Thursday night, caused by an unknown negro attacking Night Watchman Lee McMichael, of the Americus Construction Company, and knocking the latter's lantern over by the fire from the lantern and the extensive lumber yards and variety works of the company were destroyed.

For a time fire threatened destruction of a considerable portion of the city. Before being checked the flames had covered an area of six acres. Among the other buildings burned were an unused cold storage plant owned by S. R. Sims and valued at \$3,000 and six small dwellings with contents.

THIRTEEN ITALIANS ARRESTED.

Band of Alleged Counterfeiters Are Caught in New York.

By the arrest of thirteen Italians Monday, United States secret service men and the Italian squad of the New York police, think they have rounded up the leaders of a band which has trafficked for at least a year in a large amount of counterfeit money made in Palermo, Italy, and circulated in America.

The prisoners, who were taken in raids upon several Italian shops and homes in Harlem, include Guiseppe Morello, in whose lodging were found seven alleged "black hand" letters written by him to merchants in New Orleans and returned, the police believe, by merchants who met the demands for money.

Paquale Vast, another of the men, had in his possession 1,200 counterfeit two-dollar bills.

Victim of Football.

A dispatch from Richmond, Va., says sympathetic sorrow pervaded the city for the mother and family of Archer Christian, the eighteen-year-old halfback of the University

THE WAGES OF THE

Once Promised out of the house.

Five trainmen were killed and two were fatally hurt Monday in a freight train collision.

Does not leave any leeway for negligence or other causes of liability to serve.

Baldoo includes two districts—only one applicant.

Blackville, with two districts, no applicants.

Bill Pond—no applicant.

George's Creek—only one applicant.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

And to readers also this explanation is addressed.

Last week we were regretfully compelled to consign to the waste basket four excellently well written communications chronicling county events of great interest and their publication would have been very much to our own surprise and joy.

But last week's paper was gotten out with more trouble than any issue in a long while. Grippe and colds are no respecter of persons and when they get busy there's trouble in the print camp. We are sorry that we had to apparently slight the favors of our good writing friends, but we did the best we could "and angels could do no more."

For consolation we remark that the paper of the 5th was a pretty good one under the conditions that kept it from being better.

We have heard no complaint or criticism. If any find fault at any time let them put themselves in like feelings and we venture they'll wonder we were no worse.

REACHED THE LIMIT.

That's the opinion of the most level-headed men who have talked to us about the probable production of cotton in 1910 in the Southern States.

These reasons for reaching that conclusion are simple and well understood.

WAR INCIDENTS REVIVED.

Over 100 in-law, His Wife, the major thought it over, and Mr. Herbert was invited to return, and as one of the family he has got to be quite a war talker himself.

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AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

The Auditor will be at the following places on the dates named below for the purpose of receiving the tax returns for 1910.

TWO NEW ORLEANS VETERAN cotton bales, W. P. Brown and Frank Hayne, left the Louisiana metropolis last week for a stay in New York, with the purpose, so the papers said, of starting a campaign to run the price of cotton up to 20 cents a pound.

Corn \$2.35 a BUSHEL.

There was a big corn show at Omaha, Nebraska, last month. Hundreds of farmers from different States sent exhibits of ten ears each. Joe Overstreet of Indiana "beat the band." His ten ears were sold at auction. An editor bought them paying \$436 for the lot, \$38.50 per ear. He will distribute the seed among his subscribers. As it takes 70 ears of such corn to make a bushel the price paid amounted to \$2,385 a bushel.

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A COLUMBIA REPORT. The presidency of Clemson College has been offered to K. G. Matheson, a former South Carolinian, who is now President of the Georgia School of Technology. Whether he will accept or decline is not yet known.

P. H. Clemson to see Jan. the above statement.

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