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## NIGHT RIDER CASE BEGUN

### FINAL CHAPTER OF REELFOOT LAKE MURDER BEGUN.

#### Eight Men Charged With Killing Capt. Quentin Rankin—No Demonstration During the Day.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 14.—With both the prosecution and the defense announcing ready for trial, the latter, however, under protest, the concluding chapter in the prosecution of a charge of murder against the eight men held most responsible for the raids of the night rider band of the Reelfoot Lake region was begun this afternoon.

The men on trial are: Garrett Johnson, Sam Applewhite, Roy Ransom, Bud Morris, Fred Pinion, Arthur Clear, Tid Burton, and Job Huffman.

With the court room crowded to its capacity and the sympathies of those in attendance well divided, the day passed without any demonstration.

Immediately after the men were brought into court, the prosecution announced itself ready, and formally requested the court to select the jury venire. The defense asked that the indictments returned at the October term of court, charging an offense of a less serious nature, be first disposed of and that the sheriff be permitted to select the jury panel.

Judge Jones decided adversely to the requests of Attorney Rice A. Pierce, who appeared for the defendants. Then the defense announced that they were ready for trial.

Judge Jones announced that he would summon 300 men to be present at the opening of court Wednesday, at which time the work of selecting the trial jury will begin.

The court said that any one who endeavored to disqualify himself for jury service would be guilty of contempt of court and a punishment in accordance would be inflicted.

During today's session Col. R. Z. Taylor, the associate of Capt. Quentin Rankin, for whose murder the men are on trial, was seated directly facing the accused.

The ordeal of the day passed without a show of emotion on the part of the prisoners. With Col. Taylor were a number of his friends from Gibson, while many friends of the alleged night riders from the lake region were also present in numbers.

#### Prize Georgia Hog.

The large hog exhibited at the Georgia-Carolina fair by Mr. W. C. Sibley, and which won the blue ribbon, was killed last week at the Augusta abattoir and it was the record hog killed at this place since it opened.

It took seven negroes to handle the hog after it had been killed, and they claim they had a hard job. Mr. Sibley dried up 170 pounds of lard from the hog and made 172 pounds of the finest sort of sausages.

The hog lacked eight days of being a year old, and while it was not weighed it is believed that it would have tipped the scales at between 500 and 600 pounds. On account of its being so young all of the meat was as sweet and tender as chicken.

#### Mexican Laborers Flock to America.

Washington, Dec. 14.—The attractiveness of the higher wage paid to laborers in the United States has resulted in a considerable influx of Mexicans, according to a special bulletin issued to-day by the bureau of labor. Only a few years ago, it is said, those immigrants were seldom found more than a hundred miles from the border, but now they are working as unskilled laborers and as section hands as far east as Chicago and as far north as Iowa, Wyoming and San Francisco. They are said to be rapidly displacing Japanese, Greeks, and Italians in some occupations.

Because of lack of education and of natural initiative, the work of the Mexicans, it is said, is confined to the simple forms of unskilled labor, yet it is pointed out that their immigration is having important economic effects for Mexico as well as the United States, and is becoming an agency of something approaching a serious revolution among the Mexican laboring classes.

These immigrants, it is stated, are mostly from the peon and from the migratory labor class, from a region where agriculture and mining are the chief employments. Work for increasing numbers each year, it is said, has been furnished in the mines, the cotton fields and in other employment.

In most instances the bulletin adds, these Mexican laborers are transients and on returning home carry back a newer and higher standard of living. The conclusion is reached that under these circumstances, Mexican labor immigration is not likely to have much influence upon the United States except as it regulates the labor market in a limited number of unskilled occupations and probably within a restricted area.

#### Refused Hundred Proposals.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 11.—Levi Merrick Stewart, known as "Elder" Stewart, a millionaire bachelor, who celebrated his eighty-first birthday yesterday, said that he had refused more than a hundred proposals of marriage during his life. He said that most of the would-be brides he had turned down wanted his money more than they did his love.

## CARROLL ON NEGRO'S FUTURE.

### Declares That His Prophecies of Years Ago Have Been Fulfilled.

Washington, Dec. 14.—In the opinion of the Rev. Richard Carroll, who has been in Washington twice during the past week, once paying a visit to the president, and being the only negro admitted to the Belasco theatre the other day when the president and President-elect Taft spoke, the outcome of the recent election will be a benefit to the negro because it will take him out of politics; that is, he says, so far as the Southern negro is concerned. Carroll says he can now point to the fulfillment of his prophecies in this regard, which were to the effect that Taft would make a plea for the white voters of the South and would ignore the negro. Talking with me today, Carroll said:

"Mr. Taft's Southern policy as it has been outlined in his speeches since the election, proves that I am more of a political prophet than I have dreamed of. For the last ten years I have been noted as a man of 'visions.' As the Bible says, 'Your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions.' I delivered a lecture throughout South Carolina on 'A Vision of the Sunny South.' For ten years I have been telling the people that the Southern disfranchisement laws would stand and that neither congress nor the supreme court would interfere. I have also been telling them that the Republican party would as soon as possible unload the negro voters of the South, and that the negro had better give his attention to his development along other lines. Two months before election I lectured in Calvary Baptist church in Columbia on the future policy of the Republican party towards the negro in the South. About one month ago I spoke in the opera house in Sumter along the same line. Now Mr. Taft's New York speech to the North Carolina society justifies every word I have said for the last ten years.

"But his Southern policy will be an untold blessing to the South. It will make two political parties, and for the present neither one will cater to the negro vote. The negro will be relegated to the rear politically, but he will be benefited in the end. Mr. Taft's policy will increase business in the South and help business enterprise, boom real estate and help develop the South, and the negro will be benefited in a financial way if no other.

"I'm glad to say that the negro vote has been divided in the North. The masses of the negroes will no longer vote the Republican ticket; but while the negroes in the North may continue to vote for one party or the other and have their votes counted, the colored people of the South will give their attention to the other things, for they are coming to realize that they have not gained anything from politics."

#### Destructive Fire at Swansea.

Lexington, Dec. 15.—A destructive fire visited the little town of Swansea, in this county, early this morning, destroying several buildings and causing a property loss of several thousand dollars. The following buildings were destroyed with their contents: The Swansea Drug Company, J. W. and R. L. Librand, general merchandise, Goodwin & Williams, general merchants, the drug store of Drs. Brooker & Brooker, Henry Sharpe, beef market; M. L. Williams, grocery store; a restaurant owned by J. W. and R. L. Librand, and the K. of P. hall. The fire was discovered in the office of J. W. and R. L. Librand, about 3 o'clock, and soon spread to adjoining buildings.

#### Parker Buys Aetna Mills.

Greenville, Dec. 14.—At a meeting of the creditors of the Aetna cotton mills of Union held before Referee Julius H. Heyward to-day the creditors decided to accept the offer of Mr. Lewis W. Parker for the property. Details of the sale are not yet known, but a statement will probably be made by Mr. Parker within a few days, stating for whom he bought the property.

#### A Poser for Mother.

Gustave Eberlein, the famous German sculptor, said the other day in New York, that in beauty of face and figure the American woman excelled all others—that the American type of beauty approached almost absolute perfection.

"In intelligence as well," the sculptor resumed, "the American woman excels. But now and then she has the defect of the intelligent—she is over positive, she is over-confident. In that case I like to see her taken down."

"I once met a beautiful and brilliant American woman on shipboard. She talked splendidly, but she was very positive—positive, indeed."

"I am a good reader of faces," she said one day at luncheon. "On first sight of a person I form my opinion of that person's character, and I am never wrong. I am positively never wrong."

"Mother," her little boy called shrilly from the other end of the long table, where he sat with his nurse.

"Well, what is it, my son?" said the mother, indignantly.

"And we all turned to hear what the little fellow had to say."

"Mother," he piped up, "I want to know what was your opinion, mother, when you first saw me?"—New York Times.

## COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

### SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

#### News Items Gathered All Around the County and Elsewhere.

##### Ehrhardt Etchings.

Ehrhardt, Dec. 14.—Had a fine rain Friday night. Was needed, so the farmers say.

Mrs. Eva Warren spent a day or two with Mrs. Jack Smith.

Col. John F. Folk and wife spent Sunday night with her mother, Mrs. A. W. Ehrhardt.

Rev. J. W. Airlall, the Methodist minister assigned to this charge, moved in last week.

Mr. Jim Morris has some very fine turnips of the purple top variety. He sent us three, and each of them weighed three pounds.

Rev. D. B. Groseclose will preach at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran church on Christmas day. All are invited. There will be communion at Ehrhardt Lutheran church on the first Sunday in January, with preparatory service on the Friday evening before.

Mrs. Theacia Copeland died last week, and was laid to rest in Mt. Pleasant grave yard. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. D. B. Groseclose. Quite a crowd of relatives and friends witnessed her placed in her grave on Thursday morning about 11 o'clock. We will all miss her.

Farmers are interested in trading and selling their cotton seed. Some prefer meal to seed, others prefer the seed—so it is and will be until the end of time. Successful men of different opinions as to which is of the most value as a fertilizer.

#### SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT AT OLAR.

Olar, Dec. 14.—All the well-wishers of the school of Olar are cordially invited to attend a Christmas entertainment in the high school auditorium Wednesday, December 23rd, at 7:30 p. m. The exercises will consist of a Christmas Cantata and other selections by music and expression pupils under the instruction of Miss Lilla Quatlebaum. Reception after exercises. WM. M. OXNER, Principal.

#### CASUALTY RECORD.

35,000 Killed and 2,000,000 Injured During Past Year.

Washington, December 14.—Between 30,000 and 35,000 deaths and 2,000,000 injured is the accident record in the United States during the past year among workmen, according to a bulletin on accidents issued to-day by the bureau of labor. Of those employed in factories and workshops it is stated that probably the most exposed class are the workers in iron and steel. Fatal accidents among electricians and electric linemen and coal miners are declared to be excessive, while railway trainmen were killed in the proportion of 7.46 death per 1,000 employees.

The bulletin declares that much that could be done for the protection of the workmen is neglected, though many and far reaching improvements have been introduced in factory practice during the last decade. It is pointed out that the possibilities for successful accident prevention have been clearly demonstrated in the experience of foreign countries.

"Granting," the bulletin states, "that the underlying conditions in European countries are often quite different and that many of our industrial accidents may be the result of ignorance, recklessness, indifference, or carelessness, the fact remains that an immense amount of human life is wasted and a vast amount of injury is done to health and strength, with resulting physical impairment, which has a very considerable economic value to the nation as a whole."

It is insisted that it should not be impossible to save at least one-third and perhaps one-half by intelligent and rational methods of factory inspection, legislation and control.

#### THE STORY DENIED.

J. Henry Garrison Has Not Gone to Penitentiary.

Laurens, December 14.—The report in yesterday's daily papers that J. Henry Garrison had abandoned his appeal for a new trial and had already gone to the penitentiary to serve his sentence for the killing of J. Louis Williamson of the Bethesda neighborhood near Rock Hill, is erroneous.

This correspondent called today at the clerk's office and found that Garrison had not applied for commitment papers, which will be necessary before he could begin his sentence. Garrison was in Laurens Saturday. While it is understood generally, and the rumor is well founded that Mr. Garrison has abandoned his appeal and intends to serve the sentence of two years imposed by Judge Memminger, he nevertheless has not taken any steps toward that end, and the correspondence from Rock Hill is an error.

## SANTA CLAUS IS REAL.

### "Old Timer" Writes of the Friend of All Good Children.

Kearse, December 14.—Only a few more days and Santa Claus will come with his sleigh loaded with toys and Christmas presents, driving his team of reindeer, their bells jingling at they prance and skip nimbly from home to home, bringing joy and gladness to many a little boy and girl, who on Christmas eve hang a stocking on the wall for old Santa Claus to place for each little tot what he sees best to give.

What a pity so many of our little folks doubt the old fairy, and the joy they lose by not hanging up a stocking for the old man to fill, and the keen delight on Christmas morning, crisp and cold, to jump out of a warm bed and run to see what Santa Claus left for them!

Well does the writer remember with pride the pleasure of the happy time when old Santa brought him a nice pair of little black boots with red tops, placed by his stockings filled with fruits and candies to the tops. How he ran all over the place showing what he had received, and, joy of joys, the boots fitted to a tee! How proud when safely drawn on! How he looked at this foot, then on that; how he ran to the negro houses built on a line and forming a little street; how they all laughed and admired the little general as they called him!

Yes, little folks, believe in old Santa, for it pays sometimes. Don't smile a sickly smile and say as some of the wise ones this age of materialism has produced, "I know," and by so doing lose many a pleasant memory in after years. Ask Ma and Pa and your school teacher about old Santa, and if they tell the little ones he is a myth and not a true old man, what then? Why they are an enemy of the old man and the little folks as well, and who are not their friends are an enemy of their race. Yes, little folks make ready for Santa Claus; talk and say good things about him for the next few days, and see if he does not come down the chimney and leave something for each of you. If you do not show your faith by hanging up your stocking, he will go by with perhaps a heavy heart to the next home; then see him smile as he gently goes down the chimney and on the wall he finds his little friend's stocking waiting for him.

Don't be afraid as were two young men last week when they climbed on the top of a house just built and looking down the flues of a chimney, exclaimed: "Too small for Santa Claus to go down," for that made old Santa Claus mad and one of them took a slide and were it not for a scaffold below he would have gone to the ground, for small chimneys do not trouble him at all.

Now, little folks, a merry Christmas and a big stocking full from old Santa Claus is the wish of your unknown friend.

#### COULD READ WRITING.

Resented Action of Yankee in Writing Him a Printed Letter.

[T. D. M. in Augusta Chronicle.] I have picked this out as very unique. It is clipped from an eastern paper. It was written by an old fellow down in the mountains of Kentucky to one of the largest woolen mills in New Jersey. It appears he does not like the typewriter letters sent him:

"Jentlemen—I want you to understand that I ain't no dam fool when I bort that Bill from that red headed agent of yours. He told me that you sent him all the way from cyncynita to git that order. I thot he was lyn and I bort all my goods from the Jersey and he told me he sold the Jersey and would sell me just like he sold the Jersey. Now you writes me a printed letter and sez if I send you the munney you will send me the goods. I recon you will, most enny darn fool ud do that. I would not mind a Bit sendin the munney and risk gettin the goods, but when I recollect how you and your eagent done me I refuse to do it. If you would of treated me right and rit me letters in riting and not of sent me the newspaper printed letter like I was a dam fool and could not read riten I would have tuck the goods and pade the cash. Now I don't want no more of yore printed letters. I wont stand sich from no house. I am fifty-six years ole the last of next coming january and the furst man has got to put my back on the ground yit. I may not hav as much larning in grammar as you got but I can whip you or enny other dam yanky that wants to try riten me a printed letter."

Another large cargo of salmon has been received in Charleston by direct shipment from the Pacific coast, the steamer Hawaiian, of the Hawaiian-American Steamship Company coming in last Monday afternoon with more than 30,000 cases, consigned to H. G. Leiding. It was only a few weeks ago that a cargo of nearly 60,000 cases was received by a similar direct shipment from Alaska, down the Pacific coast, over the isthmus of Tehuantepec and then up the Atlantic coast. The Hawaiian began to discharge her cargo Tuesday and with a large force of stevedores at work the salmon will be soon discharged and distributed among local dealers and shipped into the interior States.

## IN THE PALMETTO STATE

### SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

#### State News Boiled Down for Quick Reading—Paragraphs About Men and Happenings.

The State Baptist Convention will meet in Anderson next year.

A South Carolina fire insurance company is to be organized in Greenville the first of January. The capital stock will be \$450,000, and the organizers are prominent and wealthy business men of Greenville.

A report reached Spartanburg that Col. T. C. Duncan, formerly of Union but now of Tennessee, had organized a company in that state and had purchased the Aetna cotton mills at Union. Col. Duncan was formerly president of the Buffalo and Union mills.

A difficulty occurred in Lancaster last Saturday night between two young farmers, Mr. Cleveland Gregory, son of the late Cicero Gregory, and Mr. Baise Steele, son of Mr. Reese Steele, in which the former used a knife, stabbing Mr. Steele in the neck. While the wound is serious, it is thought that the young man will recover. The trouble was about some turkeys.

There is a considerable sensation on in Columbia just now over the pending investigation of the Seminole Securities Co., a concern whose assets seemed to have consisted chiefly of wind and alluring promises. Smooth fellows peddled the stock of this company all over South Carolina, and some mighty good business men got caught. Some of the stock was sold to parties in Bamberg, so we understand. The plan of the concern we believe was to finance a life insurance company. Insurance Commissioner McMaster got after them, and now there is to be an investigation.

#### BOOKER T. NOT RESPONSIBLE.

Another Negro, not Washington, Secured Crum's Appointment.

Washington, December 13.—Richard Carroll, of Columbia, to-day told The News and Courier correspondent that Booker T. Washington had nothing to do either with Crum's appointment or his recent reappointment as the collector of the port of Charleston, that statements charging him with influencing President Roosevelt in the matter were erroneous, and that another colored man of prominence and standing was responsible for the appointment.

Carroll believes that because of certain publications in which Washington is charged with Crum's appointment, the former may get a cold reception when he goes to Charleston to lecture next month. He does not wish to give the name of the man who is responsible for the appointment, but would probably do so to protect Washington.

#### HOT FEELING PREVAILS.

Slayers of Druggist Taken to Savannah for Safety.

Savannah, Ga., December 13.—So intense was the feeling at Jessup, Ga., during to-day and last night that, to prevent a very probable outbreak, Sheriff W. B. Lyons and his son, Archie, deputy sheriff of Wayne county, who killed M. Fleming Smith, a druggist, there Saturday night, were made prisoners by the coroner and hurried to Savannah for safekeeping. Men stood around the train with pistols in their pockets and tears of rage streaming down their faces. A small group of the sheriff's friends were prepared to stand by him at any cost, but the greater number of those at the depot were open in their expressions of anger because of the killing. It is declared that more than 20 pistol shots were fired at Smith, who was struck five times and then beaten down with the butt of a shotgun. Smith died in the arms of his fiancée, begging her not to cry. A coroner's jury found that the sheriff and his son did "unlawfully and with malice aforethought" slay Smith.

#### STILL CAPTURED IN AIKEN.

Constable Samuels Seizes "Tussie" Liquor and Apparatus.

Aiken, December 13.—Constable Musco Samuels returned to the city Friday afternoon from the Wagener section, bringing with him a 16-gallon metal liquor still, which he captured on Wednesday six miles from Wagener, on the other side of the Edisto. The still, together with two barrels of mash, was found in the yard of Allan Jones, a white man. The still was covered up with sacks. A search of the house revealed a gallon of "tussie" liquor, a worm and cap for the still. No one was at home when the raid was made. The still was a small one and the indications are that it was used on the fireplace.

This makes about the sixth or seventh still captured by Mr. Samuels in that vicinity recently. He is one of the most vigilant officers in the State and he is being warmly congratulated by the people of the county for his good work. He was assisted in this capture by Mr. J. Ray Gantt, the dispenser at Wagener.

We are simply too busy to send out statements to subscribers, but we hope they will remember us just the same.

## FARMER'S HOUSE STORMED.

### Drunken Ruffians Shoot Georgia Woman and Assault Girl.

Cartersville, Ga., Dec. 11.—That a band of drunken ruffians entered the home of J. A. Gibson, three miles from Cartersville Saturday night and perpetrated a series of dastardly outrages upon the members of that family, including the shooting of Mrs. Gibson and the criminal assault upon Lizzie Hardin, a 16-year-old girl, who lived with the Gibson family, in the substance of charges contained in warrants issued today for Bud Lanham, Steve Heath and Tom Collier, three well known young men of this county. Lanham and Collier have been placed in jail, and efforts are being made to capture Heath. It is charged that the three men went to the Gibson home Saturday night, and after being refused admission, one of them emptied the contents of a revolver into the house, one of the balls entering Mrs. Gibson's back and dangerously wounding her. The husband ran out to summon officers and the three men, it is said, entered the house with drawn revolvers, threatened the lives of Mrs. Gibson and her children and then two of the men dragged Miss Hardin out of the house, and it is alleged assaulted her.

Following threats received by the Gibson family, who are in extremely meagre financial circumstances, Judge Fite today took steps to protect them. Indignation is high against the alleged perpetrators of the outrage.

#### WIDOW SEEKING PENSION.

Gave it Up Ten Years Ago Because She Wasn't in Need.

Detroit, December 12.—Having voluntarily relinquished a pension of \$8 a month ten years ago for no other reason than because she did not feel she could conscientiously say that she needed government aid, Mrs. Elizabeth Whitney, of Romeo, Mich., more than seventy years, is now asking to be restored to the pension rolls.

Charles Meyeates, a special pension examiner, is investigating the case. Mrs. Whitney's husband, a civil war veteran, died in 1892, leaving his widow with several small children. Friends and neighbors contributed funds to pay a mortgage on her cottage home and in the early 90s the widow was granted a pension of \$8 per month.

In December, 1900, she stopped cashing the pension vouchers, despite the advice and explanations of friends, and her name was dropped from the rolls. Her sons had grown up and were in a position to contribute liberally to the maintenance of their mother's home, while they now have families of their own.

#### TRAGEDY IN CHEROKEE COUNTY

Munro Mize, of Ravenna, Shoots His Daughter's Husband.

Gaffney, December 13.—One man dead, one in jail, and two desolated families is the result of a tragedy which occurred at Ravenna, in this county, about 3 o'clock this morning. Munro Mize, who lives on Mr. T. G. Chalk's place, near Ravenna, is a fiddler, and was invited to go to a dance at the house of William Reynolds to furnish music for the occasion. John Gore, who married Mize's daughter, and who lived in the house with Mr. and Mrs. Mize, was also invited to attend with his banjo. Mr. Mize told The News and Courier correspondent that when he learned that Gore was to be of the party, he at first refused to go, as he knew there would be whiskey on the premises, and that Gore was very quarrelsome when under its influence. He allowed himself to be persuaded, however, and they went to the dance. Gore soon became intoxicated and began fussing. Mize says that he stood it as long as he could, and finally left the house, Gore following him, and that he (Mize) got away from him to avoid trouble, that, in going along a path, Gore caught up with him and did cut his coat, whereupon he shot Gore. He thinks he fired three times. This occurred near the barn of Mr. John Fowler, who lives about one mile from Mize's house. Persons who saw Gore's dead body say that he must have died instantly, and that only one shot penetrated his person, going through his heart. The coroner and the sheriff are on the scene conducting an inquest, but Mize came to jail with Mr. Wallace Thompson and was placed behind the bars by Deputy Sheriff Lipscomb. Mize's family consists of his wife and two children, both of whom are married. Gore had a wife and two children, one a babe in arms, and the other about two years of age. Persons who know Mize say that he is one of the most peaceable men in the world, and has never before been in any trouble, while the dead man had the reputation of being very disagreeable and combative while under the influence of whiskey.

#### Tried to Lynch White Man.

Danville, Ky., December 15.—A mob of a hundred men gathered at the jail early Monday and expressed the purpose of burning Elmer Hill, a young white man at stake but the authorities spirited the prisoner away before the mob arrived. Hill is charged with assaulting and murdering Nannie Womack, a pretty 12-year-old girl and casting her body to wild hogs. The mob battered down the jail doors in the search for Hill.