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## COUNTRY NEWS LETTERS

### SOME INTERESTING HAPPENINGS IN VARIOUS SECTIONS.

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

##### Ehrhardt Etchings.

Ehrhardt, April 8.—There was a wreck on the Charleston and Savannah branch of the A. C. L. Railway at Yemassee last Sunday. The passenger train was standing at the depot and a freight ran into it—head-end collision. Both engines were turned over. No one killed, but some were bruised and had their breakfast shaken up. The air brakes would not work was the cause.

Miss Banna Westbury died Saturday night and was buried at the McMillan family grave yard. She was president of the Sunbeam Society. Miss Banna has been a patient sufferer for a long while, never complaining of her lot while with us. She is at rest now and we will miss her from our midst, and her numerous friends join in with her family and relatives in mourning her untimely departure.

Easter services at Ehrhardt Lutheran Sunday morning was well attended and very impressive. The communion service was the feature of the day. At night the Sunday-school tots sang and recited some appropriate songs and poems suited to the occasion. The little ones were talking to the public as missionaries, for those who need, telling about these great festivals that they might enjoy with us in the near future. The appreciation of the congregation was shown by the collection given them.

There is a young drummer on the road that met one of our young ladies and the firm had to run him off to-day so he would not lose his job. The young lady must have told him some wonderful words of love.

Farmers are working to get something done in their fields. Cotton will be their aim again this year, as the crop will be shortened by the heavy rains and late start.

##### Denmark Doings.

Denmark, April 9.—On last Friday evening the ladies gave a musical for the benefit of the Baptist church at the residence of Miss Don Ella Rice. The house was beautifully decorated in wisteria, ferns and pot-plants. Music was furnished by Misses Rosa Strait and Emma Thompson; Miss Edna Steadman; Misses Katherine Wilkinson and Julia Goolsby; Miss Virginia Faust, Mrs. S. G. Mayfield, and Mr. Thomas Wilkinson. The instrumental music was interspersed with catchy songs, by the vocal talent of our town. A very amusing selection was recited by Miss Bertrian Perritt, and an interesting piece read by Mr. J. Arthur Wiggins. During the course of the evening a sweet course was served, and quite a neat little sum was realized.

Miss Louise Zeigler spent the week-end with friends in Orangeburg.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Chitty, of Columbia, are the guests of Mrs. C. W. Garris of this city.

##### Boy Indicted for Murder.

Savannah, Ga., April 9.—Samuel Simms, a 10-year-old white boy, was indicted late to-day for the murder of Thomas Grinniff, an 11-year-old negro boy. Simms is said to be the youngest slayer ever taken into custody in Chatham county. He has just passed the age of an infant as it is held by the Georgia statutes. Simms is alleged to have shot and killed Grinniff because the latter kicked Simms's pet dog.

The Bamberg Herald printed the Underwood supplement that is being circulated so extensively in the weeklies; but as a matter of square dealing with its readers told them that the supplement went as paid advertising. While the Enquirer does not care to send out prepared supplements with its circulation, even for pay, it has no criticism of other newspapers doing so if they see proper. What The Herald has done in this case has the Enquirer's full approval. Straight advertising is legitimate; but a supplement like this sent out without explanation, would seem to carry the editor's approval with it, and where a price goes with it, the flavor of the transaction is not good.—Yorkville Enquirer.

See the new Ford models and write or call on the Ford Sales Co., Bamberg, S. C., for catalogue and prices. Stock of cars on hand.

## WILSON ROBBED OF LETTERS.

### Thieves Steal Suit Case Filled with Private Correspondence.

Chicago, April 7.—Thieves, apparently with political affiliations, broke into the rooms of Gov. Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, at a downtown hotel late to-day and stole a suit case full of private correspondence and papers belonging to Gov. Wilson.

The robbery occurred while Gov. Wilson was at the rectory of St. Mary's church lurching with Rev. P. J. O'Callahan and other priests of the Paulist order. The theft was discovered when Gov. Wilson returned to his hotel.

Just before departing for Syracuse, N. Y., to-night, Gov. Wilson made the following statement regarding the robbery:

"The robbery will greatly inconvenience me. But whoever obtained the papers and correspondence will be greatly disappointed. While the correspondence is of a nature which necessarily should be considered private, between the writers and myself, there is nothing but what may be published without doing me harm. A great deal of the correspondence deals with the campaign I am waging, as do the other documents which were stolen."

##### Letter from Clemson.

Clemson College, S. C., April 2.—Thinking that some of the people of Bamberg county would like to know how the boys from that dear little county were doing, the writer has decided that this would be the best way to reach most of the people which were interested.

We boys organized a Bamberg county club in November and the club is composed of the following boys: D. B. Hill, president; C. S. Folk, Jr., vice president; W. F. Johnson, secretary and treasurer; F. B. Hutto, H. M. Crum, Hammond Crum, W. B. Cook, B. F. Hill, G. F. McMillan, W. H. Rice. We had our picture put in the college annual and we can boast of the fact that we have one of the best looking bunch of boys in college. We have three seniors this year, these are: C. S. Folk, W. F. Johnson, and D. B. Hill. F. B. Hutto, H. M. Crum, W. H. Rice, and G. F. McMillan are our Sophomores, and Hammond Crum, W. B. Cook, and B. F. Hill are our "Rats" and Freshmen.

Our boys are standing well in every phase of college life. We have men on the athletic teams, officers in the military department, one in the glee club, and men in every course but one. Our president Hill has won the medals for being the best orator and declaimer in college; he will represent Clemson at the State oratorical contest at Rock Hill this year. He is also president of the Calhoun Literary Society and a member of the annual staff of 1912. We want to see at least ten more Bamberg county boys up here next year for it is a great opportunity, and we believe that every boy should try to take advantage of it.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. D. Rowell paid us a short visit last week. Mr. Rowell was attending the conference of the county superintendents of education.

School will be out June 11, and we boys will be ready to come home again.

With best wishes we are the  
BAMBERG COUNTY BOYS.

##### ORPHAN LAD IN JAIL.

### Cut to Death Negro who Kicked His Dog Around.

Savannah, Ga., April 4.—Samuel Simms, the 10-year-old boy who yesterday killed Thomas Griffin, a negro boy about the same age, was committed to jail by the recorder to-day to await an indictment for murder. The boy appeared in court neatly dressed and smiling but unaccompanied by any relative. His mother and father are both dead. Col. Robert L. Golding, a member of the local bar, volunteered to represent the lad before the recorder. The boy told his story smilingly and apparently unconcerned about his fate. He said the little negro boy kicked his dog and when he remonstrated with him, started at him with a knife. "I took the knife away from him and cut him," is Sam's simple explanation of the affair. The coroner held an autopsy to-day and found that the dead boy received a cut in each breast and that either wound would have proved fatal.

The State Democratic executive committee will meet in Columbia to-night, at which time arrangements will be made for calling the State convention.

## IN THE PALMETTO STATE

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

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

N. B. Dial, a prominent lawyer, banker and business man of Laurens, has announced that he will be a candidate for the United States Senate this year.

W. B. Crawley, a plumber, aged 45, was shot in the head and seriously wounded in Hartsville on Saturday by Will McKenzie in a fight over some trivial matter.

H. G. Johnson, of Aiken, was badly hurt in an encounter with a burglar in his house on Tuesday night. He could not tell whether the burglar was white or black.

Capt. F. S. Evans, of Greenwood, who is well known in Bamberg, has announced that he will be a candidate for congress up there to succeed Wyatt Aiken, who will be a candidate for re-election.

The State Teachers' Association is to hold its annual meeting in Charleston on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, April 25th, 26th, and 27th. A most interesting program has been arranged, and there will no doubt be a large attendance of teachers from all over the State.

A Greenville lawyer named Tillou Von Nunes was arrested in Charleston on Saturday on the charge of obtaining money from a Greenville bank under false pretenses—giving a check on a bank in which he had no funds and saying he had funds there. He was carried back to Greenville by an officer.

Fred Ray, an employe of the Charleston racing association, has brought suit against the association and against Anna May Moore and her husband, E. Moore, for \$2,000 for injuries received in being run over by a horse belonging to Mrs. Moore on the track. Two fine horses belonging to the Moores have been attached by the sheriff to await the event of the suit.

##### Woman Sentenced to Chair.

Newport News, Va., April 9.—Virginia Christian, a young negro woman, who has been on trial in the Hampton circuit court for the past two days on a charge of murdering Mrs. Ida Virginia Belote, was this afternoon found guilty of murder in the first degree and her punishment was fixed at death in the electric chair. Mrs. Belote, a widow with eight children, was found murdered at her home in Hampton March 18. She had been beaten over the head with a heavy earthenware cuspidor until unconscious, after which she was choked and a towel was crammed down her throat. A broom handle, it was brought out at the trial, was used to force the towel into the woman's mouth. Robbery and revenge were ascribed as the motives for the crime. The dead woman's pocket book, together with several bloody garments, were found at the Christian girl's home, and the evidence against her was conclusive. If the sentence of the jury is carried out, which is very probable, it will be the first execution of a woman in this State since the inauguration of the electric chair as mode of inflicting capital punishment.

##### Blease Appoints Bank Examiner.

Columbia, April 8.—Gov. Blease to-day appointed Hugh Wilson Fraser, of Georgetown, bank examiner to succeed B. J. Rhame, against whom he recently issued a proclamation of removal. Mr. Fraser has filed his oath and his bond of \$15,000 with the secretary of State, and has received his commission.

Mr. Rhame has employed W. F. Stevenson, of Cheraw, as his attorney, and he states that he will not surrender the office until so ordered by the courts. A lively fight is expected to follow.

Mr. Fraser stated to-day that he did not yet know what course he will follow in securing the office, but he will consult with an attorney to be named by Gov. Blease.

"Now, Johnny," said the teacher, after she had explained the meaning of the word, "I wish you would write a sentence containing defeat."

After a struggle which lasted for about twenty minutes, Johnny announced that he was ready to be heard.

"Please read your composition," the teacher directed.

"When you git shoes dat's too tite," Johnny read, "it's hard on de feet."—Chicago Record-Herald.

## MEASURE ORDERED REPORTED.

### Favorable Committee Action on Byrnes Bill Affecting War Claims.

Washington, April 8.—Representative James F. Byrnes, of the 2nd South Carolina district, who is a member of the committee on war claims, has been authorized by that committee to report favorably to the house his bill reviving for two years after its passage the right of action under the Captured and Abandoned Property Act, and also a resolution introduced by him calling on the secretary of the treasury to furnish a list of persons from whom property was taken under that act and the amount so taken from each individual.

Under the act of 1863 property was taken and sold, and the proceeds, amounting to more than \$20,000,000 were placed in the treasury, with a record of the names of those from whom it had been taken. After the war a bill was passed giving the claimants two years in which to sue for property thus taken, and \$10,000,000 was recovered as a result. A little over \$10,000,000 yet remains in the treasury.

If congress passed the bill introduced by Mr. Byrnes and approved by the committee, claimants would have two years in which to present their claims for moneys due them out of this fund, and should the resolution with regard to the list of names be enacted, the process would be simplified and expedited, because no claimant whose name is not on the list, or who cannot establish legal heirship in connection with one of these names, can in any event recover by suit before the court of claims.

Up to this time congress has refused to pass any resolution requiring the secretary of the treasury to make the list public, although the \$10,000,000 held in the treasury ever since the war on account of captured and abandoned property does not belong to the government and really ought to be distributed among its legal owners. It is not certain that the resolution will pass, but it has a better chance now than ever before.

##### Capers a Candidate.

Spartanburg, April 19.—Capt. Jno. G. Capers, of Greenville, South Carolina member of the Republican national committee, announced here to-day that he would be a candidate for congress against Joseph T. Johnson, the present representative.

In an interview at the Gresham hotel where he was conferring with Republicans from several counties of the Piedmont, Capt. Capers declared that he would give Mr. Johnson a hot race.

"There are 12,000 voters in the fourth congressional district," said Capt. Capers, "who have come here from North Carolina and Tennessee and are working in the mills. These men will vote for a Republican candidate if he is a clean, decent white man. There has been no opportunity here to vote for a Republican of good repute for 16 years. These men are naturally Republicans and would vote the Republican ticket if there was a republican organization and Republican candidates of which they were not ashamed. As there has been no respectable Republican party, these men have had to turn to the Democratic primary."

##### Killed at Target Practice.

Charleston, April 9.—Cadet Louis Dotterer, son of Dr. Louis Dotterer, was killed this afternoon at the rifle range where the cadets of the Citadel have been in camp for ten days. The young man was in the pit, serving as a marker, and it is said that he raised his head above the ground at the wrong time and received the bullet from a Krag-Jorgensen rifle.

A hurry call was sent for Dr. Mulally, the surgeon in attendance upon the race track, but when he reached the young man he was already dead. Death must have been instantaneous. Dotterer was 18 years of age. He was popular among his college mates and the accident is generally deplored.

##### Abbeville Man Kills Himself.

Abbeville, April 9.—John Y. Davis, for many years an operative in the Abbeville Cotton Mills, and a leading political factor there, committed suicide yesterday at his home near Bordeaux in this county. Davis had only recently moved from the mill to the plantation of Major J. E. Jones and had started a farm.

He had been drinking heavily for several days. Yesterday morning he left home and went down on the river. His body was found later in the day.

## WARRANT OUT FOR BEACH

### HE IS CHARGED WITH SLASHING WIFE'S THROAT IN AIKEN.

#### Damaging Evidence Claimed by Detective, Contradicting Statement of Mrs. Beach.

Aiken, April 8.—Frederick O. Beach, New York millionaire and society leader, and one of Aiken's prominent winter residents, is charged with slashing his wife's throat in this city several weeks ago, a warrant being issued here to-day for his arrest.

This action revives interest in the mysterious assault on Mrs. Beach on February 26, when it was generally believed that her assailant was a negro.

The warrant charges Beach with assault and battery with intent to kill, and was issued on the affidavit of Special Detective M. S. Baughn, supported by affidavits of several of his witnesses.

A deputy has gone to Columbia to get requisition papers from Governor Blease on the governor of New York, and will go on to New York city to-morrow to serve the warrant, although it is stated that Beach has already sailed from that city for Europe, his departure, it is alleged, taking place two weeks before his schedule, as announced a few hours before his leaving Aiken for his home in New York.

In the event that Beach has sailed for Europe, it is not known what steps will be taken toward service of the warrant.

##### Evidence Against Beach.

Detective Baughn, of Atlanta, has been at work on the case just three weeks, having begun an investigation shortly after a Pinkerton man, who failed to throw any light on the mystery, ceased his efforts. What Detective Baughn considers a damaging piece of evidence against Beach is the alleged finding of a gold plated, diamond studded pocket knife belonging to the millionaire. It is also stated that an examination of this knife by a prominent chemist in this State disclosed a quantity of human blood on one of the blades. In addition there is offered as evidence the phony pearl earring, also covered with blood, and the back comb, which it is alleged, fell from Mrs. Beach's hair when she was stabbed. Both of these and the pocketknife were found on the driveway on the opposite side of the house from the spot where Mrs. Beach said she was attacked, and directly adjoining the laundry house, between the Beach residence and the residence of Joseph Harriman.

##### Doubt Wife's Story.

It was the latter physical facts which first gave rise to doubt of Mrs. Beach's statement, though the authorities kept their find a secret for some time, and not until to-day did it become known that the knife had been found. Therefore, there was nothing to connect Mr. Beach with the attack except comment based on surmise.

The investigation has been practically completed by Detective Baughn and the results have been placed in the hands of Solicitor R. L. Gunter.

Special Agent Baughn came to Aiken on March 16, just after the Pinkerton man had abandoned the field. Evidently the investigation was carried on with the greatest possible dispatch and expediency, certainly with a great deal of secrecy, for even now very few people are acquainted with the detective.

Shortly after Mrs. Beach was attacked, and after a fruitless search for her supposed negro assailant, rewards were offered for the apprehension of the criminal. The rewards were increased from time to time until now there is outstanding a reward of \$3,000 for the arrest and conviction of a man "of medium height and illiterate."

According to details made known subsequent to the attack, Mrs. Beach heard a noise in front of her residence on the night she was wounded. She went into the yard to investigate and was handed a note by a negro, who seized her and slashed her throat with a sharp weapon, inflicting an ugly wound. The alleged negro then disappeared.

According to a statement attributed to Mrs. Beach, the note handed to her was signed by "Marie," said to be a servant in the employ of Mrs. Joseph Harriman.

It is stated that Mrs. Beach formerly was the wife of one of the Havemeyers.

The assault on Mrs. Beach and subsequent charges against her husband provide probably the greatest sensation the city of Aiken ever knew

## MRS. GREEVER DROWNED.

### Friend Identifies Body Found in Potomac River Near Fort Hunt.

Washington, April 6.—Mystery surrounding the disappearance in this city on February 17 of Mrs. N. Roberta Greever, 44 years old, wife of the Rev. Walton H. Greever, of Columbia, S. C., editor of the Lutheran Church Visitor, was cleared up, when her body was washed ashore near the wharf at Fort Hunt, on the Virginia side of the Potomac, about 12 miles from Washington.

The discovery put an end to a country-wide search which had been in progress for six weeks. The body is in such a state that it cannot be identified, but the clothing and a plain wedding ring on the finger leave no doubt that it is that of the missing woman. Miss Frances S. Ryan, of 1301 Corcoran street, Northwest, who knew Mrs. Greever well, went to the morgue last night, soon after the arrival of the body on the police boat Vigilant, and completed the identification. That Mrs. Greever was on her way to Tazewell, Virginia, to see her three children, and was accidentally drowned, is the opinion of the police, which is shared by some of the relatives.

A report received last night from Fort Hunt seems to confirm this story.

Mrs. Greever went away on February 17, about 5:40 p. m. That night, about 9 o'clock, John L. Austin, a member of Company 47, Coast Artillery Corps, stationed at Fort Hunt, was doing sentinel duty, when he heard a woman scream twice. The cries seemed to come from the river. He investigated but failed to find anything. Next morning he reported the incident to Capt. R. T. McMillan, who ordered a squad of men to search the reservation, including the water front. The men were unsuccessful in the hunt, but the date of the occurrence was recorded.

There was thick ice all along the shore and it is thought that Mrs. Greever wandered down to the river and that she fell through, not far from the shore. The Mount Vernon trolley cars pass Fort Hunt and it is supposed that she boarded one of these cars and alighted at the fort. She might have passed the fortifications at night without being seen.

Dr. Greever was in Columbia at the time a telegram announced the finding of the body. He and his friend, Mr. A. H. Kohn, left at once for Washington, arriving there at 8 o'clock Saturday morning. The bereaved husband stands high in Lutheran church circles, being editor of the Lutheran Church Visitor. He served as pastor of several churches. Recently he returned from Savannah, where he went to follow a clue which he had learned of from detectives. He stated at the time that he felt his visit would be without favorable results, but that he wanted to feel he had left nothing undone that would contribute to the efforts to locate his missing wife.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Greever is survived by three children—Walton H. Greever, Jr., age 9; Marian, aged 6, and Virginia, aged 3. Mrs. Greever was 44 years of age and was the daughter of the late Rev. G. A. Bruegel, a Lutheran minister. Mrs. Greever had been in bad health for several years. At the time of her disappearance she was in Washington under treatment for a distressing nervous disorder. She was shopping was a nurse and somehow eluded this attendant.

##### Beaches Arrive at London.

London, April 9.—Frederick O. Beach, the Wall street broker against whom a warrant has been issued at Aiken, S. C., charging him with assault and battery with intent to kill his wife, has arrived in London with Mrs. Camilla Beach.

The Beaches who are staying at a prominent hotel in London, have not left their apartment since they arrived here.

Beach declined to be interviewed, but he told the Associated Press over the telephone to-day that there was "nothing in the charges."

Later in the day, when a cable message saying that a warrant charging him with assault and battery had been sworn out at Aiken, S. C., was received here, it was sent up to Beach, but he returned it without making any comment and again refused to grant an interview.

Nothing regarding the case against Beach has so far been received at the American embassy in London.

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