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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, Nov. 25.—Sunday afternoon gave us a touch of a western blizzard. The ladies could not go to church with comfort, as the wind would upset their large hats and take the crimp out of their hair, and dust their eyes and "Oh, pshaw! makes them look a mess and frightful."

"Saw several parties cutting wood Sunday afternoon in their back yards, and some could hear but did not see them."

The sound of an axe going on Sunday was noticed by me so much I suppose by the lecture given me when small by my dear old mother. Her order was to prepare wood on Saturday or sit in the cold until Monday.

Thanksgiving services will be held in the Baptist church by all the congregations in town at night, say about 8 o'clock or half past seven. Can't say the hour exact. Can't hold same during the day, as most of the men folks has to take a hunt that day, when they should let the birds rest and feed them a Thanksgiving dinner instead.

Mr. Jacob C. Hiers, one of our young business men in town, and Miss Lillie Combs will be married at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Richard D. Fisher, of Norfolk, Va., on December 4th, 1912, at 5 o'clock. Invitations have been sent out to his and her friends here. Wish them a happy union and long life. There might be more of our youngsters thinking of doing the same stunt, but won't let us say anything about it as yet, but it looks fishy all the same.

Mr. Jacob Ehrhardt goes to Waltherboro to-day to attend court as a witness.
J. E. E.

Winthrop College Events.

The work on the enlargement of the college infirmary is progressing very rapidly. When that is complete they will be much better prepared to care for the girls in case of sickness.

Dr. Kinard and Miss Withers, two our teachers, have been notified at their English grammar is being used in schools in Shanghai, China.

Knapps agricultural day will be celebrated here on Wednesday, Nov. 27. Prof. L. A. Niven, former head of the department of agriculture, will be principal speaker of the occasion. His subject is, "Knapp's services in the South." There are many other interesting numbers on the programme. The children of the training school have also arranged for commemorating the day.

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 27, the Terpsichorean german club will give its annual Thanksgiving ball in honor of the Thalia german club. It is being anticipated with great pleasure.

Thursday is really thanksgiving day at last, the day we have been looking forward to for so long. I wonder why? Well, they say we will have everything (?) good to eat on that day that the markets can afford.

Madman Shoots Little Boys.

Minneapolis, Nov. 23.—Henry Polker, aged 26, an escaped madman, is dead, and Matthew Lenseen, aged 26, and Leonard Lenseen, aged 10, are in a hospital as the result last night of the running amuck of Polker near Hamel, a village 15 miles south of here. Matthew Lenseen received four bullets in his body, but, according to physicians, he has a chance of recovery. Leonard is not seriously injured.

Polker, who was sent to the hospital for the insane at Rochester last spring after it was alleged he had set fire to various farm buildings, rode to the home of Leonard Lenseen near Hamel and firing through a window shot the two youths who were seated in a family group about a fireplace. He then left his horse and proceeded to a barn on the farm of his father, who was not aware that his son had escaped from the hospital.

Sheriff Langum and a posse found him there and were kept at bay for more than an hour, Polker threatening death with his rifle. Finally as he ran from the building firing wildly upon the posse, he was instantly killed by a bullet from the revolver of a deputy sheriff. None of the posse was injured.

BODY HORRIBLY MUTILATED.

Three Held in Connection with North Carolina Murder.

Warsaw, N. C., Nov. 21.—The mutilated body of Frank Bentley, 25 years old, foreman of a cheese factory at Union Corners, was found today in a shallow grave on a farm near the village of North Java. Althos Prince, 35 years old, a farmer and neighbor of Bentley, and Louis and Harry Webber, Prince's brothers-in-law, are held to-night by the sheriff in connection with the crime. Prince, who is a married man, admits, according to the sheriff, that he had some words with Bentley over domestic affairs, but denies all knowledge of his death.

When Bentley, who went hunting Saturday, failed to appear at work Monday morning searching parties were organized. Yesterday afternoon on the Woodhouse farm they found blood-spattered leaves and a pool of blood. There was a deep track also, apparently made by a laden wheelbarrow.

The sheriff, after questioning Prince, ordered him locked up and seized a wheelbarrow and a pair of overalls found in Prince's barn. They were covered with red stains. Today searchers followed buggy tracks from a lot on Prince's farm to a clump of woods, where, under a pile of brush, they found a newly made grave, in which Bentley's body had been buried.

Crawled in Empty House to Die.

Atlanta, Nov. 20.—When workmen went to repair a locked and vacant house at 45 Electric avenue Monday afternoon they found an aged woman, emaciated and unconscious, lying on the bare, cold floor of one of the rooms, with a bundle of rags under her head for a pillow. The woman was Mrs. Anna Tried, and she had almost starved to death, alone in the vacant house where she had crawled to die after hopeless efforts to obtain work or charity, she declares.

The astounded workmen who opened the house thought first that they had to deal with a murder, but when closer examination revealed the fact that the woman was still breathing, they called for an ambulance, and she was rushed to a hospital. It was there, in a warm bed, after stimulants had been poured down her parched throat that the woman was able to whisper out her story.

Mrs. Tried declared that she had had nothing to eat but a couple of crusts of bread in the past three weeks, and that it had been several days since she had even tasted a drop of water.

She had crawled into the vacant house when all but overcome by hunger, and knew only in a vague way how many days she had spent there.

The hospital authorities consider her story most remarkable, and the case is being investigated. It has been asserted time and again that there is no reason for any one, however poor, to suffer the actual pains of hunger in Atlanta. There are too many charitable institutions and too many charitably inclined individuals for that, it has always been averred and oft-times proven.

Why Mrs. Tried was unable to avail herself of the ordinary aids of charity, whether she was too proud, or whether any one refused her, have not been ascertained, as she is still too weak to tell very many details of her tragic experience.

Negro Killed by Train.

Barnwell, Nov. 25.—Thos. Walker, colored, was found dead yesterday morning on the right of way of the Southern Railway, near the Barnwell Lumber Company's plant on the outskirts of town. Dr. J. G. Wooley, who performed the autopsy at the coroner's inquest, stated that from the wound in his back and head and judging from the length of time he had been dead, he was struck by the Southern's fast south-bound train, which passes Barnwell about 2 o'clock a. m. The verdict of the jury was in accordance with the above facts. A bottle of whiskey was found near the body and it is said that Walker was on his way to a "hot supper" at the mill and was presumably so under the influence of liquor that he failed to hear the approach of the train.

E. H. Jennings has resigned as special deputy collector of the port of Charleston and A. T. Jennings has been appointed to succeed him.

Cotton Baskets, Stilyards, Mowing Machines, Grass Blades, Lace Leather, Harness Leather, Lanterns, Field Fence and Everything else at Hunter's Hardware Store.—Adv.

IN THE PALMETTO STATE

SOME OCCURRENCES OF VARIOUS KINDS IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

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

A negro who robbed the Lowman Drug company in Orangeburg last week has been caught in Thomasville, Ga. The amount stolen was between \$300 and \$500.

Three negroes were arrested on the charge of highway robbery in Columbia on Friday. They robbed a negro farmer of \$50, the proceeds of a bale of cotton he had just sold.

United States Senator Isadore Rayner, of Maryland, died last week. His death creates a vacancy in the Senate which will be filled by a Republican. Senator Rayner was a Democrat.

The State department of agriculture says there was 24,337,912 pounds of tobacco raised in South Carolina in 1912, as against 11,000,000 in 1911. The 1912 crop brought \$2,650,000.

J. M. Cobb, a prominent citizen and retired merchant of Edgefield, died last week of injuries received during the recent county fair in that town by being run over by a horse during a tournament.

Wednesday night the Sumter Clothing company's store was entered and the sounding of the burglar alarm took several policemen to the scene. The thief, Eugene Porter, colored, was caught red-handed.

Information comes from Washington that the new nickel, which is to supplant the five-cent coin now in use, will be put in circulation within a short time. An Indian head will adorn the face of the new nickel, while on the reverse side will appear the figure of a buffalo. The design is intended to honor the disappearing Indian and buffalo, linked together in American history.

Operation Restores Sight.

Asheville, N. C., Nov. 25.—Miss Lelia Cameron, of Marion, who is 29 years old, and had been blind since her birth, is able to see as well as the average person in Asheville who uses glasses. Her sight was given her by an operation performed by Dr. E. R. Russell. The results of the operation are probably among the most wonderful ever accomplished in the United States and the operation required only a few minutes. Miss Cameron is without doubt one of the happiest persons in the world to-day.

The operation was not performed on both eyes, only on the right one, and the happiness of the patient on being able to see for the first time in her life came very near making the operation unsuccessful, as only a local anaesthetic was used, and as soon as the delicate operation was completed she was able to see. She could not control her emotions for a few moments, until it was impressed on her that her continued sight depended upon her emotion being controlled until her eye has been healed. The first operation proved a success, and as little pain had been suffered she returned for the second, which was equally successful and now her sight is weak only by a natural near-sightedness.

The trouble with Miss Cameron's eyes that had kept her from seeing was that the pupils were filled with an opaque membrane that would not allow the transmission of light. The operation consisted merely in cutting "windows" in this membrane so that the light could pass through, thus making an artificial pupil for each eye. No trouble whatever was encountered in this, Dr. Russell says.

It is understood that there has always been objection by all the friends of the young lady, except one, to having her consult a specialist but this one believed that something could be done and brought her to Asheville to consult Dr. Russell.

Miss Cameron is a fine musician and has taught music classes in Marion for a number of years.

She's slender as the graceful reed,
A tight skirt vision rare,
But where are all the petticoats
That Maggie used to wear?
—Richmond Times-Dispatch.

George—"She sings nicely, doesn't she?" Tom—"Oh, yes. When she sings they have to close the windows." George—"My goodness! What for?" Tom—"Her voice is so sweet that it draws the flies."—Pathfinder.

HORRORS OF A CHOLERA CAMP.

Sickening Scenes Caused by Spread of Plague Among Turkish Soldiers.

Constantinople, Nov. 21.—Scenes of suffering and misery are to be witnessed daily at the Turkish cholera camp at San Stefano. A correspondent of the Associated Press paid a visit there to-day.

Much scepticism had prevailed in Pera, the foreign quarter of Constantinople, both among members of the diplomatic corps and foreign residents. No one there believed the figures given by railroad employees and others in contact with the Turkish troops, who declared that many thousands were stricken with cholera.

The camp is situated at the side of a railway embankment thirty feet in height. A large open space like a village green stretches away for some distance. This is surrounded by better class houses two or three stories high, built in European style, for San Stefano is the summer resort of many of the wealthy residents of Constantinople.

Two Ottoman soldiers were standing on guard to the entrance to the camp, but they made no motion. Their duty was to prevent those within the cordon from escaping and not to hinder other people from entering.

Bodies Scattered Along Tracks.

A nauseating picture was witnessed at the side of the railroad. Bodies which had been thrown from trains lay as they had fallen. Some stuck on top of the embankment, but others had rolled part of the way down.

Around a one-story stable at the foot of the embankment was a group of sixty dead and dying, lying close together apparently for warmth, on the slopes of a manure pile, which the sick men had found softer than the hard ground. One man on top of the pile was digging with his fingers a sort of trough in which to lie. The trough soon became his grave.

As visitors came near, the sick men raised their heads and cried in the hearing of the attendants that they were given no bread or water. Walking half way across the field the visitors passed dead and dying men, sometimes from twenty to thirty yards apart.

Dead in Groups.

A group of tents stood in the centre, where four or five Turkish soldiers wearing the armpiece of the Red Crescent stood on guard. Inside the sick and dead lay in groups. The doctor on duty counted 22 patients in one tent, while double that number lay just outside sheltered from the wind to leeward of the canvas.

Some of the stricken found difficulty in getting into the Moslem position for prayer, looking toward the east. One praying victim was so weak that he could not replace his blanket around his head when the wind blew it off.

The Red Crescent attendants made no attempt to assist any of these suffering soldiers, not even placing stones, which were plentiful, under their heads to permit them to lie easier.

A number of these attendants gathered around to watch while the visitors were inspecting the camp. One of them became insolent and was ordered off by the doctor.

A water tank, drawn by a donkey, passed along the road. Those of the victims who were able to rise to their feet went unassisted toward it and struggled feebly for a drink. Those unable to rise got none.

Few Get Bread.

In a similar way what appeared to be army bread was distributed to those able to reach the place of distribution. Several of the sick men raised themselves with difficulty and stumbled toward a well, from which they tried to dip water with their long sashes.

There were hundreds of dead and thousands of sick in this camp, many lying on the open ground and great numbers supporting their backs against the houses bordering the open fields, most of which are deserted.

The comparatively few Turkish soldiers brought to the hospitals, barracks and mosques at Constantinople are more fortunate, although most of them die after reaching their destination. Some few of them are given beds to lie in and water to drink, and all of them, if they do not get warmth, are provided with shelter from the rains and the wind.

San Stefano is not the worst cholera camp. That at Hademkeui, near the Tchatalja lines, is more extensive.

If a Chinese sailor rescues a drowning man he is bound by Chinese law to keep him and feed him

WOMAN JUMPS TO DEATH

BODY FEARFULLY CRUSHED IN PLUNGE OF 250 FEET.

Young Woman School Teacher Takes Fatal Leap from 20th Story of Chicago Building.

Chicago, Nov. 25.—Possessed with the idea that she was pursued for dishonorable purposes, Miss Maud Van Deusen, 35 years old, leaped from the twentieth story of the McCormick building and was crushed to death on the stone pavement of an alley at the street level. She jumped from a fire escape, nearly 250 feet above the ground. Her body struck another fire escape at the first floor and bounded into the alleyway. Nearly all her bones were broken.

Miss Van Deusen, according to papers found on her person, was a school teacher in Humboldt, Neb. It appears that she had been seeking a position here and had been obsessed with the idea that she had been in danger from white slavers. She wrote that she had been driven to appeal for protection from Chief of Police McWeeny to the Federal department of justice and to social settlement workers.

"Death Before Dishonor."

She had prepared for her death by pinning across her bosom a strip of white linen, which had been stained of crimson at either end and on which she printed in large letters "Death before dishonor." She had tied around her neck a copy of the New Testament, in which she had marked passages in John. She held her handbag in her hand as she jumped and it was picked up near her body. In it was another marked Bible and a typewritten statement of several words entitled "Part of My Life's History."

"I will die clean, if I have to kill myself," was written at the head of one of the sheets. A strip of bacon, a small paper of pepper, an ounce of tea and \$3.19 in currency also were found in the handbag.

Deranged Think Police.

The police assert that Miss Van Deusen evidently was deranged when she leaped from the building. The landlady from the house in which Miss Van Deusen had been rooming said that the young woman had been without employment for some time.

"I am trying to write this without the least emotion," her typewritten statement began, "and, though the following statements may seem dramatic, your reason will assure you that they contain only common sense. I have very little money and am not allowed to hold a position. I will accept no money but that I earn."

"If I do not get help it will be a certainty that I cannot escape falling into the hands of the spiritualist white slave trade and that will force me to self-destruction."

The police do not understand what Miss Van Deusen meant by "spiritualist white slave trade."

Letter to Miss Addams.

A copy of a letter in her handbag addressed to Miss Jane Addams, of Hull House, read:

"I wonder if this note will ever reach you. Good people nowadays are protected by secretaries so that it is hard to get to them. I shall love you if you are good really, or intend to be as you determine."

A letter apparently written by Miss Addams in reply stated that she was too busy to see Miss Van Deusen at that time, but would make a later appointment with her.

One passage marked in the Testament referred to was from the 14th chapter of John. "Let not your heart be troubled. Ye believe in God. Believe also in Me. In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you."

Worried Over Hindu Cult.

Miss Van Deusen, it is said, was the only daughter of Dr. Lydia Van Deusen, of Falls City, Neb. She is said to have told friends that she worried a great deal over a Hindu cult.

The young woman is said to have been harassed by a hallucination that she was pursued by the representatives of this cult.

Miss Van Deusen came to Chicago from Cincinnati June 26. While in the Ohio city she worked as a stenographer and lived at the Young Women's Christian Association Home.

From Well-to-Do Family.

Falls City, Neb. Nov. 25.—Miss Van Deusen was well known in Falls City, where she grew up to womanhood. She taught school in Falls City and in Richardson county dis-

GIVES HIS LIFE FOR FAMILY.

Missing Atlanta Street Car Conductor Believed a Suicide.

Atlanta, Ga., November 25.—Sacrifices for his family and remorse because he could not make further sacrifices is believed to have led H. W. Fitch, a local street car conductor, to kill himself, either to-day or last night, so that his two children might have his life insurance at once. Fitch's lawyers to-day received a letter from him, which ended by saying: "I'm going to wind my little ball up and get off this old world."

One year ago Fitch gave of his own blood in a fruitless effort to save his wife's life. Relatives say that he has been weak and in a worried state ever since. Recently he purchased for \$1,500 a lot on which to build a house for his son, Charles, and his small daughter, Anna, who lives with relatives in Lake City, S. C. With the house practically completed, Fitch found that he lacked \$675 to pay for the construction work. Since he had taken the title for the property in his name as guardian for his children, the Georgia law prevented him from borrowing money on it.

He has since made threats to end his life so that his children could obtain his life insurance and finish paying for the property. No trace has been found of him since he disappeared last night.

Prison for Four Bankers.

Memphis, Nov. 23.—Judge McCall, in the Federal court here to-day, sentenced D. C. Wynne, former president of the All Night and Day Bank at Little Rock, Ark.; E. L. Hendrey, former president of a similar institution in Memphis; J. H. Brooks, Memphis lumberman, and former director of the Memphis bank, and Abner Davis, former president of the All Night and Day Bank, of Oklahoma City, to five years in the Federal prison and fined them each \$2,000.

The sentence was based on two counts in the indictment charging them with using the mails in a conspiracy to defraud in connection with the failure of their banks.

A. C. Bonds, the fifth indicted man, former president of the All Night and Day Bank, of Kansas City, whose reported illness has delayed the passing of sentence several times, was not present to-day. His counsel read a telegram from him saying he was suffering from appendicitis and was unable to leave the hospital.

Previous to the passing of sentence Judge McCall overruled a motion for a new trial. Attorneys for the defendants at once filed notice of an appeal.

Immediately after the adjournment of court, United States Deputy Marshal Jolly arrested Hendrey on a charge of violation of the postal laws.

The convicted bankers, it is said, will make an effort to furnish bond for their release pending the hearing of motion to appeal.

Conference Finds Mr. Eaves Guilty.

High Point, N. C., Nov. 23.—By noon to-day the bulk of the business of the Western North Carolina conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, was finished and the main item of interest now remaining is the appointment of preachers to their charges for the ensuing year, which will be made Monday. The conference adopted a recommendation to petition the general assembly of North Carolina to prohibit the shipment of whiskey into this territory from "wet" districts. The committee trying the Rev. G. E. Eaves for leaving his charge without leave and taking with him certain church funds, found the pastor guilty and he was suspended from the ministry for six months. Rev. Abernethy, who represented Eaves, gave notice of appeal. The reports of pastors and presiding elders showed that much church building had been accomplished during the past 12 months.

A woman is as old as she looks, but not as young as she thinks she looks.

districts for a number of years. Her family was well-to-do.

About six years ago Miss Van Deusen, then 29 years old, suffered mental derangement and became estranged from her family. She imagined they were trying to deprive her of her property. For a time she was treated in a Lincoln hospital and later she went to Chicago. For the last two years her relatives knew little about her but understood she was making her own way in Chicago as a stenographer.