

ABSCONDER TRIES SUICIDE.

Wisconsin Cashier Takes Headache Tablets but Recovers.

West Point, Ga., Dec. 1.—H. W. Parker, absconding bank cashier of Winnebago, Wis., who yesterday confessed to a shortage in his accounts of \$17,000, attempted to commit suicide in the local jail late last night. The prisoner swallowed 25 grains of medical tablets secured by him as a headache remedy. He finally was revived by physicians.

After making a written confession of his guilt, in which he admitted marrying Miss Florence E. Bauer, of Cleveland, Ohio, despite the fact that he has a wife and three children in Winnebago, Parker became morose and despondent. He refused to see any visitors and late in the night complained of a severe headache.

A messenger was sent for headache tablets. Shortly after receiving the tablets, Parker swallowed the entire 25 grains. One of the turnkeys heard signs of distress from Parker's cell and discovered his condition. Physicians were at once summoned and succeeded in reviving the banker.

When he became conscious Parker begged the physicians to save his life.

The Cleveland woman whom Parker married while going under the name of Charles A. Long to-day announced that she would not accompany him to Winnebago. Yesterday she declared that she would return to the Minnesota city, but she has decided to return to her home in Cleveland.

Officers from Minnesota are expected to arrive in West Point to-night. They will return with the prisoner immediately, as he has expressed a willingness to face the charges against him.

Cameron Girl Disappears.

Chicago, Nov. 30.—Lucile Cameron, former white sweetheart of Jack Johnson, negro pugilist, has disappeared. Her mother, Mrs. F. Cameron-Falconnet, into whose custody she was given by the federal court, returned last night to her home in Minneapolis.

The association of the white girl with the negro pugilist was the cause of charges of violation of the Mann white slave act being made against Johnson. In the early stages of the prosecution, the Cameron girl was regarded as a most important witness for the government. Later charges were made against Johnson and the girl's testimony was valued less highly by the prosecutors. For several weeks Miss Cameron was detained as a witness in the jail at Rockford, Ill., where her mother insisted on staying.

The girl is believed to be hiding in Chicago. She disappeared Wednesday night from a downtown hotel where she was living with her mother pending arrangements to leave the city.

The department of justice will make an investigation to learn whether Johnson or any of his friends have hidden the girl.

"I am through," Mrs. Falconnet said before she left. "I have fought and fought to save Lucile. I would have given my life to free her from that terrible career upon which she had started when I intervened."

CHARGED TO NIGHT RIDERS.

Investigation Follows Burning of Tobacco Worth \$20,000.

Bainbridge, Ga., Nov. 28.—Investigation was instituted here to-day at a meeting of several prominent tobacco growers of the burning of \$20,000 worth of tobacco in Decatur county last Tuesday by night riders. Three large barns were totally destroyed by fire in the Georgia county and two barns were consumed by fire across the Florida State line, twenty miles distant. The loss sustained in the letter State is not known.

All of the tobacco barns destroyed were owned by members of an association formed three years ago by large growers to hold the tobacco until a suitable price was offered for it by manufacturers.

At the meeting to-day it was said that the tobacco growers hostile to the association were responsible for the alleged incendiary fires. At the time the barns were destroyed watchmen were stationed in their vicinity. Since the fires, it is stated, none of the watchmen has been seen.

Evidence showing that all of the barns were destroyed by a mounted body of night riders is said to have been found and detectives now are working on the case. All tobacco barns in this vicinity are being heavily guarded.

Mileage Matter Will Go Higher.

Columbia, Nov. 27.—The mileage book situation in South Carolina will be carried before the interstate commerce commission for a hearing according to an announcement to-day by the railroad commission.

It is very probable that Attorney General Lyon will represent the citizens of the State at the hearing.

The railroad commission ruled several days ago that it was without authority to handle the case.

SAVED NEGROES FROM MOB.

Rescued Three from Crowd Which Had Already Lynched Three.

Shreveport, La., November 29.—That a portion of the the mob which hanged three negroes, near Bossier City, last night had secured three other negroes and were hurrying them to the scene of the lynching with the intention of inflicting similar punishment when they were overtaken by Deputy Brumlow, of Bossier City, and forced to release their prisoners was learned to-night.

Hurd, Jimmerson and Burke, the three lynched last night, beat a jail attendant into insensibility several months ago and escaped from the Bossier parish prison. The trio rescued by Brumlow are said to have kept the men in hiding and aiding them to escape. They were captured in Bossier City by the mob. Brumlow followed in an automobile driving the lynching party into the woods and brought the three negroes to the parish jail at Bossier City. A heavy guard was stationed about the prison to-night.

The negroes lynched were being taken over land from an adjoining parish, where they were captured, to Bossier City when the mob overpowered the guard and hanged the men in a swamp.

Dillon Accepts Federal Offer.

Columbia, Nov. 30.—Dillon county has taken up and complied with the conditions of the offer of the United States government to appropriate \$10,000 for a 50-mile road in the State, provided the authorities of the road would raise \$20,000, and the total of \$30,000 thus provided would be expended by the government. The offer of the United States government was made to Gov. Blease, and he was asked to designate the road. Dillon county promptly placed \$20,000 in the banks and notified Gov. Blease, and W. Murchison, a member of the county board, and Edmond M. Wayland, county engineer, came over to see the governor and told him what Dillon had done.

The governor commended Dillon's public spiritedness and promptness, and immediately addressed a letter to Postmaster General Hitchcock and Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, who have charge of the government's appropriation, telling them of Dillon's compliance with the terms and selecting this as the fifty-mile road. This means a great thing for the good roads of Dillon county, and they jumped at the chance to get this government money. Dillon has recently voted a \$100,000 bond issue for building good roads, and the splendid forward advancement which the next to the youngest county in the State is making is marvelous.

LESS THAN 14-MILLION BALES.
13,975,000 Cotton Crop Estimate of New Orleans Newspaper.

New Orleans, Dec. 1.—This season's cotton crop will total 13,975,000 bales, according to estimates compiled by the New Orleans Times-Democrat from a canvass of reports from correspondents in every cotton growing State.

This estimate does not include linters and repacks. The correspondents generally report that the farmers have been free sellers at current prices. The crop, it is stated, has been picked and ginned with unusual rapidity.

The Times-Democrat figures on production by States as follows:

Alabama, 1,250,000 bales; Arkansas, \$50,000; Georgia and Florida, 1,900,000; Louisiana, 450,000; Mississippi, 1,100,000; Oklahoma, 1,100,000; North Carolina, 950,000; Tennessee, 275,000; South Carolina, 1,250,000; Texas, 4,750,000; all other States, 100,000. Totals, 13,975,000.

Bone Worked from Knee to Heart.

Philadelphia, Nov. 30.—Geo. W. Hayes, 15, died in the Children's Homeopathic hospital from a splintered bone which worked its way from his kneecap to his heart.

The boy was an enthusiastic athlete and a year ago was a member of a juvenile football eleven. While he was playing he was injured on the kneecap and a small piece of the bone was splintered. He complained for a time, but nothing was thought of it.

Recently the boy suffered from a sharp pain in his left side. He was taken to the hospital, but numerous diagnoses failed to show the cause of the pains. Following his death an autopsy revealed that a splinter of the kneecap had worked its way half the length of the boy's body.

Physicians are unable to account for the fact that the bone worked its way up until it punctured the heart. It is said to be the first case on record of its kind.

Lots of charity begins at home because it is too weak to travel.

BREACH OF TRUST CHARGED.

Henry A. Simons Lodged in Richland County Jail.

Columbia, Nov. 30.—Henry A. Simons, a former employee of the Richland Savings Bank and Trust Company, was to-night placed in the Richland county jail under a charge of breach of trust with fraudulent intent. Three weeks ago Simons left Columbia to go to Jacksonville, Fla., where he had some business interests, and when he did not return within a few days the officials of the bank, as a matter of business precaution, engaged H. E. Gooding, a public accountant, to check over the books of the bank.

Some irregularities were found, among them being, it is alleged, the certifying by Simons of his personal check for \$501, when he had no funds on deposit to his credit. It was on this charge that a warrant was sworn out before Magistrate James H. Fowles.

President's Statement.

Simons was arrested in Hamilton, O., by Inspector of Police Dearmand, of that place. Simons waived extradition and consented to come to Columbia, where he arrived this afternoon in charge of Dearmand. He states that after remaining in Jacksonville a few days he went direct to Cincinnati, where he obtained work as a salesman for a truss. It was while exhibiting this appliance in Hamilton, about five miles from Cincinnati, that he was recognized and arrested. So far as known, Simons has not secured counsel, and no date for the preliminary examination has been set.

Waived Extradition.

Mr. Harry Cantey, treasurer of the Richland Savings Bank and Trust Company, was seen to-night and asked for a statement in regard to the matter. He said that so far as the accountant has been able to find, the alleged shortage of Simons is apparently about \$7,000. He is bonded in the Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company, of Boston. This bond, together with some securities that the bank has been able to get possession of, will cover a large part of the alleged shortage, so that the loss to the bank, if any, will probably be small.

"The integrity of the bank is not affected and business is being conducted as usual," said Mr. Cantey.

Came from New York.

Simons came to Columbia several years ago from New York and has been connected with the bank since its organization. The Richland Savings Bank and Trust Company is one of Columbia's younger banking institutions, and a prosperous one.

AERONAUT DASHED TO DEATH.

Every Bone in Body Broken in Fall of Two Thousand Feet.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 1.—Richard Frayne, aeronaut, 25 years of age, a member of the firm of Frayne & Crosby Balloon Company, of Boston, was dashed to death late this afternoon in the presence of fully 3,000 persons, who had gathered at the Tri-County Fair, being held at the ostrich farm.

Frayne and his companion, Jack Crosby, started on their ascension at 4 o'clock this afternoon amid cheers from thousands of throats. Crosby says that when about 2,000 feet up, and when he was ready to cut loose, he noticed that Frayne did not have his hands through his wristlets, and warned him. When Crosby had started on his drop he was surprised to see Frayne's body shoot past him and fall to earth. His parachute opened, but the jerk threw him from the ropes.

The unfortunate man fell in the main driveway of Evergreen Cemetery, near the ostrich farm, every bone in his body being broken. His home was at Lowell, Mass., and his only living relative is a brother, Charles Frayne, connected with the Whitney stables, at Brighton Beach.

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