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DIAMOND THIEF ARRESTED.

Clever Swindle Charged Against Two White Men.

Fairfax, March 25.—Two men giving their names as James Carrill and James Parris, who are thought to be J. W. Napier of Langley and W. P. Duke, of New York city, seem to have worked a clever swindling game on the people of this town and other adjoining places. Recently there came a package of diamond rings by express to Godans. They were consigned to "James Parris" and were valued at something over \$400. The package was marked collect. There came a similar package to Ulmer which was valued at \$265. There was also a package of diamond rings shipped to Sycamore to "James Parris."

Last Wednesday the two men called on the express agent at Godans. It is said that Duke claimed to be "James Parris" and asked to see the jewelry as it had been sent with the privilege for the man to whom it was sent to examine, and accept any part or all of it and pay for what was accepted. The men were permitted to examine the jewelry for some time so it is said. The statement has been made that they said they would go to Olar to get some money and come back on the next train. They did not return. The express agent became suspicious and examined the box of jewelry to see if he had been tricked. He found that several of the diamond rings were gone and that cheap imitations had been substituted. The express agent went to Ulmer and wired the town marshal here to look out for the men. As the message was being received Duke walked into the station and asked for a grip that had been sent from Rock Hill and which was addressed to "James Carrill." The marshal arrived at the depot just as Duke was leaving. The marshal found Napier sitting on a platform near the station and arrested him. Duke escaped.

Napier was taken to Bamberg by an officer today where he was placed in jail. Napier claimed to have considerable money on deposit in a bank of Wilmington, N. C. A message was sent to the Wilmington bank asking if a check signed by J. W. Napier would be good for \$1,000. The reply was "yes."

The two men it is stated attempted the same operation at Ulmer several days before, but the agent mistrusted them and called in several friends while they were making an examination of the box of diamonds. Earlier in the week they visited Sycamore and asked to see the box of jewelry, but the agent refused them admission to the office.

Duke and Napier have been in this section of the State for some time. Duke is about five feet eight inches in height and weighs about 150 pounds and is possibly 25 years of age. His face is of a red color, was clean shaven and wore a derby hat. It is thought that the two men formerly traveled with a carnival company over South Carolina and Georgia. Letters found indicate this. Several of the rings were recovered from Napier.

\$1,000,000 FOR BIBLE SOCIETY.

Necessary Amount Raised to Secure Sage Donation.

New York, March 25.—The \$500,000 fund, which the American Bible Society has for more than a year past been seeking to raise to secure an equal amount, the gift of Mrs. Russell Sage, has been completed. Announcement of the completion of this fund, the securing of which will place a round million dollars in the hands of the Society for its use, was made at the Society offices today. The \$500,000 is in the hands of the Society in the shape of good and reliable subscription upon which more than \$280,000 has already been paid in. Thousands of subscriptions in all parts of the world and in every State of the United States have contributed to the fund in amounts ranging from ten cents up to \$25,000.

WAS THE WRONG MAN.

NEGRO ARRESTED TURNED OUT NOT TO BE TONEY.

Reported From Jacksonville, Fla., That Toney Moses, Murderer of Officer Clyde Had Been Arrested, But Proved to Be Incorrect.

Sheriff Epperson received a letter Sunday morning telling him that Toney Moses, the negro who killed Officer Clyde here sometime ago, had been caught in Jacksonville, Fla. The letter enclosed a description of Toney and two photographs, one a side view and the other a front view. The photos were shown to Toney's wife and mother-in-law and both thought it was he. Mr. Eugene Stansil was deputized to go to Jacksonville and bring Toney back. This morning he wired the Sheriff, "Wrong man, nothing doing."

This is not the first time that it was thought that Toney had been caught, and no one was surprised to find that there was a mistake. Toney's crime is one that is familiar to the people of Sumter.

FATAL CHICAGO FIRE.

Fire Started by an Accident and Sixteen Persons Perish.

Chicago, March 25.—Search of the wreckage for the remaining bodies of those who lost their lives in the Fish Furniture Company fire horror here today was discontinued this afternoon, owing to the danger from the falling walls, but not until after 12 of the dead had been recovered and 11 of these were identified.

While earlier estimates placed the number of victims trapped on the fourth and fifth floors of the Fish building as high as 20, later and more thorough investigation reveals that there were but 16. Two of these escaped with their lives, which leaves but two more to be accounted for. The search was abandoned for the day on the report of Chief Building Inspector John A. Short, who declared that three of the walls, inside of which the rescuers were working, were in a dangerous condition. If these are still standing in the mornings the work of removing the debris will be resumed. A coroner's jury which this afternoon reviewed the charred and mutilated exhibits at the morgue but the inquest was postponed until April 2.

Leo Stoeckel, a clerk of the Fish Company, who by accident is said to have started the fire, told his story. Stoeckel, who is but 22 years old, is admittedly more unfortunate than culpable. Attorney Hoegan says he will bring some charge against the young man to insure his attendance at the inquest.

Stoeckel was brought before the fire attorney with his hand, which had been burned, swathed in bandages. He appeared heart-broken and told his story with difficulty.

"About 8:45 this morning," Stoeckel said, "Mr. Mitchell, who is a member of the firm, gave me three cigar lighters and told me to go to the finishing room on the fourth floor and fill them with benzine. I had filled two of them out of the five-gallon can and was working on the third when there was an explosion. A sheet of flame almost blinded me and I remembered only dimly what happened after that. I did not fully regain my senses until I had reached the street. The lighters contained a contrivance to make a spark, but whether I ignited one of them or not I don't know. I either dropped the can of benzine when the flame shot up in front of me or it was blown out of my hands."

SENT \$5 FROM MANILA.

Former Sumter Boy Contributes to Monument Fund.

Manning, March 25.—A recent letter from Manila, Philippine Islands, containing a money order for \$5 as a contribution to the Clarendon County Confederate monument fund, has been received by Capt. D. J. Bradham, of this place.

The subscription is sent by Mr. W. Thompson Wilder, who is a son of former Sheriff Wilder, of Sumter, and who is well known and has many friends in Manning.

The monument fund has a good start, but is not growing very rapidly just now, as no special effort is being made at this time to solicit subscriptions. When a sufficient fund is raised it is proposed to erect the monument on a space that has been reserved in front of the court house.

The greater the financial resources of a town the harder it is to quarantine against the graft germ.—Washington Star.

EASTER IN OUR CHURCHES.

DAY WAS OBSERVED IN A BECOMING MANNER.

The Weather Was Ideal for Easter, and the Congregations in All the Churches Was Very Good. Special Services in Most Churches.

The weather man made good for Easter, and gave an ideal day. The congregations at all the churches attested the fact that his efforts in that line were appreciated.

Special services were held in some of the churches, while in all of them appropriate sermons were preached. The music was out of the ordinary in most of them.

At The Episcopal Church.

The church of the Holy Comforter was decorated with palms, ferns and cut flowers. The chancel was decorated in keeping with the season. One feature of the decorations was a beautiful cross of lilacs and wistaria.

The regular Easter services were held with most beautiful music and an able sermon. The music was rendered by a vested choir of twenty. The following is the music programme:

Opening Anthem, "Christ our Passover," by H. P. Danks.

"The Deum," by H. P. Danks.

"Jubilate," by H. P. Danks.

Offertory Anthem, "Christ the Lord is Risen Today," by C. D. Rose.

A feature of this was the bass solo by Mr. Hugh C. Haynsworth.

Rev. H. H. Covington preached one of his ablest sermons on the "Resurrection." He made a forceful argument, and an entertaining discourse. His sermon was listened to by a large congregation.

A special song service by the children was held in the afternoon. At this service the mite boxes given to the children at the beginning of Lent were opened. The proceeds of this collection goes to foreign missions.

An address was made by the pastor, Rev. H. H. Covington.

St. James, Lutheran.

The morning services at St. James Lutheran church were attended by an unusually large congregation. The music, chorus effects and a solo, "The Great White Throne," by Mrs. W. G. Stubbs, was greatly enjoyed.

The pastor preached an able sermon appropriate to the occasion. His subject was, "He is risen."

This was followed by a reception of members by baptism and by letter. After the communion the morning services closed.

The night services were devoted to exercises by the children. The children of the Sabbath school rendered "A World-wide Message."

The following music programme was rendered:

1. Song—A Processional.

2. Reading responsively of Second Psalm.

3. Versicles and Gloria Patri.

4. Chorus, "Ring Out Ye Joyful Easter Bells."

5. Address by the pastor and an offering for foreign mission in Japan. A snug sum was raised.

6. Song—"Publish the Glad Tidings."

7. Scripture Lesson of the Resurrection of Christ.

8. Song—"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" sung to the tune of "Miles Lane."

The singing was spirited at all times.

At the Catholic Church.

Easter services at the Catholic church were very impressive. At 11:30 mass was held. The music was especially prepared for the occasion and gave much pleasure to those who were present.

The chapel was well filled at both the morning and evening service. Father Kennedy preached an able sermon from the text, "If Christ be not risen vain is our preaching and vain is your faith." This was pronounced by those who heard it one of the best efforts of Father Kennedy.

At 5 o'clock the benediction of the Blessed Sacrament was held.

First Methodist Church.

The chancel of the First Methodist church was beautifully decorated with cut flowers, palms and ferns. The decoration was done under the supervision of Mrs. P. G. Bowman.

At the morning service the pastor, Rev. M. W. Hook preached an able sermon from the text, "Now is Christ risen and become the first fruits of them that slept."

The music programme rendered both morning and night was under the supervision of Miss Girardeau, the organist. The following programme was rendered:

MORNING SERVICE.

Organ Prelude.

Voluntary—"The Lord is Risen"—Ashford.

Hymn—No. 3: "Silver Street."

Doxology.
Gloria in Extensio—"Glory Be to God"—Ashford.
Soprano Solo and full chorus.
Offertoire—"And Now is Christ Risen"—Lorenz.
Hymn—No. 171: "Autumn."
Hymn—No. 156: "Easter Hymn."
Organ Postlude.

EVENING SERVICE.
Organ Prelude.

Voluntary—"Now is Christ Risen"—Vance.

Chant—"The Lord's Prayer."
Hymn—No. 169: "Regent Square."
Offertoire—"Oh, Glorious Hour"—Danks.

Soprano Solo and full chorus.
Hymn—No. 177: "Harnell."
Hymn—No. 161: "Dort."

Organ Postlude.

The following are those who took part in the programme:

Mrs. Beaumont, Mrs. Stubbs, Miss Brown, soprano; Mrs. Hook, Miss Stuckey, contralto; Mr. Bennett, Mr. Warren, tenor; Mr. C. M. Hurst, Mr. Claude Hurst, bass. Director, Miss Girardeau; Organist, Mrs. Spann; Cornet, Mr. Vescoat.

First Baptist Church.

The usual morning services were held at the First Baptist church, the pastor preaching an able sermon from the subject, "The Christian's High Place." The music was good as usual.

After the Sabbath school services in the afternoon Mrs. Badaro, a Syrian spoke to a good audience.

At night Dr. Brown spoke on the subject, "Lent and Easter Observance." He gave a history of the custom of celebrating Easter and Lent. His address was an able one.

The Christian Church.

At the morning service the pastor, Rev. Mark S. Peckham preached on the subject, "Christ's Resurrection and Ours."

At night a special programme of recitations and songs by the Sabbath school was rendered, entitled, "The Easter Flower Garden." The following was the programme as rendered:

Song—"Easter Bells Are Ringing"—By the school.

Prayer by the pastor.

Song—"Somebody"—By Miss Willie Owens.

Recitation—"Welcome to Our Easter Garden"—Miss Willie Owens.

Song—"Gently Falls the Rain"—By five small children.

Recitation—"Who Comes Here"—Miss Mabel Jones.

Recitation—Miss Bernice Whitlock.

Concert Recitation—By four girls.

Recitation—By Miss Bernice Whitlock.

Color Fairy Exercises by twelve girls. These were dressed in red, orange, green, blue and violet.

Exercises by five boys.

Song—"If I Were a Sunbeam"—By Miss Bernice Whitlock.

"In the Easter Garden," exercises by six little girls.

Song—"Gladness Everywhere"—By the school.

Recitation—By Miss Bernice Whitlock.

Address—"Orphanage Work in Foreign Lands"—By Miss Christine Gehhardt.

Recitation—"The Little Brown Girl and I"—Miss Christine Gehhardt.

Offering for Orphanage Work.

Song—"Cast Thy Bread Upon the Waters"—By the school.

Finger Exercises—"Goodnight"—By six little children.

The exercises were closed by the tots throwing kisses at the audience bidding them goodnight.

Broad Street Methodist.

The chapel was well filled. The fact that the new church was not ready for occupancy prevented an elaborate programme being carried out. The music was well rendered. The pastor, Rev. J. B. Wilson, preached an able sermon in keeping with the occasion. Good congregations attended both morning and night.

Washington Street Baptist.

Special music was rendered at the morning service by Mrs. Louis Rhame, Mrs. Alma DeMedicis and Miss Marie DuPre. The pastor, Rev. P. M. Satterwhite, preached an able sermon in the morning on the subject, "The power of His resurrection, and at night on, "The logic of His resurrection."

Presbyterian Church.

Rev. J. P. Marion, the pastor preached an able sermon on the resurrection. The music was fine and the congregation large.

I. F. Belser to Represent University.

Columbia, March 25.—I. F. Belser, '10, of Clarendon, will represent the University at the intercollegiate oratorical contest, to be held at Greenwood. Mr. Belser was selected tonight from the several speakers who were heard at the University chapel.

RESIGNATION OR DEPOSITION.

CANNON'S FATE SEALED, ACCORDING TO "INSURGENT."

Fight on "Canonism" to Continue Until Czar is Dethroned—Proposition to Elect Non-Member as Speaker—May Do So Under Constitution—Determination to Reform House Procedure.

Washington, March 27.—Many of the insurgent Republicans of the House, who last Saturday voted to retain Speaker Cannon in the chair, a "hearing from home," according to reports in circulation about it. These advices are said to be not at all reassuring.

Following close upon this information, came a statement from several that the war against Cannon is to go on to the point of ultimately causing the deposition of Speaker Cannon, the election of his successor and the complete reformation of the rules of the House. The overthrow of the Speaker and the taking away from the Speakership of all power to influence legislation unduly, are aimed at.

A proposition to remove Speaker Cannon by means of a combined vote of Democrats and insurgents and substitute in his place Asher C. Hinds, the parliamentarian of the House, is one of the plans, which several insurgents advocated today. The idea of placing in the Speaker's chair a pure parliamentarian, not a member of the House, who would be entirely uninfluenced by considerations of partisan advantage, was pointed out by Representative Poindexter, of Washington, and others as the logical and proper course. Under the Constitution the House may choose a Speaker who is not a member of the body.

Representative Poindexter, who is one of the prominent members of the insurgent body, said:

"This initial reform which we have accomplished must be followed by others. The whole trouble in which the House finds itself is caused by the joining of the power of the Speaker with that of the leader of the majority. The English plan of having an expert parliamentarian instead of a politician as a presiding officer is the only correct one. As long as we select a party leader as Speaker just so long will we have partisan and unfair rulings from the chair.

"When the House adopted the Norris resolution the other day, it was a vote of 'no confidence' in Speaker Cannon, and he should have resigned. As he did not do so, we should depose him. With that accomplished, I think we should elect Mr. Hinds. I believe a majority of the House would vote for it. Surely the Democrats and the insurgents, who voted against Cannon last Saturday, and I believe a large number of other insurgents and so-called near-insurgents will vote for it when the temper of the people of the country is accurately judged on this question."

Victor Murdock, of Kansas, another insurgent leader, said:

"The movement to reform the procedure of the House has just begun. Before this session adjourns we will have accomplished a great many things. I hear radicals on this side who never before were willing to admit that the rules or anything else needed changing, now discussing ways and means of revising the rules and making them better.

"Not in fifty years have such liberal ideas regarding the government of this House prevailed among members. I expect to see, in a comparatively short while, the standing committees of this House meeting in open sessions, instead of secret sessions as now. Of course, the military and naval and perhaps other committees, would have to meet in secret occasionally as a matter of public policy. But secret ways of doing business here are on the wane, and will soon be over. Many interesting and perhaps startling developments will result before this House adjourns sine die."

Other insurgents express themselves along similar lines. It is certain that a number of the leaders of the insurgents have in mind at least two things for this session: First, the deposition of Speaker Cannon, unless he voluntarily retires; second, the establishment of a committee on committees.

All of the insurgents expressed themselves as desiring to see the President's legislation out of the way before hostilities break out again. One insurgent who would not allow the use of his name, said:

"Unless Spaker Cannon resigns, we will depose him before this session ends. He is a part of this system and must go. If it doesn't happen

HOOKWORM EVERYWHERE.

MORE THAN HALF OF THOSE INSPECTED AFFECTED WITH DISEASE.

Dr. Stiles Publishes Startling Statements of the Prevalence of the Disease After Visit Through South.

Washington, March 25.—Publications attributed to Dr. C. W. Stiles of the public health and marine hospital service, regarding the hookworm disease of the South, which appeared in today's issue of the public health reports, were read with great interest in view of the discussion on that subject in the senate yesterday. The doctor tells of observations made in southern Florida, in three cotton mills in North Carolina and of a visit to several cigar factories in Tampa.

In southern Florida in company with Dr. E. E. Lindeman of the State board of health laboratory at Tampa and Dr. John S. Helms, Dr. Stiles says he visited eight schools located in three counties and saw 1,306 school children of whom he puts down 55.9 per cent as suspects. The number so classified, Dr. Stiles says, may, as experience shows, be taken as an ultra conservative estimate of the number of these children who had hookworm infection.

In fact, he adds, according to experience on a basis of 55.9 per cent, "suspects" it may be concluded that the infection is probably not less than 80 per cent, which was the estimate made by Helm before the examination of the children began. Pupils represented not only some very poor children from the farms but also children of very well-to-do families from farms and towns. At least five of the teachers in the schools visited showed clear and pronounced effects of hookworm infection.

In a second paper Dr. Stiles speaks of a visit to three cotton mills in Rockingham, N. C. In those three mills 212 people were employed and the percentage of hookworm suspects was 64.8., being about what was expected in view of the fact that the mills draw their labor chiefly from the sand areas.

At Tampa Dr. Stiles says, as the people in the cigar factories visited there belonged to nationalities (Cuban, Spanish and Italian), with which he was not very familiar, no trustworthy conclusions, in the absence of microscopic examination, could be drawn in regard to the percentage of hookworm infection among them.

RAILROAD RATE CASE.

Power of the Interstate Commerce Commission to Fix Rates Will Be Determined on April 4th.

Cincinnati, March 25.—Prominent attorneys representing the federal government are in this city, conferring with Former Assistant United States Attorney General Wade H. Ellis, in preparation for the greatest legal battle of the interstate commerce commission's existence. The case is set for hearing in the Supreme Court of the United States on Monday, April 4, and involves the power conferred on the commission by the Hepburn law to fix rates where railroads are found to be overcharging.

This point is vital toward rendering effective the work of the commission and Mr. Ellis has been specially retained in the case.

The case involves the commission's order reducing the rate for first class matter from the Atlantic to St. Joseph, Omaha and Kansas City. The cut ordered was 9 cents per 100 pounds, from \$1.47 to \$1.38, but the decision will effect the rates of every railroad in the country as far as they are concerned by the commission's authority to reduce them when found to be exorbitant.

Hot Wave in New York.

New York, March 25.—Today was the hottest March day that New York has had for at least 40 years. The mercury rose to 77 degrees at 2 o'clock this afternoon and that is the highest official temperature recorded for March.

Forecaster Scarr could give no good reason for the sudden hot wave. The official report tonight says that the temperature is dropping and it will be cooler tomorrow.

before, I look for it to come about the last day of the session."

The proposal to elect Asher C. Hinds, as Speaker, elicited much comment from those who were made aware of it.

Mr. Hinds is a Republican and a candidate for nomination for Congress from New England. His present duty is to formulate rulings for Speaker Cannon.