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NEGRO SHOTS TWO WHITE MEN.

Kills Policeman and Wounds Officer's Assistant.

Charlotte, N. C., Jan. 3.—Rural Policeman S. E. Cole, of Belmont Park, a suburb of this city, was shot and killed by a negro named Will Springs, near a negro church.

H. R. Nabors, a machinist and Coles' son-in-law, was shot, but the extent of his injuries is not yet known. The negro became engaged in a quarrel with another negro who went for the officer. The latter drew his pistol and ordered the negro's hands up. Springs put up one hand and with the other drew his pistol and fired on Nabors, who fell. He then shot Cole through the neck. The officer died in three minutes. Nabors regained consciousness in a few moments and fired on the negro, who fell and then regained his feet and escaped.

A posse with bloodhounds is in pursuit and the negro's early capture is expected.

NEWS TERSELY TOLD.

Frank Noweski, wife and seven children have been burned to death at Morris Run, Pa.

Mrs. Sarah Ann Palmer Conkling, age 96, died suddenly at Saratoga, N. Y. She was the daughter of John Palmer, a revolutionary soldier.

The Phoenix Line steamer British Princess arrived in New York Monday from Antwerp and brought 1,100 tons of wheat and a large consignment of horses and birds.

Andrew Carnegie has offered as a New Year's gift to Baltimore the sum of \$263,000 to provide a building for the Maryland institute, whose home was destroyed by the great fire last February.

Jammed with passengers returning from Brooklyn theatres two trolley cars have come together in a rear-end collision in Jerolmon street, beside a shaft of the subway. Several persons were slightly wounded.

The Atlantic Transport liner Minnehaha has sailed from Southampton for New York with Captain Nelson and five members of the crew of the steamer W. R. Chester, picked up by the steamship Anglo.

As Ayers, of Mobile, Ala., well known and well connected, shot himself to death in a suburb of that city. The death was apparently in a contented mind and no cause is known. Ayers was 40 years old and married.

Wolves are becoming hungry in Miller, S. D. In several instances they have come close to town. John W. son has caught two in a steel trap. One ventured to his kitchen door at dusk to eat with the dog the evening scraps from the supper table.

Application for a receiver for the Davis cotton mills, Fall River, Mass., has been made by counsel for the stockholders before Judge Fox in the Bristol county superior court. It is expected that a decision on the appeal will not be announced before Tuesday.

Yesterday Frank Wayland Higgins, of Olean, was formally inaugurated as the thirteenth governor of the state of New York. The ceremonies were elaborate, and were not ended until late in the evening. The outdoor ceremonies were marred by a drizzling rain.

REFORMATORY IS FAVORED.

Carolina Penitentiary Directors Make Their Report.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 4.—The penitentiary directors this evening filed their report with Governor Aycock showing a net surplus of \$120,000. Included in this is \$60,000 of penitentiary debt bonds which were purchased by the directors.

The other assets, consisting mainly of cotton, are estimated at the present market value, several crops being left out of the estimate, so as to offset any further slump in cotton. But for the slump the surplus would have been \$150,000. The directors state they recommend that \$50,000 of the debt bonds they hold be directed to the establishment of a reformatory for young criminals. The governor approves this recommendation.

Price of Diamonds Advance.

New York, Jan. 4.—Local diamond dealers have been advised of an advance of 5 per cent in the cost of rough stones, making a total of 45 per cent increase since 1901. The raise has been made by the selling syndicate with headquarters in London, which is estimated to control 95 per cent of the world's output. Falling off of output in South Africa is the attributed cause of the advance.

Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 4.—The fifty-fourth session of the Tennessee general assembly assembled here at noon Monday. John S. Cox, of Sullivan county, will be elected speaker of the senate, and W. K. Abernethy of hte house. General W. B. Bate will succeed himself as United States senator.

Goes to Jail on Murder Charge.

Sandersville, Ga., Jan. 4.—The commitment trial of J. T. Garrett for the killing of G. L. Mathis was held here Monday and Garrett was remanded to jail to await the action of the superior court. It will be remembered that on Dec. 23 in an attempt to arrest Garrett, Mathis was shot and died instantly. Garrett at the time received a slight flesh wound in the right of his chest. Later, while attempting to escape, being passed by a posse, he was shot in the thigh, breaking the bone. It was thought for several days that he would die, but now he has taken a change for the better and will probably recover entirely.

BOY SAVES TWO WOMEN.

From Death by Drowning in Ice Waters of the Ohio.

Huntington, W. Va., Jan. 3.—James Collins, a 16-year-old boy, saved his mother, Mrs. Louise E. Collins, and his Aunt, Mrs. Cynthia Williamson, by pulling them from a houseboat as it floated from the river bank into the icy water of the Ohio river here.

Mrs. Collins, who could swim, struck out and had almost reached the bank, when she was seized with cramps and sank. Her son, who had already rescued his aunt by swimming with one hand while he pulled her through the water with the other, returned and also saved his mother. The boat was drawn from shore into the river by the rapid rise.

May Be Case of Suicide.

Atlanta, Jan. 3.—The police have been asked to make every effort to find Clara Belle Brantley, a young woman aged 18 who has mysteriously disappeared from her home, No. 107 Windsor street. Her relatives believe she has committed suicide and that her case will prove to be similar to that of Sophie Kloeckler, who drowned herself in the lake at Lakewood last summer. It is said that the girl was very despondent and that she had made statements which now induce her relatives and friends to believe she has taken her own life.

MAN RETURNED TO LIFE.

His Funeral Had Been Preached and Was in His Coffin.

Jefferson, Okla., Jan. 4.—Nathan F. Chidister is announced by the attending physicians out of danger, although his funeral was preached two days ago, and his body was in the coffin ready for burial.

Chidister was reported dead and all

arrangements for the funeral and interment were completed. Just before starting for the cemetery, the undertaker removed the coffin lid that the friends might have a last look at the dead man.

The underside of the lid was moist, and it was discovered that Chidister was breathing. Physicians were summoned and he is getting well.

PLAN TO HOLD COTTON.

Form \$10,000,000 Company To Buy 2,000,000 Bales.

Meridian, Miss., Jan. 4.—At a called meeting of the board of trade here resolutions were passed indorsing a plan by S. A. Witherspoon to arrange to organize a stock company, to be called the Southern Cotton company with a capital of \$10,000,000, to purchase 2,000,000 bales of cotton at 10 cents per pound and take it off the market and hold it till next season in order to relieve the cotton situation.

A mass meeting has been called here for January 10 to further discuss the plan and to take definite action in the matter.

Irvine Case Has Collapsed.

Philadelphia, Jan. 4.—The developments yesterday in the controversy between Rev. I. N. W. Irvine, the deposed priest of the Episcopal church, and Bishop Ethelbert Talbot, of the diocese of central Pennsylvania, indicate that the case of Dr. Irvine against the bishop has entirely collapsed. J. Frederick Jenkinson, for the presenters, is said to be on his way to St. Louis, with a statement for Bishop Tuttle, presiding bishop of the Episcopal church, asking leave to withdraw the presentment against Bishop Talbot, and requesting permission to make a new presentment.

Jewish Rabbis In Session.

New Orleans, Jan. 4.—Rabbis from various parts of the south are gathering here today for the sessions of the southern rabbinical conference. It will cover four days and many important papers with respect to the welfare of Judaism will be read. Among them will be a paper on the "Development of Jewish Charity During the Past Fifty Years," by the Hebrew Charities of the world. President Max Field, of Memphis, will preside over the conference. An elaborate social program has been arranged. The rabbis will assist in the dedication of the Isidore Newman Manual Training school and the golden jubilee of the Jewish Orphans' Home.

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