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## WIDOW VICTIM OF ATTACK IN HOME

### Mrs. Sue C. Cannon Desperately Wounded Near Vance.

### ACCUSES COLORED WOMAN

#### Fugitive Reported Surrounded by Posse in Santee Swamp, Details of Fiendish Deed.

Orangeburg Special to Charleston News and Courier, Dec. 20.—As results of one of the most atrocious deeds ever committed in this county, Mrs. Sue C. Cannon, about 45 years old and a widow, is in this city desperately wounded, and Mary Gaillard, a negro woman, accused by Mrs. Cannon of attacking her, was, at last reports, surrounded by a posse in a swamp in the vicinity of Vance, near the scene of the assault, which it is greatly feared, will terminate in a tragedy. In fact, it is said, the doctors attending Mrs. Cannon hold out little hope of her recovery, so serious are the many wounds she received.

Mrs. Cannon was brought to Orangeburg last night for surgical and medical attention, after her physician, Dr. W. H. Lawton, of Vance, had taken more than twenty stitches in her wounds. She is now at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. J. Morgan, wife of the well known Atlantic Coast Line conductor on the Freginal branch.

### CHILDREN SAVE MOTHER'S LIFE.

The fiendish attack on Mrs. Cannon, of which Mary Gaillard is accused, was made early Thursday night at Mrs. Cannon's home, on her plantation at Millcan's, a small station on the Coast Line, near Vance. Mrs. Cannon was alone at the time, her children, a boy about 11 and a girl a little younger, having gone on a visit to neighbors, and returning just in time to witness part of the attack and prevent the assailant applying a match to their mother's clothes, which she had saturated with kerosene.

Although fearfully injured, Mrs. Cannon has been able to talk about the attack, which she declares was made for the purpose of robbery, and during which a sum of money, for which she had sold some cotton, was taken. She asserts positively that Mary Gaillard was her assailant. It is said that the Gaillard woman has been in the Vance community about two years and bears a bad reputation among both the negroes and white people.

The substance of Mrs. Cannon's version of the difficulty in which she received what may prove fatal injuries, is about as follows:

### VICTIM'S RECITAL.

She declares that while alone in her home, about 8 o'clock Thursday night, Mary Gaillard came to her house, but the woman's presence being objectionable, Mrs. Cannon ordered her away. The woman stated that she had come to see about a pattern and also spoke about some sewing she probably wished to have Mrs. Cannon do for her.

Then, without giving the slightest intimation of her intentions, Mrs. Cannon says, the woman struck her on the head with a billet of wood, then began slashing her with a razor, also striking her with a bottle. Mrs. Cannon further declares that her assailant grabbed her, telling her that she was going to break her arm, which she proceeded to do by twisting the member until the bone was fractured.

The woman then, says Mrs. Cannon, stuck a knife into her ear and twisted it around several times, causing excruciating pain and inflicting one of the most serious of her many wounds. Mrs. Cannon says her clothes were then saturated with kerosene by the woman, who was about to apply a match to the oil-soaked garments of her prostrate victim, when the children arrived, finding their mother barely able to speak. The negro woman then ran out of the back door and, presumably, going into the Santee river swamp.

### POSSE IN SEARCH.

The alarm was immediately given and a posse was soon in search of the perpetrator of one of the most brutal deeds ever recorded in Orangeburg county. Sheriff A. M. Salley sent one of his deputies from here to direct the hunt for the woman, and Rural Policeman Ballard of Elloree, about ten miles from the scene of the outrage, and other men from the community are assisting.

The latest information from the scene of the woman hunt, received here tonight, is that the fugitive has not yet been captured, but it is believed that she is in the swamp, which the posse has surrounded, and cannot escape.

It is said that in the searching party are a number of determined men and what will follow the capture of Mrs. Cannon's assailant is problematical, although it is possible that the presence of the deputy sheriff will deter the crowd from taking summary vengeance.

Remember that when the stores close Wednesday night they will not reopen until Monday morning.

## UNSETTLED WEATHER.

### Bureau, However, Sees No Indications of Severe Cold Wave.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Christmas week weather will be unsettled over much of the United States, the weather bureau experts say, and frequent rains are predicted for the Pacific coast. Temperatures will be near or below the seasonal average generally and the skies will be overcast almost entirely throughout the week.

"A disturbance now developing in the Southwest," the weekly bulletin tonight said, "will advance northeastward attended by rains and snows and cross the great Central Valleys about Tuesday and the Eastern states Wednesday or Thursday.

"Another disturbance off the North Pacific coast will cause general rains and snows on the Pacific slope during the next several days. It will reach the middle West Thursday or Friday and the Eastern states near the end of the week and will be preceded by a general change to warmer weather and be followed by considerably colder weather.

"There are at present no indications of a severe cold wave during the week."

## DILLON MERCHANT IS KILLED IN CAR

### W. Aaron Fass Meets Instant Death When Automobile Ran Into Deep Ditch.

Dillon Special to Columbia State, Dec. 21.—W. Aaron Fass was instantly killed and Miss Mary Moore was seriously injured this afternoon at 6 o'clock when an automobile in which they were riding ran into a deep ditch one-half mile from Dillon. Miss Moore, daughter of John B. Moore, of Latta, was rushed to Dillon in an automobile, where she was given medical attention. Mr. Fass is a well known merchant of Dillon and is a native of New York. A spoke on the steering wheel severed the jugular vein of Mr. Fass.

Mr. Fass and Miss Moore had been for a ride through the country and were returning to Dillon late this afternoon. Just after passing the Maple dairy the machine swerved sharply to the right and plunged into a ditch. The car was badly damaged.

Several persons in an automobile passing 30 minutes later found the wrecked car. Mr. Fass was dead and Miss Moore was unconscious.

Mr. Fass was 36 years of age and had been a resident of Dillon for several years, coming here from New York. He was engaged in the mercantile business. He is survived by his mother and a sister of New York and four brothers, residents of Dillon. The funeral will be held at Florence tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Those who viewed the wreck tonight were unable to account for the accident. It is supposed that the steering gear broke sending the machine into the ditch, which is about six feet deep. The car was overturned.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.

### Interesting Entertainment Given by Second and Fourth Grades.

The following is the program rendered by the second and fourth grades of the Central school this morning:

- 1.—Song by grades, "While Shepherds Watch Their Flock by Night."
- 2.—An Acrostic, grade II, Walter Davis, Edward Croxton, William Hough, Paul Brown Reed, Thurlow Carter Thomasson, Colin Murchison, T. Y. Barton, Jack Riddle, Odell Hagins, Sedley Cautchen, Martin Blackmon, John P. Sowell, Emory Penny.
- 3.—A Recitation, "Little Town of Bethlehem," Floride Stogner, grade IV.
- 4.—A Solo, Margaret Thomasson, grade IV.
- 5.—"The Christmas Catechism," Concert Recitation by grades.
- 6.—The Message of Christmas Candles, Grade II, Annie Bertha Rutledge, Edna Small, Geneva Culp, Norma Gregory, Eugenia Hughes, Jennie Lee Sherard, Mildred Ferguson, Ruby Plyler, Hortense Threant, Mae Greenlee, Marian Poliakoff, Annabel Blackmon, Vata Knight, Gladys Blackmon, Beulah Mae Lane.
- 7.—"Santa's Little Helpers," Kathleen Strait, Ola Wilson, Lucile Roddey, Kathleen Ferguson, Aline Greenlee, Mary Alice Dabney, Frances Frost, Sybil Lingle, Marjorie Hirsch, Jewel Hinson, grade IV.
- 8.—A Recitation, "A Stitch in Time," Emory Penny, grade II.
- 9.—"Christmas in Other Lands," Tera Cautchen, Faye Williams, Aline Greenlee, Mildred Hirsch, Sadie Parks, Willis Elliott, Mae Vance Bowers, Aileen Cross, grade IV.
- 10.—A song by grades, "The Cradle Song."

### Beech Camp, No. 376, W. O. W. Elects Officers.

At a recent meeting of Beech Camp, No. 376, W. O. W., the following officers were elected for the year 1914:

P. C. C., A. A. Knight; C. C., J. E. Honeycutt; A. L., Irvin Jackson; banker, J. F. Clark; clerk, L. O. Garland; escort, E. M. Bell; watchman, J. P. Bigham; sentry, J. K. McManus; physician, G. W. Poovey; managers, E. M. Bell, A. R. Thurman, G. M. Kennington.

## ACHIEVE VICTORY FOR THE FARMER

### Lever and Crisp Force Currency Amendments.

### IS PLEASING TO SMITH.

#### South Carolina Senator Glad That House Has Recognized Rights of Planters.

Washington Special to Columbia State, Dec. 20.—Representatives Lever and Crisp came strongly to the rescue of the farmers today in the house when Mr. Lever, after agreement with Mr. Crisp, moved to instruct the house conferees to agree to those senate amendments to the currency bill which provided that notes, drafts and bills drawn or issued for agricultural purposes having a maturity not exceeding six months, may be discounted and extending the provisions of the bill in reference to loans on farm lands from one to five years. Messrs. Lever and Crisp both fought hard for the provisions in the house bill but were defeated, but they took advantage of the parliamentary situation today to force the house to agree with them with a view to placing the paper of the farmer on the same footing with paper issued from any other source and at the same time putting a longer limit upon loans upon farm lands. The action of the South Carolina and Georgia congressmen today makes certain that the farmers of the country will be as fully protected in the currency bill as will other people.

The point raised by them proved to be the vital proposition considered by the house and to their efforts and understanding of the parliamentary situation the victory of the farmers is due.

It was extremely gratifying to Senator Smith of South Carolina, who had made the fight in the senate for the extension of loans to farmers, that even though the house disagreed to most of the senate amendments, it made an exception with regard to two, and instructed the conferees to vote for his particular amendments. This action guarantees their retention in the bill.

Senator Smith said tonight: "In view of the action of the senate and the farmers are being heard and their rights respected as they should be. It is not convenient as to whether or not it is convenient for legislators to so frame legislation as to include the farmers, it is a question of a fundamental duty of all those engaged in the different industries of this country the farmers should have extended to them every encouragement and aid that can be given them legitimately. The farmers have a right to demand it, and they are now getting it in a position where they can demand it. They rightly have the first claim to financial legislation, for the entire world is first dependent upon them. The two features of this bill, allowing their notes, bills and drafts to be subject to rediscount for reserve money, and the admitting of real estate as a collateral in the national banks, place them in a position where with the same economy and thrift that characterize most of them, they can realize a profit at the end of the year as others have been accustomed to."

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## Chicago Makes Great Fuss Over Its First City Christmas Tree.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Squadrons of counted police and twelve uniformed buglers of the First Illinois cavalry today headed a procession in which Chicago's first municipal Christmas tree was transported on the biggest truck in the city to Grant park, on the water front. Six big black horses drew the tree.

Mayor Harrison will push the button which will illuminate the tree on Christmas eve, while five grand opera stars sing from the balcony of the Art Institute, facing the lake.

## A LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS.

### Rural School Supervisor Makes a Special Request.

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 17, 1913.

Dear Santa Claus:

The country children in South Carolina have been very good during the past year. They have attended school faithfully and have worked hard. Their fathers have also worked industriously and intelligently, and Providence has smiled graciously upon our state. They are all expecting a fine Christmas and many gifts from Santa Claus.

The rural school supervisor has a special request to make of you. When you are making up your gifts for the boys and girls of the Palmetto state do not forget some good reading suitable to the children. The country children in our state have little access to libraries, and many of them have in their homes few books which they can read. We should especially like to have you bring them a good paper suited to the boys and girls. The writer formed his reading habits through reading The Youth's Companion, which came to him weekly as a Christmas present when he was a boy. Please send many of our boys and girls in South Carolina a subscription to this or some other paper which will be a weekly reminder of your love for the children. If you will do this, we will promise you brighter and better boys and girls next year.

Sincerely,  
W. K. TATE,  
State Supervisor Country Schools.

## More Prizes For Mr. Woodward's Chickens

Mr. J. T. Woodward won more prizes last week on his fine poultry, this time on Rhode Island Reds and White Plymouth Rocks at the Iredell county fair in Statesville, N. C. This time he secured several pen prizes in addition to the regular premiums. Next week from December 30 to January 1, Mr. Woodward's birds will be on exhibit for the last time this season at the Chester Poultry Show.

## MONROE DOCTRINE STILL VITAL ISSUE

### View of Roosevelt Causes Heated Clash With Marcial Martinez.

### ATTRACTS MUCH INTEREST

#### Chilean Minister Admits Passing Upon Colonel's Speech Before It Was Delivered.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Members of the diplomatic corps, especially representatives from the South American countries, were greatly interested in a report reaching Washington today, that former President Roosevelt and Dr. Marcial Martinez, at one time Chilean minister to the United States, had clashed on account of divergent views on the Monroe Doctrine. The Chilean is reported to have strongly dissented from the Roosevelt view that the much-discussed doctrine still is a vital issue.

### ATTRACTS INTEREST.

The reported debate attracted unusual interest here because both of the prepared speeches were reviewed before delivery by the Chilean foreign offices. Dr. Martinez, it was said tonight at the Chilean legation, was selected as the spokesman of the Chilean government at the state reception given the American visitor recently at the University of Santiago, because of his warm friendship for the United States. He is one of the oldest and most eminent Chilean diplomatists and made many lasting friendships during his tenure as minister here many years ago. In his address at the Roosevelt reception, Dr. Martinez dealt with the Monroe Doctrine, characterizing it as a dead issue and arguing that the conditions which gave rise to its promulgation by President Monroe in 1823 have almost entirely disappeared. This statement is said to have aroused the ire of Colonel Roosevelt, who replied with some heat, holding that the Monroe Doctrine still was a vital principle of the foreign policy of the United States. He is said, too, to have suggested to the Chilean diplomatist, incidentally, that it was ill-advised on such an occasion to inaugurate a controversy.

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## RESIDENCE IS READY.

### Furnished House at Pass Christian For President.

Gulfport, Miss., Dec. 20.—A furnished residence known here as the "Herndon Place," at Pass Christian, has been selected as the temporary "winter capital" for occupancy by President Wilson and his family during his holiday vacation. It is situated in one of the prettiest spots along the gulf coast. The residence is the property of Mrs. J. M. Ayer of Chicago, who is said to be visiting in Delaware.

The telegraph companies are making preparations for the newspaper correspondents, extra apparatus being installed and extra operators ordered to the village. Wires to Washington and New Orleans for the use of the President and the correspondents will be provided.

## NURSE RESCUES 50 IN HOSPITAL FIRE

### Miss Sibell Morris Saves Many Others, But Was Injured Herself.

Crowley, La., Dec. 20.—The heroic work of one little trained nurse who now lies in the hospital here with a broken leg was the medium through which fifty patients were saved from death when a frame sanitarium caught fire.

Shortly before noon yesterday an explosion from a stove ignited a hospital on the outskirts of the city, where half a hundred patients were bedridden. Hardly had the alarm been spread through the building when long tongues of flame were leaping from the windows, and frantic sufferers cried from their beds for rescue.

Miss Sibell Morris, one of the nurses, sped from room to room, calming the fearful patients and helping to remove them from the fiercely burning dwelling.

As soon as one patient was safely carried out, Miss Morris was back into the smoke and flame again, lending a hand or a shoulder here and at times carrying out some frail anaemic by main strength alone.

Her bravery cost her dear, for after all had been carried to safety without a single injury, the valiant little woman found herself caught on the second floor, the stairway burned away, and the roaring flames burning the room behind her.

She ran to a second story window and jumped. She landed on her feet, but caught one leg under her and fainted away. Surgeons at another hospital say it is broken.

The fire loss is estimated at \$25,000.

## Death of Mrs. W. F. Garvin.

After suffering a prolonged and painful illness, Mrs. W. F. Garvin passed away last Sunday night at her home in West End. She was seventy-two years of age and was before her marriage Miss Jane E. Barron of Yorkville. Mrs. Garvin was a quiet, home-loving person and an earnest Christian. She was a member of the First Methodist church of this place. Her aged and feeble husband and her children have the sympathy of the entire community in their loss.

The funeral services were held at 3:30 yesterday afternoon, being conducted by her pastor, Rev. E. T. Hodges. The interment was in West-side cemetery. Messrs. W. P. Bennett, A. B. Ferguson, W. S. Langley, E. C. Croxton, J. Wylie Porter and Latta Hood were the pall-bearers.

## Mr. Foster Locates in Rock Hill.

The following complimentary notice in The York News will be of interest to the friends of Mr. Foster in this, his old home:

"Mr. J. Harry Foster, a highly esteemed and popular citizen of this town, left Monday for Rock Hill, where he will make his home in the future. Mr. Foster has been a resident of Yorkville for about three years, coming here from Lancaster, and he and his family have made many friends here who regret very much that he saw fit to leave Yorkville. Mr. Foster is an attorney of more than ordinary ability, a public spirited and generous citizen and a man who would be a valuable addition to any town or community. Mr. Foster and family are occupying the McCaw residence in Cedar Crest."

## Big Land Sale.

The sale of the W. K. Williams land, situated near Stoneboro, was pulled off yesterday under the management of Mr. T. M. Hughes, Lancaster's live and up-to-date real estate broker. Something more than 1,000 acres were sold for almost \$20,000. This is one of the biggest land sales of the year in Lancaster county and the smooth way in which it was handled is very gratifying to Mr. Hughes.

## Christmas Play Friday Night.

The Mamie Frasier Society of the Presbyterian church, will give a Christmas play at the opera house Friday night, December 26. Curtain will rise at 8 o'clock. Admission 25 cents for grown people and 15 cents for children.

## CURRENCY BILL IS PASSED BY SENATE

### Statute Will Revise Financial System of United States.

### MAY BE LAW MONDAY.

#### Passage of the Measure is Greeted With Unchecked Applause From the Galleries.

Washington, Dec. 18.—The administration currency reform bill, proposing a revision of the financial system of the United States and the creation of regional reserve banks to act as stabilizing elements in the banking and financial world, passed the senate tonight by a vote of 73 to 34.

Forces that had fought together for improvement and amendment of the measure to the last, divided when the final vote came. Senator Hitchcock, who had led the opposition to the bill, returned to the democratic ranks and Senator Weeks, one of the leaders on the republican side, with five other republicans, and Senator Poinexter, progressive, voted for the measure.

Wide differences exist between the form of the legislation passed by the senate tonight and the bill that passed the house several months ago. Democratic leaders already have partly adjusted these differences, however, and it was predicted tonight that the bill would be completed by a conference committee to send to President Wilson for his signature by Monday.

### HITCHCOCK BILL DEFEATED.

The adoption of the administration bill, known as the Owen bill, followed upon the formal defeat by 44 to 41, of the "Hitchcock bill," which had been endorsed by Senator Hitchcock and the five republican members of the evenly divided senate committee that passed on the legislation. The senate had previously rejected without a roll call a "central bank" bill offered as a substitute by Senator Burton.

### MRS. WILSON SPECTATOR.

Throughout the afternoon, when a vote on the bill was momentarily expected, Mrs. Wilson, with a party of friends from the White House; Secretary McAdoo and Joseph P. Tumulty, President Wilson's secretary, were interested spectators. Mrs. Wilson stayed in the private gallery until 7 o'clock, but left before the bill had passed. Galleries and the floor of the senate were crowded throughout the day and the passage of the measure was greeted with unchecked applause from the galleries.

### LONGSVILLE NEWS.

#### Somewhat of a Measles Community at Present.

Special to The News.

Longville, Dec. 22.—This is at present a very measly neighborhood and of a surety it will be a very measly Christmas with many of us for there are a great many cases of measles in our neighborhood.

There was a box supper at Pleasant Plain school house last Thursday night. The attendance was not very large on account of measles, but just the same it was a grand success. The fruit and candy stand, the lemonade stand and the fortune telling department opened up at 7:30 and by 8 o'clock the fruit, candy and lemonade was all gone. But the wise prophetess continued her work until 8:30 of informing the boys and girls as to who their intended would be. At 8:30 o'clock Mr. B. C. Harris appeared on the stage with a box for sale. He soon disposed of the seventeen that were carried out.

The net proceeds amounted to \$54.15.

The teachers of our school gave a Christmas tree to the first, second and third grades Friday night. It was a beauty.

The year 1913 will soon be gone. And many opportunities are going with it. Many little deeds of kindness could have been done that would have gladdened the heart and life of many. If nothing more, a word of cheer would have helped many.

Solomon, the wise man, said that words fitly spoken were like apples of gold in pictures of silver. There is also said that wounds made by words were hard to heal.

True indeed it is that we are to look after our own interests, but we should not devote too much time to self. If the community in which we live is not made better by our living in it, then we had better be somewhere else. And we need not for one moment think that we can help very much to better our community if we devote all of our time to self. So if we have let opportunities slip by this year let each one remember that to do unto others as you would have them do unto you, is the golden rule and if we will keep and observe it our community will be an ideal one to live in. And we will not be lamenting over so many lost opportunities.

Miss Editor, I cannot give you the Christmas present, chamber of commerce, that you asked for in the last issue of The News, but I wish for you and your staff a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

UNCLE BILL.