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TWO BANK OFFICIALS MEET VIOLENT DEATHS.

PRESIDENT KILLS HIMSELF ACCIDENTALLY, CASHIER SUICIDES.

A Sad Double Tragedy in Camden Which Shocked the Whole State. Bank Assigns.

Mr. E. Miller Boykin, president of the Farmers and Merchants bank of Camden, accidentally shot and killed himself on Monday afternoon, and a few hours later Mr. E. C. Zemp, cashier of the same bank, had committed suicide.

Mr. Boykin left his office at the Farmers and Merchants Bank a few minutes before 3 o'clock, chatted pleasantly with several friends before getting in his buggy and starting home. After reaching home he picked up his gun, which has a rather treacherous reversible action and went out to shoot a hawk.

The supposition is that as he started to climb a fence he set the gun over the fence at the same time making a motion to get over himself, when the gun was discharged, the load taking effect in his chest. He fell backwards, while the gun was found leaning on the opposite side of the fence. Mrs. Boykin sent a servant boy, Willie Richardson, out to find Mr. Boykin, and he soon returned and told the condition in which he found Mr. Boykin. His nephew, Mr. John Cantey, who was at the house, ran to where he was and found him dead.

A jury of inquest was empanelled and rendered a verdict of accidental killing.

Mr. Boykin was one of the most prominent citizens of Camden and well known throughout the State. He was president of the DeKalb cotton mill, and a number of other enterprises. He was chosen a member of the legislature in 1880, was United States Marshal at Charleston under Cleveland, and had held other positions of honor. He was kind-hearted, generous and a true gentleman, and his untimely death carried profound sorrow to scores of hearts throughout the State. He is survived by a wife and one son.

SUICIDE OF CASHIER ZEMP.

A few hours after the accidental killing of President Boykin, the little city of Camden was well-nigh paralyzed by the suicide of Mr. E. C. Zemp, cashier of the same bank.

Mr. Zemp was found dead in his barn with a pistol ball in his mouth. Shortly after receiving the news of the death of Mr. Boykin, Mr. Zemp left his home, ostensibly to go over to Mr. Boykin's, nearby, but instead went to his barn and committed suicide. Few men were held in higher esteem than was E. C. Zemp, and his tragic death is a great shock to his family and friends.

BUSINESS SUSPENDED.

All business was suspended in Camden on Tuesday, the city being shrouded with a gloom which was oppressive to anything like trade. And in the afternoon all stores were closed formally out of respect to the memory of the leading citizens whose bodies were being placed in their graves.

THE BANK'S CONDITION.

If there was any shortage in the bank it was not known before the tragedy, though it is reported from

Columbia that financiers in Columbia did not consider the bank absolutely safe. In Camden even on Tuesday the depositors of the bank felt perfectly safe. On Tuesday morning the directors issued the following statement: "On account of the death of the president and cashier occurring on the same day, this bank will remain closed for such time only as will be necessary for an inquiry into its affairs and for taking all proper measures to protect the interest of creditors."

EXAMINING BANK'S CONDITION.

On Tuesday night the directors, accompanied by Messrs. N. C. Boykin, assistant cashier, and a son of the late president; George DeSaussure, a well known bank inspector of Atlanta, and E. S. Vaux, entered the vault and began an examination which continued the greater part of the night.

ASSIGNMENT ORDERED.

Camden, Nov. 18.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Farmers and Merchants bank, the following action was taken:

"Having with the aid of two able experts, examined all of the available records, books, papers and accounts found in the bank vault, the result of which satisfies the board that the assets and securities of the bank are sufficient eventually to meet all its legal obligations and to pay all depositors and other creditors, but in view of the serious interruptions caused to its business by the calamity which has occurred, the lack at this time of an available person willing to assume the duties of president and in the further condition which exists that some time will be necessary to convert the assets into cash, we do hereby resolve and determine for the best interest of all creditors under the circumstances to make an assignment of all the property, securities and credits of the bank to E. S. Vaux and A. D. Kennedy to be administered for the equal benefit of all creditors, according to law."

This resolution was signed by the entire board of directors and the deed of assignment executed at once.

SELLING FEDERAL PATRONAGE.

Nebraska's Senator Charged With Bribery and Conspiracy—A Postmaster in the Trouble.

The United States grand jury at Omaha, Neb., have returned true bills against United States Senator Charles H. Dietrich and Postmaster Jacob Fisher of Hastings, Neb., charging them with bribery and conspiracy. The senator is charged with accepting a bribe of \$1,300 from Fisher in consideration of which the latter was recommended for the postmastership at Hastings.

When the indictments were brought into the United States district court, Judge Munger presiding, and were placed on file, the court merely accepted the report of the grand jury, making no remarks on its contents.

The cashier and time-keeper of Vanderbilt's Biltmore estate, said to belong to prominent Asheville families, have been indicted for embezzlement of office funds from George W. Vanderbilt. It is said the amount appropriated reaches about \$11,000.

THE RACE QUESTION.

Bill Introduced in Congress Providing for the Repeal of the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution.

A Washington special to the News and Courier says that Representative Hardwick introduced his bill providing for the repeal of the fifteenth amendment of the Constitution. The introduction of this bill is intended to induce Congress to take up and consider the race question, which is not only being agitated in the South, but is a burning issue in some of the Northern, Western and border States.

Of course there is no prospect of an early consideration of the Hardwick bill, for it will hardly be reached during the extra session. It has not been referred to a committee, but, legislatively, it lies upon the Speaker's table to be referred to an appropriate committee when the Speaker shall make his committee assignments. By introducing his bill at this time Mr. Hardwick is but carrying out one of the campaign pledges he made when he defeated Judge Fleming for the nomination. Mr. Hardwick has been industriously circulating among his Democratic associates since the present session began, and he has already received much encouragement at the hands of some of the strongest men on the minority side of the House to force the fighting on his bill at the first opportunity. He has not proceeded far enough with his canvass of the House to venture upon a prediction, but he has his heart in his work, and although one of the "baby" members of the House he is capable of dealing with this great subject like a veteran.

UNCLE SAM'S BABY.

U. S. Ship Hoists Panama's Flag and Salutes It—Colombia's Vain Protest.

The United States flag ship Marblehead at Panama, hoisted the flag of the Republic of Panama on Tuesday and saluted it with twenty-one guns. The Tres-Noviembre, a gunboat of Panama, displaying the American flag, answered the salute. The shore batteries also fired a salute of twenty-one guns, which the Marblehead answered.

POOR LITTLE COLUMBIA.

The Colombia authorities have addressed to the United States a protest, which has also been cabled to London and published to the world. The paper charges the United States with the main responsibility for the secession of Panama, and directs attention to the inconsistency of the United States government in putting down secession in its own country by force of arms while it recognizes, aids and abets secession in Colombia. An appeal is made to the senate and people of the United States against the outrage on a sister republic committed by President Roosevelt and his cabinet.

The remains of the widow of James Monroe, fifth president of the United States, have been exhumed from their resting place, in the Monroe manor, near Leesburg, Va., and removed to Richmond, to be reinterred in Hollywood cemetery.

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GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

Items of More or Less Interest Condensed Outside the State.

John H. Downing, cashier of the Portsmouth, Va., Dimes Savings bank, has left the city carrying with him about \$4,000 of the bank's money.

The yellow fever situation in Laredo, Texas, remains about the same. The deaths are about ten per cent. of the total number of cases.

It is now hoped that the Chicago trolley car strike will be submitted to arbitration. The strike has been of a very serious nature.

A Young man of Kingston, Ohio, 16 years of age, has been placed in the Ohio hospital for the insane as a result of injuries received in a foot ball game.

Lord Kitchener, commander-in-chief of the English forces in India, had his leg broken while passing through a tunnel by his horse becoming frightened and colliding with the walled side.

The United States supreme court has refused to grant relief to three Chicago men who are serving ten-year sentences in the State prison of North Carolina for trying to sell a gold brick in Guilford county, in that State. The appeal was taken first to the State supreme court, then to the Federal district court, and on to the highest tribunal in the land, which affirmed the opinions of the two lower bodies.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Items of More or Less Interest Condensed In the State.

Small-pox is authoritatively reported to be alarming the citizens of the upper part of Pickens county.

The first interstate convention of the Y. M. C. A. of South and North Carolina will be held in Spartanburg next February.

Mayor J. Adger Smyth, of Charleston, was married in Washington Tuesday afternoon to Miss Ella Calvert Campbell, of that city.

Senator J. Q. Marshall, treasurer of the fund which is being raised to erect a monument to the memory of General Hampton, is urging that the work be pushed forward. So far only three counties, Sumter, Darlington, and Richland, have raised what was expected of them and the total amount on hand is but \$2,000.

Miss Rochester, the postmistress at Central, in Pickens county, was the recipient through the mails this week of the left hand of a woman, and the people of the community are puzzling to know who would make such a ghastly gift to a young woman. The hand has been turned over to a druggist, who is preserving it at the suggestion of a postoffice inspector.

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