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Mattie Wilkes of "Shuffle Along" Co. Loses Mother—Asphyxiated by Gas

"Grand Old Lady," Adored By Many Found Dead in Her Apartment.

Mrs. Sally Wilkes, mother of Mattie V. Wilkes, of the "Shuffle Along Company," was found dead in her apartment, 115 West 135th street, early Thursday morning. In all probability, gas escaping from a "pilot" in her dining room, was the cause of her death.

Mrs. Wilkes was alone in her apartment when she died. The first finding by neighbors of Mrs. Wilkes that all was not well inside her apartment was gained about 9 o'clock in the morning when a rap on the door got no response.

An officer from the West 135th Street Police Station was summoned and forced an entry into the apartment. Her lifeless body was found on the dining room sofa.

Her daughter, sisters and other relatives were immediately notified of the death of the "Grand Old Lady," whom everyone adored. Pending the arrival of her daughter, Mattie, who was playing in Chicago, and her sister, Mrs. Mary Egan, from Mississippi, and other relatives, Mrs. Edward A. Warren, of the Amsterdam News, and Jack Givens, took charge of the funeral arrangements.

Father Saterwhite, rector of the Episcopal Church and dean of the Mississippi, accompanied her to the city.

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church, Rev. Frank N. Hyder, pastor, at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Solos were rendered by Miss Inez Clough, Mrs. Carroll and William Elkins.

Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery.

JEAN LONGUET, FRENCH
LEADER, TO SPEAK

Noted European Scholar to Tell of
Black Troops on Rhine
and Siki.

For the first time an authentic account of the American Negro soldiers in France and of the Black Senegalese troops on the Rhine, of Siki, the black "boxing wonder," will be given by a great French soldier, Jean Longuet, at New Douglas Hall, 142nd street and Lenox avenue, January 14, at 2 P. M. Longuet will probably be the next premier of France. No Negro can afford to miss hearing of the French nation treats its Negro population.

Judge Jacob Panken will introduce Monsieur Longuet. James Weldon Johnson, Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Frank R. Crosswath, of the Twenty-first Assembly District, Socialist Branch, and A. Philip Randolph, Executive Secretary of the Friends of Negro Freedom and Editor of The Messenger, will speak.

Miss Bessie Allison will sing. Mr. Chandler Owen, Editor of The Messenger, will preside.

The admission is free. Accommodations have been made for 2,000.

MARCUS GARVEY TO
TOUR THE WORLD

Declaring that his organization has been misrepresented, Marcus Garvey, president of the Universal Negro Improvement Association, announced that he will soon start on a tour of the world.

His trip will embrace the principal cities in the United States, Canada, Central and South America, the West Indies and Europe. It is reported he will take William H. Ferris, editor of the Negro World, and Mrs. Henrietta Vinton Davis with him.

Already arrangements are on the way for Mr. Garvey to speak in some of the largest halls in Europe, and arrangements will be made for him to speak in the Royal Albert Hall in London, England.

SPANIARD LYNCHED IN LA. FOR NEGRO

Shreveport, La., Jan. 9.—Leslie Leggett was lynched last night by a party of white men who kidnapped him. His body was found to date riddled with bullets.

Leggett was seized at a garage and placed in an automobile by his five white abductors and spirited away. Police Chief Bazer said complaints had been received that Leggett was associating with white women. Police have been "shadowing" him but had failed to obtain enough evidence to warrant his arrest.

The police said Leggett was colored, but Charles Papa, white grocer for whom he worked, and in whose house he roomed, said he was a Spaniard.

BATTLE CONVICTED

Within Ten Days Youthful
Murderer of Mrs. Bingham
Found Guilty in the
First Degree

Within ten days after he is alleged to have strangled Mrs. Eleanor L. Bingham in the cellar of her home in Orange, N. J., William E. Battles, aged 19 years, was convicted of murder in the first degree by a jury before Judge Fred Stickley. The trial lasted three days.

Toward the end of the trial Battles repudiated the confession he is alleged to have made to the police, stating that it was forced from him by threats. He also stated that Lieut. Edward Schwartz of the Newark Police Department threatened him.

Mrs. James Battles, his mother, corroborated his statement that on the afternoon of the murder she had sent him to a paint shop.

Objectionable Part of Film Eliminated

"Birth of Nation" De-
nounced by Theatre
Owners' Ass'n.

Following protests made by the N. A. A. C. P. and Alderman George W. Harris, of New York City, the Motion Picture Commission of the State of New York has eliminated objectionable features in the film, "The Birth of a Nation."

In a letter addressed to Walter White, Assistant Secretary, Mr. George H. Cobb, chairman of the Motion Picture Commission, states:

"In reply to yours of December 21st, I beg to advise you that I have not been in a position to reply sooner. I left here on that date for upstate and have just returned."

"We received a communication from Mr. Banzhaf, advising us that the eliminations which were ordered in 'The Birth of a Nation' have been made. We will have our inspectors follow the film to be sure that our orders concerning this picture have been fully complied with. The same procedure was adopted with this film as with all others except that a hearing was granted which has not been done in any other case."

A vigorous fight was made by the Association against the film when it was recently announced for showing in New York City, following which the Theatre Owners' Association of the City of New York, composed of 850 motion picture theatre owners and managers, denounced the film, urging that it be withdrawn from further circulation.

WOMAN LEAVES \$12,000

Middletown, N. Y., Jan. 8.—Mrs. Sarah A. Ross, who worked out by the day and died recently, left a will, which was admitted to probate today at Goshen, in which she disposes of an estate of more than \$12,000. She accumulated the money by strict economy. The property is bequeathed to her sister, Mrs. Annie Deniston of Middletown Rockland County.

Cop Who Beat J. C. Citizen Resigns

Must Now Face Charge of
Unprovoked Assault on
Colored Man.

Jersey City, Jan. 9.—Patrolman Bradley, accused of beating Joshua Bailey, of 63 Atlantic street, some weeks ago, and who was up for trial last Wednesday morning, when arraigned before Commissioner of Public Safety Quinn, on charge of intoxication, handed in his resignation from the force. The resignation was accepted and the witnesses were then dismissed.

The case, however, does not end here. The charges of assault still remain against him, and he will be brought to trial for his assault upon this member of the race. According to witnesses who were ready to appear against him, Bradley on the afternoon of December 13th beat Bailey, who was tinkering with his automobile in front of his home. An argument followed, and Bradley is alleged to have drawn a blackjack and struck Bailey. Bailey ran into a cobbler's shop, just across the street, pursued by the policeman, who struck him again. Bailey had to be removed to the hospital for treatment. His scalp was gashed.

This matter raised the ire of the race populace and a delegation waited upon Mayor Hays, who promised that justice would be given.

AMERICA'S SUPER-ATTRACTION

"MURDER WITHIN THE LAW"

Staged by: The Ku Klux Klan. Time: The Present. Place: The Land of Liberties.

TORTURE MACHINES

Bastrop, La., Jan. 6.—A diabolical torture machine of iron, into which living men were fed, was described today at the hearing in the murder of F. Watt Daniel and Thomas F. Richards by W. C. Andrews, one of the five men kidnapped with Daniel and Richards by the hooded mob. Andrews' story resurrected a picture of the modern inquisition which far outdid the medieval torture chambers.

GEORGIA SENATOR AND STODDARD K. K. K.'S

Speaking before the Civic Club Saturday night, Walter F. White, Assistant Secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., charged that United States Senator Walter George of Georgia and Lathrop Stoddard, author of "The Rising Tide of Color," are members of the Ku Klux Klan.

Mr. White also stated that the finding of the bodies of two white men in Lake La Fourche, La., was only the beginning as over fifty colored men and women have disappeared from that parish.

WARNED

In an address to a mass meeting in Town Hall last Tuesday evening, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise had the following to say concerning a warning from the Ku Klux Klan not to attend the meeting:

"I was warned against coming to this meeting," said Rabbi Wise. "I may say to you that I am indifferent to what any member of the Ku Klux Klan may say about me or about my people. Their hatred is my honor; their dispraise of my people is its coronation."

HAS REACHED WESTERN CANADA

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 6.—Announcement that the first branch of the Ku Klux Klan in Western Canada is being formed in the little town of Cranbrook in the interior of British Columbia has stirred the people of the Province and is being discussed informally by members of the Legislature, now in the middle of their annual session here.

NOT WANTED IN FRANCE

Paris, France, Jan. 8.—The nefarious American Ku Klux Klan is not wanted in France and will have a difficult time gaining a foothold in this country according to Paris newspapers.

"The American Ku Klux Klan will not find any welcome in continental Europe," said the Echo de Paris. "It is an organization of such character as is not wanted on this side of the Atlantic," said another paper. "They are responsible for assassinations, burnings and destruction of churches filled with religious treasures."

"CURSE OF COUNTRY"

"Newspapers from the United States of late have been filled with dispatches detailing the horrifying activities of the Ku Klux Klan, which cannot help but make real Americans bow their heads in shame to know that such a wanton set of men have banded themselves together in their country for the purpose of secretly breaking law," said another writer.

Memphis, Tenn., Jan. 5.—Bishop Thomas F. Gailor, speaking before the Lions Club at a noonday luncheon last Thursday, denounced the Ku Klux Klan as "the curse of the country and an anti-society organization."

He recalled an incident some months ago in Dallas, Texas, when he saw 4,000 klansmen march in a parade down one of the principal streets of the Texas metropolis.

Garvey Sympathizers Murder Former Leader

CHILD OF SIXTY YEARS WOULD KNOW BETTER

Washington, D. C., Jan. 8.—The determined drive to keep "thirst-quenchers" out of the capitol building caused a waiter in the capitol restaurant to be out of the government payroll. It is said that this waiter was doing such a land-office business taking care of the members of congress during the holiday season that he got a little careless and dropped a flask of "shine" on the marble floor. This was too much for the thirsty guests who could not stand to see the "precious stuff" running wild on the floor. Instead of "crying over spilled milk" they simply oulled the waiter a common bootlegger and he was promptly fired.

THREE BUILDINGS BURNED BY WHITES

Tulsa, Okla., Jan. 9.—A mob of armed white men burned three buildings owned by Edward Glass, a colored undertaker, this afternoon. In revenge for the murder last night of one policeman and the wounding of four others.

Cowardly Murdered



REV. J. W. H. EASON

INNOCENT MAN FREED; ASKS \$2000

Court Discharges Man
Charged With Robbery
and Assault on Janitor
Proves His Innocence
and Wins Suit for \$2,000
Against Victim.

The final chapter of a story which had its inception on June 9, 1922, when James H. Taylor, janitor, 115 West 38th street, was held up by two men, beaten with a revolver and blackjack, and robbed of some money, jewelry and a police whistle, before Chief Justice Peter Schmuck of the City Court, January 3rd.

Taylor's assailants in making their getaway overlooked \$1300 which he had on his person and he immediately reported the robbery to the West 135th Street Detective Bureau. Efforts were immediately made to detect and apprehend the robbers, but nothing was accomplished until November 17th, when Taylor, accompanied by a policeman, identified Peter Carnegie, of No. 265 West 138th street, as one of the robbers.

The policeman immediately searched Carnegie for a weapon, but nothing was found on him and he was taken to the Detective Bureau at 135th

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FOUND UNCONSCIOUS; DIES IN HOSPITAL

Pittsburgh, Pa., January 8.—Henry Walker, aged 25 years, died last Monday in the West Penn Hospital here after he had been taken from a boarding house operated by Mrs. Anna Chandler in Spring Way.

After the death of Walker and when his body was taken to the morgue, it was reported that he had been attacked by holdup men and beaten in Penn avenue near the police station on Christmas night.

SHOT WITH TOY PISTOL

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 8.—Miss Effie Butler, aged 12 years, was painfully injured Tuesday afternoon when Bulah Brown, aged 14, shot her in the foot with a toy pistol. It is said that the shooting was accidental. The children were playing in the toy room of the Butler home at 203 Rhodes street when the accident occurred.

ASSASSINS KILL REV. J. W. H. EASON

Former 'American Leader'
in Universal Negro Im-
provement Association
and Founder of Univers-
al Negro Alliance Shot in
New Orleans—The Body
Brought to Elizabeth
J. For Funeral Service
Family

Reverend J. W. H. Eason, a former leader in the Garvey movement, and founder of the Universal Negro Alliance, who was shot here last Monday night by one of three men who opened fire upon him as he was leaving the Bethany Baptist Church, where he had been speaking against the Universal Negro Improvement Association, died in Charity Hospital last Friday.

Three bullets pierced his body; two in the back and one in the right temple. He was rushed to Charity Hospital, where every effort was made to save his life, but he died early on Friday morning.

Death Statement

Dr. Eason was unconscious most of the time that elapsed between the attack and his death. He rallied sufficiently to swear before the police authorities that two of the men who sprang out on him from an alley in which they had been laying in wait for him were Frederick Dyer, forty-two, a longshoreman, and William Shakespeare, twenty-eight, a painter. Both men are said to be prominent members of the Universal Negro Improvement Assn. in the city.

The dying leader in his last statement declared that he had

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