

William Barkuloo

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THE VICTIM DIED -- A Negro Kills a White Man in Brunswick

Brunswick, Ga. December 3 -- [Special] -- William Barkuloo was struck in the head by John Boatwright a negro laborer with a piece of scantling yesterday and died this morning at 4 o'clock from the injuries received. The affair was a cold blooded one. At the hour Barkuloo died his murderer was arrested at his home on Dartmouth street. Boatwright had just gotten into his house and was in the act of undressing when he was made to put on his clothes again by the officers, when he was taken to jail.

Barkuloo was foreman of the lumber dock of Stillwell Millen & Co. and he discharged Boatwright from his employ. The latter refused to go and stood around making himself obnoxious. A truck had been run off the track and Barkuloo having been led to believe Boatwright did it accused him. The negro replied "Whoever said I did it is a d-d liar." This angered Mr. Barkuloo who seized a stick and struck at Boatwright. The negro by this time got hold of a piece of wood the same size that Barkuloo had and struck the latter over the head. Mr. Barkuloo fell unconscious and was afterwards taken to his home where Dr. H. Burford was summoned. Dr. Blain was also called but despite their close attention and all that loving hands could do Barkuloo gradually sank until the hour of 4 o'clock this morning.

A reporter called at the jail this morning to see Boatwright and learn what he had to say about the matter but was refused admittance. The coroner was notified of the death of Barkuloo but he sought the advice of the solicitor general, who said that an inquest was unnecessary. He was between thirty five and forty years of age, and leaves a wife to mourn his sudden demise. The funeral will take place tomorrow at 10 o'clock a.m. from the First Baptist church. Excitement was high with talk of lynching, but all is quiet tonight.

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excitement here today and talk of lynching, but all is quiet tonight. No trouble is anticipated by the officers.

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