

Vigorous Defense Of Duke Endowment Made By Former Governor

Defence Offered by Former Governor Cameron Morrison at P. & N. Hearing in Charlotte.

INDENTURE TO BE EXHIBITED Will Be Placed in Evidence Although P. & N. Officials Hoped to Keep It From Coming Up.

Charlotte, June 21.—(AP)—A vigorous defense of the "sacredness" of the nature of the indenture...

Cameron Morrison, counsel for the electric line, and L. E. Jeffries, of Washington, vice president and chief counsel of the Southern Railway...

"We are going to put it in evidence and challenge the opposition to make good his most brutal assault on the noblest and most sacred instrument ever executed in North Carolina," Mr. Morrison said.

"The indenture was made in 1882, and it is a document which has been the basis of common public life for more than forty years."

Mr. Morrison said that the indenture was read, showing that hospitals, educational institutions, churches, orphanages and other benevolent and charitable institutions were designated to receive the income from the principal fund of the endowment forever.

On cross examination today Mr. Lee said the Duke endowment owns 103,000 shares of stock in the Aluminum Company of America; 316,028 shares of Duke power company stock; and 7,935 shares of the stock of Judson Mills, of Greenville, S. C., having a total approximate par value of \$42,000,000.

Mr. Morrison brought out that the P. & N. officials have signed agreements with merchants and other shippers in some towns along the line of the proposed extensions, whereby the P. & N. would receive half of each agreeing shipper's freight traffic.

It also was developed that directors of the Duke interests were in numerous instances the heads of great manufacturing concerns or chains of mills in the Carolinas.

After Mr. Jeffries had concluded with the witness, Carl H. Davis of the Atlantic Coast Line, questioned him briefly regarding the operations of the line.

On re-direct examination, contracts with shippers at Salisbury were produced to show that those who had "urged" the building of the extensions, it was announced, "were serious."

Similar contracts with shippers and other towns were produced, but those from Concord were withdrawn, as attorneys said that P. & N. officials "do not now propose to extend this line by Concord."

Wants New Connection With Coal Fields. Charlotte, June 21.—(AP)—Officials of the Piedmont & Northern Railway and electric line, have an ambition to provide a new and direct connection for the Carolinas with the coal fields of Virginia.

Parents of Daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Morris Porter are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Anne Ruth, on June 20th.

OVER WHOSE BONES DID SENECA WEEP? HAS BIG MYSTERY

Are the Bones, at First Thought to Be Those of Harry Sligh, Those of a Human Being or Goat?

TOWN STIRRED BY SENSATION Bones Were Found in a Home Formerly Occupied by Sligh, Who Was Arrested in the West.

BY W. M. SHERRILL, (Editorial Correspondent.) Seneca, S. C., June 20.—Even this quiet city which has just rid itself of red, dusty streets for modern concrete highways, has its modern crime sensation.

Those who keep up with South Carolina news facts will remember that several months ago Sligh was arrested in California after a hunt that had extended from his former Georgia home to the Pacific slopes.

Sligh was born and reared in Seneca and was regarded as one of the finest young men about town. His family long had been prominent in city affairs and he was accorded that love and respect that any small town bestows on a son of a worthy mother and father.

Several years ago he moved to Georgia, entered the real estate game and seemingly prospered. Insurance policies to the amount of \$30,000 were carried by him and when he returned to the scene of his boyhood home he was feted and petted the same as any other favorite son who comes back home for regular but brief visits.

Then one day several months ago Seneca was startled to hear that Harry Sligh had been burned to death when his Georgia home was destroyed. Bones found in the charred remains of the house were sent to Seneca and a funeral service which challenged the attention and interest of the entire town was held last September when the bones were laid to rest with suitable grief.

News dispatches reported that Sligh had been arrested in California by detectives upon the case almost immediately after the fire. He did not attempt to conceal his identity. He faced the music with the plea that his mind had been a blank following the fire and he did not know how or when he reached the Pacific coast region.

That was the first question asked the people of this quiet town. Over whose remains or the remains of what had they shed their tears? What sort of bones lie buried in the graveyard here, in a grave that was banked high with flowers for days and weeks following the funeral? In a grave that was well kept and on which fresh flowers were regularly placed?

The bones are those of a goat, say the detectives and others who are prosecuting the case. That they should be allowed to waste their sympathy and tears in such manner, if the charges be true, has aroused the good people of this community more than anything else in connection with the case.

Members of Sligh's family, it is further charged, left home several days before the fire, going to visit relatives in the city where their furniture was stored.

What do they know about the mystery? What communication, if any, did they have with the missing man? These too, are phases of the case that Seneca wants cleared up, and people here are heard to express the opinion that these relatives haven't told all they know.

And the bones, after all, may be those of some human. At least that is the defense that Sligh is expected to offer. It is said here that he will argue that he has committed no crime since the bones are those of a burglar who entered his home the night of the fire, a burglar who was shot in a fight and who set fire to the house by washing a lamp as he fell after being mortally wounded.

This may be Sligh's defense with this important addition—that the house was unoccupied at the time, that it had no furniture in it and that it was without a roof, the roof being removed for a new one which had not been constructed. In Seneca they say it is not unlawful in Georgia to burn a house which is not furnished

Official Data on 1918 Flu Epidemic Puts Death Rate at 587 per 100,000

Washington, June 21.—The Census Bureau of the Department of Commerce has issued a report on mortality statistics covering the years from 1915 to 1925 which shows the enormous death toll of influenza in the 1918 epidemic. It states that the death rate "from influenza and pneumonia, all forms," in 1924 was 117.7 per 100,000 estimated population.

In 1918, the year of the great "flu" outbreak, the death rate per hundred thousand was 587.0 in the registration area. The rate for states was 584.6, rural communities 569.8, and cities 607.6. Maryland led with 803.6 deaths per 100,000. The rate among white people was 758.5 and among negroes 1029.3.

Pittsburgh led all cities with a death rate of 1,243.6 per 100,000. New York City's rate in 1918 was 582.5, distributed as follows: The Bronx, 540.7; Brooklyn, 600.2; Manhattan, 580.1; Queens, 537.0, and Richmond, 760.3.

These are the first accurate figures made public here. The letter, laboriously written, and with scarcely any attention to such minor details as grammar or spelling, states that the writer's husband was convicted of possessing liquor, but that the liquor was not his. The wife states that one night when a community prayer meeting was being held at their home, one of those who attended brought some liquor, and evidently forgot it. Right after this prayer meeting, the officers found the liquor, and charged her husband with its possession.

WRECKAGE MAY BE ST. ROMAN'S PLANE Found Off Brazilian Coast; Aviators Were on Flight Across Atlantic. Rio De Janeiro, June 20.—The parts of two wings of an airplane fastened together to form a makeshift raft have been found near Cape Maguary, Brazil. They are believed to be a possible clue to the fate of Captain St. Roman, French aviator, and two companions, who started their Atlantic flight on May 5 from the African coast.

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MRS. WILLIAMS, U. D. C. LEADER, DIES AT HER HOME

Newton, N. C., June 21.—(AP)—Mrs. Fannie Ransom Williams, 71 years old, nationally known for her activities in the United Daughters of the Confederacy, and honorary president of that organization, elected for life in 1925, died at her home here this morning at 4:20 o'clock, after a week's illness following a stroke of paralysis.

DID FRIEND'S LIQUOR SEND MAN TO PRISON? This is What Man's Wife Says in Letter to Pardon Commissioner. Raleigh, June 21.—Is a husband and father now serving a prison sentence because another man brought some liquor to his house at prayer meeting, and then forgot to take it with him?

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See testimonials of Dorman Medicine, sold by Cline's Pharmacy, in this paper. You can get all of the modern bathroom fixtures from E. B. Brady, Showroom at 27 East Corbin street. Don't delay making your will. Consult the expert at the Citizens Bank and Trust Company.

Committee to Meet. Geneva, June 21.—(AP)—The executive committee of the tripartite naval conference under the presidency of Hugh S. Gibson, of the United States, decided today to convoke a meeting of the technical experts of Great Britain, the United States and Japan.

Defending Champion Had 74 on Charlotte Course During Day. Charlotte, June 21.—(AP)—Elliott Spicer, Memphis, defending champion with 38-36-74, had an early lead over the qualifying field here today in the Southern Amateur Golf tournament.

May Be Able to Tune In On Radio Of Byrd. New York, June 20.—Radio fans, who can tune their sets to a 600-meter wave length and can decipher the continental code letters WTW, will have a chance to catch messages from Commander Richard E. Byrd's monoplane America on its transatlantic flight.

Julian Harris to Address Editors of State. Charlotte, June 21.—(AP)—Julian Harris, editor of the Columbus, Ga., Enquirer Sun, and winner in 1925 of the Pulitzer prize for community service has accepted an invitation to speak at the semi-annual meeting of the North Carolina Press Association at Morehead City, July 21. B. A. Lowrance, secretary of the association announced here today. Mr. Harris will speak at the banquet the night of July 21.

Novelists Make Conte Carlo a Favorite Scene for Murders and Mysteries. But as a matter of fact the courts there have had to deal with only one murder case in twenty years.

Weather. Increasing cloudiness followed showers and warmer in west portion tonight; Wednesday showers, warm in east portion and cooler in west portion.

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