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## NELL CROPSEY FOUND

Dead Body of Missing Girl Discovered in River.

FATHER IDENTIFIED THE CORPSE.

A Coroner's Jury Held An Autopsy and Recommended That Wilcox Be Kept For Trial.

Suffolk, Va., Special.—Nellie Cropsey's dead body was found Friday in Pasquotank river. After thirty-seven days of anxiety and fake reports and the lavish expenditure of money to solve the mystery of Ella Maude Cropsey's disappearance, Pasquotank river gave up its dead at 10 o'clock this morning.

Nellie's body was located on the river bottom by J. D. Stillman, a fisherman, who hurried word to S. W. Turner, a member of the citizens' committee of five. The news of the find spread like a prairie fire, and soon a great crowd of excited people had collected. Justice W. H. Cropsey, the girl's father, was summoned. Almost overcome with emotion he pushed through the crowd and stood beside the corpse, where it had been tenderly laid near the bank. There was a hush as he looked upon his daughter's form, but only for a minute. Justice Cropsey soon pronounced the body before him the remains of his missing Nellie. Word was sent to the mother, who has seemingly suffered most, to the sisters and to Miss Carrie Cropsey, of New York, who has remained with the family during all their trouble. There were weeping and cries of grief and they would not be consoled.

The corpse was found out in the river nearly opposite the Cropsey home. Later, Coroner Fearing was notified and he had summoned a jury who viewed the remains in a small house on the Cropsey premises. Witnesses told how the find was made, and there was evidence to show conclusively that the body was Nellie Cropsey's.

A careful examination was made by physicians. The body itself, though darkened by the water's action, was considered in an excellent state of preservation.

James Wilcox, the suspected lover who, in pursuance of advice of his father and lawyer, had left town and was stopping at a country house in Pasquotank county, was gone after and brought to Elizabeth City at 5 o'clock. There was no apparent change in his expression and when questioned about the case he answered in monosyllables. Of course he maintains not only his innocence, but his ignorance of the causes which led to Miss Cropsey's death.

The Coroner's Inquest.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Special.—The coroner's jury reports that Miss Cropsey came to her death by being stricken a blow on the temple and drowned and recommends that an examination as to Wilcox's guilt be made.

The report made by the physicians who performed the autopsy on Miss Cropsey says: "The garments show no marks of violence. There were no external marks of violence on body, head or face. There was a discoloration of a pinkish tinge on the front of head and face with a slight bluish discoloration over the back of the neck. There were no marks upon the front of her neck, except as made by construction of her dress collar. An examination of the internal organs showed she was a pure girl.

"There was no fracture discovered at any point of the cranium. There was no effusion of blood or water upon the surface of the brain or any evidence that violence had reached its structure or the internal plates of its bony covering. The brain substance so far as we could see shows no evidence of damage. The brain was removed and the base of the brain thoroughly inspected. There was no damage to blood vessels or bony structure.

The report was signed by Drs. J. B. Wood, O. McMullan and I. Fearing.

The verdict of the coroner's jury followed: "We, the coroner's jury, having been duly summoned and sworn by Dr. I. Fearing to inquire what caused the death of Ella M. Cropsey, do hereby report that from the investigation made by three physicians of Elizabeth City, and from their opinion and also from our personal observation, that said Ella M. Cropsey came to her death by being stricken a blow on the left temple and by being drowned in the Pasquotank river. We have not yet investigated nor heard any testimony touching as to who inflicted the blow and did the drowning. We are informed that one James Wilcox is charged with same and is now in custody. We recommend

that investigation as to his or any one else's probable guilt be held by one or more magistrates in Elizabeth township and that said Wilcox be held to await said investigation.

(Signed) I. Fearing, coroner; P. S. Shipp, B. F. Spence, Maurice Westcott, Robert J. Mitchell, J. B. Fearbee, J. H. Leroy.

Threats Against Wilcox.

Raleigh, Special.—Friday evening Governor Aycock received the following telegram from Sheriff Grandy, of Elizabeth City:

"Miss Cropsey's body found in river. Threats of violence against James Wilcox. Notify Naval Reserves here to be at my command."

The Governor replied: "Naval Reserves ordered to obey your orders. Maintain law at all hazards. Keep me fully informed by wire."

Sampson's Condition.

Urbana, Ill., Special.—John B. Weeks, of Champaign, a personal friend of Rear Admiral Sampson, has received a letter from Mrs. Sampson, in which she says the mental condition of the admiral is beyond recovery. The letter was written in reply to a note expressing sympathy with the rear admiral in the personal annoyances he has suffered in the controversy with Rear Admiral Schley.

Committed Suicide.

Washington, Special.—The War Department is in receipt of a cablegram from Gen. Chaffee, Manila, P. I., reporting that Odrus Reeder, second lieutenant of Philippine scouts, committed suicide on the morning of December 23 by shooting himself with a carbine on board the Lawton. He was suffering from temporary insanity, due to illness. Lieutenant Reeder was a native of Beverly, W. Va.

Destructive Fire.

New Orleans, Special.—Fire at Shreveport, La., early Wednesday destroyed the furniture establishment of Jackson Bros., involving a loss of \$60,000 on stock and \$15,000 on building. The fire situation in Shreveport is considered bad and agitation has been started in favor of building reform and improved fire apparatus. Forty insurance companies have withdrawn from the city pending an adjustment of conditions. The losses in the past six months have been exceptionally heavy.

Boer General Surrenders.

Washington, Special.—The War Department has been advised by cable from Manila of the surrender of the insurgent chieftain Samson, at Mutassaron, with all his officers and men, 23 cannon and 45 rifles. Mutassaron does not appear on any of the maps in the possession of the Department, but it is assumed that the surrender took place in the island of Bobol, as it was there that Samson of late has been operating with his followers, having crossed over from the former scene of his operations, the island of Cebu.

Removed to Prevent Lynching.

Hot Springs, Ark., Special.—Chas. F. Moore, who shot and killed James Garner and mortally wounded Will Garner here, was taken to the penitentiary at Little Rock Monday night for safe keeping, after he was declared by the coroner guilty of murder in the first degree. Threats of lynching were made. The shooting was caused by the two Garners declining an invitation to take a drink with Moore.

Southern Gold and Silver.

Mr. George E. Roberts, director of the United States Mint, estimates that the value of gold produced in the country in 1900 was \$79,171,000, and of silver \$35,741,140. The value of gold produced in Southern States was Alabama \$100, North Carolina \$28,500, South Carolina \$121,000, Tennessee \$100, Texas \$1100 and Virginia \$3020. Alabama produced \$62 worth of silver, Georgia \$248 worth, North Carolina \$694 worth, South Carolina \$248 worth and Texas \$295,988 worth.

Two Men Shot.

Dublin, Ga., Special.—At Brewton, near here, James Lovett and Omar Keen were shot and probably fatally wounded Tuesday night by Robert Fort. Lovett is a merchant and Keen and Fort are his clerks. Lovett and Fort got into a dispute and Fort drew a pistol and began to shoot. Keen tried to stop the row and Fort turned his gun on him. Lovett is believed to be dying and Keen can hardly live. Young Keen is the son of State Treasurer Lemuel Keen.

## SERIOUS RACE RIOT

Marred the Esstivities of the Happy Christmastide in New York.

MANY OTHER HOLIDAY FATALITIES

A Number of Crimes and Accidents That Detracted From the Enjoyment of the Occasion.

New York, Special.—A race skirmish between whites and blacks in Harlem Christmas day developed serious proportions and kept the police busy for a time. The negroes, 1000 strong, were armed with revolvers and clubs, while equally as many whites used stones as weapons. The negroes had the advantage, but were driven back into their tenements by the police after they had charged on the whites with pistols and razors. Fourteen negroes were arrested. Four whites, including a policeman, were badly shot or cut.

The rioting began when some white boys stoned two colored girls, whereupon a dozen negroes seized the white boys and beat them. The boys when released told their story to white men in the vicinity and an organized attack was made on the negroes, who were driven back to their tenements under a shower of stone. The confusion increased when the white men began to bombard the tenements with stones and other missiles, and the negroes fired from their windows into the crowd. The whites, surprised by the shooting and seeing men fall wounded, turned and ran, followed by the negroes, who used knives and clubs freely. At this point a squad of policemen arrived and with drawn clubs stopped the rioting, chasing the negroes back into their houses.

Boy Killed His Father.

Brazil, Ind., Special.—In defending his mother from an assault by her drink-crazed husband, Theo. Watkins, 13 years old, shot and killed his father Christmas night at their home here. Richard Watkins came home and began abusing his family. He picked up a hatchet and started after his wife, saying he was going to kill her, and attempted to strike her on the head. Theodore seized a revolver, which he fired at his father. The bullet took effect near the heart and death resulted soon. Young Watkins surrendered himself to the police. He says he shot his father to keep him from killing his mother, but that he did not intend to kill his father. He insists he was justified in the shooting.

The Pope on Socialism.

Rome by Cable.—The Pope Monday received the cardinals, who offered him their Christmas greetings. The Pontiff made a lengthy address, in which he condemned what he characterized as the excessive liberty of thought now indulged in. He sharply criticized Socialism, agitation for divorce and hostility between different sections of the Church and urged a union of the Christian Churches. The Church, said the Pope, is now confronted by difficulties similar to those of earlier times. There are attempts everywhere to make the masses enemies of the Church, the religious orders are subjected to all kinds of vexatious persecutions and laws are being passed in open defiance of God's eternal laws. The Pontiff said the only means of successfully combating Socialism was for Catholics to harken to and obey the instructions of the Church.

Three Negroes Killed.

Little Rock, Ark., Special.—Three negroes were killed near Wilmot Tuesday as the result of a quarrel over a land sale. Martin Davis and Jeff Davis, cousins, engaged in a fatal duel. Jas. Thompson a friend of one of the dead men, was subsequently shot and killed by Arthur Davis, father of Martin Davis.

## SOUTHERN INDUSTRIAL

New Enterprises That Are Enriching Our Favored Section.

Paying Their Way.

A dispatch from Jackson to the Memphis Commercial-Appeal shows that the Mississippi State government is moving in the direction of self-support. It says that under the present convict farm system the Mississippi penitentiary has been converted into a source of revenue, and it adds:

"During the past two years the penitentiary has paid into the State treasury as net revenue over and above the prison expenses \$18,771.70. During the last fiscal year the amount paid in was only about \$700 greater than the year previous, but over \$40,000 had been paid out for a new farm.

"The State revenue agent is also a self-sustaining office, and one that has proven an enormous source of revenue to the State during the past two fiscal years. From this source the treasury of Mississippi received for the two years \$348,151.90.

"The office of State land commissioner has also proven a most remunerative one to the State during the past biennial period. The report of this officer shows that he has collected enough fees to pay the expenses of his department, and that the State treasury has received from his hands the sum of \$185,661.33.

"The report of the secretary of State is not yet ready for publication, but it has been repeatedly published since the new charter fee bill went into effect that the office was yielding a handsome revenue derived from this source, many thousands of dollars in excess of its expenses."

A 10,000-Ton Ship.

One of the steamships now being built by the Maryland Steel Co. at Sparrow's Point for the Boston Towboat Co. is to be named the Shawmut, and has reached a point where it is ready for the water. The vessel is one of two being built by this company and will be the largest yet constructed at the Sparrow's Point yards. It is 505 feet in length, 68 feet beam, and will have three steel decks. Its total carrying capacity is estimated at about 10,000 tons. It will be placed in service as an American "tramp" steamship, joining the fleet owned by the Boston Company, which have been built at the same plant. It will have engines capable of producing 5000 horse-power, giving it a speed of from twelve to fourteen knots an hour.

Shipbuilding on the Gulf.

Officers and directors of the Gulf Coast Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Co., which is considering the establishment of such plants at Mobile, also at New Orleans, have recently been in both cities examining coast sites. Chas. M. Jaspur of New York is president; C. M. Wickes and Samuel B. McConico, vice-presidents. There is a possibility that what is known as the McLellan dock at New Orleans may be purchased, and it is reported that the company has secured extensive water frontage at Mobile for its purpose. The financial plan of the company includes the issue of \$5,000,000 in bonds to furnish the necessary funds to build the plants. C. P. E. Burgwyn of Richmond is also reported to be interested in the projects.

Norfolk Shipbuilding.

Another addition to the growing ship-repairing and building interests of Norfolk, Va., is announced in the Union Construction & Dock Co., capitalized at \$20,000. This company intends to build and have in operation within six months a general plant, to include foundry, marine railway, floating dock of 500 to 100 tons capacity spar-yard and sail-loft. About 200 men will be employed. Large vessels will be put on the dock and the smaller craft on the marine railway. The officers are D. D. Hitchings, president; J. E. Davis, vice-president; C. T. Dean (of Ironton Ohio), secretary-treasurer, and directors, Messrs. W. T. Bowden, Thornton Reed and T. S. Ward.

Textile Notes.

The Weatherford (Texas) Board of Trade announces that a textile mill of considerable extent will be erected in Weatherford. The work of constructing said plant will commence within thirty days, and its product will be woolen cloth and camel's-hair press-cloth.

It is rumored at Sanford, N. C., that parties are investigating the waters of a creek near that town with a view to establishing a bleachery.

It is stated in a dispatch from Birmingham that the proposed cotton mill for Pell City, Ala., mentioned last week, will be built by a \$600,000 company that Boston and Lowell (Mass.) parties will organize, and that Geo. W. Pratt of Atlanta, Ga., will be president.

## ARE WORLD POWER

The United States So Designated At a Banquet.

A CHINAMAN'S HIGH ESTIMATE.

Justice Brewer Makes a Notable Address—Several Other Patriotic Speeches.

Philadelphia, Special.—The twenty-first annual banquet of the New England Society of Pennsylvania was held Monday night in Horticultural Hall, covers being laid for nearly 400 members and guests. Guests were present from New York, Baltimore, Washington, Boston and other cities. Assistant United States Attorney General James M. Beck, president of the society, opened the speech-making with a brief address. His mention among illustrious New Englanders of "George Dewey" evoked the greatest applause of the evening. Associate Justice David J. Brewer, of the United States Supreme Court, responded to the toast "The United States—a World Power." He said:

"While the events of the last two or three years have compelled an increase in our military and naval forces, while the amount of money which is called for by the Secretary of War and Secretary of the Navy seem to many to be too large, and while the roll of the drum and the blare of the bugle are more often heard, yet the sons of the Pilgrims will never turn our country over to the man on horseback, nor will our dearest laurels be crimsoned with the blood of the dying soldier. We shall deserve to be called a world power because our relations with all nations will be carried upon the highest principles of truth and justice."

Justice Brewer discussed the nearer relations of capital and labor, the growth of exports to the United States and closed with an eloquent plea for the Golden Rule in our dealings with inferior races and ignorant people "We cannot afford," he said, "to grow rich by wrecking them."

David J. Hill, First Assistant Secretary of State, responded to the toast "Patriotism." American patriotism, he said, is not born of possession but of aspiration; not of the influence of place but of the inspiration of principles.

Wu Ting-fang, the Chinese minister, alluded briefly to the open door of the Chinese empire. The oldest nation in the East, he said, was grateful to America for all she had done for China. America, he continued, would not oppress the weak, but would see that justice is done to all. This country, said Minister Wu, will not only become "a" world power, but "the" world power in commerce and policy.

Bourke Cockran responded to the toast "The Twentieth Century." There were numerous other distinguished speakers.

A By-Stander Shot.

Delphart, Tex., Special.—One man was killed and another wounded during a fight at a railroad depot here in which Deputy Sheriff John L. Sullivan and B. V. Cammack attempted to arrest Thomas Myers and Al Timmerman on a charge of murder. When Sullivan ordered Myers and Timmerman to surrender it is claimed one of them attempted to draw a revolver when the shooting began. Gus Bock, a bystander, was killed and Paul Hininger, another non-participant, was mortally wounded, while Myers, one of the men wanted, was shot in the chin. At the coroner's inquest Sullivan was exonerated from all blame.

Called on President.

Washington, Special.—Booker Washington, president of the Tuskegee Normal Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., was with the President for a considerable time Monday. He was received in the cabinet room. While he was talking to the President Secretary Hitchcock arrived and Washington left. Washington declined to make any statement as to his business with the President but it is believed they discussed Southern appointments.

Riot in Moscow.

London, By Cable.—The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says there were serious anti-German demonstrations at Moscow last week during which the escort on the German consulate there was shattered. The correspondent adds that the Russian censor stopped the transmission of this news.