

NEGRO CONFESSES AND IMPLICATES THREE AT CLINTON

Hopkins Admits Killing Lewis E. Ramey, But Had Help

TWO OTHERS ARRESTED ONE MAKES ESCAPE

Condemned Man Makes Statement Involving Ed. Oliver, Metz and Duncan in Crime — Metz Was Released During Trial And Cannot Be Found Now.

Clinton News Dispatch.

Three weeks of confinement behind prison bars made a very great impression on the mind of William Hopkins to cause him to disclose the truth as to the murder of Lewis E. Ramey. During all the trial he only showed evidence of nervousness, and even when he heard the 12 jurors render a verdict of guilty, he was not sufficiently moved as to assume an attitude profoundly impressed by a form of procedure that took place when Judge Bond read aloud to the court and to him in particular his death warrant. This he signed in open court and in Hopkins' presence.

Monday morning, after Hopkins heard the verdict of the jury on Friday evening, Hopkins expressed a desire to talk with his lawyers. The sheriff accorded him this privilege and he was ushered into the private sanctum of Major George E. Butler's office. The affair was made extremely private by the officers guarding him from beyond closed doors, and even in this seclusion he protested his innocence to the major in unmistakable terms, denying that he had ever seen Ed. Oliver's pistol and that he had never seen the store. Mr. Butler gave the court the benefit of Hopkins' private statement to him and created more or less sympathy for Hopkins. The feeling was everywhere current that Hopkins was not alone in the crime and some even wished the jury had found a verdict of murder in the second degree. But the stern reality of an electric chair put alone with his thoughts for just 24 hours, after a night of wakeful sleep and periods of serious reflection, he arrived at a decision to accept his lot and satisfy the people of Sampson county as to the facts in the murder of Lewis E. Ramey on the night of January 15, 1921.

While breakfast was being served (Continued on page 4.)

High Money Is Likely To Prevail Long Time

New York Banker Says That Retailers Will Yet Learn A Painful Lesson

There was enough short covering in certain issues that have been over-sold lately to give an appearance of firmness in a market otherwise extremely dull. Atlantic, Gulf and West Indies, Marine preferred, Mexican Petroleum and some of the oils made fair recoveries, and in the case of Atlantic Gulf, the gain was marked. American Woolens also showed evidence of retreat by some of the overvalued bears that have been so active in that stock lately.

Bearish operations, however, were merely transferred to other issues, and pressure was apparent in the fertilizer stocks and some of the specialties, such as Coca-Cola, Kelly Springfield and Sears Roebuck. Rumors were in circulation to the effect that the annual reports of some of the tobacco companies, including retail stores and tobacco products, would be out later in the week, would make a rather disappointing showing.

In the late trading the steels and some of the coppers moved up rather sharply. Utah advanced about 2 1/2 points from its low position for the day.

Transactions in foreign exchange were light, although the tone was firmer, especially in sterling. Dealers are evidently holding off in view of the approaching conference on reparations at London.

The weekly review of the Iron Age indicated the advent of rebuilding in the steel industry. New buying is reported small, and most advices tell a story of lessened activity and reduced output.

Call money ruled at 7 per cent throughout the day.

MONEY CROP SENSE

More soy beans, potatoes and corn, more beef and pork and more of some other food and feed stuffs will be grown in the lower part of the eastern tobacco belt next year than ever before, if the advice of expert agriculturists, including federal extension agents, is followed by the farmers who this fall have seen their tobacco crop sell for less than 40 per cent of last year's average and the cotton market gradually tumble to unprofitable levels.

Denby's Appointment As Head Of The Navy Comes As A Surprise

Herbert Hoover, One Of The Storm Centers, Named Secretary Of Commerce

St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 22.—President-elect Harding has reached a tentative decision on every place in his cabinet, and unless there are last minute changes the official circle of the next administration will be composed of those men.

Secretary of state—Charles Evans Hughes, of New York, former governor, justice of the supreme court and Republican nominee for the presidency.

Secretary of the treasury—Andrew W. Mellon, of Pennsylvania, banker and financier, member of a family reputed to be among the wealthiest in the country.

Secretary of the interior—Albert B. Fall, of New Mexico, now a United States senator.

Secretary of agriculture—Henry Wallace, of Iowa, editor of farm publications.

Secretary of commerce—Herbert Hoover, of California, former food administrator and compelling leader in various movements for European relief.

Secretary of labor—James J. Davis, of Pennsylvania and Illinois, a former union steel worker, who has become highest official of the Moose fraternity.

Secretary of navy—Edwin Denby, a Michigan, a former member of Congress who has served as an enlisted man in both the navy and the marine corps.

Secretary of justice—Edward Tamm, of Virginia, a former member of Congress who has served as an enlisted man in both the navy and the marine corps.

Secretary of war—George D. Goetz, of New York, a former member of Congress who has served as an enlisted man in both the navy and the marine corps.

The permanent snow fields of Alaska are less than one per cent of Alaska's total area.

DUKE CHURCH FOLK DENY DOCTRINE IS AT ALL HARMFUL

Member Of Church Of God Says Story Is False

NOBODY SAT ON RED HOT STOVE, HE SAYS

War Are Long-Waired Preachers Employed — But Man Did Embrace Hot Heater And Can Handle Glowing Coals And Serpents Without Harm.

It wasn't because of any fault with the flock or the Church of God that caused William A. Erwin to tell seventy-five members of the church to move, according to W. E. Tinsage, for many years a respected resident of the mill town, who was one of the men told by Mr. Erwin to move.

Mr. Erwin, according to Mr. Tinsage's story, objected to the church because of the late hours into which its services sometimes were held, and not because any of the members conducted themselves in any way objectionable to him. It was true, Mr. Tinsage said, that enemies of the church had carried some unwholesome tales to the mill management, but none of these was true, he declared.

A story recently printed in The Dispatch drew Mr. Tinsage's wrath when discharged from service by Duke. "The story is a pack of lies," he said.

PROHIBITION BILL DIES IN COMMITTEE

Cooke Measures Got Only One Vote On House Judiciary; Local Hearings

Called upon to do Solomon's judgment between two anti-liquor measures the House Judiciary Committee No. 1 killed the first of the pair and upon petition of the father of the second allowed it to die Friday before final consideration is extended. The Cooke bill is dead, and the Templeton bill still pending.

The Cooke bill appeared in substitute form before the committee yesterday afternoon, radically changed from the original measure which had in contemplation the co-ordination of National and State prohibition laws. Originally it was in the hands of the Proprieties and Grievances Committee where action was declined.

Revamped, the Cooke measure provided that the Attorney General should have the supervision of the prohibition laws in North Carolina, with power to appoint such special agents, attorneys, constables or other officers as were necessary to the enforcement of the laws. The state laws were amended to conform rigidly to the Federal statutes.

The Templeton measure, which is still pending, authorized the formation of a special law enforcement commission, with a chief appointed by the Governor, and such deputies, agents and attorneys as were necessary to the proper enforcement of the state and Federal laws. The bills are very similar, except in the matter of administration.

Drain Smithfield Rid Town

Work Will Cost About \$100,000, It Is Estimated

Smithfield, Feb. 22.—The drainage of the town of Smithfield is the subject of a meeting of the citizens at the courthouse which was decided to accept of the government to drain Smithfield of the town of mosquitoes.

The drainage is estimated to cost \$100,000, half of which is to be put up by the town and the other half by the government.

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Woman's Have M

End Women Who In Popular

Julia Howard Reams will bring down the house with "Sweet Mama." And Miss Jane Jackson will be remembered for months after her rendering of "Nobody." All of these comedienne are equipped with a big array of local jokes that will bring a mile of smiles and the big minstrel first part, which will run fully an hour will be the real joy division of the production.

There will also be an hour of vaudeville specialties, each one a feature in itself. The seats will be placed in sale Monday at the Wilson and Lee store and as there are only seven hundred seats in the Opera House, it would be a safe plan for those contemplating witnessing the biggest and snappiest show Dunn has seen in many moons to get them early.

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During 1920 every six minutes a new life was born into the world; every fifteen minutes another life was snuffed off. That the births are to exceed the deaths accounts for the large increase in the population of the state during the last decade as shown by the last census figures for the state has had little increase by reason of immigration.

DUNN DEBATERS OPPOSE SANFORD AND SMITHFIELD

Apex, Jonesboro And Lillington Pitted Against Each Other

DUKE AND ANGLIER TO BE CONTESTANTS

Total Of 225 Schools Will Engage In Speaking Contest To Have Final Discussion At Chapel Hill In April—Ninety Counties In The Contest.

Chapel Hill, Feb. 24.—Sanford and Smithfield are the two schools in the triangle with Dunn in the annual high school triangular debate conducted by the literary societies and Bureau of Extension of the University. Mr. E. E. Rankin, Secretary of the Bureau, has just given out the query for the debate. "Resolved: The policy of the closed shop should prevail in American industry."

Apex, Jonesboro, and Lillington are other towns which will engage in the debate. The schools will be pitted against each other in the debate in the first formed triangles. The winning team of each triangle will come here in the latter part of April to contest for final supremacy.

The school that wins out finally in the debate is entitled to have its name with the name of the winning debaters inscribed on the Aycock Memorial cup. If a school wins out twice in succession the cup becomes its property.

This is the eighth year of the triangular debate. So far no school has won out twice in succession, and the honors in the past have gone to Pleasant Garden high school in 1913, Winston-Salem high school in 1914, Wilson high school in 1915, Graham high school in 1916, Waynesville high school in 1917, Wilson high school in 1918, and Durham high school in 1919.

STAMPEDE TO LAND ROAD COMMISSION

Army of Candidates Seeking Appointment on Administrative Unit (News and Observer.)

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Women At Trial Of Varner Case Targets For Casler's Tongue

Scored "New" Woman, "Half Naked, Wrapped In Embrace Of Half Drunken Man."

Mrs. Varner sat throughout the day without showing any outward signs of unusual concern over the address of her husband's attorneys to the jury, in which her name was referred to innumerable times. Mr. Casler brought tears to his client's eyes when he declared next to the "tragedy" itself was when Mr. Varner, upon being informed at Greensboro August 11, 1920, by Fred O. Sink of the finding of doctor McHenry, wealthy musician, under his home on the night of August 13, 1920, declared: "Would to God that you had brought news of her death."

Fleeds With Jury Mr. Casler plied eloquently to the jurors to place themselves in Mr. Varner's position before arriving at a verdict, declaring that any man with one spark of self respect would have done as Mr. Varner did after hearing of the alleged association of his wife with a negro. "After hearing what he did or say not surprised at the gentle conduct of Mr. Varner," declared the speaker.

Answering the critics of Mr. Varner for his failure to give his wife a hearing before her departure for Lake City, Mr. Casler heatedly asked: "How could he have stood up and looked into the face of the woman who had been previously considered to be on a pedestal of virtue?"

Mr. Casler asserted that Mr. Guthrie had argued the case on the assumption of her innocence. He said in reply to this, that if the case is to be considered in that light then it would be a vigorous plea to the jury to decide the case strictly on the evidence brought out at the trial.

The speaker declared that if Mrs. Varner had been the wife of a poor man she would be found guilty, but because she is the wife of a rich man, she is believed to be innocent. "Human experience," stated Mr. Casler, "has taught mankind that virtue is not exclusively the possession of the rich. Virtue rests just as deep in the heart of the poor peasant who performs her chores as it does in the heart of the rich."

Mr. Guthrie in the morning had declared that the case was so unnatural, and to this Mr. Casler added: "We admit that it is an unnatural story. We admit that it is unnatural that a white woman should seek out a negro man."

At this point Mr. Casler stated that throughout the trial he had been particularly careful to give Mrs. Varner every point of doubt, realizing that she is of the same sex as his mother, wife and daughter. That he was wholly unable to understand how women, who had no particular business in the courtroom, could have stood by "feasting their eyes upon so terrible a tragedy of a white woman wrapping in slime with a negro man."

Speaking of the "new" woman, Mr. Casler declared that "if you go to some of the country clubs you will find half of the women naked, wrapped in the embraces of half drunken men." He denounced those who are clamoring for a single standard of morality, declaring that they are trying to bring the women down on the level with the opposite sex and not trying to lift man up on the plane with woman. He asserted that a good woman is the fairest of God's creatures, but that a bad woman is the lowest on earth.

Again speaking of the unnaturalness of the charges against Mrs. Varner, he declared that there are hundreds of cases on record similar to it. Continuing Mr. Casler said, was bleeding at every pore the domestic were living in sensuality with American negro soldiers.

Continuing Mr. Casler said, "Now let me suggest a reason why she desired to remain: Was it the fact, the ride in a Pullman car, or was it a desire to remain and entertain Baxter McHenry while Varner was away?"

ORGANIZED LABOR CONDEMNNS USE OF THE INJUNCTION

Want Law Declaring Labor Organizations Are Not Co-Partnerships In Law

DECLARATION ISSUED OUTLINING PRINCIPLES

Leaders of American Federation of Labor Outline Platform After All Day Conference in Washington; Employers Warned That Standards Must Be Maintained.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Enactment by Congress of a law declaring that labor organizations are not co-partnerships and "shall not be so treated in law or in equity" is demanded by organized labor in a declaration of principles adopted tonight by representatives of National and international unions affiliated in the American Federation of Labor.

The declaration which was approved after an all day conference here at which Samuel Gompers, president of the Federation, presided, also called for the "immediate restoration of exemption from or the repeal of all anti-combinations and the so called conspiracy laws."

Condemning the use of the injunction under present laws, the declaration asserted that the "only immediate course" through which labor could find relief "lies in a flat refusal on the part of labor to recognize or abide by the terms of injunction which seek to prohibit the doing of acts which the workers have a lawful and guaranteed right to do."

"Labor realizes fully the consequences of such a course," it was added, "but in the defense of American freedom and of American institutions it is compelled to adopt this course, be the consequences what they may."

Final Chapter Written In Lippard Murder Case

Solicitor Huffman Accepts Not Free In Case Against Carroll E. Eckard

Morganton, Feb. 22.—Probably the final chapter of the sensational Lippard murder case, which had been for several months a matter of much interest throughout the western part of the state, came to a close today when Solicitor Huffman accepted a nolle prosequi with leave in the proceedings against Carroll Eckard, the Hickory jitney driver, who was thought to have been associated with the Hefner brothers in the robbery of Glen Lippard's body.

It will be recalled that Cecil and Dock Hefner and Lene Young drew penitentiary sentences at the December term of Burke court, and that last week Baxter Hilderbrand submitted to manslaughter.

west the candidates thicken up again. T. L. Kirkpatrick is in a receptive frame of mind, as are also several other Charlotte folks. H. E. Varner is not unwilling to take the job for his section of the state and going still further west there is Dr. Morse, of Hendersonville and Chimney Rock, a diligent protagonist of good roads, who wants the job for his section.

Politically, it appears likely that the Republican membership of the committee will be shifted to the east, and Democratic members will come from western counties. Republicans are not thinking along this line to any measurable extent, and particularly in the Eighth and Ninth construction districts. Two candidates are being put forward — Representative J. C. McBoe, of Mitchell, and former Senator James E. Hyst, of Yancey county. McBoe and Hyst are prominent Democrats in the party, and both have strong endorsements from Democrats and Republicans alike in their home territory and throughout the State. Both come from the same district, and the Governor would have a right difficult job choosing between the two. Either would accept the job if it were offered him, and neither is entirely willing to sacrifice himself for the north-west.