

LARKIN GARRETT ALSO CONVICTED

**Sentenced To Four Years For
Voluntary Manslaughter;
Motions Pending**

Cumberland Courthouse, Va., Dec. 15.—With the conviction today of Larkin C. Garrett on a charge of voluntary manslaughter and a sentence of four years' imprisonment, the next decision in the now famous Garrett-Pierce murder case will come from Judge B. D. White.

The court now has before it a motion to set aside the verdict in the trial ending today, as well as the motion in the case of Robert O. Garrett, Larkin's brother, who was convicted last month of second degree murder and sentenced to five years' imprisonment. The brothers, both of whom are prominent business men of Cumberland and hold several official positions, were charged jointly with first degree murder in connection with the killing last June 5 of Rev. Edward S. Pierce, Baptist minister. Each has had two trials, a mistrial being in the first trial of each.

Postponed Decision
Judge White, whose regular court is in Princess Anne and who was assigned to preside in the Garrett trials, had announced he would make known today his decision on the motion of Robert Garrett that the verdict in his case be set aside and a new trial granted. However, he had not completed his study of the points raised by the defense and postponed the matter until the next term of the Cumberland court in January. It was believed possible that Larkin Garrett's motion would be decided at the time, as the motion was identical. In the case today a Surry county jury rendered the verdict. Robert's conviction came through a Southampton county jury. Both outside juries were brought here under a change of venue granted at the request of the State.

The new trial motion is based on alleged errors by the court in the matter of instructions; on the ground that the verdict is contrary to the law and the evidence, and particularly on the ground that the defendant's constitutional rights were infringed by the court in granting a change of venue over the protest of the defense.

Laurinburg Woman Is Held At Richmond, Va.

Richmond, Va. Dec. 11.—Grace Grant, a young woman hailing from Laurinburg, and claiming to be the daughter of a Wilmington physician, was held here Monday as a drug addict. According to the police, she made a round of local hospitals putting up a story that she had been injured in a railroad accident and claiming that nothing but morphine would relieve the pain which she was suffering. At several of the institutions she got by with her yarn and succeeded in getting drug treatment. She was finally decoyed to the city jail hospital, where she put up a stiff fight before being overpowered. The police say she is in a padded cell tonight.

No man would dare go home and say to his wife: "A bunch of us 'chewed the rag' all afternoon." He puts it this way: "I was in a four-hour conference."

WANTS NO MASKS TO ENFORCE LAWS POTEAU STATES

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elgin Mission Board at Richmond for distribution.

There was no resolution today on the Ku Klux Klan and Dr. Poteat did not refer to the organization by name but made his meaning perfectly clear in presenting his report on social service, which dealt almost entirely with the subject of prohibition. The last sentence of the report written by Dr. Poteat reads: "It is a time for the mobilizing of all our Christian forces for the support of the constituted agencies for the enforcement of the law."

Respond With "Amens."
Reading that sentence, Dr. Poteat declared with much feeling: "You will note, brethren, that the phrase is constituted agencies and the man who wrote it intended the phrase to exclude these organizations that are presuming to enforce the law in their own way, contrary to the constitution and laws of this country."
"I do not believe that there is any place in this country for men who operate behind masks or disguises of any sort."

The statement was greeted by a hearty chorus of amens from all portions of the church but there was no further reference to the matter.

"We are moved in order that we may be of use and it is possible to correctly frame our mission so as to put it all under the head of social service," declared Dr. Poteat.

Discusses Liquor Propaganda.
However, in his discussion he confined himself to prohibition, declaring that an active propaganda is being carried on by "the wine merchants of France the beer merchants of Germany as well as gentlemen engaged

ed in the same lines of work in this and other countries."

He declared the propaganda has objects, to legalize light wines and beer and to create the impression that prohibition is a failure.

"We must remember that it is the alcohol that does the mischief and

that there is no such thing as good whiskey and bad whiskey, it is all bad," declared Dr. Poteat. He declared that drinking is not a private affair and that there is nothing unusual in the restriction of personal liberty by prohibition laws as all laws can be divided into two classes, those that

are restrictive and those that provide the administration of the restrictive laws.

The convention heartily endorsed the report and signified its approval of the Anti-Saloon League by electing Dr. Poteat and Dr. Clarence Poe to represent the denomination on the

executive committee of the State League and electing President Spillman, Secretary Walter N. Gilmore, Dr. Poteat and Dr. S. J. Porter, of Durham, as delegates to the National Convention in Washington, January 12-16.—R. E. Williams, in Raleigh News and Observer.

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