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BANKER OF SOUTH CAROLINA FACING DEATH SENTENCE

Greenville Banker's Fate To Be Decided by Jury in Orangeburg Court

Illegal Marriage Is Brought Into Trial

Jury Will Decide Issue As to Whether Banker Killed Civil Engineer in Self-Defense or in Spirit of Revenge.

Washington, May 7.—With the strange tale of Edward N. Mittle's legal case to be examined this week before trial and arguments on the morning session of court here today the jury was expected to begin its deliberations before nightfall to decide whether the Greenville banker killed J. H. Patterson in revenge for his attentions to the woman in self-defense as Mittle claims.

On the stand in his behalf had before the defense closed yesterday Mittle admitted the killing, but asserted it followed an attack by the civil engineer in which the latter appeared to be shooting in effort to draw a pistol. Mittle said he had gone to the home of Mr. Sherf Jackson's parents here about the last November to try to adjust their differences which had followed over the separation of parents had forced when they found Mittle and just obtained a sum in foremaining her.

Patterson's attorney was in front of the house of Mittle's son and after two hours he came away having seen the woman alone. He said he saw Patterson kiss her ankles on the front porch after making his visit. The man left as Patterson approached his machine and the firing followed.

LOCAL BANKS WILL BE CLOSED NEXT TUESDAY

Announcement is made this morning that all the banks of the city will be closed next Tuesday, May 10, which is Memorial Day and a legal holiday. The local bankers plan to attend the sessions of the second congressional district bankers' meeting which will be at the Ricks Auditorium Tuesday afternoon and night.

Truck Driver Is Held Up By Armed Bandits

Memphis, Tenn., May 6.—Bandits held up J. D. Stroh, office manager of Louis' Laundry, and W. G. Quinn, owner of a laundry truck, in which Stroh was bringing \$100 from a bank to meet the weekly payroll when the truck reached the downtown business district here today and forced Stroh and Quinn to accompany them to a suburb where the bandits put the men into the ground and took possession of the truck and escaped with the bags of money.

Noted Author Mentioned as Envoy to Japan.

The author of "The Great War in Pictures," the book just submitted to the city for the trial of W. J. Jones, alias Lubin, who faces charge of murdering Ned Thorne, newspaperman, during a recent raid, defense of the Nash county felon was also condemned yesterday afternoon as "reckless and恣意." Some citizens were annoyed at Jones' coming in effect to compare the jury.

Out of the 100 men summoned yesterday only 11 met requirements of lawfulness in the first and were placed on the jury. It is expected that the twelve men will be selected out of the 20 other citizens who were invited to appear this morning and that the case in which much interest is centered will get under way today. It is understood that the taking of evidence will not consume very much time, and court officials are hopeful that the case may go to the jury late this afternoon.

It is stated that the state will rely principally upon circumstantial evidence in its contention for murder in the first degree, although it may be that unexpected direct evidence will be introduced. The defense of the trial is being conducted with particular interest here because, when the poison discovery and Thorne's murder took place, he was in prison awaiting trial for the theft of an automobile from a Rocky Mount resident.

Kelley Pushing Ruth For Home Run Honors

Chicago, May 7.—George Kelly, nephew of the famous Bill Lange who is playing first base for the New York Giants, is leaving Babe Ruth an incentive drive, according to averages received today and which include a game of last Wednesday. Kelly struck out his seventh batter and pulled away from the slugging unbroken outfielder but Ruth rounded the score Friday by making his seventh home run in a game at Washington. Ruth has the edge on his rival batting, hitting .388 after 14 games while Kelley has an average of .354 for 17 contests.

Miller of Philadelphia is topping the players in the National League who have played in 10 or more games. He has an average of .441 while Johnson of Philadelphia is the runner up at .433.

LOS ANGELES WOMAN TAKES HUSBAND'S LIFE

New Orleans, May 7.—Mrs. Fred R. Laverne, of Los Angeles, shot and killed her husband in the heat of the busi-ness section of this city shortly before noon today.

Decision to Have U. S. Represented on Allied Commission Is Upheld

Local Odd Fellows Hear Col. J. F. Bruton

The Rocky Mount Odd Fellows Lodge and a representative gathering of the general public heard Col. John F. Bruton, of Wilson, deliver a most interesting and forcible address on "Odd Fellowship" at the First Methodist church last night.

Col. Bruton spoke in most forcible terms of the principles and history of the order, pointing out what it stood for and what it should mean to its members. The Wilson man is known as one of the most interesting and sonorous speakers of eastern Carolina and there are many fixed up to his reputation in his excellent talk last night.

CLAIMS U. S. WILL ENTER THE LEAGUE

Viviani Declares Covenant Will Be Amended And America will Enter

Paris, May 7.—Lived that the United States could not stand aside from the work of world regeneration if the League of Nations covenant was originally intended¹ was expressed today by René Viviani in response to queries from American correspondents as to what he thinks of the prospect of the League after his recent visit to the United States.

Other Democratic statesmen said they were disappointed by the President and not satisfied with the government's official party's role in the subscriptions of the three bodies. Viviani said that the President had professed his support for amending a permanent representative to a diplomatic mission such as Ambassador Harvey has been designated to perform in entering as his representative the meetings of the supreme council. Ambassador Haverty is the representative of the President at the meetings of the supreme council, although without authority to act in behalf of the United States or keep alive from the world of world regeneration.

The League of nations will, by the September meeting of the assembly, be ratified by 40 countries, obtainable through amendment of the covenant, he said. "It will be a great service which makes it appear like a super-state. When this is done I cannot believe nation like the United States will keep aloof from the world of world regeneration."

U. D. C. ANNOUNCES MEMORIAL PROGRAM

Exercises Will Be Held At Confederate Monument Next Tuesday Afternoon

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Rev. W. H. Vodick, of the North Rocky Mount Baptist church, who was also a chaplain in the world war, will dedicate the trees to the memory of the boys of Rocky Mount and Nash county who made the supreme sacrifice in the late war.

The annual dinner will be given for all the Confederate veterans and their wives at the V. M. C. A. at one o'clock.

The memorial exercises to which the public is invited will be held at the Confederate monument at 3:30 p. m.

The U. D. C. hopes that the citizens of the town and all the American Legion as well as the school children will attend and honor first the veterans of '61 and '65 as well as the boys of the world over. The following program has been arranged:

Song: Star Spangled Banner.

Prayer: Rev. Willard Cooper.

Delegations: Dr. Tress: Rev. W. E. Yoder.

Address: Rev. James Cannon.

Song: God Bless the Tress: led by Bethel Harmon, Junior and School children.

PROF. JOHN GRAHAM DIES IN WARRENTON

News of Death of Prominent Educator and Father of Mrs. W. H. Horne Received Today

News was received in the city this morning of the death of Professor John Graham, one of the foremost educators of eastern Carolina and father of Mrs. W. H. Horne of this city, who taught in his home in Warrenton but night. Mr. and Mrs. Horne had been summoned to Warrenton and were at the bedside when the end came.

The deceased who was 73 years of age was one of the ablest educators in the state, having been actively identified with educational work since he was seventeen years old. He was head of the Warrenton high school for number of years until he was forced to retire several years ago on account of ill health.

Surviving the deceased are his widow; one son, Major W. A. Graham, of Wilmington; and four daughters, Miss Anna Graham of Warrenton, Miss Mariam Graham, of the Eastern Carolina Training School at Greenville, Mrs. P. G. Altom, of Texarkana, Texas, and Mrs. W. H. Horne of this city.

According to advice over the telephone funeral services will be held from the Presbyterian church at Warrenton tomorrow afternoon at three o'clock, while interment will be made in the family burial ground at Ridge-way.

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FRENCH CHAMPION LEAVES FOR U. S. TO MEET DEMPSEY

Address Farewell Messages of Hope and Confidence to French Sportsmen

Must Be Shown That Dempsey Is Superior

French Champion Declares Acknowledge American's That He Will Be Ready to Acknowledge American's Superiority If He Is Beaten.

Paris, May 7.—George Carpenter, heavyweight champion of France, left Paris this morning for Baie where he will take the steamer for America being matched to meet Jack Dempsey, the world's champion on July 26. The fighter's party was completed by the engagement of "Battling" McCabe, known as a boxer, but in addition a first class cook who will assure Captain of French cooking. Confidence was the keynote of Carpenter's good by here today. In a farewell message to the sportsmen of France he said, "I know your wishes accompany me, and I have every confidence. I will be in the best I can. If I am beaten the only thing for me to do is to recognize the superiority of Dempsey. If I am the winner, I expect and keenly desire the American fighter will give me his undivided credit."

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Bond Issue Invalidated By The Supreme Court

Raleigh, May 7.—In a decision handed down by the Supreme Court this week a hundred thousand dollar bond for Fairmount, Robeson county, was invalidated because the act which authorized the issuance fixed the lines or boundaries of the school district of the Fairmount school. This is in violation of the constitutional amendment of six years ago which provided that along with other local legislation, the General Assembly had no right to fix the boundaries of school districts. This is left to the school authorities and must not be done by the legislature. This is the first time this unconstitutional provision has been directly presented to the supreme court, and the court reversed the decision of the lower court, which had held the bonds valid.

Another case of general interest to merchants and others who use the parcel post came up in the decision of Green against the Ben Vende Company of Charlotte, in which suit was instituted against the company for the loss of goods shipped the plain-tiff by parcel post. The company claimed that it made the shipment by uninsured parcel post, and that it was not responsible for the loss. The government should make good the loss to the plaintiff. The court held in this case that the parcel post system was merely acting as an agent for the shipper and that in all cases he was responsible for the goods, even though they were lost, just as he would be responsible for the act of any other agent.

The council of state has authorized the borrowing of fifty thousand dollars by the treasurer for road work. The money was secured from one of the state banks for six per cent. It will be used by the highway commission for work that is now under way in anticipation of taxes that will be collected during the next few months. The highway commission will not need any great amount of money during the present month, possibly no great amount until July when the construction of new roads will be on in earnest. Pending that time the state does not need a great deal of other, for general running expenses, and there is a sufficient amount coming in to take care of that according to the governor.

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Five Cases Are Heard By Recorder Lancaster

At the regular session of municipal court this morning the following cases composed the docket which faced Recorder Lancaster for disposal:

George Higgs was charged with riding a bicycle on the sidewalk and relieved of \$2.

Early Edwards was arraigned on a charge of larceny and in lesser to the roads for 60 days.

John R. Tucker faced the court on a charge of having given a worthless check. Judgment was suspended, however, upon payment of the \$5 costs in the case and the amount involved in the check.

Walter Walker faced the court on a charge of transacting whiskey. He was taxed \$25, while a second count of speeding drew a \$5 fine.

JUDGING MOST BEAUTIFUL CHILD IN FRANCE



A group of happy English youngsters returning from a morning at the beach in a novel Torquay sidecar. This new type of sidecar is proving very popular with Londoners.

Mother's Day To Be Observed In City Tomorrow; Mass Meeting of Men Will Be Held In Afternoon

Rev. Mr. North to Address Meeting at "Y" Tomorrow Afternoon

CHURCHES TAKE PART

Cards Are Being Distributed Today Urging Observance of Day—Special Services at All The Local Churches Part of Program

Mother's Day will be observed in the city with fitting services tomorrow, special services in keeping with the spirit and purpose of the day having been planned at all the local churches for either the morning or evening services. The day's program will culminate in a mass meeting of men to be held at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium.

At this mass meeting, which is being opened by all the churches of the city and the Y. M. C. A. authorities, Rev. H. M. North, one of the foremost ministers of the state and at present educational secretary of the North Carolina Methodist conference, will be the speaker. The meeting will be held at four o'clock and Rev. Mr. North's subject will be "Mothers' Day and What It Means." All men in the city are urged to be present.

In addition to the church services and the meeting at the Y. M. C. A. the local churches are doing considerable personal work today in an effort to have the day observe as it should be and to have everyone in the city present at church tomorrow for mother's sake.

To accomplish this purpose committees from the various churches are today distributing cards throughout the city, calling attention to the fact that to-day is Mother's Day and urging that persons into whose hands the cards fall do the following things for Mother:

"Attend Sunday school and church.

"Write a letter.

"Visit a flower.

"Do something for her, in her memory.

"Live as she lived."

"Be as she pray'd."

The recognized emblem of the day is a flower and it is expected that practically every person in the city will wear this Mother's Day badge. If mother is living, a white flower should be worn; while if she is dead, a red flower is the appropriate emblem.

In connection with the educational movement, Rev. H. M. North, educational secretary for the North Carolina conferences, will speak at the First church tomorrow morning. Rev. Mr. North is known to be one of the most forcible and convincing speakers of the conference and is expected to bring a significant message to those who hear him tomorrow. Special services are planned for the day, and a large congregation is likely to be on hand.

The local church has already completed its organization plans for the educational movement. The minute men have been making special talks at every service for the past few weeks and the congregation has been thoroughly prepared for Rev. Mr. North's coming tomorrow. The educational secretary will speak at the morning hour, while at the evening hour there will be special services in keeping with Mother's Day.

Gives Decision In Favor Juvenile Court

Raleigh, May 7.—Children under sixteen years of age who commit crimes in North Carolina cannot be tried by other than the juvenile court according to a decision handed down by the supreme court this week. The court found an error in the case of the state against Coble, in which Jas. Coble, a fifteen year old boy of Anson county was denied the right to have his trial removed from the jurisdiction of the superior court to the juvenile court by Judge J. B. Ray. The boy was charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

With all its manifold difficulties, business does not have to contend with bootleggers. The Soviets positively will not stand for capitalists.

The Tar Heels have secured another pitcher, according to announcement made this morning by the business manager. The new acquisition is none other than the mysterious flier who has been going the rounds of local baseball gossip under the name of "Skeleton 8. Jones" until he had definitely accepted the terms of the Tar Heel management. Now that he is about to enter the local fold, however, the manager states that he is Joe LaBate, who hails from New York and who pitched a sterling brand of ball for several clubs in the International League.

LaBate is a right hand flier and will come to the locals highly recommended by several who have seen his work, while the pitcher himself, according to correspondence with local moguls, is confident that he can maintain a winning stride in the Virginia circuit. After having accepted the local's terms, LaBate was wired yesterday to report at once, and it is expected that he will report to Manager Fullenwider at Norfolk during the present series with Jack Warhop's Tars.

Nothing more has been heard from Johnson, the Dry Dock twirler, who was due to report early this week. The local moguls, however, have sent him an ultimatum, giving him until next Monday to shake in a Tar Heel uniform and if definite settlement is not reached with the pitcher by that time it is likely that he will be slated for suspension. In the meantime the Tar Heel's pitching staff in one short, as Ray, sent here by Connie Mack, has been released after losing two games on account of his wildness and left yesterday for his home in Oklahoma City.

SENATE COMMITTEE HEARS JOHNSON IN FIGHT UPON BLAIR

Finance committee is Conducting Hearing Today Behind Closed Doors