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SQUARE DEAL FOR DEAD MEN

The progress of the Thaw trial... we had very nearly said the White trial, for nobody except his immediate relatives cares much about the fate of the creature under indictment

"Serious questions," read the King's address at the opening of the British Parliament, "affecting the working of our parliamentary system have arisen from the unfortunate differences between the two houses. My Ministers have this important subject under consideration, with a view of solving the difficulty."

This morning's dispatches tell of a Georgia prominent citizen found dead in the woods with his faithful but apparently not prominent dog watching the body. Problem: To find the prominent citizen who did it.

A meat trust has been formed in Russia and the authorities have turned trust busters. We hope that the octopus will be speedily put out of commission. Russia has troubles enough of her own without borrowing ours.

By giving New York something other than the Thaw trial to talk about, the terrible wreck of a New York Central electric passenger train within the northern limit of the greater city is serving one useful purpose as a slight offset.

The immigration bill probably is not loaded for the South, but Senators Bacon and Tillman do well to take as few chances as possible.

JURY HAS MASSY CASE

DR. DAVIDSON NOW ON TRIAL. Case Against Mame Massey, Colored, Charged With Killing Her Husband, Dave Massey, Given to Jury Yesterday Afternoon. Jury Unable to Agree—Defense Introduced no Testimony and Solicitor Asked for Verdict of Manslaughter—Davidson Case Interesting—Story of Henderson, Who Got Prescription and Defendant Very Whimsical—More Fun Than a Barrel of Monkeys.

The entire time of the Superior Court yesterday was given to the trial of two interesting cases, and neither one is settled. The first, that of Mame Massey, colored, charged with slaying her husband, Dave Massey, was taken up yesterday morning and placed in the hands of the jury a little after 1 o'clock.

At the opening of the Massey case Solicitor Clarkson announced that the State would not contend for murder in the first degree, but would ask for a verdict of murder in the second degree. Counsel for the defense announced that they would not introduce any evidence whatever, resting their claim for an acquittal on the burden of proof being on the State.

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