

DECLINE TO BREAK FAITH

THE COMMITTEE IS NO WISER

Mr. R. W. Simpson, who wrote the New Famous Editorial in the Raleigh Times, declines to answer any of the questions put to him by the Legislative Investigating Committee as to the source of his information.

Observer Bureau, The Holloman Building, Raleigh, March 7. Fully two hundred persons, including many legislators and several ladies were present this afternoon at the county court house when, at 4 o'clock, the investigation by the special committee of the lower house of the Legislature began.

All the six members of the conference committee gave sworn testimony, saying there was no truth in the article, and that Daniels had nothing to do with the committee's action.

Senator Webb, of the conference committee, in his evidence said when he told Editor Daniels he favored a 2-1-2 cent flat rate he was told this would not do.

Mr. Bryant's testimony. H. E. C. Bryant, city editor of The Charlotte Observer, who wrote an article of the same tenor, was the next witness.

Mr. Bryant, being sworn, said: "I got my information from various persons at the Yarrowburgh house, at the railroad station and on the train between Raleigh and Greensboro.

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A VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY

STROTHER BROTHERS RELEASED

Judge Harrison Thanks Jury for Verdict. The Strotcher Brothers, charged with the murder of William F. Bywaters, returned a verdict of not guilty at 11:10 a. m.

At precisely 11:10 o'clock the jurymen, preceded by Sheriff Bowersett, filed into the court room, and took their accustomed seats.

"Gentlemen of the jury," asked Deputy Clerk Gilkerson, "have you agreed upon your verdict?"

"We have," replied Foreman Price, handing the verdict to the court officer. "We find the defendants, James and Philip Strother, not guilty."

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"Gentlemen of the jury, I thank you for a verdict which I think will be approved by the public. It is an established precedent in the State of Virginia that no man tried for defending the sanctity of his home should be found guilty."

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A VICTORY FOR MILL MEN

GOVERNMENT ABANDONS FIGHT

Counsel for the United States Threw Up the Sponge in the Prosecution of the Charlotte Mill Men Charged With a Violation of the Statute Forbidding Importation of Alien Labor, and Asks the Court to Instruct the Jury to Bring in a Verdict of Not Guilty.

Special to the Observer. Greensboro, March 7.—Never has there been a more impressive scene in Judge Boyd's court than was enacted at 6 o'clock this evening when counsel for the government in the penalty suits against the Charlotte mill men, Edward A. Smith and Sumner B. Sargent, asked the court to instruct the jury to bring in a verdict in the defendants' favor.

After the day had been spent in examining a number of witnesses, several for the defendants and a few for the government, court adjourned at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon.

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THE THAW DEFENSE RESTS

MR. JEROME MUCH SURPRISED.

Had Been Expected That on Reopening of Trial To-day the Defense Would Call One or Two Witnesses to the Stand—Question Now as to What Will Be Done Much Discussed—District Attorney Will Take Up Rebuttal on Convening of Court, but It is Generally Rumored that Adjournment Will Follow to Give the Prosecuting Attorney Time to Measure His Case.

New York, March 7.—There was another quick turn of the cards in the trial of Harry Thaw to-day when the defense announced that it had concluded to rest its case.

The district attorney was perhaps the most surprised man in New York for it had been understood that when Justice Fitzgerald resumed the bench Friday morning at 10:30 the Thaw attorneys would call one or two witnesses.

Court will assemble to-morrow as planned, but what will be done is a question much discussed to-night. Mr. Delmas will make the simple announcement: "The defense rests."

"It will then be the duty of the District Attorney to take up the rebuttal, but it is generally rumored to-night that after a brief session adjournment will be asked and granted until Monday, that Mr. Jerome might measure his plans.

Several of Thaw's attorneys visited him in the Tombs to-day and he was notified of their decision, and concurred.

The question of a lunacy commission looms prominent still. Mr. Jerome may ask for the appointment of such a commission at any time and the law authorities until a late hour.

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BUXTON ROASTS DANIELS

INTERESTING SCENE IN SENATE

Senator From Forsyth Makes a Bold, Forceful Speech, in Which He Denounces the Editor of The News and Observer and Refuses to Accept Him as Dictator of the Democratic Party—The Political Pot in the State Rapidly Approaching the Boiling Point—Some of the Combustible Situations That Are Presenting Themselves—Mr. Frazer as a Governmentally Fostility—Other Aspirants on the Lists.

Raleigh, March 7.—These are historic-making days in Raleigh. The law-makers, the lobbyists and the politicians are at work.

Mr. J. C. Buxton, the Senator from Forsyth, made a bold, forceful and sensational speech in the Senate this morning. When I arrived here this afternoon everybody was discussing the Buxton declaration of independence.

In speaking on the Reid substitute for the Senate anti-trust bill, the Senator from Forsyth adverted to the fact that this is another piece of legislation in which Mr. Josephus Daniels is trying to exercise the position of sole interpreter of the party platform, as he had done in the case of the rats bill.

Mr. Daniels demanded that Senators vote for the bill or not be counted Democrats.

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FOREIGNERS HERELY

THEY MIGHT HAVE BEEN BARRIED

Department of Justice Issues Statement Concerning Opinion of Attorney General Submitted to President as to Whether Certain Immigrants Landed in South Carolina Last Fall Are Legally in This Country—Opinion Agrees With That of Solicitor Earle, of Department of Commerce and Labor, on Same Case—Under Recent Act, However, They Might Have Been Excluded.

Washington, March 7.—A statement was issued by the Department of Justice to-day concerning an opinion submitted to President Roosevelt by Attorney General Bonaparte as to whether certain immigrants who were landed in South Carolina last fall are legally in this country.

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The statement says: "It appears from statements furnished by the Department of Commerce and Labor that the Legislature of the State created the office of immigration commissioner and made an appropriation of \$2,000 for its expenses, for the express purpose of encouraging immigrants to come into that State.

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WARM WORDS IN SENATE

HOUSE CHEERS PRISON REPORT

Wild Demonstration Greets the Announcement That the State Penitentiary Has Now Available \$300,000 in Cash to Turn Over to the State—Senator Buxton Flays the News and Observer and Its Editor and There is a Colloquy—A Number of Important Bills Pass Both Senate and House—Talk of Adjournment Tomorrow is Cut Short by the Speaker—Details of the Proceedings of Day and Night Sessions.

The committee on appropriations decides to allow Miss Mattie Perry \$2,000 annually for her Elbanna Orphanage and Training School at Marion.

The passage by the Senate of the immigration bill was by the decisive vote of 29 to 15.

An unfavorable report is made by the committee on Lockhart's House bill introduced Tuesday to require all insurance companies to invest their full legal reserves on North Carolina policies. It was the special order to-night.

The Senate's next session. In the Senate, Fleming, of Pitt, speaking to personal privileges denounced the News and Observer because he said it was its purpose to asperse his Democracy and make him appear ridiculous.

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