

DEFENSE TODAY HAD AN INNING

C. E. Adams Gives Important Testimony and Maintains Composure Under Cross Examination.

DEFENDANT GAVE TESTIMONY AT THE HEARING YESTERDAY

Black Mountain Constable Gave His Version of What Transpired the Night of the Tragedy.

The defense had an inning before Judge Adams in Superior court this morning in the trial of Constable F. C. Watkins of Black Mountain on the charge of murder in the second degree, for the killing of John Hill Bunting of Wilmington.

The prosecution feels that in that part of the testimony of Mr. Adams, in which he testified that all was quiet after his second visit, it has gained a point. In short, the prosecution maintains that it bears out the contention that there was no disturbance when the officer arrived.

Mr. Settle Struck Match.

Mr. Adams in the hands of Hon. Thomas Settle on cross-examination, evidenced that for once at least the learned and versatile lawyer had struck his match. Once or twice there was a pretty play of speech, of sharp questions and smart answers, with always the self-composure of the witness.

Mr. Adams was never loud of voice; seldom, under cross-fire, moved a muscle or permitted his gaze to wander from the countenance of the man who was seeking, or evidently seeking, to break and disturb his testimony.

Once Mr. Settle accused Mr. Adams of not observing to the letter, his oath before the coroner, in that Mr. Adams failed to repeat certain vulgar and profane language that Mr. Adams alleged both Mr. Bunting and Mr. Collins used on that fateful night; also that Mr. Adams, in swearing to tell the "truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth," had before the coroner's investigation failed to tell the "whole truth."

Mr. Adams in reply to the direct charge that he had before the coroner omitted the alleged vulgar and profane language, said that at that time there were ladies present, that he never forgot that he was a gentleman, that his wife was present, that his wife was reared in an atmosphere that knew not the meaning of such language; that he hoped she never would. In reply to the charge that he had before the coroner omitted the alleged vulgar and profane language, said that at that time there were ladies present, that he never forgot that he was a gentleman, that his wife was present, that his wife was reared in an atmosphere that knew not the meaning of such language; that he hoped she never would.

Mr. Watkins Again on Stand.

In the start-off of the morning Mr. Watkins resumed the stand, and the cross-examination of the defendant witness at the hands of Judge Jones was again taken up. Judge Jones, able lawyer that he is, and versed in criminal practice, sought to impeach the witness' testimony given on direct examination, and a pretty cross-fire between witness and lawyer was the result. Mr. Watkins told and retold certain of the incidents of that night when he shot and fatally wounded Bunting in the dark, and shot Collins. Again portions of the defendant's past life were gone into and again and again snared or pitfalls were set for him, but from a layman's standpoint he measured up to the ordeal and left the witness stand apparently well satisfied.

During the cross-examination of Mr. Watkins the newspapers were again brought into the trial; the report in The Gazette-News on the afternoon of Saturday, August 7, was read; rather portions of it were read, and the witness asked if he had made such statements. Mr. Watkins said in reply to questions that one or two statements in that account were incorrect; in reply to other questions about the report the witness would make reply: "I don't know whether I told the reporter just that or not, but I'll tell you, Judge Jones, it's correct."

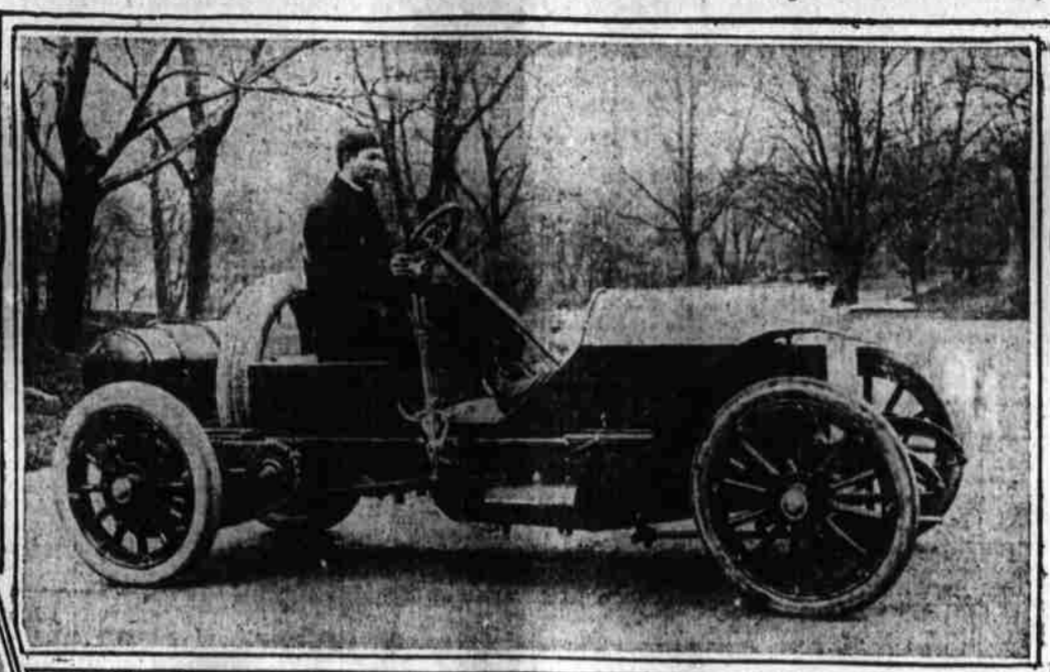
A signed statement sent by Mr. Watkins to the Citizen was also brought in, Mr. Watkins, denying that he was trying to create a favorable impression, said that the statement was dictated by Mr. Craig, his counsel, and signed by him (Watkins); that it was sent to the Citizen to correct an erroneous report. Mr. Watkins denied that he had paid any witnesses to attend the trial, or that he had been going over the county, from township to township, endeavoring to create a favorable impression.

Testimony of Mr. Adams. The testimony of Mr. Adams was somewhat direct. He said that he

Some Prominent Drivers Who Are Engaged to Pilot Cars In the Annual Vanderbilt Cup Race of Next Saturday



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THE CHALMERS-DETROIT TEAM. LEFT TO RIGHT - TOP, LORIMER AND DINGLEY, BOTTOM, KNIPPER, GELNAV AND MATSON. PHOTO BY SPOONER & WELLS.

IT IS BACK TO THE 1907 BASIS

The Increased Freight Traffic of the Southern Indicative of Returning Prosperity, Say Officials.

GREAT VOLUME OF BUSINESS NOW HANDLED AT CANTON

During Some Months Almost as Much Freight Was Handled There as on the Local Yards.

"The freight business of the Southern railway is practically back to the 1907 basis," was the information that a Gazette-News man today obtained from the division freight office of the Southern railway in Asheville. To understand what that means, it was explained that the year 1907, preceding the panic, was the greatest year in freight traffic in the history of the Southern railway, and, practically true of every railroad in the United States. This means that business is getting back to the stage it was before the panic, and that prosperous times are ahead.

Not only is the Southern railway handling practically the same business with it in 1907, but it is doing so with greater satisfaction to the general public, there are comparatively few complaints about delayed cars, and inability to secure empty cars; there is not the great freight blockade, which this section suffered two years ago.

Working Full Force.

It was stated that practically all the industries along the line of the Southern railway were working full force, except a few cotton mills which have temporarily closed down to curtail production. There has been a notable activity in the furniture industry, an industry which was almost paralyzed by the recent panic. Lumber is reported as getting back to its normal stage. The beginning of the shipment of lumber for export is a good sign that prosperity is returning.

The movement of coal is reported as being about normal, and many cars are daily hauled by Asheville to South Carolina and points in this state.

Good Freight Business.

The freight traffic on the Murphy division has been particularly heavy this fall, and large shipments of apples, potatoes and cabbage have been made to southern markets. The lumber plants along the Murphy division are beginning to make large shipments. A new industry just opened up on the Asheville and Spartanburg line, is the hosiery mill at Flat Rock—a branch of the Tryon Hosiery mill. This mill is now beginning to make shipments.

The Carolina Lumber and Box factory at Bltmore has been a considerable factor in handling the apple crop—it has supplied boxes and barrels.

The Fibre Company.

There is one industry located in this section that has been going day and night, grinding out its products. This is the Champion Fibre company at Canton; the establishment of which has changed within three years a small village of 300 to a town of 2000 or more, with modern improvements. This plant is now shipping an average of 100 cars of pulp per month, besides a number of

A TRIPLE MURDER OVER A CARD GAME

Bodies of Three Men, the Batemen Brothers, and Hery Farr Taken to Murphy.

TROUBLE OCCURED AT CAMP NEAR JELICO PLAIN, TENN.

Reward Offered by Sheriff of Monroe County for Capture of Men Who Did the Killing.

Special to the Gazette-News.

Murphy, N. C., Oct. 27.—A triple murder occurred Sunday night at a lumber camp near Jelico Plain, Tenn., over a game of cards. The dead bodies of Arch and Harvey Batemen, brothers, were brought here Monday over the L. & N., the dead body of Henry Farr arriving yesterday.

The bodies of the two Batemen brothers were shipped to Kyle, Macon county, their home, the body of Farr, to Graham county.

Pat Lovin, Jim Nelson, and J. S. Cable are now charged with the killing, and a reward of \$150 for their capture has been offered by the sheriff of Monroe county, Tenn.

Nelson boarded the Southern Railway train here Monday morning before the telegram from the Tennessee authorities was received. He said that Pat Lovin killed the Batemen brothers in self defense.

Owing to the inaccessibility of the camp particulars are meager. Lovin lives in this county.

MAGISTRATE COLLAPSES WHEN HANDED A PAPER

Reported Paper Was an Indictment on Charge of Accepting a Bribe.

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CLEVELAND COUNTY IS NOW IN LINE

Col. Jones There and Election Is Called for Bonds for the Transcontinental.

Special to the Gazette-News.

Shelby, Oct. 27.—Col. S. A. Jones spoke here last night and Cleveland county enthusiastically calls an election for bonds for the Transcontinental.

Bob Huntley's Body Was Found Yesterday

The Body Was Discovered on Jonathan's Creek, Lying Near a Fire—An Inquest Held.

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MEMPHIS GREETS PRESIDENT TAFT

Thousands of Throats Called a True Southern Greeting to Mr. Taft This Morning.

Special to the Gazette-News.

Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 27.—Scenes of stirring enthusiasm attended the four hours' visit of President Taft and his party in Memphis today. The city was profusely decorated and filled with visitors from both the Tennessee and Arkansas sides of the river. At the steamboat landing the president was received by the local reception committee and a squad of Confederate veterans, acting as guard of honor, and escorted to Court Square, where address of cordial welcome were delivered in behalf of the State of Tennessee and the city of Memphis, to which President Taft made a felicitous response. The fleet of steamboats escorting the President to New Orleans was joined by a steamer chartered to carry the Tennessee delegates to the Lakes-to-the-Gulf Deep Waterways convention. Governor Patterson in his address of welcome to President Taft said that the administration of Taft began at a time when the concord of our people never was more manifest and the solidity of the union itself never was firmer fixed. He added that the south has no right to expect more but there is no reason why it should receive less than any other portion of the country.

A Guest of Governors.

Last night Mr. Taft was the guest at dinner on the steamer St. Paul of more than half of the governors of the states of the union. In an address he sought to encourage still further the policy of states co-operating more closely with the national government. He expressed the belief that much good will come from the meeting of the governors of all the states in Washington each winter and formally extended an invitation for them to meet. Old southern melodies were sung during the dinner, the president often joining in the chorus.

Helena Is Prepared.

Helena, Ark., Oct. 27.—This city is in readiness to extend a fitting welcome to President Taft.

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TO SAVE CREW OF THE HESTIA

A Number of Craft Engaged in the Effort to Locate a Life Boat, Overcrowded With Men.

LAST SEEN STRUGGLING IN SEA THAT WAS VERY HEAVY

Condition of Men Rescued Was Pitiable, Their Nerves Having Given Way Under Terrible Strain.

St. John, N. B., Oct. 27.—In hope of being able to save some of the crew of the wrecked Donaldson liner Hestia, a number of craft sailed early today for Seal Cove, where the Hestia ran upon a ledge, and where more than a score of persons are believed to have perished. The efforts of the rescuers centered on the location of a life boat, which, overcrowded with men, was the last to leave Hestia, last seen struggling in the heavy sea. The condition of the six men rescued was pitiable. Left on the wrecked vessel, with the last boat gone, and no chance of rescue, the men's nerves gave way under the strain, and when taken off they were in a condition of collapse.

Captain and 34 Probably Lost.

Eastport, Me., Oct. 27.—Beyond the shadow of a doubt, in the opinion of survivors and Grand Manan people, Captain Newman and 24 members of his crew of the Hestia, who put off in their boat after the steamer struck a ledge at Grand Manan yesterday, are lost. A search for the bodies was instituted, but it was thought unlikely that any would be recovered here. The direction of the wind was such that anything afloat would be carried to the Nova Scotia coast. When a second boat capsized, and threw the occupants into the sea, righted and floated away in the darkness, one man was seen in it.

Five Passengers on Board.

Recapitulation of the steamer's lists showed that besides a crew of 36, five passengers were on board and that 28 persons were in the boat which was probably lost. Two of this number were rescued from the water when the first boat landed capsized. It seems that when the boat loads were made those on board were divided. One division consisted of 26 men, including the captain, and the other of 15 people. The captain's boat was being lowered and the second boat was being filled, 11 of the 15 intended having taken their places, when a rope holding the second boat broke, and all were thrown into the sea.

Story of Wreck.

The North Atlantic toll of the lives and vessels received the first tithe of the winter season from its tributary—the Bay of Fundy—yesterday when inside of Old Proprietor's Ledge off Seal Cove, Grand Manan, the Donaldson line steamer, Hestia, bound from Glasgow for St. John and Baltimore, went down. Four of the victims—young Scotch ladies, were passengers on the ill-fated steamer, and the others were members of the crew. Captain Newman and twenty or more members of the crew were last seen in a ship's boat which was being tossed on a stormy sea.

About the forty persons who were aboard the steamer when she plied up on the shoal at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, only six are positively known to have been saved. They were forced to cling to the wreck, shifting their precarious positions often as the steamer was tossed by the great seas. It was not until 2 p. m. that life savers were able to man their boats and reach the stranded vessel. When rescued the survivors were in a weakened state after their fourteen hours' ordeal.

Among Those Saved.

Those known to be saved are: Third Mate Stewart, Second Engineer Morgan, and seaman Keen, McKensie, Smith and McVickar.

A heavy northeasterly gale is believed to have been responsible for the Hestia's fate, although it is supposed that a mistake of the man at the wheel in believing the gleams of the lighthouse on Marblas Seal Is. and, several miles southwest, carried the ship many miles off her course.

The sailors of the middle watch had been out of their bunks an hour, and all others except the navigating officers were stowed in bunks or hammocks when the crash came an hour after midnight. In the belief that he was leaving Grand Manan on the port tack, and following the usual course to St. John, the navigating officer sought the distinguishing marks of that route. But they were not to be seen. Instead the steamer was heading for Seal Cove, over seas which barely covered a treacherous bottom of shoals. It was on one of these, just inside Old Proprietor's Ledge that the vessel's nose became impaled.

Star Route Carrier Arrested.

Washington, Oct. 27.—Charles Gent, a star route mail carrier, between Cleveland and Carrie, Va., according to advice received by the postoffice department from a postmaster, has been arrested on charges by postmaster Irving of embezzlement and deserting the mail.

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MRS. REED MAKES A STATEMENT

Over Her Own Signature She Excepts to Several Assertions Made by Congressman Grant.

SHE ASSERTS MR. GRANT NEVER RESENTED ANYTHING SHE SAID

It is Reported That When Congress Meets, There May Be an Airing of Bltmore Postoffice Affair.

It was unofficially stated today that the trouble over the Bltmore postoffice involving the removal of Mrs. Fannie J. Reed, the appointment of E. J. Luther, and the later development of the filing of an affidavit by Congressman Grant with the department, to the effect that Mrs. Reed had attempted to "bribe" the Tenth district representative, will probably all be aired both in the courts of law and before the senate of the United States. It was stated that friends of Mrs. Reed have been busy getting together all data on the subject and that when congress meets a fight on the confirmation of Mr. Luther as postmaster at Bltmore may bring out all the Grant controversy. In such an event it is possible that an investigation of the whole matter may be made, including the alleged statement of Mr. Grant to Mrs. Reed, after election, that all officeholders "must come across."

Statement from Mrs. Reed.

Today Mrs. Reed gave to the press the following statement:

Editor of The Gazette-News:

In view of the fact that Mr. Grant has made a statement relative to charges he preferred against me which caused my removal from office, I have the following statement to make:

Sometime after the November election a friend accompanied me to Mr. Grant's home. When questioned about the office, he said, "I haven't decided who I will endorse for the office." During the conversation he told me all about his campaign, explaining that he was "hard up," and said that on one occasion when he returned from a trip in the country he didn't have a cent and was forced to borrow from the bank.

I asked him to endorse me and to retain me in office if possible. He then said: Mr. Luther is all right; he is a young man without anyone to support but himself, and has a good paying business, and this is the only way I have to support my little six years old girl. I am endorsed by a great majority of the patrons of the office, and all the business men, and I feel that I should have the re-appointment as I have only had the office for one term. At this point he called my attention to the fact that I had not contributed to the campaign fund.

On leaving his home and in bidding them goodbye, I asked his daughter to use her influence for me.

I left my letters of endorsement at his request, and in about two weeks went back to his home and while his daughter was hunting for my endorsements, which had been misplaced, he glanced hastily over more endorsements which I had taken with me.

This time he again twitted me with the fact that I had ignored the letter requesting campaign funds, to which I explained that the State committee had previously sent a man to ask for a contribution of \$25, at that time promising that if I would give this I would not be requested to contribute anything toward the fund in November. I gave them \$25 at their request, and supposed the matter was settled. I further said to Mr. Grant: I am sorry I did not know that they expected me to give more. I only received a circular letter, and supposed it was sent me by mistake, as I thought I had already given my part.

To this he said: "That's all right; but hereafter all officeholders will have to come across." Then I said: I have given the party all they have asked for, and am willing to give them more, as this is all the way I have to support and educate my little girl.

The offer of money and the the word "bribe" was not mentioned, and he never resented any remark I made, but each time he would say, "I have not decided." I never offered to pay his daughter anything. I can not understand.

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