

## VERDICT OF GUILTY, IS RENDERED TODAY IN VIRGINIA, AGAINST LITTLE

Jury at Tazewell Arrived at  
This Conclusion Today After  
Deliberating Through-  
out the Night.

LITTLE TO BE ELECTROCUTED  
IN RICHMOND, JANUARY 7

Practically All the Evidence Against the  
Accused Was Circumstantial,  
but None the Less  
Conclusive.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 27.—Howard Little, charged with the sextuple murder of Mrs. Betty Justis, George Meadows, his wife, and three members of his family, was found guilty of murder in the first degree this morning by the jury which deliberated all night. Little was sentenced to be electrocuted in Richmond, January 7. The murder occurred at Hurley, Buchanan county, and the bodies of the victims were burned.

The crime for which Howard Little was found guilty was particularly atrocious. The motive was robbery. The authorities believe Little sought to obtain money he thought was in the house amounting to \$1300. The murder and arson followed. Since the crime was committed the money has not been found. Feeling against Little ran high for a time, and it was necessary to place a guard around the jail where he was confined to prevent any untoward act.

Yesterday's Proceedings.  
Richmond, Va., Nov. 27.—A Tazewell, Va., special to the Times-Dispatch says evidence of the most sensational and damaging character was introduced at Grand jury in the trial of Howard Little for the murder of Mrs. Betty Justis, her son-in-law, George Meadows, his wife, and their three children, and at the conclusion the case went to the jury.

Senate Justis, a son of the murdered woman, was the first witness yesterday. He stated that he had worked with Little when he was foreman of the Ritter Lumber company and that Little had frequently asked him how much money his mother had "by her." He told him. Another witness stated that Little said to him that if he was the old woman he would not keep money by him; that it would be an easy matter for some one to murder the family, rob the house and burn the victims.

Mary Stacy, the woman whom Little was to leave with, was the next witness. She stated that Little gave her \$15 the day before the murder to buy clothes that she might wear on the trip, and told her they would go as soon as he could get some money from a bank.

Damaging Testimony.

Several witnesses testified as to the time of night the house was burned and voices they heard going in the direction of the building.

Mary Lee, the woman who made her home in the family of Little, was the most important witness of the day, being on the stand over two hours. She told of Little's relations with Mary Stacy, and his troubles at home with his family. She stated that on the night of the murder a lamp was kept burning when Little went away and that he was absent all night. She stated that she was awake twice during the night and the lamp was still burning.

At six o'clock in the morning she arose to get breakfast and found Little asleep. His coat was hanging near him, as if it had been washed. A lantern next to him, was on a table near him. Little took the lantern, put after breakfast and began to file on it and would not tell her why he did so. She said he came into the room two hours after breakfast and called for bandages to tie up his leg, stating that he had cut his leg while cutting brush that morning, but when she examined the wound it was found that the blood was dry.

KING EDWARD TO SETTLE  
ALSO CLAIM DISPUTE

United States and Chili Have  
Agreed Upon a Protocol  
To This Effect.

Washington, Nov. 27.—From an authoritative source it is learned that the United States and Chili have reached a final agreement upon the terms of a protocol referring to King Edward for definite settlement, the celebrated million dollar Alsop claim. The protocol will probably be signed within four days.

The king has signified his willingness to act as mediator. This claim has been a source of much friction for many years. By the protocol's terms the king's action will be final, binding both parties.

A Big Relief Fund.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 27.—Donations to the Chicago relief fund today reached \$10,000.

## CANTON IS TO HAVE RAILROAD

Officials of Tennessee and N. C.  
Made Important Announce-  
ment Today.

Special to The Gazette-News.

Canton, N. C., Nov. 27.—That Canton is to have a through railroad, terminating at Newport, Tenn., was the statement made today to a Gazette-News staff correspondent by Superintendent A. J. McMahon of the Tennessee and North Carolina Railroad company.

J. S. Green, W. M. Sutton and A. J. McMahon have succeeded in buying rights of way from the present terminus of the T. & N. C. railroad, at Waterville, N. C., up the Pigeon river into Canton. Mr. Green, claim agent of the road, said: "Yes, we have secured the rights of way, and have paid for them in cash on account of the fact that there is so many proposed lines through this particular section of the country, and a great many of them have secured their right of ways, we had some trouble in making the land owners believe our purpose, and that we were not agents trying to get the land to sell to another party."

This work has been going on for three weeks and not until yesterday had a survey made over this route, which cost them in the neighborhood of \$3000, and it was along this survey that the right of way men have been laboring. According to the engineers' report a railroad can be built here on less than a two per cent. grade following the river all the way, only crossing it twice before getting to Canton.

Twenty-one miles of road is now in operation and has been for the past six years leading out of Newport, Tenn., into the state of North Carolina to Waterville. From this point to Canton it is a distance of 35 miles of which it is said that work will commence within the next 60 days.

The owners of this railroad are largely interested in the Pigeon River Lumber company which owns 55,000 acres of timbered lands along the proposed road. In fact this particular section is heavily timbered and is so situated that it is almost impossible to transport lumber without the aid of a railroad.

It is said that just before the "panic" in 1907 the Tennessee and North Carolina had every arrangement made and a large portion of the rights of way secured for building the extension to Canton. But like many other projects this one was called off for the time being.

Canton citizens have always felt that this road was coming and very little talking was done when suggestion was heard of making any other town on the Murphy branch the terminus. The Champion Fibre company alone would be more inducement than any other town could offer a railroad. What the road means to them is hard to estimate, but it will certainly give them access to millions of cords of pulp wood and will more than likely decrease the high freight rate now in existence all along the Murphy branch.

It might be interesting to note that a clause was inserted in the right of way purchase deeds that if the railroad was not started within the next six months the deeds would be void.

## HEAVY FIRE DAMAGES IN NUMEROUS PLACES

Forests, a Bank, Numerous  
Residences, Etc.—Hundreds  
of Thousands Loss.

Colorado Springs, Colo., Nov. 27.—Fire in the First National bank today caused a loss of \$100,000.

Fires in Turpentine Forests.  
Savannah, Nov. 27.—Forest fires are doing heavy damage throughout the naval stores belt, according to reports received today.

Ten Residences Burned.  
Davenport, Ia., Nov. 27.—Fire destroyed ten residences here entailing a loss of \$100,000 insured.

Fire at Seward, Alaska.  
Seattle, Wash., Nov. 27.—Fire in Seward, Alaska, has been checked after \$50,000 damage.

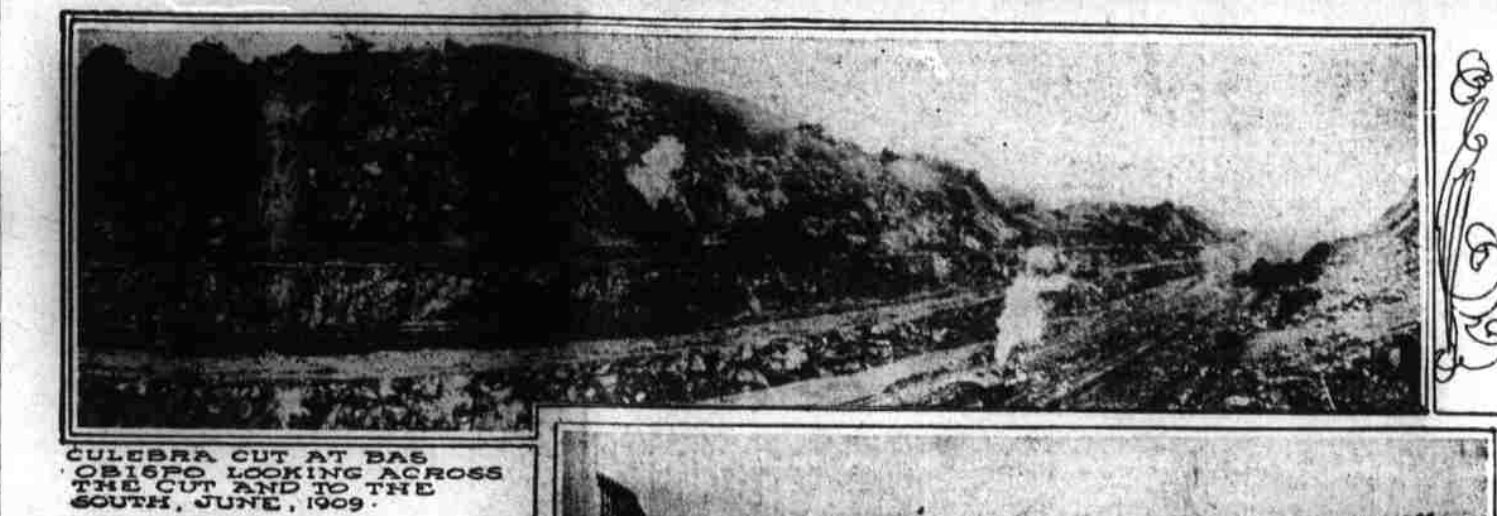
QUADRUPE CRIME DONE  
NEAR FRONTENAC, KAS.

A Man and Wife and Their Child  
Killed, the Woman Criminally  
Assaulted.

Frontenac, Kan., Nov. 27.—A lonely road a mile north of here was the scene of a triple murder and assault on a woman last night. The dead are Mr. and Mrs. William Bork and their infant son.

Bork presumably was killed while trying to defend his wife.

## Total Cost of Construction of Isthmian Canal It Is Now Estimated Will Reach \$297,766,000



## SOME LEGISLATION THAT MUST WAIT

Monetary Commission Report  
Not To Be Made at  
This Session.

Washington, Nov. 27.—White House conferences have established the fact that there is no probability of the monetary commission's report being presented to congress at this session, and that legislation for the establishment of postal savings banks must wait until the commission's report is made and the new currency law enacted. These facts were vouchsafed by Representative Weeks, of Massachusetts, after leaving the executive offices after a conference with Mr. Taft. The president probably will recommend such a system of banks in his message to congress.

## DR. W. R. BROOKS OBSERVES ECLIPSE

Spectacle an Unusually Beautiful One and Halley's Comet  
Seen Distinctly.

Geneva, N. Y., Nov. 27.—Dr. William R. Brooks, director of Smith Observatory, made a fine observation of the eclipse of the moon this morning, the sky being clear. It was an unusually beautiful spectacle, the eclipsed moon having the appearance of burnished copper. The obscured moon rendered possible a satisfactory observation of Halley's comet, which is now in taurus, and quite faint, only visible in good sized telescopes.

## COMPLAINT MADE OF CONDITIONS

Deplorable Labor and Economic  
Conditions Obtain in  
Porto Rico.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Organized labor representatives from Porto Rico today called on President Taft, telling him that the six thousand industrial and agricultural workers of the island are surrounded by deplorable social and economic conditions.

## SHE SHOOT AT NEGRO TO EMPHASIZE EVIDENCE

Woman Taken to Jail to Indentify  
Negro Who Had At-  
tempted Assault.

McAllister, Okla., Nov. 27.—Mrs. John King, when taken to the county jail today, to identify Will Jones, a negro, pulled a revolver from the folds of her dress and fired at the prisoner. The bullet went wild, and the officers disarmed Mrs. King and took her away.

The negro attempted to assault Mrs. King yesterday. Last night a mob tried to get him away from the officers and lynch him.

More Bad Storms.

New York, Nov. 27.—Heavy storms in the eastern zone of the West Indies have again cut off from cable communication the islands of Antigua, Guadeloupe and Martinique.

Married in Their Eighties.

Chicago, Nov. 27.—Scorning cupid's wiles 81 years, William Turska, takes an 82 years old bride, Mrs. Caroline Weiss.



Fifty per cent. more work than was contemplated in the original estimate and a 50 per cent. increase in the money paid in different forms to employees will be required for the completion of the Panama canal, which President Taft has promised will be ready for use not later than January 1, 1915.

The estimate of the Isthmian Canal commission, made in its annual report, brings the total cost of engineering and construction up to \$297,766,000. If the purchase price and cost of sanitation are added they will make the cost of the work total \$375,261,000. Chances have increased the

## WRIT OF CERTIORARI IS NOW SOUGHT

Another Move Made Today in  
Contempt Case, in Which Labor  
Leaders are Involved.

Washington, Nov. 27.—On behalf of Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, the labor leaders under sentence to jail terms for contempt, a petition was filed this morning in the U. S. Supreme court for a writ of certiorari requiring the district court of appeals to certify to the nation's highest tribunal for its revision and determination, the appeal taken by the labor leaders in the famous Buck Stove and Range company case. The petition states: "The questions involved are of great public importance, affecting the views and conduct of many millions of people, including two million who are by representation made defendants in the principal action."

Tore Himself Loose From a Dime.

St. Louis, Nov. 27.—Speaker Cannon was caught today in the net of the hospital "tag day" collectors, and contributed a dime to the collectors for the city's sick poor.

## Three Army Transports Ready for Immediate Use

San Francisco, Nov. 27.—Secret orders from Washington were received today at army headquarters to immediately prepare the army transports Logan, Buford and Croom for use. The destination of these vessels is not divulged, but the orders are considered significant in view of the Nicaraguan situation. Orders were previously received by the gunboat Princeton to hurry to Corinto, a Pacific port of Nicaragua.

## Scranton Manufacturers See the Burley Society

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 27.—Alleging that they were compelled to pay extortionate prices for tobacco, as a result of the Kentucky Burley pool, the



## THE SPEED LAWS MUST BE OBSERVED

Distances Are Being Measured  
and Police Officers Are Again  
After Scorching Auto.

The police authorities of Asheville are again hot on the trail of violators of the automobile and motor cycle speed-limit laws, and it is expected that within the next few days, unless the "scorchers" suddenly become "good," that many arrests will be made and no few autoists find themselves facing the police court judge charged with exceeding the speed-limit. Recently the police authorities made application to the police commission for two or more stop-watches with the end in view of putting a stop to scorching. The commission granted the request: the stop-watches were ordered; they have arrived and today police officers were engaged in measuring distances along certain prominent streets where autoists are in the habit of at times hitting it up. These measurements will be marked, and at some time during the day or the night officers will be stationed at both ends, and as the automobiles come whizzing along they will simply be caught.

At the request of automobilists of Asheville the state automobile speed-limit was given a more liberal construction by the board of aldermen, and the maximum speed fixed—going still—at 20 miles per hour; the general speed-limit, however, is 15 miles per hour with a more moderate limit around corners. It is said that recently many complaints have come to the authorities that autoists are even exceeding this 20-mile limit, and a request for relief is made.

Chief Chambers said today that he desired it distinctly understood that bicyclists and motor cyclists came under the same head as automobilists and that the motor cyclists and bicyclists will be watched and arrested just the same as automobilists when they exceed the limit.

## DR. COOK HAS GONE QUITE SUDDENLY

He Will Rest in Italy—News  
Not Very Favorably Re-  
ceived by Explorers' Club.

New York, Nov. 27.—Dr. Frederick A. Cook, the explorer, sailed today for Europe on the steamship Caronia. Although his name was not on the passenger list, a statement issued from the offices of his lawyers confirmed the rumors of the doctor's departure. While awaiting the University of Copenhagen's verdict Dr. Cook will rest in Italy, where he can work upon the narrative of his Arctic journey. The book is not to be published until the claim of the discovery of the north pole has been confirmed. He remains confident, he says, that the "most competent scientific body in Europe" will find that he reached the pole on April 21, 1908.

Dr. Cook's departure is not favorably received by members of the Explorers' club, who expected him to appear before them in reference to the dispute over his claimed ascent of Mount McKinley.

## "GO SOUTH YOUNG MAN"

This Is the Advice That Is Being  
Sounded Through the Country  
as Result of the Congress  
of Farmers in Raleigh.

AGRICULTURE SECRETARY  
HIMSELF AN ENTHUSIAST

Says Lands in This Section Are Cheaper,  
and Can Be Made as Productive  
as Those in Other  
Sections.

Special to the Gazette-News.

Washington, Nov. 27.—"Go south, young man," is the cry that results from the meeting of the Farmers' National congress in Raleigh, which was attended by a thousand delegates from all parts of the nation. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, British Ambassador James Bryce, and other prominent citizens; and it is a cry that promises to displace the shibboleth of another day to which expression was given by the editorial sage of two generations ago in speaking of the future development of the country.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson is a great believer in the wonderful agricultural possibilities of the south. He has exploded the idea that there are worn-out lands in the south that cannot be made as productive as the best farming lands in the nation. The head of the department of agriculture has outlined simple methods of farming to guide the planter in the south, which he says will make the lands of that section equally as productive as the rich soils of the northwest, and will at the same time result in increased crops of double and treble proportions.

The Most Rapid Advances.  
The secretary of agriculture is of the opinion that the south is making the most rapid advances of all sections in agricultural development. The cheap price of southern lands and the possibility for making them the equal of any for agricultural purposes leads Mr. Wilson to the belief that many farmers in various sections of the country will migrate to the south to engage in farming.

Our Cheap Lands.  
In a most interesting interview on the agricultural possibilities of the south, Mr. Wilson said today:

"The cheapest thing in the south today is land. Some of those farmers from the northwest, who attended the annual convention of the National Farmers' congress, in Raleigh, own farms at home that are worth from \$100 to \$150 per acre. Southern lands that will produce equally as well are held at a great deal less. The southern farmer has yet much improvement to make in the methods of agriculture. The most striking advances of the south have been along manufacturing lines. No farmer can leave his southern land to better his condition by farming anywhere else. The meeting of the Farmers' congress at Raleigh will result in many farmers of the north selling their dear lands and locating in the south to 'buy cheaper lands.'"

Just as Productive.

Asked the question whether the farm lands of the south can be made as productive as the rich lands of the northwest, which sell for \$150 an acre, Mr. Wilson said: "Why, of course. What's the hindrance? But the southern farmer must quit sending his cotton seed meal over the world to enrich other lands. He must use this rich fertilizer himself. The south has produced this year the heaviest corn crop it has ever grown. This increase is due to the demonstration work of this department. Our campaign of education is finally producing results. The next step will be for the farmer of the south to grow his own hogs, and make his own meat from his own corn. Dr. Knapp has prepared a circular showing them how to do this. We have circulated 50,000 copies of these, and I gave authority today to send 50,000 more. 'The farming industry in the south is picking up. Right now more progress is being made in the south in improving farming conditions than in any other section of the country.'

"Anybody who says the farm lands of the south are played out does not know what he is talking about. The run-down farming lands can be brought to their original state and made as fertile as ever. There has already been a wonderful improvement in the condition of some southern lands. First it will be necessary to rotate crops and make pastures. Eliminate the cotton tick, and feed the cotton seed meal of the south to the cattle, and the southern farmer will grow twice or three times as much cotton to the acre as he does now. And this ratio of increased productivity will apply to all crops. The southern farmer does not fully appreciate the situation, and he will not until he finally begins to double and treble his present crops on the same acreage."

Get Rid of the Cattle Tick.  
"One thing I want to carry home to the southern farmer. Get rid of the cattle tick. If the farmers of the south will co-operate with this department they will soon be rid of the pest. We have already eliminated the cattle tick from 75,000 square miles in the south. To make of these the best of the south."