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Miss Alice O'Neill, who has the distinction of being the first woman Justice of the Peace in Greenwich, Conn. The principal work of a Justice of the Peace in Greenwich is marrying folks, as the old New England town is a famous Greenia Green for New York and New England couples. Miss O'Neill, who is still in her twenties, wondered what would happen at the first marriage she performed. It has been the custom of Greenwich Justices to kiss the brides. Should she uphold a precedent and kiss the groom? The first groom, however, decided the question for her by gallantly kissing her hand.

GIRL MARRIES TWO MEN IN THREE DAYS

Sixteen-Year-Old Girl Appears in Court to Have Her Troubles Adjusted.

Atlanta, April 7.—Miss Johnny Pearl, a pretty 16-year-old blonde, who has been married to two men in the past three days, today appeared before Judge George Bell in the superior court to have her marital affairs straightened out and learn if possible which man really is her husband.

Her matrimonial venture started Tuesday when she was married to Paul G. Mains, 26, of Miami, Fla., before County Ordinary George O. Decatur. When her parents learned of the wedding they started annulment proceedings in the superior court at Decatur, the girl's father charging that Mains had a wife and child in Miami.

The second wedding was staged in the Pruitt home Wednesday afternoon when Johnny Pearl became the bride of George E. Davidson, of Atlanta, a lifelong sweetheart.

Hardly had the ceremony been concluded when deputies arrived at the Pruitt home and served on Mr. Pruitt a habeas corpus writ demanding the surrender of his daughter to Mr. Mains.

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ROUSING OF VOTERS IS BIGGEST PROBLEM

Cleveland, April 7.—Rousing voters from indifference is the biggest problem facing the national league of women voters. Mrs. Maud Wood Park, of Boston, chairman of the organization, declared today. Mrs. Park and the other members of the board of directors and most of the heads of various departments of the league are here to attend a series of conferences on unification of laws pertaining to women, election laws and methods, social hygiene and food supply and demand. These conferences began today and will continue through part of Sunday preliminary to the second annual convention of the league, which opens Monday.

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CRANE UNDERGOES RIGID EXAMINATION

Nashville, Tenn., April 7.—Worn almost to exhaustion by the rigid examination to which he had been subjected by the United States district attorney, H. B. Crone limped to his seat upon the adjournment of federal court this afternoon spending the greater part of the day trying to substantiate his claim of innocence of the charge of embezzling about \$25,000 worth of platinum from the Old Hickory Powder plant. Examination of witnesses in the case was completed this afternoon and argument by the government and counsel for the defense will begin tomorrow morning.

Crone denied connection with the alleged platinum theft and the statement of certain government witnesses that he originated and executed the scheme of appropriating the valuable metal.

Reed On Way North

Miami, Fla., April 7.—Commander Albert C. Reed, in charge of the sea planes which accompanied the Atlantic fleet to Guantanamo Bay for winter maneuvers, will arrive here at 4 P.M. tomorrow on his way back north. The sea planes will follow and are scheduled to arrive here at 11 A.M. Saturday.

WILLIAMS GOES ON WITNESS STAND IN HIS OWN DEFENSE

He Declared He Was Innocent Of Murder—Case Goes To Jury Today.

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Covington, La., April 7.—The fate of John S. Williams, accused of the murder of 11 negroes, farm hands, will rest with a jury tomorrow. In even, dispassionate tones, the Jasper county planter, testifying in his own behalf, today declared his "absolute innocence" of the charge of murder and when court adjourned late today the trial had been concluded except for the two closing arguments and the judge's charge.

Williams will be either convicted of the murder of one of the men, for whose death he is specifically on trial, or he will be acquitted, for attorneys on both sides argued this afternoon that there could be no half-way verdicts, and the defendant himself told the jury in so many words that the killings were "murder." A verdict of murder might be accompanied by a recommendation for mercy carrying life imprisonment.

Clyde Manning, negro farm boss for 14 years on the Williams place, who was indicted on the charge of being a "probable motive" for the killings, Charles C. King, pleading for Williams' acquittal, told the jury that Manning, ignorant of the penalty for peonage, had become alarmed at the federal investigation, and that the evidence indicated he was the only person who had a motive for the killings.

Mr. King asserted the defense expected to rely largely on Williams' "alibi," which he said Williams had established "as far as possible" by describing how he was at home the night the three negroes were killed, and asserted the state had offered no legal corroboration of the testimony of a confessed accomplice as required by law.

Graham Wright, assistant attorney general, pointed to certain testimony in general, and said the law left it to the jury to make final decision on that question. He termed Manning incapable of planning and carrying out the crimes "under the eyes of Williams and his family," and named Williams as the guilty man.

Manning also will be put on trial for the murders. It was announced today, the exact time to be decided later, and his attorney, E. Marvin Underwood, said he would not enter a plea of guilty.

"Clyde Manning shall not escape," declared Solicitor General Brand in urging conviction of Williams, who could not under the law permit him to escape.

Manning had testified for the state that by Williams' orders the negroes were weighted down with rocks and thrown into rivers or knocked in the head and buried where they fell, and Williams, taking the stand today, briefly recited all he said he knew of the deaths of Lindsey Peterson, Willie Pesson and Harry Price, three drowned the same night in Negro county. He is on trial for murder of Peterson and he did not go into the other cases.

The defendant, accused by the state of "Georgia's most atrocious murders," has watched the proceedings calmly throughout the trial, even smiling once or twice, and today he was as cool as any of the spectators who packed the court room almost to suffocation to hear his story.

These were the first criminal charges of any kind ever filed against him, he declared, in his 54 years of life, and, proud, it seemed, that his four grown sons were among the first to answer the country's call to war. He added that he might have been technically guilty of peonage, as he had worked negroes who owed him money. He had so informed federal investigators when they first came to the farm, he added, and also had declared he always paid and fed the negroes, these agents replied that the negroes on his place were among the "best fed and clothed" they had seen, he declared. If he were technically guilty of peonage, "most Georgia farmers also were," he added.

"I am absolutely innocent," he told the jury in conclusion, as he reverted to the murder charge.

The state had rested earlier in the day with introduction of Rena Manning, wife of the defendant, and Sheriff B. L. Johnson, of Newton county, in an effort to corroborate parts of Manning's story. The woman testified the negroes left with Williams, Manning and Charlie Chisholm, the night they were last seen alive, as Manning had declared. Sheriff Johnson said Manning identified the three bodies found in Newton county and later confessed and told where the others could be found. The negro's words were borne out by investigation, the sheriff said.

Williams was the only witness for the defense, appearing on the stand unsworn, which, under Georgia law, prevented cross examination. The fact that no other defense testimony was added, permitted Williams' counsel to open and close. No limit was placed on the time of arguments, and four attorneys spoke today.

Mr. King opened for the defense, followed in order by Mr. Wright for the state, W. H. Key, of Monticello, Ga., for the defense, and Solicitor General Brand, for the state. W. M. Howard, former congressman from Georgia, will cover for the prosecution tomorrow, making the first address of the day, and the final plea will be made by Green F. Johnson, of Monticello, chief counsel for the defendant. About three hours are expected to be consumed tomorrow in argument.

Charges were flung back and forth as the lawyers pleaded with the jury (Continued On Page Two)

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There is reason to believe that the correspondence on this subject, which was initiated last November, will not be closed with the receipt of the replies from the Japanese, British, French and Italian foreign offices. If the expectations of American officials are realized, the details regarding American rights will have to be worked out in negotiation. In the event, however, that the four powers do not find total agreement with the American viewpoint there would arise a situation in which officials refused today to forecast.

The Shantung settlement in the peace treaty, which has been sharply criticized in this country, is not at issue in the present controversy. It is learned that the phrase "overseas possessions" in the American communications was used advisedly and it is pointed out that Shantung was not a German possession. Kiao-Chau, a part of the Chinese province, was held by Germany through a concession from the Chinese government.

The view of the Harding administration with respect to the Shantung settlement has not been stated, but this settlement was vigorously opposed by the new administration leaders in the senate while the treaty of Versailles was under consideration by that body and was made the subject of one of the Republican reservations to the treaty which were adopted.

AGENTS WORKING ON MAIL ROBBERY CASE

They Are Of Opinion Wednesday's Affair Was An Inside Job.

(By Associated Press.)

Chicago, Ill., April 7.—Special investigators sent from Washington in connection with the theft yesterday at the Dearborn station of mail pouches containing cash and securities believed to total more than \$500,000 tonight were proceeding on the theory that the robbery had been carried out by a national gang of mail thieves who obtained advanced information of money shipments from postal employees.

The investigators were convinced that yesterday's robbery at Dearborn, Ind., was an "inside job" because the robbers sorted a number of sacks of a mail truck in the station and selected only those which contained valuables.

The same procedure was carried out today in another robbery at Sully, Ind., near the home of Postmaster General Will H. Hays, the robbers selecting the sacks containing money, although there was nothing on the pouches to indicate that they contained other than ordinary mail.

FOUR BANDITS ROB U. S. MAIL TRUCK

(By The Associated Press.)

Cincinnati, April 7.—Three unmasked men hold up a United States postoffice mail truck here tonight and forced the driver and a railway mail clerk to drive several blocks into an alley, where they were handcuffed to the steering wheel and the truck robbed of three pouches of registered mail.

The bandits evidently were familiar with the road, it was said, as they picked over more than 60 bags of mail and took only those containing valuables. The value of the loot could not be ascertained.

The pouches taken by the bandits contained incoming mail from Memphis and points south.

No trace has been found of the thieves, who Walter D. Hubley, mail clerk, and Joseph Arbin, driver, asserted, escaped in an automobile. Only meagre descriptions of the men were obtainable.

Ministry Resigns.
Budapest, April 7.—The ministry of count Paul Teleky has resigned.

BOY MAY BECOME RULER OF HUNGARY



According to cable dispatches from London, information reported to come from a trustworthy source has been received that former Emperor Charles of Hungary is willing to relinquish his claim to the throne in favor of his son Otto, with Admiral Horthy continuing as Regent. The report further states that the Emperor might sanction such an arrangement.

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JURY ACQUITS MEN OF MURDER OF JAPS

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Norfolk, Va., April 7.—Four men charged with murder in connection with the killing of two Japanese seamen on board the steamship Kaisho Maru that Christmas eve were acquitted by a jury tonight. The jury had been out 24 hours before it reached a verdict.

The men tried under an indictment which charged them with the death of a Japanese seaman who was killed on the ship and buried at sea. A second indictment, charging them with the death of a Japanese who died in a hospital here, is still pending, and will be tried, Commonwealth's Attorney announced. Date for opening of the second trial has not been set.

The men are charged with killing the Japanese in a fight that resulted after they boarded the steamship posing as officers with the intention of seizing liquor which the members of the crew are alleged to have had.

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402 Merchants Nat'l Bank Bldg. By JULE B. WARREN.

Raleigh, April 7.—In normal times there would be absolutely no trouble in disposing of the state bonds, declared Governor Cameron Morrison today on the eve of his departure for New York city and other financial centers where he and Treasurer Lacy will seek placement of a part of the bonds authorized by the legislature. North Carolina's credit is in firm shape, the governor declared. In fact it is one of the best in the nation, which has liquid assets of sufficient amount to practically wipe out the state debt. The state has a bonded debt of about \$11,900,000.

Over against this liability the state owns railroad property which it estimates at being able to at least that amount, in that it owns the controlling stock in the road from Charlotte to Goldsboro and from Goldsboro to Morehead City. Conservative estimates of the state's stock in those two roads would easily bring a sufficient amount to wipe out the state debt. Consequently any talk about the credit of the state being in a precarious condition is foolish and absurd, in the opinion of the governor. No other southern state has such assets to offset its bonded debt, and few others states in the union can make such a showing.

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Except for some minor details, Harris, in response to questioning, described perfectly the arrangement of the rooms in Elwell's home. He told again the story of how he and William Duncan hired by a mysterious "Mrs. Fairchild," went to the home of Elwell and waited four hours until he arrived. Then, Harris said, Duncan fired the shot which killed Elwell.

Under questioning tonight Harris said he had seen published in connection with Elwell's death a picture of a woman who, he thought, was the Mrs. Fairchild mentioned in his story. All efforts to get from him the name of this woman failed, however. He said he would not divulge it unless he was absolutely certain the woman of the picture was the woman who, as he said, had hired him and Duncan to murder Elwell.

District Attorney Moore said that Harris told a remarkably well-connected story of the murder. Before questioning the man, the district attorney had him examined by an alienist, who pronounced Harris mentally normal.

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Can Easily Raise Money
The governor believes and will argue to the bond people of New York that the legislature has levied more than is amply sufficient