

Jas. H. Tillman Placed on Trial.

For the Murder of N. G. Gonzales, Editor of the Columbia S. C., State.

A Great Array of Counsel.

The Solicitor Assisted by Five Attorneys—Defendant Has Eleven Lawyers—Jury Drawn and Charged—Six Witnesses Testified.

Lexington, S. C., September 28.—James H. Tillman, former Lieutenant Governor of South Carolina, was placed on trial here today in the Circuit Court for Lexington county, under an indictment charging him with the murder of N. G. Gonzales, editor of the Columbia State.

Judge Frank B. Gray presided. It was 11 o'clock when the prosecutor for this circuit, J. M. Thurmont, announced that the State was ready to proceed with the trial of the case, and by the time the midday recess was taken at 1:30 P. M. the defendant had been arraigned, a jury drawn and charged and all was in readiness for the introduction of testimony. There was every indication earlier that a jury could not be secured today. The court room was well filled, but not crowded. Probably never in the history of this judicial circuit has there been so great an array of counsel engaged in the trial of a case as in the trial of the former lieutenant governor.



James H. Tillman, Who is Being Tried for His Life.

The solicitor is assisted by five attorneys, while the defendant has eleven lawyers. W. G. W. Croft, a representative in Congress from Aiken, as chief counsel, is conducting the defence.

Mrs. J. H. Tillman and the mother of the defendant were present at the opening of court and remained throughout the day's session, occupying seats within the railing.

A vigorously contested legal battle is in prospect. In fact, it was manifested at the very outset of the trial that every inch of the ground is to be contested. Nevertheless the case proceeded rapidly today.

Immediately upon reconvening at 2 P. M., the examination of witnesses was begun and when court adjourned six witnesses had testified. Beginning tomorrow court will sit early and late and the trial pushed to a conclusion at the earliest date.

The defence having announced its readiness to go to trial, the defendant, who was in an ante-room where he had been in consultation with his attorneys prior to the calling of his case, was brought into court and directed to stand in the dock, when he was arraigned in accordance with the law and custom of this court. He was calm, and when asked to plead he replied in a clear and firm voice, "Not guilty."

The indictment charged the carrying of concealed weapons as well as the more serious violation of law. Mr. Tillman took a seat close to his attorneys, where he listened intently to the proceedings.

Men from the country and from the mills composed the jury. The State objected to five of the panel and the defence to ten.

C. E. Boland, a member of the Columbia police force, was the first witness called by the State. He said he took Tillman to the police station in Columbia from the scene of the shooting on January 15th. He testified that Tillman said to him, "I received Gonzales' message."

The witness said he asked Tillman, "Did you shoot Gonzales?" To which he said Tillman replied that he did. He said the defendant carried a pistol in his hand and that another was found in his pocket when the station was reached. Tillman, he said, wanted to keep his pistol until the station was reached, for his protection, but witness insisted on taking it. He said

the witness for identification. One was an automatic pistol, the one which witness said Tillman held in his hand. On cross-examination he said Tillman submitted quietly to accompanying him to the station. W. H. Coleman, sheriff of Richland county, in which Columbia is located, identified the pistols as those turned over to him.

J. F. Walker, clerk of Richland county, was asked to demonstrate to the jury the working of the automatic pistol. An overcoat and a suit of clothes were exhibited which were identified by J. H. Hoyt, Jr., and L. G. Woods, Jr., members of the editorial staff of the State, as garments worn by Mr. Gonzales. The attention of the jury was drawn to the bullet holes in the coat and overcoat. The cross-examination of witnesses by the defence was brief.

It is estimated that there are about two hundred witnesses to be heard.

ADVERTISING BRINGS RETURNS.

An Advertisement in the Tar Heel Brings Twenty-Three Applications.

The following letter from M. B. Culpepper, Esq., of this city, explains itself and testifies to the value of the Tar Heel as an advertising medium:

Elizabeth City, Sept. 30th. Manager of the Tar Heel: Allow me to express my appreciation of your paper as an advertising medium. Some time since I ran a small advertisement in a phaeton for sale. I received twenty-three applications, and these embrace the counties of Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Hyde and Tyrrell. Each party stated that they saw the advertisement in the Tar Heel. I had no idea of the wide circulation of the paper, and now put me on record as a firm believer that advertising in its columns pays.

M. B. CULPEPPER

This paper has three times as many readers as any other paper published in this city. This statement is proven by the weights in the postoffice. The Tar Heel is read by more people in the ten counties, of which Elizabeth City is the trading center, than any other three papers in this territory. In fact of these facts some merchants wonder why the Tar Heel charges more for advertising space than other papers of this city.

When a merchant buys space in a newspaper he pays for the circulation, or the number of readers the paper has. Then if one newspaper has one thousand readers and another has three thousand, both circulating in the same territory, the paper with three thousand readers is worth just three times as much as the paper with one thousand readers. The Tar Heel has several in excess of three thousand and an advertisement in its columns is a trade bringer. It was a noticeable fact that during the openings this week those stores that had advertised their opening in the Tar Heel were the stores that had the crowds and did the business.

DEATH OF AGED LADY.

Mrs. Gray Passes Away at the Age of One Hundred and Eight.

Mrs. Mary Gray departed this life at her home in this city Tuesday. She was without question the oldest citizen in this section. Though her birth is not recorded, it is generally believed that she was born in 1795, and until a few weeks ago she was active and in good health.

Mrs. Gray first saw the light of this world in what is known as "Hog Neck," in Perquimans county, and there she lived until five months ago, when she came to this city to make her home. She lived with Mr. Jordan Parker; she was Mrs. Parker's great aunt.

Mrs. Gray's maiden name was Twiddy. Her first husband bore the name of Citizen, and shortly after his death she married Mr. Gray, who has been dead several years. She was a good woman and highly esteemed by those who knew her.

THE D. M. JONES CO. A Hardware Establishment, Rivaling Those of Larger Cities.

We call attention to the advertisement of the D. M. Jones Company in this issue. The reporter dropped in yesterday and everything seemed business-like. The floors were stacked with goods but not all of the stock has arrived yet. The firm promises to meet every requirement of the public in the line of hardware. The stock comprises every indispensable line of farming implements, stores, paints and general hardware, that would be hard to equal in a city much larger than this.

The firm is to be congratulated in securing the services of Mr. R. G. Kyle, of Richmond, Va. Mr. Kyle knows every detail of the hardware business. His several years' experience has been as a dealer and traveling salesman.

A GALA WEEK! Our City to Be the Scene of Mirth and Merriment.

Next Monday, October fifth, marks the beginning of a great festive occasion for this city. From early Monday morning 'til late Friday night the Layton Carnival Company will have charge, under the auspices of the Odd Fellows of this city. The city dads have given them the free use of the streets, and the Carnival people promise to furnish gaiety that will long be remembered.

The city's portals will be wide open and many visitors will be here from the surrounding counties. The railroad and steamboats have advertised half rates to and from the city during the Carnival week. The merchants and other business men will decorate their stores and the city will present a holiday attire. The tents and booths will extend from Water street up Main to McMorine street, or at the First National Bank.

The Carnival Company is composed of many attractions. Fifteen of these charge a small admission and five are free. The free attractions embrace:

Selzer, the famous high wire walker, who rides a bicycle on wire in mid air; Riccio, who does acrobatic feats on single and double trapeze; McLain, who does acrobatic work on Spanish rings. One of the most thrilling features which is free is the diving of McFarland, who will dive from a ninety-foot ladder into a basin of water four feet deep, five feet wide by ten feet long. This will be something new in Elizabeth City, and this one feature will be worth coming many miles to see. On Thursday night the climax of the week of gaiety is reached by the grand exhibition of fire works, which will consist of the reproduction of Mt. Pelee. This exhibition is said to cost about two hundred dollars, and is a spectacle well worth seeing.

Among the other attractions are:

The "Red Dome," which is the attraction where Steorra, the great rainbow dancer wears a costume, with 350 yards of silk, making the largest dress in the world. Others are: Miss Alice Fisher, in illustrated songs and Swanson's funny moving pictures; "A Trip to the Moon"; Lunette, the "Flying Lady"; the Plantation Show; Conchita, the "Spanish Dancer"; the "House Turning Upside Down"; "Osay," the snake eater; the "Palace of Art"; the "Eden Show"; the Big Ferris Wheel, and the "Statue Turning to Life."

A representative of the Carnival Company has been here all the week, making arrangements, and everything will be in readiness to begin Monday.

NAPOLEONS OF CRIME.

Two Daring Thieves of Chicago Caught After Meteoric Career.

Chicago. In previous operations under business houses in every part of the United States victimized, a bank created, a waiter risen from poverty to affluence and an ex-convict again placed behind the bars—these are features in the meteoric career of at least one of two men now under arrest in Chicago.

Postoffice inspectors made the captures. Julius M. Nisson, known also by a dozen other names, and Arthur J. Herbst, said to have many aliases, are the prisoners. Nisson has confessed, but Herbst will not admit that he had any part in the big swindle.

Postoffice Inspector A. E. Germer has complaints against the two men from nearly 200 individuals and corporations, who have lost amounts amounting from \$2,000 to \$3,000. All these have been victimized since June 20, when Nisson opened an office in Chicago. In previous operations under different names the men are alleged to have secured at least \$130,000 in the last eleven months.

This was the mode of procedure, according to the inspectors. Nisson and Herbst would go to a city and open an office, engaging ostensibly in the retailing of metal ware, machinery, or anything which they could secure on credit.

They would operate under the name of some one well known to the business world, and in ordering goods to the value of thousands of dollars would give commercial agency references.

After the articles had been received the bogus company would transfer the consignments to a warehouse and then ship them to New York, where they were disposed of through a "fence." This scheme baffled the inspectors for months. When suspicion was aroused the men would flee to another city.

One of the boldest moves of the two men is said to have been to establish a bank to give financial strength to their "enterprises."

One such concern, called "The Cook County Bank of Trade and Commerce," is alleged to have existed on paper only.

Nisson worked for several years as a waiter and in 1900 owned a restaurant in Chicago. He is said to have been a member of the Chicago Police Department.

CASHIER DEWEY WILL RETURN

Present Suffering Greater Than the Law Can Inflict

SUFFERS REMORSE OF CONSCIENCE

He Says he Always Intended to Return as Soon as he Felt he had the Strength and Courage to do so.

(News and Observer.)

Below we print in full a letter received by the editor from Mr. Thomas W. Dewey, ex-cashier of the Merchants and Farmers Bank of New Bern, who left New Bern some weeks ago and has not since been heard from. There was a large shortage in his account, variously estimated at from \$100,000 to \$135,000. The capital stock of the bank was \$75,000.

The State Bank Examiner discovered some irregularities or shortage in his accounts on Friday, July 31st. On Saturday night, August 1st, Dewey came to Raleigh, and no trace has been heard of him since a little after midnight, when he is supposed to have taken the midnight train on the Seaboard Air Line bound for the North.

The Merchants and Farmers Bank offered a large reward for his arrest, the Governor offered a reward, his picture, with the reward offered, was printed all over the country, but nothing has been heard from him from the hour of his departure until the editor of the News and Observer received a letter from him yesterday afternoon. The letter was not addressed in Mr. Dewey's handwriting, but was in the handwriting of a lady. It bore this postmark:

Gold's Greens, Sept. 30, 1903, 11:35.

The last line on the postmark is too dim to make out. On the reverse side of the envelope is this postmark:

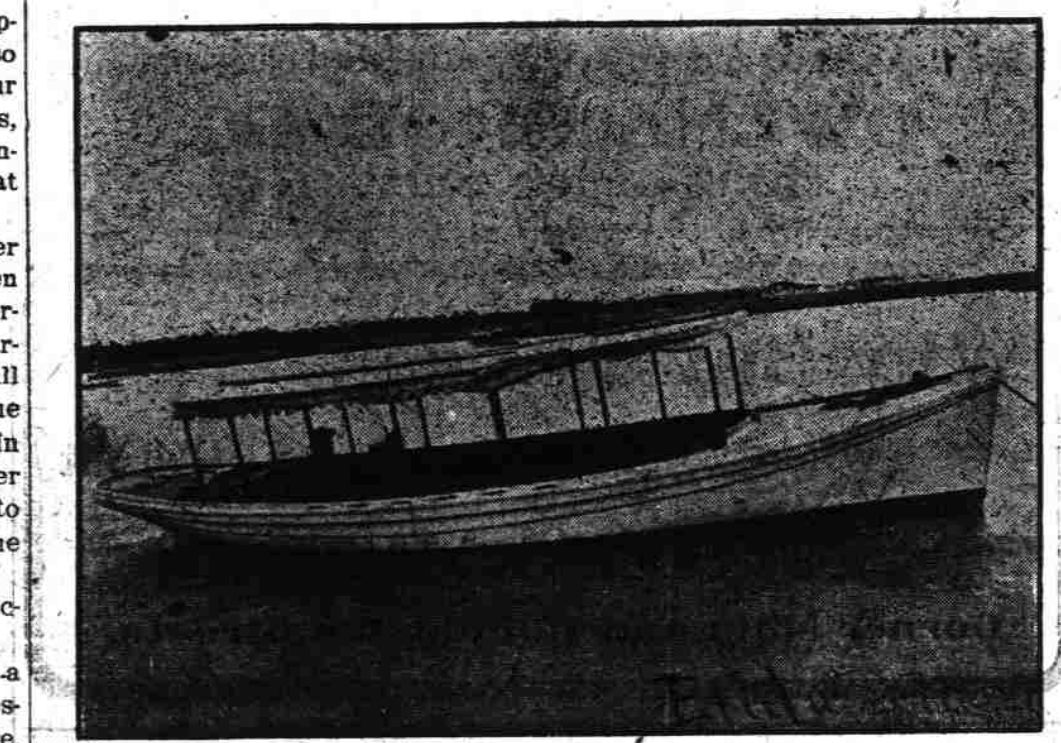
Raleigh, N. C., It is addressed thus: Mr. Josephus Daniels, Edr.

The letter is in Mr. Dewey's handwriting and covers four pages of Mr. Dewey's back handwriting and is in full as follows:

WILL YOU DO ME THE KINDNESS TO PUBLISH THIS?

Josephus Daniels, Esq., Editor, Raleigh, N. C.

My Dear Sir: There have incidentally fallen into my hands some of the reports published in both Raleigh and Charlotte papers concerning my defaultations, etc., which I denounce as malicious lies—one in particular, two columns long, with scarcely a semblance of truth from the beginning to the end. The facts are grave enough, but I will swear by all past associations and by my hope of forgiveness by the Great Judge of all hearts, that the true shortage will not and cannot be



The Gasoline Launch Ethlu, Used in Carrying the Mails of Dare County.

About the first public service which the Tar Heel rendered, immediately after its establishment, two years ago, was to agitate better mail facilities for Dare county. At that time a poor sailboat, at all times dependent upon the uncertain winds, was the means of carrying the mails of the intelligent and progressive citizens of Dare, one of the best counties in the State. The people there were active and lost no time in helping the Tar Heel to urge upon the department the necessity of better mail facilities. An inspector was sent down from Washington to investigate and report upon the routes to be established. He recommended to the department that gasoline launches be used, and we take pleasure in giving herewith an illustration of one of the launches now used in transporting the mails of Dare county. The boat is the property of Hon. Theodore S. Meekins, then whom the county has not a more loyal and progressive citizen. It was largely through his efforts that this great improvement was secured. The Tar Heel congratulates the people of Dare on the satisfactory mail facilities which they now enjoy.

FIRE WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Wednesday morning about three o'clock, fire was discovered in the grocery store of Mr. Reuben Berry, on Second street. There had been no fire in the store for some time. The dwellings were occupied by colored people and were very old. The fire spread rapidly and soon two dwellings adjacent were enveloped, with no hopes of saving them. The dwellings were occupied by colored people and were very old. The fire spread rapidly and soon two dwellings adjacent were enveloped, with no hopes of saving them. The dwellings were occupied by colored people and were very old.

AN ENRAGED LION

Creates a Panic in the Crowded Streets at Coney Island—Engages in a Fight With an Elephant.

New York, Sept. 26.—Thousands of visitors to Coney Island were thrown into a panic today by the escape from an amusement park of a lion, which ran through the crowded streets, pursued by police and trainers, until he was driven into a corner and secured. The lion on being brought out of his cage to go through a ring performance with an elephant, suddenly became enraged, and leaping on the elephant's back, buried his teeth and claws in the big brute's shoulder. Trumpling loudly, the elephant rushed around the ring and finally succeeded in gripping the lion with his trunk, tore him from his own hold and hurled him into a lagoon nearby. By this time the terrified audience had fled, and communicated the panic to the crowds in the streets. The lion, half drowned, scrambled out of the lagoon and leaped through a window into a barroom and thence to the street. When recaptured the lion appeared to be weary and was probably more frightened than any of his pursuers.

SHOOTS AND KILLS; JEALOUSY THE CAUSE.

James White Shoots and Kills Susan Dixon With a Shotgun—Both Colored—Murderer Arrested.

Belle Haven, N. C., Sept. 28.—James White, colored, murdered Susan Dixon, also colored, at her home in this town Saturday night between eight and nine o'clock. White went to her house called her out and without warning killed her with a shotgun. He had been jealous of her for sometime and his passion was aroused to such a pitch murder took possession of him. After the shooting, White went to the authorities, told what he had done and surrendered himself.

LYNCHING IN GEORGIA.

Negro Who Assaulted a Small White Girl in Decatur County.

Thomasville, Ga., Sept. 26.—A negro was lynched this afternoon about five miles north of Whigham, a town in Decatur county, twenty miles west of here. The negro assaulted a small white girl this morning. Up to a late hour tonight it was impossible to get particulars concerning the affair.

MARYLAND DEMOCRATS.

State Campaign Opened—Race Issue the Burden of All Speeches.

Baltimore, Sept. 26.—The Democratic State campaign was opened today in the presence of about 8,000 persons at Mount Airy. Among the speakers were: General Fitzhugh Lee, of Virginia; Edwin Warfield, the nominee for governor, and ex-Congressman Joshua Miles. The burden of all the speeches was the race issue. In his remarks, Mr. Warfield declared that "the great and pressing problem of the day, not only in Maryland, but in every section of our common country, North as well as South, East as well as West, is the negro question, and it cannot be put aside."

DENOUNCED BOOKER.

An Alabama Statesman Goes for the Sage of Tuskegee.

Montgomery, Ala., Sept. 24.—A bill appropriating \$2,500 to a local negro school was passed by the house by a vote of 41 to 39 after a hot debate on the negro question, in which Mr. Wood of Tuskegee, the seat of Booker T. Washington's school, denounced him bitterly, saying:

"The Rev. Sam Jones has been told by Washington and has printed the statement that not one of his (Washington's) students has been in the penitentiary. A bigger lie than that has never been told. The only two legal hangings in my county were students of Washington's school, and they were charged with rape. Washington himself has prosecuted some of his students in the courts of my city."

"The records of the courts will show that some of Washington's pupils have been convicted of every crime known and that there is not a student of Washington's school living in my county that is now earning an honest living. I am opposed to giving money to educate the negro along industrial lines."

Mr. Simpson, of Lauderdale, said that Mr. Wood did not represent the sentiment of the South. The members discussed the race question all the afternoon session, pro and con. Mr. Verner, of Tuscaloosa, said:

"God knows I don't favor social equality, or anything like it, but the people of Alabama owe the negro something, and it should be paid. There is not a man upon the floor of this house that has not gotten money by the sweat of the negro's brow, who worked and toiled for him."

The Situation More Serious.

Preparations Being Made in Bulgaria For a Mobile Force to Take the Fields.

Strong Force in Readiness.

Bulgarian War Office Has Received Information That in Event of Hostilities Turks Will Make a Dash to Seize the Shipka Pass.

Philippopolis, Bulgaria, Sept. 26.—The rumors current yesterday that Bulgaria would send an ultimatum to Turkey setting forth that unless satisfactory assurances were received that the Ottoman troops would be withdrawn immediately from the Bulgarian frontier, Bulgaria would forthwith mobilize her whole army, were caused by the mobilization of a regiment of engineers. The division, with headquarters here, are inclined to regard the situation as being more serious and preparations are being made for a mobile force to take the field.

The Bulgarian war office has received information that in the event of hostilities the Turks will make a dash and endeavor to seize the Shipka Pass, against which contingency strong Bulgarian forces are now held in readiness.

TURKISH ATROCITIES.

Monastir, Macedonia, Tuesday, Sept. 22, via Sofia, Bulgaria, Sept. 26.—Snow has fallen on the higher mountain ranges, and the refugees must either leave their hiding places or suffer the greatest hardships.

The Turkish troops continue to slaughter refugees who return to their former homes at the invitation of the government, who promised protection. Near the village of Zlatan, in the neighborhood of Resna, troops found fifteen refugees working in a field. They bound their hands, drove them into a ditch and massacred fourteen of the peasants. One of them survived his wounds. The refugee woman subsequently discovered the bodies, and carried the survivor before the lieutenant governor of Resna, who refused to hear their story.

One hundred and twenty Bulgarians, including four priests, who had been exiled by the Turkish authorities, left Monastir yesterday.

U. S. WARSHIPS AT BEIRUT.

Washington, Sept. 26.—Withdrawal of the American warships from Beirut seems unlikely for the present, in view of a cablegram received at the State Department from Minister Leshman today at Constantinople, stating that although his advices from Beirut indicate that the situation is quiet just now, nothing like permanent order has been established.

It is indicated in Mr. Leshman's cablegram that the departure of the warships might be the occasion for a renewal of the riots. This confirms the opinion held here by State Department officials that the quiet at Beirut is due directly to the presence of American warships off that port.

Minister Leshman adds that the new governor of Beirut is actively inaugurating reforms there, but it is not yet certain he will be able to handle the situation.

Rear Admiral Cotton cables the Navy Department, under date of Beirut, September 25th, that Beirut is quiet and that the case of the American consul is still pending.

SATURDAY NIGHT'S SHOW.

Disgustingly Poor, and the Audience Comment Unfavorably.

The show pulled off at the Academy of Music Saturday night was disgustingly poor, and those who paid seventy-five cents to witness it gave evidence of having been duped. This farce had been flimsily advertised from the bill boards and a fair-sized crowd was present, who were outspoken in their unfavorable criticisms of the management. It was clearly an imposition, and not a few left the room with a determination to eliminate theatre-going from their program during the remainder of the season.

The would-be actors were not up to couth, awkward and were unfamiliar amateur home talent; they were unwith the play. The troupe spent Sunday here and one of the number, in attempting to explain why he did no better, said that he was drunk, and one would be led to believe that he shared the contents of his bottle with his fellow players.

The whole thing was a gross imposition and a reflection on the intelligence of those present. The management should be forced to realize that the people of Elizabeth City will not be deceived by such a cheap and dishonest performance.