

FOUND TRUE BILL AGAINST COCKE

The State Senator Charged With Embezzlement.

MR. COCKE'S STATEMENT

"I DO NOT OWE THE NATIONAL BANK ONE DOLLAR."

CORROBORATIVE TESTIMONY BY OTHERS

The Discoveries that Led to Mr. Cocke's Arrest Were Made by Bank Examiners While Seeking Evidence for Indictment of Lawrence Pulliam.

Charlotte, N. C., June 15.—The grand jury in the Federal Court here today returned a true bill against W. J. Cocke, State Senator from Buncombe, charging him with embezzlement and misappropriation of funds of the National Bank of Asheville, while cashier of that institution. The amount alleged to have been abstracted is about \$18,000. Cocke was arrested in Asheville at four o'clock this morning and gave bond, in the sum of \$15,000. In a statement published this afternoon in the Asheville Citizen, Cocke denies that he owes the bank a dollar. The case will likely be tried at the November term of the Federal court, which convenes in Asheville.

MR. COCKE INTERVIEWED.

Asheville, N. C., June 15.—(Special.)—Soon after the arrest Mr. Cocke was taken to the Hotel Berkeley, where bond



SENATOR W. J. COCKE.

Against Whom a Charge of Embezzlement Has Been Brought.

for the sum of fifteen thousand dollars was given. The sureties are: Thomas D. Johnston, Mattie A. Johnston, Mrs. Annie J. Weaver, Captain W. T. Weaver, Dr. Carl Reynolds, Mrs. Reynolds. Mr. Cocke made the following statement:

"I do not owe the National Bank of Asheville one dollar. Every cent for which I was in any respect liable has long since, and before this prosecution was begun, been fully paid. In fact, except possibly in one or two instances, and for small amounts where I was security for other persons, all my liabilities to the bank were fully and satisfactorily settled long before the bank went into liquidation.

"I state further, and in the most emphatic manner, that I am not now, nor have I ever been, an embezzler, and no such allegation has ever been made by the bank or any of its officers or stockholders. This prosecution was as great a surprise to me as to the public. A thorough investigation will show that the charges are groundless."

W. B. Williamson, trustee and liquidating officer of the National Bank of Asheville, was asked about the case. He said:

"Mr. Cocke does not owe the bank anything of any consequence, everything having been settled some time ago."

General Theo. F. Davidson says he was a director and Vice President of the National Bank of Asheville during the whole time Mr. Cocke was cashier, and has general knowledge of the affairs of the bank during that time. For a short time Mr. Cocke's account, like many other customers' accounts, was overdrawn, but it was satisfactory and long before the bank went into liquidation and before Mr. Cocke's connection with the bank as cashier ceased.

"My understanding has always been," continued Mr. Davidson, "that the bank had no claim against Mr. Cocke, either individually or officially since that time. He was endorser for one or two people and his liability on those accounts, I have been informed, had been fully paid up before the finding of the bill at Charlotte yesterday.

"I have no information to lead me to believe that this prosecution was undertaken at the request of any official, stockholder or creditor of the bank. In fact, the bank has no creditors—the debts having been paid off by moneys raised by the stockholders and from its assets."

At the time United States District Attorney A. E. Holton, Edward I. Johnson, the New Orleans National bank examiner, and Fred A. Hull were instructed to make an examination of the books of the failed national bank, in making out a bill of indictment against Lawrence Pulliam, at one time cashier of the bank, the department of justice further directed those gentlemen to make a full investigation of the transactions of the bank from 1893 till the close of the bank. In making this investigation certain evidences were found of illegal transactions and this fact was reported to the department. After carefully considering the report District Attorney Holton was ordered to draw up a bill of indictment against

Mr. Cocke. This was done with the result as related.

A capias was issued and placed in the hands of United States Marshal J. M. Millikan with instructions that it be executed at once. Mr. Millikan, accompanied by Mr. Hull, left immediately for Asheville, arriving in that city at 1:15 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Cocke had been cashier of the National Bank of Asheville about six months when he was elected mayor of the city in May, 1898. Early in the winter of that year Mr. Cocke resigned as cashier, and was succeeded by W. B. Williamson.

IT IS JUDGE MESTREZAT.

Democratic State Convention Names Him and Adjourns.

Harrisburg, Pa., June 15.—The contest before the Democratic State Convention for Supreme Court Judge ended this evening, with the unanimous nomination of Judge S. L. Mestrezat, of Fayette county, on the twenty-eighth ballot. Charles J. Reilly, of Williamsport, permanent chairman of this convention, was nominated by acclamation for judge of the Superior court, and Representative Wm. T. Cressy, of Columbia, was the unanimous choice for State Treasurer. After making these nominations the convention adjourned.

PROMINENT PREACHER DIES.

Officer in the Indian War and Major in Confederate Army.

Macon, Ga., June 15.—Rev. Simon Peter Richardson, the oldest and best known Methodist Minister in Georgia, died to-day. He was nearly 82 years of age, a native of South Carolina, and an active minister of the Methodist church for 56 years. He was an officer in the Indian War and a major in the Confederate army. He was at one time offered the Democratic nomination for Governor of Florida and once came within two votes of being elected Bishop of the M. E. Church South. A wife and large family of sons and daughters survive him.

THE JACOBS FORGERY CASE.

Boston, Mass., June 15.—Robert Jacobs, charged with the forgery of \$20,000 worth of State of Virginia bonds, to-day was held in \$5,000 bail until June 22 for a hearing. Jacobs is charged with having obtained money by means of the bonds, which are alleged to be worthless, obtaining \$11,250 from Wm. H. Carrie, of Boston, on fifteen bonds of the face value of \$1,000 each and \$6,000 from the First National Bank of Lynn, on eight bonds. The bonds sold by Jacobs are said to be part of a lot issued by the State of Virginia, which was recalled. The prisoner says he was given the bonds upon the death of a relative and supposed they were genuine.

PHOENIX-LIKE HERMAN RISES.

Blair, Neb., June 15.—Nearly 200 men are at work on the Herman ruins and are fast bringing order out of chaos. The people are well provided with clothing, bedding and provisions from various localities.

The leading farmers of Washington county are advocating the plan of the county voting the sufferers at least \$30,000 to help them start in business again.

WIFE MURDERER HANGED.

Springfield, Mo., June 15.—Carroll M. Rice, wife murderer, was hanged at Alton today. Just before the black cap was adjusted and while his legs were being pinioned, the condemned man broke away from the sheriff and attempted to escape. He was captured and quickly hanged.

Before dying he addressed the 5,000 people present, saying that he hoped to meet them in the better world.

CAMBON TO BE HONORED.

Washington, June 15.—The French Ambassador, M. Cambon, is about to receive from the University of Harvard, the degree of LL. D. in recognition of the distinguished public services he performed in the negotiations which restored peace between the United States and Spain.

MYERS TAKEN TO CHARLOTTE.

Winston, N. C., June 15.—(Special.)—Tom Myers, the negro who was arrested here Tuesday on suspicion of being guilty of the murder of Policeman Moran, in Charlotte in 1892, was carried to that city tonight to see if he is the right man.

HIS LIFE WAS SAVED.

Mr. J. E. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Hannibal, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death. In telling of it he says: "I was taken with Typhoid Fever, that ran into Pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I couldn't even sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected to soon die of Consumption, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it, and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise." This marvelous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all Throat and Lung Trouble. Regular sizes 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at all drug stores. Every bottle guaranteed.

TO CONFER ABOUT PRISONERS.

Madrid, June 15.—In the Chamber of Deputies today, General Polavieja announced that the Spanish commission at Manila had gone to confer with Aguinaldo regarding the Spanish prisoners in the hands of the Filipinos.

A STRIKE OF MINERS.

Birmingham, Ala., June 15.—About one hundred miners of the Robinson Company struck this morning because an advance of 12 1/2¢ a car increase was refused. One thousand more will strike to-morrow.

ON THE DIAMOND.

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At Baltimore20401021*-10	11 1
Baltimore110000000-2	12 1
At Chicago20020200*-6	8 1
Chicago010000030-4	11 2
At New York00110-2	7 1
New York30102-6	7 0
At Boston000104*-6	8 2
Boston000010-1	7 3
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KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OFFICERS.

Election Yesterday—Three Raleigh Men Honored—The Parade.

Charlotte, N. C., June 15.—A special to the Observer from Asheville, N. C., says:

The Grand Commandry, Knights Templar, today elected the following officers:

Walter E. Storm, of Wilmington, Grand Commander; William F. Randolph, of Asheville, Deputy Grand Commander; James D. Bullock, of Wilson, Grand Generalissimo; D. E. Allen, of Charlotte, Grand Captain General; Alfred H. Stubbs, of Asheville, Grand Prelate; William Simpson, of Raleigh, Grand Treasurer; Horace H. Munson, of Wilmington, Grand Recorder; Ferdinand Ulrich, of Newbern, Grand Standard Bearer; M. M. Robinson, of Wilmington, Grand Sword Bearer; Lawrence A. Dodsworth, of Charlotte, Grand Warden; Robert H. Bradley, of Raleigh, Grand Sentinel; John C. Drewry, of Raleigh, Grand Senior Warden; James K. Norfleet, of Winston, Grand Junior Warden.

The Templar parade occurred this afternoon led by the First regiment band. The next meeting of the Grand Bodies will be held in Charlotte.

MILLION AND A HALF INVOLVED

No Money Yet Paid for Transportation of Troops to Spain.

Washington, June 15.—A representative of Ceballos and Company, the firm which contracted for carrying home the Spanish prisoners from the Philippines, appeared at the War Department today and had a consultation with Quartermaster General Ludington relative to payment for that service. Claims involving about a million and a half dollars are involved. There have been taken home to Spain about 10,000 men, and there are others yet to be sent from the Philippines as soon as their release is procured from the Filipinos. No money has been paid, owing to a failure to adjust accounts.

MOLINEUX IS ARRAIGNED.

New York, June 15.—Roland M. Molineux was arraigned to-day before Justice Jerome in the Court of Special Sessions on the charge of causing the death of Mrs. Katharine J. Adams by sending poison to Harry S. Cornish. Assistant District Attorney Osborne notified Justice Jerome of the denial of the writ of prohibition and the dismissal of the writs of certiorari and habeas corpus by Justice Beach in the Supreme Court.

Mr. Weeks of counsel for Molineux, announced that he would appeal from the decision of Justice Beach to the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court and Justice Jerome set the examination for June 21st to enable Mr. Weeks to take an appeal.

JOBBERS AND MAKERS.

Atlantic City, N. J., June 15.—The second day's joint session of the Southern Hardware Jobbers' Association and the Manufacturers' Association of the North, was largely attended. A paper on "Our Export Trade" arranged by W. H. Matfife, of Baltimore, was read by R. R. Williams, of New York, owing to the former's illness. "Hardware Expansion" was the title of a paper read by C. E. Spoor, of North Smith, Arkansas, which noted the rapid increase in the trade. "Associations and their Effects," was the title of a paper read by T. W. Gathright, of Birmingham, Ala.

CANAL COMMISSION MEET.

Washington, June 15.—The members of the commission appointed by the President to examine into the question of the most feasible route for a canal across the Isthmus of Panama met this morning. The only absentee was ex-Senator Pasco, of Florida. Admiral Walker was elected President, after which the commission called upon President McKinley in a body to pay their respects. Later they considered at length the plans of their work.

CAPTURE THE HOLY CARPET.

London, June 15.—The Cairo correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "A party of Bedouin Arabs recently attacked a convoy of Egyptians with the Holy Carpet of Mahomet, between Mecca and Medina. A fierce conflict ensued. Four soldiers and three civilians of the convoy were killed, and the rest fled. The Bedouins hold the carpet for ransom."

KID WOULD FIGHT JEFFRIES.

Chicago, June 15.—"Kid" McCoy, the middle-weight pugilist who is on his way to Denver while in the city today posted \$1,000 with George Siler as a forfeit for a match with James Jeffries for the heavy-weight championship.

ELEVEN BURNED TO DEATH.

St. Petersburg, June 15.—Eleven workmen were burned to death yesterday in a fire that destroyed a dwelling house near Rybinsk, in the Government of Yaroslavl, European Russia.

Rear Admiral Pierce Crosby, retired, one of the last of Farragut's active officers in the stirring sea fights of the Civil War, died at Washington yesterday of diabetes, aged 76 years.

The Venezuelan arbitration commission held its first formal meeting at Paris yesterday.

THE COOLEEMEE MILLS.

Durham's Sunday School Excursion—Other Matters.

Durham, N. C., June 15.—(Special) Rev. S. S. Bost, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church in this city, attended the marriage of Rev. R. E. Owens, of Oxford, and Miss Laura Bingham, of Salisbury, which was solemnized in the latter town last evening at 8:30 o'clock. Mr. Bost was the groom's best man.

Dr. John C. Kilgo of Trinity College, lectures before the Ministers' Conference on June 22, which will be held in Asheville during the session of the Southern Biblical Assembly. The subject of the lecture in the forenoon will be "The Bible in the Minister's Study," and at night, "The Bible God's Book." Messrs. B. N. Duke and T. L. Fuller, of this city, in company with Dr. George A. Mebane, Messrs. R. R. Boyd and B. Frank Mebane, of Greensboro, left Winston on yesterday in a private car for Davie county. The object of their trip was to see how the work on the new Cooleemee cotton mills, which are being erected on Yadkin river, is progressing. These gentlemen are large stockholders in the enterprise.

Mrs. J. A. Robinson and Miss Lottie Markham left this morning for Morehead City to spend a few days. They were joined at Morrisville by Miss Daisy Page, sister of Mrs. Robinson, and a daughter of Sheriff M. W. Page, of Wake county. Prof. C. W. Edwards, of Trinity College, also went down to Morehead City this morning.

On Saturday a consolidated Sunday school excursion will be run from here to Lynchburg, Va., composed of schools in East and North Durham. They go by the Southern railway, and will stop at West Durham to take on passengers. On Thursday of next week, Trinity Methodist Sunday school of this city run their annual excursion. They also go to Lynchburg, and will go via the Norfolk and Western road, stopping at Roxboro for all who desire to go from that point.

Prof. J. A. Matheson, superintendent of Durham graded schools, and Prof. Ernest J. Green, principal of the new Cleveland Street school, have gone to Washington, D. C., where they will spend two or three days visiting the public schools of that city. These gentlemen are determined to give Durham children the benefit of the very best thought and experience in connection with public school work. From Washington they go to Baltimore for a few days recreation.

Durham Lodge, No. 352, A. F. and A. M., have just elected the following officers: Ed T. Rollins, W. M.; N. M. Johnson, S. W.; T. L. McCless, J. W.; T. E. Cheek, Sec.; J. S. Burch, S. D.; R. L. Lindsay, J. D.; W. N. Hicks and J. A. Woodall, stewards; W. P. Rollins, Tiler.

THEY WILL GO TO HOLYOKE.

President and Mrs. McKinley Will Leave for New England To-day.

Washington, June 15.—The President and Mrs. McKinley will leave Washington late to-morrow afternoon for Holyoke, Mass., where they go to attend the commencement exercises of Mount Holyoke college at South Hadley. Their niece, Miss Grace McKinley will graduate from that institution this year.

The trip will occupy from ten days to two weeks. The time will be spent largely in attendance upon public and private functions arranged by the President's New England friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Abner McKinley, Miss Mabel McKinley, Mr. and Mrs. George E. Morse, of San Francisco, relatives of the President; Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Allen, Private Secretary Cortelyou, Mr. Rudolph Forster, stenographer and Dr. Rixey, the President's physician, will accompany the party. It is possible that there may be one or two additions to this number.

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