

IS SHE GUILTY?

To-day the Bechtels Take the Stand for the Accused Mother.

(By the Associated Press.)

Alentown, Pa., Jan. 20.—The battle of the experts on blood in the Bechtel trial came to an end this evening, and tomorrow every member of the Bechtel family will be placed on the witness stand in an endeavor to prove that the aged mother is not guilty of being an accessory after the fact in the killing of her wayward daughter Mabel. The defense called six experts today, and each declared that the biological or Borlet test, the new method for determining the difference between human and animal blood, was not a standard one, and that it was unreliable. The experts testified that only one of the many articles taken from the Bechtel home contained human blood and that one was the underworn bonnet of the girl when she was found dead.

Before the defense opened its case today, the court was asked to instruct the jury to render a verdict of not guilty, because not sufficient evidence had been presented to hold Mrs. Bechtel, but the court decided that the trial should proceed, Judge Trexler adding that he did not wish at this time to pass upon the merits of the evidence presented.

In discussing this motion, District Attorney Lichter said:

"The theory of the commonwealth is that Thomas Bechtel was the principal felon. We believe that he committed the crime and after its commission was shielded by Mrs. Catherine Bechtel. In support of this theory the strongest evidence is the suicide of Thomas Bechtel in a prison cell, and the testimony of Dr. Lear and the many other witnesses who have testified."

In opening, Attorney Schardt said:

"We will prove to you that the stains which two inexperienced doctors declare to be human blood stains, were nothing more than stains produced by tobacco. We will show to you pillow cases, pieces of linen and other fabrics upon which within a day or two, tobacco stains have been made and we will ask you to compare them with the stains shown upon the bolster case by these commonwealth."

"We will further prove to you that the leathers' hatchet which the State produced as a weapon with which Mabel Bechtel was killed had been broken in a mill last summer, and more than that, we will prove to you beyond all doubt that Mabel Bechtel was alive on Monday, the day before her death."

Attorney Schardt said it would also be shown that no member of the Bechtel family had a hand in the killing of Mabel and that she was murdered away from home.

ANSWER MAY BE DELAYED.

Russia and France Believed to be Exchanging Views.

(By the Associated Press.)

St. Petersburg, Jan. 20.—The first exchange of views between the Foreign Office, Viceroy Alexieff and Baron De Rosen, the Russian Minister to Japan, on the Japanese reply has not resulted in a definite decision. Consequently Russia's answer probably will be delayed a little longer than anticipated.

Port Said, Jan. 20.—The Russian battleship Aurora, the transport Orel, the Collier Saratoff and nine torpedo boats, bound for the Far East, have entered Suez Canal.

Paris, Jan. 20.—Although no official authority is obtainable for the statement there is strong reason to believe that exchanges of communications are now going on between France and Russia concerning the position Russia will finally adopt in response to the last Japanese note. Long conferences between Foreign Minister Delcasse and M. Nelidoff, the Russian Ambassador, are being held almost daily. It is expected that the exchanges of views will exert a strong influence in shaping the course Russia will adopt.

Among the officials and diplomats, it is understood here that the exchanges result from two considerations:

First—Russia, appreciating the decisive nature of the issues presented in Japan's last note, desires to secure the advice of her nearest political friend and ally.

Second—France wishes to exercise her influence to prevent a war in which she might become embroiled.

More particularly, France has begun to realize that she ought to be consulted concerning Russia's course in China as Russia and France jointly promulgated the

note of March 19, 1902, setting forth that they would act together concerning the integrity and free development of China.

Concerning Russia's wish to consult Foreign Minister, Count Lamsdorf, has a high regard for M. Delcasse's prudence in meeting difficult situations.

London, Jan. 20.—The Foreign Office has reason to believe that Russia is willing to concede practically all Japan's demands, but that she cannot see her way to make a treaty with Japan, recognizing in black and white China's sovereignty over Manchuria. Russia has approached Great Britain to urge Japan to forego this stipulation and to accept in lieu thereof the assurances to the same end already given to the other powers.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 20.—A high official informed the Associated Press correspondent that the anti-American irritation in certain government quarters here is due to the conviction that Japan's aggressive attitude is largely the result of the American attitude, which, he added, presumably is based on fear that the Manchurian treaties will not be respected, although the official insisted the United States was informed months ago that Russia would recognize them.

London, Jan. 20.—Japanese newspapers publish a report from continental sources that Russia has decided to appeal to the powers to avert war. This is regarded here as proof of Russia's unreadiness to make satisfactory concessions.

Americans Leaving Seoul.

(By the Associated Press.)

Seoul, Jan. 20.—The Emperor of Korea has ordered that seven hundred revolvers and clubs be distributed to the "peddlers" who are nominally secret police and a dangerous element. Many Americans are leaving Seoul fearing trouble.

EXPLOSION AT JOHNSTOWN.

Three Men Under the Debris and Fifteen Taken Out Injured.

(By the Associated Press.)

Johnston, Pa., Jan. 20.—A steam pipe directly over the engine in the boiler room of No. 2 mill of the Cambria Steel Company exploded about 1:30 this morning, bringing down the whole section of roof running from the puddle mill to the finishing shed of the mill. The woodwork at once took fire from the furnaces and at this time is burning fiercely. It is known that at least two or three men are under the debris and it is not believed that these can be rescued in time to save their lives. About fifteen men have been taken out and have either been sent to the hospital or are lying on improvised cots in offices nearby. It is impossible at present to learn the extent of their injuries, but it is known that several are in a critical condition.

DRIVEN OUT BY FLAMES.

Fire in a Chicago Hotel Creates Excitement Among Theatrical People.

(By the Associated Press.)

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 20.—Ill-fortune of Chicago theatrical people during the last few weeks was again in evidence at a fire in the Grand Palace Hotel, Indiana and Clark streets, early today, nearly two hundred members of theatrical troupes being driven into the streets by the flames. It was with difficulty that a panic was averted and the frightened men and women assisted in putting out the fire. The fire originated on the second floor, supposedly from crossed electrical wires, and was carried quickly up the elevator shaft by a draught to the drop floor.

PANSY PIEBALDS CONTROL.

Florida Rads Will Send a Mixed Delegation to National Convention.

(By the Associated Press.)

St. Augustine, Fla., Jan. 20.—Florida Republicans held their State convention and the conventions for each Congressional district here today. Joseph E. Lee, Collector of Internal Revenue, presided over the State convention. This convention left the question of putting out a State ticket to the executive committee, D. N. Combs, Joseph E. Lee, Henry S. Chubb and M. S. White were selected as delegates to the National Republican convention.

The State and Congressional delegates to the National Republican Convention were divided equally between the races.

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FOR AN ELK TEMPLE INTO DIRT TO-DAY

Raleigh Lodge of Elks Has This Purpose Now in View.

The Raleigh Lodge of Elks has in view the establishing of a temple for that order in this city.

It is a matter over which the Elks of the Raleigh Lodge are enthusiastic and last night at a meeting of the lodge this matter was considered.

The purpose of the lodge is to erect, whenever it is able, a building three stories in height, with basement, this building to have in it stores, offices and rooms for the lodge. It is to be, as its name is to indicate, an Elks' Home, and in it will be placed rooms which will make it a happy abiding place for the members of the order.

No definite plans or site has been agreed upon, and when the lodge is ready it will take the initial step in securing a site for the building to cost from twenty five to thirty thousand dollars.

The Raleigh lodge of Elks number 35 men, and in this membership are many of the city's most influential men. If the building is erected it is certain to be an ornament to the city.

COL. CUNNINGHAM SPEAKS.

Tells Rockingham Farmers That Poor Prices for Tobacco Will Impoverish Them.

(Special to News and Observer.)

Madison, N. C., Jan. 20.—Col. John S. Cunningham spoke according to appointment at Sharp Institute on Saturday evening. There was a large crowd in attendance and many ladies were in the audience. The speaker was introduced by Col. J. M. Galloway.

Col. Cunningham urged upon the farmers the importance of organizing. He impressed upon the farmers that they must diversify their crops and raise their supplies at home. He declared that unless the tobacco farmers received more for their tobacco than the crop of last year brought they would not be able to pay expenses to educate their children, and to pay their taxes.

The farmers were thoroughly aroused, and a meeting was called for next Saturday, the 23rd of January. There were eighty-seven who signified their purpose to join the association.

Sharp Institute is located in one of the best sections of Rockingham county, and in a fine tobacco section.

TWO MAD MOTHERS.

Three Children and One Mother Dead the Other Worse Than Dead.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Jan. 20.—Mrs. Louisa Elion, 28 years old, of East 64th street, was found mortally injured by a pistol shot wound at her home today. Her two children, Annie, 8 years, and Rosie, 7 years, were found dead, having been killed by pistol shot wounds in the abdomen. The woman was alive when found but died shortly afterwards. It is believed that she first shot her children and then committed suicide.

Mrs. Elion was despondent because of the knowledge that she was to be dispossessed. While a doctor was bending over her, Frank Elion, the woman's husband, walked into the room. In his hand he held a dispossess notice. He said he knew nothing of the shooting, that he had been separated from his wife for some time and had come to take away the furniture which belonged to him. He was held for examination.

Patterson, N. J., Jan. 20.—Mrs. Arthur Oswald was arrested today on the charge of murdering her eight-year-old son at her home in Oakland. She is believed to be insane. The tragedy was discovered by the woman's husband when he returned home late last night. As he entered the dining room he was horrified to see the headless body of his eight-year-old son lying on the floor. The head lay near the boy's feet. Near the boy lay the body of his pet dog, which also had been beheaded. Oswald found his wife lying in bed with her young baby in her arms. She was singing softly to the infant. Near the bed her two other children lay sleeping in a crib. The woman did not recognize her husband nor seem to understand what was said to her.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION.

Officers are Elected and a Supper at Dugh's is Enjoyed.

Central Labor Union had a most pleasant meeting last night when the election of officers took place.

The meeting was very largely attended and as the result of the election the following officers were chosen:

T. P. DICKSON, president.
L. A. EMORY, vice-president.
GEO. T. NORWOOD, secretary-treasurer.

After transacting the business affairs adjournment came, and then the members of the union were invited to a feast by the newly elected president.

This was served at Dugh's, and the evening was spent most delightfully at his restaurant, where the supper was served in excellent style and was greatly enjoyed.

GENERALLY ENJOYED.

"The New Fast Mail" Greatly Enjoyed at Metropolitan.

The audience at the Metropolitan Opera House last night greatly enjoyed the performance of "The New Fast Mail," which was ably presented.

The company is one of real merit and the play was much better than had been expected. It is a melodrama and is well acted, the cast showing real ability.

The special scenery used added much to the effect of the play. The audience was an appreciative one and applauded generously. All of the cast did excellent work.

THE RALEIGH AND PAMLIKO SOUND RAILROAD WILL START NEAR NEUSE.

The Raleigh and Pamlico Sound Railroad which is to extend from Raleigh to Pamlico Sound will get into actual work today.

The first dirt will be broken shortly after noon and this will be near Neuse, six miles from Raleigh, on the other side of the river. The route has been surveyed to within three miles of Raleigh and the force will work this way.

Fifty convicts will be taken out this morning, these being the squad that came from Hillsboro yesterday afternoon. They will be in charge of Captain Leakey, and Capt. W. T. Bradshaw who has general supervision of the work has had tents and quarters arranged for the men.

After the first of February fifty more convicts will be put to work.

For the construction of this railroad the counties and townships through which it passes have voted \$180,000. Back of this there is over a million dollars, and even better than this an energetic and working body of men, who will rush the road to completion.

The president of the company is Captain J. M. Turner, while Mr. Claude B. Barber is vice-president, secretary and treasurer. The directors are Messrs. J. M. Turner, C. B. Barber, J. J. Thomas, Larry I. Moore, of Greenville and Geo. T. Leach, of Washington.

The road means a great deal to Raleigh and to eastern North Carolina. It is a road that is needed, and all the sections through which it passes are to be congratulated on this day when work begins.

The officers of the road and some of the directors will go to Neuse this morning to see the start made, and an invitation is extended to all who may desire to be present.

SUCCESS AT WARRENTON.

Farmers' Institute Attended by 203 men Despite the Cold.

A letter was received by Commissioner of Agriculture S. L. Patterson yesterday morning from Dr. Tait Butler, telling of the success of the first farmers' institute of the present series. The institute was at Warrenton on Tuesday, and in spite of the unusually cold and threatening weather, there were 203 men present. Dr. Butler writes they were interested to the end, and but for the weather there would have been fully 300 men present. Drs. Barrett and Butler and Mr. Charles Williams held an institute yesterday at Ackson.

Mr. Patterson expressed himself as being much pleased with the great success of the first institute and thinks an incalculable benefit will be derived from attending them by the farmers all over the State.

It has been asked why Mr. Patterson himself was not with the lecturers, but at present it is absolutely impossible for him to leave his office. He has on his hands at this time the whole supervision of the fertilizer traffic and inspection, and with various other matters and business his entire time is occupied.

Other institutes are to be held as follows:

Murfreesboro, Friday, January 22.
Windsor, Monday, January 25.
Gatesville, Wednesday, January 27.
Currituck C. H., Friday, January 29.
Camden C. H., Saturday, January 29.
Elizabeth City, Monday, February 1.
Hertford, Tuesday, February 2.
Edenton, Wednesday, February 3.
Roper, Friday, February 5.
Washington, Saturday, February 6.
Greenville, Monday, February 8.
Tarboro, Tuesday and Wednesday, February 9 and 10.
Goldboro, Thursday, February 11.

FIRE NOT FROM HEATER.

A Student of the Oxford Female Seminary Gives a New Cause.

Another account of the origin of the fire which destroyed the Oxford Female Seminary, was yesterday given by Miss Lulu Olive, of Wade, a student of the Seminary who has been in Raleigh since the fire, visiting at the home of her uncle, Mr. W. H. Bland, and who left yesterday for her home.

Miss Olive says there was no heater in the room occupied by Miss Anna Speace, of Boone, where he fire started. She says that it is thought that a loose brick in the flue was the cause, that the chimneys were old, and that the fire started where a brick had fallen out.

Miss Olive, who is roomed near Miss Speace, says that a number of the girls say that they smelt smoke during Sunday night and that the fire must have been smoldering then, and that before breakfast a number of girls had mentioned it. She says that but one trunk was saved from the fourth floor, and not much from the third. In speaking of herself she said: "I got out my trunk and just let it slide down the steps, having pulled it to the top on the second floor." Miss Speace, she says, was one of the young ladies who lost a diamond ring.

It is a great hardship which has come to the young ladies of the Seminary, as well as the instructors, and it is hoped by them and their friends that some steps will be taken to give the students a chance to make up the time which otherwise must be lost, because of the fire.

AFTER A BIRD SMUGGLER.

Warrant for Arrest of Greensboro Man on Complaint of Raleigh Merchant.

Some days ago several crates of birds were shipped from Raleigh to Washington, D. C., by a Raleigh merchant who thought he was sending eggs in the crates.

It is now alleged that Mr. E. E. Eller, of Greensboro, shipped the crates with the birds here, and then told Mr. Geo. H. Marsh here that eggs were in these crates, and that as prices were higher in Washington than in Raleigh he would be glad to have Mr. Marsh reship. This was agreed to and Mr. Marsh added a number of crates with eggs in them as

his own shipment. Now Mr. Marsh claims that he was hoodwinked.

Constable Upchurch, who is the game warden for this county, yesterday had a warrant made out for the arrest of Mr. Eller and this was sent to Greensboro yesterday. That the crates contained birds was discovered in Greensboro when the reshipment was made, the game warden there, Mr. Weatherly, having a dog that has been trained to scent the birds. He has made a number of captures and it is said that there were about 500 birds in the four crates that were reshipped from here.

Mr. Marsh, who is a young business man of this city, has given out the following statement concerning the matter for publication:

"Mr. E. E. Eller, of Greensboro, came in to see me Saturday morning. While I had made a few business transactions with him, I had never met him personally, nor had I ever seen him before. When he walked into my store he introduced himself, and in the course of his conversation a short while after he had come into my office, he incidentally enquired about our egg market. My reply was that eggs were a little off on our market. He then said there were five crates of eggs at the express office for me shipped by him (Eller) from Greensboro, and as eggs were a little off here, he wished I would forward those eggs to Hickman & Co., Washington, D. C. I very readily agreed to do so, thinking I was only performing a favor for him.

"When the express wagon came up with the eggs Mr. Eller was in my office, and I did not have the eggs unloaded, but simply re-marked them to go ahead, but there were two other crates in the express wagon shipped to me from New Hill, N. C., and as Mr. Eller told me eggs were bringing a good price in Washington, I decided I would forward my two crates also, making a total shipment of seven crates. It turned out that four of these crates shipped by Mr. Eller contained birds. This is all I know in regard to the matter, as Mr. Eller never intimated to me that there was anything except eggs in the crates.

FOUR YEARS OLD.

Raleigh Lodge No. 590, A. F. and A. M., celebrated its fourth birthday last night by a banquet, entertaining its guests in its usual royal way. The address of the evening was delivered by Prof. J. B. Carlyle, of Wake Forest College. The Master of the Lodge, W. R. Smith, presided, and short talks were made by Col. T. S. Kenan, Gen. C. A. Woodruff, Gen. R. D. Gilmer, Hon. B. R. Lacy, Capt. T. M. Phelps, Mr. W. W. Wilson, Rev. Dr. T. N. Ivey and others.

The banquet was served by Dugh in his best style. The cream was served in blocks of white with the number 500 in each block in blue.

Raleigh Lodge has had a healthy and rapid growth in her four years' existence. Beginning with 24 charter members, she has received by initiation and demit 46 members, and now has on her roster 65 members, and enjoys the reputation of being one of the brightest lodges in the State.

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Prof. J. B. Carlyle, of Wake Forest College, who was in the city last night to attend the banquet at the Raleigh Lodge of Masons, says that the enrollment at Wake Forest has increased from 323 to 325 since his last visit, and that the college is continually growing.

A Pastors' Course has been added and is conducted in connection with the Bible Department. There are now twenty-five pastors enrolled and this week Dr. W. C. Tyree, of the Raleigh First Baptist church is lecturing on "The Fundamental Doctrines of Christianity."

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Dr. Lovell Cobb, widely known throughout the South as a successful author and President of Duval College, Atlanta, Ga., owes his life to Safe Cure. In a recent letter he says:

"I suffered for three years with gall stones and thought nothing could help me, for I had tried many different remedies without avail, but fortunately for me one of my friends called my attention to Warner's Safe Cure and I at once got a bottle as I was anxious to know what it would do for me. It acted like a charm; every dose helped me, and in four months I was cured and have had no recurrence of the trouble since. It has made a new man of me, and I gladly give credit where it is due—to Safe Cure."

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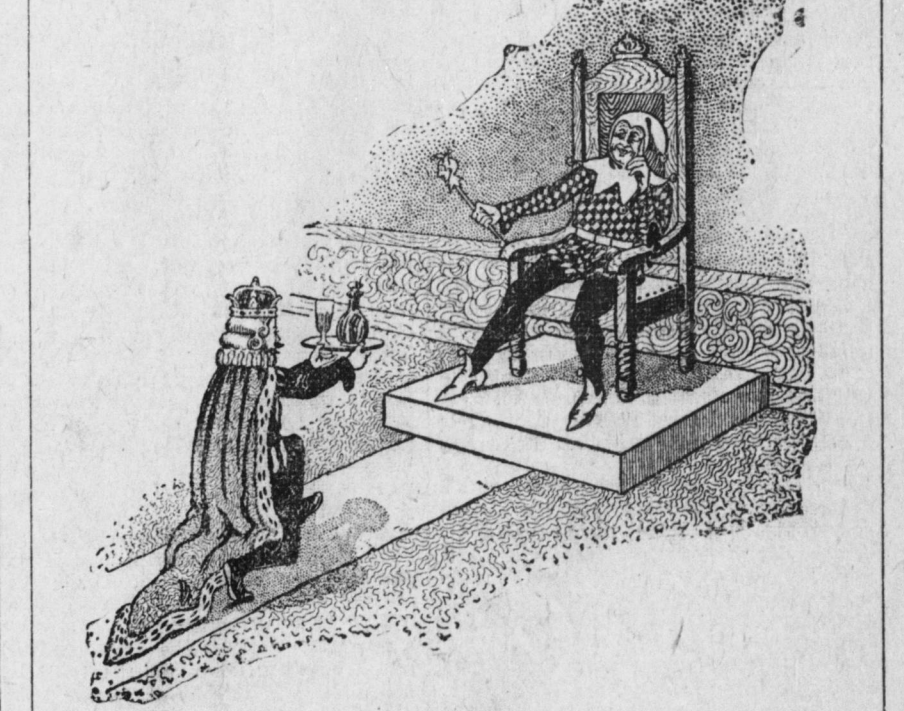
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