

ARGUMENT HEARD IN EPSTEIN CASE

Friday a Day of Speech-Making Throughout, With Several More To Come

TO JURY IN AFTERNOON

Jury Will Probably Get The Case Sometime This Afternoon; Joe Hairlor Who Was Shot By Another Syrian Is Improving and Will Get Well It Is Thought

News and Observer Bureau, Chamber of Commerce Rooms. BY BYRON FORD.

Goldboro, Dec. 8.—All evidence in the case of State against Hyman Epstein for killing Leonard Edwards here on the night of April 28, has been heard.

Both State and defense closed the case yesterday so far as evidence was concerned. This morning argument by counsel began with a forceful speech by Solicitor Walter D. Siler, who had given up his prerogative to be the last to address the jury to Victor S. Bryant, employed as private prosecutor by the Edwards family.

The initial speech laid the foundation upon which the State hopes to argue that the damaging evidence given by Mrs. R. L. Crow against the young defendant will prove stronger with the jury than that given by Miss Judith Edwards. Mrs. Crow testified that she saw the killing; that Edwards and Epstein were several feet apart when the shot which killed Mr. Edwards was fired by the defendant.

According to her statement she was watching the men through a window of her home. Miss Edwards' testimony seemed to contradict Mrs. Crow's statement. She told the court that her brother and the defendant were together; that she heard Hyman Epstein cry: "Let me go," and that her brother was shot at a point several feet from that designated by Mrs. Crow.

Following Solicitor Siler's address Matt H. Allen spoke for more than two hours. Mr. Allen's speech was one of the most remarkable ever heard in the courthouse and was attentively heard by the twelve men who have the defendant's fate in their hands. He had arranged a blackboard upon which he diagrammed the scene of the shooting, seeking to show that it was impossible for Mrs. Crow to have seen the occurrence as she believes she did see it.

Mr. Allen brought tears to the eyes of most of his hearers when he spoke of the great love the fine old fellow, Asher Edwards, a patriarch of his people, had for the manly boy whom he had reared and who had been killed. He had little criticism to make of the fight that old gentleman and his family had made to bring vengeance upon the head of Hyman Epstein, but he pleaded earnestly for a fair and impartial consideration of the evidence given by a daughter of that man.

Don Humphrey followed Mr. Allen. Mr. Humphrey appeared as private prosecutor. Without flights of oratory he spoke to the jury in a clear, crisp, businesslike way, quoting facts as brought out by the State and asking that a verdict of guilty be returned.

Mr. Humphrey was merciless in his coldness. He made no effort to sway through eloquence, basing his hope upon grim facts.

Frank Taylor, of the firm of Langston, Allen & Taylor, and Russell Robinson, a son of former Judge W. B. OB.

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Robinson, followed Don Humphrey in succession. They are the youngest members of the Goldsboro bar, and surprised spectators by the mastery with which they filled their important roles. Each made a logical speech and made strong impressions upon the jury.

Mr. T. Dickinson, for the prosecution, and Judge Robinson for the defense, will probably speak this afternoon. Court tomorrow will probably open with a speech by W. A. Finch, of William T. Dortch, leading counsel for the defense. Victor S. Bryant will conclude the argument probably tomorrow afternoon.

Joe Hairlor Improving. Joe Hairlor, the Syrian merchant who was shot here yesterday by Charley Joseph, another Syrian, is reported to be resting well today. The man was shot in the neck in front of Joseph's store in Walnut street yesterday afternoon following an argument growing out of rivalry in love. Hairlor will recover, it is thought.

Little Norris Girl, Very Sick. The little daughter of Police Sergeant and Mrs. Dan Norris continues very ill. It is now certain that she has pneumonia, complicated with measles.

Personal. Among the visitors here from Farmville during the Epstein trial this week were Walter G. Sheppard, Lloyd Horton, Ben S. Sheppard, W. C. Askew and Walter Johnson.

Larry Moore, of New Bern, is here today.

COTTON GINNED TO DEC. 10, 359,346 BALES

Washington, Dec. 8.—Cotton ginned to December 1 amounted to 10,359,346 running bales, including 177,662 round bales and 101,620 bales of sea island, the Census Bureau today announced.

Last year 9,703,612 running bales including 93,361 round bales and 77,165 of sea island were ginned to December 1. Ginning by states prior to December 1, follow:

Alabama 504,714; Arkansas 999,184; California 19,863; Florida 46,999; Georgia 1,894,398; Louisiana 420,575; Mississippi 726,205; Missouri 51,073; North Carolina 567,139; Oklahoma 743,875; South Carolina 832,141; Tennessee 318,086; Texas 3,404,344; Virginia 23,161. All others 7,587.

CAROLINA CLUB OF WASHINGTON TO MEET

(Special Leased Wire.) Washington, Dec. 8.—The North Carolina Society of Washington has issued the following notice:

"There will be a meeting of the North Carolina Society in the rooms of the College Women's Club, 1004 F. Street, N. W., at 8 o'clock, on Thursday evening, December 14. You are cordially and earnestly requested to be present and to bring your North Carolina friends. A brief time will be taken for the election of officers for the ensuing year, followed by music and a social hour."

The officers are: T. M. Robertson, president, and Wade B. Hampton, secretary.

Demand for Red Cross Seals.

High Point, Dec. 8.—Ten thousand Red Cross Christmas seals have been sold here since they were put on sale Monday of this week, the Woman's Club, which is conducting the sale, announced this afternoon. Last year less than 10,000 were sold.

POSTMASTERS AND THE CIVIL SERVICE

A Republican Charge Proven Groundless; Plan to Classify All Postoffices

News and Observer Bureau, 406 District National Bank Building. By H. E. C. BRYANT. (Special Leased Wire.)

Washington, Dec. 8.—During the Presidential campaign the Republican leaders charged that the Democrats had ignored or outraged the civil service to take care of friends. They especially harped on the turning out of Republican fourth-class postmasters under President Wilson's order of May 7, 1916, providing that no person occupying the position of fourth-class postmaster should be given a competitive classified status unless he was appointed as a result of an open competitive examination.

The South was singled out as the place where the civil service had been abused.

In its annual report, for the year ending June 30, 1916, the United States Civil Service Commission refutes the charge of the Republicans. The report, in part, says:

"Fourth-class postmasters constitute the largest class of employees to which classification has been extended. The effects of President Wilson's order providing that no fourth-class postmaster should be classified unless he was appointed as a result of an open competitive examination, or under the previous regulations, or until so appointed are reviewed. Before the examinations the Postmaster-General made public his directions that the highest eligible be appointed, or, if sufficient reasons were submitted to make the selection of the first eligible inadvisable, in the best interest of the service, then the second eligible should be appointed, and so on."

"The number of offices paying as much as \$180 for which examinations were held was 17,318, for 3,991 of which no eligible was obtained, and 393 certificates containing the names of one or two eligibles were returned without appointment. The number of appointments reported was 12,994. The incumbents named appeared on 7,845 certificates, of which 258 were returned without appointment. The number of incumbents selected was 5,565. In 5,542 cases the incumbent either did not apply or was found to be ineligible. Incumbents were reappointed at 14,513 offices out of 17,996 after reports by postoffice inspectors. This 30.78 per cent of offices of both classes were reappointed in a total of 30,930 offices filled. Only 23,371 incumbents of both classes were eligible. Thus 24.5 per cent of the incumbents were not eligible, having failed to apply on account of age or other reasons, or if they applied being found ineligible."

"While the department is not required to select from a certificate of less than three names, it did make selection from 9,956 out of 10,349 such certificates, returning less than 4 per cent of the certificates without selection."

"Relatively few complaints alleging that appointments had been based upon political considerations were received. Most of them were found to be without foundation in fact; but the others were reported to the department with recommendation for removal. The commission finds that the great majority of the appointments were made in the interest of the service, and this view is borne out in the statistics which it submits as an appendix in its report."

In his annual report, made public today, Postmaster-General Burleson makes the following recommendation:

"In order that the position of postmaster of the first, second and third classes may be placed within the classified service the following legislation is suggested:

"Provided, that hereafter the position of postmaster at offices of the first, second and third classes, as well as fourth classes, shall be within the classified civil service and all appointments to such positions shall be made in accordance with the civil service rules: Provided further, that no person shall be eligible for original appointment to the position of postmaster who is over 65 years of age, nor shall any person hold such position after he has reached the age of 70 years: And, provided further, that a postmaster at an office of the fourth-class shall be eligible for transfer and promotion to the position of postmaster at an office of the second or third class within the same county, and that a postmaster at an office of the second or third class shall be eligible for transfer and promotion to the position of postmaster at an office within the State, and that a postmaster at an office of the first class shall be eligible for transfer and promotion to the position of postmaster at any office within the United States."

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PLAN TO RELIEVE CAR SHORTAGE IN SOUTH

(Special Leased Wire.)

Washington, Dec. 8.—The American Railway Association announced today that plans are under way to supply box cars to the South and West.

"The association," it was stated, "has taken action which it is believed will give quick relief to those sections of the country suffering from a shortage of box cars."

"Through the Car Service Commission all railroads in the Eastern, Southern, Central and Western States have been instructed to turn over to the Southern and Western connections a percentage of box cars, loaded or empty, in excess of the number received from those lines."

"Southern and Western roads, regardless of the number of box cars on their lines, will deliver to their Southern and Western connections ten per cent more box cars than they receive, while lines in the Central West must deliver twenty per cent more box cars to their Southern and Western connections than received from them."

"This action will, it is believed, force a large number of box cars to the West, the Northwest, South and Southwest, where there is urgent need for them."

Generally speaking the railroad association said:

"The present car shortage constitutes an emergency growing out of the war. Not only is the bulk of the traffic far in excess of what it has ever been, but the war has created demands for so many new kinds of traffic, and from so many new sources of traffic, that many abnormal movements of freight have taken place in unaccustomed directions, thus placing entirely unexpected burdens upon facilities of the railroads, shippers and consignees."

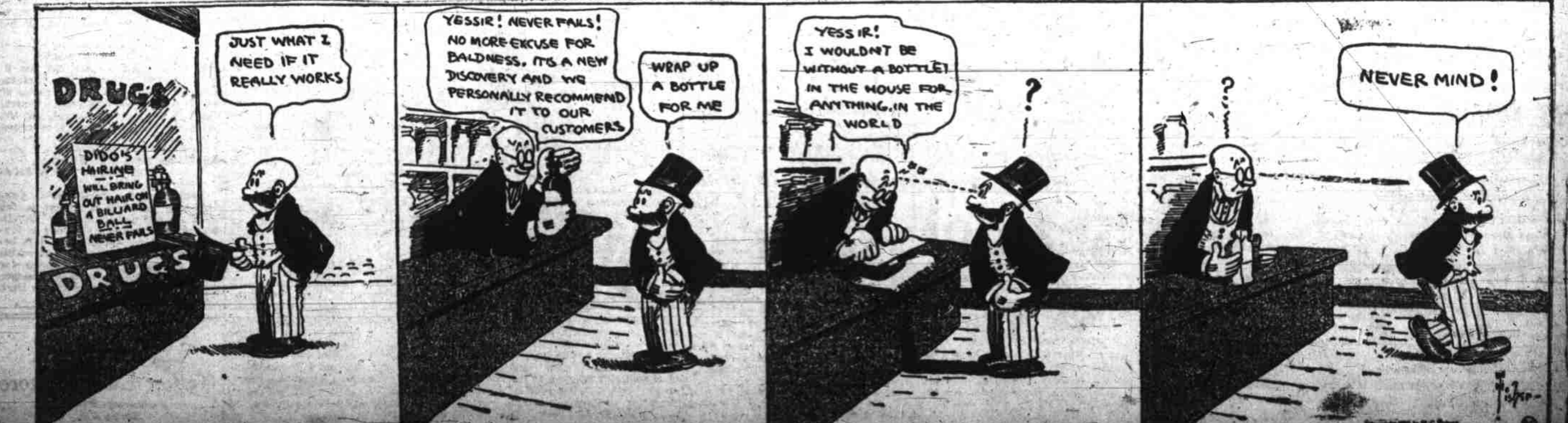
"Of course, the most abnormal movement of freight has been in export traffic and the proper handling of this has been impeded by lack of vessel capacity and other facilities for releasing cars. This export traffic, which during the year before the war amounted in value to \$750,000,000, represented in the year ended June 30, 1916, a value of \$2,907,000,000—an increase of 287 per cent."

"The present unprecedented situation demands emergency measures for relief."

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By BUD FISHER

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