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PRICE TWO CENTS

D. L. BEASLEY HOUSE BURNING CASE NOW ON

BOSEY COOK FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER IN SECOND DEGREE IN KILLING JEFFRIES.

GRAND JURY REPORTS

Houseburning Case is Attracting Much Attention and Many Witnesses are Being Examined--This Case Closes Criminal Docket of February Term--Next Week the Civil Docket Will Be Taken Up.

BEASLEY GUILTY.

Cook gets 7 years on the county roads, the sentence being passed by Judge Ferguson this afternoon. The jury came in after 3 o'clock with a verdict of guilty in Beasley's case. He was given two years on the county roads.

The Bosey Cook murder case was completed Wednesday afternoon, the case consuming the entire day and going to the jury late in the afternoon. That boy was out all night and before court opened this morning it was stated that the jury had agreed on a verdict. When court convened the verdict was taken and was guilty of murder in the second degree. Solicitor Clement had asked only for a verdict of this kind, although the defendant was first indicted for murder in the first degree. As soon as the verdict was announced the prisoner was remanded to jail to await sentence later. The court can give from two to twenty years in the penitentiary for murder in the second degree. Cook killed Gamewell Jeffries at Granite Quarry a year ago.

Beasley Case Now On. As soon as the murder case was disposed of the case against D. L. Beasley, the well known white man, was called. Beasley is indicted on a charge of houseburning, it being contended that he burned an unoccupied house just north of Spencer on March 7, 1914, in order to conceal a crime of stealing goods from a Southern freight car. One of the chief State witnesses is Howard Jones, who is now serving time for car robbery, and who was brought here from the State camp near Whitney to testify in this case. Jones related to the jury this morning of how he and Beasley robbed a car by throwing out near this house after having broken into a car at a small station across the river and concealed themselves in the same. Then they, so Jones says, carried the goods to the old unoccupied house. Later, he states Beasley told him he got scared and fired the house. Present at this trial is Deputy Insurance Commissioner Scott. Beasley is represented by L. Lee Wright, Esq., while Solicitor Clement is being assisted by L. H. Clement, Esq. The case, which is the last on the criminal docket, will consume all of today and may run into Friday. Next week the civil docket will be taken up.

Grand Jury's Report. The following is the report of the grand jury for the February term of Rowan Superior court which completed its work Wednesday afternoon: To His Honor, Judge Ferguson, Presiding: We, the grand jury of the February term beg to report as follows: We have acted on all bills of indictment presented by the Solicitor and of all other matters brought to our attention. By committee we inspected the sheriff's office, office of the Superior court, treasurer, register of deeds and county auditor and found the same in a clean, neat and sanitary condition. In a body we visited the county jail and found same in a clean and neat condition. We find the county home well kept and every thing in good order; the inmates are well cared for. We find the matron an efficient manager and believe she has the welfare of the in-

NO FICTION IN PANAMA COMMAND, THEY SAY



General Goethals.

General Edwards.

General Goethals, commander of the Panama Canal, and General Edwards, in command of the United States troops there, have come back to the United States for a visit. This photograph was taken to show that reports of discord between them are not true. They seemed to be the best of friends when they decided to face the camera together.

A SEABOARD AIR LINE LIMITED IS WRECKED

Engine and Tender Jumps Track and Precipitates Cars Down Steep Embankment--None Killed But Numbers are Injured. (By Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., Feb. 17.--Seaboard Air Line Florida limited No. 10, running at high speed, was wrecked at Kingsland Bridge while running thru Bellwood plantation at 10:29 o'clock this morning. The engine and tender jumped the track making a gap in the rails and ties and this threw the coaches down a steep embankment. Reports from the scene state that by a miracle no one was killed, but that 14 were badly injured, others being less seriously injured. The injured were sent to a Richmond hospital.

Anyhow when Secretary Garrison resigned, he did not head at once for Lincoln, Neb., or Detroit, Mich.--Boston Record.

mates and home at heart. There are 16 inmates at the home.

The roof and doors of several buildings are in a very bad condition, also the floors of two rooms. We recommend that the needed repairs be attended to at once.

We suggest that the county buy two milk cows for the home.

There are five boys and three women at the workhouse. They are in good cheer and seem to be well cared for. The work house is in good condition.

By committee we visited the two convict camps.

At No. 1 we found four white and 21 colored convicts. They are well fed and clothed. The camp is in good condition. The sleeping department is very good. There are 19 mules in good condition.

At camp No. 2 we recommend a larger cooking department and a new stove at once. Everything else is in good condition. There are four white and 19 colored convicts. They are well fed and clothed. There are 18 mules in good condition.

Respectfully submitted, F. D. PATTERSON, Foreman Grand Jury.

BIG SHIP READY FOR HER TRIAL

The Big Super-Dreadnaught, Pennsylvania, Leaves for Her Speed and Standardization Trial Off the Coast of Maine--Is the Most Powerful Sea-Fighters Afloat. (By Associated Press.) Newport News, Feb. 17.--The super-dreadnaught Pennsylvania, the largest battleship yet built for the United States navy left the plant of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co., for Rockland, Maine, there to remain until she begins the official government speed test and undergo required trial. The first two days of her voyage will be devoted to tests by her builders and the government test is set for February 22nd when the standardization trial over a measured course off the Maine coast will be undertaken.

The Pennsylvania with her battery of 12 14-inch rifles, mounted in four turrets is declared to be the most powerful sea fighter yet afloat. A broadside from her big guns is said to be greater than from the Queen Elizabeth, which mounts 8 15-inch guns.

The Pennsylvania is 600 feet long and will have a full load displacement of nearly 3300 tons. She is 97 percent completed and will be ready for delivery in a few months.

10 Die in Theatre Collapse. Mexia, Tex., Feb. 17.--Ten persons were killed here early last night in the collapse of the opera house building, which was followed by a gas explosion and fire that for a time threatened the business section of the town. Numerous persons were injured.

PRESIDENT INVITED TO N. C.

Washington, Feb. 17.--President Wilson was asked by Senators Simmons and Overman today to visit Asheville to attend a gathering of governors of the States near North Carolina on a date to be selected. He said he would accept if possible. The Senators told the President he would be invited to visit Charlotte on May 20th.

THOUSANDS ARE HOMELESS AND FOOD IS SCARCE

CREVASSES IN THE LEVEE CAUSE OVERFLOW OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

MUCH LAND INUNDATED

Three Known to Have Been Lost in the Floods and Rescue Parties are Out After Those Marooned--Negroes Housed in Cotton Gins, as Scarcity of Food--St. Joseph, Louisiana is Flooded. (By Associated Press.) New Orleans, Feb. 17.--Floods of a water from the Crevasse in the Mississippi river at Houch Ridge are near the town of St. Joseph. Hundreds of volunteers are joining to organize parties for the relief of marooned persons and take them to places of safety. A scarcity of boats makes the work hard and food is a problem at New Orleans. There several thousand negroes refugees are housed in cotton gins and out houses with scarcely food for one day.

Below New Orleans at Ostrea where the crevasses were reported last night only slight damages is reported.

Natchez, Miss., Feb. 16.--Approximately seventy-five thousand acres of farm land are inundated, three persons are known to have been drowned and several thousand refugees are marooned in the overflowed area tonight as a result of breaks yesterday in the Mississippi river levee near Newleton, La.

All of the dead are negroes. M. Jacoby, a merchant at Newleton, in a telephone message late today made an urgent appeal to rescue persons cut off from escape in isolated sections in the vicinity of the crevasse.

"We are in a desperate condition," Mr. Jacoby said. "Water ranges from six inches to six feet in Newleton and there is only one motorboat available to rescue a thousand or more persons marooned on the opposite side of Lake St. Joseph. The boat made trips back and forth last night and today, bringing the refugees here and continued tonight, but the means of rescue are inadequate. Since the water swept over the railroad tracks we are without means of escape and boats to remove those of the residents who did not leave yesterday are anxiously awaited. Many of those here are women and children.

"From this side of the lake houses can be seen floating away in the flood. Whether they are occupied is not known. Many head of livestock have been carried away in the overflow."

The government steamer La-Fourche left Natchez today with a number of small boats and rescue crews.

The levee board local committee has established a refugee camp here and Governor Hall, of Louisiana, has been asked to secure funds to provide for the refugees.

N. C. to Have More Boys at Annapolis.

Washington, Feb. 16.--North Carolina will get twelve more boys at Annapolis because of the bill passed by Congress last week. Senator Overman made his nominations today.

Turner Wesley Battle, son of Jacob Battle, of Rocky Mount, is principal; Raleigh Stanton Hales, of Wilson, first alternate, and Francis Rogers York, of Charlotte, second alternate.

Representative Page has named Albert Ray Turner, of Hamlet, principal; Harry E. Hood, of Waxhaw, first alternate.

The examinations will be held June 18. Other appointments will be made within a few days.

The hotel clerk will tell you that he sometimes has difficulty in getting a rise out of a guest who leaves an early call.

A novel should have a happy ending, even though it may be necessary to divorce the hero and heroine in the last chapter.

INTEREST IN THE WAR OPERATIONS HAS SHIFTED

THE CAPTURE OF EREZERUM PLACES A NEW PHASE ON THE SITUATION.

TURKISH ARMY FLEEING

Unofficial Advice Report That the Troops are Fleeing Westward--Russia Reported to Have Lost Five Thousand Men in the Three Days Fighting. (By Associated Press.)

With the capture of Erezerum by the Russians interest in the war operations has shifted its center momentarily to the field of warfare in Armenia, Persia and Mesopotamia where the campaign is expected to be notably influential in its course by fall of the Turkish strongholds.

The current Turkish official statement gives no clue to the course of events following the capture of the fortress and indeed does not record that happening. The only mention made in the operations in this war section is the declaration that Russia in the fighting of three days preceding lost 5,000 dead and 60 prisoners.

Unofficial advice from Petrograd say the Turkish army is fleeing westward from Erezerum through difficult mountain regions.

The fighting on the west front has lessened in intensity, probably because of bad weather and similar conditions in Russia.

CONSUL M'NEELY'S FAMILY THINKS IT IS HIS BODY

FAMILY OF CONSUL ROBERT M'NEELY BELIEVE HIS BODY FOUND.

BROTHER EXPRESSES

The Finding of a Body Near Alexandria, Egypt, Thought to be That of the Young Monroe Man Revived--Interest in the Case of the Consul--Monroe Thinks it Was His Body, Brother Expresses Same Opinion. Wednesday's dispatches reported the finding of a body near Alexandria, Egypt, thought to be that of Robert Ney McNeely, the young attorney from Monroe, who was on his way to Aden to become United States Consul when the ship on which he sailed, the Persia, was torpedoed and sunk.

Bodies of many of the lost on the Persia were found but no trace of McNeely, dead or alive had been found. It was not until the report came that a body washed ashore is believed to be that of McNeely that any thing had been heard. On Wednesday Washington dispatches reported the body found.

Brother Thinks it McNeely's Body. Concord, Feb. 17.--G. R. McNeely, of Monroe, a brother of the late Robert Ney McNeely, Consul to Aden, who was lost when the Persia was sunk some time ago, is visiting in this city. Today Mr. McNeely stated that he believes the body washed ashore near Alexandria to be that of his brother.

Certain it is McNeely.

Monroe, Feb. 16.--Friends of Robert Ney McNeely, the American consul lost in the sinking of the Persia, feel sure that the body reported as washed ashore near Alexandria is his, and parts of his apparel and the watch described in press dispatches have been identified.

Carl Griffin, manager of a local furnishing store, says he sold to McNeely all the clothing mentioned with the exception of the trousers. Clayton Laney, a former roommate of McNeely, says the latter left here with the watch reported. Rufe McLellan states that he traded this watch to McNeely and that McNeely placed a photograph of his mother in the back of it.

SECRETARY LANSING ACCEPTS LATEST SHIP AGREEMENT

BUT WANTS GERMANY TO HOLD OFF IN HER POLICY TO ATTACK MERCHANTMEN.

GERMANY CAN'T DO THIS

Her Position Forbids Her Accepting Latest Suggestion of the United States, So It Is Said--Question As to What Constitutes Defense Armament to Count Up Later. (By Associated Press.)

Washington, Feb. 17. Secretary Lansing has accepted the Lusitania agreement as acceptable to the United States in so far as it relates to that case, but has asked Count Bernstorff for assurances that Germany will not carry out her policy to attack merchantmen without warning to the liners even if they carry defense armament. The question of what constitutes defense armament will be determined later in a way not yet agreed on.

It is suggested that the United States may propose that guns mounted on the stern of ships and capable of being swung from 15 to 30 degrees in either direction might come in that class.

It is stated authoritatively that Germany, because of her unusual position, cannot and will not accept the suggestion of the United States as it now stands, that liners carrying arms be immune from attack under previous assurances.

TRI-STATE MEDICAL SOCIETY.

Meeting in Richmond, Va., Closes and Durham is Selected as Next Meeting Place. (By Associated Press.)

Durham, Feb. 17.--The Tri-State Medical Society in session at Richmond, Va., for the past three days late last night selected Durham as the meeting place for 1917. Asheville was Durham's chief opponent. The society is composed of Virginia, South Carolina and North Carolina. The North Carolina Medical Society will hold its annual convention in Durham in April in 1916.

U. S. Flier up 9,000 Feet With Three Passengers.

San Diego, Cal., Feb. 16.--Aviator Floyd Smith at the United States aviation field at North Island established what is declared to be a world's altitude record for pilot and three passengers in a seaplane today by reaching a height of 9,600 feet. Smith used a 120-horse power hydroaeroplane and was up two hours and ten minutes. Last Friday he established a record for a hydroaeroplane with two passengers ascending 9,544 feet.

CONVICTS KILL GUARD AND THEN MAKE ESCAPE

Joseph McWhorn, of Reidsville, Struck in Head With a Pick Axe--Assailant and Six Others Make Escape. (By Associated Press.) Reidsville, Feb. 17.--Joseph McLawhorn, a convict guard, died here last night of injuries received yesterday when he was struck in the head by a pick axe in the hands of Dave Evans. Evans and six other convicts working on a road near here, made their escape. It is believed they are surrounded in a swamp near here and a hundred armed men have gone to the scene.

ADJT. GEN. YOUNG ENDORSED.

Washington, Feb. 17.--Laurence W. Young, adjutant general of the North Carolina National Guard, was suggested to President Wilson today by Senators Simmons and Overman for assistant secretary of war.

WHOLESALE ESCAPE OF STATE CONVICTS IN SALISBURY YARD

LOWE DANIELS AMONG THE NUMBER TO MAKE A GET-AWAY WEDNESDAY.

MEN BEING TRANSFERRED

White Convicts at Badin Being Taken to Western Section of State and Places Being Filled by Negroes--Sherman P. Starnes, Who Assaulted Ticket Agent Brown, Also Departs.

There was a wholesale escape of State convicts in Salisbury last night and as a result today eight prisoners are at large, some of them noted criminals with long terms ahead of them. The escape was made while the men were being transferred from the State camp at Badin to the western part of the State, all of the white convicts being removed from the aluminum works down the river and their places being filled with negro prisoners a car load of which went down yesterday to relieve the white men. A car was attached to the incoming Yadin train last evening, arriving here about 7 o'clock and this car contained 31 white convicts. These were in charge of two guards, one at either end of the car. The convicts attracted a great deal of attention at the station, from the fact that several noted prisoners were among them, some of them having local history. The escape is said to have been due to an intoxicated guard who left his place on the car and who was afterward found in the waiting room in a drunken condition, this being after the car had been attached to Western No. 35 and it had departed.

The escape of the men may have been discovered last night, though nothing was said about it to Salisbury officers until this morning, that is they were not notified and then the sheriff and other officers set out to recapture the men, bloodhounds being brought into play but so far as could be learned when the Post went to press all of the men were still at large.

The most noted prisoner to make a get-away was Lowe Daniels, the Randolph county murderer, who was serving a 35 year term for the killing of his brother-in-law and his wife's sister and shooting his wife's arm off. He made his escape one time before, after serving less than a year of his time, and was captured in Salisbury about a month ago by Captain of Police Cause, after having been recognized by a street car conductor. He was ordered to the camp at Badin and Mr. Arthur Thompson left at once with him. He stated that he guess he would stay this time, but this declaration was accompanied by a smile which indicated that all he needed was an opportunity to escape.

Another man to get away was Sherman P. Starnes who was serving a ten year sentence for assaulting night ticket agent Kenneth Brown of the Southern and robbing the ticket office. Tom Jones, a Rowan man, serving a two and a half year term for car robbery, is also among the missing. The history of the crimes of the others and their terms are not known, though there is probably some long terms in the bunch.

It is said Daniels, Starnes and Jones were all three chained together at the time of escape.

Queer thing about our bills. They have a habit of running a long time without getting any farther away from us.

Colonel Roosevelt always goes into retirement with the furtive, pussy-foot air of a circus parade.--Chicago News.

BOY LOSES BOTH LEGS.

Hickory, Feb. 17.--Olin Ramsey, of Hickory, 20 years of age, was run over by a freight train at Statesville last night and both legs were cut off.