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NOTED ALA. MURDER CASE COMES UP

David Overton to Be Arraigned Charged With Killing of Judge W. T. Lawler. SPECIAL GRAND JURY IS MAKING INVESTIGATION

Hurried Removal of Prisoner From Montgomery to Prison at Huntsville Causes Speculation

(By Associated Press.) Huntsville, Ala., Nov. 15.—David Overton, former clerk of the Madison county circuit court, charged with the murder last June of Probate Judge W. T. Lawler, will not be arraigned until tomorrow or late today. The greatest secrecy surrounds the transfer of Overton from the Montgomery jail to Huntsville and the time of arrival of the prisoner at this place is not known.

Several witnesses were examined today by the special grand jury in Madison county circuit court and partial reports are expected late today. It is said the arraignment of Overton awaits report from the grand jury as expected developments may have a bearing on the Overton trial. Counsel for Overton said they were undecided whether a change of venue will be sought.

History of the Case. Huntsville, Ala., Nov. 15.—The finding of the body of Probate Judge W. T. Lawler in the Tennessee River near Whitesburg Ferry, Ala., on the morning of June 17, 1916, was followed by the suicides in the next week of Shelby Pleasants, a Huntsville attorney, and Robert Phillips, sheriff of Madison county, who, it is alleged, killed themselves because they believed they were suspected in connection with the Lawler killing.

In May preceding the murder Judge Lawler was elected probate judge over David D. Overton and Sac Drake, in what was one of the bitterest political campaigns in this section of the State. The election was contested, and an investigation into alleged violations of the election laws was ordered. A special grand jury was about to report the day the body of Judge Lawler was found.

Judge Lawler disappeared from Huntsville the night of June 14. He left his wife at a Chataqua meeting, telling her he was going to "meet a man" down town. It was alleged he received a note from someone to meet him at the court house. When he parted from his wife this was the last time he was seen alive. The first information friends of the jurist had of his disappearance was the next day when his automobile was found in front of the court house.

Two days before the body was found Sheriff Phillips received an anonymous note saying "something" could be found in the slough of the river near Whitesburg Ferry. The body was found weighted down in the slough with heavy railroad irons and tied with bailing wire. Bullet wounds were found in the chest and the skull had been crushed with some blunt instrument.

The news of the murder spread simultaneously with the report that David D. Overton had disappeared, and crowds of men and young boys gathered about the streets of Huntsville, and hints of lynching were circulated. The fear of disorder grew to such proportions that the state militia was ordered here, and two companies of guardsmen remained on duty for about a week.

On June 20 the body of Shelby Pleasants was found in his office. He had killed himself with a pistol, and left a note saying he could "stand the strain no longer." Three days later Sheriff Phillips killed himself by shooting in a bedroom in the city jail. In a note to his wife and children, the officer stated he "could not stand the suspicion" any longer. It is alleged the sheriff had been severely censured and was accused of allowing Overton to escape.

After the three tragedies, search for the missing Overton was commenced, and the man-hunt was carried into practically every Southern State and parts of Canada.

In the meantime, C. M. Nalls, who succeeded Overton as circuit clerk of Madison county, when the latter resigned in January, 1916, to enter the race for probate judge, was arrested charged with complicity. Two days previous Percy Brooks, a ferry boat keeper on the Tennessee River was taken into custody. Detectives charged that Brooks was discovered trying to paint out blood spots on the Whitesburg bridge.

Overton was arrested Sept. 25, 1916, near Smithville, Tenn. Though he admitted antagonism had existed between himself and Judge Lawler, he maintained that he was not connected in any way with the murder of the jurist.

GERMAN AIR HERO IS DEAD.



CAPT. BOLCKE

Captain Bolcke, one of the greatest of the German war heroes, was killed Saturday, Oct. 29, when his aeroplane collided with another German machine. He fell within the German lines. The day before he had brought down his fortieth fier among the allies. No other German had approached his record in the air.

COLD WEATHER IS UPON US

The Coldest of Weather is Prevailing Throughout the Southern States and Zero Weather is Reported in Some Places—Storm Warnings Sent Out Along Atlantic Shores.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Nov. 15.—Zero weather prevails and the lowest reported at 8 o'clock this morning was from South Dakota, but the cold wave is still holding sway in all districts east of the Mississippi river marked by low temperature. Everywhere east of the Mississippi river the weather is becoming colder, and freezing weather is reported as far south as the Gulf coast. At Mobile the thermometer was two degrees below freezing while at New Orleans it was 34, at Atlanta 24 was reported and San Antonio, Texas, reports 39 and Nashville 18.

Indications are that the cold will increase tonight and reach 20 degrees at many points along the Atlantic coast states cold wave warnings have been issued from Florida along the coast of Georgia and South Carolina. On account of the approach of the West Indian disturbance storm warnings were issued on the Atlantic coast south of the Virginia capes to the Gulf of Mexico.

TOMLINSON HEADS FURNITURE MEN OF SOUTH

Increased Cost of Material Figures in the Discussions of the Southern Furniture Manufacturers Association.

(By Associated Press.) High Point, Nov. 15.—Officers of the Southern Furniture Manufacturers Association were elected this morning just before the convention adjourned.

In addition to the election the time of the convention was occupied by protracted discussions regarding factory efficiency and cost accounting. The increased cost of materials also was considered.

C. F. Tomlinson, of High Point, was elected president; F. S. Lambeth, of Thomasville, first vice-president; A. D. Witten, of Martinsville, Va., second vice-president, and J. T. Ryan, of High Point, secretary and treasurer.

SIXTH ROCKY MOUNT BANK.

Chartered Issued Today for One Hundred Thousand Dollar Institution in That City.

(By Associated Press.) Raleigh, Nov. 15.—A charter for the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Rocky Mount was issued by the secretary of state today. The new institution has an authorized capital of \$100,000 of which \$25,000 has been subscribed. This will be Rocky Mount's sixth bank.

Packing House Chartered. Raleigh, Nov. 15.—Application for charter for the Carolina Packing Co., of Wilmington, with a capital of \$200,000 of which \$10,000 is subscribed was today filed with the Secretary of State. The corporation proposes to slaughter cattle, hogs, sheep and lambs for foot purposes and deal in hides and other by products.

N. Y. CENTRAL AND PA. FILE SUITS

Two Great Railroads to Fight the Adamson 8-Hour Law in the Federal Court.

INJUNCTIONS BE SOUGHT AGAINST ITS OPERATION

'Is in No Sense a Regulation of Commerce' and is Unconstitutional it is Asserted.

(By Associated Press.)

New York, Nov. 15.—The New York Central Railroad Company today filed suit in Federal district court to test the constitutionality of the Adamson 8-hour law. The suit is directed against the three Federal district attorneys of N. Y. State and the chairman of each of the four railroad brotherhoods in the State.

The road's principal contention is, according to counsel, that the Adamson law "is in no sense a regulation of commerce but is a temporary and arbitrary increase in wages for the brotherhood men." They said that as soon as an answer was filed to the suit an injunction against the operation of the law would be asked.

Pennsylvania Files Equity Bill. Philadelphia, Nov. 15.—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company today filed in Federal district court here a bill in equity asking for an injunction against the three United States district attorneys in Pennsylvania forbidding them bringing prosecutions against the railroad company under the Adamson law. The court will be asked to declare the 8-hour law unconstitutional and void.

The department today was unable to determine whether it would be necessary to defend each of the many suits already begun or whether the railroads would be content to make a test case for one suit. No word has reached the Attorney General from any of the railroads of such a course and if such proposition is not made each suit will be defended.

WILL DEFEND SUITS.

Department of Justice Will Defend the Suits Against the 8-Hour Law. (By Associated Press.)

Washington, Nov. 15.—Attorney General Gregory has decided that the suits by railroads against the Adamson 8-hour law will be defended by the department of justice. Each case will be worked out under the direction of Solicitor General Davis and other officials co-operating with the United States district attorneys.

SPENCER IS LEADING IN THE Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN

That Town Stood 40 With Knoxville and Monroe 10 Each and Atlanta 5—Selma, Meridian and Richmond Were 0—Episcopal Church to Have a Mission.

Spencer, Nov. 15.—Spencer ran considerably ahead of schedule time in the first stretch of the Continental Membership Campaign which opened in all parts of the country Tuesday and led all the Southern associations by 15 points. The standing of the various Y. M. C. A.'s that had reported to Spencer by wire at noon today was as follows:

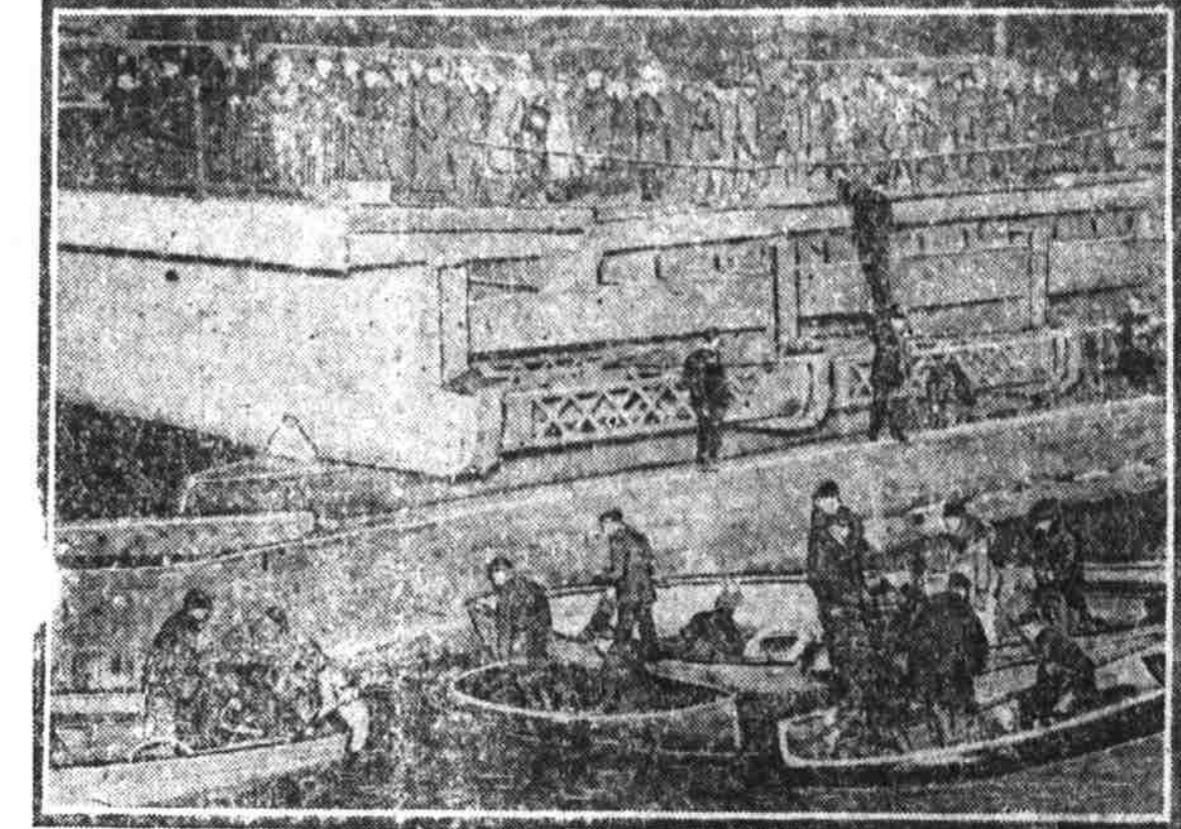
Spencer	40
Knoxville	10
Monroe	10
Atlanta	5
Selma	0
Meridian	0
Richmond	0

This gave Spencer a clear lead of 15 points over the field and the work is going forward today in fine shape. One man from the Danville division reported ten new members at Spencer last night from his division and others made fine records during the day. A crowd almost equal to the one that heard the election returns last week was on hand at the building last night at the hour to file reports and much interest was taken in the standing of the various Associations. Still further reports will be made at 6 o'clock this afternoon when messages are expected from all the Southern associations.

St. Joseph's Episcopal church in Spencer is to have a Mission all next week which will be conducted by Rev. R. E. Roe, of Greensboro, and Rev. Theodore Andrews, of Lexington. Services will be held at 7:30, 4 and 8 p. m. daily with a special service Sunday at 11 a. m. The public is cordially invited.

British Prohibition Suspended. Washington, Nov. 14.—The British prohibition on the importation of cotton hosiery, established October 3rd, has been suspended to January 1st. Imports will be permitted without limit until then.

WHERE A WHOLE TROLLEY CAR LOAD DIED IN BOSTON.



Forty-five persons are believed to have been drowned or killed when a trolley car plunged through the open draw at Fort Point Channel in Boston, sinking thirty feet under water. The car ran through the open draw. This photograph was taken Tuesday night while bodies were being lifted from the river bed by divers. Two divers are here shown ready to go down.

COMMUNITY WORK AND Y. M. C. A. NOTES

Week of Prayer Meetings Well Attended and Full of Interest—Treasurer Hunt to be Open to Every Boy in the City.

Policy for Boys Work of the Carolinas: Membership; Ten per cent of the white boys of the community of Association age shall be a fair percentage to enroll in the membership of the Boys Department at a given place. Community Work reaches a much larger per cent. In Salisbury during the year at least 75 per cent of the boys of the teen age are directly touched by some of the community work activities. In addition to this the presence in the community of a work of a man whose prime business as every boy knows is to help boys into clean efficient Christian lives, is a constant influence for better living in the life of every boy.

The week of prayer meetings are well attended and full of interest. Sixteen boys were there last night and all entered into the singing and the discussion and prayer with zest. If you have never been to one of these meetings—come out tonight and see what it is like. They are short, they are full of life and interest and best of all they are boys meetings, conducted by boys and filled with things that boys care about. Come out tonight at 7:30. Tink Taylor leads. The subject is "Work Among Employed Boys."

More about that treasure hunt later. Just this much now: It is open to every boy in town; it will be worth finding; it is a secret; it takes some studying; there is a key to the treasure to be posted publicly. Plan to come out Saturday morning at 10. Meet at the Maxwell Chambers school ground. Watch the bulletin board in front of the Wallace Building for further notices.

THE SHORT DAYS MEAN EARLIER PRESS.

The Post must go to press earlier than it has been going for the past two weeks, and advertisers and those having business with the Post must bear this in mind. Darkness comes too early these days to delay the paper and get it distributed in time to assure the best of service, and besides, we have mails to make.

One or two advertisements were left out of the Post on Tuesday, and we give warning that others will be left out during the coming days, for we are not going to miss mails and delay the delivery of the paper these short evenings. We are going to take care of our subscribers and their claims and advertisers must govern themselves in accordance with the conditions of the season. The Post has been unusually busy the past two weeks and with short help we have missed the mails on several occasions and gotten to press too late, but this is not going to become a rule, and we warn all who have business with the office that they better be on time.

CALIFORNIA'S VOTE, LITTLE CHANGE

Difference So Far Between Lowest Democratic Elector and Highest Republican is 5,361—Big Discrepancies Would Have to Be Found to Change Result.

(By Associated Press.)

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 15.—Thirty-three counties in California remain to be heard from today in the official canvass. Early returns from five counties made a difference between the lowest Democratic elector and the highest Republican elector of 5,361, the lowest Democrat having that majority.

Both parties admit that big discrepancies will have to be found in order to change the California result, and such discrepancies will have to come only from three of the most populous counties, San Francisco, Los Angeles or Alameda. The first day's work in these counties disclosed only minor errors.

MOCKSVILLE MERCHANTS EFFECT REORGANIZATION

Association Recently Formed is Reorganized, With Many New Members—New Officers Elected.

Mocksville, Nov. 14.—Complete reorganization of the Merchants' association of Mocksville took place at an important meeting of the association held in the Davis Community building last night. The association was organized a few weeks ago with only a few members. Since that time the membership had been doubled; additional members were received last night, and it was decided to completely reorganize. The election of officers was accordingly gone into and E. P. Crawford, vice-president; Robt. A. Blaylock, secretary and treasurer. The following were elected members of the board of directors: R. B. Sanford, J. P. Greene, J. T. Davis and C. Frank Stroud.

J. Paul Leonard, of Statesville, secretary of the state association, was acting chairman of the meeting, and for the benefit of the new members explained the advantages and workings of the local and state associations. A roll call of the membership revealed that virtually every merchant of the town and some of the leading business men not in the mercantile business are members of the association, which is the town's sole business organization. The association proposed to wage an active campaign in the interest of the town.

DAVIDSON BIRD LAW OUT.

A Number of Rowan Hunters are Today in the Fields Across the River—Rowan Season Opens December 1st.

The Davidson county bird law is out today and a number of Salisbury and Rowan hunters left yesterday afternoon for a hunt through Davidson and Randolph counties, the open season now being on in Randolph also. The season for shooting quail does not expire in Rowan until December 1st. It is said that there is plenty of quail in some sections and sportsmen who left for the hunt in Davidson and Randolph are expecting great sport. However, the weather is somewhat disagreeable for hunting at present.

GERMANS STRIKE FRENCH HARD BLOW

With Battle Raging Desperately Around Ancre River Germans Attack From Other Extremes.

INVASION OF RUMANIA IS SUCCESSFULLY GOING ON

Serious Russian Attacks Southeast of Galicia Have Been Repulsed by Teutons.

(By Associated Press.)

With the battle between the British and Germans still raging around the Ancre river the Germans have struck the French line a hard blow at the other extreme of the Somme front, attacking early today between Abincourt and Chelnes woods south of the river. Paris declares that the attacks, which were separately pressed, resulted in gaining ground only east of Pressiere. Here the Germans reached a group of demolished dwellings.

The latest news from the British offensive in the Ancre region is that the British troops are pressing on, taking more than 6,000 German prisoners, which has been officially announced.

North of the Somme Paris announces progress for the French in the St. Pierre-Vasat woods region where they are in possession of dominating ground at Saillies, which is facilitating operations.

The invasion of Rumania is being carried on successfully by the Austro-Germans, Berlin announces. Engagements along the road leading into Southwest Rumania yesterday terminated successfully for the Teutons who took more than 1,800 prisoners.

Petrograd admits the pushing back of the Rumanians by the Teutons at certain points but declares the Austro-Germans brought up reinforcements.

On the front southeast of Lemberg in Galicia serious Russian attacks yesterday were repulsed by the Austro-Germans according to the German war office statement.

tridge he thinks exploded severely lacerating his lower limbs from the knees down to the ankles. Mr. Page accounts for occurrence from the fact that he once had some cartridges in the bureau but had no idea any had been left in it.

Mrs. Clayton Brown and two children and Miss Annetta Stillwell, Mrs. Brown's sister, of Griffin, Ga., spent several days last week visiting at the home of Mr. T. D. Brown.

Mrs. John A. Sloop, organist at St. Paul's was kept at home Sunday on account of sickness.

Mr. J. T. Webb goes to Burlington Friday of this week to attend the lecture of Mr. John L. Alexander, of Chicago, secretary of the teenage of the International Social Center Week. He goes as a special representative of the St. Paul Community Betterment Association and will make a report to the Association on the following Friday night.

HEADS FARMERS UNION AGAIN

Dr. H. Q. Alexander of Mecklenburg County Again Chosen President of Organization.

(By Associated Press.) Raleigh, Nov. 15.—Dr. H. Q. Alexander, of Matthews, president; Dr. J. Templeton, of Cary, vice-president; E. S. C. Faires, of Aberdeen, secretary and treasurer, and all officers of the North Carolina State Farmers Union were re-elected at the annual convention which is now being held here.

A Great Treat for Salisbury.

For several seasons the Wake Forest Glee Club has tried to give a date in Salisbury, but have failed. Now the Ladies' Aid Society of the First Baptist church have been fortunate in arranging for the Glee Club to give an entertainment on the night of the 29th. In the rendering of their program it is said they are equalled by few and excelled by none. Let everybody hear these young men. There are about 26 of them and they will give us a feast of music and an evening of genuine pleasure. Hear them one and all.

Charters Asked For.

Raleigh, Nov. 14.—The Thomasville Hosiery Company, of Thomasville, today filed application for a charter in the office of the secretary of state. The company will have a capital stock of \$10,000 all of which has been subscribed, and will engage in the manufacture of hosiery. The secretary of state has also application for charter from the Miles-Nelson-Ray Company, of Salisbury, with a capital of \$25,000, \$25,000 of which has been subscribed. This company would do a general mercantile business.