

GREAT FLOTILLA BEARS DOWN UPON THE CRESCENT CITY

Delegates to Deep Waterways Convention Set Sail Down The Mississippi

Distinguished Gathering of Public Men From All Over Country at St. Louis

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 25.—Water improvement as a part of a national policy of conservation of the streams, the lands adjoining them and the forests at their sources today was the theme of two notable gatherings in St. Louis and in East St. Louis, Ill., in which President Taft, Joseph G. Cannon, speaker of the national house of representatives, and Governors Deneen of Illinois and Bailey of Missouri, took leading parts.

Cabinet members, United States senators and representatives and ministers from foreign countries listened to the speech at one or both of the meetings. Added to these were state and municipal officers of all degrees, and close to one hundred thousand citizens who had flocked to the two cities to see and hear their superior officers.

WERE NEVER MARRIED BUT S.C. COURTS CANNOT GRANT THEM A DIVORCE

Remarkable Situation Develops From Peculiar Laws. SUIT DISMISSED.

ANDERSON, Oct. 25.—In the Court of Common Pleas here yesterday, Judge Robert Aldrich handed down a decision in a most unusual case. There has probably never been another case like it in the courts of South Carolina. The title of the case was Charles Spencer vs. Mollie Spencer and it was made more so by the fact that the plaintiff alleged through his attorney, Mr. H. C. McKnight of Greenville, that he and Mollie Spencer had lived together for some time as man and wife; that they had been so regarded by their neighbors, but that they had been separated for about three years and did not intend to live together any more. He alleged that he had never been lawfully married to the woman, and the purpose of the action was to ask a divorce from the courts that they had never been married, presumably so that if either should marry again he or she could be prosecuted for bigamy.

MURDER IN SECOND DEGREE IS CHARGE AGAINST WATKINS

Jury Easily Selected For Trial of Former Constable at Black Mountain, And Witnesses For State Testify.

Charged with murder in the second degree in connection with the shooting and killing of John Hill Fleming of Wilmington in the early hours of August 7, in a Black Mountain hotel at the time when he also wounded Paul C. Collins of Hillsboro, E. C. Watkins, then constable of Black Mountain, was yesterday morning placed on trial before Judge J. S. Adams and a jury in the Superior court and when court adjourned for the day the testimony of Mr. Collins and other witnesses had been completed.

Jurors Excused. The proceedings yesterday were featured by the statement of D. A. Dillingham, one of those summoned as a juror, that Capt. J. H. Brittain of the convict gang, had remarked in his presence that if Watkins was given a light trial he would be acquitted. Brittain knowing he supposed, witness said, that he had been summoned as a juror, and the extending of Dillingham by Judge Adams, the statement of Z. B. Dillingham, another man who had been summoned as a juror, that former sheriff J. H. Reed had referred to the fact that Dillingham had been summoned as a juror, and asked him when he came to town to spend the night with him. Mr. Reed being incidentally one of Watkins' bondsmen and by the carefully measured evidence of Collins who remained calm under the hot cross examination fire of Mr. Craig.

When the case was called for trial there appeared as legal representatives of the state Solicitor Mark W. Brown, Judge T. A. Jones, E. H. Will, Mr. Thomas Settle and for the defendant Louis Frank, J. H. Martin, Judge J. D. Murphy, Garland A. Thompson and Allen T. Morrison. Near counsel for the state were the brother and sister of Mr. Bunting, and near his counsel were Mr. Watkins and members of his family. Jury Quickly Secured. Considering the widespread notoriety of the case a jury of twelve men was secured in a comparatively brief time. Z. B. Dillingham was found incompetent by reason of what he said in Sheriff Reed had said to him and was excused by the state under a preliminary challenge, but Judge Adams set aside D. A. Dillingham, saying that he had been too much of a terror in recent years to pick jurors after they had been drawn and remarking that he would set aside D. A. Dillingham because he had served under Brittain in employment in the gang under Brittain.

COTTON MILLS PUT INTO EFFECT THEIR POLICY OF REDUCING OUTPUT

Mills in New England As Well As Those of South Cut Down. COTTON TOO HIGH.

BOSTON, Oct. 25.—The officials of the A. W. Wright who reported today that cotton manufacturers in New England representing several million spindles, have expressed their intention of following the clubs' suggestion for a curtailment to 224 hours between November 1 and August next. While some of the mills may not curtail unless there is general action by a large majority many other mills will close their factories regardless of what action others may take. It is said assurances have been received from mills in New York state that they will follow the example of the New England mills. If the other mills represented in the A. W. Wright club join in the movement, between nine and ten million spindles will be affected. ONE DAY A WEEK. GREENVILLE, S. C., Oct. 25.—It was announced here today that the cotton mills in Greenville, Anderson and Greenwood counties finding it impossible with the present price of raw cotton to sell their products at a profit, had decided to curtail production by closing down one day in each week, effective immediately. One million spindles and 25,000 looms are represented in the mills included in the agreement. These mills consume annually 200,000 bales of cotton. UNION MILLS CLOSE. FLORENCE, S. C., Oct. 25.—Nine cotton mills in this county, representing 299,000 spindles and 8,000 looms, employing 5,000 operatives and consuming annually more than 60,000 bales of cotton, will close down, it was announced today, for one week or more. The mill representatives say that the present price of cotton goods are not keeping pace with the advance of raw cotton, giving the mills no margin of profit.

He Got Away With The Goods!



LOVE OF CHILD DROVE BIGAMIST TO MURDER HIS ILLEGAL WIFE

Identification of Skeleton Found in Islip Woods Through Detective Work Covering Two Continents Leads to Arrest and Confession of Man Who Committed the Crime.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—A year and a half ago a friendless girl was murdered in a forsaken patch of woodland near Islip, Long Island; a week ago her bleached and charred skeleton was found with nothing to indicate its identity but her jewelry and a bill of sale from a German shop; three days later, through the police of Hamburg, Germany, her identity was established as Anna Luther, though the cables first carried the name as Lutter; last night her husband, Frederick Gebhardt, who had married her under the name of Otto Mueller, was caught in Astoria, L. I., by a photographer's flashlight, and tonight he confessed under his signature that he is her slayer.

MERCHANT SHOT, ROBBED AND LEFT ALONE TO DIE

WINSTON-SALEM, Oct. 25.—J. P. Reid, a merchant of this city who held a post near his shop, in the north-west part of the city, early this morning and robbed by an unknown white man, (reporter's assistant shot him twice, one bullet taking effect in his right temple and the other in his left side near the heart. He was removed to a local hospital where it is stated he will probably die.

MRS. HAYES ASHES WILL REST BESIDE HER FATHER'S

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Oct. 25.—Extreme simplicity will mark the departure of the ashes of Mrs. J. Addison Hayes, the daughter of the Confederacy, for their final resting place at Richmond, Va. The ashes will be removed this evening from Evergreen cemetery, where they have been resting since the funeral services here and taken to Richmond, leaving here over the Rock Island at 9:40 o'clock. The party will go by way of Chicago, reaching Richmond Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

DOMESTIC QUARREL ENDS IN TRAGEDY.

ROANOKE, Va., Oct. 25.—Following a domestic quarrel in their home near the Norton Coal company's mine in Wise county this afternoon Charles Rhinehardt fatally shot his thirteen-year-old wife and then killed himself. When the girl-wife started to bring a bucket of water from a well she was shot three times by Rhinehardt, all the bullets taking effect in the back and coming out just below the breast. Rhinehardt then turned the revolver on himself and blew out his brains. It is said Mrs. Rhinehardt cannot survive the night. The couple had been married about a month.

CHAUFFEUR'S STORY MAKES DARK CASE AGAINST DOCTOR

Detroit Murder Laid at Door of Physician Who Performed Operation. AUTO DRIVER AIDED IN HIDING THE BODY

Tells Gruesome Story of Ride at Night With Dismembered Body of Woman

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 25.—After Chauffeur Joseph W. Leach had testified in police court this afternoon that on the night of August 27 he drove Dr. George A. Fritch from the physician's office to Ecorse creek where the doctor threw into the water three sacks, which they had taken from his office, Dr. Fritch was held for trial in the recorder's court on the charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of Miss Maybelle Millman, of Ann Arbor. Miss Millman's body was found in three sections in sacks in Ecorse creek and the lower Detroit river early in September. The body bore evidence, the police and county physicians were satisfied, that a criminal operation had been performed or attempted.

AGED WHITE MAN FOUND DRUGGED AND PENNILESS

Declares Young Man Gave Him Liquor and Then Stole His Money.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Oct. 25.—It seems there is more in the case of John Robinson, the aged white man who was found unconscious near the Southern railway tracks between Third and Fourth streets Saturday night, than first appeared. When he recovered his senses yesterday he claimed that he had been drugged and robbed and the circumstances support this claim. He states that he fell into the company of a young fellow whom he did not know, on Cedar street. The youth left him for a moment, returned with some liquor and insisted on his taking a drink. He took a small swallow or two. "Oh, you haven't had any liquor at all!" protested his new found companion, who prevailed on him to imbibe again. He then shoved him over to one side and he remembered no more until his eyes opened on the uninspiring walls of his cell, his ears greeted by the unusual notes of voices across the corridor. The old man says he is 75 years old. He had been dithering and doing farm work for Mr. Paul Chatham on his farm and the latter had paid him off Saturday. Mr. Chatham stated that night that this was true and that Robinson since he had known him had been as straight as a dye. It will be recalled that Robinson's pocketbook and a tobacco bag were found empty at his side, while his clothes were in disarray. A cheap watch was lying on the ground. Robinson said he was just going to move to Providence. The police decided to credit his story and turned him loose last night to investigate the robbery.