

## SUSPECTED GIRL FOUND HIDING AT SCENE OF CRIME

### Mystery Surrounds Murder of Employer Whom She Is Accused of Slaying

## SHE DECLARES THAT HE COMMITTED SUICIDE

### Strange Actions of Widow Compel Police to Hold Another Theory of Crime

WALTHAM, Mass., Nov. 24.—Miss Hattie Leblanc, the seventeen-year-old domestic whom Clarence F. Glover, her employer, charged with shooting him before he died, was found late last night in the Glover home. The girl was questioned and then formally placed under arrest.

All manner of theories were set forth as to the cause of the murder, bringing in nearly every conceivable possibility. The attitude of Mrs. Glover in refusing to visit her husband when he was dying and in disclaiming relationship with the Leblanc girl, although the latter's sisters claimed they were cousins, had caused the authorities to seek an explanation from her.

**Covering Under Bed.**

The suspicions of an undertaker aroused by something he had seen or heard in the house while preparing Glover's body for burial, led the authorities today to search the house for the girl. Mrs. Glover was not consulted. It was in a room on the first floor, entirely apart from the second floor that the girl was found. Mr. Glover had used this room solely during his life. The other rooms on this floor are occupied by a minister and his family. Lying prostrate and close to the wall, the girl was found under the only bed in the room. She shrunk away as the police attempted to reach for her, but when they seized her dress she came from under the bed.

Without informing Mrs. Glover of their discovery the officers hurried the girl to the police station. Then a watch was put around the house. At the station the girl was put through an exhaustive questioning. An interpreter was necessary, as the girl speaks but little English, making the inquiry a laborious one.

**Widow Guarded.**

After their inquiry the police are unable to place any credence in the

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## BATTLE'S MILLS DREW AT PLEASURE ON BATTLE'S BANK

### Trial of Former Cashier Shows Loosely Managed Business in Institution

## WITNESS DECLARES ONE NOTE SPURIOUS

### Judge Boyd Will Suspend Trial to Observe Thanksgiving Day

GREENSBORO, N. C., Nov. 24.—The third day's trial of Lee H. Battle, former cashier of the City National bank, of this city, indicted by the Federal court in connection with the failure of that institution, was resumed this morning.

Most of the evidence offered by the government today was confined to examinations of the individual accounts of Lee H. Battle and the Pomona cotton mill, of which the defendant was president and treasurer. These accounts showed overdrafts of Battle's personal account running for two years and ranging in amounts from hundreds to thousands of dollars, while the personal account of the mill showed constant overdrafts from a thousand to as high as sixty thousand with an occasional credit balance.

**Denies Note is Genuine.**

The cross-examination of the witness showed, however, that the mill had a credit balance of over thirty thousand dollars on the day the doors of the bank were closed by the government. The principal witness of the day was J. Allen Holt, a former director of the defendant bank. He declared most emphatically that a note for \$5,000 supposed to have been given by him and entered upon the books as an asset was fictitious, stating positively that he had never seen the paper before today and denying that he had given instructions to any one to fill out same, as alleged by the defendant.

Judge Boyd announced just before adjournment that the jury, court officials, government experts and witnesses here for the trial would be allowed to observe tomorrow (Thanksgiving day) in accordance with the proclamation issued by President Taft. The case will be taken up again Friday morning.

## PRESIDENT BUSY DRAFTING LAWS FOR THE SESSION

### Will Recommend Legislation to Stop "White Slave Traffic" in States

## AMENDMENTS TO INTERSTATE LAWS

### Would Prohibit Railroads From Owning Interest in Competing Lines

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—President Taft devoted the entire afternoon today to a series of important conferences covering the subjects of proposed amendments to the interstate commerce laws, legislation looking to the suppression of the so-called "white slave" traffic, and the appointment of a new governor of the territory of New Mexico.

Those present at the conference with regard to the interstate commerce law changes were Attorney-General Wilcoxon, Chairman Knapp and Commissioner Lane of the interstate commerce commission, District Attorney E. W. Sims of Chicago who conducted the government's prosecution in the famous \$29,000,000 Standard Oil case and who has been prominent in other cases dealing with anti-trust laws, and Representative Mann of Illinois, chairman of the house committee on foreign and interstate commerce.

**White Slave Traffic.**

It was with Mr. Sims and Mr. Mann that the president also took up the "white slave" question. Mr. Mann is to introduce a bill on this subject at the coming session of congress. He believes the government can prevent this traffic through the exercise of its power to control interstate and foreign commerce.

The bill which Mr. Mann has drafted, and in which the president today expressed his deep interest provides a heavy penalty for the enticement of a woman or girl from one place to another for immoral purposes and thereby cause her to go as a passenger over any transportation line engaged in interstate or foreign commerce.

"The investigations in Chicago under the direction of District Attorney Sims and elsewhere," said Mr. Mann today, "have disclosed a situation starting in its nature as to the extent of interstate commerce."

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## Uncle Sam's Thanksgiving.



## DEATH POSE OF MINE VICTIMS TELLS OF THEIR AWFUL STRUGGLE FOR LIFE

### Hundred and Fifty Bodies Found in Groups But Cannot Be Removed Because of Fire. Ghastly Scenes Speak Mutely of Horrors That Must Have Been Endured Before Kindly Death Came to Their Relief.

CHERRY, Ills., Nov. 24.—After more than 150 bodies had been discovered in the St. Paul mine, efforts to carry them to the surface were temporarily abandoned while an effort was made to check a fire which again threatened the main shaft. If the efforts to control the fire are not successful tomorrow, it is probable that the mine will be sealed and will remain so for weeks.

That no men survive in the mine now is generally conceded. The only part of the mine as yet unexplored and in which living men possibly could be found is the east workings of the second vein at the entrance of which the fire is burning fiercely.

An accurate account of the victims has not been made, but it is now believed all but a score of the missing men have been accounted for. The bodies discovered today were found five hundred feet from the main shaft, on an elevated surface, where they had retreated before the advancing water and fatal black damp. They died after a struggle that may have continued for two days.

Messages scrawled on wood and the natural state cropping from the walls, placed the number of dead at 160 or 182, the message read: "We are all here to die together."

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en bodies will be found in other sections of the mine.

**Bodies Piled up in Heaps.**

"When we climbed up on the ridge," said Lodycien, "we almost stepped upon the bodies, piled on top of each other in heaps. Some had their heads rested on folded arms as if asleep. Others were lying across each other, and some were sitting as if resting against the wall." Nailed to the wall were two fans, made of timbering tied about pick handles. Under the fans the largest heaps of bodies were found.

**Died Struggling.**

"One man had his hand up holding the fan. I think he died as he was turning it. Another had a basket in his hand. He was flat on his back and must have died as he climbed up on the ridge. The bucket was half filled with blackwater that he must have gone some distance to get.

"The black damp surely killed them long before the water reached them. We had been in the shaft more than an hour then, and though the air was fairly good we knew it was time for us to get out.

"We didn't stop to examine any of the bodies or try to identify them although we probably could have if we had had more time."

**Handler of Officials.**

No evidence that the men had attempted to barricade themselves from the black damp was seen. Many of the former workers in the mine protested angrily after they discovered that the men would have been safe from the deadly gas had not the ventilating fan of the mine been reversed shortly after the discovery of fire. They assert that the men had retreated to the bridge where under ordinary conditions the noxious gases would not have reached them, and believing themselves in no danger, merely had fortified themselves against hunger, thirst and the supposedly lesser danger of gas that naturally would be generated after a few days of imprisonment.

**Tallied up Victims.**

Robert Shaw another member of the exploring party that found the bodies, told of reading a piece of slate on which one of the victims had checked off the totals of the groups who clambered upon the ridge in their last stand for life. The writing as remembered by him was: "Thirty or more came in. 24 more, 14 more, 129 here now."

Other figures which were not tallied on the written tally but hastily computed by Shaw, indicated that the number exceeded 150 when the tally ended.

## BLACK BRUTE QUICKLY PAYS PENALTY OF CRIME AT THE HANDS OF A MOB

### Drove Farmer From Home Assaulted His Wife and Then Lay Down to Sleep

## HUSBAND RAN FOR AID

ANNISTON, Ala., Nov. 24.—A first-degree criminal assault on Mrs. W. C. Cheatwood, wife of a farmer living near Edwardsville, Ray Robinson, a negro, was hounded down by a posse of citizens yesterday and after being riddled with shot, the body was burned. Mrs. Cheatwood is in a critical condition.

The negro went to the Cheatwood home, and after battering down the door, seized Cheatwood saying: "We've got you now and we're going to kill you." Cheatwood escaped and fled through the window to arouse his neighbors. While he was absent Robinson attacked Mrs. Cheatwood. The brute then dragged his victim by her hair to the woods nearby and there repeated the assault after beating her over the head with sticks and rocks. Finger prints on her neck also showed where he tried to choke her into insensibility.

The negro, according to the statements received then laid down near his victim and went to sleep. After recovering consciousness Mrs. Cheatwood crawled back to her home where she notified her husband and friends who had gathered. The posse quickly found the negro and riddled his body with bullets and burned it.

## WARRENTON NOT ENTIRELY DESTROYED

WARRENTON, Va., Nov. 24.—Least the outside world should think that Monday night's fire took Warrenton completely off the map, a contingent of citizens got together today and issued a statement to reassure every body that the best part of Warrenton is still left and what was burned will be rebuilt in a substantial fashion.

## DIFFICULT TO GET JURY TO TRY THE LEADERS OF REELFOOT NIGHT RIDERS

### But Four of Seven Remain When Counsel for State Got Through with them

## OTHERS INDICTED

UNION CITY, Tenn., Nov. 21.—When court adjourned late today four jurors remained of the original seven tentatively accepted to hear the case of Arthur Clear and Garrett Johnson, the alleged leaders of the "night riders" band of Reelfoot Lake, charged with the murder of Captain Quenton Rankin. Today Jurors Hefflin and Johnson were excused from service because of statements made in connection with the case and when the trial is resumed Friday Tom Kennard, one of the four remaining, must explain charges of incompetency because of alleged statements. Before adjournment was taken until Friday, a special venire of two hundred men was ordered summoned.

Hefflin was accused of having said that the night riders should have killed every member of the laid company to which Rankin belonged. Hefflin had no recollection of making this remark.

Indictments were returned by the grand jury today against Lud Morrice, Tid Burton, Roy Ransom, Bob Huffman, Sam Applewhite and Ed Marshall, charging each of them with the murder of Captain Quenton Rankin the night of October 18, 1908, near Walnut Lake, on Reelfoot Lake. All of those indicted, with the exception of Marshall, were tried and found guilty and with the exception of Tid Burton and Roy Ransom, who were given twenty years in the penitentiary, were sentenced to be hanged. Their cases were reversed by the Supreme court and sent back for a new trial.

## CHICAGO GETS MARRIED.

CHICAGO, Nov. 24.—Cupid will be the chief celebrant in Chicago's Thanksgiving tomorrow. According to the clerk of the Cook county marriage license bureau, more than 1,000 persons will be married on the holiday.

## ATTORNEY AS WITNESS REHEARSES AN ADDRESS THAT CAUSED TRAGEDY

### Trial of Ellis for Murder of His Wife's First Husband Begins

## INSANITY DEFENSE

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Nov. 21.—The odd spectacle of an attorney addressing the jury from the witness stand developed in the trial of W. Y. Ellis, charged with the murder of C. P. Willis, of Indianapolis, in the Circuit court here today, when Judge A. Austin, of Pine Bluff, called as the first witness for the defense, rehearsed on the stand the speech he made as counsel for Ellis in Judge Falk's court at the hearing which terminated fatally for Willis. The defense is pleading temporary insanity caused by brooding over the alleged persecutions of Mrs. Ellis by Willis, her former husband, and the effect of Judge Austin, which, in speech, outlined those troubles and alleged wrongs, was admitted by the court on the ground that their recital before Ellis might have had an effect on his sanity.

The state made out a simple prima facie case, showing that Willis was shot down by the defendant, apparently without provocation. Judge Oak Falk and Deputy Circuit Clerk Lorenzo J. Gibson, eyewitnesses to the tragedy, were the principal witnesses for the state. He detailed the manner in which Willis was killed, telling how as an error was being made out by Judge Falk, giving Willis temporary custody of Mary Francis Willis, the child in controversy. Ellis drew a revolver, fired wild once and then breaking away from Gibson, who grappled with him, took deliberate aim and shot down the Indiana man. They said he was apparently calm and collected.

## COURT WILL CONTINUE ALL DAY THANKSGIVING.

## SHOT FOR INSULT.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 24.—William E. Proctor, republican candidate for the city auditor in the recent election was shot today by R. M. Culley. Culley claims Proctor insulted his wife. Proctor died without recovering consciousness.

## CHURCHES URGED TO AID ON SANITARY SUNDAY

### Governor Kitchin Addresses Open Letter Asking Their Cooperation

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 24.—In behalf of sanitary Sunday, November 28, Governor Kitchin has addressed a letter to the churches of the State for the prevention of tuberculosis in which he says: "I feel sure that the ministers of this state will be glad to cooperate with our organization in the crusade against tuberculosis. Their activity in the matter and their discussion of it will result in very great good to the people of this state. I am very glad that you wrote to the ministers in an effort to enlist their services in behalf of the public health. Let me again assure you of my thorough sympathy with you touching this subject."

## GET PENSION JOB.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—James I. Davenport, first deputy commissioner of pensions has been selected for the office of commissioner, in vacant by the resignation of Assistant Warner, of Illinois.



WASHINGTON, Nov. 24.—Forecast: North Carolina: Fair Thursday, slightly warmer; Friday, fair; warmer; moderate north to northeast winds.

## STANDARD APPEALS JUST TO SETTLE SHERMAN ACT

### Altruistic in Its Desire to See Law Constructed for Public's Benefit

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—William Rockefeller, a vice-president and a director as well as one of the large shareholders in the Standard Oil gave a different color today to the appeal which Mortimer E. Elliott, the company's general solicitor, has already announced is to be taken from the decree of the United States Circuit court. The legal affairs of the company, Mr. Rockefeller said, would continue to remain in the hands of its legal department, but as a layman, he wishes to indicate that his own attitude and that of his associates, though vitally concerned, for purely selfish reasons, had also share of altruism.

"It seems to me desirable," he said, "not only for my own interests and those of my associates, but for the public at large and for all other great business ventures, that the Sherman act should be finally set beyond contention as interpreted by the Supreme court of the United States. Undoubtedly our case will be appealed, and for this reason."

"I am not a lawyer and cannot discuss the decree of the Circuit court, but Mr. Elliott has said that an appeal will be taken and the matter is entirely in the hands of counsel of the company."

"In this connection I want to say as a large stockholder, that, however the case eventually, there will be no unwillingness to comply fully, not only with the letter but the spirit of the law as it shall be settled by the Supreme court."

## OPINIONS HANDED DOWN BY THE SUPREME COURT

### Seventeen Appeals Disposed of by Opinion or Other-wise by State Tribunal

RALEIGH, N. C., Nov. 24.—Opinions were delivered this evening by the Supreme court in seventeen appeals from many parts of the state. They follow: Quarry vs. Construction company, Rowan, affirmed; Ruff vs. Seaboard Air Line Railway company, Franklin, affirmed; Kennedy vs. Douglass Ironworks, affirmed; State vs. Ray, Alamance, new trial; Copeland vs. Fowler, Durham, error; Craven vs. North Manufacturing company, Randolph, affirmed; White vs. Power company, Davidson, new trial; State vs. Mitchell, Forsyth, affirmed; Shop company vs. Renfrow, Forsyth, new trial; State vs. Mitchell, Forsyth, affirmed; Jordan vs. Insurance company, Forsyth, no error; Alexander vs. Farrow, Forsyth, error; State vs. Kimbrell, Mecklenburg, affirmed; Holton vs. Andrews, Mecklenburg, error; Water Commissioners vs. Chapman, Cabarrus, motion to dismiss appeal, allowed; Lenoir Mills vs. Railway, Caldwell, dismissed under rule 17; State vs. Blackman, Mecklenburg, per curiam, affirmed; Lumber company vs. Southern railway, Alamance, per curiam, affirmed.

## TENN. COPPER DIVIDEND.

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—The Tennessee Copper company today resumed the payment of dividends on its stock, declaring a dividend of \$125 a share. The last previous dividend was in September 1908, and was of the same amount as that declared today.

## COLER WILL LOOK AFTER INTERESTS IN NORTH STATE

### When Term Ends as President of Brooklyn Will Come to N. Carolina

## SAYS CHARGES AGAINST HIM ARE SPITE WORK

### Interested in Syndicate That Owns Gas And Power Plants of Greenboro

GREENSBORO, N. C., Nov. 24.—Bird S. Coler, president of the borough of Brooklyn, arrived in Greensboro today from Charlotte.

When shown a New York dispatch to the effect that he had been charged with alleged neglect of duty, mismanagement, extravagance and political favoritism in selecting subordinates, Mr. Coler said: "Things like that are always happening in New York political circles and this is merely one of the many instances of personal political grievances of the retailing kind instigated by the spite of disappointed and disgruntled small men, and amounts to nothing save cheap notoriety."

"After January 1st," he said, "when my term as president of the borough of Brooklyn expires, I shall take a rest and spend most of my time in the South with Greensboro as headquarters, assisting in the development of some fine resources in this section."

**Will Develop Interests.**

Mr. Coler left here tonight for Brooklyn. He said he would take up the charges preferred against him upon his arrival in New York. Discussing his visit to the South, Mr. Coler said: "At present the public utilities of trolley, electric power and gas development at Greensboro and High Point, N. C., are outstanding practically all of my attention, but as soon as these plans are completed, the large plans of interurban trolley and power development will be actively pushed by myself and associates."

Mr. Coler declined to say that his syndicate was identical with the interests that are projecting a two hundred mile interurban trolley line from Anderson, S. C., via Charlotte to Greensboro which is backed by the Dukes, but it is said that the Greensboro and High Point Electric service at the head of which is Mr. Coler, has just completed an expensive sub-station here and the system of the Southern Power company have been strung to this station.

## ROCK HILL CITY TREASURER GETS 3 YEARS IN JAIL

### Made Good Defalcation but Solicitor Declined to Drop Prosecution

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Nov. 24.—Charles B. May, former treasurer of the city of Rock Hill, S. C., who was indicted by the York county grand jury this week for breach of trust with fraudulent intent, plead guilty this afternoon to the charge and was sentenced by Special Judge Moore at Yorkville, S. C., to three years in the county jail and began sentence at noon. May was short in his accounts and though friends raised the money and made good the shortage, the solicitor declined to not prosecute. May is a member of a prominent South Carolina family.

## STILL LOOKING FOR BELLE GUNNESS

FORT WORTH, Texas, Nov. 24.—Sheriff W. E. Antler, of Laporte, Ind., and former sheriff A. W. Stutzler, of the same place, who came to Fort Worth today to investigate the report that Mrs. Belle Gunness, who won the title of Arch-murderess was living and in hiding near this city, returned home tonight empty handed, the woman under suspicion not answering in any respect the description of Mrs. Gunness.

"Mrs. Gunness is dead, of that there is no doubt in my mind," said Sheriff Antler.

## HAS EVENTFUL THANKSGIVINGS

ROANOKE, Va., Nov. 24.—At Tazewell, Va., today a not unusual Thanksgiving and Justice Owens, Lawson was indicted for killing Frank Bull at Pocahontas last Thanksgiving and subsequently released by a jury. The male entered today disposals of one of the most famous criminal trials of the county.