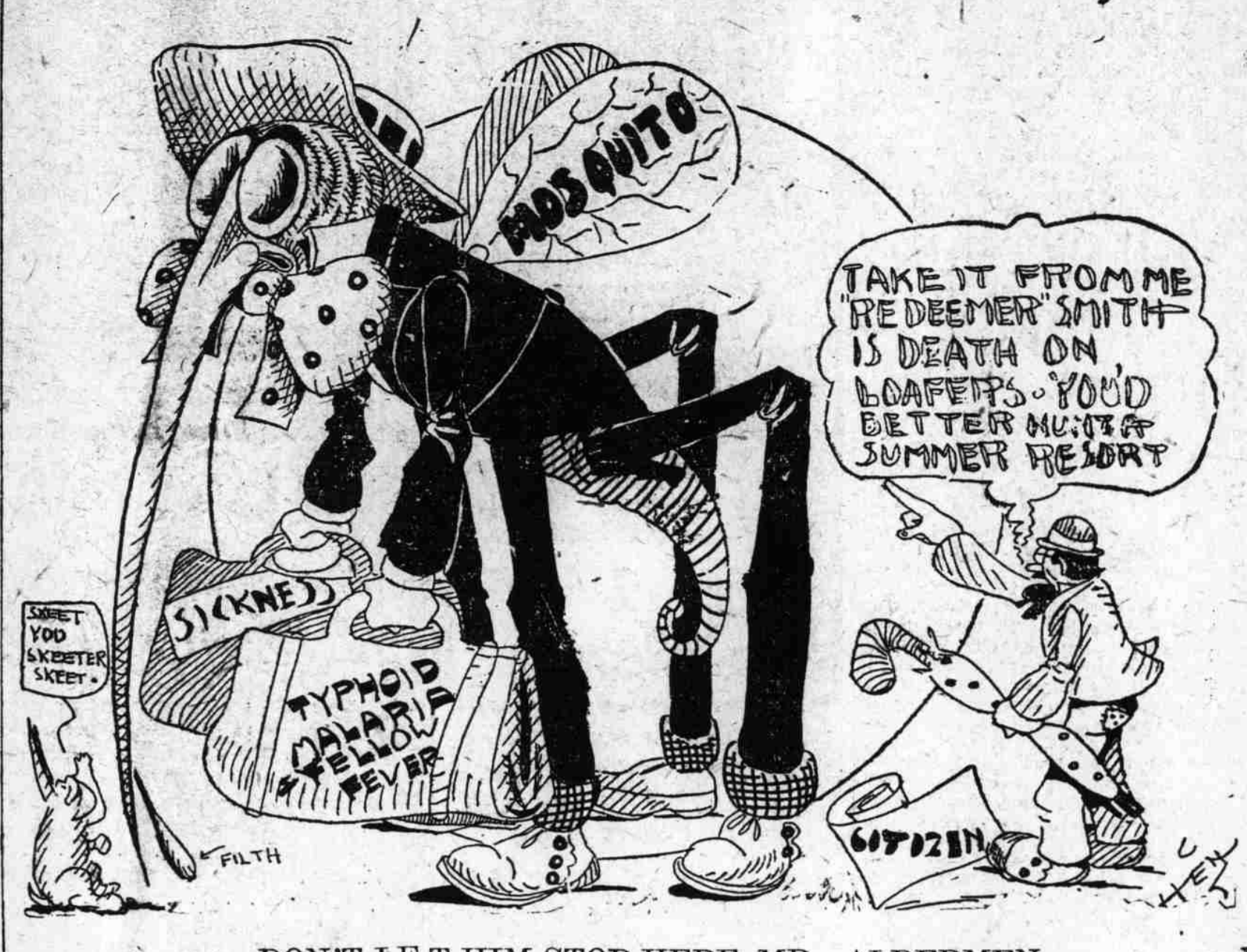


"BIGGERS INTENDED TO KILL J. G. HOOD"

This, Judge Frank I. Osborne Does Not Deny in a Masterful Plea to the Jury This Morning--"But It Was Not the Real Biggers Who Slew His Fellow-man"--Judge Osborne Concludes Address This Afternoon, After Which Solicitor Clarkson Will Speak--Case Will Not Reach Jury Before To-Morrow Morning.

The closing scenes in the trial of W. S. Biggers for the killing of J. G. Hood are now being enacted in the court house, where with the approach of the end the crowds are thronging in increased numbers and the heat today has been so intense that it was almost unbearable. Judge F. I. Osborne is speaking this afternoon. His reputation for oratory, logic and clear thinking, is being fully maintained, and not a few are attending the trial for the sole purpose of listening to him. His speech followed Mr. Plummer Stewart's who began his argument yesterday afternoon, and who completed his talk to-day. Mr. Stewart made one of the strongest speeches for the State, acquitting himself well, and at the same time offering argument of no mean quality. Judge Osborne's line of argument, as forecasted in what he said between noon and 1 o'clock this afternoon, when he was interrupted by the dinner hour, will be to enumerate a sufficient number of symptoms of insanity in the case of the defendant to leave no doubt but that Biggers was insane when he committed the act. Judge Osborne, with an eloquence seldom equaled, has in the one hour of his speech delivered before 1 o'clock, already made a strong impression and has so far enumerated (1) the glassy eyes, (2) the incoherence of speech, (3) the sleeplessness--all symptoms of insanity. "I am not going to ask you to believe that Biggers had insanity because he had one of these symptoms," declared the speaker, "any more than a physician would diagnose a case by one symptom. It is only by the overwhelming number of symptoms that the true diagnosis is arrived at." How long Judge Osborne will continue his remarks this afternoon is not known, as he has not indicated the length of time which he proposes to consume. It will probably be 3:30 to 4 o'clock when he finishes, however, which will leave one hour to one and one-half hours for further argument, and it is not believed that Solicitor Clarkson will be able to close the argument for the State in the short time that will be left to him this afternoon. Therefore, everything points to the continuance of the case over to tomorrow. The Judge's Charge. The charge of Judge Council to the jury will be an exhaustive document. He has already intimated as much when he informed counsel that

prised at. I'll tell you what the trouble is, when a man takes the law into his own hands to defend the honor of a woman, deep down in their hearts the jurors never convict him for brain-storm as they call it. You will find in all civilization the law that no man who is a madman should be hanged. If he is it is a disgrace to humanity. "Some of my friends of the prosecution say that we were driven from our first position and went back to make our stand on the contention that he didn't know right from wrong. Why, we admit that he knew what he was doing and furthermore that he intended to do it. "What do we know about the human mind--it is a machine that we know little about. I may know the laws of property rights, but when it comes to the laws of the human mind I know nothing of them, because they were created by Almighty God. As someone has said 'The human mind is the Sinal from which we commune with God.' "The very atrocity of the crime convinces you that it was the act of a madman. That was Biggers as we knew him in the clay, but not the Biggers as we had known him in the mind and heart. "Here are forty of your citizens who come here and say he has a good character. Even kind-hearted, tender, all that's tender and gentle that you can think of ready to share his heart or his money as needed. "And yet you tell me he shot down a fellow man in the way you have stated. It was not the Biggers you once knew, but another man, made up by the pursuit of blood, the worry of two years, a poor creature outraged by man. "We have before us the Biggers as God made him and the Biggers married by man. "Insanity is a disease with symptoms; some men being crazy one way and some another, there are many shades in madness. I don't know of any better way to tell you of Biggers' condition than to say he is crazy. Now I don't argue to you that he was insane because he had the glassy eyes. That was just a symptom. "Judge Osborne followed the symptoms throughout the entire course of the evidence, going over the testimony of each witness who had noted the wildness of the eyes. "Another Symptom Discussed. The second symptom discussed by Judge Osborne was the failure of the defendant to recognize his friends. "First, there was Query, who had known the defendant for many years, and who comes here and tells you that he passed him 'one day and he didn't recognize him. Why, Mr. Stewart, tell you of a man who passes him goes with his head down. No doubt you know that man was made that way and can't help it. He had been going that way all his life. But in Biggers' case we are talking about a change that has been made. "Incoherence of Speech. Again there is another symptom--incoherence or repetition of words in speaking. Now not every witness noticed this thing. It's just like the patient with the rheumatism. One man goes by and talks to him and does not know he has a disease, while another comes when an attack is on and finds his friend suffering all the symptoms of that disease. On the night before the killing you remember he kept saying to Allen White, 'I want to keep my word.' We admit that parts of that conversation were entirely coherent, but we are just pointing to a few of the symptoms. "My friend Mr. Stewart said there was only one kind of insanity. There are different kinds, some with and some without delusions; one known as dementia--just simplicity of mind, almost idioty, but not quite. "Now coming to the Sunday, what do we find there? He jumps up every fifteen or twenty minutes and runs to the door as if expecting company; you see him running all through the rooms and about the house; why you know what the matter was with him just as if you could put yourself in the place of that little wife sitting there and watching all these symptoms. "Don't take the evidence piecemeal, but put it all together and consider it that way. "Why the North American Indian would not slay their madmen. Even they recognized that he was not to be punished. I don't want you to lay your hands on a man made in God's image. "The Pain in the Head. There is another symptom to be taken into account. To Mr. Crowell and to Mr. Stinson says he, 'My head, my head.' This is one symptom of insanity. Another thing and that was his sleeplessness. Sleeplessness is not only a symptom but a cause of insanity. It has been intimated that this evidence was being gotten up after the tragedy. Once for all let me set this at rest when I remind you that Mr. Allen White way back yonder in January noticed the change in the defendant. Was that making evidence after the tragedy had taken place? Stinson also noticed it and thought that Biggers had something wrong with him. "Biggers was not planning a homicide that Monday night. "MR. STEWART. At the conclusion of Mr. Maxwell's fine speech, Mr. Plummer Stewart, for the prosecution, began his address, which will be ended this morning. He was getting well warmed up when time for adjournment came. By an ingenious mental feat, he conceived of his supposition trial, as a basis for which was the statement made by Hood that Biggers was crazy. Biggers and his friends had resented this and had brought suit for slander. Mr. Stewart then imagined the attitude which Judge Osborne would assume toward his own evidence which would be brought forward in the imaginary case as proof of Hood's charges. The viewpoint was distinctly original. The speaker said it was a mighty strange thing to him that the prisoner should lose an arm in a railroad accident. Continued on Page 5.



NO TRACE OF LEON LING IS FOUND

Every Hole and House in Chinatown Being Searched and Guarded--Even Police Astonished at Loathsome Dens--Quarter Being Thoroughly Cleaned Up. NEW YORK, June 25.--A cordon of detectives and police was thrown around Chinatown to-day so as to completely encircle the quarter and while these kept guard another body of detectives made an exhaustive search of every hole and house in the section for the missing Leon Ling. Up to noon no trace has been found of the man, but such conditions were revealed as to show that Leon could have been in hiding there all the time. The police themselves were astonished at the loathsome dens that were found. The quarter is being completely cleaned up and the men and women

SLAYER OF MRS. WOODILL SHOT BY SHERIFF'S POSSE

Ernest E. Roberts, Who Murdered Beautiful Woman and Threw Her Nude Body in River, is Trapped by Officers Who Return His Fire and Kill Him Instantly. ST. MICHAELS, Md., June 25.--Ernest E. Roberts, Washington newspaper correspondent and magazine writer slayer of the beautiful and accomplished Edith May Thompson Woodfill, the adopted daughter of Col. Chas. A. Thompson, a wealthy Los Angeles auto manufacturer, whose nude, mutilated and weighted down body was dragged from the river here Wednesday, was shot and killed by the sheriff's posse while resisting arrest at the wharf at McDaniel, Talbot county, at 4 o'clock this morning. Shortly after midnight a mysterious-looking boat was seen moving up Back river. John McQuay, a farmer living in the vicinity, saw the craft and thinking it unusual for a man to be rowing at such a late hour notified Sheriff Mortimer and Magistrate Willy at St. Michaels. McQuay declared the boat resembled the one Roberts escaped in from McDantels and the man in it resembled Roberts. An hour later the sheriff, magistrate and six men reached the river. Sheriff Mortimer and two men followed Roberts in a boat. The others walked stealthily along the shores. When near the wharf where the river is very narrow, the magistrate and his assistants ordered Roberts to surrender from the shore. Roberts standing in the boat fired. The posse returned the fire, shooting Roberts through the mouth. When they reached the boat the murderer was dead. A bottle of poison and several letters were found on Roberts' person. It was discovered to-day that the Woodfill woman was married twice. It is believed that she was married first to Dr. W. W. Caswell, of Boston, when 17 years of age leaving him a few days after the wedding.



Chung Sin, the friend of Leon Ling, accused of the murder of Elsie Sigel, who was caught recently in Amsterdam, New York, and who confessed to District Attorney Jerome, that he witnessed the killing of Miss Sigel. found in the dens turned into the street. Another Suspect Arrested. NEW YORK, June 25.--After a long chase through the fields near Newtowns, beyond Long Island City, a Chinaman, was to-day arrested as a Sigel murder suspect. He was arraigned in Flushing police court to await the arrival of officers who may identify him as Leon Ling. The Queens' police are excited over the arrest.

NO OPPOSITION TO INCREASED RATES

Officials of Bell Telephone Company Appear Before Corporation in Support of Petition to be Allowed to Increase Rates in Asheville and Wilmington. CRONICLE BUREAU. RALEIGH, June 25. The Corporation Commission is devoting to-day to a hearing of the evidence and argument by officials of the Southern Bell Telephone Company, to support petitions to allow an increase of telephone station rates at Wilmington and Asheville of 50 cents a month on both residences and business stations, at Asheville, and 50 cents a month on residence stations only at Wilmington. No one appeared to oppose the increase. Southern Bell officials here are: President W. T. Gentry; Vice President J. M. B. Hoxsey, General Superintendent of Plants T. L. Ingram, Chief Engineer George L. Yundt, General Counsel Hunt Chipley.

HEAT FATALITY LIST INCREASES

Four More Deaths and an Alarming Number of Prostrations Reported in New York To-Day. NEW YORK, June 25.--A scorching sun ushered in the fifth day of the hot wave and four deaths were reported to the police before the day was more than a few hours old, and prostrations have increased alarmingly. The suffering that has been caused by the heat, especially in the tenement districts, is cumulative and during the early hours was worse than at any time since Monday, children, as always is the case, being the worst off.

TWO NEW COTTON MILLS CHARTERED

L. Banks Holt Manufacturing Company Chartered With Capital of \$1,000,000--New Mill Chartered for Charlotte. CRONICLE BUREAU. RALEIGH, June 25. Two big new cotton mill corporations are chartered to-day. The L. Banks Holt Manufacturing Company, of Burlington, capital \$1,000,000, by L. Banks Holt, Mary S. Holt and L. B. Williams. The Akron Manufacturing Company with \$150,000 capital, by J. H. Mayer, R. M. Miller, Jr., and T. C. Guthrie, Charlotte. Mrs. John J. West Dies at Salisbury. Special to the Chronicle. SALISBURY, June 25.--Mrs. Alice West, aged 54 years, a well known resident of Salisbury, died at her home here yesterday after a brief illness. She is survived by a husband, Mr. John J. West, and five children, among them being Mrs. Clyde Ennis, of Goldsboro; Messrs. Theodore and Carl West, of Waco, Texas; Earnest West, of Atlanta, and Mrs. H. H. Spedden, of Macon, Va.

BOY MURDERS BABY BROTHER

Cecil Hopkins, 12 Years Old, Fatally Shoots His Six-Year-Old Brother and Buries Body in Hog Pen. MODISTO, Cal., June 25.--After shooting and killing his six-year-old brother, Theodore, Cecil Hopkins, 12 years old, buried the body in a hog pen near the home last night, stuffing the boy's mouth full of sand. Cecil to-day confessed. He gives no reasons for his act. Wesleyan Commencement. MIDDLETON, Conn., June 25.--To-day is the beginning of commencement week at Wesleyan University. The declaration contest begins to-day and ends Wednesday. President-elect Shanklin and acting President Rice will both participate in the exercises.

WILL STUDY OUR FORESTS

State Forester J. S. Holmes to be in Charge of the Inspection. FARM EXTENSION WORK OF THE A. & M. COLLEGE. Call Issued for Reports of Banks--The 100th Conviction of Arson--Experiment Station May be Moved from Statesville to Raleigh for Benefit of A. & M. Agricultural Students--Important Study of Forests to Begin at Once--Other Raleigh Notes. CHRONICLE BUREAU. RALEIGH, June 25. Commissioner of Insurance J. R. Young, has just received a telegram announcing the conviction of a man by the name of Arthur at Beaufort for burning his house for the insurance. This makes 106 convictions during the ten years that Mr. Young has served the State as Commissioner of Insurance. A call for reports of the condition of State, private and savings banks at the close of business, June 23, was issued to-day by the North Carolina Corporation Commission. The United States Treasury Department has issued calls for reports on the same date from the national banks. Agricultural Study at the A. and M. President Hill, of the A. and M. College says he is expecting any day to receive notice from the man chosen to undertake the new work of farm extension and college co-operation that he accepts the place. He is a North Carolina man, said to be peculiarly fitted for the work which will be especially to establish and maintain a system of co-operation between the college and the farms throughout the State. He regards this as one of the most important moves that has been inaugurated in all its relations to economic matters is to begin in the extreme western counties at once and be pushed as rapidly as possible eastward until every county has been canvassed and a complete detailed record of the conditions made. State Forester J. S. Holmes will be in charge of this inspection and he will be assisted by one or two government experts, the State and the United States departments sharing the expense equally. As nearly as possible every section of every county will be visited. Among the information to be gathered will be the percentage and comparative value of forests for agriculture and for protection of streams; percentage and location of the principal types with approximate stands; average consumption of timber by various industries of the State and estimate of timber land necessary to give the supply; cost, frequency and effect of forest fires and means of fire protection. OH Testimony. Confusion seems to multiply with reference to the preliminary arrangements for the enforcement of the new State illuminating oil inspection law, effective July 1. The State board of agriculture, at its June meeting, adopted a series of regulations for the guidance of the inspectors. Strenuous exceptions were taken by the oil companies. The board appointed the special oil inspection committee, with Commissioner Graham and Messrs. Horne, McCallum and Barnes as members to effect an adjustment. There was a hearing and a number of concessions gained by the oil people. Then yesterday there was another meeting of the committee, with ex-Governor Arcock and James H. Fou, representing the independent and the Standard Oil, secured the abolition of the Elliot cup system of test and an order for the adoption of what counsel represented to be the government test of 10 Fahrenheit flash. Now this proves not to be a real government test and Dr. Snye, the State oil chemist, has been dispatched to Washington to find just what the oil tests by the government are with a view to conforming, if possible. In the meantime when the law goes into effect July 1 the Elliot cup system will be applied if arrangements for applying a government system of tests are not perfected. It is contended by members of the committee that the 10 heat test is too low and would result in dangerous oil being sold in the State. New Charters Granted. Charters are granted to five important new corporations and amendments made for two others increasing capital. The new corporations are: Jackson Lumber Company, Asheville, capital \$700,000, New York and Philadelphia capitalists and Henry B. Thomas, Asheville; the North State Development Company, Rocky Mount, capital \$100,000, by G. N. Buell and others; Hassell Supply Company, Washington, capital \$25,000, for dealing in machinery, George Hackney principal incorporator; Dixie Ice and Coal Company, Greensboro, capital \$50,000, by J. W. Landreth and others; Concord Driving Club, Concord, capital \$25,000, by J. F. Laughlin and others. The amendments are for the University Drug Company, Chapel Hill, increasing capital to \$25,000, and Yearby Drug Company, Durham, increasing capital to \$50,000 and changing the name to the Peabody Drug Company.



Father and cousin of Elsie Sigel, identifying clothing, owned by the unfortunate girl.