

TESTIMONY IS CONCLUDED TODAY

Action of the Defense in Resting its Case Without Evidence Caused Great Surprise

CASE WILL GO TO THE JURY MONDAY AFTERNOON

Defendant's Attorney Advances Suicide Theory--State's Star Attorney Addresses The Jury

Hartford, N. C., Jan. 17.—The conclusion of taking testimony in the Wilcox trial occurred early in the day's session and Attorney Leary for the defense, began his address to the jury, an address that lasted two hours and in which the theory of suicide was advanced.

This rapid progress created great surprise. It was generally understood that the defense would introduce quite an array of testimony.

James Wilcox was to have testified, as was his mother. It transpires that this plan was discarded at a conference late last night.

Mr. Leary created a stir of indignation by saying that the prisoner was a native while the Cropsys were but Yankees.

Mr. Leary spoke at length on Wilcox's indifference, said that his story was due to heredity; that there was, after all, nothing peculiar in his conduct.

Following Mr. Leary came Roscoe Turner for the State. Turner is a young man but his argument was convincing. In his vivid description of Nell Cropsy's murder the eyes of several jurors dimmed with unmistakable evidence of emotion.

The State's star attorney, Heywood Sawyer, will next address the jury. His address created a sensation at the last trial. An eloquent speaker and firm believer in the prisoner's guilt, his words will produce an audience against the prisoner at the bar.

It is now certain that the case will go to the jury either Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning of next week.

As it stands now the State has proven that a crime was committed; that Jim Wilcox was the only person who could have had the motive and opportunity; that his after conduct of indifference gave rise to suspicion, and that there is, taking in part the prisoner's word, about twenty-five minutes of unaccounted-for time.

FIVE KILLED ON MASSACHUSETTS

Cablegram Says Charge Exploded on Forward Turret of Battleship With Disastrous Results

Washington, Jan. 17.—The Navy Department received a dispatch from San Juan today, saying a 3-inch charge exploded on one of the forward turrets of the battleship Massachusetts off Culebra Island and five men were killed and four injured. None of them were officers.

Hewitt's Condition Unchanged. New York, Jan. 17.—The nine o'clock bulletin as to Hewitt's condition reads: "The restlessness of last night has passed away and he again rests quietly. There is no other definite change.

search for her body and Wilcox's indifference. Mayor Wilson said Wilcox declared, when he was waked up November 20th, he told his mother he left Neil crying. Then he turned over and was asleep in two minutes.

Hartly Mead said he slept with Jim. He told about the Wilcox home, and said the trousers Jim had on today were the same worn November 20, and the same worn at the first trial.

Cale Parker said he saw a man and woman in front of the Cropsy home that night, but did not recognize them. His wife will not be called.

Mack Fletcher, a country merchant, told of the time Parker passed his store.

Ollie and Lettie Cropsy were called and said the pants worn by Jim at the trial were not the same he had on the night of the disappearance. The prosecution's theory is that the others were destroyed.

WHO BIDS FOR "VAMPIRE?" Sir Philip Burne-Jones Hints That There's a Buyer in Chicago. Chicago, Jan. 17.—"The Vampire," the famous painting by Sir Philip Burne-Jones, will be brought to Chicago and may be sold here. Who has bid for the picture which inspired Rudyard Kipling's lines to "a rag, a bone and a hank of hair" Sir Philip will not tell.

The newspapers once had "The Vampire" sold to W. K. Vanderbilt for \$18,000," said the artist in discussing the matter, "but it is still mine. As for its remaining here when I leave—well, it may."

Mrs. Patrick Campbell, the actress, was not the model for "The Vampire," but a woman of Brussels, who was paid for posing.

ON REGULAR INSPECTION TOUR. State Insurance Commissioner Young In City Yesterday. Mr. James K. Young, the State Insurance Commissioner, whose presence in this city was noted in yesterday's News, was here making his regular inspection of the condition of the Piedmont Fire Insurance Co. of this city, which he is required to do by law. As usual, he found the books and papers of this strong and flourishing home company in a glibly satisfactory condition.

TO PERFECT THE CUSTOMS SERVICE

Delegates From All the Republics on This Continent Assemble Today in New York

New York, Jan. 17.—Delegates from all the South American Republics and representatives of this country met at noon today in the city hall for the second convention of an International Customs Conference of the American States.

The purpose of the convention is to formulate and devise plans for more perfect and adequate customs service with a view to furthering and facilitating commerce among the republics of this continent.

HUSBAND STOOD THE "TREAT."

Unwilling, Though, But It Taught Him a Lesson. Phillipsburg, N. J., Jan. 17.—A Phillipsburg woman who believes in woman's rights today gave a practical demonstration of the extent to which she believes they go, much to the astonishment of her husband.

Knowledge of the fact that her husband was in a saloon having come to her, the woman boldly entered the place and, taking a seat at one of the small tables, ordered glasses of beer for herself and three men who were seated there. The husband was at first astonished, then enraged. He tried to argue with her that she was doing wrong in entering the saloon, but she stoutly maintained her right to do as her husband did, and he finally yielded the point and left with her.

MAINE EXPLOSION VICTIM. Nearly Five Years After Disaster Colored Sailor Succumbs. Richmond, Va., Jan. 17.—Unbalanced in mind and wrecked in health, Wilmore Harris, Jr., a young colored man, died in his cabin near here, as the result of the explosion of the United States battleship Maine in Havana Harbor, on Feb. 15, 1898.

OVERDUE LINER IS OFF THE HOOK

Missing St. Louis Signalled. Officers Are Reticent as to Cause of the Delay in Trip

PASSENGERS HOLD INDIGNATION MEETING

Censure Steamship Company--Ship Has Nasty Weather All the Way Across The Pond

New York, Jan. 17.—The steamship St. Louis, of the America line, was off Sandy Hook this morning.

New York, Jan. 17.—The Hamburg Liner Pennsylvania arrived this morning and reports that on Jan. 15 she fell in with the St. Louis, proceeding very slowly. She steamed close to her and asked the difficulty. The officers denied that boilers were leaking and sent the first officer with letters from the passengers. She had on board eight days provisions and water and all were in good health. She required no assistance.

New York, Jan. 17.—The first three days the St. Louis made fairly good progress for her ability. The weather was rough and squally with high seas. The speed then was so noticeably slow the passengers began to discuss it and between the rough stormy weather and the ship's inability to make speed became indignant. Meetings were held and protests at their treatment considered. Resolutions were passed, condemning the steamship company for permitting passengers to embark on a steamship whose condition was so pitiable.

These resolutions will be typed, written by the committee on its arrival on shore and given to a press for publication.

After January 8th the speed fell away to 200 knots on the ninth to 196 1/2 on the 10th and 125 on the 11th. On this day the winds were west, northwest with violent squalls of snow and blowing a gale and very high head sea. This weather changed on the twelfth, but it continued blowing violently on these two days.

It is said the ship had only one boiler to make steam. The engineers, however, worked hard, got one boiler after another in commission. Thereafter as the boilers were repaired the ship gained speed until at noon of the sixteenth she was making fairly good progress.

In Memory of Lee and Jackson. The complete program for the meeting was published in yesterday's News. The meeting will be held in the Presbyterian College Auditorium Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and the address will be made by Mr. W. B. Dowd, of New York.

In regard to the meeting, the following order has been issued: "Attention! Mecklenburg Camp No. 382 N. C. V. will assemble at the Hall January 19th, at 2:30 p. m., to attend exercises at Presbyterian College by Daughters of the Confederacy in memory of our chieftains Lee and Jackson. All having uniforms will please wear them. By order "HARRISON WATTS, Com. "H. D. DUCKWORTH, Adjt."

STILL NO CHOICE FOR SENATORSHIP

Five Ballots Taken Last Night--The Battle Royal Will Be Fought Out Next Tuesday Evening

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 17.—The Senatorial caucus adjourned last night without making a nomination. No nomination was expected last night but a sure contest is expected Tuesday. There is a general feeling that Tuesday will be a battle royal.

The twenty-seventh ballot stood: Overman, 55; Watson, 45; Craig, 30; Alexander, 4. The twenty-eighth ballot resulted as follows: Overman, 55; Watson, 49; Craig, 29; Alexander, 3. The twenty-ninth ballot resulted as follows: Overman, 56; Watson, 47; Craig, 29; Alexander, 2. The thirtieth ballot resulted as follows: Overman, 54; Watson, 47; Craig, 27; Alexander, 6. The thirty-first ballot resulted as follows: Overman, 54; Watson, 48; Craig, 28; Alexander, 5.

CRITTENTON MEETINGS. Millionaire Evangelist Arrives To-night--Straight From Abroad.

Mr. C. R. Crittenton, the millionaire lay evangelist, arrives tonight for the purpose of beginning religious revival services at the Tryon Street Methodist church. His first service will be held tomorrow night at 7:30.

Mr. Crittenton made his money, we learn, in the medicine business, being proprietor in New York City of one of the largest supply houses in this line of the world. He is very philanthropic, traveling around in his own car and accepting no compensation for his work. He is the founder of the Florence Crittenton Mission for fallen women, which work was inaugurated



MR. C. R. CRITTENTON. THE MILLIONAIRE EVANGELIST.

by him in memory of his dead daughter. This Mission has branches throughout the country and there is some talk of one being established in Charlotte.

Mr. Crittenton's appearance in our city will derive additional interest from the fact that he was to have been here last October and was to come on here from the West, but he suddenly disappeared and for days no trace of him could be found. His friends all over the country were deeply concerned as to his fate and foul play was suspected. A cablegram from him in London, however, set their fears at rest. He had been cabled of the illness of his daughter and became so alarmed over her condition that he took the first steamer over without taking time or giving thought to let his friends know of his intentions.

Mr. Crittenton is an earnest and energetic man in his work. His sincerity impresses his hearers. Charlotte people will turn out in large numbers to hear him.

Mr. Crittenton returned from London last week. He reaches here on the southbound train tonight at 9:45 and will be met at the station by Rev. Mr. Dewler and a reception committee and escorted to the Buford Hotel, after which arrangements will be made for his entertainment during his two weeks' stay.

DEATH'S SHADOW HOVERS O'ER HIM

Editor Gonzales is Said to Be Sinking and the Last, Sad End of Stricken Man is Drawing Near

(By Bell Telephone.) BULLETIN—4:15 p. m.—The surgeons have decided that the only ray of hope for Mr. Gonzales is a second operation and this will be performed at once. This recourse offers, but a slight chance and the worst is feared.

DIED ON THE EVE OF HIS TRIUMPH

Master Mechanic Christianson Did Not Live to See the Greatest Gun in the World Tested

Albany, Jan. 17.—On the eve of the test of the greatest gun in the world at Sandy Hook, Christianson, Master mechanic, who had the details of its construction in charge, died at his residence within the grounds of Watervliet arsenal.

The strain attendant upon the perfection of the new 16 inch gun coupled with the other duties placed on him under such extraordinary mental tensions that its effect was a paralytic stroke Wednesday night, from which he died last evening.

Close For Lack of Coal. Rutland, Vt., Jan. 17.—The entire plant of the Lake-Scow Co. was closed yesterday by lack of coal and a number of other large industries will close tonight.

ADJOURNS UNTIL NEXT TUESDAY

Legislature Will Honor Lee's Memory By Taking Holiday on Anniversary of His Birthday

COMMITTEE TO LOOK INTO CRUELTY TO CONVICTS

House Appropriates Money to Renovate its Domicile--Proceeding of Friday's Session

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 17.—The house passed a resolution today for a committee to investigate alleged cruelty at the convict camp in Jones.

The following bills were introduced: Justice, making railroads liable for damages when engineers fail to warn person on track by blowing whistle; Reinhard, to pension Confederate widows married prior to sixty-eight.

The house made an appropriation for a new carpet and for renovating the house and adjourned until Tuesday in honor of Gen. Robert E. Lee's birthday.

THE SENATE, JAN. 16. The following were reported duly ratified: To allow trial of criminal cases at the January term in Franklin county. For the enrollment of bills. To increase the commissioners of Guilford. To repeal the Union dispensary laws. To amend chapter 28, Laws of 1901. To amend the charter of the Jas. Walker Memorial Hospital. To provide for the printing of calendars, bills and journals.

PETITIONS. Mr. White: From certain citizens of Franklin county for cutting off a portion of Franklin and annexing it to Nash county. Mr. Woodward: Asking a dispensary at Tolson, McBray: Asking board of pensions for Robeson.

BILLS INTRODUCED. Spencer: To aid in taking depositions in the State for suits brought outside the State. Norris: To amend chapter 750, Laws of 1901, so as to allow policemen of a city to serve notice to registrars and judges of election. Godwin: To appoint Justices of the Peace in Harnett county. Wellborn: To allow bastards to represent their ancestors on their mother's side. Brown: To incorporate the Bank of Whitesville. Spence: To employ stenographer for courts. Mitchell: To amend section 7, chapter 241, Private Acts of 1901. Henderson: To provide for heating and ventilating the capitol. McBryde: To provide a new pension board for Robeson. Pollock: To amend the pension law increasing the appropriation from \$200,000 to \$300,000. McBryde: To incorporate Oak Grove church in Robeson county. Woodard: To establish a dispensary at Tolson in Wilson county.

Leave of absence was granted Senators, McLaughlin, Aaron Holton, Bellamy, Hoey Walker and Pharr.

BILLS CONSIDERED. Senate bill: For the cross indexing of the appointments of executors, administrators and guardians was amended by the committee so as to make it discretionary with the county commissioners. Passed. House bill: To amend

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MURDER OF WILLIAM GOEBEL. Youtsey Is Said To Have "Laid Bare" High Officials.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 17.—Henry E. Youtsey was recalled by the Franklin county grand jury today and further examined with reference to the murder of William Goebel.

Prison Commissioner J. M. Richardson, who by reason of his official position, enjoys privileges not enjoyed by every newspaper man, says Youtsey told the grand jury that it was "Jim" Howard who fired the fatal shot. Mr. Richardson makes this statement in a letter to the Glasgow Times, of which he is editor. He says in part: "In a general way it can be said that Youtsey lays bare the highest officials of the State down to the actual murderer who pulled the trigger. Many of those accused have left the State."

GIGGLED AT THE PASTOR. Then Rev. Mr. Coughran Had Miss Paul Arrested. Uniontown, Pa., Jan. 17.—Because she giggled during the services at the Free Methodist church last Sunday evening Miss Nina Paul was arrested charged with disturbing the peace by the Rev. G. L. Coughran, the pastor. Justice of the Peace Dawson yesterday discharged Miss Paul.

In starting a hymn the Rev. Mr. Coughran struck a false note and Miss Paul sneezed. The pastor reprimanded her and she laughed. He grew severe and she hysterical. Then he swore out a warrant for her.

Louis Disbrow Acquitted. Riverhead, L. I., Jan. 17.—Louis A. Disbrow was acquitted last night on the charge of killing Clarence Foster at Good Ground on the night of June 3. The verdict was reached by the jury after brief deliberation. The case for the prosecution throughout was weak, the strongest point made against the accused being that he was the last person seen with Foster and Miss Lawrence on the night of the tragedy.

Gibbons To End Labor Trouble. Baltimore, Jan. 17.—Cardinal Gibbons left the city this morning for Waterbury, Conn., where he will arbitrate a trolley railroad strike. This is the first time his eminence has been called on to arbitrate a labor dispute.

HERE'S CURE FOR BLOOD POISONING

Bellevue Hospital Physician Makes a Successful Experiment on Patient With Formalin

New York, Jan. 17.—The New York Herald today says: "The New York Bellevue Hospital, it is announced, by the New York Obstetrical Society have resulted in the discovery of a new treatment for blood poisoning, which Dr. Egbert Grandin, president of the society, declares one of the most important contributions to medical science of this generation."

"The treatment consists of injection into the veins of formalin, a well-known antiseptic. The discovery was made by Dr. Charles C. Barrows, of this city. His experiments were made on a patient who was admitted to a public ward in Bellevue Christmas Day. The patient, a negro woman, suffering from blood poisoning, had given birth to a child eight days previously.

"A small portion of the woman's blood was submitted to culture in broth in a glass tube. Dr. Buxton, a bacteriologist of Cornell Medical College, found the culture was infected with the virulent bacteria of septicæmia, which are known as streptococci.

"The woman's condition had become dangerous under the ordinary surgical treatment employed. The temperature was 108 degrees and a pulse of 160. With this rise of pulse and temperature recovery could not be expected; in fact, was without precedent. Dr. Barrows determined to take a bold step, as several of his colleagues believed the patient was dying. Into a vein in her right arm he injected 500 cubic centimetres of formalin. At the time the woman was delirious and her pulse barely noticeable. Improvement began almost immediately. Next day her temperature had fallen to 101 degrees, with a corresponding fall in the pulse beats. On the succeeding day, however, the temperature began to rise again. An examination of another sample of the patient's blood showed that while the septicæmia bacilli were present, their number had been greatly depleted.

"A second injection of 750 cubic centimetres of formalin was then made, this time into the blood vessels of the woman's left arm. In a few hours the woman's pulse and temperature became normal.

"The patient's condition has continued excellent for 10 days, and she will soon be discharged.

"No injurious effects have been observed from the use of the drug, which was never before employed in this manner.

"A series of experiments is now being made upon animals to determine whether or not formalin produces any poisonous effects when injected into the normal blood."

LATEST FOREIGN NEWS AND VIEWS

Rumored That Crown Prince and Crown Princess Have Made Up Differences Between Them

TURKISH BRUTES MURDER FUGITIVE MACEDONIANS

King Menelek to Visit America--France to Coin Nickels--The Author of Famous Opera is Dead

Geneva, Jan. 17.—A hundred thousand Swiss voters have signed a petition against the new Swiss tariff. As a result it will have to be submitted to a referendum and it is expected the tariff will be defeated.

Vienna, Jan. 17.—Military authorities admit that plans have been made to mobilize two army corps on the Macedonia frontier in the spring should events require it.

Berlin, Jan. 17.—A story is being circulated here to the effect that the crown prince and the crown princess of Saxony have come to a partial understanding by which she agrees to leave Giron, the tutor with whom she is cloped, and retire to Castle Cunnthun at Tethen, there to remain until after her accouchment. In the meantime, the story goes, divorce proceedings are suspended.

Paris, Jan. 17.—M. Gabet, Author, of the "Chimes of Normandy" libretto, died to day, aged 83 years.

Madrid, Jan. 17.—Former Minister of the Interior Moort, has gone to Rome to try to induce the Vatican to divide with the Filipino friars sixteen million dollars which America intends paying for the friars lands. The Vatican intended to keep all money but Moort hopes to get fifty per cent for the friars.

Paris, Jan. 17.—The senate commission has decided on the coinage of a French 25 centime piece, similar to the American nickel.

Vienna, Jan. 17.—Die information reports that 250 Macedonian fugitives while returning from Kostendil, Bulgaria, to their homes were recently massacred by Turkish frontier guards. The inhabitants of the neighboring villages are fleeing, terror stricken, to the hills.

Rome, Jan. 17.—It is stated as soon as the Harrar-Bijbul railway is completed King Menelek of Abyssinia, intends to carry out his long-wished dream of visiting Europe. He will visit Rome, St. Petersburg and London and then go to the United States, reaching there during their progress of the St. Louis exposition.

The Postmastership. Ament the postoffice situation one of the candidates said today there was not much doing and no developments. Asked if he was sure of success, he said that no man could be sanguine in politics. However, he let it be understood that he is hoping for better things. Hiss persistently denies that he is a candidate, nevertheless the mere mention of his name causes the other aspirants to quake in their boots. One aspirant admitted this morning that if Mr. Hiss was in the race that the rest of them were up against a tough proposition.

HOUSE WRECKED BY EXPLOSION

Four Kegs of Powder Explode and Six Men Will Die as a Result of The Accident

Johnston, Pa., Jan. 17.—An explosion last evening wrecked the boarding house of Porky Opar, at Winber, a mining town seven miles south of Johnston. Opar has been keeping eight or ten boarders for some time in the main room of the structure, where four kegs of powder are kept, and the men were there when the explosion occurred.

Six men were horribly burned and are not expected to recover. It is thought one man, while smoking a pipe, dropped a spark into a keg of powder.