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AND HER FORMER BEHAVIOR COMES NOW TO LIGHT

Did Mrs. Webb-Duke and One of Her Accomplices Once Exchange Compliments of the Day With Pistols? It Seems Something Like This Happened.

Mrs. Duke is Reported to be ill and Then Again She is Reported Out of the Hotel. Question, is Everybody in This Mix-up Crazy?

By Associated Press. Colorado Springs, Colo., Jan. 16.—Murat Masterson, an attorney of this city, denies the statement attributed to Mrs. Alice Webb now Mrs. Brodie L. Duke, of New York, to the effect that he shot her in the hand in 1890. In a signed statement he says in 1891 he endeavored to secure from Mrs. Webb, then Mrs. Hopkinson, papers which he had turned over to her. He says when he entered her apartment for the papers, Mrs. Hopkinson fired at him but without effect. He then secured possession of the papers, Mr. Masterson says that both Mrs. Hopkinson and himself were arrested but the case was dismissed. Mrs. Duke left her hotel suddenly today. Her baggage was not removed and it was supposed that she would return later.

Mrs. Duke ill. New York, Jan. 16.—Mrs. Brodie L. Duke, whose recent marriage to the half brother of the President of the American Tobacco Company was followed by the sending of her husband to a sanitarium for an inquiry into his mental condition, was said to be ill at her hotel today.

PROGRESS OF RATE MAKING. Wm. R. Hearst Takes a Hand Before Interstate Commerce Commission—Introduces a Bill.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 16.—The government rate-making for railroads was further considered today by the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. Representative William R. Hearst, of New York, was heard. He introduced a bill, which, he said, was to correct some delays and difficulties he had experienced as a business man with the proceedings before the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Commission. Mr. Hearst said its main features were to clothe the commission with authority to fix rates and for the establishment of an interstate commerce commission court to which appeals shall be made. This feature, he said, was for the sole purpose of expediting controversy for the commission.

NIEDRINGHAUS' CULPABLE.

Committee Investigating Campaign Contributions in Missouri Are After Republican Nominee. Jefferson, Mo., Jan. 16.—It is authoritatively stated that the majority report prepared by the Senate Committee, which is investigating the political contributions reported by Chairman Niedringhaus, of the Republican State Committee, and the caucus nominee for United States Senator, will hold Mr. Niedringhaus culpable in accepting money from St. Louis brewers, and then crediting an amount including that represented by the brewers' contribution to himself in his sworn statement of the Republican State Committee's receipts.

JEROME AFTER GAMBLERS.

The Promised Crusade in New York Against Gambling Dens Has Begun. By Associated Press. New York, Jan. 16.—Following District Attorney Jerome's announcement that his crusade against the keepers of alleged gambling houses would be begun in earnest today, "Dave" Johnson, the alleged proprietor of a gambling house in Forty-third street, appeared at the District Attorney's office today in response to a subpoena. Frank Farrell, an alleged gambler for whom District Attorney Jerome has been searching several days, consented to turn over all his gambling paraphernalia to the district attorney to be destroyed.

Little Hope For Peace.

London, Jan. 16.—The tone of the rescript addressed by Emperor Nicholas to the army and navy is regarded here as putting an end to all present hopes of the possibility of mediation or peace and indicating the likelihood that Gen. Kuropatkin soon will resume the offensive.

A dispatch to Lloyd's from Yinkow dated Jan. 15 gives a report that Gen. Mischenko's raiding force was cut off on its way back by 8,000 Japanese dismounted from Sanihoob by Gen. Oku. This report, however, is not confirmed from any other source. The Daily Telegraph's Chefoo correspondent says the raid was only a diversion from a mass of cavalry now moving down the banks of the Liao river, and that the exceptional mildness of the season affords a chance for the repetition of such operations.

TRIED TO KILL GENERAL.

A Man Who Attempted to Shoot Russian General at Moscow is Arrested by Railway Hands. By Associated Press. Moscow, Jan. 16.—A man who attempted last night to shoot General Trepoff, recently removed as chief of police, was seized by the railway station hands today and quickly incarcerated. He refused to reveal his identity. The first announcement by the Associated Press of this is as follows: Moscow, Jan. 16.—At the Nicholas station tonight while Gen. Trepoff was bidding farewell to Grand Duke Sergius on his departure from St. Petersburg, a young man wearing a student's cap fired three shots from a revolver at the general. All the shots missed Gen. Trepoff. Grand Duke Sergius proceeded on his journey.

NEW TRIAL FOR BURTON.

Supreme Court of United States Makes Decision Which Reverses a Former Decision. By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 16.—The case of Senator J. R. Burton was decided in the Supreme Court of the United States today, dismissing the writ of certiorari to the Circuit Court of Appeals for the eighth circuit and reversing the verdict of the district court for the Western District of Missouri on the ground that payments to Burton were made in Washington. The District court was therefore reversed and the case remanded for new trial.

POLO PLAYER'S HOUSE BURNED.

Fire at Brooklyn, Massachusetts, Destroys House of Robert G. Shaw—Narrow Escape of Children. By Associated Press. Brookline, Mass., Jan. 16.—Fire has destroyed the "Rockers," the beautiful residence of Robert G. Shaw, second, the well known polo player and prominent clubman, in South street, this town. Mr. Shaw's two children had a narrow escape from the burning building. They were rescued by their father. The loss, which includes many valuable paintings and trophies of hunt and race course, is estimated at nearly \$50,000.

STRIKERS TO COMPROMISE.

Coal Strike Will Probably Be Settled by the Miners Gaining a Moral Victory. By Associated Press. Essen, Jan. 16.—The coal strike will probably be settled by the mine owners yielding a small part of the workmen's demands now, thus allowing them to win a moral victory with the understanding that the other portion of their demands will be considered and agreed to later if possible.

\$150,000 Fire at Utica.

By Associated Press. Utica, N. Y., Jan. 16.—The Crouse building, corner of Broad and John streets, was totally destroyed by fire today, entailing a loss of more than \$150,000, insurance \$100,000. There is some suspicion that the fire was due to incendiaryism.

Three Men Killed.

By Associated Press. Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 16.—At Harmarville, 15 miles north of here on the West Pennsylvania railroad, last night four houses were burned and three men killed. Of the three bodies recovered but one, that of John Coppe, has been identified. The property loss is small.

THE LEGISLATURE IN EVEN TENOR

Durham and S. C. Railroad Co. Incorporated. Two Bills to Increase Judges' Salaries. Allen Convicted of Murder. New Concern in Charlotte Chartered Special The News. Raleigh, Jan. 16.—The Senate today passed the bill for the incorporation of the Durham and South Carolina Railroad Company with authority to build a road from Durham to some point on the South Carolina line. In the House Murphy, of Rowan, introduced a bill to re-enact chapter 29 of the laws of 1899, relative to divorce. Warren, of Jones, to make the salaries of the Supreme and Superior court judges \$3,000. The Scales bill, pending in the Senate, makes the salaries \$4,000.

Gales, of Halifax, Introduced a Bill for Prohibition in Scotland Neck.

Alexander, of Mecklenburg, to amend Section 3854 to further define vagrancy. Graham, of Lincoln, to promote poultry interests and aid the North Carolina Poultry Association. Both branches were in session about an hour. The jury in the case of Will Allen has returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree for the killing of Mary Bridgers, colored. The case was given to the jury Saturday night. This is the second conviction, he having been convicted and sentenced to be hanged last March. An order for a new trial, by the Supreme Court, stayed the execution. He will be resentenced tomorrow. The murder was committed last January. The woman was knocked in the head with an axe. A charter was issued to the Denny Cafe Company, of Charlotte. The incorporators are C. E. Hooper, Ike Hirschberg, D. A. Hurley and J. A. Jones. The capital is \$20,000 authorized, with \$2,000 subscribed. Another charter was issued to the C. P. Aycock Supply Company, of Panguitch, Beaufort county. The incorporators are H. P. Johnson, C. W. Smith and C. P. Aycock.

COTTON AND JUDGE SWAYNE OCCUPY NATIONAL HOUSE

Census Department Will Have to Give More Information. Georgian Declares Farmers Should Form a Trust and Refuse to Give Information.

Mr. Clayton Does Not Believe Judge Swayne Put up at a \$1.25 House and Charged Government \$10.00. If He Did He Should Cough up the \$8.75.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 16.—Burleson's resolution directing the director of census to collect and publish additional statistics relating to cotton was reported by Mr. Crumpacker of Indiana, amended so as to provide that the statistics of the consumption of cotton, the surplus of cotton held by manufacturers and the quantity of cotton exported shall be summarized on September 1st of each year so as to show the cotton production and consumption of preceding year.

Mr. Livingston, of Georgia, charged that if the cotton reports were made at the time stated, a "break" in the cotton market would result upon each occasion that such reports were published. In the most emphatic terms Mr. Maddox, of Georgia, declared that the cotton farmers should protect themselves by forming a trust and withholding reports from the government. Everybody, he said, was in some sort of a trust against the farmer and he must fight the devil with fire. The resolution was agreed to.

The Swayne Case Again. The consideration of the Swayne impeachment charges was then resumed. Mr. Clayton, of Alabama, speaking in advocacy of them.

Mr. Clayton discussing the expense account of Judge Swayne, argued that a strange revolution had taken place by which it was sought to excuse the judge from a plain violation of law. He produced a circular, which had been addressed to the members and which bore the caption "Swayne not alone," and insisted it should not be considered towards reaching a conclusion in the case if it was not a part of the evidence.

In reply, he vehemently declared, "The charge that the judges of this country are guilty of putting up at boarding houses at \$1.25 day charging up \$10 and pocketing \$8.75." Mr. Clayton said the United States would have the right to institute civil suit against Judge Swayne to recover the difference between the money collected and the actual amount expended, and expressed the opinion that indictment could properly be brought against him.

To Count Electoral Vote. The House today agreed to the Senate resolution designating Wednesday, February 8th as the day upon which the electoral vote for President and Vice President shall be counted, the proceedings to take place in the hall of the House of Representatives.

Judge Miner Testifies. Washington, Jan. 16.—Judge James A. Miner, formerly of the Supreme Court of Utah, testified today in the Snoot investigation as to Mr. Snoot's good character. He said Mr. Snoot was regarded as one of the coming men and one who had always stood for the enforcement of laws. Polygamy is decreasing so rapidly, said the witness, that he believed Utah would be better in ten years than any State in the Union. "There is no more polygamy or unlawful co-habitation in Utah than there is in New York or the district of Columbia."

Elias A. Smith, of Salt Lake City, cashier of the Desert Savings Bank, declared that the Mormon's are independent in politics. Mr. Smith said he had been through the Endowment House but he objected to argue any questions concerning the ceremonies. FIGHTING IN THE PHILIPPINES. A Battle on January 8th. Another on January 10th Reported by General Chaffee, With Casualties. By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 16.—Lieutenant-General Chaffee has received the following cablegram from Gen. Corbin: "Lieutenant Avery, one Philippine scout, and two native employees were wounded in an action at Dolores river, January 10. Private Austin, of the hospital corps, wounded and nine constabulary killed in an action near Maslog, Samar, January 8th."

Embezzler Sentenced.

By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 16.—James M. A. Watson, clerk in the auditor's office of the District government, who was accused of embezzling \$73,000 of funds entrusted to him by Auditor Petty, and recently convicted on two indictments involving \$12,826, was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in the penitentiary today.

Postmasters Appointed.

Washington, Jan. 16.—Among the postmasters appointed today are the following: North Carolina: Rosendale, For a R. Clark; Rosman, Susan Lela Glazemanz. South Carolina: Frogmore, F. R. Ford.

BIG FIRE IN CHICAGO.

Cook County Court House Said to Be in Flames. A special telegram received over the private wires of L. A. Dodsworth & Co., this afternoon, states that the Cook County court house, in Chicago, a \$4,000,000 building was in flames. Up to the time of going to press no confirmation of the report had been received through the Associated Press.

VIOLATES NEUTRALITY.

Russian Forces Move Into China's Territory Outside of War Zone—Japan Now Free to Do Likewise. By Associated Press. Tokyo, Jan. 16.—Late reports from Newchwang indicate that General Michento's Cossacks in their recent raiding southwest of Liaoyang deliberately invaded neutral territory and broke the limits of the war zone. The reported Russian note to the powers calling attention to China's non-enforcement of neutrality is regarded here in some quarters as absurd. It is felt that China's weakness and constant failure to enforce neutrality must release Japan from obligation to observe restrictions which Russia openly ignores.

EXPECTED TO FIGHT.

Petersburg Now Watching Manchuria General Mischchenko Might Damage Communications to Liao Yang. By Associated Press. St. Petersburg, Jan. 16.—The War Office does not admit that the appearance of General Mischchenko's cavalry southward of Liao Yang is more than a raiding expedition designed to strike the railroad at several points and interrupt the transportation of General Nogi's guns from Port Arthur to Manchuria, but from certain indications it seems possible that it is preliminary to an operation of magnitude. General Mischchenko's army, which is well equipped and moving rapidly, might be able to damage seriously communications in the rear of Liao Yang. The tone of dispatches from some Russian correspondents vaguely hints at very important developments, and the military writer for the Novo Vremya expresses the opinion that the Russian army, if the battle of Shaho is about to be broken, it is also noteworthy that there have been no official dispatches from General Kuropatkin for two days.

REPUBLICANS BOLT.

Will Not Vote for the Caucus Nominee For Senator in Missouri—Election Tomorrow. Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 16.—A special to The Times from Jefferson City, Mo., says that a sufficient number of Republicans have bolted to defeat the caucus nominee next Tuesday of T. K. Niedringhaus, the State chairman, recently named by the Republicans in caucus to succeed United States Senator Francis M. Cockrell.

Drowned in the Catawba. Fort Mill, S. C., Jan. 14.—Alex. Campbell, of this place, was drowned yesterday afternoon in Catawba river at the new railroad bridge. Campbell was standing in a small boat under the bridge, when a piece of timber was dropped by the workmen above, and striking the end of the boat, upset it, throwing the negro into the river. The negro sank and was not seen again. Campbell's body had not been found up to this morning.

Coldest in 50 Years. By Associated Press. St. John, N. B., Jan. 16.—Yesterday brought record cold weather to some parts of New Brunswick. Fredericton reports 41 degrees below zero in the morning, the coldest in 50 years. In this city the mercury fell to 29 below zero.

Five Railroad Men Hurt. By Associated Press. Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 16.—The New York and Ontario Railway, on the Lake Shore railroad yesterday ran into the South Buffalo. Five railroad men were hurt, none fatally.

Statehood Bill in Senate. By Associated Press. Washington, Jan. 16.—The Senate today resumed consideration of the statehood bill, Mr. Simmons, of N. C., speaking against the bill in its present form.

Charlotte's New Cafe. In Raleigh today the Secretary of State chartered the Denny Cafe of Charlotte. The incorporation has been E. Hooper, Ike Hirschberg, D. A. Hurley and J. A. Jones.

These gentlemen have rented the building next door to the Southern Railway's up-town ticket office, on South Tryon street. Carpenters are now busily engaged in remodeling the interior and when completed it will be one of the most attractive places in the city. Besides running an up-to-date cafe for men these gentlemen have rented the second story of the building and will inaugurate a well appointed dining room for ladies. This is something that Charlotte has long needed and these gentlemen are to be commended for their enterprise.

Senator Duls at Home. Senator Charles H. Duls is at home from Raleigh, having returned to Charlotte in order to look after some cases that are to be tried in the Superior Court at the present session.

Senator Duls reports everything moving along slowly with the legislature. He feels sure the law-makers will remain there at least through 60 days.

Commits Suicide. Berlin, Jan. 16.—Count Arthur Bothu Eulenberg has committed suicide at Bartaenstein.

MR. HOLTON'S JOB BONE CONTENTION WITH REPUBLICANS

Congressman Blackburn, it is Said, Has Asked Chairman Rollins to Become a Candidate and Will Give Him His Support if He Will Consent to Run.

Another Rumor is to the Effect That in Case a Clash Comes and Neither Side Will Give in, the President May Appoint a Democrat or an Outsider.

Many splay rumors are afloat as to impending differences in the Republican camp in North Carolina. A prominent Republican is authority for the statement that a clash is imminent and that the President may be called in to settle the differences. From what The News man is able to learn, the bone of contention is the District Attorneyship of the Western district, now held by Mr. A. E. Holton, of Winston-Salem. Of course Mr. Holton wants to hold on to his juicy political plum—most any one would do the same.

But, Congressman Blackburn has set himself squarely against Mr. Holton. He has never been a personal friend of the District Attorney and since Mr. Holton openly espoused the cause of Mr. Augustus H. Price, in the convention that nominated Mr. Blackburn, the breach has greatly widened until now the feeling existing between these public officials is akin to open enmity. It is said in high Republican circles that Congressman Blackburn, in his campaign throughout his district last fall, promised, in case he was elected, to give the Eighth district a new district attorney. It is claimed by Mr. Blackburn's friends that this promise made the young congressman a great many votes, especially among that class of voters who have brushed up against Mr. Holton since he has occupied his present official position.

And now they do say that Congressman Blackburn has sought out Chairman Rollins and asked him to become a candidate for the District Attorney, promising him his influence and whatever help that he may be able to give. It is cited by Republicans that in this clever move by the young congressman of the Eighth district, Mr. Blackburn is attempting to kill two birds with one stone. He wishes to oust Mr. Holton and at the same time wishes to eliminate Mr. Rollins from the chairmanship as well as the political adviser of the President in North Carolina.

And they do say that Hon. Thomas S. Rollins, looks with favor on the Blackburn slate and if he ascertains that such a change would satisfy the powers that be at Washington, he would at once announce in the open, his candidacy for the District Attorneyship.

But, Mr. Holton has both ears to the ground. He is not going to allow any such gray under his feet. At Washington his record stands on the honor roll. In fact there are only one or two district attorneys in the United States, so the department records reveal, whose records are as clean and who gives the department so little trouble. Furthermore, Mr. Holton has the unquestioned support of Judge Boyd, who not only has influence at Washington by virtue of his position, but because of his popular personality. Judge Boyd, it is said, will make a personal appeal to the President, in behalf of Mr. Holton.

And another interesting rumor is to the effect that in case a clash comes, the President, in order to settle the dispute between the warring factions, may appoint an entirely different man. In fact it is said that if the fight gets too bitter and there is no hope of patching matters up, the President may indeed appoint a man of his choice and without the consent of any one in the Republican ranks in North Carolina.

No Arrests Made Yet. There have been no arrests made up to this afternoon in the case of the negro, Will Green, who was shot Saturday by a party of unknown boys near the plant of the Elba Manufacturing Company.

The negro is reported to be on the road to recovery but his escape was a narrow one. It is understood that the officers are working quickly on the case but they would give out nothing in regard to the affair this afternoon, only stating that no arrests had yet been made.

Little Miss Elizabeth Jamison began her "Songs of Seven" Saturday. Her birthday was marked by a party and many pretty gifts.

Mrs. Robert A. Dunn, who has been spending several weeks in Washington, will return home this week.

Miss Madeline Orr, who is attending College, will be home to hear Paderewski.

General Strike Declared. By Associated Press. Essen, Germany, Jan. 16.—At a meeting of the miners' delegates here this afternoon a general strike was declared.

TWO DIVORCES GRANTED.

Civil Court Begins Ten Days Session With a Rush. The January term of civil court was formally opened this morning in the Superior Court room of the county court house, Judge Oliver Allen presiding.

Without any preliminaries the court at once took up the calendar and two divorces were granted and several cases disposed of within an hour's time, after which the court adjourned until this afternoon. The divorce cases, which were taken up first, were R. Rich against Alice Leak, the court granting the divorces in both instances, after the cases were presented with the testimony. All of the parties concerned in the cases are white.

In the case of Curtis Heffner against the Highland Park Company, the court upon the request of the attorneys, set the case for today week, it appearing on the docket of today. The case of the General Fire Extinguisher Company against the Carolina and Northwestern Railway was continued by consent; also the case of A. G. Craig against the American Cigar Company.

This morning A. B. Justice was named as special referee to determine the life interest of Mrs. Mary Farrior in the property on South Tryon street formerly used as a jewelry store, and also an action for damages for alleged injuries received on the above named road. This afternoon the court Samuel Hayes against the A. and C. A. L. Railway an action for damages for alleged injuries received on the above named road. On account of the fact that train No. 35 was over six hours late and not expected before 3.20 the court was waiting at the hour of writing for the arrival of one of the attorneys interested in the case before the proceedings could be begun.

WAS FALSE REPORT.

Said That Southern Would Grant Special Rates to Salisbury For "Thirsties." On the street today it was reported that the Southern Railway would grant a special rate of a half fare or less to Salisbury on each Saturday for the benefit of the "thirsties" who have been seeking something to slake their thirst for liquor and have been unable to find it. "You would have no idea how many people have telephoned and asked me since the rates today," said a well known man connected with the ticket office department of the Southern this morning, "and," continued he, "I would be glad for you to state in your paper that there is absolutely no truth in this report."

Nevertheless, there were many inquiries at the ticket office at the depot today about the rates, showing that the report had gained considerable headway before the officials of the road had a chance to deny it.

Elected Senator From Montana.

By Associated Press. Helena, Montana, Jan. 16.—Thomas H. Carter was elected United States Senator today.

BIDS FOR CITY BONDS TO BE CONSIDERED

Important Meeting of the Board of Aldermen Will be Held Tomorrow at Noon. Bonds to the Amount of \$350,000 to be Sold to Highest Bidder. An important meeting of the Board of Aldermen has been called for tomorrow at noon at the city hall to consider the bids for the \$350,000 bonds to be issued by the City of Charlotte to cover the cost of the new water plant and to furnish funds for the immediate use of the city. \$125,000 of the amount above named will be for the water plant and \$140,000 for the city hall.

There are some six or seven bids already in, according to the statement of a well posted official today and there will likely be more by tomorrow. The board will consider all of the bids at the meeting tomorrow and if a satisfactory bid is made the entire matter will be brought to a close. The board will also take the necessary preliminary steps for having a bill presented to the State Legislature to cover the bond issue.

The bonds, it was learned from a well informed gentleman today, have been readily considered by prospective buyers and the number of bids already reported attests to the fact that the city's credit is far above par among the financiers of the country. The \$210,000 water bonds will not be of the nature of a mortgage on the water plant, as was at first proposed, but will be straight bond bids. The city of Charlotte will like likely be the \$140,000 bonds, making a total of \$350,000.

The bonds were fully discussed at the meeting of the board on the second Monday of the month and the action was taken at that time, which was embodied in a resolution, was published at that time.

United Mine Workers Meet. By Associated Press. Indianapolis, Jan. 16.—The sixteenth annual national convention of the United Mine Workers of America was opened by President Mitchell in Tomlinson Hall today. Nearly 60 delegates are present.

MURRY CASE STILL OCCUPIES CENTER OF DURHAM STAGE

Durham has Been Center of Stage for Week and Will Continue to be for Several Days Yet. An Account of the Interesting Case.

Learned Council on Both Sides of the Case Add to the Interest of it and People Crowd the Court House. Witnesses Being Examined.

Special The News. Durham, N. C., Jan. 16.—There was a halt in the proceedings of the Murray trial this morning. Two of the jurymen are sick and when the fact was announced in court Judge Peebles adjourned court until this afternoon, but instructed the sheriff that if the jurymen were not well enough to sit on the case to inform him before the jury was brought in to court, saying that he would adjourn until they were well enough, as he did not want to make a mistrial. The judge asked for some instructions from both the defense and the prosecution in regard to some facts that had been brought out in the trial. It will be Thursday before the trial is finished.

About the Interesting Case. Durham, N. C., Jan. 16.—For the last two days our little city has occupied the center of the stage and the whole state has had her eyes on us. Since last Thursday morning the criminal court has been on the case of W. R. Murray, who is charged with the killing of Joseph S. Murray, an uncle of his. The case, it was hoped, would be finished by tonight, but it will take at least two more days before the jury returns their verdict.

When the evening session of yesterday's criminal court convened there was even a larger crowd in the court room than there during the morning session. It became necessary for the presiding judge to order that all who could not secure seats leave the court room. The state rested its case after having heard the testimony of twelve witnesses. Most of the evidence of the State's witnesses was damaging to the defendant. There was one, however, that said that when the fatal shot was fired, the weapon was in the hands of the prisoner and the deceased. This is the point of law most important to both sides. At the time the shot was fired, the State contends, that the weapon was in the hands of the accused and that there was no struggle for the possession of it at this time. The defense claims that both men held hold of the pistol and that they were in a great struggle for it when the shot was fired that caused the death of Joseph S. Murray.

There has never been a case tried in this county that has attracted the attention that this case has. Both sides are represented by the best legal talent there is in the state. The prosecution having Hon. Cyrus B. Watson, of Winston; Col. Thomas M. Argo, of Raleigh; Solicitor A. L. Brooks, of Greensboro, and W. W. Mason, of this city. The interests of the accused being looked after by the law firms of Boone & Beade, Winston; Bryant, Manning & Foushee, Fuller & Fuller and J. Crawford Biggs, all of this city.

The crime for which W. R. Murray is being tried is the murder of his uncle, Joseph S. Murray, which happened on the main street of the city on the morning of the 25th of last November. The deed was committed soon after 10 o'clock in the morning and was witnessed by many people. It is on this account that there are so many witnesses to be examined.

When court adjourned Saturday night there had been examined for the day twenty witnesses. All their testimony was favorable to the prisoner. There will be several other witnesses put on by the defense today. The state will then introduce other witnesses and then will begin the argument of the counsel, which will take at least two days. It is not thought that the case can get to the jury before Thursday, but if the arguments are not very lengthy, it may reach them late Wednesday afternoon.

During the entire trial there has not been a man in the court room that has appeared more cool and collected than has the prisoner, who seems to have no fear of the result and verdict of the jury. At all sessions Mrs. J. S. Murray, wife of the deceased, and her sister, Mrs. Robert Duke, have occupied seats with the State's attorneys. At times, while witnesses were being examined, the widow of the dead man wept and once while the physician was telling of the autopsy and the tracing of the bullet that started on its death mission, she bowed her head on the table and sobbed bitterly.

House Breaking in Greensboro. Special The News. Greensboro, Jan. 16.—Three little negro boys, aged about 10 years, were bound over to court yesterday afternoon on the charge of larceny, and in default of bond were lodged in jail to await the next term of the Superior Court for the trial of a criminal case, which convenes Monday. The names of the boys are Walter Wagoner, Henry Booker and Arthur Booker, noon.