

ARGUMENT BEGUN IN SAMUEL CASE

Mr. Britt Makes an Able and Logical Argument for Prosecution. Mr. Holton Goes to the Bed-side of his Dying Brother at Yadkinville.

Special to The News. Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 10.—There was a regular symposium of legal argument, heavy debate and cross-firing among the lawyers in the Samuel case yesterday morning. They had all spirited up apparently to make the last dash in the long race to the end, a spark of interest and excitement, as a reward for the patience shown by everybody during the long and often tedious proceedings. District Attorney Holton was prevented by the ruling of the court from getting in some of his usual final testimonial pyrotechnics, and so the case just died out evidentially fire. He tried to show by Collector Harkins that he had never said to Revenue Agent Chapman a word about Green's being Blackburn's man.

The defense has from the inception of the case in cross examination of all witnesses, endeavored to make the impression that these particular officers were being prosecuted and persecuted on account of their strong allegiance to Blackburn in the campaign for his nomination at Wilkesboro and his election afterwards. Yesterday they held up their hands in holy legal horror at the bare suggestion of letting in evidence tending to show that Col. Chapman had made a false statement to this effect on the ground that it was collateral matter and the District Attorney's statements or official action could not possibly be competent as establishing the guilt or proving the innocence of Samuel. And so all that was interesting of Collector Harkins' evidence was denied a waiting audience. And so it was with the Register of Deeds Blevins. Everybody, however, was truly rejoiced that the case is dead and bids fair to be at an end in a few days. Yesterday afternoon when court convened Solicitor General Hayes announced that during the recess District Attorney Holton had received intelligence that his brother, Hon. John Q. Holton, of Yadkinville, was dying of pneumonia, and he left for Winston at once. On account of his absence the counts he proposed to eliminate from the bill of indictment had not been ascertained and it will be done later. Judge Boyd then asked how long the attorneys desired to speak, saying when so many were going to speak it would be best to place some limit. Mr. Watson said he thought two hours each would be as little as the four for the defense could get along with. Judge Boyd then set the limit on each side, and immediately Mr. Britt, special assistant District Attorney began the opening argument for the prosecution, speaking exactly two hours. At the conclusion the court took a recess until today, when Judge Bynum will speak for the defendant. Court will then take a recess until Monday. The opening argument of Mr. Britt was a powerful one. Without a single note of evidence he marshalled facts bearing on the counts charging false reports and collusion with distillers on the part of Samuel that were overwhelmingly effective. Taking the defendant's sworn testimony and comparing it with his sworn reports to the Government he claimed conviction on his false testimony alone. He drew a striking picture of the officer in the toils of Jim Combs. He showed how step by step Combs had corrupted him until he actually brought him to Greensboro, introduced him to the Revenue Agent and then began the departure of this officer from the service of the government, into the service of the blockaders in hounding down the special officers sent to investigate the frauds, and putting every conceivable construction in the way of the District Attorney's efforts to obtain the facts. He described the change in Wilkes county blockading circles as soon as Officer Green reached there, saying that no revolution had ever brought about so quickly such a miraculous change as had been wrought by one blockader in collector destroying the whole fabric of blockade conspiracy as did Green when he cut Jim Combs' still up and proceeded to cut others, showing that the scepter had departed from Samuel and Combs.

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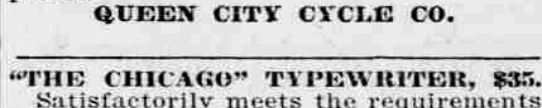
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