

MATTHEWS IS FOUND GUILTY. SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS LABOR

After 13 Long Hours of Deliberation the Jury in Matthews Case Return Verdict of Guilty of Second Degree Murder this Morning.

Judge Ferguson Sentenced Prisoner to 20 Years Labor in Penitentiary. Counsel for Matthews Announce that Appeal will be Taken to Supreme Court.

Special to The News. Greensboro, N. C., March 9.—At 9:50 this morning the jury in the case against Dr. J. B. Matthews, returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the second degree and Judge Ferguson sentenced him to 20 years at hard labor in the State penitentiary.

A large audience was present when the jury filed into the court room. Judge Ferguson finished reading the evidence and gave the case to the jury at eight last night. The defendant appealed.

By Associated Press. Greensboro, March 9.—After deliberating for 13 hours, the jury in the case of Dr. J. B. Matthews, the physician charged with the murder of his wife, December 1, 1905, returned a verdict at nine-fifty this morning, of guilty of murder in the second degree. Judge Ferguson sentenced the prisoner to the penitentiary for twenty years. Counsel for Matthews announced that an appeal would be taken to the Supreme Court.

Matthews relied upon the plea of insanity. There was expert testimony to support the contention. The prosecution established a motive, however, by introducing evidence to show that Matthews had threatened to kill his wife on a former occasion, when he claimed she had been unfaithful.

The most sensational allegation was that Matthews had injected strychnine into his wife while she was ill and while pretending to be offering prayer at her bedside. Witnesses from Richmond, testified that the prisoner had made an unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide fourteen years ago, because of the death of his sweetheart.

At 8:30 o'clock Thursday morning the next to the last act in the Matthews murder tragedy was played when Judge Ferguson began his charge to the jury. He began by saying: "The prisoner, J. B. Matthews is indicted for the murder of his wife. You alone are the judges of the facts, the credibility of the witness, while the court is the judge of the law governing those facts."

Judge Ferguson here defined homicide and its different grades, saying that felonious homicide was divided into three grades, man slaughter, murder in the first degree, and murder in the second degree, and explained the grades thereof. It is the duty of the jury to find the grade of the homicide from the weight of the evidence. The burden is on the State to satisfy the jury by the evidence beyond a reasonable doubt that defendant intentionally committed the crime. In case of death by poison it is not necessary to prove the kind of poison used nor the quantity given. It is sufficient if the jury find beyond a reasonable doubt that sufficient poison was used to kill. The statement satisfy you beyond a reasonable doubt that poison which killed was administered by defendant intent to kill, and it must so satisfy you that the cause of death was poison administered by the prisoner. It is your province to determine whether the prisoner had a motive and having such embrace the first opportunity to carry it out. In consideration of this case it is proper for you to take into consideration the prisoners declarations and give it such weight as in your judgment it is entitled, considering the condition of the prisoner at the time the declarations were made. The prisoner is entitled to have you consider the whole of his declarations, the part which tends to acquit as well as the part which tends to convict. You can believe a part and reject a part, or if not satisfied from the evidence you have the right to reject every part of his declarations.

The judge here detailed the evidence regarding prisoners account of his wife's sickness and his declarations made to Policemen Skeene and Nealey. If you find that prisoner administered morphine or other poison in sufficient quantity to kill and with the purpose to kill and which would have killed, but for the assistance of physicians, and even in delaying her death you find that physicians administered poisons which hastened her death, you will find the prisoner guilty, or if having saved her life, prisoner administered poison in pursuit of his original purpose, which killed, then he is guilty. If you find that prisoner committed the homicide, but at the time under the visitation of God, his mind could not distinguish between good and evil, you will find him not guilty.

Voluntary incapacity to distinguish between good and evil would not excuse the crime, if you find that prisoner of his own volition rendered himself incapacitated to distinguish between wrong doing and right. Judge Ferguson here detailed the evidence bearing on this case stating that they should give full and fair consideration to the testimony of experts learned in science and with practical experience. Should you find that under continual use of drugs and with a prenatally induced that had rendered prisoner totally unconscious if his acts or their results he was incapable of knowing right from wrong, then you would return a verdict of not guilty, or he would not be guilty if you should find that the deceased took poison in an overdose and without an preconceived purpose to kill, prisoner administered a wrong medicine or too great a quantity. Judge Ferguson completed this portion of his charge at half past nine o'clock, and then proceeded to read the testimony, which covered 385 pages of typewritten legal cap, being from stenographic notes taken by court stenographers, Mrs. Clara Stewart Ritter and Miss Bessie Boyd.

At five o'clock Judge Ferguson was still reading the evidence. It is the universal opinion that there were too many very long speeches made by the lawyers in the Matthews case, just closed, for the good of the case, the jury, the correspondents, the tax payers, the legislature ought to pass one or more law that a law to give the judge the power of putting a limit to the costly consumption of time in any trial. There is also an unanimity of opinion that every one of the speeches made to the jury in the case was of high order of argument, legal ability and declamatory excellence. The court room was crowded Wednesday morning to hear the arguments of Mr. Foushee for the prosecution and Mr. Cooke for the defense, but it was suffocatingly jammed Wednesday afternoon with people intent on hearing the concluding arguments of Major Steadman for the defense and Solicitor Brooks for the prosecution.

Their were remarkable declarations and deductions as to the real truth and status of the prisoners responsibilities to the law of God and man in this weirdly contorted monstrosity of a trial.

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ETHEL BROWN IS NOW IDENTIFIED
Mr. and Mrs. Brown of London Arrive in Paris and Recognize Woman as Their Daughter. Was Mistakenly Supposed to be American.

By Associated Press. Paris, March 9.—Mr. and Mrs. Brown of London arrived here last night from, England and recognized the body of Ethel A. Brown which was found recently in the river Seine, as their daughter, thus terminating the police inquiries as to the identity of the deceased, who was erroneously supposed to be an American girl.

WOMAN SHOT HER SISTER.

By Associated Press. Atlanta, Ga., March 9.—Mrs. E. M. Standifer, of this city, shot her sister, Miss Chappel Whisenand, killing her almost instantly.

Mrs. Standifer, who is about 25 years old, went to the home of her sister, and when Miss Whisenand appeared fired four bullets. The cause of the shooting was not developed. Mrs. Standifer is under arrest.

Fourth Class Postmasters.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 9.—The following fourth-class postmasters were appointed today: For Alabama, at Addition, Richard H. McPherson; for Florida, at Rocky Point, Adolph Hunziker; for Georgia, at Haleydale, Thomas A. McGregor; for North Carolina, at Elmer, Alpheus D. Masters; for Virginia, at Greendun, Whit T. Freshets.

ADOPT MINORITY REPORT.

House Delegates Follow Example of the Senate in Adopting Report. By Associated Press. Richmond, Va., March 9.—The House delegates following the example of the Senate, adopted the minority report of the committee charged with investigating the Corporation Commission trouble.

Ship Was Stranded.

By Associated Press. Norfolk, Va., March 9.—The ship Clyde, from Barbadoes for New York, in ballast, stranded last night at Chicami Comico, near Cape Hatteras. The crew were saved.

Condition of Miss Anthony.

By Associated Press. Rochester, March 9.—Susan B. Anthony passed a fairly comfortable night. The patient's exhaustion, however, is still the source of great danger.

Cotton Receipts.

The receipts of cotton at the platform today amounted to 48 bales at 11 cents. On the same day last year the receipts amounted to 44 bales at 7 1/2 cents.

BATTLE BETWEEN AMERICANS AND HOSTILE MOROS

The Engagement Between Moros and Americans Near Jolo Resulted in Death of 600 Moros. Americans Suffered Several Deaths and Much Injury.

Gen. Wood Gives Report of Engagement Which Lasted Nearly Two Days. Officers Injured. Mount Dajo was Captured. Moros Dajo were Routed.

By Associated Press. Manila, March 9.—Important action between American forces and hostile Moros has taken place near Jolo. Fifteen enlisted men were killed, one commissioned officer wounded, four enlisted men wounded and the naval contingent operating with the military sustained 32 casualties. The moros lost is 600 men killed.

Gen Wood's Report.
Major General Leonard Wood, reports as follows from Jolo, Capital of Sulu Islands:

"A severe action between troops, a naval detachment and constabulary, and hostile Moros has taken place at Mount Dajo, near Jolo. The engagement opened during the afternoon of March 6 and ended the morning of March 8. The action involved the capture of Mount Dajo, a lava cone 2,100 feet high with crater at its summit and extremely steep. The last 400 feet were at an angle of 60 degrees and there were 50 perpendicular ridges covered with a growth of timber and strongly fortified and defended by an invincible force of Moros.

"The Army casualties were 15 enlisted men killed, a commissioned officer and four enlisted men wounded. The Naval casualties numbered thirty two.

Ensign H. D. Cooke, Jr. of the United States Steamer Pampana, Commanding Pampana fort, was severely wounded and Coxswain Gilmore was severely wounded in elbow.

"The Constabulary casualties were Captain John R. White, wounded in thigh, severely; three enlisted men killed and 13 wounded.

Captain T. J. Rivers sustained a slight flesh wound in the thigh; Lieutenant Gordon was slightly wounded in the right hand; Lieutenant, Wylie T. Conway, of Six Infantry, was slightly wounded in the left eye. All the wounded are doing well.

"Colonel Joseph W. Duncan, of the Sixth Infantry, directed the operations. All defenders of the Moro stronghold were killed. Six hundred bodies were found on the field.

"The action resulted in the extermination of a band of outlaws who, recognizing no chief, had been raiding the friendly Moros, and owing to their defiance of American authorities, had stirred up a dangerous condition of affairs."

Artillery Lifted 300 Feet.
The artillery was lifted by a block and tackle a distance of 300 feet in position on the lip of the crater. "Brigadier General Bliss and myself were present throughout the action."

North Carolina Victim.
The report to the War Department said: "Two years ago these same fellows said that by taking whiskey out of Charlotte it would ruin the city. What do you find today? This question is best answered by the spirit in the air in real estate. There was never a day in history of Charlotte that the city was on such a splendid financial basis as now. There is progress in all lines of business and few there are who will gainsay this.

"The fellow that stands up today and says that the going of the saloons out of Charlotte has hurt the city, simply says it to hear himself talk, for there is not a word of truth in it."

RECORDS BROKEN.
At Tournament of National Bowling Congress All Records Are Broken.

By Associated Press. Salt Lake City, March 9.—At the tournament of the Western Bowling Congress, Kupinger and Ellwert, of Denver, broke all National bowling tournament records in the two men team race yesterday by piling up a total of 1251 points.

UNPRECEDENTED MEETING OF LIFE INSURANCE MEN

Remrckable Gathering of Life Insurance Men in Connection with Hearing of Pending Amendments to Insurance Law Before Committee.

All Companies, Great and Small, are Represented. Their First Opportunity to Express Themselves on 10 Bills Presented by Committee to Legislature.

By Associated Press. Albany, March 9.—Probably never before has a more remarkable gathering of life insurance men in connection with the hearing of the pending amendments to the insurance law, before the joint special legislative investigating committee.

Today's hearing was the first public opportunity of the insurance companies to express themselves upon the provision of the ten bills presented by the committee to the legislature as a result of the investigation and great and small companies concentrated a powerful personnel upon the occasion.

Many radical changes in the state insurance law and kindred statutes are proposed in the ten bills under consideration.

Paul Morton's Opinions.

President Paul Morton, of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, said serious evils had crept into the insurance business and assured the committee he was in accord with its general purposes.

He took up the changes in the bills he would suggest. In brief, he believed with certain qualifications the insurance companies should be allowed the same latitude in the matter of investments as heretofore.

Squire Long Better.

Squire W. M. Long, of Berryhill, was in the city today for the first time in several weeks. He has had quite a severe attack of the grip. His many friends sincerely hope that he is now on the high road to recovery. Squire Long is one of the most popular magistrates of Berryhill township.

Stricken With Paralysis.

Mr. W. L. Brown, one of the most respected citizens of Berryhill township, was stricken with paralysis the first of this week. He is now in a critical condition and his friends are very anxious concerning him. Mr. Brown is well known in Charlotte where he has many friends.

N. Y. Life Agents Entertained.

Mr. W. L. Wilhoite, agency director of the New York Life Insurance Company, entertained a number of the agents of the company at dinner today at the Hotel Buford.

Notice of Suit Filed.

Mrs. Maggie Pendleton and W. G. Pendleton today gave notice of a suit they will bring against the Virginia Life Insurance Company. The case is made returnable at the next term of the civil court.

MRS. CAMPBELL MET A TERRIBLE DEATH

Lady of the Fort Mill Section is Roasted Alive. While Standing Before an Open Fire Place. She was Seized With an Epileptic Attack.

Special to The News. Fort Mill, March 9.—News reached Fort Mill this morning of a horrible death which occurred in the Gold Hill section of the township early yesterday morning.

Mrs. Mattie Campbell, wife of Alex. Campbell, a tenant on the plantation of W. H. Windele, was the victim.

Mrs. Campbell often suffered from epileptic spells, and while standing before an open fire place, was stricken with one of these attacks and fell forward into the fire.

The woman was alone at the time and her awful plight was not discovered until attention was attracted to the house by the smell of burning cloth.

A sickening sight met the gaze of parties who entered the house. On the hearth lay the body of Mrs. Campbell. All of her clothing and hair had been burned and the body, with the exception of one foot, was literally roasted.

A hole was also burned in the floor and had not the fire been discovered just when it was, the entire building would soon have been ablaze.

Mrs. Campbell was 38 years of age, and was a Miss Crump, of Union county, before marriage. Her husband is a hard-working man and the people of Gold Hill deeply sympathize with him in his sudden and sad loss.

MRS. WHITE'S WILL.

Was Filed for Probate in Clerk's Office Today.

The will of the late Mrs. E. J. White was filed for probate in the office of Clerk J. A. Russell today. The document is conspicuous for its brevity, being written on a single half sheet of note paper.

Mrs. White bequeathed two and a half shares of her bank stock to Miss Bertha Walker and the same amount to Mrs. Mary Pharr.

There are several other minor bequests mentioned in the document. Mr. W. C. White, son of the deceased, is named as executor of the will.

The document was written last fall and Mrs. J. S. Spencer and Mrs. Calvey Scott witnessed the signature of the will.

STOCKHOLDERS TO MEET.

The Question of Building New Cattle Sheds Will Be Discussed. An important meeting of the stockholders of the Mecklenburg Fair Association will be held this evening for the purpose of awarding the contract for the erection of new cattle sheds at the fair grounds. The sheds, which will contain 175 stalls, will be built to the rear of the floral hall and the present ones on the far side of the race course will be turned over to the farmers in order that they may stable their horses and mules on the ground instead of the city livery stables. The cost of the new sheds will be about \$1,500.

SALISBURY HAPPENINGS.

Richardson's Orchestra to Furnish Music at Bernhard Performance—Condition of Engineer Rouche—A Carnegie Library—Pawned Five Dollars For One.

Special to The News. Salisbury, N. C., March 9.—Richardson's Orchestra, Charlotte's crack musical organization, will furnish music at the Bernhard performance tomorrow evening.

Messrs. B. N. and J. B. Duke and Dr. Gil. Wiley were the guests yesterday of Capt. E. B. C. Hambley. The party spent the day at the Narrows inspecting the Whitney works.

Engineer Rouche, who was so badly mangled up in the head-on collision at Black Mountain several weeks ago, was in a critical condition yesterday afternoon. One of his legs is slowly rotting off, but the doctors say that amputation would mean certain and instant death. The veteran railroad worker will hardly survive.

An operation was performed on Mr. Robert L. Julian yesterday afternoon. Mr. Julian is a son of Sheriff Julian and is assistant foreman at the Spencer round house. Thursday he received severe injuries while at work and one knee was bruised so badly as to require an operation.

It is learned that Mr. Ed. Miller will be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Register of Deeds of Rowan to succeed Mr. A. Lee Smoot.

Mr. Miller is a brother of Chief of Police J. Frank Miller, has been principal of the city graded school and is eminently fitted for the position.

Your correspondent saw a fellow pawn a \$5 bill several days ago for a dollar. It seems like the act of a crazy man, but this is the reason he gave: "I want a dollar and if I break that \$5 bill I'll blow it all in. Keep it and I will redeem it this evening or in the morning." And the next day he returned and got his five.

Work is being pushed on the \$12,000 Carnegie library at Livingstone College. This library is an unconditional gift from Mr. Andrew Carnegie and was secured through the efforts of President W. H. Goler, of Livingstone and Booker T. Washington, both of whom personally called on the Scotch philanthropist and urged such an appropriation.

7,000 GALLONS SEIZED.

Savannah Firm Has Big Bunch of Liquor Seized in Columbia.

By Associated Press. Charleston, S. C., March 9.—United States Marshals have seized 7,000 gallons of liquor at the State Dispensary at Columbia, on the report of the revenue collector's office that it was improperly marked and branded.

The goods will be advertised for sale at once. This is the largest single seizure made since the dispensary became operative. The liquor, which is said to be valued at \$10,000, was shipped by a house in Savannah, which claims only technical violation of the law and the firm will make an effort to recover its possession.

GREENE-GAYNOR.

To Be a Continuous Session Until Reading of Cross-Examination of Late R. F. Westcott Is Concluded.

By Associated Press. Savannah, Ga., March 9.—Judge Speer announced that it was his purpose to hold practically a continuous session until the conclusion of the reading of the cross-examination of the late R. F. Westcott in the Greene and Gaynor case. The reading was suspended in order to hear the testimony of Henry L. Stimson, who was attorney for Westcott in 1897.

"UNITED STATES AND CHINA WILL NOT WAR" SAYS CORBIN

Maj. Gen. Corbin Arrived From Orient and Says he Thinks the Reported Disturbances in China Have Been Grossly Exaggerated.

Says Anti-Foreign Feeling is no Stronger Against Americans Than Other Foreigners. Thinks Feeling is Strongest Against the Missionaries.

By Associated Press. San Francisco, March 9.—"There will be no war between United States and China," said Maj. Gen. Corbin, upon his arrival from the Orient yesterday.

"So far as I have been able to observe, the reported disturbances in China have been grossly exaggerated, and conditions are not nearly so alarming as one would be led to suppose from the reports published abroad throughout the western world."

"The feeling against the Americans in China does not exceed that entertained toward all other foreigners, and as I understand the situation the entire anti-foreign feeling is due to a large measure to the exploitation of business enterprises, which the Chinese feel sure should be controlled by their own people.

"Aside from this chief source of anti-foreign feeling, the troubles in China are due to the presence of the missionaries. The Chinese resent the efforts of the missionaries to force a lot of new creeds upon their people.

"The Chinese look upon the religion of the Western World with scant favor."

WALKER WAS HANGED.

Confessed to Crime, But Said His Father, Sentenced for Complicity, Was Innocent.

By Associated Press. Birmingham, Ala., March 9.—James Walker, Jr., was hanged for the murder of William D. Hill, a prominent citizen of Jefferson county. Walker confessed. He declared his father, who was given a life sentence for complicity in the murder, was innocent.

DEATH SENTENCE IMPOSED.

Mrs. Antoinette Tolla Gets Death Sentence.

By Associated Press. Trenton, N. J. March 9.—The sentence of death was imposed upon Mrs. Antoinette Tolla, the Bergen county murderess, for killing Joseph Sonta, and who was committed to seven and a half years' imprisonment by the court of pardons. Mrs. Tolla was to have been hanged March 12th.

Sunkhouser President.

Harrisburg, Pa., March 9.—Dr. A. P. Sunkhouser, of Harrisburg, Va., was elected president of Lebanon Valley College at Annville. Dr. Sunkhouser founded the Shenandoah Institute at Dayton, Va. He will take charge at the spring opening of the college.

A Helpful Talk.
Rev. H. M. Pressley, of Sugar Creek, preached at the second Presbyterian church last night to a good size audience. All enjoyed the helpful talk.