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Mrs. Gould

started off, being followed by

Several Accidents.

and turned over. None are seriously

Man Seriously Injured.

Charles Armsted, said to be employ

ed by a Chicago automobile agency,

was seriously injured when his car

overturned. Several ribs were frac-

Winners of the Race.

Mattson wins the race, Monson sec

son, Monson and Robertson entered

the last lap in the order given, Mat-

son leading by seven minutes over

Monson and eight over Robertson.

Matson seemed certain winner.

others at one minute intervals.

ing to the motor car races.

hurt, it is said.

Drank Much

Tedious Cross-Examination Fails To Shake Mrs. Bigger's Testimony

She Declares She Told Friends That Biggers was Crazy Some Days Before He Shot Mr. Green Hood.

Mr. Stinson Thought Defend-Cross Examination.

The examination of only two witwas completed in the Biggers ral this morning. They were the alfe of the defendant and Mr. Stinson, being of Biggers who had a conepsition with him on Saturday bethe shooting, and afterwards in

It is likely that the entire afternoon will be taken up in the examination of he defense's witnesses as they have many who will testify as to the character of the defendant.

it is doubtful whether the expert fere tomorrow morning.

Grouped around the defendant foday see his father and mother, Mr. and C. J. Higgers; his sisters, Misses hann and Beulah Biggers, Mrs. Berha Jordan, Mrs. 'Aartha Hodges and Mrs. Perl Berryhill; and his brother, Mr. John Biggers. Two other brothas Messrs, Joe and DeWitt Biggers, were not in the court room this morning though they are constantly at their brother's side.

Behind the state's lawyers sat Mr. H. Hood, Mrs. John Hood and Mas Margie Hood, the latter the daughter of Mr. J. Green Hood. Interest in a Human Life.

The value of a human life is well ilastrated in this trial. The criminal court room cannot contain the crowds hat press in. There is such a conrestlon of extra chairs about the idge's bench that lawyers have troude when they wish to move about. Not only is every available seat taken but there is a mass of humanity packed about the doors and in the rear. Iwa interested spectators were Rev. P. R Law, Rev. J. A. Smith and Rev. Wm. Duncan. Many ladies are seated on the front seats every day.

A promise of the coming battle of the alienists was given in the presence of Drs. Taylor and Ross, of Morganton, back of the state's array of lawyers, and of Dr. Munroe back of

Juror Flow, a huge farmer in the ed a hig palm leaf fan, commensurate with his own size.

The appearance of Mrs. Biggers, wife of the defendant, on the stand yesterday afternoon and this morning, excited the greatest interest in the Irial hitherto. Jurors and spectators allke leaned forward to catch the words in low voice which fell from her lips. When she spoke of the refusal of Mr. J. Green Hood to sign the quit claim; when she referred to the children at home, and at other times, Big-

fters wept, his tears falling as fast as Mrs. Biggers Cross-Examined. Biggers' sister sat by him and fanned him from time to time. The story of Mrs. Biggers was a pitiful one. She was pule and haggard, and suffering, keen and poignant, was written on her face and in her sunken eyes.

in her cross-examination by Mr. Stewart, long and protracted, Biggers was led along the daily happenings for menths and weeks before the tragedy. Mrs. Biggers was once aroused from er and, slow monotone, evidently feeling that Mr. Stewart was trying to

"I'm going to be honest with you, brother," she said, "I was worried myself and I can't remember everything." Mrs. Biggers was dressed in pure white, relieved only by a gold locket and chain around her neck. The volor of her dress was in harmony with the pallor of her face, but one

could not help noticing that the garb was becoming to the frail little

Direct Examination Resumed. Mrs. Biggers was placed on the stand homicide he went to church last? again this morning and the direct ex-

mination, conducted by Judge Osorne, continued. your husband's mind and disposition went.

what was his treatment of his children, No. He was very affectionate towards of Mr. C. B. Moore?

them. He was foolish over his chil- I have heard of him. tren. They would often meet him up Do you know that he was on a deal he bridge when he was returning with Mr. Biggers about the farm? up and talk to them.

of state if you noticed any change in placed on the farm? his regard to the children?

On Sunday he seemed not to pay Do you know whether Mr. Biggers him. One was the 33rd chapter of duct?

They would Continued on Page Two.

Ezekiel and the other was 2 Timothy,

talk and play around him and he would not notice them.

How long had that continued before the homicide? I noticed it Sunday, and before that he seemed not to take much interest

in them for some time. Now, Mrs. Biggers, if I have overlooked anything in my questions that you remember and that is of importance, I wish you would go ahead and

Well, Judge Osborne, there is one thing I forgot to tell. Mr. Biggers told ant Was Out of His Mind me at one time that Mr. Hood was liable to attack him at any time. And Before Killing-He Was another thing, Mr. Biggers also told me that he told Mr. Hood he would with-Subjected to Gruelling draw his suit and let the past be the past if he would only sign this quit

Do you know anything he said to you about his record in the Spanish war?

The state objected to this question and it was withdrawn for the present. Judge Osborne stated to the court that he would write out the purpose of the question and give it to his honor at

Cross-Examination. Mr. Stewart conducted the cross-ex-

amination of Mrs. Biggers. Mrs. Biggers, how far is it from your house to the Central Hotel?

Who lived next door to you on the It was vacant.

Who lived in the next house? Mr. Smith. Several other questions were asked

as to who lived in the other houses of the neighborhood. Did Mr. Biggers ever go under the house before the time you mentioned?

So the fact that he went under the

house was not peculiar? No, but the way he acted. Referring to the horse trade men-

tioned in Mrs. Biggers story yesterday. Mr. Stewart asked if she knew that the horse had been broken up on the railroad and that Mr. Biggers had filed a claim of \$400 against the railroad for

of this. Did Mrs. Harvey Hood see Mr. Biggers the Sunday she came to your

She replied that she knew nothing

Did she speak to him?

Did Mr. Berryhill speak to Mr. Big-

Yes, they sat down and talked over some business matters.

Mrs. Biggers said that her husband took out a paper and pencil and made some calculations and seemed to be talking in a businesslike way. A pe culiar thing which she noticed in his actions, she said, was that three or lox, sat in his coat sleeves and wield- four times he drew his hand across the paper and remarked: "That's not right, I've made a mistake."

> Well, was that peculiar? It seemed so at the time.

Have you ever made any mistakes I suppose so.

We all make them, don't we? Mrs. Biggers stated that before Mr

Berryhill left he and her husband both went out into the back yard together. Do you know whether anybody else talked with him?

Did any one come to your house on Monday before the homicide?

Did you see Mr. Biggers leading his colt off up town that morning?

Did you see Mr. Biggers leading his colt off up town that morning?

Did any one come to your house Sat-No one but Mr. Harvey Hood.

on Monday before the homicide? No. I do not. What did he do on Saturday? He stayed at home I think. I believe you said he was helping

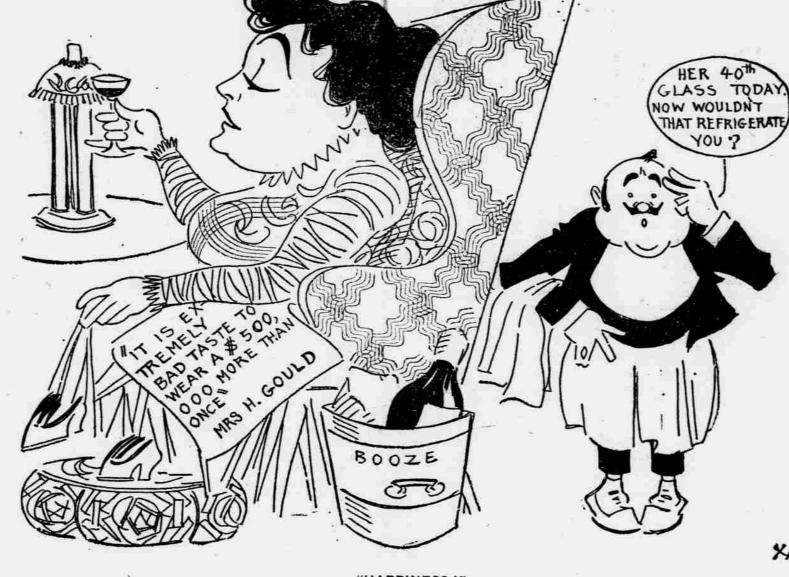
you cook and attend to the children? Had Often Helped Her. don't think I said he was doing only that. He has done that ever since we were married. He has been my nurse, cook and has helped me in

all my household affairs when I was Do you know how long before the No. I don't go to church and I'll tell

I didn't ask you why or if you went. Before you noticed any change in I asked if you knew the last time he to pay any attention to anything.

from up town and he would pick them Yes, he came to the door and asked

me about it. After this change you have spoken Do you know what price Mr. Biggers



"HAPPINESS!"

At the afternoon session Mr. John Biggers, brother of the defendant, was placed on the stand. State the first time you noticed a

change in Biggers' condition? When he lost his money in the Hood Co. State what he told you about the

Mr. Hood told him not to be uneasy, that he would guarantee him his 3:16. money at 6 per cent any time he

wanted it. What did he state to you if anything after the loss?

He said the store had broke and he wouldn't get a dollar. Did you notice any change in his

appearance then? Yes, he seemed depressed. Did you notice any other change? He was melancholy, and seemed eckless in his horse trading. He cought a horse for about \$500 and

since this trouble sold it for \$100. What else did he tell you? He said he had lost everything and seemed he couldn't make anything. I noticed him several times talking to

Where was the next time?

Felt Like He Was Going Crazy.

Four or five weeks before the trouble he told me it seemed as if he was going crazy. Said he could not make anything. He told me a real estate man was going to get his farm on the Lawyer's road. The next day he told me the trade fell through, that the man wouldn't take the land on account of the judgment held by J. G. Hood. He told me that they were going to have another talk, that he was willing to withdraw his suit against Hood if Hood would cancel the judgment. He said Hood wouldn't do this. Later he said Hood told him he would release that one place for \$500, but he didn't have the money.

When was the next time you saw About Saturday before the trouble. He wouldn't talk about the trouble until I would ask him about it. Sunday morning he just walked on into the house and wouldn't stop to talk to me. Tuesday morning I saw him as he was milking. I asked him some questions. He would just shake his head. Later I heard him say something to himself. I couldn't un-Do you know what Mr. Biggers did derstand him and asked him what he said. He didn't reply. A little later he went into the house and

> and carried it in. Thought His Brother Insane. Did you form any opinion then as o his mental condition?

Yes, I thought he was insane. In your opinion how long had he peen in this condition? For the last three or four days. The next time I saw him he was

n the cell. He didn't recognize me. knew then that he was bound to be insane. He wouldn't speak to me. took him breakfast the next morning. He was sitting quietly. I tried to get him to talk. He didn't seem What was his appearance as to his eyes and face?

His eyes was very wild looking. How long was it before he recognized you in jail? Sometimes toward the last of the next week, I think. State if he was ever reading when,

you saw him? Yes, he was reading the Bible most of one time. One time he gave me two slips of paper and said that justified anything neculiar about Biggers con-

BIGGER'S BROTHER CALLED IN AFTERNOON Racing Autos Contest For Indiana Trophy

Cross-Examination.

Mr. McClammy conducted the cross examination.

What years was your brother in the West? "I just can't say. I think he returned

home in 1897 or 1898. I think he stayed there two years. What was he doing in the West? He worked on a farm a while.

don't know what else. What did he do when he returned to He worked in a barroom and then on

the railroad. How long did he work for the raiload?

About a month I think. Why did he quit? Got his arm cut off. Got \$7,500 from the railroad, didn't

I think so. What did he do from the time of his boyhood until he went West?

We were farmers. You traded horses once in a while? Will did. Pretty good trader?

How old was he when he went out West? How much money had he accummu-

ated up to the time he went West? He didn't have any. How much had he when he returned from the army? I think he had some, but don't know low much; I don't think he had much.

oright brother, didn't you? Did he conduct his business just as!

competently when he had not money as when he had it? Well, I suppose so. The Judgment From the Road.

How long after he married before! he got the judgment against the rail-About a year, I suppose.

Did he accumulate any more money! after he got the \$7,500 than he did up to the time he was 21 years old? left his milk bucket. I took it up I don't know.

Don't you know that Mr. Biggers has been a spender of money? I don't know that he has spent any nnecessary money. Do you say that he is a man that

loes accumulate money, then?

He tried to. Did he place the proper appreciation n money? I think he did. What busines did he engage in to

lemonstrate that he was trying to accumulate? His fancy was for fine horses, wasn't

He liked good horses and always kept good horses. He kept a breeder, didn't he?

Was Mrs. Biggers not a lady

nervous temperament? Yes, she was nervous. Did Mr. Biggers loiter around the house a good deal? Well, he stayed around there some. When was the first time you noticed

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By Associated Press.

Crown Point, Ind., June 18.-The

To-day's race was over ten laps, apdistance of 232.74 miles for the Indiana

for the Cobe cup, the big event of the

Practically all the best drivers of the country appeared in to-day's race, entrants being as follows: 1, Corbin, A. J. Maisonville; 2, Buick, Robt. Burman; 3, Marion, Chas. Stutz; 4, Chalmers Detroit, Wm. Knipper; 6, Marion, A. Monsen; 7, Locomobile, G. W. Shot Woman, Then Florida; 8, Buick, Chevelolet; 9. Falcar, W. H. Pearce; 10, Locomobile Geo. Robertson; 11, Moon, Phil Wells 14, Buick, Lewis Strang; 15, Falcar, John Ruehl; 16, Stoddard, Dayton, Wiseman; 17, Chalmers, Detroit, Al. Poole; 18, Stoddard, Dayton, Wright; 19, Chalmers, Detroit, J. Matson.

Flash Bulletins. Owing to the crowds the start was delayed until 8:30 a. m. There was a further delay and it was 9 o'clock when Corbin No. 1 was

first of the "Western Vanderbilt" au- al part of the newspaper press." tomobile road races was run to-day in perfect June weather and over a track the wood pulp and print paper business, as smooth as time, money and men

could make it. proximately 23.6 miles each, or a total tory statements made before the fin

To-morrow 12 big cars will contest for perjury.

If it is a Real Bargain Calculated to Appeal to Intelligent People You Will Find Advertised In

ond, Robertson third.

By Asociated Press. Washington, D. C., June 18.-Taking the trip to the West Indies, on the the floor in defense of the duties on yacht Niagara, mostly champagne and print paper, recommended by the com- Manhattan cocktals. mittee on finance, Senator Gallinger Castle Gould in July or August, 1906,

It was expected that Senator Brown when I started to do it she kicked them would resume his speech today, but off in the air," said the former valet. preferrinfi to postpone any further remarks upon his amendment he gave

way to Mr. Gallinger. Mr. Gallinger declared that print paper was cheaper in the United States than in any other country. 'The price," he said, "has been kept down by competition. It is conceded that no trust hall from her apartment at the St. exists and that there is no combina-

on to advance the price of paper." The newspapers, he declared, were far from being unanimous on the subject of free print paper. "The clamor for this legislation," he said, "comes largely from the cheap and sensation-

"If Canada," he said, "gets control of newspapers will be at their mercy in

the matter of price." he added. Senator Owen again called attention to what the characterized as contradicance committee, and declared that where men swore falsely for commercial profit they should be prosecuted

"I would like to call attention to the fact that no one has been called to account for making false statements in connection with this tariff," said the

OOklahoma senator. Washington, June 18.-The senate to-day voted down Senator Brown's amendment placing print paper on the free list of the tariff bill.

Committed Suicide

By Associated Press.

By Associated Press.

a woman named Emma Raymond today Patrolman Oscar Abel turned a revolver upon himself and blew out his own brains.

Ask America Not

To Participate

London, June 18.—Great Britain has asked America not to press her claim for participation in the Hankow Sze Chun Railroad loan of \$27,500,000 which British and German and French bankers stand ready to take up.

Mills to Curtail.

By Associated Press. Manchester, Eng., June 18.-At meeting held by Master Spinners using American cotton, a resolution was passed in favor of reducing the production of yarn by stopping mills on Saturdays and Monday between July 10 and September 27.

Travelers Meet at Yankton. Yankton, S. D., June 18 .- The fifth

be the most successful as well as the largest gathering in the history of the organization. Delegates and visitors from all parts of the state were on hand for the opening exercises. The Newberry, Greenwood, Sumter, Rock business of the convention will con-Hill, Darlington, Anderson, Georgetinue over to-morrow and will be lib-

Harriman Appoints Lee.

By Associated Press.

Chicago, June 18 .- President Harriman, of the Illinois Central railroad. announced yesterday the appointment of Blewett Lee, of Chicago, to be general solicitor of that company. Lee is a son of General Stephen D. ◆◆◆ ◆◆◆◆◆◆◆ Lee, of the Confederate army.

Harry J. Veitch Called by Defense in Noted Gould Florence Packard and Harrie Barnes, all of Chicago, were injured Separation Case - Reearly to-day by the overturning of their automobiles in which they were speedcounted Many Occasions The car in darkness ran into a ditch

When She Drank.

Says She Ordered Him to Throw Table Into Hall at Her St. Regis Apartments - Her Favorite Drinks.

By Associated Press New York, June 18 .- Harry J. Veitch, of Des Moines, Iowa, was called by the defense when the court opened in the

Gould separation case. He was employed as valet to Mrs. Gould from December, 1905, to September, 1906, the witness said, and during the time, traveled with her to the West indies and Europe and attended her at the St. Regis hotel, in this city, and at Castle Gould.

Veitch testified that he had seen Mrs. Gould under the influence of liquor several times. He said she drank a great deal on

today made a reply to many of the when he said Mrs. Gould drank chamstatements of Senator Brown, in favor pagne cocktails all day and became of placing print paper on the free loud and boisterous and threatened to "fire everybody on the place."

"She asked me to tie her slippers and

Veitch said he was at Blue Gap farm, in Virginia, with Mrs. Gould in September, 1906, and saw her intoxicated The witness repeated the statement

that Mrs. Gould had ordered him to

Special to The News. Winston-Salem, N. C., June 18 .- In response to a query from a New York paper as to whether North Carolina favors an income tax, State Chairman A. H. Eller replied: "Our people generaly favor an income tax without apporionment among the states according o population, whenever the necessities of 'he government require it. They believe, however, that the present high protective tariff raises sufficient revenue and that the power to levy a direct income tax should be accompanied by positive assurance of tariff reduction. This state levies a tax from sources not otherwise taxed and such a subject of taxation may be as vital to the Macon, Ga., June 18.-After killing state as to the federal government and before surrendering this important subject of taxation thoughtful men will consider the relative necessities of the state and the nation and the just balancing of their respective powers. So that in my judgment it is a doubtful question whether the people of this state will at this time, through their legislature, favor or oppose such an amendment to the federal constitu-

Union Will Have Great Firemen's Convention

Special to The News. Union, S. C., June 18 .-- From all present indications the Interstate Firemen's Convention and Tournament, which is to be held July 6th, 7th, and 8th is to have the largest attendance ever

known to that association. That much interest and enthusiasm s being manifested by the fire departments all over the state is shown by the long list of companies that have been heard from so far by Fire Chief O. E. Smith, which shows that there will be much strong competition in the different races for the prizes, which in all amount to about annual convention of the South Da- wil be made of the town for accom-\$675. In a very short time a canvass kota Traveling Men's association, modations for the members of the variwhich began here to-day, bids fair to ous teams that will be present then. The following departments have been

heard from that will be represented and participate in the tournament: Spartanburg, Columbia, Charleston, Orangeburg, Florence, Camden,

erally interspersed with features of Beaufort, Camden and Walterboro. There are others that have not been heard from that are expected to be represented.

Third Arbitrator Chosen.

Washington, June 18.—Bishop Warren A. Candler, of the Methodist Episcopal church, of Georgia, was to-day agreed upon as the third arbitrator in the dispute between the Georgia Railroad Company and its firemen.