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Detectives Have Leon Ling In Schenectady

Girls Father Tells of Leon's Threat to Kill Restaurant Keeper—The Story in Detail as To by Wire.

After Following Many False Clews, Police of Up State Town Land A Man Fitting Descriptions of Leon.

ALLEGED MURDERER HAS BEEN CAPTURED.

By Associated Press.

Schenectady, N. Y., June 21.—A Chinaman giving his name as Leon Ling, but meeting in every way the description of William H. Leon, wanted for the Sigel murder in New York, was taken into custody here. He came here nine days ago and has been cooking in a chop suey place. Police are positive he is the man wanted.

Washington, D. C., June 21.—Leon Ling, the Chinese convert now being sought as the alleged slayer of Elsie Sigel, is reported to have been in Washington last Wednesday and Thursday in company with his room-mate, Chung Sing and a white woman whose identity is a mystery.

Mysterious Woman in the Case.

The woman, it is said, lodged two nights with a family on C street, northwest, near Third street, and left there on Thursday night in company with the two Chinese.

Alleged Murderer Identified.

Members of the family identified photographs of Leon Ling and Chung Sing as likenesses of the men who called for her.

No Clues in New York.

New York, June 21.—All clues to the whereabouts of Leon Ling, the Chinaman in whose room the body of Elsie Sigel was found Friday, were investigated by the New York police today, but Leon was still at liberty and his hiding place unknown.

In the meantime the police have held as an important witness, Chu Gain, the manager of the Port Arthur restaurant, where Elsie was said to have been a frequent visitor.

Letters from Elsie Sigel were found in Chu Gain's rooms and contained such terms of endearment as to convince the authorities that the motive of the murder was Leon's jealousy of Chu Gain, who seemed to have supplanted Leon in the affections of the young missionary.

Leon Threatened to Kill Chu.

New York, June 21.—A fact that Leon Ling called at the Sigel home the day before Miss Sigel disappeared and threatened to kill Chu Gain unless Elsie, stopped going with him, was made known today by Paul Sigel the father of the murdered girl.

Washington Clue Busted.

Washington, June 21.—Police now say that a Chinaman said to closely resemble Leon and Chung Sing were Japanese connected with local amusement resort.

Schenectady, N. Y., June 21.—The Chinaman arrested here denies that he murdered Miss Sigel.

FATHER OF 18 AT ALTAR.

And All the Progeny Are On Hand at His Nuptials

Williamsport, Pa., June 21.—A. S. Speece, widower, aged 68, of Speeceville, Dauphin, and Miss Anna R. Reich, spinster, aged 63, of Lewisburg, Pa., were married in the parlor of the Park hotel here last week, the officiating clergyman being Rev. Peter Hershey, of Jersey Shore.

The bride and bridegroom were attended by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hyatt, of Lewisburg. The bride was given away by her brother, John C. Reich, of Hazelton.

There was a wedding party of 25, and 13 of them were children of the bridegroom. They arrived in the city together, and following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was served in the hotel.

Mauretania Lowers Record

By Associated Press.

Queenstown, June 21.—The Cunard line steamer, Mauretania, has clipped another 50 minutes off the best previous eastward record, which is also her own. She accomplished the journey from New York in four days, 17 hours and 21 minutes, the best previous being four days, 18 hours and 11 minutes.

The total run was about 2,933 knots, made at an average speed of 25.88 knots per hour.

NEW PRESIDENT OF EAST COST RY. NEW FINANCING

New York, June 21.—The election of Geo. W. Perkins into the directorate of the Florida and East Coast Railroad Company, which is controlled by Henry M. Flagler, follows the recent announcement of some new financing by the company. Its expected issue of at least $10,000,000 of bonds will be authorized and that J. P. Morgan & Co. will offer them for sale: Also that these bankers will in the future act as financial advisors and agents of the Flaggler interests.

It is understood that close relations will soon be established between the Florida East Coast railway and certain other roads with which Morgan & Co. are identified.

MR. TAFT GRANTS WHISKEY HEARING

By Associated Press.

Washington, June 21.—The President today recided to grant a hearing here to the various interests in the controversy as to what is whiskey for June 28th.

KILLED IN AUTO CRASH.

Supt. James H. Cobb Was Well Known in This City.

News of the death in an auto accident Sunday of Mr. James H. Cobb, superintendent of the Belton Cotton Mills, at Brazeale's crossing, Anderson, S. C., was learned in this city with profound regret. Mr. Cobb was a prominent mill man and would have been the next president of the Southern Textile Asosciation.

The auto in which Mr. Carr was riding was about to cross the track of the Anderson Traction Company, in front of an approaching car. He had plenty of time to do so but when the front wheels of the auto-car struck the track, in some way the engine was stopped, and the car, now on the track, was hit by the trolley.

Mr. Cobb was thrown violently out and his skull crushed in several places.

Rev. D. D. Richardson, of the Second Baptist church, of Belton, and Rev. E. A. McDowell, of Ninety-Six, were seriously hurt. Mrs. Richardson was sligh yltu htr.The party was on its way to church.

—Mrs. W. F. Dowd, who has been ill for some time, went to the Charlotte Sanitarium last Friday..

Mr. Miller Robertson, of Augusta, special agent of the Phoenix Ins. Co., of Hartford is in town.

FAYETTEVILLE CELEBRATES ON A BIG SCALE

Special to The News.

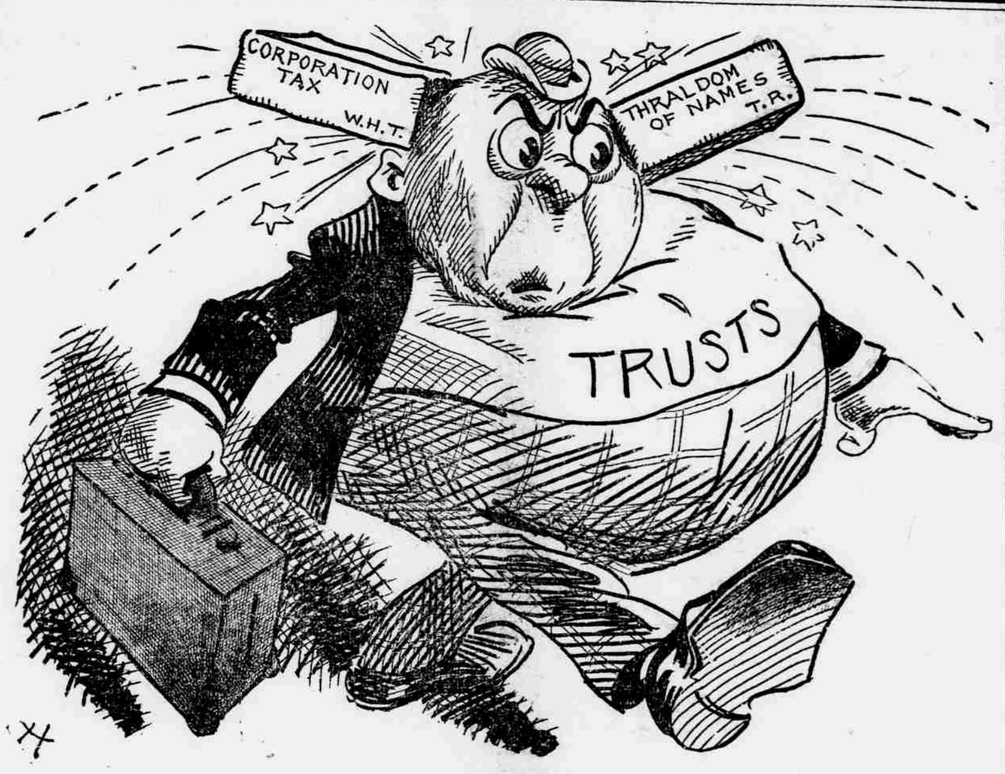
Fayetteville, N. C., June 21.—Fayetteville today is entertaining ten thousand visitors from adjoining towns and counties. Late yesterday afternoon and up to noon today specials and regular scheduled trains have emptied loads of people into the city, and they were met respectively by delegations and heartily welcomed.

At eleven forty-five today, the grand parade was formed and passed down Hay street which was lined for over a mile with spectators. The procession was headed by the speaker of the occasion, Judge Walter Clark, Maj. E. J. Hale, Rev. I. W. Hughes, Chaplain Company F. Followed by over two thousand veterans, and militia from Cape Fear section, behind those came beautifully decorated floats crowded with fair ladies, automobiles and other conveyances.

An incident that figured most conspicuous in the parade was the antique carriage which conveyed the Marquis de La Fayette into Fayetteville in 1825.

A grand dinner was given by the citizens in honor of the visitors and over two thousand were seated at the tables in the spacious armory.

The celebration was under the direction of Hon. Jos. D. McNeill and much praise and honor has been freely expressed toward him for giving Fayetteville the greatest day in all her history. At 8:30 p. m. a grand display of fire works at Liberty Point followed by the colonial ball at the armory will close the features of the day.



JUST AS HE WAS STARTING ON HIS SUMMER VACATION!

DEFENSE RESTED ITS CASE IN THE BIGGERS' TRIAL AT NOON--STATE'S WITNESSES

A Number of People Who Saw the Defendant Before The Shooting of Mr. J. Green Hood Saw no Evidences of Insanity.

Dr. J. P. Munroe And Others Answer Defense's Hypothetical Question by Saying Accused Would be Insane Under Conditions.

After the intrduction of many witnesses who testified that they believed Biggers was insane before the killing of J. Green Hood, the defense rested at 12 o'clock today and the state began to introduce its evidence.

The defense has undeniably made out a strong case of insanity. The state had seemingly made no great trench in this roll of evidence at the adjournment for dinner. One of their strongest points, it is understood, will be made this afternoon, when Policeman Hunter will testify that when put in the cell, Biggers asked that his counsel, Maxwell and Keerans, be notified of the shooting. This the defense will claim was a sane act.

The court room this morning presented its usual appearance, though the crowd in attendance was not quite as large as it has been feretofore. Mrs. Biggers, accompanied by her four little children, entered the court room shortly before court convened. the prisoner kissed his wife and each of his children and took the smallest one on his lap.

The state will introduce alienists for the rerutation of the testimony given by those for the defense and will also formulate a hypothetical question to be asked of its experts.

The expert witnesses which have already testified will also be recalled and this question propounded to them. It is possible that this stage of the proceedings will be reached this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

Dr. W. H. Spilman.

D. W. H. Spilman was the first witness placed on the stand this morning and testified to the good and peaceable character of the defendant. He said he had seen Mr. Biggers frequently for three or four years and had always considered him as an industrious and peaceable man. Asked when he had last seen the defendant he stated that it was while he was in jail in March and that he considered him to be crazy at that time.

Dr. Crowell On the Stand.

Dr. A. J. Crowell was next called to the stand and in answer to the hypothetical question propounded to him stated that he believed the defendant to be insane at the time of the killing.

Did he know right from wrong? was asked.

In some things.

Asked if he believed that Biggers knew he was doing wrong when he shot Hood he stated that he did not believe he thought he was doing wrong.

Dr. Crowell said that he saw Mrs. Biggers shortly after the shooting and that when he went in Mrs. Biggers was sitting in a rocking chair wringing her hands and saying how could she stand it, that she had been trying to get him to sleep for several nights and had not slept any herself.

Did Biggers make any statement to you at the time he was going into the J. G. Hood company about the business?

Yes; I met him and asked him if he was not making a mistake by selling his land and going into the mercantile business. He said no, that Hood was a fine business man. He also said that there was no danger of his losing his money; that he had a guarantee.

Cross-Examination.

Doctor, in what things do you think Biggers knew right from wrong?

I couldn't specify any particulars. I think every insane man knows some things are wrong.

You think many insane men have a knowledge of their surroundings?

Yes.

If a man should shoot down his friend, a man whom he loved, that would be strong proof to you that the man was insane, would it not?

Yes.

And that he didn't know right from wrong?

Yes.

And if a man should shoot down his enemy against whom he had a grudge would it not be strong proof that he knew right from wrong?

Yes.

Your opinion is that Mr. Biggers was laboring under a grievance against Hood and was brooding over the trouble when he shot him down?

Yes.

Do you believe that when he said I have done what I meant to do, he knew what he was saying?

Yes, but I don't believe he realized the importance or gravity of his act.

Dr. Crowell stated that no single act of a man is sufficient to judge his sanity or insanity.

Doctor, there are drugs which when used will affect a man's eyes and make the man appear wild?

Yes.

You think a layman may look at the expression on a man's face who has been taking these drugs and mistake his appearance for that of an insane person?

When a man has taken drugs to that extent he is more than apt to be unbalanced as a result.

Mrs. Allen White.

When did you see Biggers last?

On Monday night preceeding the shooting. I did not hear him talk. I saw him at my home in January. He wished to see Mr. White and I told him he had gone to work. He told me not to let Mr. Stinson knew we were thinking of buying the Skullet farm. He seemed very wild and seemed enraged with Mr. Mills. He seemed to think Mr. Mills had mistreated him. I told my sister when Mr. Biggers had gone that he was crazy or would be within a week.

On cross-examination by Mr. McClammy, she said she saw Biggers Monday night, but did not have the opportunity to observe anything peculiar about him.

You heard of nothing unusual?

No.

Mr. Biggers appeared the night before as he always appeared?

I noticed nothing unusual about him. I gave him a chair but don't know whether he spoke to me or not.

Did you think there was anything unusual for Mr. Biggers to tell your husband not to let Stinson know you were thinking of buying the Skullet place?

The way he spoke and his actions were peculiar.

Did Biggers seem to be enraged?

Yes; he was very mad or crazy.

Mrs. Scarboro.

Mrs. Scarboro said Mrs. White said on the Sunday before the killing, "If Mr. Biggers is not crazy now he will be next week. He is the wildest man I ever saw."

Mr. Shannonhouse cross-examined the witness.

You didn't recall anything about this till it was brought to your attention this morning, did you?

No.

A man could be mad and showing his resentment without being crazy?

I don't know.

Did you ever see an angry man?

No.

Ever see a mad woman?

Yes, indeed. I have been that way myself. (Laughter).

But you were not crazy?

No.

Policeman Elliott.

Mr. Neal Elliott, of the police force, was called. He was turnkey at the city hall on the day of the killing. He saw Biggers frequently on the days he was in the cell. He was wild and restless. He walked around singing and didn't recognize anybody.

What opinion did you form as to his mental condition.

Well, I couldn't say whether he was crazy or not.

Mr. Elliott was not cross-examined.

Mr. House Thought Him Crazy.

Policeman House was called. Examined by Mr. W. C. Maxwell he gave Biggers a good character. He saw Biggers as they brought him into the station house and thought that he was crazy. He thought they were bringing him in because he was crazy.

Cross-examined, he said:

"I saw Biggers on Friday before the killing. He was going to Cochrane's stables. I said "Good morning, Mr. Biggers." He didn't speak to me but sorter dropped his head and went on.

Mr. Clarkson: Did you ever see a man under the influence of cocaine?

I never saw one that looked like Biggers.

I didn't ask you that.

Mr. McClammy objected to the witness making comparisons when he wasn't asked to do so. The objection was sustained and witness said he answered as he had understood the question.

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Goods Do Not Grow Old on the Shelves of the Merchants Who Advertise in The News

Defense Rests In Gould Case-Great Surprise

STATE BRINGS IN ITS WITNESSES

Mr. O. W. Shaw was the first witness called to the stand by the state this afternoon. He said that he was a juror in the Mullis insanity case in January and was asked to serve by Mr. Biggers.

From your conversations with him state whether or not in your opinion he was insane?

No, he seemed as he always did.

Mr. W. H. Dula was next called.

You were on a jury in a lunacy case in January?

Yes.

Who got you to serve on it?

Mr. Biggers.

How long have you known him?

Four or five years.

From your conversation with him state whether or not in your opinion prior to the time of the homicide Biggers was insane?

I didn't observe anything the matter with him.

Do you know his reputation? asked the defense.

It is good.

Mr. Nedham Alexander.

Mr. Needham Alexander said he saw the defendant on Monday morning near the law building leading a horse.

In looking at him and from what he said to you in your opinion was he sane or insane?

He seemed to be sane.

Mr. James Renfrow said that he had known the defendant four or five years.

I saw him Friday before the homicide between 9 and 10 o'clock. He came up to me on the streets and I asked him what he would take for a surry I had traded him. He replied $75. I said all right and walked on. I saw him two or three weeks before that.

From what you saw of him and your conversations before the homicide in your opinion was he sane or insane?

He appeared to be sane.

On cross examination he said the lasti time he saw Biggers the latter seemed as if he was worried.

Mr. J. E. Hunter.

State if you saw the killing and what was said.

I saw the last two shots. I went up to Biggers. He handed me the pistol and said he would offer no resistance. I asked him what was the matter. He said he had shot Green Hood. That he had robbed his wife and children and that he couldn't stand it and wouldn't stand it, that what he had done he had done in the sight of God. He talked a good deal on the way to the station but I can't remember what he said. When we were locking him up he asked me if I would see his attorneys. I asked him who they were and he said Maxwell and Keerans.

State if in your opinion Mr. Biggers was sane at the time he handed you the gun.

I would say that he was sane.

Did Mr. Biggers know you at the time?

Yes.

State whether or not he called your name when he asked you to see his attorneys.

Yes, he called my name.

Cross-Examination.

What was his condition on the way to the cell?

He was very wild.

Immediately after he was put into the cell what was he doing?

I heard him singing and whistling.

What would you say was his condition at the time he was put in the cell?

He appeared very excited and nervous.

You didn't form any opinion of his mental condition at the time he was arrested, did you?

No, not on the way to the staton.

You never sent for his attorneys, did you?

No, I told Mr. Orr.

What is his general reputation?

Good.

SENATOR WARREN SAYS SENATE HAS BEEN INSULTED

By Associated Press.

Washington, June 21.—Continuing his advocacy of the tariff on hides, when the tariff bill was taken up at the beginning in the senate, Senator Warren, of Wyoming, declared the senate had been "injured and insulted" by the man who is seeking free hides, had declared that the duty on hides had been put in the Dingley bill by some "midnight" process. He proceeded to present the facts intended to show the value of hides and to prove that the duty on that part of the Bovine would be of material benefit to the farmers.

Market Drops at 2 p. m.

By Associated Press.

New York, June 21.—The market was dull and uninteresting for the time, none of the active stocks fluctuated more than a mere fraction until 2 o'clock when the whole market dropped off very suddenly on large realizings.

Prosecution is Surprised and Unprepared When Defense Rested its Case This Morning- Mr. Nicoll Says Case is Done.

Defense Reads Deposition of Mrs. Bankhead of Georgia Who Was Guest of Mrs. Gould in Cairo.

By Associated Press.

New York, June 21.—When Justice Dowling opened court for the continuance of the trial of Katherine Clemmons Gould's suit for separation, the defense sprung a surprise by announcing that it rested its case.

Delancey Nicoll, counsel for Mr. Gould declared that on looking over the testimony that had been presented he found it so replete with evidence to establisn the contention of the defense that Mr. Gould was justified in separation from his wife that he believed it unuecessary to call any more witnesses.

Attorneys for Mrs. Gould told the court Mr. Nicoll's announcement had taken him by surprise and that he had no witnesses at hand at the moment to put on the stand in rebuttal. With the court's consent, however, he said, he would read depositions of witnesses taken in preparing the case for trial.

Defense Rests.

New York, June 21.—The first deposition taken up by Mrs. Gould's counsel was that of Mrs. Alice S. Bankhead of Atlanta, Ga., who visited Mrs. Gould on numerous occasions.

She said she was the guest of Mrs. Gould in Cairo, Egypt in 1902, when the party visited, Khedive's palace and described Mrs. Gould's conduct as "Lady like and above reproach." She also said her conduct on the yacht from Cairo to Alexandria was "perfect and beyond criticism."

According to Mrs. Bankhead, Mrs. Gould was never intoxicated on this trip. She also deposed that she had never seen Mrs. Gould intoxicated at Castle Gould or Hotel St. Regis during her visits there.

She never heard her swear or use improper language.

New York, June 21.—Mrs. Katherine Clemmons Gould, who is suing her husband for separation and alimony, said today that she had obtained evidence to refute the testimnoy of employes of the Hotel Bellevue-Stratford, who testified that they saw Dustin Farnum leave her apartments one morning, during her stay at the Philadelphia hotel in 1906.

The defense continued to call witnesses to show the plaintiff's alleged misconduct, in support of their contention that Howard Gould was justified in living apart from his wife since July 1st, 1906.

Lieutenant Bankhead Good Witness.

Mrs. Gould's counsel read deposition of Lieutenant Bankhead, who said he was the son of Senator Bankhead, of Alabama: That he had never seen Mrs. Gould intoxicated or observed that her conduct was indecorious or unlady-like during the visits of himself and wife to the Gould estates and at the hotels here.

PLAYING GREENSBORO.

Hornets Will Make Strenuous Effort to Capture Series.

Charlotte and Greensboro will contest at the Latta Park baseball ground this afternoon at 4:30, and the fight promises to be a most interesting one.

The Hornets have just returned from a series with the Musicians, and will be "at home" to opponents all this week. Since Larry Sutton has taken charge of the team as manager, the Hornets have been doing great work. They captured the last series with Greensboro on their own territory, and they are confident of doing the same thing this week. Brazelle will twirl for the locals, and Walters will do that end for the visitors. Hobbs has been released by the management. Welsh will hold the first sack and Cosmo will be in centre.

A large crowd will be on hand this afternoon to see the Hornets sting the visitors and continue their climb up the percentage column.

—Mrs. Harvey Bryan had charge of the organ at the Second Presbyterian church yesterday in the absence of Prof. Harry Zehm who is off on his vacation.

Bids For Big Boats Opened

By Associated Press.

Washington, June 21.—Bids for the construction of the battleships Arkansas and Wyoming, authorized by last Congress, will be opened at the navy department August 18th. These ships will be of the Delaware type of 20,000 tons or more.