

Three Shelby Negroes Spirited Away Last Night To Charlotte

Will, John, and Hack Ross, Brought Here by Chief of Police Jetton of Shelby and Sheriff Wilkins, of Cleveland County.

Will and John Ross Taken on to Gaston County Jail—Hack Ross in Mecklenburg County Jail—The Men Talk Freely to Reporter.

Last night at 7:10 Chief Jetton, of Shelby, and Sheriff Wilkins, of Cleveland county, arrived here with John Will and Hack Ross, charged with the murder of Mr. and Mrs. John Dixon, near Shelby, December 15th.

Will and John Ross were kept at the police station last night and sent to Gastonia this morning for safe keeping in the jail there. Hack Ross was taken to the jail in this city. This arrangement was thought best, for all parties concerned.

John Ross, the youngest of the three, showed the best nerve. He spent the night quietly. Will and Hack were terror stricken. They groaned and cried all night. The three men were interviewed this morning in their respective places of confinement by a News reporter.

The three men tell different stories.

John Ross' Story.

John Ross, when interviewed this morning, spoke calmly about the murder.

"I said, 'Ma, Stroud and I found the bodies the morning of the murder half an hour after sun up. Mrs. Dixon was not dead when we found them and she sent us to tell her husband—Mr. Tommy Dixon and Mr. Tom Wright. I was on the way to Mr. Tommy Dixon's when I saw my brother Hack and my cousin, Will, in the barn. They said 'we'll bring her here.'"

"When asked if he saw bold on these men he answered 'No.' 'Did you go on to get Mr. Dixon?' 'Yes, I went on and told him and then I came back and stayed around. He then told me to get on my horse and take the bodies to the sheriff and the doctor and I went and came straight back with them.'"

"Did John tell you that he killed Mr. Dixon?" "No, sir, didn't say that he killed him but he told me that if I told anything about it he would kill me." "Did he tell you how he got Mr. Dixon out of the house?"

"He said that he held Mr. Dixon that the mule was in a ditch and asked him to help get it out." "Was this the same mule that Mr. Dixon had a mortgage on?" "Yes, sir." "When was the first you knew of them order?" "When we found the body." "Did you ever hear Will say anything against Mr. Dixon before that time?"

"No, sir, I did not." "Twenty-four." "Will Ross' Story."

Will Ross was in a paroxysm of grief. He was crying, praying and calling on the white folks to give him justice.

"Did John Ross find you and Hack in the barn?" "No, sir, I ain't been near the barn. He might have found Hack there but I was at home." "Can you prove that you were at home all night?" "Yes, sir. My wife knows I was at home."

"When was the last time that you were at Mr. John Dixon's house?" "About a week before. I was passing there and Mrs. Dixon asked me to get her some water and I fetched her two buckets. She wanted to give me six apples for bringing it but I told her it wasn't nothing and said I'd do anything I could for her 'cause she had been so good to me. She made me take the apples anyhow and I went on. 'For God that was the last time I was there.'"

"Did you see Hack after the murder?" "No, sir, not 'til the sheriff got me. Then they would not let us talk." "When was the last time you saw Hack before the murder?" "Sunday evening when I was going to see Hack and I met Hack in the road. Hack was mad. He knew that which he got from Mr. Dixon in the spring, 'cause he hadn't paid for it. He was mad and he said that there was something inside him what people don't know. He said 'People things all about me.' He didn't call no names."

"Did Mr. Dixon have a mortgage on your mule?" "Yes, sir, but he acted like a man about it. He said that he would let me pay ten dollars more on the mortgage on my cow and then take it off, and just keep the one on my mule. Yes, sir, he had a mortgage on my cow and on my mule, too, but he acted mighty nice about it." "When was the last time you saw Mr. Dixon before you saw him dead?"

HOLY GHOST AND US SOCIETY.

The Rev. Frank W. Sanford, leader of the Holy Ghost and Us Society of Shilch who is now on trial before the United States District Court on charges that he was responsible for the death of six members of his party during his recent cruise in the yacht Coronet.



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WOMAN TRIED TO KILL SELF IN HOTEL

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Mrs. Edna Robinson, 32 years old, of Portland, Ore., is charged with an attempt to commit suicide in her room at the LaSalle hotel early this morning by shooting herself over the head.

The woman is said to have shot herself while engaged in conversation over the telephone with Frank Coker, of St. Louis, who was a guest at another hotel. He heard the shot over the wire and gave the alarm.

Mrs. Robinson was taken to a hospital, where her condition is said to be serious.

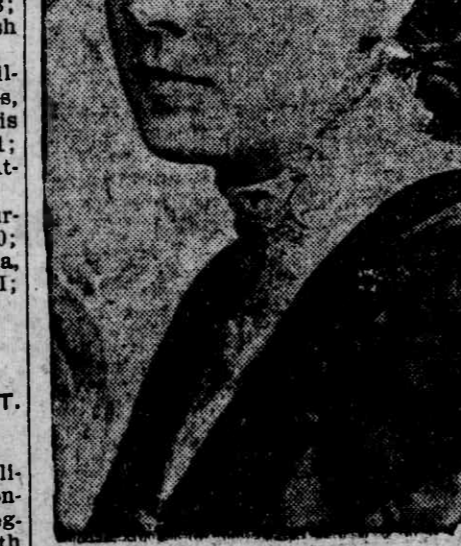
Coker is said to be a relative of a former United States senator.

Mrs. Robinson has been a guest of the hotel since December 3. She was out last evening and did not return until an early hour this morning. The hotel detective and clerk went to the room when they heard a revolver shot and found Mrs. Robinson standing near the bed with blood flowing from a bullet wound near the heart. She attempted to pick up the revolver which had fallen to the floor as she fell.

"I tried to kill myself but I made a bad job of it," said Mrs. Robinson. Later she added that she attempted to kill herself because Coker refused to marry her.

Shot Son and Succeeded.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 16.—Samuel B. Ayres, of Boston, shot and probably fatally wounded his son at a hotel early today and then committed suicide.



LILLIAN GRAHAM

Miss Lillian Graham, who went on the witness stand in her own defense, and told a story of how she had been lured by the millionaire, and said that she shot him in self defense after he was choking her. The jury believed her story and returned a verdict of "not guilty."

THE WEATHER.

For North Carolina: Cloudy and colder tonight, rain in east portion; Sunday, fair, colder. Moderate west and northwest winds.

CHICAGO AFTER DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Efforts to bring the democratic national convention to Chicago to a new site last night at a meeting of the citizens' committee.

A resolution was adopted accepting the invitation of the republican committee to join with that body in raising \$150,000 to pay the expenses of the two conventions.

A sub-committee of five was named to meet today with the local citizens committee in charge of arrangements for the republican national convention. It is proposed to arrange a preliminary program for both conventions to be submitted to the national democratic committee when it meets in Washington January 8 to decide on the place for holding the next convention.

It is set forth by members of the committee that more money can be easily raised if needed. Chicago has not had a democratic national convention since 1896.

SCHOOL FOR ILLITERATE IN PRISON

Jefferson City, Mo., Dec. 16.—Albert Ferguson, convict poet and magazine writer, who will leave the penitentiary on parole, owes his liberty to some extent to the fact that while in prison he conducted a school for illiterate prisoners. More than one convict who entered the prison unable to either read or write left it with a fair education because of Ferguson.

This gained Ferguson the aid of the penitentiary officials.

It is said Ferguson is a member of an excellent Kentucky family. He gave his age as 24 when he entered the penitentiary in 1906 under ten years sentence for robbery, from Kansas City. Ferguson from his cell kept up correspondence with several persons and wrote much verse. He is paroled to William Marion Reedy, a St. Louis editor.

Brooklyn Pastor Commits Suicide

New York, Dec. 16.—Rev. Christian J. Olsen, who came from Chicago a year ago to become pastor of the Fourth Avenue Baptist church in Brooklyn, was found dead today in a bath tub half immersed in blood that has flown from several arteries in his wrists. For several months Dr. Olsen had been suffering from headache and insomnia and lately he feared he was going insane.

A few days ago his wife and two children went to Chicago to visit Mrs. Olsen's dying mother. Taking advantage of their absence the clergyman some time last night wrote a number of parting letters, got in the tub and with a razor slashed both wrists.

RUS VANDERBILT UNDERGOES OPERATION.

New York, Dec. 16.—An operation for appendicitis was performed today for Cornelius Vanderbilt at his Fifth avenue home by Dr. Austin Flint, Jr., assisted by several other surgeons.

Mr. Vanderbilt was stricken three days ago.

FIRES RETARD RESCUE WORK IN MINE

Briceville, Tenn., Dec. 16.—Rescue work in the Cross Mountain mine has been retarded today on account of fire in cross entry No. 17 right and also cross entry No. 18 left.

It is thought no more bodies will be removed until late this afternoon or perhaps Sunday.

WESTERN GOVERNORS RETURN HOME

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 16.—After a trip of three weeks during which it traveled a distance of 3,400 miles and visited 29 cities with an aggregate population of over 12,000,000 people the Western governors' special train returned this morning to its starting point. Seven governors were on the special train when it left and ten smaller, there being sixteen money orders with \$83, while to Egypt, next in order from the end there went 94 orders totalling \$1,326.

JAKE STAHL FINDS NUMBER OF SURPRISES.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Jake Stahl, newly chosen manager of the Boston American League team, found several surprises last night while making an examination of his roster of players.

One surprise was the purchase and sale of a player named Lockwood, who is dead. Lockwood was purchased from the Vancouver, B. C. club and later let go to Sacramento. He also found that he had one pitcher less than he thought. Fournier, also purchased from Vancouver and thought by Stahl to be a pitcher, turned out to be a catcher.

The new manager said he had made formal application to the commission for reinstatement. He expects to be placed in good standing as soon as the members can take a mail vote. His refusal to report to Boston last year caused the black mark against his name. He expects to be ready to go with his players on March 10 to Hot Springs to begin training.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE POOR

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 14, 1911. The News, City. Enclosed please find check for \$10.00 to help you in supplying Xmas presents for the poor and needy children of our city.

"How many little hearts would be made happy on that day if those who are comfortably supplied with this world's goods would send to you their children's discarded toys. I hope that this will be your banner year in this good work."

"Asking that you will please not mention my name in this connection, I am, Yours truly, X. X."

Do you want to make this fund larger? Or, do you have toys, clothing or anything that you desire to donate? The News will take charge of all contributions and see that they are placed with the proper parties for distributing where they are most needed.

Most Notable Week In History Of The Chinese Revolution

Russian Ambassador Files Protest.

Such Will be The Coming Week—Imperial Plenipotentiary, Appointed to Negotiate Terms of Peace With Rebels to Arrive in Shanghai.

Will be Accompanied by 80 Assistants—Peace Conference Will be Staged in Town Hall—Great Interest Taken In the Outcome.

Every Vessel a Treasure Ship

Shanghai, Dec. 16.—The coming week will be perhaps the most notable in the history of the revolution in China. Tang Shao Yi, the imperial plenipotentiary, appointed by Premier Yuan Shi Kai, to negotiate terms of peace with the victorious revolutionists, is to arrive in Shanghai early on Sunday. He is accompanied by a suite of assistants and personal servants numbering no fewer than eighty. The party is making the voyage from Hankow on the chartered river boat Tung Ting. On their arrival here they will have traveled about 800 miles along the river Yang Tse, which is patrolled by a score of revolutionary cruisers and gunboats.

They will have passed the guns of a dozen well fortified points and will have touched numerous towns in the possession and governed by the revolutionaries. Tang Shao Yi will not, in fact, have seen an imperial soldier or a yellow flag since he left Hankow.

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Four representatives of General Li Yuen Heng, the revolutionary leader are traveling on the same boat with Tang Shao Yi and his party.

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Woman Summoned As Ventrieman

Chicago, Dec. 16.—Mrs. A. S. Wood, a business woman, was summoned yesterday to appear as a ventrieman in the trial of the ten packers charged with criminal violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Mrs. Wood said last night she would appear and insist on her rights as a citizen.

"I pay taxes and expect to go to the polls soon," she said, "and I shall certainly protest against any attempt to exclude me from jury service."

The subpoena had been made out for "A. S. Wood" with the woman's address.

Durland Life Insurance Paid.

New York, Dec. 16.—It was announced today at the offices of the Equitable Life Assurance Society that the \$15,000 insurance on the life of Kellogg Durland had been paid to his widow. Mr. Durland died suddenly, in the presence of his wife, aboard a train in Boston, on the night of November 18. An autopsy showed that death resulted from cyanide of potassium.

Annual Six Day Bicycle Race Nears Finish

For the first time in several years the annual six-day bicycle race neared a finish today with one team leading all others. At 9 o'clock Joe Fogler of Brooklyn and Jack Clarke of Melbourne, Australia, were a lap ahead of the next six teams. If they can hold this advantage until 10 o'clock to-night they will win first prize.

Today, thirteen hours before the finish, Fogler and Clarke had covered 2,477 miles 8 laps. As there are seven prizes, providing the contestants keep the same relative positions today the series of match races at a mile which will decide final positions.

Frank Kramer, the American sprint champion, and James Moran, of Chelsea, Mass., who were favorites among the experts when the race began, rode in particularly hard luck early today, for when Clark began the sensational sprint which netted a lap for his team between 1 and 2 o'clock Moran's handlebar twisted and threw him heavily. He was unconscious when picked up and did not recuperate in time to help his partner while the crucial struggle lasted.

Score at 9 o'clock, 129th Hour. Fogler-Clarke 2,477 miles 8 laps. Kramer-Moran, Halstead-Drobach, Pye-Collins, Cameron-Magin, Demara-Lawrence and Lorenzo-Saldow 2,477 miles 7 laps.

H. J. Bevell 2,477 miles 6 laps. Lapize-Van Houweart 2,477 miles. Record 2,489 miles 6 laps by Hill-Demara in 1908.

Carolina Again Won Debate

Chapel Hill, Dec. 16.—For the fourth time in five years the University of North Carolina won the debate from the University of Pennsylvania here last night. The judges stood two to one in favor of the Southerners.