

Taking of Testimony in Thomas Case Concluded

Last Witness Was Heard During Wednesday Afternoon's Session of Rowan Superior Court.

H. S. WILLIAMS OPENING SPEAKER

John J. Parker Spoke This Morning for Defense.—Case May Go to the Jury Sometime Tomorrow.

The taking of testimony in the case of O. G. (Red) Thomas, in Rowan Superior Court, was concluded yesterday afternoon, after about 200 witnesses had been heard.

Mr. Williams, who made one of the most forceful arguments delivered at the first trial of Thomas here last year, spoke for about an hour and forty minutes yesterday and he was being congratulated today by persons who heard him, on the excellent and forceful arguments he presented.

John J. Parker spoke this morning, being the first of the defense's attorneys to speak.

Just how long the arguments will continue is not known here. There are about 15 lawyers in the case, but all of them are not expected to be heard.

L. T. Hartsell, of this city, will make the closing argument for the state.

The following is the Salisbury Post's story of the Thomas trial Wednesday:

Contradicting the testimony of several of the state's star witnesses, Mrs. Carrie Kimball, young married woman of Concord, declared on the stand this morning that she was in the car with Arthur Allen on the night of October 27, 1921, shortly before the shooting occurred. Her testimony returned the morning session of the second day of the trial of O. G. (Red) Thomas, charged with murder in connection with the death of Arthur Allen.

State witnesses, who had preceded Mrs. Kimball on the stand, had testified that they had seen Mrs. Robert Lowe in the car with Arthur Allen a few minutes before the killing. This morning's testimony was put on to rebut this evidence.

Apprehending the sensational was the testimony of Rev. D. P. Grant, Methodist minister, formerly of Kannapolis. Asked to describe the character of E. E. Lawing, one of the state's witnesses, he said it was "bad."

"Why do you say it is bad?" he was asked.

"I say it because there was so much drinking, shooting and cursing in his place of business which was near the scene of the shooting. I don't think a good character would harbor such conduct." G. P. Drumm, H. G. Smith and Mrs. H. G. Smith, also described his character as bad.

Immediately upon the reconvening of court this morning, Judge Webb, following a discourse of some length by opposing counsel, ruled that certain evidence tending to show that Mrs. Lowe and Allen had been together at certain places, was inadmissible. This decision was held over during the night.

Attorney Williams, for the state, claimed that Allen had been inured to the scene and shot in cold blooded murder.

J. J. Parker, for the defense, maintained the question for the defense and won his point, citing several cases dealing with the point and also cited his remarks with a brief argument.

Mrs. Kimball's testimony was all of a sensational character. She was on the stand over an hour and a half and was put through a stiff cross examination by Attorney Hartsell for the state.

She admitted that she and her husband were not living together now. It was also revealed, during the course of her testimony, that she had a police record in Concord.

Mrs. Kimball testified that on the night of the slaying of Allen, that she (Allen) had come by for her and had taken her near the Cabarrus Mill where she wanted to see P. M. Manum relative to a loan of \$600 she had made to him sometime previously.

She said she got out of the car near where the shooting occurred, sometime later, told Allen to go on and ask Mr. Manum if he could meet her there or where should she go.

Shortly after Allen had gone, she said she was accosted by two persons, who asked her what she was doing there and she told one it was none of his business and the other she didn't reply but instead pulled her coat around her head and walked into a corn field nearby. She said she went through the corn field so as not to be seen by persons who were standing on the porch of Lawing's store.

Mr. Manum about 10 minutes later came back to the car with Allen, she said. Allen left them there, stating that he had some other business to attend to, she told the court.

Mrs. Kimball said she didn't find out about the slaying of Allen until about 10 o'clock that night.

How long did they have you in jail in Concord?

A. I was never in jail in my life.

Q. Did you give bond and skip?

A. Yes.

GEORGE PETTY HAS ENTERED CHARGES AGAINST MAYFIELD

Defeated Candidate for Senate From Texas Says His Opponent Has No Right to Senate Place.

CHARGES KLAN WAS VERY ACTIVE

In the Campaign, and Also Charges Excessive and Illegal Expenditure of Money by Opponent.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Sweeping charges against the Ku Klux Klan and its officers were made today in papers filed with the Senate, challenging the right of Earle B. Mayfield to his seat in the next Congress as a Senator from Texas.

The election contest and its accompanying charges were filed by Geo. E. B. Paddy, who ran for Senate last November in Texas as a republican and independent democrat, and who accused Mr. Mayfield during a bitter campaign with being the candidate of the Klan as well as of the regular democratic organization.

Excessive and illegal expenditures of money by the Mayfield forces, frauds in counting the ballots, and other irregularities were charged in the contest petition which asked for a recount. It was contended that Mr. Paddy actually was elected, but in the event the Senate does not so decide it was asked in the petition that Mr. Mayfield nevertheless be barred from taking his seat.

The Ku Klux Klan was charged in the petition with concealing its real designs under a cloak of patriotic pretensions in order to hide plans to "subvert the government of the United States by the invisible empire," and with conspiracy to evade, violate and defeat the Federal and state laws. It was further charged that the organization had attempted "prostitution of the Christian religion" and had resorted to use of "brute force," intimidation and "immoral and lawless practices."

MELLON WON'T GIVE OUT LIQUOR REPORT

Secretary of the Treasury Declines to Abide by Wish of House on Embassy Whisky.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Secretary Mellon declined today to furnish to the House of Representatives information as to the amounts of intoxicating liquors imported by foreign embassies and legations in Washington since the prohibition amendment became effective on January 20, 1920.

The information was asked for in a resolution adopted by the House last Friday after the treasury secretary had refused to give similar data to the house judiciary committee. The resolution was introduced by Representative Cramton, republican, Michigan, a "dry" leader, who told the House that publication of the data would furnish one remedy for the "leakage" of embassy liquor charged by the Washington police after raids in several fashionable apartment houses.

"In view of the principles applicable to international intercourse," said Mr. Mellon's letter to Speaker Gillett, "and the existing immunity to which diplomatic representatives of foreign governments are entitled under international law and other statutes, I am not in a position to transmit this information to the House of Representatives for the reason that it would be incompatible with the public interest to furnish it."

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR H. E. NORRIS TOMORROW

Prominent Raleigh Man Will Be Buried There Tomorrow at 3 p. m.

Raleigh, Feb. 22.—Funeral services for Herbert E. Norris, who retired from solicitorship of the seventh district last month after 12 years of service in the office, and who died at a local hospital late yesterday, will be held at 3 p. m. tomorrow in the First Baptist Church here.

The deceased was 64 years old. His widow and one son survive.

State Home Economics Meeting.

Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 22.—Arrangements are being made here for the annual meeting of the State Home Economics Association to be held during March, the exact dates to be fixed later. It was announced today, Dr. H. C. Sherman, an authority on nutrition, is expected to be the chief speaker of the convention.

The state association is composed of teachers, institutional workers, demonstration and home makers, and is a part of the National Home Economics Association. The organization in North Carolina is now conducting a membership campaign.

Miss Katherine Moran, assistant supervisor of home economics education in the state and publicity chairman of the association, is urging chairmen of home economics departments of Women's Clubs to attend the convention in Greensboro.

National Capital Pays Respect to Washington

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Feb. 22.—Federal government activities in all branches with the exception of Congress were suspended today for the observance of Washington's birthday. Both the Senate and House remained at their desks of cleaning up the legislative jam before adjournment of the session on March 4th.

The official celebration of the day here centered in ceremonies at the Washington monument at which the Governors of all states had been invited to listen in by radio. Laying of wreaths at the base of the memorial by Secretary Weeks and other high government officials, as well as representatives of a number of patriotic organizations, and the paying of military honors to the memory of the first President marked the ceremonial program at the monument.

Counterfeiters' Plot is Discovered in Country

Already Federal Agents in All Parts of the Country Have Arrested 64 Alleged Violators of This Law, and Other Arrests Are Expected Soon.

New York, Feb. 22.—Secret service men began today drawing in the strings of a nationwide net that they expect will ensnare 1,000 members of an international counterfeiting conspiracy that they believe has its tentacles gripped on every important city of the country. The ring is believed to have manufactured and distributed between one and ten million dollars worth of bogus bills and spurious stamps.

Arrests all over the country with raids centering in Chicago, Detroit, San Francisco and other big cities, were forecast today by those federal officers who last night completed the jailing of 64 alleged counterfeiters in the metropolitan district. Deprived of its brains, the slench believe the organization to be incapacitated.

While secret service men are tramping the trail they hit upon eight months ago in Detroit, the police of several countries will be hunting the members of the band which extended its operations over three nations, with amazing cleverness. The haunts of its principal members are known, so the secret service men say.

Twenty-one men were arrested were held in the Tombs in jail ranging from \$2,500 to ten times that amount, and two others were held in Newark, N. J., also under bond.

ADDITION TO BE BUILT TO THE BROWN MILL

Seventy-Five Foot Addition, Two Stories High, Will Be Erected at Mill in Near Future.

Further improvements and additions to the Johnston chain of mills located in this city, were announced today when the management of the Brown Mill stated that it would erect in the immediate future a 75-foot, two story addition to its present mill. The contract for the work was awarded to Brown & Harry, of Gastonia.

The new addition will house a modern dye plant which the mill will install when the new structure is completed.

Several days ago the management of the Norcott mill, sister mill of the Brown, announced the awarding of a contract for a three-story addition. Work on this structure has already begun.

Recently the Brown Mill erected 21 additional mill houses for its employees, and the Norcott management announces that it will erect eight additional homes, the work to be started and completed at once.

H. E. NORRIS DIES AT HIS HOME IN RALEIGH

Retired Solicitor of Seventh District Succumbs After Long Illness.

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—Herbert Edmund Norris, retired solicitor of the seventh district, died in Rex hospital this afternoon following an illness which took him from his last December court when he left the office which he had filled 12 years.

Notwithstanding the general knowledge of his declining health, the powerful frame of the victim was expected to pull him through. He was 63 years old in November, but he had the vigor of one 25 years his junior.

Promises Surprise Then Tries Suicide.

Lorain, Ohio, Feb. 21.—Despondent over the tragic death of his sweetheart, Stella Chapman, 19, killed in a railroad accident at Vermillion, near here February 2, Roy Baker, 21, steel worker, attempted suicide early today at his home here by sending a bullet through his body.

He is in a local hospital here with slight chance of recovery.

Baker committed the act in the midst of 24 of his friends summoned to his home last night as guests at his party. Promising his friends a "big surprise" he took pictures of his dead sweetheart from his pocket and after draping them on a buffet he pulled a gun from his pocket and shot himself.

CHARGE REMINGTON WAS BOOTLEGGER FOR SOCIETY FOLK

Los Angeles Story Says Wife of Dead Engineer Has Admitted That Her Husband Sold Whiskey.

RENEW EFFORTS TO GET SLAYER

Police State They Found in Dead Man's Clothes Names of 200 People and Record of His Sales.

Los Angeles, Feb. 22.—Federal prohibition agents today joined the police in the search for the slayers of Earle Remington, electrical engineer, shot down in his own yard a week ago tonight.

Their entry came, after a declaration by the police that the widow, Mrs. Va. Lohm Remington had told them the dead man was a "society bootlegger," and after the police had found, questioned and temporarily released a man who admitted having operated three stills for the engineer.

The police also said they had located a large quantity of liquor said to have been in Remington's possession, but the chief interest of the Federal officers was believed to rest in the police statement that one of Remington's notebooks containing 200 names and records of sales had come into their possession.

It was said that although the liquor in question was distilled by an amateur, it was sold by persons in high business and society circles of Los Angeles.

The police questioned several men whose names appeared in Remington's notebook and stated they obtained admissions of purchasing liquor from the engineer.

GRISSOM WILL PROVIDE FOR EDUCATION OF SON

Eat Provides That Expenditure Shall Be Only For Studying in Protestant Institutions.

Greensboro, Feb. 21.—The will of Hyatt A. Grissom, druggist of this city, drawn in Florida on January 18, provides that not one cent of his estate be used for the education of his son in any but Protestant institutions. A codicil to the will specifically provides that no money be expended in Catholic institutions for the education of his son.

Terms of the will became known with a filing of the document for probate in the office of the clerk of court of Guilford county.

Mr. Grissom leaves his estate in trust for his widow and child, a bank acting as trust officer and executor, to manage the estate and pay the income to the two. When the boy becomes 25 the estate shall be divided between the two, unless Mrs. Grissom remarries, in which case the estate will be divided by the executor, as known to be considerable.

Mr. Grissom was drowned when he drove his automobile into Thomas creek, 20 miles north of Jacksonville. The body remained in the water 27 days until it was found.

BRYAN VISITOR IN NORTH CAROLINA

Will Make Address Tonight in Tarboro Under Auspices of Kiwanis Club.

Rocky Mount, Feb. 22.—Welcomed by a throng of Kiwanians from Tarboro, Wilson and this city, William Jennings Bryan arrived here early this morning to deliver an address tonight under the auspices of the Kiwanians. Governor Morrison and Josephus Daniels are expected to join Mr. Bryan here and accompany him to Tarboro.

During his brief stay here Mr. Bryan and visiting Kiwanians were entertained by the local Kiwanis Club before which the Commoner spoke on "Cooperation, Its Benefits and Perils."

Joy Louise Leeds Gets Vast Estate.

New York, Feb. 21.—In a fashionable school for girls, Joy Louise Leeds, nine years old, today received her first lesson in long division. During the same hour the will of Mrs. Louise Hartshorne Leeds, Joy's foster mother, who recently met death in a plunge from an upper window of her home, was filed for probate at Mineola, revealing that Joy had been bequeathed \$250,000, a fortune in jewelry and, upon the death of her foster father, Warner Leeds, a life income from a \$2,000,000 estate.

The filing of the will was the second big event in Joy's life. The first occurred something more than eight years ago, when a poor woman walking through a dark east side tenement hallway stumbled on a bundle. It was a baby girl. The woman called police and the child was taken to Bellevue hospital.

Bent on a charitable mission, Mrs. Leeds, kindhearted society woman, visited the hospital. She became attached to the winsome little child and adopted it. So the foundling became Joy Louise Leeds, heiress.

Mr. A. G. Green, of No. 8 township had one of his arms severely injured last Tuesday while working in a saw mill. The wound is being treated in the Concord hospital, and is responding satisfactorily to the treatment.

A FRIEND.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES ASKED

Bill Creating Such a Department Introduced During Day in Assembly by Representative Saunders.

EDUCATION BILL COMES TO HOUSE

Bill Came in Form of Substitute for General Education Bill.—Would Commend President.

Raleigh, Feb. 22.—(By the Associated Press).—Creation of a department of commerce and industries was asked in a bill introduced in the House today by Representative Saunders, of Johnson county, which would have the governor appoint a commissioner or such a department, whose duties it would be to "collect and collate" information and statistics relating to the various mining, milling and manufacturing industries in the state.

Substitute for Education Bill.

Raleigh, Feb. 22.—(By the Associated Press).—Without discussion the committee substitute for the general educational bill passed the House on the second reading by a vote of 96 to 1. Representative Cowles, republican, of Wilkes, cast the single dissenting vote. The bill was put upon motion of Representative J. B. Saunders, of Harnett, chairman of the education committee, in order to save a legislative day.

The vote was taken with the understanding that any amendment could be offered when the bill came for third reading.

A resolution offered by Representative Everett, of Durham, endorsing the stand and co-operation of President Harding in connection with the cotton conference now being held in Atlanta, Ga., was unanimously adopted, but consideration of the public calendar was forced over when recess until 8 o'clock tonight was taken.

Giles Bill in Senate.

Raleigh, Feb. 22.—(By the Associated Press).—After lengthy debate in which advocates of the measure urged it as a means for the improvement of the condition of the "1,200,000 tenant" farm people of the state, the Giles bill was allowed to go over until tomorrow for the vote.

Says Sanatorium Conditions Bad.

Raleigh, Feb. 22.—Charges that sour milk and rotten eggs, dirty linen and rusty linen were provided inmates of the state sanatorium were made by J. G. Hutchinson, a rehabilitation student at North Carolina State College today in testifying before the legislative committee investigating conditions at the sanatorium.

Hutchinson was a patient at the sanatorium, he asserted, from January to July, 1920. He contracted tuberculosis after having been gassed in France. He was followed on the witness stand by Dr. Ben K. Hayes, of the U. S. Veterans Bureau, who testified in favor of Dr. L. B. McCrayer, superintendent of the sanatorium. He stated that in his opinion the sanatorium is "ably managed" and added that Dr. McCrayer is "carrying on a great campaign" against tuberculosis.

SOUTHERN POWER WINS BEFORE SUPREME COURT

Mills' Appeal is Premature and Fragmentary.—Business is Infringed.

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—Dismissing an appeal of the Cammons, Johnstons and Cones group of cotton mills from the corporation commission's order to try out the Southern Power company's increase rates before a Cleveland county grand jury, the Supreme court this afternoon held the appeal premature and fragmentary, and decided substantially all issues with the Southern power.

The cotton mill consumers of the Southern Power's current resisted the rates made by the commission in July, 1921, and challenged, its jurisdiction. The commission taking jurisdiction pronounced the rates which were in excess of those made under contract. The mills appealing from the order contended that the Southern Power company's business is interstate. The Supreme court holds that until more legislation is forthcoming the business is intrastate and sends the action back for trial. The jury in the Cleveland hearing made a mistrial, Judge Bryson being upheld by the court today in all rulings.

A Little Child Burned.

On last Monday evening, February 12, about 4:30 o'clock, Martha Mae Drye, little two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Drye, was seriously burned. It is not known exactly how the accident occurred, for there was no one in the house except the child and a nine-months old baby. Her mother heard her screaming and rushed into the house, where she was, and discovered her clothing all in flames. The mother did everything in her power until the doctor arrived. Everything possible was done for her, but all in vain, for the burns were so severe that she passed into the great beyond shortly after 12 o'clock Wednesday night. Funeral services were held at Old Concord Church Friday at 1 o'clock, by Rev. M. L. Ridenour and Rev. P. L. Miller. The little body was laid to rest in the cemetery.

A FRIEND.