

Supreme Court Finds No Error In Wiseman Case

The State Supreme Court filed an opinion last week finding no error in the case of state against Wiseman, from Burke.

The prisoner, charged with the murder of Dr. E. A. Hennesse, and convicted of murder in the first degree, appeals to this court from the sentence of death pronounced against him. The crime is alleged to have been committed at Glen Alpine after dark on the evening of January 31, 1918, on the arrival of passenger train No. 21 as Dr. Hennesse alighted from it and was moving west from the door of the coach towards the passenger station and after he had gone a distance of some eight or 10 feet.

It was a dark, rainy, cloudy night, with some fog and mist, and there were no lights about the station save those in the train, and the reason of the fact that the train was about an hour late it came in after instead before dark. The deceased was shot while the passengers were getting off the train, and while several parties were standing near the door of the coach waiting to get on. Dr. Hennesse was the first passenger who alighted from the train and he passed through the crowd standing near the steps and on towards the station some 50 or 60 feet further west.

He was shot some 10 times in rapid succession, the last shot being fired as Eller Trexler, the last passenger to alight, reached the last step of the car.

DEMOCRATS SAY IT'S "WOLF"

They Suggest Republicans Investigate Return in All Counties

Democrats were disposed Friday to apply the "Wolf, wolf" story of Aepson's fabled days to disgruntled republicans who are standing in the way of a "fraud" in connection with the recent congressional election.

They declared there was once a shepherd boy who much enjoyed crying "Wolf, wolf," to call out the populace of the country to destroy a pest which believed attacking animals. When there was no wolf found, the youthful shepherd laughed heartily at his friends. Then they add that the republicans have long since established in the 9th district a likeness to the wolf story by crying "Fraud" in connection with the excitement election.

It was quite plain Friday that there was no excitement in the democratic ranks over the republicans' declarations that there was illegality in the Tuesday contest, when Clyde R. Hoey of Shelby, a democrat, defeated John Motley Morehead, of Charlotte, a republican, for Congressman Webb's seat in the house.

"The same old story" was the reply the democrats put up in opposition to the republicans' investigation and that parties may be investigated and that facts may be investigated and that the congressmen may be investigated.

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It went through without change in the anti-strike and other important provisions around which the Senate measure was drawn, and was sent to conference for adjustment during the recess with the Esch bill, passed by the House November 17. Final enactment of the permanent railroad reorganization legislation is hoped for by leaders early next month.

The ultimate disposition of the railroad problem, however, still is in doubt as the Senate and House bills will be in conference and Congress in recess on January 1, the date previously set by President Wilson for return of the lines to their owners. No further work regarding his present intentions reached Congress before adjournment on the holidays.

Unless action is taken by the President, the pending legislation, according to plans of congressional leaders, would require return of the roads by January 31. The railroad administration, however, has plans ready for their return January 1, and President Wilson's proclamation, should Mr. Wilson adhere to his announced program.

Preceding the final vote the Senate rejected 5 to 11, a substitute bill offered by Senator La Follette, Republican, Wisconsin, proposing extension of the roads another two years. The Cummins bill was supported by 33 Republicans and 13 Democrats and opposed by eight Republicans and 22 Democrats.

NEWS RENEWALS.

Among News readers who recently renewed their subscriptions were: Geo. Newton, W. M. Saine, Alva Reep, L. H. Johnson, Mrs. J. T. Roberts, J. E. Wadick, J. P. Lockman, Z. C. Putnam, E. A. Huss, Geo. W. King, E. B. Rhodes, Mrs. C. M. Yount, J. P. Seagle, D. A. Coder, H. A. Baker, E. J. Rhyne, R. A. Hartzage, J. F. Lingerfelt, R. W. Jenks, J. A. Wise, A. L. Holbrook, L. W. Kiser, H. F. Lynch, A. M. Kiser, L. H. Kiser, H. F. Lynch, H. J. Crooks, O. W. Mundy, J. M. Reel, A. L. Sullivan, Mrs. P. D. Smith, E. W. Brown, W. B. Boyles, D. W. Delinger, W. E. Kiser, Miss Evelyn Cashon, J. E. Wadick, George Kiser, J. S. Hallman, F. M. Mumford, E. B. Null, J. F. Wadick, Miss Estelle Cornwell, F. L. Seagle, A. J. Bagley, Mrs. Sarah Hoyt, G. W. Costner, J. S. Carpenter.

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Mr. L. H. Kiser was in the county capital on business Friday.

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Mr. O. W. Mundy of Iron Route was among the business visitors in town Thursday.

Mr. H. F. Sigmond of Roseville R. D. was among the business visitors in town Friday.

Esq. H. J. Crooks, was a business visitor in the county metropolis Friday.

Mrs. Joe R. Nixon and children of Edenton, N. C. and Mrs. A. Nixon of Lincolnton spent Wednesday in town with the guests of Mrs. J. M. Beam.

Miss Ina Carpenter of Atlanta, will arrive Wednesday to spend the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Crockett in this city.

Friday at noon the house and entire contents belonging to the Mr. Bob Powell, near Bethel Church, was destroyed by fire. The lady received burns, but not seriously.

In addition to the congressional election last Tuesday, our neighboring town, Cherryville voted on bonds for a sewerage system, and only 190 votes were cast in the sewerage bond election Tuesday, 162 for and 28 against the sewerage system.

The ice covered pavement and sidewalks Friday morning gave a touch of real winter. Young America enjoyed the slipping and sliding but older persons who measured their length on the hard cement could scarcely grin as they arose and looked around to see who was falling.

Mr. H. W. Willis, representing the Home Law Enforcement movement of this state, which is a nation wide movement, having as one of its main objects to "Cut Out the Moonshine," was in Lincolnton Friday and Saturday for the purpose of securing a director for this county in this work, which will be put on Jan. 16 to 28th.

On Sunday the C. & N. W. maintained a mail service in both directions to facilitate the delivery of Christmas mail and packages for the postoffice department. The patrons of the Lincolnton postoffice will be given an opportunity to secure their packages at the postoffice on Christmas day, and the Rural Carriers will deliver the mail on the various routes on Christmas day. The public no doubt will appreciate this service, especially considering the large amount of extra mail at this season.

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Mr. M. E. Wise of Route 1, was in the County Metropolis Saturday on business.

Mr. O. W. Mundy of Iron Route was among the business visitors in town Thursday.

Mr. H. F. Sigmond of Roseville R. D. was among the business visitors in town Friday.

Esq. H. J. Cro