

SISTER OF VICTIM SPRINGS SENSATION IN EPSTEIN TRIAL

Judith Edwards Says Her Brother Abused Defendant Before Killing

SHE'D SUMMONED SLAYER

Was Fiancee at Time—Dramatic Evidence—Epstein Cries and Emotional Feminine Spectators Shed Tears With Him

(Special to The Free Press.)

Goldsboro, Aug. 25.—Counsel's speeches are being heard in the Epstein case this afternoon. Eleven are to be made. The jury will not get the case before Saturday afternoon, probably.

Goldsboro, Aug. 25.—Miss Judith Edwards, on the stand in the trial of Hyman Epstein, charged with the murder of Miss Edwards' brother, Leonard Edwards, Thursday afternoon, sprung the big sensation of the case when she bore out the statement of the defendant that the victim had accosted and cursed him. Miss Edwards was Epstein's fiancee when the killing occurred a few months ago; he had been ordered by Edwards not to come to the house.

Attractive Judith Edwards stated that she had telephoned Epstein to come to the Edwards home, and that she was in the yard when her brother said on the stand that Edwards, the larger man of the two, had manhandled him. Miss Edwards did not witness the shooting.

Miss Mary Wooten told of passing the Edwards home and hearing curses and a pistol shot. There were two men standing in semi-darkness. One had on a light suit. She saw the man in the light suit, his hands over his heart, standing in the street after the shot. The other man stood at the edge of the sidewalk.

Hyman Epstein cried as H. B. Parker told of hearing the shot, how Edwards was carried into his home and laid out, and of a conversation with the young slayer. Many women were in the court room and most of these added their tears to Epstein's.

CANDLER NOMINATED FOR MAYOR ATLANTA

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 24.—Asa G. Candler, millionaire soft drink manufacturer, was nominated by mayor of Atlanta in the Democratic primary today over Jesse Armist, member of the city council.

MANY HURT WHEN BOLT STRUCK SHOE FACTORY

Rockton, Mass., Aug. 24.—Nine persons were injured, four seriously and nearly a score suffered minor hurts when a bolt of lightning struck a shoe factory here today, causing a vat of denatured alcohol to explode and set fire to the building.

Athens Government Tells Kaiser Greeks Will Not Stand For The Invasion

(By the United Press)

London, Aug. 25.—Germany has ordered Bulgaria to discontinue the Balkan advance and evacuate Greek territory, fearing Greece will enter the war on the side of the Allies, an unconfirmed wireless report from Rome says. Several Greek generals have refused to obey orders to evacuate Macedonia, the dispatch said.

Instead of preparing to defend the eastern forts, the Greek government is said to have laid this information before Germany, adding that public indignation is so great over the invasion that the government cannot master the situation. Germany then ordered the withdrawal, the report said.

MAUREPAS IS TAKEN BY THE FRENCH IN A BRILLIANT FIGHT

Advanced In Three Lines, Overwhelming the Teuton Defense

ALLIES ARE ADVANCING

Upon Two Important Points In West—Slavs Driving Turks Before Them In Caucasus Offensive—Bitlis Being Evacuated

(By the United Press)

London, Aug. 24.—The Russians have resumed their advance in the entire Caucasus theater following the recapture of Mush, says a wireless message from Petrograd. The Turks are evacuating Bitlis.

Paris, Aug. 25.—The French have advanced to within a mile and a half of Comblès, an important railway center, in furious fighting following the capture of Maurepas. The town has been under a terrific bombardment for three days. French infantry is advancing just south of Comblès to pocket up the Germans, in the same manner that the British are closing in on Thiepval. Infantry attacks follow cannonading. Artillery has bathed the Somme front with hundreds of thousands of shells.

The French left their trenches at sundown last evening and scrambled over ruined German trenches in three waves that overwhelmed the Germans, capturing Maurepas in exactly thirty minutes. General Haig's English drove forward for three hundred yards south of Thiepval, taking a German trench on a four-hundred yard front.

French Repel German Attacks.
Paris, Aug. 25.—The French last night consolidated the positions won in yesterday's advance north of Maurepas, and repulsed a violent attack on hill 121 south of the village, it is officially said. Three hundred prisoners have been taken since yesterday morning on the northeast front at Verdun. The Germans attacked the village of Fleury, in force but were stopped in the region of Apremont.

Italians Near Trieste.
With the Italian Army near Goritz, Aug. 25.—General Cadorna has pushed his lines to within fourteen miles of Trieste, gradually progressing in difficult mountain country, where the Austrians are resisting with utmost tenacity. Montefalcone, like the other villages of the Carso, has been leveled by artillery. The Carso plateau is strewn with corpses of horses and men, torn by shell fire.

THREE KILLED IN AN ACCIDENT ON L. & N. E.

Easton, Md., Aug. 24.—Three trainmen were killed in a wreck on the Lehigh and New England Railroad near here. The tender of a locomotive jumped the track on a steep grade and five coal cars piled on top of the engine.

CLASH OF REVENUE MEN AND MOONSHINE CLAN; ONE MAY DIE

(By the United Press)

Lynchburg, Va., Aug. 25.—Revenue officers from Mount Airy, N. C., and Martinsville, Va., are hastening to the scene of a shooting between revenue men and alleged moonshiners, near Stuart, Va., in which Revenue Officer B. H. Mays was probably fatally wounded.

Mays, with a posse trailing a wagon of liquor across the State line, called at the home of William Smith, demanding Smith's surrender. The Smith clan opened fire on the posse. William Smith was arrested but the others escaped.

RUN-OFF PRIMARIES IN TEXAS FIGHT BETWEEN THE WETS AND PROHIBS.

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 25.—Individuality will be largely lost sight of tomorrow in the run-off primaries for the Democratic nomination for U. S. Senator. Tomorrow's balloting will be a battle between wet and dry forces, with odds favoring the latter, politicians say.

Senator Charles Culberson and O. B. Colquitt, former governor, are the principals in today's voting. In the regular Democratic primaries on July 26 Culberson got 80,000 votes to Colquitt's 107,000, and the present job-holder only beat Dr. S. P. Brooks, former president of Baylor University, by about 6,000. But the nomination fight even then had resolved itself into a prohibition and anti-prohibition issue with Colquitt favoring the pros. The prohibition vote split on its two candidates.

Submission of prohibition at a general election to follow the next session of the Legislature, carried in the primaries. The dries are expected to unite behind Culberson, and despite his defeat by Colquitt in the first primaries he is admitted by politicians to have the best of it "on paper."

LEO ROWE SECRETARY MEXICAN COMMISSION

Washington, Aug. 24.—Leo S. Rowe, professor of political economy at the University of Pennsylvania, who was secretary of the recent Panama financial congress, will be secretary of the American group of the joint commission which will seek a solution of Mexican difficulties.

JUDGE DEVIN NAMES TILLEY COURT CLERK IN DURHAM COUNTY

Judge Devin, conducting Superior Court here, Thursday night mailed to Durham the appointment of E. I. Tilley to the Clerk of Superior Court in Durham county, which county is in Judge Devin's district. Clerk Tilley succeeds the late Clerk Caleb Green, who died recently after many years in office.

The Durham bar endorsed Mr. Tilley. He is an attorney, and has been deputy clerk of the Court for some time. In that office he had made good and earned the regard of his fellow lawyers and the public generally.

SECOND RAID UPON ENGLAND IN A DAY FOILED BY AIRMEN

(By the United Press)

London, Aug. 25.—A second air raid within 24 hours, when six zeppelins bombarded the east coast, was dispersed by anti-aircraft guns. An aviator who dashed in at close range directed the machine gun fire upon the dirigibles, which mounted high in the clouds.

PRESIDENT AND BROTHERHOODS ON ONE SIDE AND RAILWAY EXECUTIVES ON OTHER IN DEADLOCK OVER THE STRIKE QUESTION

Neither Will Give An Inch—Employees Becoming Impatient—Union Heads Charge Nation-Wide Lobby; Show Telegrams—Excitement When President Calls Brotherhood Men Into Conference—Talked for Ninety Minutes but Accomplished Little or Nothing—Wilson Will Stand Firm in Cause of Men, Leaders Say—No Compromise by Enginemen, Trainmen and Others—Northern Pacific Pays for Telegrams Favorable to Magnate's Side, Alleged

(By the United Press)

Washington, Aug. 25.—With President Wilson and the railroad presidents apparently at loggerheads for the time being, the President today stirred up excitement by suddenly calling the heads of the brotherhoods to the White House for a Conference. The conference lasted an hour and a half.

According to the workers' representatives, the talk left the situation unchanged. They were not asked to accept a compromise, they said, and gave the impression as they left the White House that the President may be expected to stand firmly by the proposal which they accepted but the railway heads reject.

The brotherhood chiefs while at the White House placed before the President a charge that a nation-wide lobby is being conducted to influence sentiment to favor the roads. They presented telegrams showing that the Northern Pacific is paying for favorable messages forwarded to Washington.

Pressure from their members for prompt disposal of the issue is becoming stronger, the brotherhood heads told the President. The brotherhoods, they said, refuse absolutely to compromise further than in compliance with the President's plan.

Bulletins

(By the United Press)

TWO DIE IN DUEL ON ROAD

Fraunm, Ala., Aug. 25.—G. W. Smith and Robert Hall, prominent men of Wilcox county, are dead as the result of a pistol fight on a public highway.

DEATH OF MRS. CARRIE M. FORDHAM AT NOON

Mrs. Carrie M. Fordham, a well-known woman, died in Memorial hospital at noon today, following a long period of ill health. Recently she suffered a broken hip in a fall, and that may have hastened her death, it is thought. Mrs. Fordham was about 80 years of age. She was the widow of the late Dr. A. J. Fordham, who died about eight years ago. She is survived by one brother, J. H. Pugh of Clinton, and one sister, Mrs. Mary Wooten, who resides at the east end of King street, this city. It was with the latter that Mrs. Fordham made her home, and from the Wooten residence the funeral will be conducted Saturday at 5 p. m. Rev. E. N. Harrison of Caswell Street Methodist church will officiate.

Mrs. Fordham was a woman of an excellent type, a devout Christian and of lovable disposition. She was a member of the Methodist church.

WOULD HAVE GOTTEN BY ALL RIGHT, BUT TAKING NO CHANCES

William Atkinson, colored, a farm tenant, stood charged with larceny—larceny of a watch—in Superior Court here Thursday. There was some doubt as to his guilt; so much that the Solicitor agreed to a submission to a charge of simple trespass. William was not aware of what was in progress, probably.

William Atkinson sat there in the courtroom and heard a couple of defendants soaked for 12 months each. That had a very depressing effect upon William, who was under bond and Atkinson's counsel, having effected liberty to go where he pleased.

The change whereby he could admit trespass and pay for it and go on William's nerve had failed him and he was gone. He had not come out of the woods this morning. His counsel frankly laid the facts before the court and Judge Devin allowed the altered charge to stand.

BRYANT SANDERSON GOES FREE IN CASE FOR BECTON MURDER

The jury in the Sanderson case about 3:15 this afternoon brought in a verdict of "not guilty." Manslaughter was the most that the State had asked for.

The jury took the case against Bryant Sanderson, charged with the killing of Amos Becton, at about a quarter to 1 o'clock this afternoon. The case was commenced Thursday afternoon, and all the evidence was in before adjournment. Argument was heard today.

In this case Sanderson, a young farm tenant, is the defendant. Becton was one of the wealthiest planters in Jones county. He was killed in an affray with Sanderson on his plantation on this side of the Lenoir county line several months ago. Testimony had Thursday afternoon was to the effect that Becton had made an attempt to attack the other and his throat was cut in the fracas. Becton was an elderly man. He was a bachelor and had a reputation for indulging in immoral pleasures. It was at the home of a negro tenant that the fatal fight occurred.

The prospect this afternoon is that the August term of Superior Court will be brought to an end tonight.

Cases disposed of Thursday were: Thad. Tyndall, Sunday selling and nuisance, not guilty. Toke Mayo, retailing, not guilty. George Cavenhugh, having whiskey for sale, guilty; judgment not pronounced.

CHAS. CARTER KILLED; TRAIN STRUCK MACHINE

Rocky Mount, Aug. 24.—Suffering a fractured skull, shattered hip and internal injuries when his auto was struck by eastbound Atlantic Coast Line passenger train No. 68 about noon today, Charles A. Carter, a planter, lumberman and merchant of West's, Nash county, was given injuries from which he died three hours later.

Carter frankly laid the facts before the court and Judge Devin allowed the altered charge to stand. A white man whose sub-tenant William is, is trying to find the darky and reassure him.

CARR WOULD DREAD TO SEE HUGHES IN WHITE HOUSE, SAYS

Declares Republican Candidate Is Trying to Stir Up Sectionalism That Would Damage South—Wilson Called Great

Durham, Aug. 25.—Wilson is the greatest President since Washington, the wisest since Jefferson, in the opinion of General Julian S. Carr, multimillionaire owner of the largest hosiery mill in the world.

"Our dear Southland would have little to hope for in the event of it of sectionalism, inimical to the He said Hughes was kindling a spirit of 'Hughes' election," he declared today. South, which he thought had been buried with the Spanish war.

ALLEGED SLAYER IS TAKEN AFTER FORTY- FOUR YEARS, REPORT

Asheville, Aug. 24.—After ending the officers for 44 years, Andy Wise, a white man, charged with the murder of John Rogers of this county, has been arrested at Williamson, W. Va., according to a telegram received by Sheriff E. M. Mitchell this morning.

Immediately after the alleged murder Wise was arrested by Sheriff Plimmoms, who was sheriff of Buncombe county at that time, and was brought to Asheville to be placed in the county jail. Sheriff Plimmoms drove up to the old county courthouse with his prisoner, and as he was preparing to hitch his horse to the post, the alleged murderer made a break for liberty, and had not been seen nor heard of since by any of the succeeding sheriffs in the intervening 44 years, until Steve Rogers, the son of the murdered man, rushed into Sheriff Mitchell's office on April 1st, stating that Andy Wise, the man who had killed his father, had been seen in the French Broad neighborhood. Sheriff Mitchell procured an automobile and hastened immediately to French Broad township, only to find that Wise had caught the train out of Alexander the morning before.

After getting a good description of Wise, from the persons who saw him on his brief stay, Sheriff Mitchell had a large number of circulars printed and sent them into the surrounding States, resulting in the arrest of Wise at Williamson.

GOING ON IN OTHER TOWNS AND COUNTIES OF EASTERN CAROLINA

Mrs. Mary Carter of Bethaven, her two children and another child whom she is caring for, were stranded in

GUARDSMEN WALKED FIFTY-THREE MILES IN TWO DAYS' TIME

Battalion of Third Infantry Marched From Camp Glenn to Sportsmen's Camp Not Far From New Bern—Stood It Well

(Special to The Free Press.)

Camp Glenn, N. C., Aug. 25.—A battalion—four companies—of the Third Infantry returned to camp late yesterday after the longest hike taken by troops in this State since the War Between the States. They marched 53 miles in two days; 27 was done yesterday. The battalion tramped to Camp Bryan, between Newport and New Bern. Two supply wagons and an ambulance accompanied the outfit, which was under command of Major S. C. Chambers. The men were in good condition when they arrived here. The regimental band played them into camp from a distance beyond the reservation. Fifty-three miles in 48 hours is rather unusual for men in marching equipment. Thirty miles would be considered fair, forty good.

Company A of engineers, newly-organized, is expected here from Wilmington tomorrow. Another engineer company is soon to arrive from Charlotte.

Corp. Leo Kornegay of Company 3, Second Infantry, has been transferred to the headquarters company of that regiment. Harry Paul, who has been wrestling in the Middle West as "Young Gotti", has enlisted in the Second; he has been attached to Company B, later to go into a supply company.

753 TOWNS DESTROYED SINCE BEGINNING OF THE WAR

Paris, Aug. 25.—Statistics from the Ministry of the Interior, available today, show that 753 towns have been destroyed since military operations were begun and up to June 30.

New Bern en route home from Florida. The Salvation Army stepped in and secured them temporary quarters and set about the business of raising funds for them to get home. The Third Infantry band and about a hundred soldiers visited Oriental Thursday, trying to secure recruits in Pamlico county.

Winterville High School was burned when a bolt of lightning ignited the belfry early Thursday. The building was a mass of ruins in an hour's time. The furniture on the first floor was saved. The school term had opened only a day or two before. Building and contents were valued at \$6,500, with \$1,000 insurance. There is practically no doubt that the school will be replaced. It was under Baptist control.

Friday Sustains Its Record As Big Sales Day On Local Tobacco Market—400,000 Lbs.

Any estimate at this writing of the tobacco break on the Kinston market today is but guesswork. These guesses run from two hundred and fifty thousand to half million pounds. The Free Press puts the figures between three fifty and four hundred thousand. The prices show no indication of falling. In the opinion of some the grades throughout the sales today would not average up to those on some previous days, when the sales were much smaller, and for that reason the average price might not be the highest of the season. This is merely speculative, and it is conservative to say that prices were entirely satisfying and in many instances exceeded what the sellers expected. The first sales consumed most of the morning, and the dinner halt was taken in the midst of the second sales; it will be well on in the afternoon before the third and last sale of the day is concluded.

Friday is always a big day on the market and the quantity today was more than double any previous day of the present season. Good breaks are expected daily from now on and by the end of the coming week it will not be surprising if the "criers" voices don't begin to "feel the effects" of the day's work.