

STUNNED BY A BLOW AND THROWN IN WATER

Dr. Wood Confirms the Theory of the Cause of Neil Cropsey's Death. Coroner's Jurors Testify

Dr. Wood confirmed the theory of the cause of Neil Cropsey's death. The coroner's jurors testified that the victim was struck by a blow and thrown into the water. The body was found in the river, and the cause of death was determined to be drowning.

He told of the scalp being removed and the finding of a table-spoonful of clotted blood at a contusion on the left temple. He said the brain membrane was slightly bruised. It was Dr. Wood's opinion that the blow was struck by a heavy round instrument that was covered. Mr. Ward got the witness to say that he knew what a black jack was, but was not allowed to give his opinion as to whether that weapon made the contusion.

BLOW UP IN A TORPEDO SHOP

Building Wrecked and Burned and One Girl Killed. Cleveland, Ohio, March 15.—An explosion in the powder mixing department of the Fairmount Manufacturing Company, at 229 Euclid avenue, early today resulted in the death of one girl employee, while at least seven other persons were seriously injured.

MORE SMALLPOX IN CHARLOTTE

Three Cases Developed Yesterday—Base Ball and Other Things. Charlotte, N. C., March 15.—Special.—Three new cases of smallpox were reported here today—two children of T. W. Hardy, whose home was recently taken from under quarantine, also a barber named Campbell, who shaved Edwin Gresham twenty-three days ago, before the latter developed the disease.

TAKEN BACK TO VIRGINIA

Kinley Consents to Go Without Requisition Papers. Winston-Salem, N. C., March 15.—Special.—Mr. Rex Goss, who was shot here several weeks ago, was carried to Salisbury tonight. An X-ray instrument will be used on him to locate the ball. He will be brought back before an operation is performed.

GUESTS AT BILTMORE

Lord and Lady Pauncefote Have Returned to Washington. Asheville, N. C., March 15.—Special.—Lord and Lady Pauncefote, who have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Vanderbilt at Biltmore for the past few days, left today for Washington. Among the guests still at Biltmore house are Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Flaherty, Mr. and Mrs. E. Douglas Robinson, Count Costa, Mr. and Mrs. William Douglas Sloane, Miss Lilla Sloane and William Field of New York. Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt and their guests were entertained after the regular evening service at All Souls by Flaxington Harker in an organ recital.

RIVER GIVES UP ITS DEAD

Wilmington, N. C., March 15.—Special.—The body of Emma Thompson, a white woman of disreputable character, was found floating in Cape Fear River at a point on the water front late this afternoon by the engineer of a steamboat which tied up at the wharf. The body was beginning to show decomposition, and from all signs it had been in the water for many days. The woman had been missing for a month and nobody knew her whereabouts. It is thought that in a drunken stupor she fell in the river and was drowned. The coroner empaneled a jury which decided that she came to her death by drowning at a date unknown to them. The body was turned over to the county for burial.

SAMPSON'S CLAIM

The Government Resists a Demand for Prize Money. Washington, March 15.—The appeal of the government from the decision of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia in the libel of Rear Admiral W. T. Sampson and the officers and men of the North Atlantic squadron to recover prize money on the Spanish cruiser Infanta Maria Teresa, was filed in the Supreme Court of the United States today.

BELOW THE STANDARD

King Alfonso Not Fitted to Come the Throne. London, March 15.—Some sensational statements have been made here recently respecting the young King of Spain. It has been hinted not obscurely that he is weak-minded. These reports are grossly exaggerated.

ROCKED THE BOAT

Two Young Men Drowned and Two Swam Ashore. Fayetteville, N. C., March 15.—Special.—News was received this afternoon of a sad tragedy at Cumberland Mills some miles south of here. Two Underwoods, Ballard and Hales, working night in the cotton factory, started at six o'clock, took Driver's boat, went up the pond near Springs landing, and rocking the boat in sport, upset it. Both Underwoods were drowned, Ballard and Hales swam ashore.

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SEVERE TEST

Florence Burns Sees Her Victim's Mother in a Frenzy. New York, March 15.—The courage of Florence Burns, the young Brooklyn girl who is accused of the murder of her lover, Walter E. Brooks, was put to a severe test today when the old mother of the man she is accused of killing went on the witness stand against her, and at the sight of her late son's watch burst into a perfect frenzy of weeping, and hugging and kissing the timepiece, finally fell over in a dead swoon and had to be carried from the court room.

GIFT OF PAINTINGS

Souvenir from Miss Gould of Her Visit to the State Normal. Greensboro, N. C., March 15.—Special.—The State Normal and Industrial College has just received from Miss Helen Miller Gould two very handsome copies of well known paintings by Lawrence Alma-Tadema, "The Coliseum" and "Reading from Homer." The latter picture is among the greatest works of the artist, who is a Dutchman by birth and education, although a naturalized British subject.

STRIKE TOMORROW

Mill Owners and Operatives Fail to Come to Terms. Fall River, March 15.—The conference at 9:30 this morning between the executive committee of the manufacturers and the secretaries of the five labor unions lasted for an hour and a half and adjourned without any result. This means the strike of 4,000 operatives Monday morning. The manufacturers claimed that they could not afford to give a 10 per cent advance, but were willing to give six per cent next Monday morning. Instead of April 7, as they previously had agreed upon.

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Talks on All Sides of the Ship Subsidy

Two Republican Senators Find the Measure Open to Objections Which Are Finied Out. Washington, March 15.—The Senate agreed, at the suggestion of Mr. Berry of Arkansas, to take up the ship subsidy bill immediately after routine business Monday and that speeches on the bill be limited to fifteen minutes except as to the Senator from Maine (Mr. Frye) who was accorded thirty minutes.

Mr. Teller of Colorado then began a speech in opposition to the pending ship subsidy bill. He maintained that under the law the American flag could be raised over any ship owned in whole or in part by American citizens. He also said that the bill would give a benefit that might give. While he always had been in favor of the upbuilding of the merchant marine, he could not believe that the pending bill would accomplish the result hoped for by its advocates.

Senator Berry of Arkansas, representing the minority of the Senate Committee on Commerce, today presented his report in opposition to the pending ship subsidy bill. Most of the points have been covered in speeches in the Senate. The members of the minority deny the accuracy of both the predictions and the facts in the majority report. They urge that the bill is wrong in principle and declare that it will utterly fail in the accomplishment of its purpose.

ports, so that Mr. Bacon said, the money provided for in the bill would go to a few favored large class mail steamship lines, which did not carry the great commerce of the country. Mr. Allison of Iowa stated a few objections which he said he had to the bill. He thought that it ought to have a beginning and an ending, and he would therefore offer amendments limiting to the first of July, 1910, the time within which the Postmaster General should make contracts, and providing that no contract shall extend beyond July 1, 1912.

He suggested several other amendments which he said he would offer to the bill, though he said he had very great doubts about the bill. Mr. Spooner of Wisconsin criticized the bill in several of its provisions. He said that he was in favor of the mail subsidies proposed, but he did not like to vote for 15-year contracts and for the payment of vast sums of money out of the treasury unless it was quite apparent that the purpose sought to be accomplished would be accomplished. And he had not been able to ascertain that from the debate. On the contrary the information which he had been able to obtain from the debate caused him to doubt it. The object was, not simply to give more pay for carrying the mail, but to equalize the conditions between American ships and ships of other countries.

BANK AT BURLINGTON

New Company Organizes and Will Absorb the Old Bank. Burlington, N. C., March 15.—Special.—The stockholders of the Alliance Loan and Trust Company met here this afternoon for election of officers and transaction of other business pertaining to permanent organization of the company. The following officers were elected: Jas. H. Holt, president; J. A. Davidson, vice-president; J. M. Fix, treasurer; J. C. Staley, secretary. The board of directors consists of the following members: R. G. Vaughn, Greensboro; J. A. Davidson, Greensboro; R. M. Morrow, Jax. N. Williamson, Jr., J. H. Holt, Eugene Holt, R. L. Holt, B. R. Sellers, J. W. Page, J. W. Cates, W. E. Hay and F. L. Williamson. Owing to the lateness of the hour the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, March 18, when the rest of the officers will be elected.

Killed with a Club. Winston-Salem, N. C., March 15.—Special.—Tom Johnson and Lum Hammond, white men of White Plains, Surry county, got into a row this week, when Johnson struck Hammond on the head with a club. The wound inflicted resulted in Hammond's death. Johnson made his escape.

No Verdict in Breese Case

Asheville, N. C., March 15.—Special.—The Breese case was given to the jury this morning. No verdict has yet been reached. Court adjourned until Monday morning.