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FATE OF WILCOX WITH THE JURY

Closing Argument Marked by Sensational Interruption-Local Feeling Running High

zaboth City, N. C., March 20,-Spe-The State of North Carolina has guilty?' ted its case against Jim Wilcox. mly is all its evidence in the jury's but when the morning session was the lawyers' plea against him had seen completed by Mr. Ward, leadattorney for the prosecution. The ox should suffer death to avenge Crousey's murder. Chief counsel the defense, Mr. Aydlett, tells why ellent should not die for a crime whose commission there is so much He had the last say to the jury Wilcox's countrymen.

he State rests with the presentation plance, testimony on less than which. says, many a murderer has suffered

the State says Wilcox, after visiting weetheart frequently for three years, al a falling out, that his attentions were no longer agreeable to Nell Cropthat he made an indirect threat out turning the laugh when Nell ridialled him, that he was the last person seen with her alive when he called her that she was killed by a blow; Wilcox's after conduct was indicaof indifference and that there is minutes of unaccounted for time be-11 and 12 o'clock on last Novem-

The defense holds that the evidence s not sufficient to convict; that Wilex was a creature of unfortunate cirmony with nature and he could not with the search, it; that he has been hounded down sentiment, money, influence, detecres and newspapers; and that his conduet which has caused so much feeling not compatible with guilt.

the trial is one of the features of the Charged with cowardly murder, execrated on every hand, held in concapt by public opinion, the target of indicated a confession. cloquence, and subjected to a strain which might weaken a nerve of the prisoner has remained indif-Whether good or bad is said of him, whether the speaker pleads for his death or his freedom the exession is always the same-cold, rigid. the eyes of his father and sisters; the eyes of the Cropseys and spectotors and to the lawyers on both sides, yet Jim Wilcox has remained unwed and chewed gum. His is a fit ture for the study of physiologists. l'eaple say he is either hardened to all emotion or sentiment, or that he is absolutely nerveless.

When Wilcox was brought into court and had sat down, one of his sisters olm tenderly. Some of the negroes are portion of the section reserved for hen is being occupied by ladies whose uniter when court opened was quite The jury looked much refreshed parance when adjournment was had

Mr. Ward's Argument.

Solicitor George W. Ward opened. He a tall, spare man, smooth-shaven, pale-faced and of classic countenance.

We are now, gentlemen of the jury, the eighth day, including Sacurday, the most important trial ever held in

"I shall not begin here this morning by lecturing this jury. I know you; one of you are my personal friends. Hear me and bear with me: I am not ing to talk in pictures and clouds. am going to talk in plain English. going to talk of a murdered girl the man who murdered her. I am going to say anything to prejudice coal carrying companies refuse to jury. If I do say anything outside grant it. evidence do not calisider it.
has been said by Mr. Bond that
Wilcox has been bounded down,

I stand here in the name of the ople of Pasquotank and adjoining ties to say that is not so. When cox was skulking around, when the herer of suspicion was pointed at him, the people protected, when they could have hanged his body to a limb and for this day and waited patiently. They Brother Bond referred to Wilcox's Now I want to ask if you had been totalg to see a girl three times a week three years and she had gone down a watery grave and been found there.

We are not here trying Tom Wilmy, he has been my friend for many years. We are not trying Mrs. Wilon who has been ill on a bed; we are trying Jim Wilcox's beautiful siswho would perhaps have given the from their veins to save him." Im speaker referred to Mr. Bond's

mother crying, her father crying, her

isters wrought in anguish, would you

allision to the shades of Jim Wilcox and asked how about the shades of Nel-

in said Wilcox had too much sense to run away because he knew that would he a strong link when the dead body

Mr. Ward took up the doctor's testimony in detail and argued that there was no resisting the conclusion that Nell Cropsey was not drowned. He paid on connent tribute to Dr. Wood and In Fearing.

he combatting the suicide theory he here based the fact that Miss Cropsey was of a joyous temperament. That

"You tell me that looks like the coninct of a man or woman who contem-

plates suicide?" "Now if you have come to the condesign that Miss Cropsey was murdered, who did it? I will answer that in one question, who else could have done it, who else had the motive, who else a threat about it, who else could be

Mr. Ward said Ollie Cropsey was the best witness he had seen on the stand since he had been practicing law. After describing scenes of the fatal evening have been forged. A Chinaman, howleading up to when Nell was called to ever, who is conversant with the facts the door, the speaker said:

"Now what became of this girl after she left those steps? Thirty-seven days relatives in China of the presidents of Cubans were present. after Jim Wilcox called out Nell Cropsey she was taken from the river 75 feet from its bank. 'Who put her there? Only one man in this court house can tell and Jim Wilcox is the man. If Now in the fight against Chinese exclua very strong case of circumstantial the trees could talk, if the wind and the sion and his failure to appear at the stars could talk they could tell, but consulate in the day time so that Chi-Wilcox is the only human being who nese merchants can see him on busi- Mr. John Glenn, president of the Na-

> The attorney walked over to Wilcox's chair and shook his long finger in his dressing his jockeys in imperial yellow private charities and the imoprance of face. The lawyer did not name the which is a heinous offense, manner in which the deed was done after Wilcox had gotten the girl alone, but said the details of the crime were matters of guess work and opinion, Mr. Ward gave a logical review of all the evidence in the case.

He complimented the people of Elizabeth City on their actions during all the celebrated developments. He threw down the gauntlet to defendant's coun- Documentary Evidence That sel to show a man in Elizabeth City. mestances; that his indifference was in aside from Wilcox, who had not helped

The lawyer made a lengthy comparison between the Wilcox case and Cluverius case at Richmond, holding that the evidence is stronger in the Wilcox case than in the Cluverius case. "And yet result, though many people think he said, "this slaver of Lillian Madison evidence that the real head of the Tam- Democrats together has alarmed some was hanged, and that before he was Wilcox's demeanor before and during subjected to a legal death he had required the minister in attendance to England, and that his name is Richard read from the Bible at a place which Croker is contained in a number of is absurd.

sead to the jury the Psalm on whose consolation Claverius had gone to his Mr. Croker lfas told his friends among such of his friends as are loyal to the death. It was an impressive scene to the district leaders and other big men organization to show to others that I see the prosecuting attorney, with God's of Tammany Hall how he thinks that believe in the truthfulness and sincerity book in hand standing before the twelve the organization should be conducted of his statements to me. motionless. During the trial scenes of men who have the keeping of Wilcox's and how they should act toward Lewis fate reading from its pages and come Nixon. metting on their significance.

> for conviction on the ground that the importance that Mr. Croker had writ- chenly or otherwise wemanhood of North Carolina must be ten to some of his old friends. Then | "The enemies of Tammany Hall must

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COMPLAINT AGAINST CHINESE CONSULS

Think Ho Yow Lukewarm

San Francisco, March 20 .- The Chinese Six Companies of San Francisco have entered a complaint at Pekin nuder their official sea against Consul had the opportunity, who else had made is Ho Yow's brother-in-law. Wu has received a copy of the charges and has telegraphed to Ho Yow to investigate and report. The Consul General met the head of the Six Companies last night and they declared their seal must the Six Companies punished if they had admitted they made the charges.

CUBAN CHARI-TIES CONFERENCE

by General Wood

Havana, March 20 .- Governor General Wood started today for Washington. The first Cuban national confer-General Ho Yow, of this city, and in- ence on charities opened here today. directly against the Chinese Minister The conference is based on those of We Ting Fang, at Washington, who the United States with the idea of educating public opinion in the best methods of charity. The conference is managed by an executive committee of Cubans and is the outcome of the work done by the department of charities under Major Kean and private Ameri- in miniature of the light house he pro- spoke for Mullen. Postmaster General said this was the usual method of evad. can philanthropists. Over 1,000 pering responsibility as Ho Yow could have sons, representative of all classes of bert F. Ells gave a demonstration today promised to repeat their statement to

General Wood opened the conference. This informant said the principal Mrs. Wood and Miss Roosevelt were charges were the lukewarmness of Ho paesent. Vice President Surex read a paper reviewing the charitable work very much interested in Mr. Ells' talk, post office is here. done since the American intervention. ness. He is also accused of devoting tional Conference held in the United undue time to his riding stable and of States in 1901, spoke on public and private effort.

The Real Head of the Tammany Organization

He Lives at Wantage,

England

New York, March 20.—Documentary Mr. Ward grabbed a Bible nearby and lefters that have been received in this city in the last few weeks in which

taining the intimation that he has pow- discourage me in my work."

er if he chooses to throw all of the Croker men out of the organization. "So Mr. Croker has actually written to some of his old friends and asked them to visit the club. And this furnishe's material enough for three

"I know that Mr. Croker has retired from political leadership but I do not feel it necessary for me to crucicfy

rived at by Mr. Croker before leaving

"There is no well-informed man of ordinary imelligence who believes that Mr. Nixon said today that he did not Mr. Croker has the slightest idea of Mr. Ward made an eloquent appeal think that it was a matter of great ever resuming the leadership either

he made this formal announcement con- get better than this if they wish to

prisoner's extradition and the Gov. ernor gave the man into his hands.

It is said that there are eleven charges of bigamy already standing against Nel-He abandoned wives in Missouri, Iowa, Arkansas, Indiana and Illinois with probably other States yet to be heard from. According to information Firemen, requested the convention to received by Gov. Sayers from the comadopt an eight hour day for the colliery plaining parties Nelson descried most firemen, the same as the Brotherhood of his wives after a few weeks of marhas demanded of the operators. The riage. His object in each case was to convention will take up the matter to get what money he could from them and then quietly take his departure.

A Young German Gets Good Slice from Grandfather

\$12,000 because he was brave and loyal ing the entire act is respected. The

of Max Schmahl, a millionaire sugar intact and the tax continued in effect. king in Germany. Otto Schmahl, the beneficiary, who is mentioned in the the report that he expected to call it up passage of the measure, he said: will, resides with his parents in a modest little home in this city. Upon the will he re-affort on either side of the to get a good shot at an anarchist." declaraton of war with Spain young Schmahl enlisted in the United States ended the case there. The citizens are organization of all skilled mechanics and be congratulated. They have waited in conformity with the decision renderson, but Sheriff Wiser was the first to skirmishes to the great satisfaction of The House provision authorizing the

Invective on Cleveland

gle Issue Upon Which the Cleveland Democracy is Prepared

political confidence as we do the embezzlement of public money he would be receiving the limit of the law, but instead of seeking forgiveness for the wrongs done by him to his party he nurses his resentment and waits impatiently for the party to applogize to him for not allowing him to lead it,

"What excuse can there be for a Cleveland party? The Republican party can serve every person that a Cleveland Lincoln, Neb., March 20.—Because ex- Democracy could serve. There is not a single issue upon which the Cleveland company requiring them to work upon President Cleveland said in a recently behavior of control in the performance of his duties as such what is called "the swing shift" system published letter his belief that the and its assumption of control in the officer. limiting to two the number of laborers cent "dreadful dreams" Mr. Bryan pro- portant question. If Mr. Cleveland that may be employed by any one con- ceeds to bestow bitter invective in large thinks the Democratic party is ready to

the mine work buoyant, that very night in the mine workers the render of her New York trip: the of blacklisting employees who are the render of her New York trip: the of blacklisting employees who are discharged by the companies.

The first she was dancing about with the rester, with no care in her heart.

The first she was booyant, that very night in the mine workers the render the render of the render o

Mullen's Case Opened by Postmaster General

Francisco Celestials Opened Yesterday in Havana Promises of No Further Transgression-Pleasant Incident in the House. Senator Simmons Expresses Views

By THOMAS J. PENCE

Washington, March 20 .- Special .-With a tub full of water and a design which lasted for an hour. No action | The Baltimore News printed the folwas taken and the matter was deferred lowing interview this afternoon: until next week, when Congressman Small will probably be heard. No op- believes the Democrats will elect a maposition appeared to the Ells proposi- jority of the next House of Represe tion at the meeting today but at the tatives and that they will enter the same time there was no declaration in Presidential campaign with chances in favor of it. Mr. Ells' model of the favor of the election of their candidate. light house he proposes to creet is Asked why he entertained these expecunique. He told the committee that he tations, Mr. Simmons said: wadlik build at either Newport News "Recause the Democratic party is or Norfolk. It is to be of steel in cir- becoming united and because it shows a

feet high.

up the River and Harbor bill Monday. Hed and taken out of politics. In my Senator Berry told me that it would be judgment there is no reason why the columns of padded prohesy. Probably before the Senate committee for at Democratic party may not take a post-

A pleasant incident happened in the House today in which a North Carolinian figured and which will be of interin North Carolina, called on Congress- 1904." man John D. Bellamy and informed | Mr. Simmons recently expressed himtographic album belonging to Mr. Bel- ator-elect Gorman of Maryland for of Wilmington. At that time General bad come to drop Bryan. Hawley had his headquarters at the Arrivals: Dr. E. R. Michanx and

said it would be a pleasure to return it with "a description of how, when and where it was obtained." This Senator Hawley said he would do tomor-

Postmaster J. W. Mullen arrived today with a delegation of Charlotte citizens headed by George B. Hiss, E. A. Smith, J. A. Wilson and W. T. Jordan. They sought Senator Pritchard. who accompanied them to the office of Postmaster General Payne, where an interview followed. After strongly endorsing Mullen, and giving the promise that there would be no further transgression, the members of the committee yielded to Senator Pritchard, who poses o erect off Cape Hatieras, Al- Payre listened to the visitors and then before the Senate Committee on Com- the President and refer the entire motmerce of the practicability of his plan ter to him. Thus the Charlotte post offor overcoming the terrors of the dread- fice squabble is again opened in Muled Hatteras. Chairman Frye and all len's behalf. J. M. Sharpe of Charlotte, the members of the committee were who is an applicant for the Charlotte

"Senator Simmons of North Carolina

form and it is his idea to give it disposition to go before the people with draught of thirty feet and float it to issues that are sensible and up-to-date. atteras like a ship. Releasing the air The feeling in the party seems to be would sink it at the desired posi- that it no longer is chained up; that it ion and then fill it with concrete and is no longer under obligation to reaffinally surround it with solid masonry, firm doctrines which have been con-His plans call for a light two hundred demned by the people, and all the Democrats admit that the great question on The committee also decided to take which the party divided has been settion abreast of the times. Speaking of Hon. W. J. Bryan, the

"Mr. Bryan is a strong and honest

est to the North and South. Senator man. But I have no idea he will be the Hawley of Connecticut, who was born Democratic candidate for President in

him that he had in his possession an au-self in favor of the nomination of Senlamy's brother. Senator Hawley ex- President in 1904. The impression plained that he came into possession of revails that in making this expression the album during the war, when as a Mr. Simmons' purpose was simply to Federal general ke occupied the city indicate his judgment that the time

magnificent home of Mr. Bellamy's Mrs. W. T. Moss of Greensboro; R. L. father and he was so impressed with Steele, W. F. Steele and A. L. Methe album that he took it away and has Donald of Rockingham, Mrs. J. A. retained it ever since. Senator Hawley Thomas of New Bern.

The Bill to Repeal War Revenue Taxes

Every Provision Except the Taxation of Bucket Shops Likely to Be Repealed

Senate convened today, Mr. Aldrich, tary or any other sort of guard could chairman of the Committee on Finance, assassination at Buffalo. He believed

He made known the amendments to tutions than a military guard. the bill suggested by the committee. There are many changes in the language exception is the provision in the exist-The above is a provision in the will ing law providing for the taxation of Max Schmahl a millionaira sugar "busket shops" which provision is left Senator Aldrich said before presenting

appointment of ten additional internal revenue agents in connection with the rebate on tobacco on hand when the law shall go into effect is eliminated, but is authorized to adopt such regulations project involving the assassination of as may be necessary to carry the pro-Consideration then was resumed of the

Mr. Rawlins of Utah said he was not in opposition to the main results to be

accomplished by the pending bill, but it fell short in his opinion of affording that complete protection to the President-which he ought to have. Mr. Mallory of Florida said the proposed legislation was most important. It of the hysteria resulting from the as-

was novel and practically without precedent in the history of the country. He said there was no doubt of the power of Congress to provide protection for the inequality of men before the law, federal officers, but he held that the Equality before the law was, he said, punishment should not be inflicted ex- the foundation stone of all free Recept when it was established that the publics, and a contrary doctrine would offense was committed against the President or other official, only when he was be simply to liquify the foundations and

peace with the Republicans on every imment which he probably would offer purpose; because it infringed on the providing a substitute for section seven constitution and because it established

o be guarded by secret service officials. In his opinion if President McKinley had had a proper military guard be would not have been assassinated. The guard was not provided for pomp or for display but for the safety and security of the President. Such a proper guard could be furnished only by the army. Washington, March 20 .- Soon after the Mr, Mallory doubted whether a mili-

reported the bill to repeal war revenue that a competent guard of civilians was better and more in line with our insti-Mr. Hawley of Connecticut in sup-porting the bill expressed his astonish-

ment that some Senators should persist Cincinnati, March 20 .- "I bequeath to of the bill, but except in one instance in misrepresenting the measure, in mismy grandson, Otto Schmahl, the sum of the intention of the House bill of repeal- understanding the constitution and in splitting hairs over ingonsequential matters. He saw no reason why the Senate should hesitate for five minutes to pass the pending bill. In his opinion it was well considered and thoroughly matured. In conclusion after an appeal for the "I have an utter abhorrence of an-

Mr. Nelson of Minnesota vigorously supported the pending bill. In defense only of the President but of all those who by law are in line of succession to the presidency he said there might be a conspiracy to assassinate every one of those men. Indeed at the time President Lincoln was murdered there was a several members of his cabinet. A conspiracy might be formed at any time for the wrecking of the entire executive branch of the government. To guard against such a contingency the government ought to be equipped with power to protect not only the President and the successors to the presidency but the very life of the government through

Mr. Money of Mississippi opposed the bill which was an indication, he said, sassination of Mr. McKinley. He objected to the bill because it established

Mr. McLaurin of Mississippi oppo tem; opposition to the contract system Democracy was recovering from its re-

Mr. Spooner of Wisconsin said that and an agreement was reached under

Demands of the United Mine Workers Convention of big

is merning. They had a worn ap An Eight Hour Work Day is the Most Important and May Precipitate a Strike

> United Mine Workers Convention this afternoon amid great enthusiasm adopt ed resolutions embodying their demands, the one for the eight hour work day being the most important and alone sufficient to precipitate a strike if the

An eight hour day; recognition of the tion warrant from Gov. Sayers for the mining committee in the adjustment of return of Christian C. Nelson, alias disputes which arise thus avoiding Nelson Foster to Buchanan county to numerous contentions which result in stand trial for bigamy committed Seplocal strikes; opposition to working with tember 25, 1901. Nelson is under arrest the men who refuse to become members at San Antonio. in conformity with the decision render- and Missouri, asking him to hold Neled by the American Federation of Labor convention; in favor of arbitration of trade disputes; providing for the selection of six members of the organization, two from each district to act in conjunction with the Lihuian Polise club in the erection of a monument as a memorial to the victims of the Latior any of you have acted like Jim Wil- mer riot, monument not to cost more than \$5,000; condemning the action of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad Declares There is Not a Sin-Company in changing condition of em ployment at Plymouth which changes resulted in the reduction of wages in violation of contract; in favor of col fiery locals whenever practicable; pro viding for the systematic examination of workmens eards; demanding the reinstatement of firemen who were discharged by the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western at the Woodward, Avondale and Pettebone collieries, who re fused to comply with the order of the in force at some of the collieries and tractor; regulating the bureau of mines and mining to print not less than 25. He says the only "decadful dream" to the mixing laws in the look copies of the mixing laws in the English language for distribution among Democracy. He charges that Cleve.

and 55,000 miners.

A strike would affect between 45,000 11 WIVES ABANDONED

With Several More States Yet to Be Heard From

Austin, Texas, March 20 .- Sheriff H. C. Wiser, of Buchanan county, Mo., The resolutions in brief insist upon: was here today and obtained a requisi-

reach here with an application for the his grandfather.

LOYALTY TO COUNTRY

to his country in time of trouble."

Bryan Bestows Bitter

to Fight

the was buoyant, that very night in the mine workers. Condemning the sys- land made the White House "the ren-

bodily, into the Republican camp.

"If his modesty forbids his own can-