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THIS LETTER DOES NOT CLEAR ESTES

And It Is One Long Cry of Anguish

IT IS A VERBATIM COPY

Such is the Claim Made for the Letter Which Was Said to Contain Statements Exonerating Estes from All Blame—Tender Words for Mother and Father.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Lynchburg, Va., May 3.—Regarding the dispatch sent out from Charlottesville several days ago, in which it was said that Miss Elizabeth Lovine, daughter of Judge Loving, who shot Theodore Estes, at Oak Ridge, April 22, for an alleged insult to his daughter after drugging her, fully exonerated and expressed amazement at the unwarranted action of her father, comes a statement from Aubrey A. Estrode, of this city, counsel for Judge Loving, that Miss Loving did not write such a letter.

The following is a verbatim copy of Miss Loving's letter to her Charlottesville friend: "John, thank you, Louise, thank you, more than I can tell, for writing, Oh, Louise, I am so much troubled. It seems that my life is one dark, dark blank. I am trying to bear up; trying to stand it for father's sake, for you know it will all nearly rest on me. "God and the truth alone can help me. Oh, Louise, will you pray for me: will you get down on your knees and ask God to help us? At times I think I can't stand it. That it can't be true. I wish I could see you—you would be such a comfort to me, but I am believing that your heart is with me anyway. My brave, brave little mother is bearing up wonderfully; there never was another such woman on earth as she is.

"Letters and telegrams have been coming in for three days, and they are such comforters. It's such a comfort to know that in this, the darkest time of our lives, there are friends who are true and who will stand by us through the trouble, but, Oh, Louise, just think of it! ... has been since the first, you know, and I don't see how we could have stood it without her. Then ... is here to manage everything. He is a comfort beyond words.

"We are so thankful he is out on bail, and now if we can just get his nerves straightened out. I hadn't seen him until yesterday. He came up here and put his poor weak arms around me and told me to be brave. Oh, Louise, isn't it awful? Sometimes when I feel I can't write you more, if it's not much trouble, will you write me occasionally? It will help me so much to know that you are praying for me, and think about us, Oh, Louise, Louise, think of it; think of it!" "ELIZABETH."

TEN THOUSAND ACRES OF TIMBER LAND SOLD.

(Special to The Evening Times.) Wilkesboro, N. C., May 3.—Mr. T. R. Finley has sold to the Giant Lumber Company over 10,000 acres of fine timber lands. This land has very fine white pine, oak, poplar and chestnut on it, and lies at the foot and in the coves of the Blue Ridge mountains on Reddie's river.

The Giant Lumber Company is going to construct a flume from the railroad at North Wilkesboro up Reddie's river through the fine timber, at a cost of over \$20,000, and when the flume is saved at the mill it will be floated to the railroad in this flume—some of it for a distance of 18 miles—and also put a like sum now and more later in lumber yard, planing mill, box factories, etc. In the next few weeks this company will expend more than \$150,000. It is going to bring northern lumber in this section before it can complete the cutting, logging, fluming, manufacturing and sale of the finest body of timber ever sold in the western part of the state.

The Giant Lumber Company is composed of J. M. Barnhardt and W. J. Palmer of Lenoir, F. G. Harper of Patterson, and E. P. Wharton of Greensboro.

BREAKS INTO ROOM TO KILL THE GIRL

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) St. Louis, Mo., May 3.—After climbing a two-story porch and breaking open a window, Albert Koenig, a hinesman, secured entrance into the room of Nettie Woods early this morning and shot her. He then shot himself twice. It is believed they will both die. The two quarreled recently.

THE CARROLINA LOST IN FLAMES

Julian Carr's Handsome Hotel Is Destroyed

CAUGHT IN THE NIGHT

Firemen Fought the Flames Desperately, and Raleigh's Fire Department Went to the Scene, But Got There Too Late to Render Material Aid—No One Seriously Injured.

(Special to The Evening Times.) Durham, N. C., May 3.—The Hotel Carolina was discovered in flames about midnight last night, and, although fire engines from Raleigh came to the assistance of the local companies, the hotel was practically destroyed before they reached here. Several firemen were slightly injured. The hotel covered almost an entire block. It was within a few hundred yards of the American Tobacco Company's plant, the largest tobacco factory in the world, and was in the heart of the business section, which at one time was threatened with destruction.

The Carolina was owned by Col. Julian S. Carr, the tobacco magnate, and for about a decade has been the principal hotel in Durham. The loss is \$175,000, covered by insurance. All of the guests escaped without injury.

The building was a frame structure and situated in the very heart of the business center, thus menacing the entire city; and, seeing that a dangerous blaze was in its incipency, Fire Chief Maddy, with Foreman Mabry, ran a line of hose through the building up to the third floor and attempted to quench the fire before it had gained headway. In the meantime the alarm had been sounded in the hotel and the panic-stricken guests rushed from their rooms, scantily clad.

Fortunately, the flames were on the upper floor, and those occupying apartments on the second and lower floors were able to secure their belongings without difficulty. Those on the third floor were not so fortunate, however. When they were aroused the halls were rapidly filling with smoke, and, fearing that escape would be cut off entirely, few of them made any effort to don their clothing, and rushed into the street in night garments, leaving the valuables, jewelry and money in their apartments. Despite the valiant work of the firemen, the flames gained steadily. Chief Maddy thought his best point of vantage was on the third floor, and kept his men there. Suddenly and without warning, the plastering of the room in which the fire started crashed down, and a moment later flames burst out on every side. The firemen were forced to drop their hose and flee for their lives, several of them falling over the stairs in the darkness and smoke, and but for the prompt assistance rendered by the more fortunate ones, would have met death. Chief Maddy rallied his men, however, and again took up the fight on the inside of the building, the third floor of which was by this time practically a roaring furnace. Step by step the firemen were forced back, and, seeing that it was impossible to quell the flames from the interior, the men were ordered out of the building and placed so as to protect the adjoining property. Adjoining the hotel on the north was the First National Bank, and this was connected with a block of the most representative business houses in Durham.

Five streams were placed in the narrow alleyway which separated the hotel on the north side from the buildings on Main street. Another stream was placed on the roof of T. J. Lamb, Sons & Co.'s building, and two others were placed on the south side of the burning structure, while still others were being played from the east and west sides.

For a time the water seemed only to add fuel to the flames, and, hissing and roaring, they swept through the building. It was seen then that the hotel was doomed, and many thought that the city would be swept. Chief Maddy wired to Raleigh for help, and an engine and hose was started for this city.

The Carolina was built in 1895 at a cost, including furnishings, of between \$80,000 and \$100,000, and was one of the finest hostleries of its kind in the south. The interior decorations were the finest money could provide and the hotel was (Continued on Page Seven.)



The above photo shows one of the most popular women in London at the present time—Mrs. Botha, wife of the famous Boer General, now Premier of the Transvaal Colony. Mrs. Botha is a grandchild of Robert Emmet, the Irish Nationalist who was hanged for his political views 104 years ago.

COAST STREWN WITH THE DEAD

Thirty Persons are Killed and Many Injured

WORK OF HURRICANE

The Property Loss Amounts to Several Million Dollars—Many Villages Were Destroyed—The Storm Swept Across the Gulf, Coming from the South.

(Special Cable to The Times.) Mexico City, May 3.—The gulf coast of the state of Campeche has been swept by a hurricane according to telegrams received here from San Juan Batista and Progresso. Thirty persons were killed and many others injured. The property loss amounts to several million dollars. Many small villages were razed. The storm came from the south and crossed the gulf inflicting heavy losses to shipping interests.

MRS. YERKES-MIZNER MAY MARRY AGAIN

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, May 3.—Society is greatly interested in a rumor that Mrs. Yerkes-Mizner is to be married a third time should her suit for divorce be successful. There is considerable speculation as to the third husband, but no one seems to be sure of his identity. The attorneys in the pending suit say it is for absolute divorce and that the charge is the only one upon which a divorce can be granted in this state. The identity of the co-respondent has as yet not been disclosed, but it is not believed that she is well known in this city.

SCARED OFF BURGLAR WITH MANICURE BRUSH

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Atlantic City, N. J., May 3.—Mrs. William Cochran, wife of the cashier of a local bank, saved her valuables last night by scaring away a negro burglar with her silver-mounted manicure brush, which the man took for a pistol. Mrs. Cochran was alone in her home and had retired, when she was awakened by footsteps, and saw the negro standing at the foot of her bed. She reached to a toilet table and then grasped the brush. As the shining mounting gleamed the intruder dashed out the door.



Mrs. Andrew Simonds, whose picture here appears, is a beautiful Southern woman who soon is to marry Mr. Parker Gummere of New Jersey. The match is the result of a romance which had its inception during the trip of Speaker Cannon to the West Indies. Both parties were passengers with Mr. Cannon.

of Shore. The land, which is now in the possession of the defendants, was transferred more than fifty years ago by an ancestor of the Hausers, and the plea of the plaintiffs before the court was in regard to some technicality of the will in which the land was given to that ancestor whereby it had to descend to the heirs.

ATTORNEYS WERE ANXIOUS TO TRY

Continuance of Damage Suit Came as a Surprise

SENT FOR THE LAWYERS

But While Were Trying to Decide on Case Attorney Holding Was Taken Very Ill—He Appeared in Cases Under Consideration and Court Was Adjourned for the Day.

When court convened this morning it was expected that the case of J. M. Blake vs. the Southern and the North Carolina Railway Company would be tried, but on account of it being impossible for the attorneys representing the defendant company to get a very important paper that is in the possession of a trust company in the north, the case was continued. A jury had been empaneled and a juror was withdrawn and a mistrial ordered. The sudden ending of the case caused somewhat of a flurry among the lawyers, as they had figured on the trial of this case consuming several days, and thought they could rest easy until the first of the week. Case after case was called and each time the attorney appearing in the case was not in court. Presently, Judge Jones told the sheriff to send for every lawyer that had a case on the calendar. Mr. J. N. Holding was one of the attorneys in the next three cases on the docket, and while endeavoring to decide on some case he was taken very ill and court adjourned for the day.

Blake was a car inspector for the Southern Railway in this city and was badly mangled between two cars a year ago last March. For the injuries sustained he wants \$12,000 damages. Major Ryan and Mr. J. N. Holding, attorneys for the plaintiff, were very anxious to try, but when the case was called Judge Jones told the attorneys for the railroad company that he would not compel them to try if the papers in question were not received, and when he was told the paper had not been received it ended the matter and the case went over.

The jury in the case entitled J. T. Edwards vs. Robert Grissom was unable to agree after being out for five hours. Edwards made a contract to sell Grissom a certain tract of land for a given consideration and the suit was brought by Edwards to get possession of the property, his contention being that Grissom had not lived up to his contract. The case consumed practically the entire day yesterday and was (Continued on Page Five.)

CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICES

Number of Entries in Race for Governor

ARE WRITING LETTERS

First Move in Approaching Campaign. Gubernatorial Seatette and Attorney General Quartette Expected to Make Things Lively—Members of Last Legislature After Jobs.

In the olden days it was not customary for candidates to get in the field until a very short time before the convention was held, but things have changed, and now it is nothing unusual for candidates to be out at least two years before the election comes off, and many who have not got the nerve to announce the fact begin work much longer beforehand than this. It is now something over a year before the democratic state convention to make nominations for the various state offices, and the candidates are beginning to come into the open. Those who were members of the last legislature and aspire to political honors are said to have put in some good work in a round-about way. The time for going upon the stump has not yet arrived, but it is said that some of them are sending letters to their friends over the state requesting their support. It will soon be time for things to warm up in earnest, but a campaign of more than a year means a lot of hard work and the expenditure of a no little amount of money. There are but few state offices that candidates are not spoken of, but so far there are several vacancies.

It is generally understood that there is going to be a clean sweep as to practically all of the state offices, for this makes their second term, with the exception of governor, and the governor of North Carolina cannot be elected two terms in succession. This will be Insurance Commissioner Young's first appearance before the convention, and there is no doubt that he will be a candidate. He has served about as long as the other officials, but heretofore it has been an appointive office.

The principal plum, of course, is governor, and so far there are something like a half-dozen candidates, with the probability of others dropping into the race out of habit. It is very hard for a race horse to stand quietly by the track and see the squad dash by without joining in.

Several months since, Congressman W. W. Kitchin of Roxboro, Person county, announced that he would be in the race for governor. It had been understood for some time that Mr. Kitchin would run for governor, and the announcement, or at least the admission of the fact, came as no surprise. Mr. Kitchin is neither what could be termed an eastern or western man, for Person county is very near the middle of the state—termed by many in the extreme west as an eastern county, and by those in the extreme east a western county. Mr. Kitchin gave out a few days since that he expected to make an extended canvass, and hoped to speak in every county in the state before the next state convention, so as to get in direct touch with the people.

Mr. Locke Craig of Asheville, who was a prominent candidate for United States senator at the time that Senator Overman was elected, is also a candidate for governor, and in some respects is ahead of the other candidates, as he is sending out letters asking the support of his friends. As far as can be learned, none of the other candidates have actually begun their campaign. Mr. Craig is a western man, a fact that causes some to believe will injure his chances to some extent, as Governor Glenn is a western man, and in recent years the eastern and western sections of the state have become rather jealous of where the candidates hail from.

Ex-Congressman Fred A. Woodard is one of the eastern candidates, and his friends express themselves as believing that he will give some one a good race. During the past few years Mr. Woodard has not taken a very active part in politics, and therefore is not as widely known over the state as some of the other candidates. Another eastern man is ex-Congressman John D. Bellamy of Wilmington. It has been a long time since the democrats had a governor from the extreme east, and the friends of Mr. Bellamy are going to (Continued on Page Seven.)

BALLOT FORGER IS IDENTIFIED

Charles Stirrup Says a Letter Authorized Him

SEEKING THE LETTER

Jerome, Speaking of the Arrest of Scrugham, Says, His Office Will Always Stand Eager to Arrest Any Man from Ohio, and Refers to Hahn's Case.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, May 3.—The identity of the forger of a large number of ballots, which, it is alleged, were voted at the recent election in the New York Life office, has been learned in the district attorney's investigation into the affairs of the International Policyholders Committee.

Thirteen women, former clerks of the International Committee, were brought to the office of acting District Attorney Smyth in the custody of county detectives. These witnesses were all questioned about the alleged forged ballots and as to what they knew about the placing of fictitious names as witnesses on the ballots. Among other witnesses examined were Jay E. Lavash, Alphonse B. Kooble and Robert Seldenhouse, three of the five inspectors of election who were appointed to take charge of the New York Life election. These witnesses contradicted in detail the statement of George R. Scrugham as to filing an affidavit with 1,100 ballots.

Another witness who contradicted Mr. Scrugham was the stenographer of the board of inspectors who examined every ballot box as it was opened, and alleges no affidavit was in any of the boxes.

When examined in the district attorney's office, Charles Stirrup, a co-defendant with Mr. Scrugham, it is alleged, admitted he had signed many fictitious names as witnesses on ballots in the office of the International committee and said he had been authorized to do so by a letter which is said to be in existence and is being searched for by the district attorney's agents. No one has yet been found to testify to the actual forgery of ballots. Comment is being made in the criminal courts building on the speedy arrests in the cases of Scrugham, Carlington and Stirrup, coupled with inactivity in the district attorney's office in the case of Charles S. Fairchild, who, when in Europe, was jointly indicted with George W. Perkins last December for forgery. He returned publicly to this city about six weeks ago.

A Remarkable Statement

In a remarkable statement bearing upon the arrest of George R. Scrugham, manager of the International Policyholders Committee, District Attorney Jerome upholds the arrest made by his assistants. He also declares that his office will always stand eager to arrest anyone from Ohio. Mr. Scrugham is from that state. In his statement Mr. Jerome says: "So far as the form of arrest of Scrugham is concerned, it may be said that whenever there is sufficient evidence against any one from Ohio upon which to order an arrest, there will never be any delay nor any chances taken. "I make this statement in view of the very extraordinary treatment that this county has received in extradition matters at the hands of the state of Ohio. In the case of the people against Willis H. Hahn, a man prominent in republican political circles in Ohio, Hahn was indicted for the larceny of \$40,000 from the Manhattan Five Insurance Company. The governor of the state of New York made the requisition upon the governor of the state of Ohio for his extradition. The governor of the state of Ohio issued his warrant for the arrest of Hahn and his extradition after a hearing, and immediately a writ of habeas corpus was sued out in the courts of Ohio.

"For two years Hahn fought extradition in the courts of Ohio and the expense to the county was very great. The supreme court of Ohio finally dismissed the writ, remanded Hahn to custody to be extradited to the state of New York, and immediately thereafter, and within a day of the expiration of his term of office, the governor of Ohio revoked his warrant which he had previously issued and the state of New York has never been able to arrest and try W. H. Hahn.

"While I am district attorney of this county I will never take a chance on the return of a fugitive from justice from the state of Ohio as long as there is any evidence to hold him within the county of New York."

PLAY BY McIVER LITERARY SOCIETY

(Special to The Evening Times.) Fuquay Springs, N. C., May 3.—Saturday night the McIver Literary Society will give a public play, after which ice cream will be served.