

FRIEND OF ANNIS GIVES EVIDENCE

Life-Long Friend of Dead Man Cross-Examined by District Attorney

STORM PREVENTS CROWD

Few Persons on Hand When the Prisoner Entered the Court Room. Safe in District Attorney's Office Has to Be Opened by Locksmiths to Get at Important Papers—Frederick A. Storm, Life-long Friend of Annis, on the Stand—His Connection With the Case.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Flushing, N. Y., Dec. 18—The trial of Thornton Jenkins Hains, charged with inciting the shooting of William E. Annis at the hands of Capt. Peter C. Hains was continued today before Justice Crane in the Flushing court.

Because of the heavy storm but few persons were on hand when the prisoner was led shackled from the trolley car to the trial chamber.

To produce evidence necessary to its case, the state was compelled to call in locksmiths to open a safe in the district attorney's office.

In the big steel vault Mr. Darrin had placed the pistol which it is alleged the author trained on the eye witnesses to the shooting.

When it came time to produce the weapons Mr. Darrin was unable to spring the lock.

Mr. Darrin gave orders to dynamite the safe, if necessary, and when the session opened the experts were hard at work.

Frederick A. Storm, life-long friend of Annis, was called for McIntyre's cross-examination.

Q—How long did you know Annis? A—I went to school with him, at the Flushing school.

Q—How long did you know his wife? A—I cannot recall.

Q—Your wife knew Mrs. Annis? A—Yes, but I don't know how long.

Q—Do you know and will you tell me what you know of the moral character of William Annis?

Darrin objected and again the court ruled out the question which was intended as an opening wedge to the dead man's relation with Claudia Hains.

Directed by the defendant Major Hains whittled away the steps on the miniature stairway running from the dock to the float on the model barred by Justice Crane.

With a paper covered with figures, showing he had been working out measurements to bring the wooden model into proper proportion, Thornton Hains supervised the alterations.

When the work was finished the model presented a better appearance and the stairs were replaced with a trim little runway.

McIntyre took up Storm's connection with the collections of evidence for the prosecution. Like the other members of the Bay-side club, the witness said he attended meetings in the court house immediately after the tragedy.

Under pressure he admitted that James Dayton, retained by Mr. Darrin, had acted as his personal attorney. Storm said he declined to make any statement to Lawyer Shay unless Darrin was represented in the conference.

He insisted, however, that the man who acted for the district attorney did not represent himself as a real estate agent at the talk.

McIntyre scored another point for the defense through Storm by securing from him the reluctant admission that the Hains brothers may have been on their way to call on Mr. Bugg, a real estate agent, when Annis was shot.

Under close questioning Storm said that Bugg generally could be found across the bay at Douglas Manor, and that one way to get there was to cross from the Bay-side Yacht Club float.

Bugg, it was brought out, is the agent for realty, south of Bay-side, owned by William A. Teller, but Storm declared he was not the agent at the time of the shooting.

MRS. HAINS WILL TESTIFY. Mrs. Claudia Hains Will Go on Wit- Stand Against Brother-in-Law. (By Leased Wire to The Times) Boston, Dec. 18—In a statement made here today Mrs. Claudia Libby Hains said that she expected to be called upon to testify at the trial of T. Jenkins Hains before Justice Crane in the supreme court at Flushing and (Continued on Page Two.)

TEST RACING CASE CRITICISED

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New Orleans, Dec. 18—Samuel F. Heaslip has resigned the presidency of the New Orleans Jockey Club, announcing that the test race at city park was a contemptible attack on the law and that his resignation was for the purpose of emphasizing his repudiation of the act.

He criticizes the police criticism of himself and the failure of the police and district-attorney to stop the "test" conducted by Lyles, which Heaslip says, was put through in a breach of faith with himself.

"Testing the Locke law is a waste of time," said Heaslip, "and the best lawyers I know have assured me of it. The contemptible business solidified sentiment against the whole institution of racing. If racing is ever to be resumed in Louisiana it will be with the consent of the people. The people today are strongly against it."

TAFTS IN AUGUSTA.

Reached City at Ten O'clock Today.

Party Met at Depot by Official Delegations and Several Hundred People, Anxious to Get a Glimpse of the President-elect—Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Augusta, Ga., Dec. 18—President-elect Taft, Mrs. Taft, their two sons and the Taft retinue, including secretaries, stenographers and newspaper correspondents, arrived in Augusta on a special Pullman coach over the Southern Railroad from Washington at 10:10 o'clock this morning.

The party was met at the union station by a committee from the chamber of commerce, a delegation from the Boosters Club, a military guard and city officials. Several hundred people congregated at the depot more than an hour before train time and waited patiently for an opportunity to catch a fleeting glimpse of the nation's president-elect.

Immediately after having acknowledged the ovation in his honor, Judge Taft and the members of his family were escorted by Mr. and Mrs. Landon Thomas to their villa in Summerville, where the Tafts will visit until Monday. The trip was made in automobiles, followed by a long line of carriages, hacks and other vehicles.

At frequent intervals along the procession, little crowds were gathered and each sent up a cheer as the party passed.

On Monday or Tuesday the Tafts will take up their residence in the Terrett Cottage in Summerville, which has been prepared elaborately for their arrival.

THE COMPRESSES COMBINATION

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Dec. 18—One of the most important complaints filed with the interstate commerce commission in a long time was that just submitted by the railroad commission of Alabama against the Central of Georgia Railway Company, and practically all the railway and steamship carriers in the country east of the Mississippi river.

The complaint recites information concerning the formation of the Atlantic Compress Company, a corporation formed to compress cotton in Alabama, and that the defendant companies make the same rate on compressed as on uncompressed cotton, thereby forcing all cotton to be tendered to them for shipment in an uncompressed state.

It is alleged that in the compressing of the cotton thus tendered to them the defendants favor the Atlantic Compress Company, thus preventing the erection of other compresses.

The complaint urges that the rates on cotton be reduced 5/8 cents per hundred pounds from all points in Alabama to all points in other states; that all cotton compresses be recognized by the railways; that all shipments of uncompressed cotton be required to stop at the first compress point through which it passes to its destination; that the regulations of the defendants for the concentration of cotton shall apply equally to all compress points.

Gives Bail Today. —Condoroy Windham, who was committed to jail on the 11th of this month, charged with operating a blockade still in Chatham county, succeeded in giving bond today and will be released by United States Commissioner John Nichols.

NEW YORK IS IN GRASP OF STORM

Worst Storm of Season Tied Up Transportation Lines in Metropolis

SUBWAYS CONGESTED

Elevated Lines Suffered Most From Storm, Because Third Rails Were Crusted With Ice—Snow and Sleet. Thousands Who Ordinarily Take the Bridge Lines From Brooklyn to Manhattan Swarmed Into Subway and Scenes Bordering on Riot Take Place—River Traffic Seriously Hampered by the Storm.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, Dec. 18—In one of the worst storms of the season every transportation line in Greater New York was tied up today and thousands of persons reached their places of business late.

The elevated lines suffered the most from the storm because the third rails were crusted with a thick coating of sleet and it was almost impossible to run the trains. Snow had fallen, which later turned to sleet, which froze when it fell.

The subway, too, was crippled, particularly on the Lenox avenue division, where trouble occurred on the elevated structure.

In Brooklyn thousands who ordinarily take the bridge lines for Manhattan in the morning, swarmed down into the subway and scenes bordering on rioting took place. It was impossible to board the subway trains after they left the Atlantic avenue station, but still the crowds fought and struggled in the other stations, in the hope that traffic would lessen and that they would get an opportunity to board a train.

All of the surface lines were seriously affected by the sleet and rain, and the cars crept along at less than half schedule.

River traffic was also seriously hampered by the storm and the heavy fog. Ferryboats made no attempt to run on schedule time. It was on the ferry boats that the commuters experienced the most delay.

TAFT GOES TO PANAMA

Will Sail for Isthmus in January

Will Take a Last Look at Conditions at the Canal Before he Becomes President—Had Conference With the President Yesterday—In Augusta Today.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Dec. 18—President-elect Taft will sail January 25, from Charleston, S. C., on a United States cruiser for Panama, where he will look into conditions in the Isthmus for the last time before assuming the duties of chief executive. A second cruiser will accompany the one in which the president-elect is to travel.

This was decided at the conference which Mr. Taft held with the president at the white house yesterday afternoon, during a brief interruption of Mr. Taft's journey from New York to Augusta, Ga. The visit was at the instance of Mr. Roosevelt. Mr. Taft arrived at 1:33 p. m., lunched with the president, and left Washington at 4:12 p. m.

It has been Mr. Taft's plan to go direct from New York to Augusta by way of Washington, reaching here at 3:45 p. m. and departing half an hour later, but on receiving a communication from the president he changed his plans.

With him came his brother, Chaas. P. Taft, and on the train he met Secretary Straus, of the department of commerce and labor, with whom he spent some time in conversation.

Whether any subject other than the Panama Canal was brought up at the conference at the white house during and after luncheon is not known.

Mr. Taft and his party are due at Augusta at 10:10 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Taft joined the party at Danville, Va., last night, after having spent the day as a guest at the home of Mrs. B. Frank Mebane, at Spray, N. C.

IMPORTS FALL, EXPORTS RISE

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, Dec. 18—Falling prices for imports and rising prices for exports are declared, by the annual report of the chief of the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor, to be characteristic of the foreign trade of the United States in the fiscal year 1908. This is especially true, he says, as to the manufacturers material imported and food-stuffs exported. In manufacturers materials, whether raw or partly manufactured, the average prices for the year, are, says the report, materially lower than those for the preceding year and were also much lower at the end of the fiscal year than at the beginning of the year.

The decline in the total value of imports which occurs in nearly all of the principal articles forming the great groups, food-stuffs, manufactures materials, and manufactures, is due in a considerable degree to this falling off in prices, though in many cases there is an actual decline in quantity.

Food-stuffs do not share, as a rule, in the decline in values, either as to imports or exports, which is characteristic of manufacturers materials.

BIG REAL ESTATE IS ORGANIZED

The Grimes Realty Company, with a capital of \$200,000 fully paid in, was organized here yesterday.

The officers of the corporation are: President, Mr. William B. Grimes, who is vice-president of the Wake County Savings Bank; Vice-President, Mr. Frank B. Daney, of Atlanta, Ga., who is manager of Southern Cotton Oil Company; Secretary, Mr. W. Grimes Haywood, who is connected with the state agricultural department; Treasurer, Mr. John Ward, who is secretary and treasurer of the Hart-Ward Hardware Company. The board of directors is composed of Mr. F. J. Haywood, Jr., who is state bank examiner, and Mr. William B. Grimes, Mr. F. B. Lancy and Mr. John Ward. The attorney for the corporation is Mr. Ernest Haywood.

The new company has acquired, among other real estate, the Yarrow-ough House and Law Building property, the Grimes building, the Haywood building, now occupied by the state insurance department, the Exchange Hotel property on Hillsboro street and the Grimes place on Halifax street.

The company has strong financial backing and will improve its holdings, commencing work on these within a few months.

WIFE ARRESTED AS ACCOMPLICE

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Chicago, Dec. 18—Mrs. Lillian McDowell will be taken back to Pittsburg today as an alleged accomplice to \$10,000 diamond robbery. Mrs. McDowell, who was arrested Thursday at the home of her mother, 214 Indiana avenue, is a prisoner at the Harrison Annex. She weeps continually and is near a nervous collapse. Extradition papers are expected today.

The woman is alleged to have assisted her husband, James McDowell, a notorious thief, known to the police under the various names of Edward Jones, D. N. Grant and Edward Munson, to steal a tray containing \$10,000 worth of diamonds from a shop window in Pittsburg. He has been sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.

Mrs. McDowell denies that she was concerned in the robbery.

AIRSHIP DROPPED BOMBS ON LOS ANGELES CITY HALL

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 18—To demonstrate how easily a hostile force equipped with a fleet of airships might destroy an American city, Roy Knabenschuhe, the aviator, last night circled over Los Angeles in his dirigible balloon and from the darkness above dropped harmless bombs on the roof of the city hall, the court-house and other public buildings. Neither seen from the street, nor his craft could be seen from the street, the only intimation of his whereabouts coming from the bombs, which took fire as they fell.

Left For Home Today. Mr. W. H. Elliott, of Portsmouth, after spending several days in the city the guest at the home of Mr. J. A. Saunders, on Hillsboro street, returned home today.

REVOLUTION WAS WELL PREPARED

New Government Will be in Power Within a Very Short Time.

DIPLOMATS INTERESTED

Affairs Have Not Progressed Sufficiently as Yet to Develop Surely the Force That is Directing the Events Now Taking Place in Caracas, But the Movements Seem to Have Ample Support—Dutch Government Has No Intention of Carrying on an Active Campaign.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, D. C., Dec. 18—There is lively interest, both in administration and diplomatic circles here in the rapidly shifting situation in Venezuela. Additional information has come from Venezuela, sometimes direct and sometimes by way of Bogota, or the Dutch port of Willemstadt, setting forth the swift increase of the revolutionary strength. It is evident, in view of the news of Wednesday night and yesterday that the remnants of the abandoned Castro government are already tottering to their fall and the general expectation is that a new government will be in power within a very short time.

It is not known clearly how many different revolutionary movements are under way in Venezuela. Affairs have not progressed sufficiently as yet to develop surely the force that is directing the events now taking place in Caracas.

The revolution has been cleverly prepared, and seems to have ample financial support. There is the best of reason for saying that this government will not put itself to any extraordinary trouble to prevent filibustering expeditions from leaving United States ports.

While it is not believed here that the Dutch government has any intention of carrying on an active campaign against Venezuela, the progress of events will be interesting. For the present at least the Dutch government seems to be content with making reprisals against Venezuelan merchant and naval vessels.

KNOX IN CABINET

Pennsylvania Senator Asked to Enter Cabinet

Will Become Secretary of State Under Mr. Taft—Would Prefer to Remain in the Senate, But Willing to do the Best Thing—Forming a Strong Cabinet.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, Dec. 18—A Washington dispatch to The Sun says:

Philoander C. Knox, United States senator from Pennsylvania, has been asked by William H. Taft to become secretary of state in Mr. Taft's cabinet, and he has consented to serve.

Mr. Knox's acceptance was given somewhat reluctantly, as he believed that his abilities could be utilized better in the national legislature than in the executive government. It is realized by those acquainted with the circumstances of the matter that Mr. Knox, in agreeing to take the foreign affairs portfolio, is making a great sacrifice of personal inclination. According to what is said here, he feels that if Mr. Taft believes him to be the right man for this high and important office it is his duty to comply with Mr. Taft's desires. Mr. Knox's term in the senate will expire in March, 1911.

Among the comparatively few who know of Mr. Taft's offer and Mr. Knox's decision much gratification is expressed that Mr. Taft is showing a disposition to form a strong cabinet. It is understood he has picked out big men for other cabinet positions and is hopeful of getting them to serve. The attorney-generalship is one of the places which is already tentatively filled.

Frank B. Kellogg, of Minnesota, who has been mentioned prominently for this office has not been asked to enter the cabinet. Several other names have been mentioned in the gossip about the attorney-generalship. There are hints that it will go to Henry M. Hoyt, who, like Senator Knox, is a Pennsylvania man.

BANDITS HOLD UP OREGON TRAIN

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Portland, Ore., Dec. 18—Robbers successfully held up an Oregon railroad train near here early this morning. The amount of money obtained is not known definitely, but it is feared it is large. The train had many Chicago passengers and it is understood many of them lost their money and valuables. The train is known as the Chicago-Portland special and was due at 8:50 p. m., but it was late and was flagged by the bandits about six miles east of this city.

As soon as the highwaymen had stopped the train they hastily boarded it by the display of arms. They at once ordered the trainmen to cut off the express and baggage cars. They then blew up the express safe and helped themselves to such of the contents as looked good to them. Having cleaned up the express car the bandits then went through the passenger cars levying tribute from all who looked as if they had cash.

WIFE RUNS AWAY.

Charles Goddard Arrested on Serious Charge.

Man Arrested in Waycross, Ga., This Morning Charged With Eloping With Wife of Prominent Winston-Salem Man—Will be Held For the Winston Authorities.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Waycross, Ga., Dec. 18—Charles Goddard was arrested here this morning on the request of Chief of Police Thomas, of Winston-Salem, N. C., charged with an elopement and abduction of the wife of M. D. Bailey, Jr., son of a rich tobacco manufacturer. Goddard took his arrest naturally and says nothing in reply to the charges preferred against him.

"Mr. and Mrs. Goddard" was recorded on the hotel register at the Phoenix Wednesday night, coming from Jacksonville, Fla. Goddard is held by the Waycross police, pending instructions from Winston-Salem.

MUST PAY OR MARRY.

Man Must Marry the Girl or Pay Courtship Expenses. (By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 18—The court has decided that if a girl pays the incidental expenses of courtship and the man fails to marry her she can collect what she has spent.

Mrs. Jones, a young widow, sued Emil Fernholz for \$7.50 for money spent in entertainment when he courted her. She produced a diary containing itemized accounts of all expenses. Fernholz did not deny expenses, but said she spent money and he did not get it.

GRAFTERS SENT TO PENITENTIARY

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 18—Having been found guilty of "grafting" in connection with the furnishings of the new state capitol here, John H. Sanderson, a prominent Philadelphia; John M. Shumaker, of Johnstown, superintendent of public buildings and grounds, under Governor Pennypacker; William P. Snyder, of Spring City, Pa., former auditor general, and William L. Mathews, of Media, former state treasurer, must serve two years in the state penitentiary and pay a fine of \$500 each, sentences having been pronounced today by presiding Judge Geo. Kunkel, of the court of appeals.

These men were tried last winter and were convicted February 13 on a charge of conspiracy. There were five indicted, the fifth being John M. Huston, a well-known Philadelphia architect, who drew the plans for the capitol building and had to do with the arrangements for the furnishings.

The contracts on which these charges of graft were based caused a sensation throughout the country from the fact that chandeliers were contracted for by the pound and wooden articles, desks, chairs, etc., were contracted for by the foot.

The sentence imposed was the biggest that could be given under the law, but it does not mean that the defendants will go to jail at once, as their attorneys announced that they would fight the case through the United States supreme court, if necessary.

Asking a Pardon. —Attorneys Finch, of Wilson, and Dawes, of Elm City, appeared before the governor today asking a pardon for a convict from Wilson county.

NORTH CAROLINA DAY OBSERVED

Day Set Apart for Observation Appropriately Kept at Baptist University.

SUPT. JOYNER TALKS

Day Which Has Been Set Apart to be Observed All Over the State—Exercises Designed to Have Patriotic Influence and Kindle Anew the Fires of Love on the Altar of the Old North State—Addresses Here by C. H. Poe, Col. Grimes and Mr. Connor.

The eighteenth day of December has been set apart by the great state of North Carolina to be observed as North Carolina Day, and it is indeed an inspiring thought to remember that from the mountains to the seacoast, in every city, village, and rural district, the day is being fittingly observed. Thousands and tens of thousands of little North Carolina children are building the fires of love on the altar of the Old North State.

In the words of State Superintendent Joyner, at the Baptist University this morning, "In the desire to get the most out of the present, we are too prone to forget the past. 'Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet; lest we forget, lest we forget.' Let us remember the present is builded upon the stepping stones of the past. Let us knit closer the ties that bind us to the past and to our ancestors."

By the roll of the great organ, by the inspiring songs from the large audience, led by the white-robed choir of young women, and by mighty addresses from men whose names have become great in the history of education and literature in North Carolina, the day was fittingly observed at the Baptist University this morning, the exercises beginning at 8:35 o'clock. Hon. J. Y. Joyner presided and the following program was carried out in detail:

Professional Hymn—Cummings. Opening Sentence—The Choir. Scripture Reading, Prayer—Rev. A. J. Moncrief.

Hymn 753—"America." Address—"What Can We Do For North Carolina Literature?" Clarence H. Poe.

Anthem—Psalm of Joy of the Congregation in Salem for the Peace Jubilee, July, 1783—The Choir.

Address—"The Purpose of the Historical Commission," Colonel Bryan Grimes.

The Old North State—Gaston. Address—"The Use of History," R. D. W. Connor.

Benediction—President R. T. Vann. Recessional Hymn, 212—Mann.

Mr. Clarence Poe.

Mr. Poe spoke at some length on what we really can do for the production and dissemination of literature in North Carolina. In North Carolina and the south there have been but few great writers, and they have had but little appreciation. Mr. Poe pointed out as an example the placing of the name of Whitaker in the Hall of Fame and excluding that of Edgar Allan Poe, a writer of such transcendent genius. A proper atmosphere is as necessary for the production and appreciation of literature as for the production of anything in the vegetable world. The southern poets, Poe, Timrod, Haine, Lanier, have been even greater as men and heroes as they have stood dauntless in their struggle for appreciation. The masses have not been properly trained. The great handicap of the south has been that it has not realized that the prosperity of every man depends on the prosperity of the average man. The average man must be developed. In the new period of education that beams brighter, there is something for all to do. We are called of God and destiny to rebuild the walls of our southland.

Colonel Bryan Grimes.

"There has been a poverty of written history in North Carolina. Our men have been actors and not writers," said Col. Grimes, beginning his talk, which was full of inspiration and love for North Carolina. "Our people have been forgetful and not grateful enough in many cases to record the great deeds. Each generation in turn has been forgotten by the following generation. We have no real written history. How can we expect outsiders to give us our place in the national history, when we have failed to record the deeds of our great men."

"When the people realized that we were not recording our due credit, there arose that great man in North (Continued on Second Page.)