

Weather.

Washington, April 10—Forecast for North Carolina for tonight and Sunday: Continued cool tonight with frost. Sunday, fair warmer.

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MRS. SAMPSON IS ACQUITTED OF MURDER CHARGE

She is Now at the Home of Her Mother Resting After Ordeal

GIVES OUT STATEMENT

Says Day of Acquittal Was a Good Friday For Her—Tells About the Shooting of Her Husband—Says She Was Up Stairs Doing Some Household Work When He Was Shot—Harry Had Been Quarreling and She Had Gone Up Stairs at Her Father's Request—Says She is Innocent of Any Wrong in Connection With Her Husband's Death.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Macon, N. Y., April 10—Mrs. Georgia Allyn Sampson, acquitted last night of the murder of her husband, Harry Sampson, nephew of the late admiral, is today with her family at the Allyn home here. Her mother, who had been dangerously ill, has been given renewed strength by the acquittal of her daughter.

Today Mrs. Sampson made this full statement to the Hearst News Service:

"It has indeed been a Good Friday for me. God only knows what I have suffered, but I stood it for my father's and mother's sake. I am young and they are old and I was willing to bear it. If father had given in at all, I would have dropped too."

"Dear, dear father: I never knew before what a father's love means. I knew I would be acquitted when the trial came, and I was contented to wait."

"Where was I when my husband was shot? Well, I will tell you all I can. On Saturday before Harry's death I had been to Rochester all the afternoon. When I came home I left my good clothes in the east room up stairs."

"I came down in the morning and Harry was still wrangling. I was excited and don't remember what was said. Father told me to go up stairs and keep still. I was hurt and went away."

"I first went into the east room up stairs and stood by the window. I saw father drive out of the yard. Then I went into the front room and tidied up something there. It was there that I heard the outcry. It was about 8 o'clock. I ran down stairs as fast as I could and saw Harry lying on the floor. He could not speak to me. You know the rest."

"I am innocent of any wrong in connection with my husband's death. I never wronged Harry in my life."

"I slaved for him, raised chickens to help him, raked hay with him to save expenses and I loved him more than my life. His memory is as dear to me today as anything I have left on earth. I believed that I would be acquitted of my husband's death until Mrs. Hamilton testified at the inquest and everyone pointed at me. I am afraid of a gun."

"In conclusion please let me say that the reports that I was disloyal to my husband are not true."

WOMEN ARE HOPEFUL.

Chicago Delegation Now Looking to the Senate For Relief From Hosiery Tax.

Washington, April 10—Mrs. E. M. Henderson, head of the delegation of Chicago women now in Washington to "fix" the duties on women's wearing apparel, was mildly enthusiastic when seen last night. The fair lobbyists had a strenuous day of it.

The delegation is undaunted by the rebuffs it has met. The delegates from Chicago also are disappointed at the attitude of Representative Mann, who refused to espouse their cause.

"We could have wished otherwise from a Chicago man," said Mrs. Henderson. "We had also wished to have the house consider the hosiery schedule separately, as they did lumber and hides. As it is now, we must place our remaining hope in the senate and in the conferees."

Injured in Collision.

Philadelphia, April 10—Craig Lippincott and wife, leaders of Philadelphia's "400", were severely injured early today when their automobile collided with a hospital ambulance. Mrs. Lippincott suffered from the nervous shock and is under the care of physicians.

Mrs. Sampson.



This is a sketch by Artist Pugsley of Mrs. Sampson, as she watched the progress of her trial at Lyons, New York.

DEATH OF THE POET SWINBURNE

(By Cable to The Times) London, April 10—Algernon Chas. Swinburne, the poet, died today. Mr. Swinburne was seventy-two years old. He has been ill of pneumonia for four days. He celebrated his 72nd birthday on Monday by taking a six mile walk and did not complain of being ill until the following day.

The entire Swinburne household, including Theodore Watts Dunston, the poet had been ill of influenza and later Mr. Swinburne himself contracted the disease. On account of his advanced years he could not fight off the ill effects and grew rapidly worse. Mr. Watts Dunston is now recovering but the shock of his friend's death may prove serious.

Swinburne, the essayist, poet and friend of all the latter day literateurs, has occupied a unique place in the age of Victorian literature. For fifty years his pen had been busy and some of his poems are accounted among the most beautiful in the English language.

SEABOARD TRAIN IN OPEN SWITCH

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Columbia, S. C., April 10—A plot of train wreckers was responsible for the injury of eight persons today when the New York & Florida Limited on the Seaboard Air Line crashed into an open switch at Hick's station, 40 miles south of here. Officials of the road issued a statement saying that the switch had been tampered with and that this was the cause of the accident. Railroad detectives have been hurried to Hick's station.

OPERATORS BEGIN WAR.

Reduce Wages at Mount Lookout Calling For Certain Kinds of Work.

Wilkesbarre, April 10—The operators have already begun the war on the miners as indicated by the action of the Mount Lookout colliery of the Temple Coal and Iron Company in reducing the yardage price on certain kinds of work from \$2.75 to \$2.00. The miners at the Westmoreland colliery complain that they are being furnished with an inferior grade of powder which does not allow them to do as much work as they formerly accomplished.

PROVISIONS OF FRENCH TREATY AS TO EXTRADITION

Citizens of Either Country Will Not Be Delivered to the Other

FOUGHT FOR BY FRANCE

This Provision is the Result of Eighty Years Diplomatic Fighting on the Part of France—In All That Time France Has Never Surrendered a Criminal to the United States, Having Refused on the Ground That the Men Had Committed No Crime in Their Own Country—Neither Has She Asked This Country to Deliver Up One of Her Citizens.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, April 10—A new article has been added to the extradition treaty between the United States and France, just ratified by the senate. It provides that neither of the contracting parties shall be bound to deliver up its own citizens or subjects under the stipulations. This is the result of eighty years of diplomatic fighting on the part of the French republic. In that length of time France has never surrendered a criminal to the United States, having refused in every instance on the ground that these men had committed no crime in their own country.

The digests of the state department show a number of opinions of noted French jurists, in which they say France regards her extradition treaty with this country as not containing an obligation on each of the contracting parties to deliver its own subjects to each other. The United States has never been called on by the French government to surrender a fugitive. France has always refused to surrender one. One of the more recent cases was that of Paul Roy, who, it was charged, committed murder in New Hampshire and fled to France. The United States applied for extradition and was refused, but the French government announced that if the papers in the case were forwarded to Paris, the man would be tried in that country.

The question asked by the state department is, how will this new article affect a naturalized citizen.

M. Jesserand, the French ambassador, today declined to discuss the extradition treaty or any of its features in any way.

NEGRO KILLED BY MOB OF WHITES

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Shellman, Ga., April 10—A mob consisting of at least four white men, unmasked, entered the home of Alfred Iverson, a negro, who lived about six miles north of Shellman, and killed him. A negro woman and a small boy escaped from the house at the party approached.

No reason has been suggested for the outrage and there is nothing that would lead to the identity of the men. It is not believed, however, that they are from this immediate section or they would undoubtedly have been recognized by the woman, who says she never saw them before.

A scrap of a skull cap saturated with blood and with tufts of a white man's hair attached to it, were found near a pool of blood in a part of the house some distance from where the negro's body was found. This fact has raised the question of whether Iverson wounded or killed one of his assailants before he himself was cut down.

SEVEN MINERS KILLED IN EXPLOSION IN MINE

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Windber, Pa., April 10—Seven miners lost their lives in an explosion at mine No. 37 of the Berwind-White Coal Company last night. All the dead have been recovered today according to Mine Inspector Blower.

By a strange turn of fate among the miners caught in the death-dealing blast were four members of one family, a father and his three sons. One of the boys, William Gibson, and his father Michael Gibson, are among the dead. Richard and James Gibson, the other two sons, made their escape.

TARIFF BILL IS TAKEN UP IN THE SENATE TODAY

Two Thousand Copies of Bill Ordered Printed for Use of Senate

A MONSTER PETITION

Petition From Illinois Signed by 250,000 Citizens Protesting Against Increase in Rates on Leather Goods and Cotton Hosiery, Presented by Senator Cullom—Senator Bailey Offers An Amendment to the Census Bill to Provide For the Appointment of Census Employees by Non-Competitive Examination—Said Civil Service Would Become Life-Tenure Office Holding Class.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, April 10—Immediately after the senate convened today Chief Clerk Browning, of the house, presented the tariff bill to the senate. Upon motion of Senator Aldrich it was laid before the senate and 2,000 copies ordered printed.

Senator Cullom presented a petition signed by 250,000 citizens of Illinois, protesting against the increased rates in the tariff bill on leather goods and cotton hosiery. It was referred to the committee on finance.

After the committee amendments of the census bill had been adopted by the senate today Senator Bailey offered an amendment to strike out section 7 of the bill placing all the employees of the census office under civil service and to substitute section 7 of the old bill, which provided for the appointments of the employees by non-competitive examination to be prescribed by the director of the census.

Senator Baker interrupted to say that he did not believe there is any provision in the law that warranted the president to suspend it, but the records showed that President Roosevelt had caused to law to be suspended 315 times. Senator Bailey contended that men qualified and fully as competent had been appointed to office under the old system. It had been reported, he said, that the president would veto this bill if the change was not made regarding the appointments in the census office. If any attempt were made by threats or persuasion to influence legislation the records of the past seven years would be a holiday to what the next four years will be. He paid a tribute to President Taft's work as governor of the Philippines, where his word was the law of the land and also the president's work as secretary of war in control of the Panama Canal. He urged the senators to stand by their records made on the passage of the census bill that had been vetoed by President Roosevelt because congress had seen fit to place the power of appointment in the census office under the jurisdiction of the director.

GENERAL BOOTH'S BIRTHDAY.

Founder of Salvation Army is 80 Years Old Today.

(By Cable to The Times) London, April 10—General William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, is 80 years old today. His birthday was celebrated the most fitting occasion for the army to launch a new philanthropic scheme—the founding of the University of Humanity, a school of training for those who desire to engage in the work of social reform which is being carried on by General Booth and his lieutenants all over the world. There are 8,300 cities in which posts of the Salvation Army have been established and commemorative exercises are being held today in which prominent men and women of all creeds and religions joined.

Returning From Barbadoes.

New York, April 10—Among the southerners registered at New York hotels today are Messrs. C. B. Barbee and B. S. Jerman, of Raleigh, N. C., who are coming home from the Barbadoes.

"Dick" Croker Again to Rule?



Richard Croker, who is said to be looking forward to resume his place in the politics of greater New York in control of Tammany Hall.

Young Bride Won't Live With "The Ugly Old Thing"

The case of the State vs. Cicero Shearin, a young man of Wake Forest, charged with perjury, was tried today before Justice Separk. It seems that Shearin, who is an employe of the Royal Cotton Mills of Wake Forest, desired to unite himself with Miss Flora Cone, also an employe of the Royal Cotton Mills, in the holy bonds of matrimony. According to his story he courted Miss Flora assiduously for three weeks, gained her consent, raised the necessary \$3.00 and came to Raleigh for the license. In a preliminary conversation with Hon. W. H. Sawyer, deputy register of deeds, young Shearin stated that his bride-to-be was 18 years old. In fact, he swore that she was 18 years old. He got the papers, went home, rounded up his in-laws and married her at the home of Squire Caddell. The lady then refused to live with him and went home to her mother.

Mother and Father Cone were angry when they heard of the occurrence. They put their heads together and figured out that Flora was still on the sunny side of 18 and quickly came to the conclusion that some-one had led. Mr. Cone came to Raleigh, examined the books of the registrar and employed lawyers. Messrs. Holding & Bunn were retained to prosecute young Shearin.

Shearin also got busy and procured two lawyers—Messrs. E. W. Timberlake, of Wake Forest, and

Chas. U. Harris, of Raleigh. The case came to trial today at noon, before Judge Separk. The bride was the most interesting witness. She is a very pretty young woman, plenty large enough to be 18, but lacking somewhat in intelligence. She did not seem to realize what she had done. When asked by Attorney Harris if she knew what it meant to be married to a man, she was not certain. She said she married Shearin because she was "persecuted by Shearin, June Husky, and Betty Frazier."

She was asked if she did not understand and answer the questions Squire Caddell asked her. "I just nodded my head and said 'uh-huh,'" she said. In answer to other questions she said: "Live with him?" (pointing at the defendant, who by the way, is a pretty insignificant-looking chap). "No, I won't go to live with him."

"Why? I don't love him, that's why. Yes, I promised him just once. I wanted to be free. But I knowed my mamma wouldn't let me live with that ugly thing."

She furnished a good deal of amusement to the little crowd present. The case was stopped by the consent of all parties. Shearin being placed under a bond for good behavior and for his appearance at the July term of court. An action will be brought to annul the marriage.

TAFT PLEASSED WITH TARIFF

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, April 10—Members of congress who called on President Taft today received his commendation for the expedition with which the tariff bill was passed. Spenser Cannon and Representatives Payne and Dwight were among the first. They said upon leaving that they believed "the president is highly gratified with the bill and the manner in which it was handled."

Youth Kills Sweetheart.

El Paso, Tex., April 10—In the busiest street of El Paso, Clay Ratcliffe last night shot and killed Blanche Atkinson, 17 years old, because she had broken her engagement to marry him. When a crowd that witnessed the tragedy sought to capture him he killed himself.

MRS. HAINS MAY BE A WITNESS

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, April 10—District Attorney Fred C. Dewitt, of Queens county, and Detective Lieutenant Butler, his chief of detectives, left for Boston this afternoon to have a conference with Mrs. Claudia Libbey Hains, wife of Captain Peter Conover Hains, in preparation for the trial of Captain Hains next week for the murder of William E. Annis. It was said at District Attorney Dewitt's office that Mrs. Hains would almost certainly be at the trial and in all probability she would be a witness.

Baby Scalded by Coffee.

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Bridgeport, O., April 10—Two-year old son of Adam Moser, of Gaylord was scalded to death by hot coffee at the breakfast table today.

TO BEAR BURDEN OF TAXATION IS THE BEST TEST

Of the People's Interest and Faith in Education, Says Superintendent Joyner

EDUCATIONAL GROWTH

Nothing So Clearly Indicates the Increasing Interest and Abiding Faith of the People of North Carolina in the Education of All Their Children as the Growth of Local Taxation in the State Since 1900—A Larger Number of Local Tax Districts Established in 1908 Than Ever Before.

The Times man interviewed State Superintendent Joyner on matters connected with the conduct of his department and asked for his views on the educational progress and growth of local taxation in North Carolina. Mr. Joyner said:

"The best test of the people's interest and faith in education in their willingness to bear the necessary burden of taxation to provide it. Nothing so clearly indicates the increasing interest and abiding faith of the people of North Carolina in the education of all their children as the growth of local taxation in the state since 1900. In 1900 there were only eighteen local tax districts in the entire state and all of these were in the cities and larger towns. In 1909 there are 757 such districts, including all the cities, larger towns, most of the villages and at least five or six hundred distinctly rural communities. The people in these local tax districts have voluntarily voted upon themselves an additional school tax of from fifteen to fifty cents on the hundred dollars valuation of property and corresponding amounts on the poll, to be added to the funds received from the regular state and county tax for schools to improve and lengthen the term of their local tax districts are to be found in all counties of the state except seven, from one to thirty-five in each county. \$550,739.40 was raised in these districts by local taxation for school purposes during the last school year, about one-fifth of the total school fund, an increase of \$104,607.00 over the amount raised by local taxation the preceding year."

"It is remarkable that notwithstanding the financial depression during the past year there has been an increase of interest in local taxation, indicated by the establishment of one hundred and forty-six local tax districts during the year, a larger number than has ever been established during any preceding year."

"Reports from various county superintendents, all of whom have not yet been heard from, show that elections for local taxation and the establishment of local tax districts will be held in fifty-four districts before the first Monday in June, 1910, so as to have the tax levied, if voted, at that time and make it available for the next school year."

"The solution of the problem of lengthening the school terms, increasing salaries, improving equipment and providing such educational facilities as this age demands is to be found in supplementing the funds provided by state and county by local taxation. The facts and figures show that our people are solving this problem and are learning that they are not too poor to educate their children, but that they are too poor not to educate them and that they can hope to increase prosperity and wealth only by educating them. The people of North Carolina are making more sacrifices today and bearing a heavier burden of taxation, in proportion to their wealth, for the education of their children than the people of Massachusetts or New York, or perhaps of any other state."

Colonel Roosevelt At Suez.

(By Cable to The Times) Port Said, April 10—The steamer Admiral with Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and his party aboard, left here at ten minutes before 5 this morning for Suez. Mr. Roosevelt was entertained last night at dinner at the Suez Canal Company residence. After leaving Suez the Admiral will touch at Aden. Mr. Roosevelt evidenced the keenest interest in that portion of the journey, which leads through the Suez Canal but refused to talk for publication.