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POSSESSION OF
TWO CHILDRENHabeas Corpus Proceedings Begun
Before Chief Justice Walter Clark
of Supreme Court

MRS. FLEMING PETITIONER

Wife of Mr. Percy B. Fleming in
Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus
Alleges Misconduct—Irresponsibility
an Other Matters on Part
of Husband—Matter Came Up To-
day But Was Continued for De-
fense Until Tomorrow—Facts and
Matters Set Forth in Petition.Mrs. Nelle Claire Fleming, wife of
Mr. Percy B. Fleming, has insti-
tuted habeas corpus proceedings for
the possession of their two children,
George Mortimer and Nelle Bryan
Fleming. The hearing had been set
for today at eleven o'clock before
Chief Justice Walter Clark, but was
continued by consent until tomor-
row at eleven o'clock. Mrs. Fleming
sets forth in a rather lengthy peti-
tion certain facts and matters stated
on information. Col. John W. Hinds-
dale and Solicitor Herbert E. Nor-
ris are appearing for Mrs. Fleming
and Messrs. Douglas, Lyon & Doug-
lass, of Raleigh and Messrs. Sprull
& Holding, of Louisburg, represent
Mr. Fleming.The continuance was ordered by
Chief Justice Clark after counsel
for petitioner had agreed to a dis-
continuance. The senior member of
one of the firms, Mr. W. C. Douglass,
was under the impression that the
hearing was set for tomorrow at
11 o'clock, and as a consequence was
not in the city, being at the present
time on his vacation at Morehead
City. As he knew most about his
client's case, the other members of
the firm asked that the matter be
held over until he arrived. Col.
Hindsdale said that the petitioner
wanted the matter settled right
once for all and, although against
any delay, agreed to the continuance
in the interest of a complete clear-
ing up of the entire matter.In the supreme court room today
were Mrs. Fleming, her father and a
sister. Mr. Fleming sat over next
to the window with his counsel. The
court room was almost solemnly
quiet. The attorneys did not raise
their voices and all those interested
in the outcome sat almost immov-
able. A tear dropped from the eye
of the petitioner and her face showed
signs of weeping. Other than
this, the scene today was not out of
the ordinary.When the two small children rolled
up to the supreme court building
in a carriage, the mother ran to
them, threw her arms about their
necks and cried.No answer has been filed to the pe-
tition of Mrs. Fleming, but it was
said that Mr. Fleming would have
a copy filed with the proper author-
ities by five o'clock this afternoon.
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VISITS WASHINGTON

(Special to The Times.)

Washington, N. C., Aug. 15.—This
city was again visited by a very
costly and destructive fire, when the
large lumber plant of the Enreka
Lumber Company, of this city, was
totally destroyed. The fire broke
out in the boiler room about three-
thirty o'clock yesterday morning, and
before the alarm was given, had
gained rapid headway. The local
fire department was on the scene in
a few minutes and rendered valuable
service, but the fire was too far ad-
vanced to be extinguished, and the
boiler room, engine room and main
building were totally destroyed. The
large dry kilns and lumber sheds were
saved after a hard fight. The loss
as nearly as can be ascertained at
this time is about \$35,000.00, with
only \$14,700.00 insurance. It is
understood that the company will
build the plant at once.

DEATH OF MRS. KITCHIN

Mother of the Governor Died
This MorningDeath Occurred at Her Country
Home Near Scotland Neck—Gov-
ernor Was Present When Mother
Died—Leaves Large Family of
Children.

(Special to The Times.)

Scotland Neck, Aug. 15.—Mrs.
Maria Arrington Kitchin, widow of
the late Captain W. H. Kitchin and
mother of Governor W. W. Kitchin,
died at her country home, Galberry
this morning at about four o'clock,
after a lingering illness for several
months.Mrs. Kitchin was about sixty-five
years of age, had lived in this com-
munity all her life, and was well
known all over North Carolina. The
burial will take place tomorrow af-
ternoon at about five o'clock in the
Baptist cemetery. Her pastor, Rev.
O. L. Powers, conducting the services.
Governor Kitchin, who had been called
away some days ago because of
urgent official duties, reached here
just before his mother died, coming
by automobile from Halifax.

The News Here.

The death of Mrs. W. H. Kitchin,
at Scotland Neck, this morning caused
sincere sorrow in Raleigh, where
she was well known. As mother of
Governor Kitchin she had spent
many days at the mansion and was
well known to Raleigh people. She
was a woman of strong character
and her family of twelve children in-
herited splendid qualities from her
and her late husband, W. H. Kitchin,
for many years an honored and con-
spicuous figure in North Carolina af-
fairs.Mrs. Kitchin was a member of the
Baptist church. She was sixty-three
years old.
Mrs. Kitchin had been in feeble
health for several months. A year
ago she was critically ill, and several
weeks ago she was seized with her
last illness. She was the happiest
person in North Carolina on the
occasion of the inauguration of her
son as governor, and with a mother's
heart, shared the pleasure of that
happy occasion.Mrs. Kitchin is survived by twelve
children, ten boys and two girls—
Gov. W. W. Kitchin, Congressman
Claude Kitchin, State Senator Paul
Kitchin, Messrs. Samuel, Arrington,
Thurman, Richard Leland and Teddy
Kitchin; Mrs. Archibald McDonald
and Mrs. Charles McDonald.Governor and Mrs. Kitchin and
children left yesterday for Scotland
Neck and were with his mother when
she died. They reached her
bedside last night at 10 o'clock.
Congressman Claude Kitchin and Mr.
Paul Kitchin were also present.

Kentucky Democratic Convention.

Louisville, Ky., Aug. 15.—The
democratic state convention as-
sembled at Louisville today to formu-
late the platform on which the
state ticket will make the fight for
election this fall. In addition to the
regular delegates the attendance in-
cluded the candidates for office and
numerous other party leaders. The
gathering has attracted added atten-
tion from the fact that it is the first
convention in the history of the state
to meet after the party had named
its ticket.

Illinois Farmers in Session.

Carmi, Ill., Aug. 15.—Four hun-
dred local branches of the Farmers'
Educational and Co-operative Union of
America were represented by dele-
gates at the opening here today of
the annual state convention of the
organization. The convention opened
with a picnic at the fair grounds,
President C. S. Barrett making the
opening address.

Taft Speaks at Ocean Grove.

Ocean Grove, Aug. 15.—Before
one of the largest crowds ever as-
sembled at this resort President Taft
delivered an address today under the
auspices of the Ocean Grove Camp-
meeting Association. The president
was met at the station by a commit-
tee of prominent citizens and escorted
to the auditorium, where he de-
livered his address.

To Suppress Play Piracy.

New York, Aug. 15.—An interna-
tional agreement to prevent play
piracy was considered by the Nation-
al Association of Theatrical Pro-
ducing Managers at its annual meet-
ing today at the Hotel Astor. Plans
for the general betterment of the
theatrical conditions, and particularly
for meeting legislative and other op-
position to theatrical interests, also
were discussed by the managers.

Mrs. Margaret G. Aldrich, Leader of the "Self-Denial Week" Movement.



New York, August 15.—The week of self-denial which the women suffragists of this city have voluntarily imposed upon themselves in an effort to aid the women of California who need funds to carry on the campaign of women's rights, with a view of carrying the suffrage proposition at the election to be held in that state on October 10, began today in all seriousness. To celebrate the opening of this period of self-denial the suffragists of Greater New York gathered at Chasen Point this forenoon and partook of a luncheon, the menu of which included hard-tack and other primitive and inexpensive articles of food which many of the women did not even know by name.

The luncheon had been arranged by leaders of the suffrage movement in this city to launch the self-denial movement in an appropriate manner and to give the suffrage advocates a foretaste of the "simple life" to which they had committed themselves for the period of a week. The undeniably plain menu of the luncheon had an exhilarating effect upon the suffragists and with eager address the enthusiasm increased.

It is not alone by fasting, however, that the New York women devoted to the suffrage cause expect to help their sisters in the far west. Many hundreds of letters have been received by women suffragists of prominence, in which the writers, women of every rank and station of society, pledge themselves to deeds of self-denial. Some of the poorest enthusiasts, mostly working girls, promised to cut down their luncheon allowance and deny themselves the luxury of riding home in a street car, to contribute to the California campaign fund. Others pledged themselves to forego soda water, candy, and ice cream for a whole week, still others promised to deny themselves certain additions to their summer wardrobe, and to mend their old stockings, instead of purchasing new ones. Of course, the money thus saved is to be contributed to the war fund. The range of sacrifices which the women suffragists have voluntarily imposed upon themselves is quite extensive and varied in accordance with the social and financial conditions of the women.

Many of the wealthy or comparatively wealthy suffragists have decided to deny themselves some pleasure, from an expensive book to a week-end party or a trip to Europe and some business women, or professional women have pledged themselves to contribute a certain percentage of their income, or salary for the week. It is expected that by the co-operation of the supporters of woman's suffrage in this city and by the faithful fulfillment of their pledges of self-denial a large sum of money will be raised, and it is hoped that the sum thus realized will be of material aid to the women of California in their fight for woman suffrage.

FARMERS' CONVENTION

State Farmers Meet at A. and M.
College August 29-31Farmers of the State Will Gather
Here August 29th for Three Days
Helpful Conference—Women's
Farm-Life Convention Will Meet
In Conjunction With the FarmersThe State Farmers' Convention
will be held at A. & M. College, Au-
gust 29 to 31. These meetings are
a means of instruction and inspira-
tion to the farmers who attend. A
large number are expected to be
present.The convention opens Tuesday
morning, August 29 at 10:30 a. m.,
with addresses of welcome by Gov.
W. W. Kitchin, Commissioner W. A.
Graham and President D. H. Hill.Three sessions a day will be held
morning, afternoon and evening.
The program includes a variety of
subjects that will be of special inter-
est and help to the farmers. These
subjects will be discussed by men
who have made a close study of the
work they are going to present.Women's Farm-Life Convention.
At the same time the Women's
Farm-Life Convention will be held
at the college in conjunction with
the State Farmers' Convention.
The welcome to Raleigh will be
given by Mrs. T. P. Harrison, presi-
dent of the Woman's Club; the
Welcome on Behalf Department of
Agriculture will be delivered by Mrs.W. N. Hitt, chairman. Miss Fada
Dixon, of Albemarle county, will
make the response.The program of the Women's
Farm-Life Convention will be de-
voted to subjects of vital interest
to the women on the farms that will
prove very helpful.Atwood Will Continue Journey.
Pottsville, Pa., Aug. 15.—Two men
were blown to pieces in a powder
mill explosion at Crescena, a few
miles from here.STORM CENTER OF
STRIKE UNDER ARMSLondon, Aug. 15.—Liverpool, the
strike storm center now menacing
Great Britain's trade is under arms
today. Three thousand troops of
cavalry and infantry are quartered
here. The Homer street riot had a
good effect, because the rowdy ele-
ment was subdued. The call for the
general strike of transport workers
was not unanimous. Trucks con-
tinue moving through the street un-
der guard. Only a partial force is
working on the docks. The number
of railway strikers throughout the
country is increasing and in some
places, passenger service is demoral-
ized.Destruction by Forest Fires.
Halifax, N. S., Aug. 15.—Millions
of feet of fine standing timber have
been destroyed by forest fires. Thirty-
three dwellings and two lumber mills
are in ashes at Clyde river.

LAME DUCKS MUST GO

Their Job Will Be Abolished
January 6.Believed That House Will Pass Sen-
ate Resolution Abolishing Mon-
etary Commission—Political Gossip
—Simmons Can't Fill Asheville
Appointment.

(Special to The Times.)

Washington, Aug. 15.—By a vote
of 206 to 90 the house Monday
adopted the conference report on the
wool tariff revision bill. Thirty re-
publican insurgents voted with the
solid democratic majority.By 56 to 6 the senate passed the
Cummings resolution abolishing the
national monetary commission
January 6, 1912, and requiring a
final report then upon the commis-
sion's plan for currency reform.House leaders predict that the
house will pass the senate resolution
regarding the national monetary
commission. This means a time limit
has been set upon the \$7,500 now be-
ing paid "lame ducks" who for the
most part make up the commission.Southern senators are doing all
they can in a quiet way to prevent
a vote to the Underwood cotton bill
at this session. It is believed that
they will succeed. The main con-
tention is that the bill is undemo-
cratic in that democratic national
platform calls for a gradual reduc-
tion in tariffs. The southerners con-
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PRESIDENT VETOES BILL

Statehood Bill Vetoed By
Presidential VetoRepeal of the Arizona Consti-
tution Causes Him to Veto Statehood
Bill—No Recall of Judges for Him
—House May Pass Bill Over Veto.Washington, D. C., Aug. 15.—
President Taft's first important veto
message disapproving the joint res-
olution providing for the admission
into the Union of Arizona and New
Mexico, was sent to the house of rep-
resentatives today. The president's
disapproval is directed only at Ari-
zona, in whose constitution there is
a clause providing for the recall of
all elective officers, including judges,
but New Mexico suffers also for both
territories are coupled together in
the resolution. The president al-
ready has approved the constitution
of New Mexico, but further legisla-
tion will be necessary to have either
territory admitted at this session of
congress, unless both senate and
house pass the present resolution
over the president's veto. That the
veto may be overridden in the house
is not unexpected, but as to its fate
in the senate, there is much doubt.The president devotes his whole
message to a discussion of the recall
of judges. Himself a judge for many
years, he speaks with evident feeling
of a proposal which he regards with
unconcealed disapprobation.
"If I sign this joint resolution,"
he says, "I do not see how I can es-
cape the responsibility for the judi-
cial recall of the Arizona consti-
tution. This provision of the Arizona
constitution in its application to
county and state judges seems to me
so pernicious in its effect, so de-
structive of independence in the ju-
diciary, so likely to subject the rights
of the individual to the possible
tyranny of a popular majority, and,
therefore, to be so injurious to the
cause of free government that I must
disapprove a constitution containing
it."In closing his message the presi-
dent declared that while he was cog-
nizant of the fact that Arizona once
in the Union, may incorporate the
recall in her constitution, he could
not allow the opportunity to pass to
register his disapproval of that pro-
vision. "It is necessary," says he,
"for the authority which is primar-
ily responsible for its creation to as-
sert in no doubtful tones the neces-
sity of an independent and un-
trammelled judiciary."The message was read to the
house amid absolute silence. The
applause broke from the republican
side at its conclusion. The demo-
crats remained quiet. The message
was referred to the territorial com-
mittee.Neither territory can come into
the union unless the friends of
the joint resolution in congress major-
ity the two-thirds vote necessary to
pass the resolution over the veto.
This may be attempted. Condemn-
ing the recall feature of the Arizona
constitution, Taft said it would com-
pel judges to make their decisions
"under legalized terrorism."The recall provision would operate
against all elective officers of Ari-
zona. When twenty-five per cent of
the voters of a previous election pe-
titioned for a special election to re-
move an official, such an election
would be compulsory. The presi-
dent says: "This provision seems
so pernicious, so destructive of the
independence in the judiciary so
likely to subject the rights of the
individual to the possible tyranny
of the popular majority, so injur-
ious to the cause of free govern-
ment, I must disapprove a consti-
tution containing it."The president dwelt at considerable length on
the necessity for freeing the judi-
ciary as much as possible from polit-
ics or popular influence.Peace at Coatesville.
Coatesville, Pa., Aug. 15.—Despite
rumored outbreaks by negroes, peace
prevails here following the burning
Sunday of the negro Walker, who
killed Policeman Kice. State police
are guarding the town. No arrests
in connection with the burning of the
negro have yet been made. The mob
numbered over a thousand. Identifi-
cation of the mob leader is difficult.Changes in Army Commands.
San Antonio, Tex., Aug. 15.—Brig.
Gen. Ralph W. Hoyt today succee-
ded Maj. Gen. William H. Carter in
command of the maneuver brigade in
Texas. Gen. Carter returns to Wash-
ington to resume his duties as assist-
ant chief of staff, relieving Gen.
Arthur Murray, who has been as-
signed to be command of the depart-
ment of the west, with headquarters
at San Francisco.

EVIDENCE IN

MURDER CASE

Chain of Evidence Grows Tighter Around
Norris as the Murderer of
Bissett

PISTOL STRONG LINK

Officers Now Declare that 32 Pistol
Was in Hand of Norris on Night
Bissett Was Killed—38 Revolver
a Mere Ruse on Officers Now Cer-
tain—Threats Heard Friday Night
Against Some One—When Asked
Who, Told to Watch Morning Pa-
per.

Police officers now declare
that L. J. Norris had in his
possession a 32 pistol Satur-
day night, and the bullet was
fired from this pistol that
ended the life of J. B. Bis-
sett.

The net work is hourly drawing
tighter around L. J. Norris. Each
link added appears to strengthen the
chain of evidence that will eventual-
ly send Norris to the electric chair,
for the murder of J. B. Bissett. The
one weak point in the evidence of the
state now appears to be cleared up.
The fact alone that Bissett was killed
with a bullet from a 32 pistol, while
the one Norris surrendered to the of-
ficers was a 38, left the impression
upon the minds of many people that
some one else sent the bullet crash-
ing into the body of Bissett which
ended his life. All day long yester-
day people gathered in groups and
discussed the case, the possibility
that another man, yet not arrested,
might have done the work. The pi-
stol itself appeared to acquit Norris
of the charge of murder. A series of
consultations have been held by the
officers. Ada Yearby and Haywood
Penny have been grilled for further
evidence, but nothing new came out
from them. The officers were then
satisfied that other paths must be
followed for the missing link that
would make the chain complete.

Damaging Evidence.

Probably the most damaging piece
of news yet given out, the one piece
of evidence that will, without a
doubt, convict Norris of the awful
crime, was given out this morning
after another conference, held by
Chief of Police Stell, Solicitor Nor-
ris and Police Justice Watson. This
statement is, that the pistol with
which Norris killed Bissett will be
found. It can be proven that Norris
had a 32 pistol on Saturday night,
just before taking that fatal hack
ride.Besides the pistol, Norris was
heard to remark on Friday night that
"he would get his man," and when
asked who his man was, he replied,
"Just watch the morning paper." These
pieces of evidence are the latest
developments, as given out by
the officers today, and they appear
to be the most damaging yet.

The Other Side.

Norris, who is being held in the
county jail, feels perfectly confident
that he will be acquitted of the
(Continued on Page Two.)MOTHER AND SON
SHOT BY CONVICTPensacola, Aug. 15.—News of a
tragedy in Lee County, Florida Sat-
urday night resulting in the death of
Mrs. Weeks, wife of the postmaster
of a small town, and Willie Wil-
liams, an escaped convict and the
serious injury to a son of Mrs.
Weeks, has been received here. Wil-
lie Williams, a double murderer, es-
caped from the farm with three other
life termers. He went to the Weeks
home. Mrs. Weeks went to the door
in response to a knock, and Wil-
liams opened fire, killing her. Her
son, awakened, ran to the door and
was also shot. He crawled back to
his room, secured a revolver and
shot Williams. The others fled,
leaving Williams on the ground
where he remained until noon Sun-
day, when Weeks returned and found
his wife dead and his son uncon-
scious. Later Williams died.