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FATE GOSS IS HELD FOR THE GRAND JURY

Young Durham Man Committed to Jail Without Bond For Alleged Connection in the Death of Benson Men

FOUL PLAY CHARGED BY CORONER'S JURY

Report Submitted Today States That Death Was Caused by Gas Poison as Result of Foul Play—Effort Was Made to Give Bond for Goss Just Before Coroner's Jury Met—Goss Says He Bought Pistol From Unknown Negro in Durham for \$1.50 About Three Weeks Before Tragedy and Pawned It Sunday He Came to Raleigh—Three Witnesses Examined Today.

The coroner's jury which has been investigating the deaths of the three Benson men whose bodies were found in Wilson's apartments on the night of February 5, found that R. A. Johnson, Fred Jernigan and H. T. Porter, the men in question, came to their deaths as the result of gas poison and that foul play was the cause. Fate W. Goss of Durham was ordered held by the coroner to answer to the grand jury. He was committed to jail without bond.

Just before the jury met for the last time today Mr. John W. Hinsdale, Jr., employed to represent Goss, offered to deposit bond in the sum of \$1,000 for Goss' appearance at the investigation, but Coroner Separk, on the advice of Solicitor Norris, promptly increased the bond to \$1,500.

Young Goss gave his account of the manner in which he secured the pistol. He said he bought it in Durham three weeks before the tragedy from an unknown negro, giving the man \$1.50 for it. He pawned the weapon, he said, to Mr. Curtis Godfrey in Durham on Sunday, February 4, before coming to Raleigh that evening. He never saw the negro before, he said, and has never seen him since.

The Jury's Findings.

The verdict of the jury is that R. A. Johnson, Fred Jernigan and H. T. Porter "came to their death from gas poison caused by foul play, and recommend that F. W. Goss be held without bond for the grand jury."

The verdict was signed by Messrs. J. R. Johnson, E. M. Bledsoe, T. W. Brewer, F. A. Watson, S. J. Betts and J. H. Weathers.

Maynard Moseley, known as "Cutie," was arrested this afternoon by Chief Stell and placed under a \$1,000 bond as a witness in the case. He was unable to give bond and is in jail. He was arrested at the Raleigh Auction House, operated by Frank Wilson. His arrest was in accordance with the recommendation of the coroner's jury.

Senator O. A. Barber of Benson returned to the city today, as did also Mr. N. W. Porter, father of Hugh Porter, and were present at the final investigation by Coroner Separk. Mr. Porter brought the pocketbook removed from the underclothing of young Porter at the postmortem.

Evidence Today.

The third and last meeting of the coroner's jury was held in the police court room at 11 o'clock. Fate W. Goss took the stand and was handed the pistol pawned to Mr. Curtis Godfrey. He said he pawned it on Sunday before coming to Raleigh. He bought it one dark night three weeks before the affair. He had never seen the colored man from whom he bought the weapon before. The negro was holding the pistol in his hand and the witness gave him \$1.50 for it. Goss said he had not seen the negro since. Goss was then excused. Goss was very nervous while fingering the pistol.

Mr. N. W. Porter was recalled and examined as to the purse found in the undergarment of Hugh Porter. Solicitor Norris took the pocket-book and exhibited it to the jury. Juror Betts said "that is the identical pocket-book." Mr. Porter had stated

in his former examination that Hugh Porter had a small brown purse. There was such a purse found in the package turned over to Chief of Police Stell and Mr. Porter stated that was exactly like the one young Porter had. The father had made an examination of his son's trunk but could not find the other or third purse.

As to That Door.

Chief of Police Stell was called to the stand to tell about finding this purse in the clothes of Porter. The chief also testified to the ease with which he opened the door in room 4 of Wilson's apartments. He later went there and again tried the door, but he could not prize it open.

There was no other evidence and everybody retired except the jury.

LYNCHING THREATENED

Mob Forming to March on Anderson Jail.

Anderson, S. C., Feb. 28.—The jail is barricaded to withstand a mob attack of farmers gathering several miles from here, to march upon the jail and capture William Reed, a negro from the prison. Reed was arrested yesterday, charged with assaulting a white woman. The negro was brought here at ten o'clock last night. He admitted being in the woman's home and said the motive was robbery. It is reported three hundred men are preparing for the attack.

Crowds Dispersed by Police.

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 28.—Dispersing crowds in the mill district, regarded as containing possible danger, occupied the police's energies.

Most of those congregating along the picket line were women. Two women were arrested.

KNOX GIVEN WARM WELCOME TO PANAMA

Panama, Feb. 28.—Newspapers give great prominence to Secretary Knox's visit, whom they welcome to Panama in warmest terms. For the second day of the secretary's visit, a full program of entertainment and functions was provided.

Tonight a state dinner will be given by Governor General Parades, when Knox will make the first formal speech of his tour. Special precautions will be taken to guard the secretary during his stay; a large number of secret service men being on guard in his immediate vicinity.

NEWS FROM SCOTLAND NECK

Talk of Organizing Law and Order League—Much Cotton.

(Special to The Times.)

Scotland Neck, Feb. 28.—Rev. O. L. Powers, pastor of the Baptist church says he is heartily in favor of organizing a law and order league in Scotland Neck, and says he hopes one will be organized at an early date. He will use his influence along that line, and will have the hearty co-operation of all the people of the town and community.

With the close of this month the hunting season will come to an end in this region, and the hunters here will put up their guns and pull down their fishing rods, preparatory to going to the waters for sport rather than the air.

The Warrenton district conference will convene in Weldon on March 19, Presiding Elder Bumpass officiating. Large quantities of cotton and peanuts have been brought here during the past week or ten days and it is said that there is much of last year's crop yet remaining in the hands of the producers, and a good bit of cotton in the fields to be picked out.

It has been announced that a series of meetings will be commenced in the Baptist church on the second Sunday in March. Rev. Dr. Wilson, of Newport News, Va., will assist Rev. O. L. Powers in the meeting.

OFFICIAL VERSION OF KOREAN TROUBLES

New York, Feb. 28.—Japanese foreign affairs office in cablegram sent to the consul general here for publication, gives the official version of the recent Korean troubles which led to arrest of students and teachers in Presbyterian mission schools there.

The statement says the authorities discovered a conspiracy to assassinate the president general and restore the old Korean regime, and that some teachers and students of Sin Syong Academy and other Christians were among the conspirators. The fact of the conspiracy is said to have been admitted, and more than three hundred arrests have been made. Most of the accused profess Christianity, but the statement protests that their faith had nothing to do with it.

PRICES OF EGGS DROP.

New York Market Demoralized by Shipments From Farmers.

New York, Feb. 28.—Up-state farmers, prompted by the high price of eggs, have demoralized the market, but not the ultimate consumer, shipping thousands of cases of eggs to commission merchants here. Anxious to sell at the top of the market farmers shipped millions of eggs by express. Price dropped from 35 cents to 29½ cents a dozen wholesale.

The supply is far ahead of the demand. Commission merchants predict a further decline.

Strike at University of Arkansas.

Fort Smith, Ark., Feb. 28.—Three hundred striking students of the University of Arkansas, paraded the streets of Fayetteville last night, signifying displeasure at the faculty's action, suspending thirty-six students. The latter are held responsible for an anonymous publication charging the faculty with favoring rich pupils.

Reyesists For Madero.

Laredo, Texas, Feb. 28.—A movement has started to throw the support of General Reyes' followers to President Madero. Three thousand Reyesists are in practical exile in the United States and Cuba it is said.

WEBB ON THE DRINK EVIL IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Feb. 28.—Representative Webb does not know of any city where the social drink, "the most dangerous form of indulgence," is so freely practiced as here in the capital, he told a convention of anti-saloon league delegates last night.

"You are spending in this city about \$7,000,000 a year for liquor," Representative Webb declared. "The liquor traffic of the United States costs more annually than the combined values of our cotton crop, and our gold, silver and other precious metal output. All the tariff collected in a year will not pay our liquor bill for ninety days."

Roosevelt Leaves New England.

Boston, Feb. 28.—Theodore Roosevelt's visit ended today. The colonel departed this afternoon for New York. Roosevelt met several friends at Dr. Bigelow's home, before attending luncheon by Arthur Hill, one of Roosevelt's leaders here. Roosevelt is expected to remain in New York tonight and goes to Oyster Bay tomorrow.

Vessel Aground and Deserted.

Philadelphia, Feb. 28.—The steamer Goldsboro grounded on Brandywine shoal, Delaware Bay, yesterday, and soon probably will go to pieces. The vessel has been abandoned. Crew fled for their lives, landing at Cape May. Before passing into the present hands the vessel was one of the Clyde liners.

Federal Bureau Will Investigate.

Washington, Feb. 28.—Federal labor bureau will make an immediate investigation of the wage and working conditions at Lawrence, Mass., textile mills. The bureau's representative left for the strike ridden city.

New President of Santo Domingo.

San Domingo, Feb. 28.—Elacliet Victoria, recently elected, took the oath of office as president of the republic of Santo Domingo for a term of six years.

COMMISSION IS REVERSED

Commerce Court Again Annuls Rating of Commission

Washington, Feb. 28.—The interstate commerce commission order reducing certain class freight rates from New Orleans to Montgomery, Selma, Mobile and Pensacola, was annulled by a commerce court decision today.

The decision, handed down by Judge Archbald, is certain to add considerable fuel to the controversy already afoot between the commission and the commerce court.

The court declares congress never intended to clothe the commission with the wide authority it has assumed. It further asserted the court could discover nothing in the record in support of the commission's conclusions or to justify the reductions in the rates it ordered.

After an elaborate discussion of the evidence submitted, the court's opinion concludes: "Consent for the commission and for the government simply rely on the authority of the commission to determine what is a reasonable rate and conclusiveness of its judgment where it has done so, against which it was argued, the courts can afford no relief unless the rate fixed is shown to be confiscatory. This contention must be rejected in our judgment. It was never intended to confer on the commission any such unrestrained and uncontrolled power. It is not within the commission's authority to reduce rates in this or any other case not necessary, against the weight of evidence presented to sustain them, but without anything substantial to warrant the conclusion reached or the reasons assigned therefor. The existing rates were not shown to be unjust or unreasonable and there was no valid basis for the commission's conclusion."

This was the first case argued before the commerce court, after its establishment, more than a year ago. It proved a stubborn proceeding. The court took full time for its consideration. It was brought by the Louisville & Nashville Railroad in an effort to modify or annul the commission's order of reduction. It was declared if the commission's order, fixing what, in its opinion, were reasonable rates, were enforced, the loss to the Louisville & Nashville would be \$200,000 annually.

The New Orleans board of trade alleged that discriminating rates against New Orleans were made by the Louisville & Nashville, and urged that that city be put on an equality of rates to southeastern territory with New York, Baltimore, the Carolinas and Virginia. The court's opinion is directly opposed to that contention.

GIRL WEDS IN SECRET

Parents in Chester Learn of Ceremony in Connecticut.

Chester, Pa., Feb. 28.—Word reached this city last night that Miss Mabel Major and Frank Davis were married in Bridgeport, Conn., last Saturday. Several weeks ago Davis left Chester for Bridgeport, where he secured a position with an automobile concern. Correspondence followed between him and Miss Major. Informing her parents that she was going to spend the day in Philadelphia, Miss Major left Chester last Friday. She proceeded to Bridgeport, where she became the wife of the man of her choice.

The fact that their daughter did not return home Friday night led Mr. and Mrs. Frank Major, her parents to believe that she was being detained by relatives in Philadelphia but when Saturday and Sunday passed and she failed to return they became greatly worried.

Philadelphia relatives of the young woman, telephoned to Mr. and Mrs. Major last night, informing them that Mary had married Davis.

Thirteenth Week of Trial.

Chicago, Feb. 28.—The thirteenth week of the packers trial began before Judge Carpenter. District Attorney Wilkerson said he expected the government to rest within two weeks. The government continued its inquiry into the Tuesday afternoon meetings of the packers when it is expected by the prosecution to show agreements were made regarding shipments, selling price and margins in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

FEDERALS WANT REBEL PORT CLOSED

Washington, Feb. 28.—Mexican consul at El Paso has requested the American collector of customs there to forbid the exportation of American goods into Juarez, and urged that the rebels' port be recognized by the United States as closed. The treasury department is considering the question with the departments of state and justice. The real leaders of the revolutionary movement, General General Hanna reports, is Eufelio Vasquez Gomez.

State department advices indicate the rebels are serious at Torren and Valerandana, where American mining men successfully fought off the rebel band. In Vera Cruz the insurgents, it is said, captured several towns.

American consular representatives at San Luis Potosi, Papachaula and Saitillo remain quiet.

Want Two New Battleships.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The honor naval affairs committee decided in favor of authorizing two new battleships this year, and will demand that the democratic caucus rescind its action declaring against additions to the navy now. The committee will ask for a free hand to determine the matter for itself.

The Steel Trust Suits.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The anti-trust suit against the United States steel corporation and its subsidiaries comes to an issue Friday. The government will file at Trenton, its replication to the defendant's recent answers. The replication will deny the steel company's contention and reassert the petition's allegation for dissolution.

Taxicab Robber Arrested in Memphis.

Memphis, Feb. 28.—Chief of Detectives Roper announced the man arrested here yesterday as one of the New York taxicab robbers. Today was identified as Eugene Spain, one of the alleged principals in the robbery; James Keefe, the other man, is still detained for examination.

Village Burned Out.

Toledo, Feb. 28.—Fire raged in the village of Bellefonte near here and destroyed the entire business section. The property loss is estimated at \$150,000.

WOMEN DEMOCRATS TO GIVE HARMONY DINNER

Washington, Feb. 28.—To celebrate and strengthen harmony in the re-united national democracy, wives of the leading democrats here are planning a gathering of the wives, mothers and daughters of the democratic leaders in a harmony dinner on Dolly Madison's birthday, May 20th.

The plan is to have Mrs. Champ Clark preside as toastmistress, with Mrs. Grover Cleveland and Mrs. Wm. Jennings Bryan seated beside her. The honor list would include the wives of leaders who have been mentioned for the presidential nomination. Mrs. Clayton, of Alabama, is chairman of the executive committee of the movement, and Mrs. Clark and Mrs. Underwood constitute the advisory committee. The plan was launched at a dinner given in Mrs. Clark's honor by Mrs. Wreck-Hiffe, wife of Representative Wreck-Hiffe, of Louisiana.

DEATH OF MR. SEYFERT

Occurred Monday in Elizabeth City—Truckers and Farmers Behind.

Elizabeth City, Feb. 28.—George G. Seyfert, age 72 years, died very suddenly Monday night at midnight at the home of his son in Pennsylvania avenue. The funeral services were conducted over the remains this morning at 10:30 o'clock from the home by Rev. J. H. Buffalo, pastor of City Road Methodist church, and the interment followed in Hollywood cemetery.

Mr. Seyfert had been in declining health for some time; but he had been able to be up, and was up Monday. He has only one relative in this section, his son, George Seyfert, manager of the Elizabeth City Hotel Mills, with whom he has made his home since he came to this city. Mr. Seyfert was a native of Germany; but came to this country many years ago. He moved here from Salisbury about five years ago. He was a splendid citizen, and was greatly beloved on account of his affable and genial qualities.

The entertainment-loving public

COMMITTEE READY TO HOLD MEETING

Raleigh and Charlotte Only Two Cities in Running For Place of Holding the Republican State Convention

is greatly interested in the play entitled "The Bachelors' Congress," which will be presented here Thursday night in the auditorium of the High School, under the auspices of the Young Women's Home Mission Society, of the First Methodist church.

On account of the very severe winter weather, the truck farmers of this section are further behind with their work than they have been in years. One freeze after another has been experienced all winter long; and, when the ground thaws up so that the farmers can begin to prepare their lands; it begins to rain and soon the ground is too wet. This time last year, all of the peas and most of the Irish potatoes were planted. This year, but little of the pea crop is in the ground and scarcely any of the potatoes. The farmers are busy every good day hauling fertilizers and seed potatoes, so that when the weather becomes good, the work of planting can go on uninterrupted.

Very likely the acreage of potatoes this year will exceed that of last year, if the farmers can get the seed in the ground.

Recognizes Chinese Republic.

Washington, Feb. 28.—The house foreign affairs committee today favorably reported the Sulzer resolution, which, in effect would recognize the new republic of China. It congratulates the Chinese people "for their assumption of the powers duties and responsibilities of self government."

Republican Troops Rebel.

Hanchow, China, Feb. 28.—A portion of the republican troops at Wu Chang revolted during the night. There was considerable fighting. No details regarding casualties. The city gates have been closed.

MANY SHARED IN TAXICAB ROBBERY

New York, Feb. 28.—While the police have ten alleged highwaymen's names, five of them under arrest, new evidence in the taxicab hold-up in the Wall street district, where two messengers were robbed of twenty-five thousand dollars, shows several others knew about the plot, and perhaps shared in the loot.

Deputy Commissioner Dougherty has the names of five men wanted. Arrests are expected within twenty-four hours. The police are especially anxious to apprehend three Italians, who according to the confessions of men under arrest, supervised the robbery.

FREIGHT DERAILED

Cars Piled Into River and Bridge Wrecked.

(Special to The Times.)

Sanford, Feb. 28.—The Atlantic Coast line freight for Wilmington which left here at eight o'clock yesterday morning was derailed about fifty yards north of the upper Little River bridge 7 miles east of here. The train consisted of twelve freight cars, caboose and engine. A car near the engine was first to leave the track and by the time the bridge was reached it was well off of ties. The engine crossed safely but the ten front cars either piled into the river or were thrown down a fifteen foot embankment on either side. The steel bridge which was about one hundred feet long completely wrecked and it will take probably several days to replace it. Passengers from Wilmington had to be transferred to the Southern Railway train which was run through from Sanford to the wreck causing a delay of five hours to northbound passengers. No one was injured, the train crew being in caboose which stopped two car lengths from the bridge.

Aviator Fell But Not Hurt.

San Bernardino, Cal., Feb. 28.—Aviator Harry Crawford, fell yesterday two hundred feet, when his aeroplane became unmanageable. He has only a few scratches.

BANQUET TONIGHT IN THE YARBOROUGH

Many Orators to Pour Out Sentiments When Over Four Hundred Sit Down to Feast Given by Chairman Morehead in Honor of Members of His Committee—The Hon. Litchford, of Raleigh, and President Kuester, of Charlotte to Present Claims of Two Cities—List of Toasts to Be Responded to Tonight.

For the purpose of naming the time and place for holding the state convention the republican state executive committee met in the Yarbrough Hotel this afternoon shortly before two o'clock, with Chairman John M. Morehead in the chair. There were strong committees from Raleigh and Charlotte to be heard in advocacy of their respective cities, and it was not known until the committee had voted who would win out.

Tonight at eight o'clock Chairman Morehead will give a banquet in the Yarbrough in honor of his committee, at which over 400 men will be present. This promises to be a love-feast and party orators will hold forth for several hours.

Practically all the leading republicans in the state were in Raleigh today for the meeting of the committee and the banquet, and the local lobbies were thronged with politicians all day. Many of them came in yesterday, but most of the visitors arrived last night and this morning. The Morehead-Butler faction naturally predominated and politics was all the talk.

Mr. Clarence O. Keuster, president of the Greater Charlotte Club, headed the delegation from Mecklenburg, and Mr. Henry E. Litchford, president of the chamber of commerce, headed the delegation advocating Raleigh as the convention city. The respective claims of the two cities were set forth.

The members of the executive committee are:

John M. Morehead, chairman, Spray.

Gilliam Grissom, secretary-treasurer, Spray.

Districts.

1st—I. M. Meekins, Elizabeth City.

2nd—D. W. Patrick, Snow Hill.

3rd—George E. Butler, Clinton.

4th—J. J. Jenkins, Pittsboro.

5th—B. S. Robertson, Haw River.

6th—S. A. Edmunds, Lumberton.

7th—F. H. Hanes, Yadkinville.

8th—C. H. Cowles, Wilkboro.

9th—Chas. E. Greene, Bakersville.

10th—F. A. Fanning, Asheville.

Members at Large.

Thomas Settle, Asheville.

Harry Skinner, Greenville.

J. R. Gaskill, Tarboro.

C. C. Vann, Rose Hill.

James D. Parker, Smithfield.

R. C. Campbell, Greensboro.

I. B. Tucker, Whiteville.

H. C. Dockery, Rockingham.

Dr. J. J. Mott, Statesville.

Ed. A. Smith, Charlotte.

C. J. Harris, Dillsboro.

Campaign Committee.

W. P. Bynum, Greensboro.

F. A. Linney, Boone.

J. S. Lewis, Asheboro.

A. A. Whitener, Hickory.

For the Banquet.

The following are the toasts and speakers for the banquet tonight:

Hon. Thos. H. Settle, toastmaster;

John M. Morehead, Political Independence;

Harry Skinner, The East;

F. A. Linney, The West; Iredell Meares, The Whole State; J. Q. A. Wood, The First District; J. R. Gaskill, The Second District; George E. Butler, The Third District; W. J. Andrews, The Fourth District; B. S. Robertson, The Fifth District; I. B. Tucker, The Sixth District; Clarence Call, The Seventh District; A. H. Price, The Eighth District; Charles E. Greene, The Ninth District; Chas. J. Harris, The Tenth District; A. A. Whitener, Catawba Wine; A. E.

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