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GAS TRAGEDYHabeas Corpus Hearing Gives Defense  
Opportunity to Make Best of  
Matters Brought Out

## DEFENSE IS CONFIDENT

Lawyers and Young Goss Believe  
Things Will Be Cleared Up in  
Asphyxiation Matter at Frank  
Wilson's Place, So Far as the De-  
fendant Is Concerned—State's  
Witnesses Do Not Seem as Posi-  
tive as They Did at Former Hear-  
ings—Goss Expects to Account for  
Pictures.

With many witnesses who appeared before the coroner's jury in the investigation into the death of R. A. Johnson, H. W. Porter and Fred Jernigan present today, the testimony in the habeas corpus proceedings for the release on bond of Fate W. Goss, held in jail by order of the jury, was similar to that of other hearings. The hearing today was held before Justice Platt D. Walker, in the supreme court room and was attended by the defendant, his counsel, relatives and witnesses, Solicitor Norris, who intended going to Washington and New York today, remained over for the hearing. Messrs. Barber & Barber, lawyers of Benson, employed by the families of the dead men, were assisting the solicitor. Messrs. Armstrong Jones & Son and Mr. John W. Hindsdale, Jr., appeared for the defendant.

The testimony today against Goss was not on the whole as strong as it was before the coroner's jury, this being due, in part, to the fact that under cross-examination, the defense was able to make a better showing. The notes of the stenographer at the coroner's investigation were attacked as being deficient, and several times the solicitor stated that they were not dependable.

Mr. A. J. Davis, Jr., who on a former occasion had testified that Goss left his bed, explained today that the young man put on a bath robe or gown, where before Mr. Davis had said that Goss had dressed his clothes and shoes.

While Constable Byrum was on the stand today, the fact was brought out that Mr. Hindsdale, attorney for Goss, went to the coroner a half hour before the jury met the first time, and offered to give bond. Mr. Hindsdale said he had done that, and said the coroner was about to allow bond, when the solicitor threatened to denounce him if he should permit bond at such a time. This was half an hour before Goss was held by the jury. Solicitor Norris stated, and he followed this up

with a statement that he said then that he would be satisfied with any action the coroner's jury took in the matter.

**Benson Witnesses.**  
Including the witnesses examined today were Messrs. M. B. Porter, N. W. Porter, Miss Edna Weeks, and C. C. Barnes, of Benson. They told practically the same story as they related before the coroner. In the case of Mr. Barnes, it was developed that he was fined once for selling cider and had got into trouble over a check, though he explained that he made the matter good when he learned of it.

**The Pictures.**  
Among the witnesses from Durham, many who will testify to the identity of the pictures found in the pocketbook, taken from Goss, at the time he was arrested in this case. One of the pictures, he claims, is that of his sister, Miss Louisa Goss, and the other two are of Miss Pearl Crisp. Those who are expected to identify the pictures are Messrs. Andrew Gattis, O. F. Wilkinson, Janet Edwards, Miss Nettie Parrish, Mr. and Mrs. Gossett, Miss Mabel Whitaker, R. E. Hurst and Bill Farthing. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Godfrey are also here and Mr. Godfrey is expected to testify as to the time the pistol was pawned, which was February 4, according to Goss.

**The Defense Confident.**  
Not only were the attorneys for Goss confident of clearing him of the crime of helping to murder the Benson men in the Wilson apartments, but the defendant himself was buoyant today. A number of girl witnesses, seated about the court room, chatted and laughed occasionally. It is not known yet when the hearing will be concluded, but it is not thought that it will be over until late this afternoon.

STANLEY REPUBLICANS  
County Ticket Nominated—Failed to  
Instruct for Roosevelt.

(Special to The Times.)  
Albemarle, March 11.—In a convention which was entirely void of the usual enthusiasm, but with evident show of discord in their own ranks, the republicans of this county nominated Saturday their county ticket. Two years ago there was a large crowd present at their convention, but today the crowd was small indeed.

Mr. John M. Morton was nominated without opposition for the house. For register of deeds Mr. Richard Hill was nominated without opposition. For the office of sheriff there was somewhat of a fight. Ex-Sheriff S. R. Green and Mr. Richard Foreman being in the race. Mr. Foreman was nominated by a small majority.

Dr. J. I. Campbell was endorsed for congress. As between Roosevelt and Taft, Mr. Roosevelt seemed to be the favorite with a large majority of the convention. At the same time the supporters of Mr. Taft managed to get an adjournment before the convention endorsed Roosevelt and it is learned that in a caucus which followed the Taft men won out and the delegates to the state convention will go pledged to Taft.

NO SETTLEMENT OF  
BRITISH COAL STRIKE

London, March 11.—The British coal strike, which began March 1, involving a million men, shows little signs of settlement.

Besides the miners, another million workers in the factories and mills in all parts of Great Britain, were thrown out of employment because of the impossibility of obtaining fuel to run machinery. Prices of all necessities of life have increased. Distress prevails among the poor classes.

**German Miners Quit.**  
Berlin, March 11.—The coal strike became effective in the West Phalian mines when a hundred and seventy-five thousand miners ceased work. In some districts the cessation of work was complete. Public opinion is against the strikers.

## TAFT DISCUSSES TRIP.

Says Discussion of Governmental Problems Brought Forth Many Sympathetic Assurances.

Pittsburg, March 11.—Taft passed here en route east from Chicago and Toledo, discussing his trip the president said the discussion of governmental problems brought forth many sympathetic assurances and that American citizens of foreign birth and descent of whom the several of the audiences were composed seemed especially concerned in his outlines of constitutional problems.

JONES IS COMMUTED  
Must Pay Dead Boy's Mother  
Sum of \$1,500

Johnston County Man Who Fired to  
Frighten Negroes at Pond and  
Killed Little Colored Boy, Not to  
Serve Twenty Years If He Com-  
plies With Conditions.

Governor Ritchie has commuted to four months and \$1,500 the 20-year sentence of Jesse T. Jones, a well-known Johnston county man, who was sent up by Judge Peebles for killing a small negro boy at Mr. Jones' fish pond near Keady. The sentence was changed by the governor at the instance of the judge, solicitor, attorneys and parents of the dead boy. Last summer several negro men were fishing in Mr. Jones' pond, near Keady, when they were ordered away, the pond and land being posted. The fishermen moved too slowly to suit Mr. Jones, so he raised his pistol and shot to frighten them. The pond dam is in the shape of a crescent and as he shot the second time, two small colored boys rose up from the other end of the dam and one of them received the bullet in his heart.

The case came to trial in September and the judge suggested that the sentence would be made nominal provided Mr. Jones would pay the dead boy's mother \$1,500. This was not done and the case went on to trial, with the result that Mr. Jones was found guilty of murder in the second degree and sentenced to 20 years.

## Reasons For Commutation.

The governor's reasons for the commutation are as follows:  
"I am asked to change this sentence in order that a settlement may be carried out, which was proposed by the judge at the time of defendant's conviction, which he said he could not then accept, but which he has since arranged to comply with. Upon recommendation of the trial judge, the solicitor, the mother and father of deceased, and the attorneys for the private prosecution, I commute the sentence to a term of four months in jail with power in the commissioners to hire prisoner out to pay the costs on condition that he first pay \$1,500 to the mother of the deceased, and on condition that he remain law-abiding and of good behavior."

## Weather Bureau Bulletin.

Washington, D. C., March 11.—The weather chart of the northern Hemisphere of this date shows marked atmospheric disturbances over the north Atlantic ocean, eastern Siberia, and the western coast of the United States, and areas of abnormally high pressure and cold weather over the interior of Asia and the eastern half of the United States.

A disturbance that now covers the Pacific slope will advance slowly eastward, preceded and attended by general rains in southern and probably snows in northern districts, and cross the middle west about Tuesday and the eastern states Wednesday or Thursday. It will be preceded by a general rise in temperature over much of the country east of the Rocky Mountains during the first part of the week and it will be followed by a change to colder weather which will make its appearance in the northwest Tuesday or Wednesday. Following this storm the next disturbance to cross the country will appear in the northwest Thursday or Friday and prevail over the middle west at the close of the week.

It is probable that stormy weather will prevail over the trans-Atlantic steamship routes east of the Grand Banks during the coming week.

**Snow in Missouri Valley.**  
Kansas City, March 11.—Heavy snow interfered with railway traffic in the Missouri valley. Five to seven inches fell.

BIG DEMONSTRATION  
OF TEXTILE WORKERS

Lawrence, Mass., March 11.—Five thousand strikers paraded this morning, furnishing the biggest demonstration since the textile troubles began. Six leaders, including four women, were arrested. Crowds assembled because of the arrest of the woman strikers. The police were forced to use clubs in dispersing the crowds.

Ornamental penmanship is also a flourishing industry.

THREE GREAT  
SERVICES HELD

Meetings Yesterday At First Baptist  
Church In Commemoration of  
Anniversary

## HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

Sunday Was a Big Day at the First Baptist Church—The Centennial Celebration Commenced a Close Sunday Night—Sermon by Pastor at Eleven O'clock and Mass Meeting in the Afternoon—Historical Society to Be Started at the Church and Bazaar to Be Held.

Sunday, March 10, 1912, will be a day long to be remembered in the First Baptist church of this city. It was the big day of the centennial celebration of the church. The lovers of this church must have rejoiced yesterday in the story that was told, and felt proud of her 100 years of history.

Large audiences attended all services during the day. At eleven o'clock Dr. T. W. O'Kelly preached the centennial sermon to one of the largest congregations ever assembled in that church and it was a grand effort, suitable to the occasion which it commemorated.

A live, supple, Sunday school mass meeting was held in the church auditorium at 3 o'clock, in charge of superintendent Burton J. Ray. The closing service of this great occasion, which began Friday night, was held at 7:30 Sunday evening when the history of the church from its founding 100 years ago, was interestingly and eloquently told by Mr. T. H. Briggs.

## Centennial Sermon.

The pastor chose his text from First Samuel, 17th chapter and 12th verse: "Then Samuel took a stone and set it between Mizpah and Shiloh, and called it the name of Ebenezer, saying, 'Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.'"

Dr. O'Kelly said: "Eighteen hundred and twelve seems a long time ago. Just here and there we find a single human being who was here then, a very young child at that time. It is like the great path of a tornado which has left a few widely scattered trees and these are weak and trembling. And some quiet storming, when we can barely feel a breeze, they will fall."

"To the young school boy, the 100 years ago will seem crude. There were no railroads then, nor for a generation later. The familiar voice over the telephone was unknown. No one had dreamed of the wireless telegraph and the (Continued on Page Five.)

NORRIS HELD FOR  
THE FEDERAL COURT

Thomas H. Morris, a young white man of the city, ran about of the law this morning when he was held before United States Commissioner John Nichols, charged with the illicit sale of whiskey and attempting to bribe the witnesses. He was found guilty in both cases and bound over to the federal court under a \$100 bond in the whiskey case and a \$200 bond for attempting bribery.

Keeping a husband in hot water is a poor way to preserve him.

## TONIGHT

Every citizen of Raleigh, including the ladies, interested in the growth and development of this city, is invited to be present at the Chamber of Commerce rooms tonight to hear the address of Dr. S. C. Mitchell, president, of the University of South Carolina.

THE DYNAMITE CASES  
Labor Leaders' Will Be Arraigned Tuesday

The "Men Higher Up" to Be Arraigned Tomorrow—County Interested in Cases.

Indianapolis, March 11. When the indicted labor leaders are arraigned before Judge Albert B. Anderson, in the United States district court here on tomorrow, the agreement will have constituted the first men in his campaign to achieve justice the "higher up" in the alleged nationwide dynamite conspiracy. Frank M. Davis, president of the International Association of Bridge and Construction Ironworkers; Albert S. Hocking, secretary and treasurer; and John T. Butler, first vice-president are among the men who will have to come between a plea of "guilty" or "not guilty" to the government's accusation.

Transportation of dynamite in violation of the technical charge against the indicted labor leaders, each indictment containing 128 separate counts, and the maximum penalty under a conviction for any one of the various offenses varies from eighteen months to two years.

Interest in the case is at fever heat, and everywhere in Indianapolis can be heard gossip of the possibilities that revelations may be developed during the next few days involving the highest men in the trade union councils of the country. District Attorney Charles W. Miller has intimated that a plea of guilty and complete confessions are expected from some of the indicted men, who will turn state's evidence in the hope of receiving immunity, and tell everything they know about the alleged conspiracy that engineered explosions throughout the land, from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The prosecutor declared that the case against most of the defendants, however, is complete, and that the government is confident of securing convictions, which is taken to indicate that there is little hope of complete immunity being granted any of the defendants.

Most of the indicted men have already been brought here, through the medium of extradition proceedings in the respective state in which they were arrested on February 24, when the nation was shocked by the wholesale round-up of the labor leaders by the police in the various cities.

In addition to the fifty-one men who will plead on Tuesday, John J. McNamara, James B. McNamara and Marie McManical are under indictment here, making the total number charged fifty-four in all. All the indictments charge conspiracy to violate the statutes forbidding the carrying of explosives, on passenger trains, and details fort-seven transportation charged on over seas, and names McNamara, the McNamaras or Herbert S. Hocking in each act, but does not specify the part taken by the other defendants.

## RELATIVES WILL CLAIM

BODY OF MISS ADAMS.

A telegram received today, notified Manager Brown, of the Grand, to keep the remains of Miss Jennie Edwards, or Adams, until arrangements were made in Boston for the funeral. She is the woman who died here Saturday morning from an overdose of veronal. She was formerly a musical star and there are many pictures of her in theatrical papers. She was 37 years old and married.

COAL STRIKE MAY  
BECOME WORLD WIDE

New York, March 11.—A world-wide coal miners' strike is the probable outcome of negotiations now progressing between the anthracite and bituminous owners and their employees in this country.

With more than a million coal miners on strike in Great Britain and a hundred and fifty thousand miners in Germany voting to quit work to force higher wages; a severe coal shortage in Europe is feared.

The anthracite coal operators are drafting their reply to the hard coal workers for presentation to the

miners Wednesday. The miners demand a 10 per cent increase in wages, reduction of the union and improved labor conditions. Next week at Cleveland, the bituminous operators and employees, trying to bring about a settlement of conditions in the soft coal fields. Heavy purchases are being made in the retail market. Coal is being loaded on the Atlantic seaboard for South American and European ports, usually supplied by English firms.

## WHAT STREETS NEED

Good Streets Should Be Kept Clean and More Good Ones Should Be Built.

A Times reporter, was "holding court" in one of the city's streets, and overheard the following conversation between two strangers in the city.

"You know, I have been coming to this city for some time, and I have never seen a town like this one. It seems to me that it is a town that has never been built for the future, but it does not take advantage of what it has done. Look at these streets for instance, something has been done about improving the streets, Raleigh and all of its friends welcomed the proposition. The city went to work and laid this asphalt on a number of blocks. But they let the side streets go and it is almost impossible to find the mud-crocks that are called streets. I tell you this town needs street improvements, and it needs them badly."

"Talking about streets, there did put down a good bit of asphalt and it was a great improvement, but if you look out there now, you would hardly realize that it was anything but an old macadam road. Why have they let the dirt accumulate on them until they are almost as bad as roads when it rains. Just look how the ladies have to lift their skirts when crossing the street. The slogan of this town is 'Wide-awake Raleigh.' If it was truly wide-awake, it would have a gang out there with a large fire hose washing off that mud. There is plenty of water here to do it with and the cost would be nominal. The streets are one of this town's worst drawbacks. It will never be wide-awake unless it improves its streets."

## "Another Woman" in the Grace Case.

Atlanta, March 11.—"Another woman" theory was injected into the Eugene Grace shooting mystery by statements attributed to Mrs. Grace who is held accused of wounding her husband. She let it be known she considered she might have had a rival for her husband's affections.

## Senator Davis' Expenses.

Washington, March 11.—Senator Jeff Davis, of Arkansas, filed with the secretary of the senate, a statement that in his campaign for reelection, he spent \$629.50.

## New Postmaster.

Washington, March 11.—Stephen S. Barr, today was appointed postmaster at Cherokee, since S. L. Anderson, resigned.

FOUR ALLEGED BLIND  
TIGERS UNDER ARREST

The police have been busy today running down whiskey-sellers. So far they have succeeded in finding four alleged tigers. They are Tom Morris, who runs a livery stable on East Main street; Silas Edwards, who runs a grocery store on South Wilmington street; William Terry, an employee of the railroad shops, and C. B. King. Morris, Edwards and Terry are charged with whiskey selling and King is charged with being a runner, that is a person who delivers the whiskey for another party.

There are one or two more warrants unissued as yet, but will be served as soon as the parties can be apprehended.

## Virginia Republicans.

Brown's Vista, Va., March 11.—The tenth district republican convention elected Robt. A. Fulwiler of Staunton and Geo. A. Rivercomb of Bath, delegates to the national convention. They are instructed to Taft.

## Aged Man Sentenced For Murder.

Calhoun, Ga., March 11.—Andrew King, a farmer, age 78, who pleaded guilty to stabbing his son-in-law, Robert Keet, will spend the next ten years of his life on the chain gang. King said he intended to kill the entire Keet family.

DR. MITCHELL  
THE SPEAKER

Will Make Address Tonight to  
Citizens of Raleigh at Chamber  
of Commerce

## AT STUDENTS' NIGHT

Public Invited to the Chamber of  
Commerce Tonight to Hear Dr. S.  
C. Mitchell, President of the Uni-  
versity of South Carolina—Spoke  
At Tabernacle Last Night, the Oc-  
casion Being Students' Night—  
Heard By Large Congregation—  
Inspiring Message, With Work as  
The General Theme.

Dr. S. C. Mitchell, president of the University of South Carolina, spoke last night in the Baptist Tabernacle. This was the third series of the students' night and the Tabernacle was crowded to overflowing. The services were opened by Dr. Mitchell, who read part of the ninth chapter of St. John, which tells of Jesus' restoration of the sight of a blind man and in which Jesus said: "I am the light of the world." Dr. A. M. Sims, the venerable ex-pastor of the Tabernacle, led a short, but impressive prayer. Prof. Gustav Hagedorn and Mr. W. F. Betts sang "Forever."

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## SUGAR OFFICIALS TRIAL



John E. Parsons, the former counsel and member of the executive committee of the American Sugar Refining Company, who with other officials of the company, is now on trial in the United States district court in New York city, charged with entering into a conspiracy to form a monopoly in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. Parsons is known as the "Father of the Sugar Trust."



United States Senator Leroy Percy, of Mississippi, who was asked to resign his seat in the United States senate in a joint resolution adopted by both houses of the Mississippi legislature. The resolution recites an alleged promise of Senator Percy to resign if he should be defeated in the democratic primary election of last summer. James K. Vardaman won the election over Mr. Percy in the primary.