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## SEAMAN SHOT ON ELFREIDA

### Pugh Robertson of Edenton After Quarrel, Shot Raymond Harney a Sailor

### IS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED

**Elfreida Was in Dock at Elizabeth City—Robertson, Who is a Fish Commissioner, Started a Disturbance—Harney, a United States Seaman, Tried to Quiet Him—Robertson Tried to Cut Harney And Harney Knocked Him Down, Robertson Then Went Ashore, Returning Later and Shooting Harney—Wounded Man Taken to Naval Hospital.**

(Special to The Times.)

Elizabeth City, April 4.—Pugh Robertson, son of Chief of Police James Robertson, of Edenton, shot a regular United States seaman on the ship Elfreida last night about midnight as she lay at the dock here. Robertson is a deputy fish commissioner and was with the expedition which has been at Oregon inlet enforcing the fish laws. Last night Robertson was raising a disturbance on the ship, and a seaman named Raymond Harney, attempted to quiet him. Robertson tried to get a knife to cut the seaman and Harney knocked him down. Then Robertson agreed to leave the ship, took his baggage and went ashore.

He took a pistol out of his suit case and returned to the ship. He opened fire on Harney, shooting five times. One shot struck him in the side, and the ball entered his stomach inflicting a dangerous wound. Harney was taken to the naval hospital in Norfolk. Robertson was arrested and placed in jail. The latest reports from Norfolk state that Harney is still alive, but in a very critical condition.

### DIES UNDER HOLMES' CURSE.

**Detective Who Helped Trail Famous Murder Expires Suddenly.**

Philadelphia, April 4.—One more man who was connected with the conviction seventeen years ago of H. S. Holmes, the murder, died suddenly today, fulfilling the prophesy of the slayer that all who aided in his downfall would meet untimely deaths. Thomas Crawford, a detective, who trailed Holmes and was a partner of Frank Geyer, who made the arrest, is the latest victim of the "curse."

Since Holmes was put to death in 1896, many persons connected with his arrest and conviction have met violent deaths. Among the number were Judge Arnold, who presided; Linford B. Miles, foreman of the jury; two prison officials, and Richard Johnson, a juror. Johnson ended his life only a week ago.

**Advises Miners to Return to Work.**

London, April 4.—The Miners' Federation after a long conference, decided to advise all miners in Great Britain to return to work.

## CITY BANKS CLOSE AT NOON SATURDAY

Beginning Saturday all the banks in the city will close their doors at noon for this one day in the week, thereby enabling the employes to enjoy more freedom in the open. The savings banks will reopen again at 5 and close at 9 o'clock on Saturdays, as usual.

In taking this step the Raleigh institutions are but following the example of banks in other cities, and it is suggested that many other business houses might take the same action. Several years ago retail merchants thought it unreasonable to close their stores until late at night, but the early-closing policy has been successful from every standpoint. It is not sought to have the retail stores close at noon, however, and these were cited merely as an example.

Business men are coming more to realize the necessity for giving their employes plenty of time in which to take exercise, and it is hoped by the leaders in the noon-closing on Saturday movement that a half-holiday will soon be the custom in Raleigh.

## MESSAGE OF PRESIDENT

### On Economy and Efficiency In Government

President Sends Second Message of The Year on Economy and Efficiency—Could Save $11,000,000 Annually.

Washington, April 4.—President Taft today sent to congress his second message of the present year on economy and efficiency in the government service. He recommended the passage of legislation designed to save more than $11,000,000 annually to the people of the United States. Probably his two most striking proposals were that the local government offices in the treasury, postoffice, justice, interior and commerce and labor departments, be placed in the classified service and that the revenue cutter service be consolidated with the lighthouse service in the department of commerce and labor.

By the first change the president said congress could effect a saving of at least $10,000,000 annually and although in this message he gave no figures for the consolidation of the two services of the sea, in a previous message on the same subject early in the year, he predicted economies that would total about $1,000,000 yearly.

The president concluded his message with an appeal to congress to appropriate the $200,000 necessary to support the economy efficiency commission for another year with $50,000 additional for the publication of the commission's findings.

President Taft's principal recommendations for economies were as follows:

Placing of pension agents in classified servise; estimated saving $62,000 annually.

Abolition of office of receiver of district land offices and transfer of duties to register; assisted by bonded clerk; estimated saving $200,000 annually.

Transfer of "political appointees" in internal revenue and customs services to classified service; estimate of saving not given.

Consolidation of lighthouse and life saving services into bureau of lighthouses; estimated saving $100,000.

Transfer of vessels and equipment of revenue cutter service from treasury to commerce and labor department and its abolition as a separate service, estimated in message on economy January 17, that saving would be about $1,000,000 a year.

### DAVID SETTLE ACQUITTED

**After Four Hours Deliberation, Jury Returns a Verdict of Not Guilty—Told Different Story.**

(Special to The Times.)

Greensboro, April 4.—David R. Settle, youngest son of the late Judge Settle, was acquitted late yesterday afternoon of the murder of Robert Allen, the jury returning its verdict after four hours deliberation. The acquittal verdict was the result of the testimony of the defendant, who in an hours explanation of the circumstances surrounding the fatal shooting never once diverged from the main points of his story. Settle claimed that he went out to shoot a screech owl that had been annoying him, that as he stepped from the door his foot slipped and a double barrel shot gun was discharged, the full load striking Allen and causing instant death.

Evidence offered by the state showed that both Settle and Allen, who had been employed by Settle, were drinking together and had been together throughout the day of the homicide. When arrested Settle was under he influence of whiskey and gave several conflicting accounts of the shooting. He had never before told the same story as related on the witness stand.

### DR. WU TO RETURN TO U. S.

**Almost Certain to Be Appointed Chinese Ambassador Here.**

London, April 4.—According to the Pekin correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, Dr. Wu Ting-fang is almost certain to become the Chinese ambassador at Washington.

Dr. Wu Ting-fang was for a time minister of justice in the new republican cabinet, and formerly held the post of minister to the United States

**Serious Washouts in West.**

Washington, April 4.—Washouts on the railway lines of the middle west and south seriously interfered with the handling of mails and many daleys were reported to the postoffice department.

## ERWIN, NEW PRESIDENT

### Durham Man Head of the American Cotton Manufacturers Association

Washington, April 4.—The American Cotton Manufacturers Association went on record in favor of a reduction of all those schedules of the cotton tariff shown by the tariff board to be excessive. In resolutions unanimously adopted the convention endorsed the tariff board. The proposal to prohibit trading in cotton futures was condemned as an injury to the coton trade. An appeal was made to the New York cotton exchange for more frequent revisions of its contract prices, to do justice to southern cotton interests. Resolutions presented by J. D. Hammett of Anderson, S. C., and the report of cotton exchanges made by Louis W. Parker of Greenville, S. C., called specific attention to the contract prices of the New York cotton exchange, when it was claimed were often much less than the value of the cotton. The convention adopted resolutions asking the New York exchange to revise the differences between contract and spot cotton every three months, instead of twice a year, as at present.

Senators and representatives from the southern states were urged to oppose the bills introduced in congress to prohibit dealing in futures.

The following officers elected:

President W. A. Erwin, West Durham, N. C.; vice president, Stuart W. Cramer, Charlotte, N. C.; Secretary C. B. Bryant, Charlotte, (reelected.)

The convention adjourned without selecting the meeting place for next year, but invitations were received from New Orleans and Memphis.

FUGITIVE VIRGINIA OUTLAWS AND LATEST CAPTIVE.

**These members of the Allen gang, are, from left to right, Wesley Edwards, Sidna Allen and Friel Allen. Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards are the only men still at liberty of the outlaw band responsible for the Hillsville, Va., courthouse tragedy of March 13. These two men are being sought after by several heavily armed posses. Friel Allen, the youngest member of the gang, was with Sidna and Edwards until the latter part of last week when he surrendered voluntarily.**

## DETECTIVES HOPE FOR NEW TRAIL TODAY

Hillsville, Va., April 3.—Supported by Governor Mann's warning of imprisonment to any one caught giving aid to the outlaws, the detectives sought the trails of Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards with renewed confidence. The officers say the fugitives would have been scarved out or run down but for the activities of their friends and kinsmen, who besides circulating false clues to mislead the detectives, are believed to have succeeded in getting food to the outlaws. Allen and his nephew, it is believed, are in the mountains beyond Hillsville and Mt. Airy, across the North Carolina line.

With good weather the searchers hope to end the long hunt by finding a hot trail for the bloodhounds. It was three weeks ago today the Carroll court-house tragedy, with its toll of five lives was enacted.

**Rumors That Outlaws Been Killed.**

Richmond, Va., April 4.—Considerable excitement was caused by a long distance telephone report from Mount Airy that Sidna Allen and Wesley Edwards, the Hillsville outlaws, were killed near Volunteer Gap. The story which supposedly was told to a rural mail carrier by negroes living between Mount Airy and Volunteer Gap, has not been confirmed.

**Baldwin Doesn't Know.**

Roanoke, Va., April 4.—Detective Baldwin, head of the agency hunting the Allens, said the rumor that Allen and Edwards were killed had reached him, but he was unable to confirm it.

### SOPH. WINS DEBATE

**Interesting Debate at Trinity—Durham Banks Make Creditable Showing.**

(Special to The Times.)

Durham, April 4.—Mr. W. F. Starnes, of Monroe, was given the decision in the Sophomore debate held at Trinity College Tuesday night for the Southgate prize. There were eight contestants, and the debate was one of the most creditable ever held, all the young men handling the question at hand in a manner that showed careful preparation. The subject for the debate was "Would it be for the best interests of the states to apply the principle of the recall to all state and county officers except the judiciary." Mr. Starnes spoke on the affirmative side of the question.

A recent statement of the seven banks in Durham made a most creditable showing. The capital stock is given at $475,000; undivided profits and surplus, $687,335.54; loans and discounts, $4,407,560.59; deposits, $5,358,869.97; total resources, $6,783,480.93. This is a record that many older cities of the state might be proud of, and when it is considered this Durham is practically a new city, and that one or two of these institutions are not in the city proper, it makes a showing that is good.

### TO TRY ALLEGED LYNCHERS.

**Chief of Police and Patrolman Among List of Defendants.**

West Chester, Pa., April 4.—Preparations are being made for the the trial of the remainder of the alleged Coatesville lynchers of Zach Walker, who was dragged from the Coatesville hospital and then burned in a pile of lumber and crossties on Sunday night, August 13. The defendants are Chief of Police Clay, Chief and Officer Smith, Hoey, who were on duty at the hospital; Richard Tucker, Walter Marlowe, Lewis Kenser, John Conrad and Lewis Deshborne, the last five being charged with active participation in the crime and the officers with failure to perform their duty in preventing the lynching.

By direction of the judges of the local courts, the jury commissioners have drawn 75 extra jurymen to serve at the trial during the week commencing Monday, May 6.

## PRISONERS ATTACK JAILOR JOHNSTON

(Special to The Times.)

Charlotte, April 4.—Jailer Johnston, of the Mecklenburg county jail had a thrilling experience when he went into the corridor to give the white prisoners their midday meal yesterday. As is his custom he on this occasion locked the door of the room confining the prisoners as soon as he had entered, dropping the key into his pocket. Suddenly and evidently by preconcerted arrangement several of the prisoners seized him and attempted to take away the key which would have given them their liberty. Jailer Johnston's presence of mind was the only thing that saved the day. Before the men could accomplish their purpose he succeeded in throwing the keys through the grating of the window, and as soon as the prisoners saw that they could not get the key they desisted.

The leader of the bold attempt to escape was apparently led by a Russian youth, Victor Hill, who is awaiting trial for car-breaking and larceny.

## KNOX TALKED PLAINLY

### He Made Bold Speech In Guatamala

Told Guatamala That She Must Adhere to the Washington Conversations If She Hoped for Peace and Prosperity.

Guatemala City, Guatemala, April 4.—Guatemala has not been especially punctilious in observing its obligations under the Central American peace pact of 1907, and only recently Salvador had occasion to complain and invite the good offices of the American state department to secure her territorial rights against Guatemalan aggression.

Mr. Knox evidently had in mind when he delivered his formal address at the president's halls. It must have required some courage after the kingly style in which he had been entertained, and surrounded by men who appeared to draw their breath by sufferance of the host, for the secretary to stand up and declare in language that could not be misunderstood that the strict adherence of Guatemala to the Washington conventions was inseparable from any hope of future prosperity, advancement and peace. These conventions provide that disputes between the five republics shall be submitted to the peace tribunal at Cartago; that no government shall invade the territory of another, or permit within their own boundaries the outfitting of revolutionary expeditions against a sister republic. The secretary said in part:

"Guatemala in its position of close proximity to the United States, where there is ever ready an eager market for its products, and with its dense population occupies indeed an enviable position among the Central American nations. This position will be rendered increasingly desirable as time goes on and the development of your country's enormous possibilities is accomplished. And Mr. President, I may here remark without, I am sure, indulging any vain note equally shared by yourself, that the continuous development and permanent advancement of the republic depend on its stable economic conditions as well as upon its domestic contentment and consequent repose. The unvarying friendship of the government of the United States for republican institutions in this hemisphere and its desire to see them conserved free from interference are too well known and understood to need words of reassurance from me. From the very inception of, and even before the independence of the Latin-American nations, the attitude of the American government, which later was unmistakably announced by President Monroe, was well known and it continues undiminished to the present day.

"In Central America the United States has a special interest not only because of the proximity of the five republics to the great commercial highway now nearing completion in Panama, but also because of its moral obligations under the Washington conventions. The maintenance of peace and stable conditions in these republics is a matter of first importance to my government. The faithful observance of those conventions will, in the opinion of my government, go far towards the elimination of the turmoil that has hitherto shaken the very foundations of some of the less fortunate and less tranquil countries.

"In conclusion, Mr. President, allow me to indulge the hope that the relations between our respective countries may become increasingly cordial and close, to the mutual benefit of both."

This speech if published here, as it probably will not be, may reassure a good many who have admired the secretary because of his part in breaking the tyranny of President Zelaya of Nicaragua and some of whom, unfamiliar with the necessities of diplomacy, must have been bewildered to see this champion of republicanism accepting the hospitality of the most notorious dictator now tolerated under a pretense of popular government.

An editor of a local paper asked if the government censorship was severe replied: "No, there is no censorship. It is unnecessary. The editors understand perfectly what the government wishes published or not published." The city has two papers recognized as official organs and third, "La Compana," the unthrottled "opposition" weekly. The latter bold voice of the people spoke the only word of discourtesy regarding the American mission. In its issue of two weeks ago today, a copy

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## BAD BREAK NEAR CAIRO

### Almost Surrounded By Water Much Suffering and Apprehension

### MANY HOMES FLOODED

**Anxiety Centers About Cairo—Nine Square Miles of Cairo Drainage District Inundated—Except for One Railroad Line the City is Cut off From Communication—In Memphis the Flooded Area Is Steadily Increasing—Food Situation at Hickman Serious But Train Load of Supplies Was Expected This Afternoon.**

Seven thousand persons have fled from their flood threatened homes. Eight persons have been drowned. The property loss runs into millions. Ten states are affected. The states and federal government are hurrying help to the afflicted.

Nine thousand acres of the manufacturing district of Cairo, Ill., are under water.

Future City and other surburbs, with a combined population of 1,100 are flooded.

Hickman, Ky., factory district and part of the home section is flooded. Two thousand are homeless.

Columbus, Ky., with the outlying country is under water, depriving one thousand persons of homes.

The Memphis Tennessee river sections are flooded, driving twelve hundred from their homes. Many factories are under water.

At New Madrid, Mo., eight hundred are homeless.

At Dorena, Mo., seven are homeless.

Eight thousand persons are fleeing from flood threatened homes in the towns between Hickman, Ky., and Helena, Ark.

**Cairo Almost Surrounded.**

Cairo, Ills., April 4.—Cairo is almost surrounded by water by the breaking early this morning of the Mobile and Ohio levee which protected the drainage district, which is now under from five to fifteen feet of water. The lives of five hundred workmen were endangered when the Mississippi rive tore a crevasse a hundred and twenty-five feet long in the dike. The territory flooded is north of Cairo, and comprises about nine thousand acres. The number of homes, stores and other structures are flooded in the drainage district is estimated at one thousand.

**Anxiety at Cairo.**

Memphis, April 4.—Anxiety over the flood situation this morning centers about Cairo, Ills., where the Ohio and Mississippi rivers last night crushed two levees. Nine square miles of the Cairo drainage district is submerged. Future City, with six hundred inhabitants, is inundat-

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## WILSON CONFERS WITH HIS MANAGERS

Washington, April 4.—Governor Woodrow Wilson came to Washington today on his way west, and spent several hours conferring with his political managers, senators and house members.

"Our campaign is one depending on our friend and their brains," said Wilson. "We have no money. Our campaign has been bankrupt four times, including the present. It is to confer with my friends in the two houses of congress I am here."

The governor left this afternoon for Chicago.

### NEW POSITION FOR SHUSTER

Washington, April 4.—W. Morgan Shuster, deposed treasurer general of Persia, has been appointed South American representative of the National City Company, of New York.

It is said that the National City Company, allied with the National City Bank of New York, intends to devote its business primarily to South American loans.

## TENNESSEE PAYS TRIBUTE TO TAYLOR

Nashville, April 4.—People from all over the state paid final tribute to the memory of "Fiddling Bob," Senator Robert Love Taylor. Through the sombre shadowed hall of the house in the state caiptol thousands walked slowly past the body of the dead senator, who succumbed in Washington Sunday. Nashville today suspended thousands of Tennesseans who come to witness the ceremony, in final honor of the man who three times was Tennessee's governor and late senator. Tomorrow the funeral services will be held in Knoxville where the senator will be buried.

**Three Killed in Wreck.**

Chicago, April 4.—Three persons were killed and eighteen injured when a Chicago and Alton freight train crashed into a trolley car, filled with passengers. There were sixty passengers in the car. Physicians hurried to the scene, and the injured were removed to hospitals.