

THOMAS WILL SEEK FREEDOM ON FRIDAY

Man Charged With the Killing of Arthur Allen Has Instituted Habeas Corpus Proceedings.

HEARING TO BE HELD TOMORROW

In Gastonia Before Judge Bis Ray—Nothing New Has Developed Since Arrest of Thomas.

Maness and Armfield, attorneys for O. G. (Red) Thomas, held for the killing of A. J. Allen, spent the greater part of Wednesday in Charlotte and Salisbury, conferring with Thomas and with Solicitor Hayden Clement. The attorneys wanted Solicitor Clement to appear with them in habeas corpus proceedings Friday before Judge Bis Ray, who is holding court in Gastonia. An effort to obtain bail will be made at that time.

Thomas is still being held in the Charlotte jail, where he was placed shortly after midnight yesterday morning, after surrendering to the police in Kannapolis after killing Allen. The prisoner was interviewed by newspaper men yesterday, and made the following statement, in the presence of Deputy Sheriff Fesperman:

"I had stopped my car with the engine running," said Thomas. "It was dark along the street and I was looking for the home of Mr. Overcash. I had never been there except in the daytime, and was looking to see if I was in the right place."

"I noticed a closed Ford car stop several yards ahead of me, but paid no particular attention to it. While I was looking for the home of Mr. Overcash, a man walked up to the side of the car and told me to throw up my hands. "The pistol was lying on the seat beside me. I grabbed it up, shot him three times and throwing the Buick automobile I was driving in gear, drove rapidly up the street."

"I did not wait to see how badly I had hurt him. "I did not know at the time who he was, but I am acquainted with Frank Allen. He is a man with a grudge against me. As I asked if it was his pistol, with which he did the shooting, Thomas stated that it was not."

"You know I always carry my pistol in the pocket of my car. I got some time during the day some one took it. My pistol is a .32.20 while this gun is a straight .32. It belonged to the fellow who went with me to Kannapolis. I borrowed it from him. "After getting up street I surrendered to the police, and was told that Allen had been found. Later I was surrendered to Sheriff Speers, who brought me to Charlotte just after midnight this morning."

The statement as made by Thomas is interesting because it differs in one point from the testimony of Mrs. Robert Lowe as given at the coroner's inquest. Mrs. Lowe, who was riding with Thomas at the time of the shooting, testified that the pistol with which Thomas killed Allen, was lying in her lap, while Thomas stated that when the man told him to throw up his hands, she grabbed up the pistol which was lying on the seat, and shot him three times. "In all other points the two versions of the killing agreed."

Attorney Maness notified Coroner Spencer last night that the habeas corpus hearing would be held tomorrow in Gastonia before Judge McElroy instead of in Monroe before Judge McElroy as had been first planned.

Attorneys for Thomas also conferred with Solicitor Clement in Salisbury several times yesterday, but the Solicitor, after conferring with local officers, was unwilling to agree to bond, not being satisfied, local officers stated, that Thomas could not be held for murder. The Solicitor did not state, however, whether or not he would attend the hearing before Judge Ray tomorrow.

There are no new developments in the case other than Thomas' efforts to get out on bail. Local county officers have made no further investigation of the killing, though Coroner Speers has been notified by Chief Roper, of the Kannapolis police, that two important witnesses were found there yesterday. The nature of the testimony these witnesses will give was not stated, however, but Chief Roper was notified to have them ready for the hearing before the grand jury at the next term of Cabarrus Superior court.

Coroner Spencer told Chief Roper that the testimony of the witnesses was not wanted now because the coroner's jury had already rendered its verdict, having determined that Thomas killed Allen.

Funeral services over the remains of Allen will be held tomorrow, Friday, afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the McKinnon Presbyterian Church, conducted by Rev. C. C. Myers. Interment will be made in Oakwood cemetery. The services were postponed until tomorrow so that Mrs. Allen's arrival from his home in Fayetteville, N. C., so many rumors in connection with the killing have been heard that little or no attention is being paid to any of them. There have been a few exceptions to this however, and officers have tried to get at the foundation of a rumor that Allen talked with a woman of Kannapolis in her home shortly before he was killed. Just who the woman was the officers have not learned, and of course, they have no

PROPOSAL OF UNION MINERS CAST ASIDE

By Coal Operators at Hearing Before the Senate Committee. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 27.—The proposals of the union miners in West Virginia were cast aside today by counsel for the coal operators at a hearing before the Senate investigating committee. The proposals for the settlement put forward by Frank P. Walsh, miners' counsel, and Philip Murray, vice-president of the United Mine Workers, were met with a declaration from the operators "We'll have no dealing with the mine workers."

Mr. Walsh at the opening of today's session called the committee's attention to the settlement plan submitted Monday by Mr. Murray involving the use of the committee's mediatory officers. Mr. Walsh suggested that all attorneys in the case remain in Washington after the present hearings here and attempt to put an end to the trouble in West Virginia in a conference on the Murray plan under the committee's direction.

HOUSE ADMIRING GUILTY OF MURDER IN FIRST DEGREE

Verdict in Case Rendered at Snow Hill This Morning. (By the Associated Press.) Snow Hill, N. C., Oct. 27.—Guilty of murder in first degree was the verdict of the jury in the case of Willie House, negro, charged jointly with A. J. Sarah, white, of Waltham, this, Greene County, and Thos. Hayes, negro, in connection with the killing of the woman's brother several months ago. Judge Dufosse did not yet sentence the negro.

Immediately after Rouse's case went to the jury the trial of Mrs. Whitley began and five jurors of a social venire of 100 Wayne County citizens had been selected, when the court recessed at 1:30.

Whitley was shot to death while a jeep near his tobacco barn near his home. The state charged that the negro did the shooting while Mrs. Whitley and Hayes, a former tenant, instigated it.

Football Today. (By the Associated Press.) Columbia, S. C., Oct. 27.—First period, South Carolina University 0, Clemson 0; second period, University 7 to 0.

been able to learn what conversation took place between them. Another rumor that has been accepted by the community is that Thomas is alleged to have owed Allen. The sum of the debt is said to be \$150, and numerous persons are alleged to have stated that they heard Allen and Thomas discussing the debt in Kannapolis Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. Allen was very popular both in Concord and Kannapolis. Neighbors here speak in the highest terms of him. One of his neighbors said: "I have known Mr. and Mrs. Allen for six years, and they were lovely folks. Mr. Allen was always gentle and kind to his family. He was a good husband and always at home with his wife and children when his day's work was over. He was not known to have an enemy. He always met everyone with a smile. He was a faithful member of the McKinnon Presbyterian Church and always ready to do his duty."

Thomas, a salesman for Osmond L. Barringer, automobile distributor, is one of the best known and most successful automobile salesmen in Charlotte. He has been connected with several of the largest automobile firms and in fact stated last night that he sold an automobile sometime ago to Allen, the victim of the shooting.

Mrs. Robert Lowe, who was with Thomas at the time of the killing of Allen was in the city yesterday for a good part of the day; but could not be seen. She is a frequent visitor to the city, having relatives here and being also a friend of both Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, with whom she has frequently been seen riding here.

Her testimony before the coroner's jury in Kannapolis largely corroborated the account of the shooting as given by Thomas.

Deputy Sheriff Vick Fesperman, who consented to allow the prisoner to be interviewed, was later asked why Thomas was brought to Charlotte. He stated that Sheriff Speers said there was some feeling in Kannapolis and Concord over the affair and that Thomas desired to be brought away from there.

There were a number of citizens from Concord and Kannapolis in the city yesterday, and in conversation with officers and others, some of them indicated that there might be interesting disclosures at the time of the trial that have not been learned by the public at large up to this time.

Thomas has been a frequent visitor to Concord and Kannapolis. It was said; in fact, many of his sales, especially in used cars, have been made in that territory. He lived for a time in Concord and is well acquainted in both Kannapolis and Concord.

Local Flurries



BLANTON EXPULSION CASE NOW BEFORE THE HOUSE

Resolution Offered by Leader Mondell to Unseat the Texas Representative. (By the Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 27.—The resolution for the expulsion from the House of Thomas L. Blanton, democrat of Texas, was called up today by Representative Mondell, the republican leader.

Adoption of resolution was asked by the republican leader who declared while it was improper to inform the public of the reasons for what the House was called upon to do "the publication which is the basis of the charge is of such character that it cannot be withheld from the floor."

Mr. Mondell characterized the objectionable words in the affidavit inserted in the Congressional record by Blanton as "unspeakably vile, foul, filthy, profane, blasphemous and obscene."

"I know members of the House will agree it was the vilest thing they ever saw in print" he added. "If I were to recite here even a very small portion of these words I myself would be subject to expulsion."

Mr. Mondell said he knew of no instance where a member exercising the right of leave to print published profane or obscene matter in the Congressional Record. The Blanton remarks, he told the House, were sent to the printing office Saturday night with direction for its publication that night. The printing office, he added, had no right to refuse to insert offending articles.

"And on the dawn of Sabbath," he shouted, "this vile, foul thing was on its way to homes and schools. The language used would subject one now mailing it to jail for five years."

Mr. Blanton entered the chamber a moment before the chaplain's prayer and took his accustomed seat on the second row and during Mr. Mondell's speech sat with his hands to his lips looking in the opposite direction.

Nearly every member of the House was present and a dozen senators came over to see what would happen.

Dr. Hadley Removed to Death Cell

(By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., Oct. 27.—Dr. W. A. Hadley, convicted yesterday afternoon of murdering his wife, has been removed to the death cell in the Henrico County Jail, and will remain there until he is sentenced to die in the electric chair.

Argument on a motion for a new trial will be made by Hadley's counsel before Judge Scott pronounces sentence and fixes the date for the execution. Judge Scott is expected to pass on the motion today.

The cell Hadley now occupies was occupied by Henry Clay Beattie, who several years ago was executed for wife murder.

In the remote parts of Scotland people still wear garters made of fresh cod-skin as a preventative of rheumatism.

PROHIBITION OFFICER MADE ANOTHER RAID

Two Barrels of Beer and Gallon of Liquor Found Near Homes of Two Negroes. Prohibition Agent D. F. Widenhouse yesterday made two more liquor seizures in the county. No stills were found by the officer, but two barrels of beer and a gallon of liquor were seized.

At the home of Lou McCully, colored, who lives near the Cedar Grove Church, Agent Widenhouse found a barrel of beer hidden in some cotton.

At the home of Ben Walker, also colored, who lives just across the river from McCully, Agent Widenhouse made a more important and interesting seizure. Under the nature in a horse stable, which was occupied by a horse at the time, the officer found a barrel of beer, and while the officers were searching the barn they saw one of Walker's sons running with a jug of liquor. Both the beer and liquor were seized. Near Walker's barn the officers also located a still hole, but no still was found.

EX-EMPEROR AND EMPRESS TO BE PUT ON BRITISH CRUISER

Final Decision Regarding Their Disposition to Be Made Saturday. (By the Associated Press.) Paris, Oct. 27.—The allied council of ambassadors today decided that former Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary and ex-Empress Zita should be placed immediately on a British battle cruiser on the Danube, pending another meeting of the council next Saturday when final decision regarding their disposition is to be made.

Small Child Here Seriously Burned

Annie, the 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Crawford, of Caldwell street, was seriously and perhaps fatally burned about nine o'clock this morning when her clothing caught from a fire under a wash pot in the back yard of her home.

Practically all of the child's clothing was burned from her body, and she was badly burned from the waist up.

Relatives and friends tried to put the child's clothing out before she was burned, but their efforts were futile, and in an effort to save the child's life, some of her clothing was torn from her body.

Physicians who examined the girl stated that her condition is serious.

STORM PROPERTY DAMAGE ABOUT FIVE MILLION DOLLARS

Known Death List Stands at 5. In Tampa and St. Petersburg Vicinity. (By the Associated Press.) Tampa, Fla., Oct. 27.—Property damage in that section of the Florida peninsula swept Tuesday and Tuesday night by the tropical hurricane, is roughly estimated at at least \$5,000,000 by insurance men here who have been analyzing the reports reaching Tampa from other sections. Damage in Tampa is estimated at between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000, but it may be several days before definite figures can be given. The known death list early today stood at five, which included two at St. Petersburg and three in Tampa and vicinity.

No Loss of Life at Pass-a-Grille. St. Petersburg, Fla., Oct. 26, 9 P. M. by mail to Jacksonville.—There was no loss of life at Pass-a-Grille, a Gulf resort southwest of here, as a result of Tuesday's hurricane, and the property damage at the settlement probably will amount to less than \$50,000.

The death list in St. Petersburg tonight remains at two and property loss roughly estimated at between \$500,000 and \$1,000,000. Six pieces on the water front here, valued at \$250,000 were swept away and at least 50 small motor and sail boats were sunk. The other damage largely was confined to unroofed houses.

LITTLE ENTENTE DEMANDS SURRENDER OF EX-EMPEROR

An Ultimatum Has Been Issued to Hungary.—Two Days to Send the Answer. (By the Associated Press.) London, Oct. 27.—The little entente, composed of Roumania, Czechoslovakia, Jugoslavia, has dispatched a note to Budapest demanding the surrender of former Emperor Charles, the demobilization of the Hungarian army and reparations sufficient to defray the expenses of the little entente's mobilization, according to a Vienna dispatch to the Central News agency today.

Unless Hungary replies satisfactorily within two days the little entente troops will enter Hungary, the dispatch says.

Foeh and Pershing to Attend Football Game in New York

(By the Associated Press.) Atlanta, Oct. 27.—(Marshall) Foeh and General Pershing will attend the Georgia Tech-Pennsylvania State football game in New York Saturday, accompanied by mayors Tyan and Key, and the Presidents of the rival institutions according to announcement here prior to the departure of the Tech squad today.

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EDWARDS-PATTERSON.

Miss Nancy Lee Patterson Becomes Bride of Mr. George R. Edwards.—Beautiful Ceremony in Central Church.

The ceremony of the marriage of Miss Nancy Lee Patterson to Mr. George R. Edwards, of Rocky Mount, took place at 7:30 o'clock, when Miss Nancy Lee Patterson became the bride of Mr. George R. Edwards, of Rocky Mount. Friends and relatives of the contracting parties from all parts of North Carolina witnessed the ceremony, which was one of the most beautiful in the history of Central Church. The ceremony was performed by Dr. Z. P. Paris, pastor of the bride for the past four years.

The pulpit, altar and choir rostrum were lavishly and tastefully covered with ivy and white satin. A huge bank of ferns providing the background for the wedding party. Four large cathedral candles and eight smaller candles added a soft touch to the perfect wedding setting.

Beginning at 7 o'clock a musical program was rendered by Mrs. C. B. Waggoner, Mrs. Victor A. Means and Mr. S. Kay Patterson, the first number being "Chanson de Florian," by Godard, an organ solo played by Mrs. Means. This was followed by a flute solo, "At the Brook," by Busch, played by Mr. Patterson. Another organ solo, "Canticle," by Salome, played by Mrs. Means, was followed by "Perfect Love," sung by Mrs. Waggoner.

Mrs. Means played the organ accompaniment for Mrs. Waggoner and Mr. Patterson. The bridal chorus from "Lohengrin" was used as the march, and the Mendelssohn Wedding March was used as the recessional.

The ushers entered first, using both aisles and standing on either side of the altar. The ushers were Robert Gorham, of Rocky Mount, Louis Hummel, Jr., of Goldsboro, R. T. Jefferson, of Rocky Mount, Woodall Rose, of Rocky Mount, A. G. Obell, of Concord, and James L. Brown, of Concord. They were followed by the maid of honor, Miss Helen Patterson, sister of the bride, who entered from the right aisle. Her gown was of sunset taffeta and she carried a sheath of pink roses. Next entered the flower girls, little Misses Elizabeth Odell and Esther Brown, nieces of the bride, who carried baskets of roses. They were charmingly attired in white organza, ruffled frocks with trimmings of ribbons and rose buds.

The bride entered from the right aisle with her brother, Mr. Fred M. Patterson, a student at Chapel Hill. Her wedding gown was of soft white tulle with sprays of orange blossoms, over ivory satin and lace. A court train hung clear of the dress from the shoulders. She wore a crown of orange blossoms and in her arms she carried a shower bouquet of orchids and valley lilies. Her only ornament was a diamond and platinum bracelet, the gift of the groom. The groom entered from the right vestry with his best man, Mr. Hunt Parker, of Enfield, and joined his bride at the altar. The ring ceremony of the Methodist church was used.

Immediately after the ceremony the members of the bridal party were honored guests at a reception given at the bride's parents' on North Union street. Immediately after the reception the couple left for a bridal tour which will embrace several northern cities.

Mrs. Edwards is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John K. Patterson. She is a graduate of music from Salem college, vocal and piano, and is one of the most gifted musicians in the State. Last year she was a member of the faculty of the schools of best music, and enjoys an enviable reputation as a musician throughout the State. She is known and beloved by a host of friends in North Carolina.

Mr. Edwards is associated with his father, Mr. George S. Edwards, in the wholesale grocery business in Rocky Mount and is known as a man of many fine qualities.

Mrs. Edwards has been the recipient of much attention since her engagement was announced several weeks ago, many elaborate showers, parties and luncheons having been given in her honor.

The couple received many costly gifts, signifying the esteem in which they were held by their many friends. Among the out-of-town people here for the wedding were:

Mr. and Mrs. George S. Edwards, Miss Julia Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. Woodall Rose, Rocky Mount; Mr. and Mrs. James R. Norlett, Winston-Salem; Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Stone, Miss Jennie Patterson, Miss Ruth Crowell, Miss Lelia Graham Marsh, Charlotte; Miss Dorothy Gregory, Elizabeth City; Miss Sarah Watts, Reidsville; Miss Elizabeth Conrad, Winston-Salem; Miss Galtner Pearson, Salisbury; Miss Mary Roper, Lexington; and Miss Elizabeth Armstrong, Greensboro.

Annual Harvest Sale at Parks-Bell Company's

The Annual Harvest Sale at the Parks-Bell Co. will begin tomorrow, Friday, October 28th, and continue for 9 days. Buyers for the company have been in the northern markets for some time selecting goods for the sale, and when the sale begins tomorrow the company will be in position to offer some attractive bargains. The company, according to statements in two page ads, in this paper today, will offer bargains that will surpass anything it has ever offered before. Shoes, clothing for men and boys, millinery, coats for women, misses and girls, suits for women and misses, fur, shirt waists, hosiery and hundreds of other commodities will be offered cheaper during the sale, as you can learn by reading the ads, in this paper today.

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BOARD MEMBER MEETS WITH UNION LEADERS

Ben W. Hooper Attended the Morning Session of the Conference Being Held by Railway Employees.

NOTHING DEFINITE WAS MADE PUBLIC

By Mr. Hooper After the Meeting.—Believe W. G. Lee Is Behind Movement to Avert the Strike.

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, Oct. 27.—At 9 o'clock Ben W. Hooper, member of the United States Railroad Labor Board, left his office for Masonic Temple, where presidents, general chairmen and executive committees of the Big five unions are in session.

Mr. Hooper was expected to make the final appeal on behalf of the government for calling off the threatened strike.

The board's proposal, it was reported, is a guarantee that neither wages nor rules pending will be considered until all pending cases are disposed of.

Mr. Hooper was accompanied by A. P. Whitney vice-president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen.

Whitney's presence led to reports that W. G. Lee, president of the trainmen was backing the peace move.

Mr. Hooper said before going to the meeting room that he was making the call unofficially, and that he thought he had "a vague possibility" for a settlement in mind, which he would outline. "It is very vague, though," he added.

More than 200 union men were assembled when the two board members arrived.

The meeting was arranged by Walter L. McMenimen labor member of the board, and a former official of the trainmen's organization. There had been much discussion in union and railroad circles as to the possibility of the railroad labor board putting out an order that the strike is illegal and ordering it called off.

The board members, though, not dissatisfied with the report this morning, want to say no such order had been prepared.

Alfred P. Thom, counsel for the Association of Railway Executives, appeared at the railroad labor board offices in response to a call from Mr. Hooper for a conference, but he said he would call later when he found Mr. Hooper had gone to the union executives meeting.

Mr. Hooper left the conference of the Big five union executives shortly after noon and said the strike had not yet been settled, and that the strike could hardly be settled while he was at the meeting. "Did you settle the strike?" Hooper was asked. "Well, you could hardly expect them to do that with me in there," he replied. "I was not sent by the board, but went on my own volition. I still believe the only basis of settlement is the resolution recently adopted by the board."

Mr. Hooper stated, after the meeting request that the men refrain from striking and give the board a chance to act on further questions of further wage reductions or rules changes that the railroads may bring before it.

Mr. Hooper stated, the meeting that he wanted it understood that he had made no promises for the board or for himself.

The union meeting broke up soon after Mr. Hooper left with the announcement that the five organizations would hold separate meetings at 1 P. M., and a union meeting at 3 p. m.

WHELAN-DUKE INTERESTS MAY BUY SCHULTE STORES

Negotiations for the Sale are Underway It Became Known Today. (By the Associated Press.) New York, Oct. 27.—Negotiations for absorption of the Schulte retail stores Corporation, one of the largest chains of cigar stores in the country by the United Cigar Stores Corporation, owned by the Whelan-Duke tobacco interests are underway. It was made known today by D. A. Schulte, president of the former organization.

"We are considering a proposition from the United Retail Stores," Mr. Schulte said. "I have not accepted the terms."

The Schulte chain operates 210 stores throughout the country, with an annual turnover of approximately \$20,000,000. Reports of the United Corporation show an annual business of about \$40,000,000. The deal, which it was predicted in financial circles would be completed by the first of the year, would represent one of the greatest tobacco deals in the history of the country.

DYNAMITE EXPLODED IN GRAY WOLF MINE