

Taking of Testimony in Thomas Case Concluded

Last Witness Was Heard During Wednesday Afternoon's Session of Rowan Superior Court.

H. S. WILLIAMS OPENING SPEAKER

John J. Parker Spoke This Morning for Defense—Case May Go to the Jury Sometime Tomorrow.

The taking of testimony in the second trial of O. G. (Red) Thomas, in Rowan Superior Court, was concluded yesterday afternoon, after about 200 witnesses had been heard. Arguments were immediately started by counsel, H. S. Williams, of this city, making the first speech for the State.

Mr. Williams, who made one of the most forceful arguments delivered at the first trial of Thomas here last year, spoke for about an hour and forty minutes yesterday and he was long congratulated today by persons who heard him, on the excellent and forceful arguments he presented.

John J. Parker, of this morning, for the defense, in this morning, in his first of the defense's attorneys to speak. Just how long the arguments will continue is not known here. There are about 15 lawyers in the case, but all of them are not expected to be heard.

L. T. Hartzell, of this city, will make the closing argument for the State. The following is the Salisbury Post's story of the Thomas trial yesterday:

Contradicting the testimony of Wednesday of the state's star witnesses Mrs. Kimball, young married woman of Concord, declared on the stand this morning that she was in the car with Arthur Allen on the night of October 25, 1921, shortly before the shooting occurred. Her testimony started the morning session of the eighth day of the trial of O. G. (Red) Thomas, charged with murder in connection with the death of Arthur Allen.

State witnesses, who had preceded Mrs. Kimball on the stand, had testified that they had seen Mrs. Robert Lowe in the car with Arthur Allen a few minutes before the killing. This morning's testimony was put on to rebut this evidence. Approaching the sensational was the testimony of Rev. D. P. Grant, Methodist minister, formerly of Kannapolis. Asked to describe the character of E. E. Lawing, one of the state's witnesses, he said it was "bad."

"Why do you say it is bad?" he was asked. "I say it because there was so much drinking, shooting and cursing in his place of business which was near the scene of the shooting. I don't think a man of good character would harbor such conduct," G. P. Drumm, H. G. Smith, and Mrs. H. G. Smith, also described his character as bad. Immediately upon the reconvening of court this morning, Judge Webb, following a discourse of some length by opposing counsel, ruled that certain evidence tending to show that Mrs. Lowe and Allen had been together at certain places, was inadmissible. This decision was held over during the night.

Attorney Williams, for the state, claimed that Allen had been heard to say "I am going to get you," during the scene and shot in cold blooded murder. J. J. Parker, for the defense, maintained the question for the defense and won his point, citing several cases dealing with the point and also cited his remarks with a brief argument.

Mrs. Kimball's testimony was all of a sensational character. She was on the stand over an hour and a half and was put through a stiff cross examination by Attorney Hartzell for the state.

She admitted that she and her husband were not living together now. It was also revealed during the course of her testimony, that she had a police record in Concord. Mrs. Kimball testified that on the night of the slaying of Allen, that he (Allen) had come by for her and had taken her, near the Cabarrus Mill where she wanted to see P. M. Mangum relative to a loan of \$800. She had made to him sometime previously. She said she got out of the car near where the shooting occurred, sometime later, told Allen to go on and ask Mr. Mangum if he could meet her.

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Helicopter in Air Over Two Minutes

Dayton, Ohio, Feb. 21.—Thomas A. Edison, world famous inventor and electrical wizard, may aid Dr. George DeBothezat, builder of a helicopter, which during an experimental flight today at McCook field, remained in the air two minutes and 45 seconds and rose to a height of 15 feet, a world's record for this type of machine.

Theophile Delaesse Dead. Paris, Feb. 22 (By the Associated Press).—Theophile Delaesse, former minister of foreign affairs, died suddenly at Nice last evening.

GEORGE PETTY HAS ENTERED CHARGES AGAINST MAYFIELD

Defeated Candidate for Senate From Texas Says His Opponent Has No Right to Senate Place.

CHARGES KLAN WAS VERY ACTIVE

In the Campaign, and Also Charges Excessive and Illegal Expenditure of Money by Opponent.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Sweeping charges against the Ku Klux Klan and its officers were made today in papers filed with the Senate; challenging the right of Earle B. Mayfield to his seat in the next Congress as a Senator from Texas.

The election contest and its accompanying charges were filed by Geo. E. B. Peddy, who ran for Senate last November in Texas as a republican and Independent democrat, and who accused Mr. Mayfield during a bitter campaign with being the candidate of the Klan as well as of the regular democratic organization. Excessive and illegal expenditures of money by the Mayfield forces, frauds in counting the ballots, and other irregularities were charged in the contest petition which asked for a recount. It was contended that Mr. Peddy actually was elected, but in the event the Senate does not so decide it was asked in the petition that Mr. Mayfield nevertheless be barred from taking his seat.

The Ku Klux Klan was charged in the petition with concealing its real designs under a cloak of patriotic pretensions in order to hide plans to "subject the government of the United States to the 'invisible empire,' and with conspiracy to evade, violate and defeat the Federal and state laws. It was further charged that the organization had attempted "prostitution of the Christian religion" and had resorted to use of "brute force," intimidation and "immoral and lawless practices."

MELLOTT WONT GIVE OUT LIQUOR REPORT
Secretary of the Treasury Declines to Abide by Wish of House on Embassy Whisky.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Secretary Mellon declined today to furnish to the House of Representatives information as to the amounts of intoxicating liquors imported by foreign embassies and legations in Washington since the prohibition amendment became effective on January 20, 1920.

FUNERAL SERVICES FOR H. E. NORRIS TOMORROW
Prominent Raleigh Man Will Be Buried There Tomorrow at 3 p. m.

State Home Economics Meeting. Greensboro, N. C., Feb. 22.—Arrangements are being made here for the annual meeting of the State Home Economics Association to be held during March, the exact dates to be fixed later. It was announced today. Dr. H. C. Sherman, an authority on nutrition, is expected to be the chief speaker of the convention.

Want Home Economics Class Rooms. Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 22.—The state department of vocational education today announced it would cooperate with architects in the planning and constructing of new school buildings in the state in order to insure proper home economics class rooms. Officials of the department already have furnished a large number of blue prints of home economics class rooms to architects and will continue this service.

National Capital Pays Respect to Washington

Washington, Feb. 22.—Federal government activities in all branches with the exception of Congress were suspended today for the observance of Washington's birthday. Both the Senate and House remained at their task of cleaning up the legislative jam before adjournment of the session on March 4th. The official celebration of the day here centered in ceremonies at the Washington monument at which the Governors of all states had been invited to listen in by radio. Laying

Counterfeiters' Plot is Discovered in Country

Already Federal Agents in All Parts of the Country Have Arrested 64 Alleged Violators of This Law, and Other Arrests Are Expected Soon.

New York, Feb. 22.—Secret service men began today drawing in the strings of a nationwide net that they expect will encompass 1,000 members of an international counterfeiting conspiracy that they believe has its tentacles gripped on every important city of the country. The ring is believed to have manufactured and distributed between one and ten million dollars' worth of bogus bills and spurious stamps.

Arrests all over the country with raids centering in Chicago, Detroit, San Francisco and other big cities, were forecast today by those federal officers who last night completed the jailing of 64 alleged counterfeiters in the metropolitan district. Deprived of its brains, the sleuths believe the organization to be incapacitated. While secret service men are trapping the trail they hit upon eight months ago in Detroit, the police of several countries will be hunting the members of the band which extended its operations over three nations, with amazing cleverness. The names of its principal members are known, so the secret service men say.

ADDITION TO BE SUIT TO THE BROWN MILL
Seventy-Five Foot Addition, Two Stories High, Will Be Erected at Mill in Near Future.

Further improvements and additions to the Johnston chain of mills located in this city, were announced today when the management of the Brown Mill stated that it would erect in the immediate future a 75-foot, two story addition to its present mill. The contract for the work was awarded to Brown & Harry, of Gastonia.

H. E. NORRIS DIES AT HIS HOME IN RALEIGH
Retired Solicitor of Seventh District Succumbs After Long Illness.

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—Herbert Edmund Norris, retired solicitor of the seventh district, died in Rex hospital this afternoon following an illness which took him from his last December capture at his home here in the office which he had filled 12 years.

Man Who Sent First Cablegram is Dead. Port Chester, N. Y., Feb. 21.—Captain Robert H. Smith, who sent the first cablegram across the Atlantic, in 1850, for Syrus W. Field, who laid the cable, died today at his home here, at the age of 82. During the civil war Captain Smith, as a military telegraph officer, served for a time as a personal telegrapher for President Lincoln. He worked as a boy with Thomas A. Edison in Boston. For many years Captain Smith was chief operator for the Western Union.

Lord Inchausti, the British shipping magnate, first worked in a rope and canvas factory.

CHARGE REMINGTON WAS BOOTLEGGER

FOR SOCIETY FOLK

Los Angeles Story Says Wife of Dead Engineer Has Admitted That Her Husband Sold Whiskey.

RENEW EFFORTS TO GET SLAYER
Police State They Found in Dead Man's Clothes Names of 200 People and Record of His Sales.

Los Angeles, Feb. 22.—Federal prohibition agents today joined the police in the search for the slayers of Earle Remington, electrical engineer, shot dead in his own yard a week ago tonight. Their entry came after a declaration by the police that the widow, Mrs. Ka. Lola Remington had told them the dead man was a "society bootlegger", and after the police had found, questioned and temporarily released a man who admitted having operated three stills for the engineer. The police also said they had located a large quantity of liquor, said to have been in Remington's possession, but the chief interest of the Federal officers was believed to rest in the police statement that one of Remington's notebooks containing 200 names and records of sales had come into their possession. It was said that although the liquor in question was distilled by an amateur, it was sold by persons in high business and society circles of Los Angeles.

GRISSOM WILL PROVIDE FOR EDUCATION OF SON
But Provides That Expenditure Shall Be Only For Studying in Protestant Institutions.

Greensboro, Feb. 21.—The will of Hyatt A. Grissom, draughtsman of this city, drowned in Florida on January 18, provides that not one cent of his estate be used for the education of his son in any but Protestant institutions. A codicil to the will specifies in Catholic institutions for the education of his son. Terms of the will became known with a filing of the document for probate in the office of the clerk of court of Guilford county.

WILL VISITOR IN NORTH CAROLINA
Will Make Address Tonight in Tarboro Under Auspices of Kiwanis Club.

Rocky Mount, Feb. 22.—Welcome by a throng of Kiwanians from Tarboro, Wilson and this city, William Jennings Bryan arrived here early this morning to deliver an address tonight under the auspices of the Kiwanians. Governor Morrison and Josephus Daniels are expected to join Mr. Bryan here and accompany him to Tarboro. During his brief stay here Mr. Bryan and visiting Kiwanians were entertained by the local Kiwanis Club here for which The Commoner spoke on "Cooperation, Its Benefits and Perils."

Joy Louise Leeds Gets Vast Estate. New York, Feb. 21.—In a fashionable school for girls, Joy Louise Leeds, nine years old, today received her first lesson in long division. During the same hour the will of Mrs. Louise Hartshorne Leeds, Joy's foster mother, who recently met death in a plunge from an upper window of her home, was filed for probate at Mineola, revealing that Joy had been bequeathed \$250,000, a fortune in jewelry and, upon the death of her foster father, Warner Leeds, a life income from a \$2,000,000 estate.

Dr. Barnhardt at Forest Hill Friday Night. A telegram from Dr. J. H. Barnhardt, of Greensboro, N. C., makes certain that he will be in Concord on Friday night (tomorrow) for an address at Forest Hill Methodist Church on "The Place of the Church in the Community."

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Dr. Bernas, the premier of Czechoslovakia, is one of the youngest premiers in Europe, having recently celebrated his thirty-seventh birthday.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND TRADES ASKED

Bill Creating Such a Department Introduced During Day in Assembly by Representative Saunders.

EDUCATION BILL COMES TO HOUSE

Bill Came in Form of Substitute for General Education Bill.—Would Command President.

Raleigh, Feb. 22 (By the Associated Press).—Creation of a department of commerce and industries was asked in a bill introduced in the House today by Representative Saunders, of Johnson county, which would have the governor appoint a commissioner or such a department, whose duties it would be to "collect and collate" information and statistics relating to the various mining, milling and manufacturing industries in the state. Substitute for Education Bill. Raleigh, Feb. 22 (By the Associated Press).—Without discussion the committee substitute for the general educational bill passed the House on the second reading by a vote of 96 to 1. Representative Cowles, republican, of Wilkes, cast the single dissenting vote. The bill was put upon motion of Representative Townsend, of Harnett, chairman of the education committee, in order to save a legislative day. The vote was taken with the understanding that any amendment could be offered when the bill came for third reading.

A resolution offered by Representative Everett, of Durham, endorsing the stand and co-operation of President Harding in connection with the cotton conference now being held in Atlanta, Ga., was unanimously adopted, but consideration of the public calendar was forced over when recess until 8 o'clock tonight was taken.

Giles Bill in Senate. Raleigh, Feb. 22 (By the Associated Press).—After lengthy debate in which 44 copies of the measure were read it was a means for the improvement of the condition of the "1,200,000 tenant" farm people of the state, the Giles bill was allowed to go over until tomorrow for the vote.

Says Sanatorium Conditions Bad. Raleigh, Feb. 22.—Charges that sour milk and rotten eggs, dirty linen and rusty linen were provided inmates of the state sanatorium were made by J. G. Hutchinson, a rehabilitation student at North Carolina State College today in testifying before the legislative committee investigating conditions at the sanatorium. Hutchinson was a patient at the sanatorium, (he asserted, from January to July, 1920). He contracted tuberculosis after having been passed in France. He was followed on the witness stand by Dr. Ben K. Hayes, of the U. S. Veterans Bureau, who testified in favor of Dr. L. B. McBrayer, superintendent of the sanatorium. He stated that in his opinion the sanatorium is "ably managed" and added that Dr. McBrayer is "carrying on a great campaign" against tuberculosis.

SOUTHERN POWER WINS BEFORE SUPREME COURT
Mill's Appeal is Premature and Fragmentary—Business is In Pastate.

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—Dismissing the appeal of the Cannon, Johnston and Cones group of cotton mills from the corporation commission's order to try out the Southern Power company's increase rates before a Cleveland county grand jury, the Supreme court this afternoon held the appeal premature and fragmentary, and decided substantially all issues with the Southern power. The cotton mill consumers of the Southern Power's current resisted the rates made by the commission in July, 1921, and challenged its jurisdiction. The commission taking jurisdiction promulgated the rates which were in excess of those made under contract. The mills appealing from this order contended that the Southern Power company's business is interstate. The Supreme court holds that until more legislation is forthcoming the business is intrastate and sends the action back for trial. The jury in the Cleveland hearing made the judicial, Judge Bryson being upheld by the court today in its ruling.

WARNING!
Keep Your Daughter Away From Those "Dangerous Paths"

Her cis a thrilling, pulsing cross-section of life, filled with tense dramatic interest and a lesson that will find its way into the hearts of all who see it.
Piedmont Theatre
LAST TIME TODAY
Watch Your Step—The Vampire is Coming.

BASKETBALL TONIGHT EIGHT O'CLOCK
Queen City Five (Charlotte) —VS— **Concord "Y"**
Probably the Last Game of the Season
ADMISSION 35c