

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 was being congratulated today by persons who heard him, on the excellent and forceful arguments he presented.

John J. Parker, of this morning, for 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 several 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 tenth 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. Drum, 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 during the night that he had been in the car with Arthur Allen in cold blooded murder.

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.—(By the Associated Press.)—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. Peady, 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. Peady 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 constitution 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."

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National Capital Pays Respect to Washington

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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.

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 ensnare 1,000 members of an international counterfeiting conspiracy that they believe has its tentacles gripped on every important city of the country.

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.

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.

Twenty-one of those arrested were held in the Tombs, in jail ranging from \$2,500 to ten times that amount, and two others were held in Newark, N. J., also under bond.

ADDITION TO BE MADE 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 new addition will house a modern dye plant which the mill will install when the new structure is completed.

Several days ago the management of the Norcott mill, sister mill of the Brown, announced the awarding of a contract for a three-story addition. Work on this structure has already begun.

Recently the Brown Mill erected 21 additional mill houses for its employees, and the Norcott management announced that it will erect eight additional homes, the work to be started and completed at once.

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 operation at his home here in the office which he had filled 12 years.

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STATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND TRADE TRIES 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 Commend 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 advocates of the measure attacked it as 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 gassed 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

Mills' Appeal is Premature and Fragmentary.—Business is Infortunate.

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—Dismissing the appeal of the Cannons, Johnstons 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 a verdict, Judge Bryson being upheld by the court today in a 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.

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