

Two Eye Witnesses of Ormond Slaying Testify for the State

Jonathan Daniels, in Raleigh News and Observer.
 Rockingham, Sept. 30.—Trial of W. B. Cole, rich slayer of W. W. Ormond, started in earnest here this afternoon when the State began the presentation of evidence on which it will ask Cole's death by electrocution and the defense laid the groundwork for a plea of insanity in the cross examination of the two witnesses for the State who took the stand. The trial started at 4:20 o'clock, after the selection of a jury from a special venire of 200 citizens of Union county.

All jurors married. Men.
 The jury which must determine the fate of Cole is composed of: J. M. Ross, farmer; W. D. Clark, farmer; J. O. Smith, farmer; M. M. Wincheater, farmer and farmer-merchant; M. A. Griffin, farmer; J. M. Edwards, merchant; Vester A. C. Truitt, farmer; I. C. Edwards, farmer; C. E. Rushing, farmer; R. W. Kilough, farmer and gin operator; J. K. Starns, store clerk, and C. O. Howard, cotton farmer. All the jurors are married men with families.

A feature in the selection of the jury was the acceptance by the defense of C. O. Howard, rich cotton farmer, after he had told Solicitor Don Phillips an examination that he had formed the opinion that Cole was guilty. The State passed the juror to the defense after a brief conference accepted him also. The action of the defense caused a loud murmur of wonder to pass through the crowded courtroom.

Following the selection of the jury, the State put Frank Steele, first cousin of Cole, and Mrs. W. A. Wentz, wife of the local Western Union manager, on the stand to tell eye-witness stories of the actual shooting. The defense let Steele on cross examination with a single question but undertook to develop the fact that Cole was acting and looking like a maniac on the cross examination of Mrs. Wentz.

Both Steele and Mrs. Wentz made excellent witnesses but the defense secured from Mrs. Wentz an admission that Cole was "so wild and white looking that she did not recognize him. She denied that her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. L. Porter, who was with her at the time declared: "He looks so wild and crazy he might shoot us."

Steele, who took the stand first, stated that he saw Ormond twice on the day of the shooting. Once at dinner time and again just before the shooting. He stated that Ormond came to Everybody's Filling Station, two doors from the Manufacturers building, where Cole had his office, at about 5 o'clock. The dead man parked his car in front of the Page Motor Company building, which is between the Manufacturers building and the filling station.

Ormond walked out of the driveway of the filling station toward his car and Steele stated that he went to a bench along the wall of the filling station a few feet from Ormond's car. He picked up a newspaper and began reading it when Ormond was about two steps from him on the way to his car, which was facing away from the Manufacturers building. Judge Kinley ordered Darby Covington, who was sworn in as an officer to the jury, not to allow the jurors to see newspaper reports of the trial. Judge Finley declared that the press is a great institution but jurors ought not to see the papers.

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she is the mother of a month-old baby, who was born a few days after she witnessed the slaying.
 Ormond Sitting in Car.
 She stated that she and her sister-in-law were walking up town when she saw Cole come down the steps of the Manufacturer's building with his arm pointed at the street. She did not recognize him at first. Cole was walking diagonally across the sidewalk toward Ormond's car. She did not know Ormond but saw a man looking in the Ford roadster by the curb. She stated that when Cole was about four feet from the car he fired the first shot. The man in the car who had his head turned toward the street did "nothing at all," she said. When the first shot was fired, Cole walked up to the door of the car, she stated, and fired again. The man in the car reached out his right hand as if to close the door although the door was already closed.

Cole put his arm across the door and swung it back and forth. The man fell back after the second shot, she said, and then fell over the steering wheel after Cole fired the third time. On account of her condition, Mrs. Wentz stated, she and her sister-in-law immediately left the scene.

J. A. Lockhart, of the defense, conducted the cross examination of Mrs. Wentz. He asked her about a statement made by Mrs. Porter immediately after the shooting. The State objected but Judge Finley overruled the objection. "Didn't Mrs. Porter say, 'He looks so wild he might be crazy and shoot us?'" Lockhart asked.

"She did not," answered Mrs. Wentz. However she testified that she herself said that Cole looked extremely wild.

"He looked so wild and white that I didn't at first recognize him," Mrs. Wentz said. "He had run his hands through his hair and it looked ruffled. I didn't recognize him until after the first shot."

She denied that she had stated that Cole looked like a maniac.

She said that Cole had on neither coat nor hat.

Jury Chosen Quickly.
 The selection of the jury was completed with much greater dispatch than was anticipated by either the State or defense, only 65 members of the special Union county venire were called into the box in the selection, but several others were excused because of illness.

Union county showed a remarkable sentiment against capital punishment in the answers of the prospective jurors. Sixteen of the 65 men called into the box yesterday declared that they had conscientious scruples against capital punishment and were excused by the State on that ground.

Twenty jurors were excused by the defense when they admitted that he had formed the opinion that Cole was guilty. One man was excused because he had formed the opinion that Cole was not guilty and another because he had written a letter of sympathy to Cole after his confinement for the slaying.

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Cole to Plead Some Sort of Temporary Insanity, It Is Said

E. B. Hunter in Greensboro News.
 Rockingham, Sept. 30.—Some sort of temporary insanity will be the major defense of William B. Cole, who is fighting for his life on a charge of killing William W. Ormond here August 15th.

This was apparent late this afternoon when the defense in cross examining an eye witness to the tragedy asked if Mr. Cole didn't present a maniacal appearance.

Frank Steele, a first cousin of Cole, and Mrs. W. A. Wentz, both of this town, eye witnesses, planned the slaying of young Ormond onto the slating mill manufacturer. If Mr. Ormond made a dash for his gun, which it is said he carried in a pocket in his Ford roadster, neither of the witnesses were aware of it.

Mrs. Wentz, the wife of the manager of the Western Union here, demonstrated before the jury her recollection of Ormond's posture in the car. A member of the prosecution's staff acted as Ormond. Her vivid picture of the dead boy's final moments on earth created a touching scene. Misses Myra and Opheia Ormond, sisters of the dead man, dressed in deep mourning frocks, cried bitterly, while their father, Rev. A. L. Ormond, bowed his head in deep reverence.

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Can a Rich Man Be Sent to the Chair?

Six weeks have passed since Cole shot Ormond to death while the ex-serviceman sat in his Ford car on the main street of Rockingham sixty feet from the office of the mill owner. For six weeks Cole has remained in jail of Richmond county, and for six weeks Ormond's young body has lain in the sandy loam of the Rockingham Mill, organized the Hannah Pickett Mill and Cole became superintendent of it as well as of Steele's Mill. He soon became the real genius of the mill, and although Mr. Steele is president, Cole is completely in charge. He gradually expanded the Hannah Pickett Mill and two or three years ago practically doubled its capacity giving it 82,000 spindles and 1,800 looms.

He is considered one of the leading textile men of the state. His mill has never had to curtail. The mill is non-union and no attempt has been made to organize the workers. There has never been a strike which affected it.

He married Miss Elizabeth Little, daughter of Robert Little, who was raised in Anson county. Mr. Little had moved to Arkansas shortly after the Civil War and had become the state's biggest farmer and a millionaire. Mr. Cole often visited his uncle, Thomas Steele, in Arkansas, and Mrs. Cole visited relatives in Rockingham before her marriage. Mr. Little left each of Mrs. Cole's children \$100,000, it is stated.

Enemies of Cole and friends of Ormond say that Mr. Cole's father married Miss Steele for money and that Cole himself married Miss Little for money. This is denied by friends of the Cole family.

A conservative estimate by a Rockingham banker as to Cole's wealth places its around \$300,000 with the other members of his immediate family being worth approximately that much again. Cole's property listed for taxes on the books of Richmond county is only about \$40,000 but the larger part of his wealth is invested in cotton mill stocks, banks, an ice cream factory and other industries.

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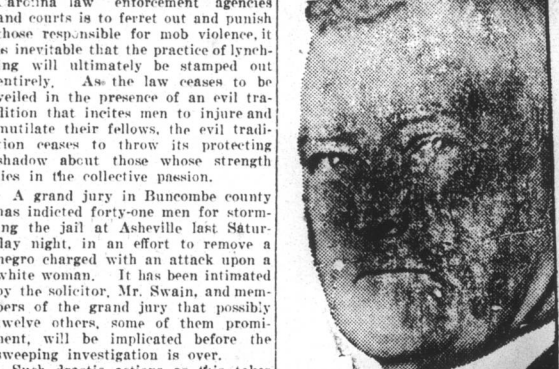
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When Congress reduces federal taxes it should exempt from the income tax law all married men making less than \$500 and all single men whose incomes do not exceed \$4000, says Rep. John N. Garner, leading Democrat on the House Ways and Means Committee. This would exempt 3,000,000 people now paying income taxes.

Many Baseball "Repeaters" in 1925.
 New York, Oct. 1.—A notable feature of the baseball season now nearing its close has been the murder of the clubs in big and little leagues which have repeated as pennant winners. Of the two major leagues, the American League championship has gone for the second consecutive year to the Washington Senators.

In twenty-three minor leagues the championship has been won this year by seven clubs which finished first in 1924.

The Baltimore Orioles head the list by pulling down their seventh consecutive pennant in the International League, trailed closely by the Fort Worth Panthers, who for the sixth consecutive year have copped the bunting in the Texas League, after being hard pushed by the Dallas team, who tied them for first place in the second half.

The other repeaters this year include Waterbury in the Eastern League, Corsicana in the Texas Association, Richmond in the Virginia League, and Durham in the Piedmont League.

Jim: "My girl only uses one garter."
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 Jim: "She has a wooden leg and uses thumb tacks."

The Football Season Opens



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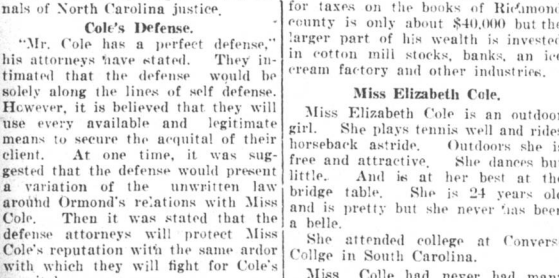
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His work on "Without Mercy" bears out his reputation as a director with the ability to bring out the utmost of all who come under his guidance, and to handle them in delicate situations without detracting from either the condition to be presented, or the dramatic effects of the actors' interpretation.

"Without Mercy" abounds in situations, piling one upon the other, to the crisis. It is a story presented in detail, and each detail is portrayed in such a manner and with such a clarity, that the whole runs smoothly and impressively forward on the spectator's mind without apparent effort.

Melford has played Dorothy Phillips in the leading role and surrounded her with a cast which includes Rockcliffe Fellows, Vera Reynolds, Robert Ames and Lionel Belmore. The picture was released through Producers Distributing Corporation.

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TODAY'S EVENTS

Thursday, October 1, 1925
 Today is St. Dunstan's Day for the world.

The third annual International Petroleum Exposition opens at Tulsa, Okla.

A foreign trade convention has been called to meet in Washington today under the auspices of the Department of Commerce.

William Wallace Atterbury today assumes office as president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, in succession to Samuel Rea, retired.

David R. Francis, former governor of Missouri, member of the Cleveland cabinet, and last United States ambassador to Russia, is 75 years old today.

The twenty-third meeting of the Inter-parliamentary Union, which opens in Washington today, will be attended

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"DON'T LOOK FOR A SHEIK"

If a hope chest and vines over a bungalow porch are part of your dreams, girls, don't act like your heart's desire was to kick in the line of a gay revue. Men like the chorus dailies for playmates, but not for wives. Crawl into your barrel with that rough stuff if you want to see the love light in your sweetie's eyes. You can't have everything. Don't try to get a thrilling sheik and a lovely husband with the same bait. No, be yourself, Betty, and don't let Bob kid you into thinking that he can call the tune unless he tunes it with a proposal first. Believe me, if I were you, I'd tell him where he got off! Don't worry! Lots of fellows will fall hard for your Jim, if this one doesn't. Yours for true happiness, M. E. Cleveland, O.

New Bridges in Carolinas to Be Built by the Southern.

Charlotte, October 1.—Six heavy bridges are to be erected by the Southern Railway immediately in North and South Carolina to take the place of lighter structures now in service.

The largest of the projects to be undertaken will be the construction of a new bridge, 625 feet long, across Idols on the line between Winston-Salem and Charlotte. The present masonry stem walls will be topped out with concrete and five 125-foot riveted truss spans will be placed.

On the line between Columbia and Spartanburg, the Broad River bridge near Shelton, 128 feet long, and the Cedar Creek bridge, near Montgomery, 169 feet long, will be replaced by new riveted truss spans of heavier construction.

The pier on the Salisbury end will be rebuilt and a new 131-foot bridge installed at Curtis Creek, near Old Fort, and a new 50-foot plate girder, designed for modern loading, will replace the present bridge across Shut-in Creek, between Hot Springs and Paint Rock.

At Bullocks Creek, near Sharon, S. C., on the line between Kingsville and Marion, new concrete piers will be built and a 100-foot deck truss span installed.

All the new bridges will be fabricated by the Virginia Bridge & Iron Company, Masonry and other work will be done by Southern Railway forces.

This year, for the first time, the school population of New York City has passed the million mark.