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RALEIGH.

Negro Murderer Jones Found Guilty In First Degree.

Jury Changes His Mind and a New Poll Taken, Seaboard Air Line's New Line. Tour of State By The Democratic Nominees.

RALEIGH, March 31.—The jury in the trial of Tom Jones for the murder of Ella Jones and five of her children took the case a little before 6 o'clock Thursday. About 3 o'clock Friday morning the jury notified the court officer that it had agreed. It was quite freely said that the verdict would be guilty in the first degree. At 10 o'clock the jury came in and said that it had agreed. But the prisoner's counsel asked that the jury be polled. When the ninth juror, named Booth, was reached, he said he was for a verdict of guilty in the second degree. He stated that since he had entered the court room, that is almost in a moment, he had changed his mind. Some persons conjectured that looking at the prisoner may have caused the change. Booth did not give any reason. He appeared to be frightened and almost like he was about to have a fit. Some of the other jurors said he was affected in the same way in the jury room. The jury was at once sent out and in about three-quarters of an hour returned, was again polled, and this time was unanimous in a verdict of guilty in the first degree. It was very remarkable. It is said to be the first time in this State where after a declaration that the jury had agreed a poll showed the contrary.

The prisoner's attorney made a motion for a new trial. This Judge Hoke declined to grant. The judge told the jury it had rendered a proper verdict and that he was glad it had given the case ample consideration. He said he was convinced of the prisoner's guilt, of which indeed there was no denial, and also that he was not insane. He sentenced Jones to be hanged May 11th.

The prisoner's counsel gave notice of an appeal. He says he will look carefully into all the evidence and determine whether he will appeal or not. The odds are that he will not appeal. He declares that if he could have had the case deferred until July he could have saved Jones from the gallows and put him in the department for the criminal insane in the penitentiary. He says that Jones ought not to be hanged, though a dangerous criminal, because of his mental state; that two years ago he had an epileptic fit and for 24 hours lay as one dead.

The people want the negro hanged. The negroes say he ought to have been lynched at the start. The verdict gives pleasure, though the negroes express regret that there is any delay at all.

After the sentence had been pronounced a deputy sheriff said to Jones: "You had better be getting ready." Jones merely said: "I never did it." The deputy said: "You had better get a Bible." Jones remarked: "I haven't one." "Don't you want one?" asked the deputy. "Yes," replied the doomed man. The deputy this afternoon gave him a Bible.

Governor Russell has been weighed and tipped the scales at 266 pounds. The Gorham Manufacturing Company informs the Vance statue committee that it will have the statue ready by June 20th. It will make the cast.

It was remarked here that the Seaboard Air Line would do a bad stroke of business if it gave up its plan to build a line paralleling the Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac. Some one then said that the Seaboard might be forced to give up this plan and get trackage on the R. F. & P. Railroad by roads which control the northward lines out Washington.

A leading citizen here said after reading an item about the Carolina & Northwestern Railroad and the possible disposition of it, that he would be willing to gamble that the Southern Railway got it.

On the Monday after the State Democratic State convention the nominees will begin their notable tour of the State. The first of the west, and there will be a series of ratification meetings. The dates finally fixed are Burlington, April 18th; Winston 17th; Greensboro that night; Hickory 18th; Asheville 19th; Murphy 19th; Bryson City 20th; Waynesville 20th; Marion 20th; Shelby 20th. The dates for Charlotte, Fayetteville and Rocky Mount will be given later on.

It is expected that by the end of next week the \$10,000 for the auditorium will have been subscribed.

Word from Warrenton, N. C., says that Charles A. Cook declines the appointment as judge of the Criminal court of Eastern North Carolina. His reason for doing so is that it would seriously interfere with other business relations.

Telegraphic Briefs.

Chicago, April 1.—The machinists' strike is over throughout the United States, the union having called it off.

Terre Haute, Ind., April 1.—All the coal mines in Indiana have suspended operations, owing to the failure of operators to sign a wage contract for the year beginning April 1.

Bethel, Conn., April 1.—Sidney A. Kent, a well-known Chicago broker, died at his summer residence in West Bethel today, after several weeks' illness from the grip, aged 63 years.

NEW BERN FAIR, APRIL 16-21.

PROBABLY A HOAX.

The Reported Big Sale of Alabama Coal to English Syndicate.

New York, March 31.—Representatives of the Southern Coal Companies in this city said they regarded the dispatch from New Orleans announcing the sale of 2,000,000 tons of Alabama coal to an English syndicate, at 75 cents per ton at the mouth of the coal pits, with 50 cents allowance per ton for transportation from New Orleans, making the low price of \$1.25, as highly improbable, if not a gigantic hoax.

J. C. Maher said the coal could not be bought at 75 cents a ton anywhere in those mining regions. The freight rates from New Orleans were never lower than \$1.25 per ton, and now probably \$1.75 per ton.

Archibald Forbes Dead.

LONDON, March 31.—Archibald Forbes, the well known war correspondent, died in this city during the night. He had been in bad health for some years, and during the last six months had been unable to write or do anything owing to complications, arising from rheumatism and paralysis. He spent most of his time at home in London. His wife was a Miss Meigs, daughter of the late Quartermaster General of the United States, General M. C. Meigs.

Great Debate in Senate.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Monday will be a field day for the Porto Rico debate. Senators Bates, Depew and Spooner will speak.

Senator Spooner's speech, on tariff men say, will be a sure antidote to Senator Proctor's speech of yesterday.

It will be a summary of the reasons for voting in favor of the present bill.

To Penitentiary for Conspiracy.

SPECIAL TO JOURNAL.

MONTREAL, March 31.—James Dexter, the well known broker, known to the police of Chicago, New York and the customs authorities of the United States, in connection with diamond smuggling, and other shady transactions, was sentenced today to five years in the penitentiary.

The charge was conspiracy to defraud the defunct Ville Marie bank out of \$45,000.

Dismissed From the Army.

SPECIAL TO JOURNAL.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Information has been received at the War Department, of the court martial and conviction, with dismissal from service of Major Kirkman of the 49th United States Volunteer Infantry, at Manila.

It is charged that Kirkman, while intoxicated en route to Manila, insulted Arch Bishop Chapelle.

Representative Morris of Minnesota is striving to have the President extend clemency to Kirkman.

The Kentucky Situation.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—This is the way the Kentucky mix-up strikes a well-known Kentuckian, Mr. U. B. Farley, of Louisville, now in Washington.

"The trouble in Kentucky will be a nuisance for a long time to come. It will show in all the political movements leading up to the Fall elections. There will not be a district or county convention which will be free of it. There will be street fights and convention rows, which the newspapers will report as riots. There will be shooting scrapes which will be called insurrections. In fact, it will be bad and disgraceful until the people of the State get sick and tired of it all. To tell the truth, they are tired of it now. But there is no way of ending the trouble. Like an epidemic it must run its course."

Native Troops For Philippines.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—Lieutenant Batson, famous as the leader of the little band of native scouts which rendered such effective service in the campaign in Luzon, has been honored by Secretary Root by being selected as the organizer of a battalion of native Macabebes, which is to serve as the nucleus of the force of native Filipinos to be raised hereafter. Lieutenant Batson is at present in Washington on leave of absence from Manila. He will return to Manila with the rank of major and proceed at once to raise the new battalion.

Chicago Playhouse Burns.

CHICAGO, March 30.—The Columbia Theatre, one of the oldest and most popular playhouses in the city, was destroyed by fire this afternoon, entailing a total loss of \$100,000.

The fire was discovered in the laundry of the Iroquois Club, which occupied apartments on the sixth floor of the building. It is supposed that some hot coals dropped from the stove to the floor. The flames spread with great rapidity, and within 10 minutes after the discovery of the fire the theatre was beyond saving.

Occupants of the building and employees of the theatre and the club were driven to the street in such haste that in the excitement three women were overcome. Five persons were injured.

MAKING RELIEVED.

Public Announcement Though Delayed For Reasons.

British Army's Steady Progress Towards The Transvaal. Colonial Troops Fight Bravely Free States Refuse to Endorse War Proposition.

SPECIAL TO JOURNAL.

LONDON, March 31.—It is currently reported in the military clubs, today, that the Paardeburg battle on Majuba day, was such a success that the news of the relief of Mafeking is being reserved for this day next week, upon which day the Queen may land upon Irish soil.

LONDON, March 31.—Special.—The War Office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts, dated Bloemfontein: "Yesterday's reports indicate that the enemy is leaving Brandfort for the north."

Lord Roberts also corrects the casualties in Thursday's engagement, and reports now that one officer was killed and nine wounded, most of them severely, of whom one has since died. Of the men, 10 were killed, 159 wounded, 3 missing.

BLOEMFONTEIN, March 30.—Special.—At Kamek Kopje the Boers with one gun made a strong fight for three hours, then retreated to Kops Spruit, 8 miles south of Brandfort. General French on the right, Le Gallais with his mounted infantry on the left, carried out the flanking movement, while General Tucker's Seventh Division of Infantry attacked the center.

Rodney Kipling accompanied Le Gallais' brigade during the attack.

A large force of Australians took part in the fighting. The firing all along the line was very heavy. The Boers were in an entrenched position, the great steep sides of the kopje rising like a fortress.

The Colonial troops displayed great coolness in attacking the Boers. The New South Wales Lancers lost many horses.

BLOEMFONTEIN.—Special.—The majority of the members of the Orange Free State Volksraad have refused to attend the Conference which President Steyn called at Kroonstad to endorse the proposition for the continuance of the war.

TAX REDUCTION.

Secretary Gage Thinks Internal Revenue War Taxes Can Be Cut In Half.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—Secretary Gage has made a verbal recommendation to the President that a special message be sent to Congress, suggesting legislation for a material reduction in the internal revenue war taxes.

Figures given by Secretary Gage show that the surplus of revenue over expenditures for current fiscal year already exceeds \$53,000,000 and is likely to be largely added to during the last quarter. Mr. Gage thinks the war taxes could be safely cut in half, and the President has the matter under consideration.

The Striking Machinists.

SPECIAL TO JOURNAL.

CLEVELAND, O., March 31.—A member of the striking machinists says the Executive Committee announced this afternoon that the Cleveland men would not return to work, Monday.

He added the statement, that the strike at Chicago, would have no effect on the men here.

The men are unanimous in agreeing not to work until their demands are acceded to.

Bargaining For Islands.

NEW YORK, March 30.—A New York resident prominently connected in an official capacity with Danish affairs made public today a statement concerning the negotiations for the purchase by the United States of the Danish West Indies.

The statement says that Denmark will positively not part with her possessions in the Antilles for \$3,000,000; that she has never agreed to do so and never will. Denmark asks a certain price, says the statement, and it gave to the United States representative, Secretary White, of the American Legation at London, its reasons for asking that price.

Mr. White was frankly told that the islands were a financial burden upon the shoulders of Denmark and that the Danish Government would fix a price on the basis of their present indebtedness to the mother country. This price was between four and five million dollars. A strong sentiment against selling the islands has sprung up in Denmark, and so forcible have been the protests that the King has semi-officially announced that if the United States should fail to avail of propositions already made, he would promise that the islands should not be sold.

Soldiers Fight For Rations.

SPECIAL TO JOURNAL.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 31.—A riot occurred at Wellington Barracks last night. Two hundred soldiers struck because of insufficient food.

The Ontario men assaulted the Quebec men. The Guard of Imperial troops were called out.

BRITISH GET CARELESS.

And Allow Boers to Capture Party of Soldiers and Six Guns.

LONDON, April 1.—Dispatches received today show that the success which has recently attended Lord Roberts' operations was broken on Saturday, a British force walking blindly into a Boer ambush, being captured with six cannons.

Colonel Broadwood, in command of the Tenth Hussars, the Household Cavalry, two horse batteries and a force of mounted infantry under Colonel Picher, was garrisoning Thaba Nelu, 40 miles due east of Bloemfontein and about half way between it and the Basutoland border. On Friday Broadwood was threatened by the near approach of what is described as "a large force of Boers."

Finding his position untenable he marched that night to the Bloemfontein waterworks, south of the Modder river. There he encamped for the night. The position is about 15 miles due east of Bloemfontein.

Early Saturday morning the British camp was shelled from the rear. Colonel Broadwood then sent off a convoy with the batteries, while the rest of his force remained behind to act as a rear guard. The road crosses a deep spruit or creek. In the bed of this the Boers were concealed. The whole British convoy walked into the ambush and was captured with its six guns.

Lord Roberts seems to have heard of Broadwood's position early. Colville's division left at once to rescue him. At the last news to hand Colville's men were shelling the Boers so that the guns and wagons may be recovered.

THE PORTO RICO BILL.

Regarded as Sure to Pass Senate. Program of House For Week.

WASHINGTON, April 2nd.—It is regarded as so certain that the Senate will pass the Porto Rico bill tomorrow, when the vote will be taken, that public interest is already transferred to the House, where the result is not so certain.

The free traders are making some pretty stiff claims as to their ability to strike out the tariff clause of the bill and insert one providing for free trade in the House, but investigation shows that those claims have no better foundation than the talk of a few members who voted for the original tariff bill and then became frightened by public criticism.

There is no faltering on the part of the leaders of the majority in the House, and the chances are that they will be able to keep the grumblers in line for the bill. The majority of the House is always susceptible to administration influence, and the whole influence of the administration is being thrown in favor of the Porto Rican bill. Speaker Hendrickson is also lending a hand and he says the bill will become a law before the end of the present week.

The program in the House this week is fully mapped out. On Tuesday, under a special order adopted some time ago, the House will enter upon the consideration of the bill to provide a civil government for Hawaii. By the terms of the order the general debate upon the bill will continue Tuesday and Wednesday, and on Thursday the bill will be read for amendment under the five minute rule. The final vote will be taken at 4 o'clock on Thursday. Friday will be devoted to private pension legislation and Saturday has been set aside for paying tribute to the memory of the late Richard P. Bland, of Missouri.

W. H. Shipman, Beardsley, Minn., under oath, says he suffered from dyspepsia for twenty-five years. Doctors and dieting gave but little relief. Finally he used Kado's Dyspepsia Cure and now eats what he likes and as much as he wants, and he feels like a new man. It digests what you eat. F. S. Duffy.

THE MARKETS.

The following quotations were received by J. E. Latham, New Bern, N. C.

NEW YORK, April 2.

COTTON.—Open High Low Close
May 9.10 9.10 9.03 9.04
Aug 8.96 8.97 8.88 8.91
Sept 8.89 8.89 8.89 8.89
Oct 8.04 8.04 8.00 8.03
Nov 7.94 7.94 7.85 7.92
Jan 7.92 7.92 7.84 7.90

CHICAGO MARKETS.

WHEAT.—Open High Low Close
May 67 67 67 67
Corn
May 29 29 29 29
So. Ry Frd 61 61 61 61
Read 62 62 62 62
A. S. W 59 59 59 59
T. C. L 94 94 94 94
Leather 131 131 131 131
Con. T 85 85 85 85
W. & L. E 32 32 32 32
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RALEIGH.

United States Commissioner Cannot Punish for Contempt.

Grand Secretary Woodell's Report. Water Company Refuses to Give Evidence, Faking On Smallpox Very Costly Matter.

RALEIGH, April 2.—Judge Purnell decides that a United States Commissioner cannot punish for contempt but must certify the matter to the judge, so the latter can act. The case came up from New Bern where Commissioner Devey undertook to fine United States Deputy Marshal Perkins \$50, and gave him 15 days imprisonment. The judge decides that the punishment in this case is not only unlawful, but improper.

Grand Secretary Woodell, of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, has prepared his annual report. It shows 5,472 members, a gain during the year of 1,047, the greatest in any one year since 1841. There are 111 lodges. Expended for relief \$9,244. Total receipts \$26,148. Money on hand, \$17,810. Greensboro has the largest lodge, 173 members. Forty children are in the orphanage at Greensboro. The property is worth \$32,000. There are no debts, but a balance on hand for the orphan's fund of \$2,800.

The investigation of the failure of the water company to give proper pressure drags along. The water company will give no evidence, saying it wants to reserve its ammunition for suits, and making a sort of plea to the effect that the city ought not to aid the insurance companies by giving the latter material for suits against the water company. As yet there is no notice of such suits, but to be sure the insurance men have their eyes open. The investigating committee's chairman said it would go ahead with the investigation and get information and if that hurts the water company it simply can't be helped. It is a pretty interesting matter. The water company doesn't want to give any information which will be used against it in court.

The other day Dr. Lewis, the secretary of the State board of health, told of the presence of smallpox at Jonesboro. It seems some one then denied it. An expert went there and found smallpox right enough, the secretary says. The "chicken pox" fake was worked or rather attempted to be worked. The secretary says that it is always the experience that this is a costly fake; costs more than a frank acknowledgment of the fact that the disease is smallpox. It is said by the secretary that a big reward might safely be offered for any case of chicken pox in adults ever seen by a North Carolina doctor prior to 1898, when smallpox appeared in the State. The type of smallpox during these two years has been irregular, and mild, but it certainly ought to be well known by this time.

Miss Mary Jane Hickman, sister of the late noted "Beau" Hickman, of Washington, N. C., died last week. "Beau" was a native of Warren. He was the greatest dead-head that ever walked the earth.

A member of the Legislature from northwestern North Carolina and one of the foremost Democrats in the State, says he can see no reason why the State convention should not endorse the corporation commission, etc., the men the Legislature elected.

A Man's Portrait at a Glance.

She—Was that actress at a little affair, Harry?

He—O, I should say! She's a whole pigskin in her list and a yellow piece wrapper on.

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