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PRATT GETS THREE YEARS

Breaks Down and Weeps When Placed on the Stand, Pleads Guilty to 13 Indictments.

Harold T. Pratt, the former New Bern insurance agent who misappropriated funds not his own in various ways and who then left under cover of darkness and succeeded in eluding the grasp of the law until a few weeks ago when he was arrested at Omaha, Neb., must serve three years in the State prison. This was the decision of Judge H. W. Whedbee when Pratt pleaded guilty to 13 bills of indictment at yesterday afternoon's session of superior court.

The case was taken up immediately after the noon recess.

Pratt was brought into court and seated near Mr. D. E. Henderson, a attorney. He appeared to be at perfect ease at first, but as the witnesses against him were placed on the stand and told of his misdeeds he became visibly nervous. Finally he was placed on the stand in his own behalf. Tears flowed down his cheeks as he told in a quivering voice of forging a note for a large sum, passing worthless checks and embarking other people's money.

In passing sentence, Judge Whedbee stated that he was doing wrong in making it so light, but that extenuating circumstances caused him to take such a course.

When Pratt was released from prison after serving his term the Virginia authorities will arrest him on a warrant charging him with passing a worthless check for two hundred dollars on a citizen of Richmond.

The following cases were disposed of at yesterday's session of Superior Court: State vs. Charles Pollock, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon. Tried by jury and verdict of not guilty returned.

State vs. Matthews, charged with receiving stolen goods, pleaded guilty and sentenced to serve a term of 4 months on the county roads.

State vs. Harry Huff, found guilty. Fined \$5 and the costs of the case.

State vs. Harry Seal, charged with assault, pleaded guilty. Fined \$25 and the costs of the case.

State vs. Clyde Kennedy, charged with an assault. Guilty. Fined \$10 and the costs of the case.

State vs. J. A. Crawford, charged with an assault. Defendant pleaded guilty. Judgment suspended upon the payment of the cost.

State vs. Whitty Koonce, charged with retailing. Defendant pleaded guilty. Fined \$50 and the costs of the case.

State vs. Leo Cogdell, charged with burglary, found guilty. Sentenced to serve a term of 9 years in the State prison.

State vs. Chas. Cook, charged with burglary, found guilty. Sentenced to ten years at hard labor in the State prison.

State vs. R. G. McGinn, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon. Fined \$10 and the costs of the case.

State vs. Chas. Patrick, charged with larceny. Found guilty and sentenced to serve a term of 4 months on the county roads.

State vs. Jasper Conrad, charged with larceny. Found guilty and sentenced to serve a term of 9 months on the county roads.

WILLIAMS' KIDNEY PILLS

Have you neglected your kidneys? Have you overworked your nervous system and caused trouble with your kidneys and bladder? Have you pains in loins, side, back, groins and bladder? Have you a flabby appearance of the face, especially under the eyes? Too frequent desire to pass urine? If so, Williams' Kidney Pills will cure you at Druggist, Price 50c. Williams' Mfg. Co., Proprs., Cleveland, O.

Great Demand For Arms.

Tampa, Fla., June 11.—Local wholesale hardware firms have been completely cleaned out of fire arms and ammunition by the demand made by Americans now in Cuba. Last night's boat to Havana carried all the available modern rifles and ammunition in stock here, ordered through Havana branches of the Tampa houses.

Over fifty American residents in the island arrived last night, and report conditions of such seriousness that they consider it unsafe to remain in Havana. Race rioting Saturday night; they say was brutal to the negro population, many negro women and children being beaten.

W. O. W. Held Memorial.

Last Sunday the 9th, being the Woodmen's memorial day, the members of Elmwood Camp assembled at their Forest in the afternoon and in a body marched up to Cedar Grove Cemetery laden with wreaths and bouquets of flowers, and there with their ritual ceremonies proceeded to decorate each grave of their deceased Woodmen seven in number. This is an established custom of theirs and they never fail to pay the tribute to their dead.

HATTERAS CLAIMS ANOTHER SHIP

Big Schooner Founders. Crew In Rigging For Thirty-Six Hours.

Seven of the crew of the three-masted schooner Frederick Rosner, after clinging to the one remaining mast of their waterlogged and partially dismantled vessel for thirty-six hours, were rescued off Hatteras. Sunday afternoon by the United States steamer Carrillo. Bound for New Bedford with a cargo of lumber from a South Atlantic port, the Frederick Rosner, Captain Chase, was caught in the gale on Friday night. Before all hands could be summoned on deck to shorten sail the blow carried away two of the masts, snapping them off close to the deck. The mass of wreckage toppled overboard, putting the lumber-laden vessel at the mercy of the towering waves which soon began to break over the helpless schooner.

The men were forced to take to the one remaining mast as the deckload of lumber began to go overboard and the schooner to leak through the seams from the pounding of the waves. Without food and soaked to the skin, they watched the schooner sink lower and lower in the water all day Saturday while with blood-shot eyes they scanned the horizon for the sight of a passing vessel. The storm which had wrecked their vessel passed, but the deck of the schooner was awash, cutting off their food and water supply. All of Saturday night and Sunday morning they remained in the rigging, chilled to the bone by the brisk northeast wind.

Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the United Fruit steamer Carrillo, bound to New York from a West Indian port, sailed above the skyline. At first the wretched men thought the steamer would pass them by, but finally the distress signal flying from the masthead was seen and the crew of the steamer turned in their direction. At 2:30 the seven men, numb, exhausted, and almost ready to drop from their precarious perches, were taken off the foundering schooner. The rescue took place in latitude 35 48, longitude 74 06.

Loss of sleep caused by mosquitoes can be overcome with one thorough application of our Screens. J. S. Basnight Hdw. Co.

Senate Reports Canal Bill.

Washington, June 12.—The senate inter-oceanic canal committee favorably reported the house bill to open, protect and operate the Panama canal, and govern the canal zone. The bill retains the house provision exempting eastwise vessels from canal tolls and embodies an amendment strictly regulating railroad owned vessels.

More Light On That "Snake Story"

Some days ago a story came from Greenville, this State, that a rattlesnake had bitten two children and that they had died, while a third child was drowned in a tub of water at about the same time. It sounded very much like a story from Wilkesbarre, Pa., where the biggest ones come from and so it turns out. There was not a word of truth in it—no foundation for it at all. The author did not even have the "Jimmies," he was just a plain liar.—Greensboro Record.

Villages Burned.

Kodiak, Alaska, June 12.—The Kodiak and Woody Island villages are buried under ash as the result of the eruption of the Katmai volcano Thursday. The eruption continued for forty eight hours, but no lives were lost. Many settlements, near the volcano, suffered. The revenue cutter Manning was in port when the eruption began and furnished refuge for all inhabitants—five hundred men, women and children—thus saving many lives. The naval wireless station was destroyed. Dispatches were sent to Seward appealing for all available craft to come to the assistance of the people here. The property loss is enormous.

Bo. rowed Engine to Get Flowers.

Covington, Ky., June 11.—Two road house men employed in the Silver Grove yards of the Chesapeake & Ohio near here borrowed a locomotive to go and pick flowers for their wives and shortly afterward were killed in a collision with another locomotive.

Both engines were demolished and a other men injured.

See our Brussels Art Squares, they are beauties, in various sizes. Some lovely Rugs and Matting in all kinds designs. New Bern Furniture Co., 76 Middle street, Copton building.

NEGRO BOY CAUGHT IN BELT

At Southside Manufacturing Company's Plant, Yesterday Morning. Seriously If Not Fatally Injured.

Floyd Scilston, a young colored boy, was seriously if not fatally injured when he became entangled in a rapidly revolving set of shafting at the Southside Manufacturing Company's plant yesterday morning.

The boy, who was an assistant at one of the nailing machines, was engaged with his work at the time of the accident. Glancing upward he saw that a heavy piece of timber was in the act of falling from the second floor and realizing that it would strike him in its downward descent, he jumped to one side, forgetting for a moment that he was near the belting of the machine which he was operating. Quick as a flash the shaft became entangled in the boy's clothing and jerked him down. Before the belt could be thrown off his head and upper parts of his body were badly mangled and it is believed that his skull is fractured.

A physician was summoned and he rendered medical aid to the injured boy, after which he was carried to S. E. Stewart's sanatorium for treatment.

Notice to Builders.

I have a large stock of all kinds of sawed Shingles on hand. Will sell cheap to make room for a rushing business; also laths in any quantity. Furnish or unfurnish rooms for light housekeeping at No. 101 Craven St. opposite court house, delightful location. See E. G. Hill, the Reliable Shingle Man. Office 1534 South Front street. Phone 556.

Chicago Hotels Advance Prices.

Chicago, June 11.—Cafe proprietors, expecting a rush of business and a chance to make a harvest, will have advanced prices for the convention crowd.

Some of the hotels also have decided to advance the prices of rooms. The hotel keepers say the hotel-keepers will be well taxed, but that the regular transient trade and all of the visitors will be affected.

National cards, some of which have already appeared, show an advance in nearly all dishes from ten to fifteen percent. In nearly all of the downtown cafes "convention prices" will prevail next week.

The Restaurant Keepers' Association officials say the "prices will remain in accordance with the demands and supply."

In the hotels which advance prices rooms which are usually \$2.50 a day will be \$4; rooms usually from \$4 to \$6 a day will be \$6 to \$10.

The restaurant keepers declare the increased prices are necessary as a matter of self-protection.

Boy Murderer Proud of Crime.

Nashville, Tenn., June 11.—Herbert, better known as "Dutch" Paul, has been arrested for the murder of Alonzo Tolliver in a street fight last Saturday night, and makes no attempt to conceal his guilt.

Paul is 16 years old and his victim is about the same age. The young murderer was caught while attempting to leave the city on a freight train. He was released from the workhouse at Detroit, Mich., about two weeks ago, after having served there one year for theft. Paul does not seem to realize the enormity of his crime. In fact he is somewhat boastful over having cut his enemy to death.

We have a complete line of Fruit Jars and Jar Rubbers, at the right prices. J. S. Basnight Hdw. Co.

The Situation Grows Brighter.

Washington, D. C., June 12th.—The absence of fresh outbreaks in Cuba has encouraged the State Department in the belief that the measures to maintain order in Cuba, have proved sufficient. It was decided there will be no additions to the force now in Cuba, unless unexpected developments make necessary. Admiral Fisk, the ranking officer at Key West, will remain there for the present, with the battleships New Jersey and Nebraska. The Navy Department, by wireless, will keep in constant touch with the Atlantic Fleet's first division. After leaving Hampton Roads, with the midshipmen, it is expected that the planned exercises for that portion of the fleet will soon be resumed.

The United States gunboat Nashville has landed at Mayari, five miles south of Nipe Bay, a detachment of 63 blue-jackets, with a mountain gun, to protect the Woodford mines. The sailors will be later replaced by marines.

NEWS FROM SWANSBORO

The General Thinks The Season Has Advanced a Month. Other Interesting Items.

Swansboro, June 11.—Farmers in this section, years ago, thought they were doing well to lay by their corn by July 4th, now they think they are behind time if they don't lay by the first week in June. Stephen Stanly finished working his corn June 5th and it is a fine looking crop. Mr. Stanly is one of our most progressive farmers. But to the point, why is it, that people can lay by their corn crop by now, first week in June when it used to be July 4th? Has the season advanced?

There was a fearful rain and wind storm on the coast down here, Friday and Saturday. The velocity registered sixty miles the hour.

Pete Hattell caught 170 large flounders a few nights ago, and Nash Dennis caught 119 the same night. The fishing is fine, here, now.

Mr. R. L. Smith, one of our best wrights has five boats on his ways which he is overhauling and repairing. We have three ship yards here and they are all kept busy.

Mr. W. R. Privett and wife of Goldboro, are spending some time with their son, Mr. W. R. Privett, Jr., at this place. A party, including the above with Mrs. F. O. Cox, Miss Lolla Hattell, Miss Mildred Moore and others went over to the Banks Wednesday and had a big fish and crab dinner. The crabs were caught right out of the ocean.

Mrs. E. H. Barnum son Robert, and daughter, Miss Mae Fulford, formerly of New Bern, now of Georgia, are spending the summer here.

Capt. Georgia Taylor of Bogus, is moving his freight boat, the Carl T. overhauled on the ways here.

Summer visitors are coming in now which is making our town quite lively. Swansboro is getting to be a very popular summer resort.

Capt. Alphonso Moore has just completed a new boat which he has named Titanic II. He left yesterday for Wrightsville, where he will use his craft for conveying passengers.

Miss Etta Ward has returned from Greenville where she was a student at the State Teachers Training School. We are glad to welcome her back.

U. S. Deputy Marshal, Samuel Lilly, was here last week, but there was nothing doing in his line. Swansboro is a prohibition town for keeps and its people are law abiding. GENERAL.

Buy a Majestic or an Ice King Refrigerator, they are sanitary, economical, easy to keep in order and COLD. For sale by New Bern Furniture Co., 76 Middle street, Copton building.

War On Rag Time.

Chicago, Ill., June 12.—Oblivious awaits "Beat Cat," "Grizzly Bear," "Texas Tommy," "Boston Dip," "Turkey Trot" and kindred departures from the conventional dances, according to an edict of the international association, masters of dancing. It was agreed that rag time music is responsible for rag time dances. The association voted to begin a campaign against this sort of music, substituting the more quiet waltz and dignified dances of former generations.

Harry K. Thaw Hopes to Prove Safe.

White Plains, N. Y., June 11.—Ever since Harry K. Thaw arrived at the White Plains jail he has been spending a large part of his time writing notes and questions which will be used when the hearing into his present insanity goes on before Justice Keogh in the Supreme Court at White Plains on next Monday. He has the same typewriter which he used in 1906, when a similar proceeding was heard by Justice Mills. It was learned that in addition to Clarence J. Shearn and Charles Murchauer, Henry R. Barrett, a prominent White Plains lawyer, has also been retained to aid in the fight for Thaw's liberty. Dr. H. Ernst Schmidt and Professor Charles Y. Mills, an alienist who occupies a chair at the University of Pennsylvania are among the experts who have just examined Thaw. The prisoner's mother, Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw, and his sister, Alice Thaw, formerly the Countess of Yarnmouth, will arrive here to-day, where they will remain until a court decision is reached.

You say your ice cream was not properly mixed? Then you didn't make the mixture in an Alaska from J. S. Basnight Hdw. Co.

PAMLICO YOUTH FOUND GUILTY

Of Forgery at Yesterday's Session of Superior Court. Number of Cases Disposed of During the Day.

One of the most important cases tried at yesterday's session of Superior Court was the case of the State vs. Otis Broughton, a white youth whose home is near Arapahoe, Pamlico county. Some time during the month of March, last, Otis Broughton and Asher Brinson, one of his companions, came to New Bern and presented a check for \$27.55 to one of the local merchants in payment for some articles which they had purchased. The check was made payable to C. A. Johnson and endorsed by Mr. J. B. Reel, of Reelsboro. Mr. Reel is well known by the merchants of this city and the check was accepted without question. Later it was found to be a forgery. Broughton, who is a mere boy, and Edwards were placed under arrest, brought back to New Bern and after they had been given a preliminary hearing were bound over to the Superior Court. They secured bail and were released. In the meantime Brinson left for parts unknown and cannot be located. During the trial he attorneys on both sides put up hard fights, the State using every available bit of evidence to convict and the defense trying just as hard to prove their client innocent. The case was given to the jury at noon and several hours later they returned a verdict of guilty. Sentence has not yet been passed on the prisoner.

The following other cases were disposed of during the day: State vs. Julia Boyd, charged with carrying deadly weapons to prisoners confined in the county jail. Found guilty and sentenced to a term of 2 years in the State prison. State vs. Webster Blount, charged with retailing. Found guilty. Sentence not yet passed. State vs. Moses Nobles, charged with false pretence. Jury returned a verdict of not guilty. State vs. Sam Lewis and P. A. Wayne of Vanceboro, charged with unlawfully removing a fence. Jury returned verdict of not guilty. State vs. Mary Taylor, charged with retailing. Jury failed to agree and defendant will be given a new trial today. State vs. Harriett Etheridge, charged with operating an assignation house. Found guilty. Sentenced to a term of 2 years in the State prison or to leave the State within 30 days.

Accuse Pastor of Killing His Father-in-Law.

New Sweden, Me., June 11.—On a charge of murder, the Rev. Charles Emelius, a Lutheran minister, was arrested here. He is accused of having killed his father-in-law, August Jacobson, on June 12, 1911. The local authorities at the time pronounced Jacobson's death a case of suicide, but representatives of the Attorney General's office maintain that he had been murdered.

Congressman Crushed to Death.

Washington, June 12.—Representative Robert C. Wickliffe, of Louisiana met a tragic death here yesterday morning. His badly crushed body was found on the railroad tracks in Potomac Park, near the entrance to the bridge across the Potomac river. It is presumed he was either knocked off or fell from a train bound for the south.

Pension Notice.

The Pension Board of Craven county will meet at the court house on the first Monday in July, 1912, this being the last day. All applicants for pensions of ex-Confederate soldiers and sailors or widows of the same, who wish to apply for pensions or have their pension increased will please appear before the Board on the above named date.

Those already on the pension list need not appear. S. R. STREET, Chairman Pension Board of Craven Co.

Lower Rate on Hardwood Handles.

Washington, June 11th.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today rendered a decision that will make a lower rate on carload lots of axe, pick and other hardwood handles from points in Western North Carolina to Eastern markets.

Anti-Hookworm Campaign.

Kinston, June 11th.—The first of the hookworm dispensaries to be held in Kinston as a part of the campaign in Lenoir county against the disease, was conducted Saturday by Dr. C. F. Stroeder. Dispensaries are to be held on four dates at LaGrange, Deep Run, West Newborn's and in the courthouse here. The dispensary was well patronized.

COCAINE FIEND IN TROUBLE

Attempts to Break in Women's Room at Bridgeton. Bound Over to Superior Court Without Bond.

J. S. Johnson, a young white man who claims Wilmington and several other North Carolina cities as his home, is now being held in the county jail in this city without bond on a very serious charge, that of attempting to break in to a room in a dwelling at Bridgeton which was occupied by ladies.

Johnson arrived at Bridgeton a few days ago and secured board with Mrs. M. C. Cahoon at that place. He was given a room in the ell part of the building and seemed to be well satisfied with his new place. It was noticed by Mrs. Cahoon and her daughter that the new boarder acted in rather a suspicious manner at times but they paid but little attention to him.

Late Tuesday night Mrs. Cahoon, her daughter and a neighbor who was spending the night with the family, heard someone trying to enter the room. Mrs. Cahoon ran to the window and called for help. Several persons responded and found Johnson outside the bedroom door. His condition at the time clearly showed that he was under the influence of some powerful drug. He was placed under arrest but fought so bravely that it was found necessary to securely bind his arms and feet before he could be controlled and conveyed to this city and placed in jail.

Yesterday morning he was given a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace W. R. Barrington, on a warrant charging him with an attempt at burglary. The defendant refused to plead either guilty or not guilty, and in fact but little could be got out of him. However the magistrate found probable cause and bound him over to superior court without bond.

That Johnson is a slave to "dope" in various forms there is but little doubt. On his person were found several packages which had contained cocaine, and his actions at the time of his arrest showed that he was mentally unbalanced at that time.

Best Boy Farmer to Get Trip to Fair.

Raleigh, N. C., June 13.—There is a movement on foot to interest a great number of farm boys in all parts of the State, especially members of the boys' corn clubs, in a State fair contest. The winner will get a trip to the fair this fall and the expenses for the best exhibition of some given phase of farming. The details are being worked out now and the full announcement will be forthcoming very soon. The agricultural premiums and special prizes this year are sure to be by far the greatest in the history of the fair association.

\$10,000 To Relieve Volcano Sufferers.

Washington, June 13.—Responding to the President's request for an estimate of the amount needed to relieve the volcano sufferers, Speaker Clark has recommended one hundred thousand dollars appropriation.

Had Narrow Escape.

About 6 p. m. Tuesday, Conductor C. Ward of the Norfolk Southern freight train from Beaufort to Goldsboro, and the flagman of the train, had narrow escapes from death and both received painful injuries, as a result of contact with a low-hanging telephone wire. The men were "riding" a box car, and did not see the wire, which caught the conductor across the face, badly injuring him about the eyes, and the flagman across the chest. Both were thrown from their feet and rolled to the edge of the moving car, the flagman catching just as he was about to fall between the car and another. The accident happened between Lincoln City and the plant of the Lenoir Oil and Ice Company. Conductor Ward and the flagman, who has an injured arm, proceeded to Goldsboro before seeking medical assistance.—Kinston Free Press.

Huge Wall of Water Rushed Down on Town.

Buffalo, Wyoming, June 13.—One man was drowned and many escaped similar fate when a wall of water, twenty-five feet high, rushed down upon the city without warning, following a cloud burst in Clear Creek Canyon. The lower part of the city was inundated. Houses were demolished and people driven to higher ground. The water was six feet deep on the main street. The property loss is a quarter of a million dollars.

Refugees Taken Out.

New Orleans, June 12.—Water from the great Hymelia cressage, the worst of the Mississippi river floods, again is menacing lives of inhabitants of the Des Allemands section of Louisiana, in answer to appeals from army officers engaged in relief work, a special train was hurried to the Des Allemands section late yesterday, refugees taken out of the danger zone and food supplies distributed.

Water is four feet deep over the greater part of the Lafourche section and is going higher. Supplies also are being sent there.

The jury in the Myrtle Hawkins case in which seven persons were being tried for murder, returned a verdict of not guilty.

AVIATION CLAIMS TWO LIVES

The Victims Were Practicing at Aviation School When Their Wright Machine Collapsed—Board of Inquiry Named.

Washington, June 12.—Another fearful toll was taken by aviation last night when the mutilated bodies of Lieut. Leighton W. Hazelhurst, Jr., 17th Infantry, U. S. A., and Alfred L. Welch, a professional aviator in the employ of the Wright brothers, were hauled from under the debris of a collapsed aeroplane. The accident occurred while they were attempting the test requirements by the government in a machine contracted for by the War Department.

Although an army board was immediately appointed to determine the cause of the accident, it is thought the real cause of the machine's failure never will be known. The crash came so suddenly and unexpectedly that the two men met their death without being able to make a single move to arrest their fall. Seven army flyers were among the score of spectators, but they cannot explain the accident.

It was shortly after 6 o'clock that the Wright machine was run out in front of the long line of hangars. For several days Aviator Welch, whose home is in this city, had been busy demonstrating the aeroplane. All the War Department's requirements had been met except a climb of 2,000 feet within 10 minutes, carrying a load of 450 pounds. Welch knew the machine was capable of meeting the test, for it had been accomplished at Dayton, Ohio, by Orville Wright before it was taken to College Park and he had been made impatient by several failures.

A few minutes later he announced that he was ready. Lieut. Hazelhurst followed Welch into the machine, taking the passenger seat. The aeroplane moved off steadily and flew the length of the field, rising 200 feet. As it was turned toward the group of army officers before the hangars Welch dipped sharply to indicate to the official starter that he was ready for the stiff climb.

The slip carried the machine to within 75 feet of the ground and it then straightened out sharply, too quickly, the observing flyers thought. Without warning the aluminum wings crumpled, or collapsed upward so that they almost met above the engine. The machine dropped, then turned her nose toward the earth and dived.

The accident occurred about 1,000 feet from the hangars and when the first witness reached the wreck it was seen that both of the men were dead. Welch was buried in the debris, but the body of Hazelhurst had been catapulted fully 20 feet away after the machine struck. Welch's clothes were practically all torn from his body, which was bruised and battered. Hazelhurst's skull was fractured and his head badly disfigured.

"Philadelphia" synonym of excellence in Lawn Mowers. They push easier and cut smoother. J. S. Basnight Hdw. Co.

Crew on Strike.

Havre, France, June 11.—The crew of the French liner, French, 550 firemen and trimmers, together with 500 other seamen, have voted a general strike here. The men left the vessel as she was about to sail for New York. A wage increase is demanded.

Died.

At his home, near Wildwood, Monday June 10th, Thomas J. Tolson in the 69th year of his age. Mr. Tolson enlisted in the Confederate Army while yet in his teens and served through the bloody conflict. In 1870 he married Miss Abbie, a daughter of the late Captain Levi T. Oglesby. Six children was the issue of this happy union, all of whom survive. Mr. Tolson was a successful farmer, a kind neighbor and a worthy man in all respects.

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