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## WITNESS IN THOMAS CASE SAYS HE WAS INTIMIDATED BY THE LOWE FAMILY

**McDuffie, Witness For State, Says He Was Told Lowes Were Going to Beat Him — State Concludes and Defense Opens Rebuttal Testimony — Seventh Day of Thomas Trial Consumed by Witnesses and Clashes of Attorneys.**

(Special to The Gazette.)  
CONCORD, Jan. 24.—Arguments were to start here this afternoon in the Red Thomas murder trial. The defense will rest its case before 4 p. m., attorneys forecast. More evidence calculated to tear down the testimony of J. D. McDuffie and Jasper Wilkinson, State witnesses, including a minister of the Gospel, told of tests made last Saturday night in which they were unable to recognize women in automobiles on the road where McDuffie said he saw Mrs. Lowe in a Ford sedan and on the Bethpage road, where Wilkinson swore he saw Mrs. Lowe and Thomas in a darkened automobile.

CONCORD, Jan. 23.—The State concluded the presentation of the evidence this afternoon at 3:15 o'clock in the case against O. G. (Red) Thomas, charged with killing Arthur J. Allen. A number of rebuttal witnesses for the defense were introduced during the afternoon session.

A majority of the witnesses introduced during the afternoon by the defense sought to break down the evidence given by John McDuffie, star witness for the State, in rebuttal. The State tried to keep McDuffie from being recalled to the stand, but the court overruled the objection.

The widow of the deceased was also an important witness during the afternoon. She wore deep mourning, and was questioned only a few minutes. She was not cross-examined. She stated that her husband left home here on the night of the killing to go to Kannapolis in response to a telephone message asking him to come there on business. She did not see him alive after that.

The defense was particularly anxious to break down McDuffie's testimony and introduced a number of witnesses in an effort to do this. Among those called was Mrs. Robert Lowe, who made her second appearance as a witness. Mrs. Lowe was not in a car with Allen or anyone else except Mr. Thomas on the night of the shooting, she stated.

**Denies Being In Sedan.**  
"Were you in a sedan at all on the night of the homicide?" Mr. Parker asked.  
"No, sir."  
"Were you in a car with Allen?"  
"No, sir; I did not know Allen."  
"Did you have a conversation with John McDuffie near Lawing's store on the night of the tragedy?"  
"No, sir."  
"Were you sitting in a sedan one night with Mr. Thomas on the Bethpage road several weeks before the homicide?"  
"No, sir."

Herman (Lino) stated that he did not tell Frank Brooks and others on the night of the tragedy, shortly after Thomas had left the F. L. Smith Drug company, that Thomas had killed another red-haired man named Allen, but he stated that just as Thomas walked out of the store someone phoned and told him who had been killed and asked him to notify relatives.

## HERE'S A MAN PLANNING TO MARRY HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW

**NEW YORK, Jan. 24.**—Mrs. Sarah Wright McDannold, founder and vice president of the Women's Press Club of this city, and her son-in-law, George Uthe, planned today to go before a city magistrate and be married.

"Of course, I know I am old enough to be his mother," she said, "but I have been at the head of the household for a good many years."  
"In a way we were business partners and were interested in the same things. It is the logical thing to do, and there isn't any reason to make any fuss over it."  
Mrs. Uthe, daughter of Mrs. McDannold, died a year ago.

## FIRST MEETING TO BE HELD FRIDAY NIGHT

**All Interested in Community Concert Asked to Meet Mr. Hoffmeister at Chamber of Commerce—A Chance to Become Familiar With Best Music.**

The first meeting of those interested in the community concert to be given under the direction of Mr. Roy L. Hoffmeister, of Community Service, is being arranged for by the local Community Service to take place on Friday evening of this week at the Chamber of Commerce. The concert this year is to take the form of a sacred concert and all those who are interested in music are urged to attend this meeting. It is not necessary to possess a solo voice but if you like to sing, come out and get this training under one of the best leaders in the country.

Just as music maintained morale in wartime so must it play a similar part in times of peace and reconstruction. Its value in promoting social harmony and counteracting unrest is being more generally appreciated. Because music relaxes tension and helps men and women to throw out and solve their problems in a calm and favorable atmosphere, it has an increasingly important role to play from now on. Gastonia Community Service desires to arouse the interest not only of musicians but of all music lovers, and all its citizens to the value of music. In order that this three weeks music period under Mr. Hoffmeister be carried out on the broadest scale it is essential to secure the hearty cooperation of all of those interested in the promotion of music from every standpoint.

## INCREASED RATES ON GRAIN TO GO INTO EFFECT

(By The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Railroad proposals to increase rates on grain and grain products moving from Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana via Memphis to Carolina territory were found justified today by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

An order of suspension issued against the new schedules October 1 was vacated and the proposed rates will be allowed to go into effect January 29.

The average rate from Memphis was increased from 41.5 cents per 100 pounds to 47.5 cents, though the new schedules also contained alterations in rates on grain from Ohio and Missouri river points to the Carolinas which conduced reductions. The commission in its decision said that considering the whole subject the reductions given Carolina territory were more important than the increases.

The opening program called for the presentation of suggested topics for conversation by Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery, Rochester, N. Y., president of the Northern Baptist Convention, and Dr. E. V. Mullins, of Louisville, Ky., president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

## CARDINALS FROM OVER THE WORLD ARE GATHERING TO ELECT POPE'S SUCCESSOR

**Many May Not Arrive in Rome in Time to Take Part in Elections.**

(By The Associated Press.)  
ROME, Jan. 24.—While thousands streamed past the bier of ex-Pope Benedict XV, in the basilica of St. Peter's arriving in time to vote, unless the election is unduly prolonged, Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston, has called that he is taking passage today, and has a possible chance to enter the election providing the new Pope is not chosen on the first ballot.

The brief interval before the convening of the conclave, which has been set for February 2, will, however, prevent some of them—namely Cardinal Dougherty, of Philadelphia, and the Canadian and Brazilian cardinals— from arriving in time to vote, unless the election is unduly prolonged. Cardinal O'Connell, of Boston, has called that he is taking passage today, and has a possible chance to enter the election providing the new Pope is not chosen on the first ballot.

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## LARGE CROWDS HEAR BILLY SUNDAY PREACH

**Sermons Are Increasing in The Spectacular and Increasing in Earnestness.**

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Jan. 22.—The people of upper South Carolina, white and black, literally stormed the doors of the tabernacle today in which Rev. William A. Sunday is preaching, and at the afternoon and night services it is estimated that as many were turned away as gained entrance.

And while Mr. Sunday was speaking to "men only" at the tabernacle this afternoon, a large college auditorium was filled to overflowing by the women of the city, who heard Mrs. Sunday speak to them.

## TRAIN RESERVATIONS AT SOUTHERN STATION AND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE—Secure Tickets Today.

By leaving your name and amount of fare, \$2.50, at the Chamber of Commerce today you will receive receipt which can be exchanged for your ticket at train and save you the trouble of waiting. Or you can purchase your ticket at the station where they are now on sale. If you anticipate being a member of this Gastonia delegation to the Billy Sunday meetings please make train reservations today. All money will be refunded in case of failure of train to run.

## URGES A REVISION OF SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

(By The Associated Press.)  
ATHENS, Ga., Jan. 24.—Urging a revision in the tax system of Georgia and the adoption of a State income tax similar to that now found in New York and Massachusetts, Governor Thomas H. White addressed the Georgia conference, in session here, Monday night.

**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CALENDAR**

<b>Monday</b>	5:00 p. m. Rehearsal Community Play.
	7:30 p. m. Community Service Orchestra.
<b>Tuesday</b>	3:00 p. m. Girl Scouts.
	5:00 p. m. Rehearsal Community Service Play.
	7:30 p. m. Chamber of Commerce Glee Club.
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:30 p. m. Rehearsal Community Service Play.
<b>Thursday</b>	12 M. Gastonia Housing Corporation.
	5:00 p. m. Rehearsal Community Service Play.
	7:30 p. m. Pythian Band.
<b>Friday</b>	3:30 p. m. U. D. C.
	5:00 p. m. Rehearsal Community Service Play.
	7:30 p. m. Chamber of Commerce Glee Club.

## MARRIED BUT WILL KEEP HER OWN NAME

**WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.**—Elsie Hill, one of the leaders of National Woman's Party, confirmed today reports of her marriage to Albert Levitt, a professor in the University of South Dakota, and in doing so announced she would not change her name.

"Why should I change my name?" she asked. "There is no law to insist on it, and it is only custom that has been leading people to do it all this time. I think it would be incongruous to change my name. Of course, if people call me 'Mrs.' I will not make any issue of it, but I intend to keep my name for all legal matters, visiting cards and so forth."  
The foundation leader said she and Professor Levitt were married Christmas eve in Chicago.

## GASTON COUNTY LAWYERS HOLD THEIR ANNUAL BANQUET

**Judge Finley Is Guest of Honor and Makes Principal Address of Evening.**

The annual banquet of the Gaston County Bar Association was held at the Country Club Monday evening with a majority of the members attending. Judge T. B. Finley, of Wilkesboro, who is holding court here this week, was the guest of honor and made the principal address of the occasion. Judge Finley spoke interestingly of the progress that has been made by Gaston County in the past decade, and commented on the spirit of cooperation among the members of the bar here.

## MEYER DESCRIBES WORK OF WAR FINANCE CORPORATION

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The work of the War Finance Corporation was described today by Eugene Meyer, J. C. its managing director, who said the advances it had made had been of material assistance to agriculture.

## SKULL FRACTURED IN PROFESSIONAL BOXING BOUT

**BOSTON, Jan. 24.**—Andrew J. McLanahan, former national amateur boxing champion, at 155 pounds, whose skull was fractured last night in a professional bout with Joseph St. Hilare, of Somersworth, N. H., died in a hospital here today, without regaining consciousness. St. Hilare was detained by the police pending investigation.

## WIFE SHOT HUSBAND AND HIS STENOGRAPHER

**PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 24.**—Miss Edith Risher, head of an advertising agency, was waiting a business letter when Mrs. Catherine Risher burst into Risher's office Saturday afternoon and shot her husband and the stenographer in cold blood. The husband, Joseph Risher, was shot in the chest and Mrs. Risher had to flee to her home and call for help.

## READING ARBUCKLES FIRST TESTIMONY

**SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.**—Reading of the testimony of Roscoe C. (Fat) Arbuckle, at his first manslaughter trial resulting from the death of Miss Virginia Rappe was the first thing on the program when the prosecution resumed today the presentation of evidence at the second trial.

# SIBERIAN PROBLEM IS TO BE SETTLED ON THE BASIS OF JAPAN'S PLEDGES

**Jap Policy Disclaims Any Designs Against Territorial Integrity of Russia—Will Remove Troops As Soon As Possible.**

(By The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Chinese officials in Washington were inclined today to believe reports that Liang Shih-Yi, the Chinese Premier, was on the point of tendering his resignation, although neither the Chinese legation nor the Chinese arms conference delegation had received any advice from Peking that that effect.

## AMERICAN AGRICULTURE MUST ADJUST ITSELF TO CONDITIONS IN EUROPE

**Says G. F. Warren, Back From Trip Of Investigation In Europe — Deflation Of Prices In Europe Did Not Begin Until Last Year — Conditions In Europe Are Subject To Erratic Changes.**

(By The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The national agriculture conference turned to Europe today for a study of factors causing the general American farm depression and for possible means of relief.

G. F. Warren, of Ithaca, N. Y., just back from a trip of investigation in Europe, told the delegates of the effect of the situation there on American agriculture and emphasized the need of accurate information for American farmers as to European production and demand.

"For some years the conditions in Europe will be subject to erratic changes both in supply and demand," said Mr. Warren.

Mr. Warren asserted that because deflation did not begin in Europe until last year prices there were still much above the pre-war level and had stimulated production to meet the demand.

Storage facilities for surplus crops, adequate financing and standard grading to meet competition in the world markets were suggested by Mr. Warren as additional means of relief for the American farmer. Collapse of the cotton market, said Eugene Meyer, managing director of the War Finance Corporation, did more than anything else to bring on the break in other markets, as he declared, cotton was a "key" product.

Mr. Mitchell, an economist of New York, told the delegates that it was reasonable to expect that the purchasing power of gold would return nearer to pre-war levels and that the commodity price tendency over a long period would trend downward.

The Shanghai controversy today had been reduced virtually to the single point of differences over the Tientsin railroad by agreement between the Japanese and Chinese yesterday for China's purchase of the soft mines of the province. Although it was said further details outstanding on the railroad issue remained to be considered at today's meeting, it was thought possible that the latter question itself might come up for discussion.

## GOVERNOR IS SILENT ON SENDING TROOPS

(By The Associated Press.)  
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Jan. 24.—Governor J. B. Robertson, early today remained silent on the question of sending troops into the packing house district here in connection with disorders during the settling of a strike by the packing house workmen. Several days ago these disorders, a negro strike breaker, and his wife were found in the ruins of their home.

These men have been bound over for trial on a charge of murder in connection with the killings of Brooks and others. Plans have been made to send the district under military rule and the word will be received from the governor.

**Cotton Market**

**CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET**  
NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—Bids on the cotton market closed steadily as follows: January 17.55; March 17.45; May 17.95; June 16.52; October 15.95; Spots 17.75.

**TODAY'S COTTON MARKET**  
Cotton Seed ..... 45c  
Strict to Good Middling ..... 17c

**PRESENT PROPOSALS FOR AID FOR SHIPPING**  
(By The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Proposals for Government aid for American shipping, worked out by the Shipping Board were presented to President Harding today by Chairman Lasker and Commissioner Lissner.

While the text of the board's plan was not made public pending consideration of it by the President, it was understood to propose aid through payment to American ship operators of a certain percentage of the customs receipts from goods imported by them, through provision for membership of crews of American vessels in the naval reserve force with resulting additional pay, and through provisions that a certain proportion of immigrants coming to the United States should come on American ships.

**THE WEATHER**  
North Carolina, unsettled tonight and Wednesday, probably snow or rain in south portion, continued cold.

**ANDERSON, S. C., Jan. 24.**—The first snow here this winter began falling early this morning.

**PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 24.**—Temperatures ranging from an official reading of 34 below zero at Gorham, to 7 below at the weather bureau here mark the coldest weather of the winter in Cumberland county today. Thermometers showed 22 below at West Brook, 26 below in the Stroudwater district here and 12 below at Cape Elizabeth.

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