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## LAWYERS IN THOMAS CASE ARE PUTTING UP SOME STRONG ARGUMENT

**Williams Tells Jury That "Dead Men Tell No Tales" — Jury Has Choice of Five Verdicts, Ranging from First Degree Murder to Acquittal.**

COONCORD, Jan. 25. — "Dead men tell no tales."

This is the motive for the death of Arthur J. Allen, as outlined in the first argument by the counsel for the State in the case charging O. G. Thomas with the murder of the Concord master plumber. The statement was made by H. S. Williams, who spoke for three hours this morning, on the ninth day of the Thomas trial, as the first attorney for the State.

John J. Parker spoke for four hours this afternoon as the first speaker for the defense, and declared that the State has proved no motive, even the one outlined by Mr. Williams.

Both lawyers outlined the case, devoting the greater part of their time to the various witnesses each side introduced, and bringing out various points in the case to substantiate their views. The plea of both men were eloquent; Parker, who had previously heard both declared they had never heard either speak more forcefully.

A night session was held, and John M. Oglesby spoke for the defense. He made a masterful address, covering many points in the case and condemning most bitterly several of the State's witnesses.

Mr. Parker stated that the State had shown no motive by evidence, and expressed his belief that Allen was killed when he was trying to see who was following him and not because he was trying to rob Thomas.

**Case An Important One.**  
The case is a most important one, Mr. Parker stated, not because the life of a man is at stake, but because the very character of the man is at stake.

The State is trying to prove not only that Thomas is the murderer of his friend, but that he murdered because he is an adulterer.

No one proved that Thomas' character is good, he declared, and no one proved that Mrs. Lowe's character is not good. The State has no case and is trying to take the life of the man by blaming his character, the speaker said.

Many testified as to the good character of Mrs. Lowe. "No one would say that she is not as chaste as your wife or my wife," said Mr. Parker, "but because they want to take the life of the defendant the State would have you believe Mrs. Lowe a common prostitute. Why? Because the lawyers are trying to latch up some motive."

Mr. Parker severely criticized the lawyers for the State in the presence of the deceased's children in the courtroom. "Why are they here? To appeal to your sympathy. Why do they want to do this? Because they have no evidence upon which to convict Thomas. This trick is below North Carolina, and her representatives ought not to resort to this trick."

Mr. Parker also declared that Mr. Williams had tried to persuade the jury through "class prejudice," and he severely condemned such tactics.

Such actions show that the prosecution had degenerated into persecution," he said.

"Knock out the arguments against the character of Thomas and Mrs. Lowe, which were proven to be good, and the arguments of the State will fall. Unable to See a Motive.

"We say Thomas shot because he thought he was being held up," Mr. Parker stated. "What does the State say was the reason? We have not yet been able to see a motive. Surely the debt for the car would not cause Thomas to kill Allen. It might have been the other way. There is no evidence that they were mad. In fact, everything shows they were friendly."

Mr. Williams said Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Lowe made plans, Mr. Parker pointed out. "What were they planning? Both showed good characters. Why did they enter into a conspiracy to kill Allen? There is no evidence of such a conspiracy."

"Mr. Williams intimated adulterous relations between Thomas and Mrs. Lowe," the speaker said.

"Meet this squarely. There is not a scintilla of evidence of this. We must not condemn without evidence. Is Mrs. Lowe an adulteress? This is the only chance the State has to convict Thomas. In their zeal to damn Mrs. Lowe attorneys hesitated to make the deceased a procurer. I do not believe that he was a procurer. Yet if we accept argument of State, Mrs. Lowe is an adulteress and Allen a procurer. It is a shame that in this century the character of a good woman and the character of a dead man can be thus assailed without evidence."

## HARDING ENDEAVORS TO BRING CHINA AND JAPAN TOGETHER ON THE SHANTUNG QUESTION

**Is the Only Issue That Presents an Obstacle to Speedy Conclusion of Whole Range of Conference Negotiations.**

(By The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 26. — The Shantung controversy had been brought under the spotlight today through President Harding's direct move to bring Japan and China together on the issue that now appears to present the only serious obstacle to a speedy conclusion of the wide range of arms conference negotiations. The result of the President's direct appeal to Minister Sze, of the Chinese delegation, was to the White House late yesterday with Secretary Hughes, that China accept the latest compromise offer on the Tsingtau railroad issue, approved today largely on the attitude of Peking.

Acceptance by the Japanese delegates of the renewed offer of "good offices" by Secretary Hughes and Arthur J. Ball-four, hitherto deemed, was understood to have opened the way for the President's move to secure Chinese acceptance of the compromise plan sponsored by those officials. While there was said to have been no formal pledge of approval by Japan, her acceptance was regarded as a foregone conclusion. Under the proposal Japan would abandon her proposition for a loan to China, the latter purchasing the railroad with treasury notes payable at option five to 15 years hence. China's concession would be withdrawal of her opposition to retention of a Japanese traffic manager and chief accountant during the period of payment.

Agreement on a policy as to development of Chinese wireless facilities still remained to be reached today by the far eastern committee, the inconclusive session which occupied all of yesterday's session centering about the question of whether a competitive or co-operative policy should be adopted.

Home Nursing classes have been organized throughout the county giving instruction in the hygiene of infancy, childhood and adult life.

It is impossible to estimate the value of such work as this.

Miss Sherman has given of her best powers unflinchingly, with a devotion to her high calling deserving appreciation and gratitude commensurate to her task.

The Gaston County Chapter of the American Red Cross sustains a distinct loss in the departure of Miss Sherman. Her friends will be gratified to learn of the recognition that has been accorded in the promotion to her new and important position.

Steps are being taken by the executive board of the Red Cross to secure a successor to Miss Sherman as soon as possible so that this important work may go forward without interruption.

## POPE WAS BURIED AT 3 O'CLOCK THIS AFTERNOON

**High Masses Planned in All the Churches of Rome in Connection With the Service.**

ROME, Jan. 26. — Final preparations were forward this morning for the entombment of Pope Benedict XV. The ceremony was to begin at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and at noon the huge bronze doors of St. Peter's swung shut, excluding the public from the vast basilica until after the funeral.

All the morning a seemingly endless stream of humanity flowed past the pier in the basilica where the body lay, and the scenes of the past three days were repeated, except that the crowd seeking admittance to the cathedral was greater, if anything, than before. Churchmen, pilgrims and laymen mingled in the mass that strove to gain admittance in time to get a glimpse of the dead pontiff.

Breaking the shuffling of feet inside the basilica was the sound of hammers, as workmen built the catafalque on which the body was to be borne in the funeral procession.

High masses were planned in virtually all the churches in Rome simultaneously with the solemn and impressive service in St. Peter's, which will be held in the strictest privacy. Those attending are limited to the cardinals, members of the pontifical household, diplomats accredited to the Vatican, all members of the papal nobility. Newspaper correspondents are barred.

Cardinals continue to arrive and it is expected that at least 30 will participate in the burial service. Cardinal Mercier, of Belgium, may not arrive in time for the final ceremonies, but all the Italian members of the sacred college will be here with the exception of Cardinal Prizon, archbishop of Naples.

Benedict will be buried in a crypt beneath the floor of the Basilica, near the right of the entrance to the Cathedral. The body being enclosed in three caskets, the inner of eypress, the middle of lead and the outer one of polished hard wood.

**THE WEATHER**  
North Carolina, cloudy, local rains or snows tonight or Friday; slowly rising temperature in south and west portions.

## COLUMBIA JOURNALISM STUDENTS VIEWS ON WHAT IS NEWS

NEW YORK, Jan. 26. — Newspapers, and what they should publish, have long been a puzzle to the layman, but a class of budding journalists at Columbia has reduced the question to cold figures.

One hundred embryo Horace Greelys have passed on the question of what news really is, and the result is interesting.

Four prefer to read scandal while 20 dislike it; 29 prefer politics and three find such news objectionable; 25 like news from foreign lands, while three don't; 14 are partial to the dramatic section of the newspaper and one would wish it deleted; sports are read by 14 students; economic news is a favorite by 8 to 2; finance takes the short end by 4 to 13 vote; social news is read by four and scorned by 9. Thirty-six of the students said they chose what to read by what the headlines said. Twenty-seven judges the news by the department in which it appears. Thirteen future journalists believed newspapers created public opinion; 21 that newspapers followed public opinion; 13 that the papers both led and followed. Thirty per cent of the class were "casual" readers of advertising, with clothing and department store ads in the lead.

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**OPERA HATS ARE AGAIN STYLISH ON BROADWAY**  
NEW YORK, Jan. 26. — Opera hats have come back. For years they were as flat, figuratively, as they are in their crusted state, but they are again quite the thing for a visit to Broadway shows. One of the biggest and busiest hat retailers of the bright light section of Broadway is featuring the lately revived chapau in an elaborate window display. He announced they are selling at a tremendous rate.

W. Walker, daughter of Congressman W. C. Hammer, of Randolph and Rev. Geo. R. Gilchrist, of Gaston, counties spoke on organization at the afternoon session. The convention closed with the showing of a three reel film "Alice in Wonderland." This picture will be shown at the Gastonian and Ideal Theaters February 1.

## Witness Who Called Pershing A Liar Had Rather Belong To I. W. W. Than To The Legion

**Charles P. Green Declares He Was Robbed and Discharged As Employee of Veterans' Bureau After Testifying Before Senate Investigating Committee.**

(By The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 26. — The charge that Colonel Paul Malone, now stationed at Camp Benning, Georgia, shot and killed a soldier in France because he could not keep up with his command, was made and then denied today before a Senate committee investigating alleged illegal hangings.

The colonel said that Colonel Langdon and others were present. The letter which Colonel Langdon had reported his brother officer, who was "given twelve demerits."

Colonel Langdon declared there were no demerits and that Malone was later promoted to the rank of Brigadier General.

"Did you see Colonel Malone attempt to ride his horse over soldiers?" Chairman Brandegee asked.

"No, but I saw him ride behind some stragglers in urging them to speed up," his orderly said. "He was not very bright," the witness said, "and possibly he thinks what he says is the truth. But I believe he is laboring under some mental condition, which, while he thinks what he says is true, it did not actually happen."

"Were you a witness to the incident mentioned by Henderson?" Senator Willis, Republican, Ohio, asked.

"No sir."

"Did you report Colonel Malone?"

"I did not."

The committee announced it would decide later about calling Henderson.

Declaring that he had been robbed and discharged as an employee of the Veterans' Bureau after testifying in the Senate investigation of illegal soldier hangings was made by Charles P. Green, of Minneapolis, in letters and telegrams received by Senator Watson and read today to the investigating committee.

Green declared in his communications that on route to his home "American Legion friends" at Cincinnati had stolen his suit case containing his army discharge, decorations and other documents. On reaching Minneapolis, he charged, he was informed by the Veterans' Bureau office there that his services were no longer required.

Senator Watson, in presenting the charges said he knew nothing of the circumstances and did not contend that they demanded committee action, but asked he would ask Director Forbes, of the Bureau, for a report.

In trying to place Green, who had testified that the bodies of nine soldiers killed by the military police had been sent to a hospital at Chateau Ronx, France, Chairman Brandegee recalled the committee members that Green was the witness who declared in his statements that he would rather belong to the I. W. W. than to the American Legion.

Three doctors attached to the Chateau Ronx hospital testified yesterday there was no truth in Green's charges as to the nine bodies.

## JAS. M. COX SAYS THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS READY FOR NEXT FIGHT

**Defeated Candidate Speaks at Jackson Day Banquet — He Assails Republicans — In First Public Address Since He Was Beaten Cox Vigorously Attacks Lodge.**

(By The Associated Press.)  
DAYTON, OHIO, Jan. 25. — James M. Cox, Democratic candidate for President in 1920, and former governor of Ohio, tonight told Democrats gathered here at a Jackson day banquet that their party stands just where it did "when the votes were counted" and is "ready for the next fight."

Public opinion, he declared, has "steadily borne the destiny of America nearer each day to the seat of the league of nations at Geneva."

In his first public address since the campaign of 1920, Mr. Cox assailed the policies of the present administration, condemning the work of the Washington armament manufacturers, declaring that America had refused to accept world leadership and that financial depression was due to the "treachery of Lodgeism."

Thousands of Republicans, he declared, "now realize that the leaders of their party in the making of policy" "have profaned Republican history by forsaking the soul of Abraham Lincoln for the splendor of Henry Cabot Lodge."

Mr. Cox said in part:

"As I interpret priorities, the defeated candidate for the presidency should hold to the unspoken word until time has brought the unmistakable evidence of payment or default by those in power on campaign pledges.

"Almost a full year has elapsed and very properly can we apply an analysis of its developments. The ruins of war still mar the international landscape. Willing industry is without the aid of financial credits. Countries solvent if not rich in natural resources, are in idleness and misery. The reaction, true to prophecy, is upon us, and every community is affected. The echoing cry of America first is a mockery to human intelligence as unhappy experience tells us that we are a part of the whole world in soul, by the will of Almighty God, in practicalities by the logic of nature's laws—Republicans' dictum to the contrary notwithstanding.

"Farm products have diminished in price, much below the labor cost of production; vast inventories of sheep and wool have followed the downward trend until thousands of farmers and business concerns are hopelessly insolvent. Only the resiliency of our banking system has averted the most destructive panics in all history. Inventories have diminished in value, but debts remain the same. There can be but one final result to this situation.

"When peace came Europe needed rebuilding. America had the supplies. Europe required credit. America had a prospectus upon which credit could have been given.

"The distress in Russia is chargeable to the ferocity of sovietism; the distress in America to the treachery of Lodgeism.

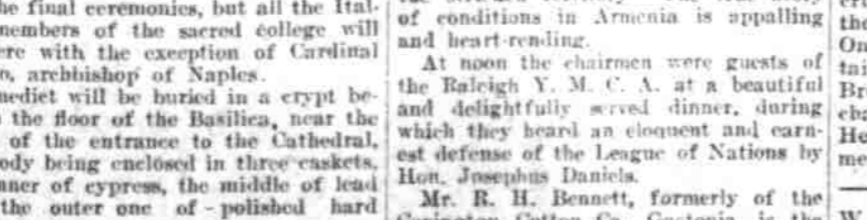
"The first essential thing to our prosperity is the formal recognition by our government of the fundamental cause of depression. Since this would carry acceptance of the theories of Woodrow Wilson, there is hope only for the belated relief that will come from the pressure of public opinion.

"Every economist and statesman in the world whose mental processes are free from ulterior thought, admits that the house of civilization cannot be put in order without the co-operation of the nation possessing both the leading gold supply and the facilities of tremendous productivity. In the face of these fundamental truths, the administration at Washington is vainly trying to bring better times by resort to the noisy methods of a circus.

"Of the present treaty between the governments of the United States, Great Britain, France and Japan, presidents might suggest that judgment be reserved until we know what the treaty means and the extent of Mr. Lodge's secret understandings. The President gave interpretation of the written word; Mr. Lodge immediately corrected him with the statement that real meaning was in the unwritten word—in the understanding between the representatives—which Mr. Lodge had refrained from mentioning when he addressed his countrymen. Just when nations seemed committed to open diplomacy, Mr. Lodge, in the name of America, resorted to the diplomatic methods of old."

"In its behalf it is said, of the treaty that it recognizes the principle of arbitration and gives protection against external aggression. On the other hand, it creates a group of nations, and thus may encourage the establishment of other groups. This treaty creates division of moral purpose. The league of nations contemplates the merging of purposes. This treaty sets up a new enterprise that may lead to other like projects. The league of nations assembles all nations deserving of name. If the present pact, after mature reflection, is to be accepted by America, it should be provided that whenever America joins the league of nations, then the Washington treaty shall be null and void."

"Our faith in the official pronouncements of 1920 is unaffected by the result of the election of that year. We stand in our very tracks, just where we were when the votes were counted. We have not retreated a step. The flag still flies, and we are ready for the next fight."



**MISS HARRIETT SHERMAN RESIGNS RED CROSS WORK**

## FIRST CHORUS PRACTICE TO BE HELD FRIDAY

**Mr. Hoffmeister Wants to Meet All Gastonians Who Are Interested in Community Concert at Chamber of Commerce Auditorium at 7:30 P. M.—A Wonderful Opportunity for City's Music Lovers.**

Miss Blanche Heiserman, manager of Gastonia Community Service, is very greatly pleased over the ready response which the music lovers of the city are manifesting in the forthcoming community concert for which preliminary training is to be commenced Friday night of this week. Mr. Roy Hoffmeister, a well known chorus leader who is now engaged in a similar work at Statesville, will arrive in Gastonia Friday and will be present at the first meeting in the auditorium of the Chamber of Commerce at 7:30 o'clock that evening. It is hoped that a very large number of Gastonia singers will be present at this first meeting as the success of the concert will depend very largely upon the presence at each practice of all those who are to participate.

As previously announced some of the world's greatest oratorios are to be sung, including the "Hallelujah Chorus" from "The Messiah." That the singing by a large chorus of these world-famous creations of the world's greatest composers will bring great delight to the hearts of all who hear as well as to all who participate is not to be doubted.

Community Service is sending Mr. Hoffmeister to Gastonia at its own expense, which is no small item. They are sending him because they believe that music plays a large part in the life of a town and that the people of Gastonia would appreciate an opportunity to be trained by a professional chorus leader of wide experience. Mr. Hoffmeister will spend about three weeks here.

**Regional Director Near East Fund to Speak**  
Claude W. Hopper to be heard in Gastonia early in February in behalf of Near East Relief Campaign — Rev. C. R. Gillespie Attends Conference of State Chairmen in Raleigh.

Major Geo. W. Hopper, of Richmond, Va., Regional Director and one of the special commission sent by Congress to investigate conditions in Russia and Armenia, will be the speaker at two mass meetings in Gaston county, next month. Sunday afternoon, February 12, he will be heard at Belmont and at night of the same date in Gastonia. He was on the scene of slaughter and suffering during the war. He has been on the ground among the starving, dying and dead since the war. He is an attractive speaker and gives vivid descriptions of the awful conditions in the Near East.

A number of county campaign chairmen of Near East Relief met in conference at Raleigh, Wednesday. At the morning session the chairman

## WERE VICTIMS OF AXE IN HANDS OF NEGRO

**Birmingham People Are Struck Down by Axe in Hands of Colored Assaulters.**

(By The Associated Press.)  
BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 26. — Police are working on clues they believe will lead to the arrest of the person who last night struck down and probably fatally injured Joe Lorne and his wife, Rosa, in their little shop on the south side. The assailant used an axe. During a brief period of consciousness following the attack, the shopkeeper told police that a negro hit him.

It was the third assault of like nature since December 21. On that date, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Mantione, shopkeepers, were assaulted by a person using an axe. Both died as a result of the attack.

On January 10, Mr. and Mrs. Clem S. Crawford were victims of an axe wielder. The assaults in each case were particularly brutal.

Lorne, the latest victim, was serving a negro customer when he was struck down. Mrs. Lorne rushed to her husband's aid when he was felled. Neither will recover, surgeons said.

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RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 26. — Mrs. Herbert Dorr, of this town, announced her candidacy for the office of town clerk and town treasurer in opposition to her husband, who was nominated at the democratic caucus early in the week. Mrs. Dorr declared that one of the most prominent politicians in Richmond said that the idea of a woman being elected to a public office was only a fad and would soon pass over. So she has decided to show him a thing or two, she says, and might as well begin right at home.

## Cotton Market

**CLOSING BIDS ON THE NEW YORK MARKET**  
NEW YORK, Jan. 26. — Cotton futures closed weak.  
March 16.6; May 16.07; July 15.71; October 15.17; December 15.03; Spots 16.70.

**TODAY'S COTTON MARKET**  
Cotton Seed ..... 45c  
Strict to Good Middling ..... 16c

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CALENDAR

Thursday  
12 M. Gastonia Housing Corporation.  
5:00 p. m. Rehearsal Community Service Play.  
7:30 p. m. Pythian Band.  
Friday  
3:30 p. m. U. D. C.  
5:00 p. m. Rehearsal Community Service Play.  
7:30 p. m. Chamber of Commerce Glee Club.