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## COOPERS GUILTY, GET 20 YEARS

GUILTY OF MURDER IN SECOND SAYS THE JURY.

Motion for New Trial is Immediately Entered and Will Be Argued This Week—Defense Claims Report of Failure to Agree Was Real Verdict.

Nashville, Tenn., Mar. 20.—Guilty of murder in the second degree, with twenty years' imprisonment as the penalty, was the verdict of the jury today in the case against Colonel Duncan B. Cooper and his son, Robin Cooper, charged with the murder of former United States Senator E. W. Carmack.

The jury yesterday acquitted John D. Sharp, a co-defendant. Immediately the defense moved to set aside the verdict because of the verdict of disagreement of yesterday and asked the court to declare it a mistrial. Judge Hart said he would listen to argument on this motion later. He then fixed the defendants' bond at \$25,000 each, which amount was accepted by both sides. The verdict, coming as it did, upon the heels of Foreman Burke's declaration yesterday, that "we are hopelessly tied up as to the Coopers, was a decided surprise.

The defendants took it coolly, almost without emotion. Mrs. Burch and Mrs. Wilson, the young daughters of Colonel Cooper, were brave and aside from tearful eyes restrained their emotion gamely. Mrs. Burch sat with her arm around her brother Robin's shoulder and Mrs. Wilson was at her father's right. The suspense for the two young women had been heartrending and any verdict however unfavorable was a relief.

The jurors looked worn out and when the court remarked, "I thank you gentlemen for your patience and devotion to the State and dismiss you to your homes and your personal avocations," the entire twelve sprang from their seats as one man and hurriedly left the court-room.

The defendants and their counsel remained to complete the bond preliminaries and the motion for a new trial.

Rumors that the jury had agreed brought a crowd to the court-room this morning and caused the presence of the attorneys on both sides long before the usual hour for convening. As soon as Judge Hart entered court and even before he removed his coat, he ordered the jury and the defendants brought into court. "I understand they have agreed," he remarked to the press table, "and am sending to see."

Exactly at 9:25 A. M. the twelve men entered the room and took the same seats they have occupied for nearly nine weeks.

"Have you agreed upon a verdict, gentlemen?" said Judge Hart.

"We have," replied Foreman E. M. Burke, hoarsely.

"Advance, Mr. Foreman, and read the verdict."

"We, the jury, find the defendants, Duncan B. Cooper and Robin J. Cooper, guilty of murder in the second degree and assess their punishment at confinement in the State penitentiary for a period of twenty years."

"So say you all, gentlemen?"

"So say we all," replied the jurors in chorus.

The court then thanked the jurors and dismissed them.

Judge Anderson, of the defense, rose at once, exclaiming, "Your honor, we move the case be declared a mistrial because of the verdict yesterday. We contend that yesterday's verdict was the only one and that it acquitted John Sharp, but declared a disagreement on the other defendants. We also ask that the defendants be admitted to bond at once."

The verdict of the jury makes it a bailable case," was the court's report. "Hence, I will fix the bonds of each defendant at \$25,000."

Mrs. Burch, who had stood bravely and had even smiled in the courtroom, collapsed as she reached the narrow corridor leading to the jail and had to be supported by her husband. The jurors were not inclined to talk but one of them said: "On the first ballot we acquitted John Sharp and disregarded the conspiracy theory."

On the same ballot we stood six

for guilty of murder in the first degree with mitigating circumstances, five for murder in the second degree with twenty years, the maximum penalty, and one for acquittal. The ballots all day Wednesday and Thursday showed the same result.

"Yesterday the man who voted for acquittal went over to murder in the second degree but demanded that only ten years be assessed. The rest of us did not deem ten years as anything like adequate so we dis-

regards to the Coopers, not Sharp, whom we had acquitted.

"Early this morning the man who was holding out for ten years agreed to the twenty years and the six who were voting for a first degree verdict agreed to this verdict."

While the jurors would not say who the man was who held out for acquittal, it is known from remarks overheard by the deputies that he was S. J. Hyde.

The first bondsman to arrive was John J. Greener, who signed for \$10,000 on each bond. Several others had been sent for and telephoned that they would come as quickly as automobiles would bring them. In a few moments Walter O. Farmer arrived and signed for the balance.

"I will sign for a million for these men," he remarked. James E. Caldwell later signed for \$25,000 on each bond, and H. B. Chadburn and C. W. Anderson for \$2,500 each on each bond. This makes the total bonds in both cases \$110,000, although only \$50,000 was asked.

The Burch automobile came up a little later and the party was whirled away to the Bradford home. There will be no further proceeding in the case for about a week.

## WASHINGTON CITY NOTES.

Matters of Interest to Our People  
Gleaned from State Papers and  
Washington Correspondence.

Capt. Samuel A. Ashe, of Raleigh, has gone to Washington to take up his duties as Clerk to the Private Land Claim Committee. Senator Simmons is the new chairman of this committee.

Representative Page is a very modest man. He had about the first pick of seats on the Democratic side and he was heading down one of the centre aisles on the look for a good aisle seat. Champ Clark, who by virtue of his minority leadership was given first selection, moved for Mr. Page. He wanted the North Carolinian to sit by him. This was no small compliment and the popular member from the Seventh will be Mr. Clark's only seat mate during the sixty-first Congress.

Representative Pou has obtained the consent of Chief Inspector Garrison, of the Rural Free Delivery, to send an inspector to the Fourth District at an early date. There are a number of petitioners asking for the installment of additional routes. For some reason the investigation of petitions asking for this service has been held up. Mr. Pou feels gratified that the Department has at last agreed to push.

It may also be of interest to the young men of Mr. Pou's district to learn that there is a vacancy at the Military Academy at West Point. Because North Carolina members and Senators have had rather poor luck in candidates who have stood for examination to the Military Academy, Mr. Pou thinks that perhaps it would be best to have a competitive examination; the young man receiving the highest mark to be appointed principal, and the two next highest as first and second alternates.

The Congressman from the Fourth District would like to hear from any young man in his district who would like to enter the Military Academy.

Ed. F. Ward has been appointed private secretary to Congressman Pou, succeeding C. H. Martin, who became Senator Overman's secretary.

## Music for the Bugle.

Mrs. Nagger—The noise you make at night is very unpleasant music.

Mr. Nagger—Do you call snoring music?

Mrs. Nagger—I should say so. Sheet music arranged for the bugle.

## TIMBER DEED BLANKS.

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## OUR SENATORS STANDING HIGH.

Both Simmons and Overman on Important Committees—Mr. Simmons Gets on Most Important Committee in Senate—Also on Steering Committee—Overman on Conservation of National Resources Committee.

Washington, D. C., Mar. 20.—In the new committee assignments in the Senate, North Carolina fares well. Senator Overman is placed upon the new committee to be known as Conservation of National Resources. This will be an important committee. Senator Simmons goes to the Finance Committee to fill the vacancy caused by the retirement of the venerable Senator Teller. This committee has charge of all matters pertaining to revenue and taxation as well as finance, currency and banking. Senator Overman could have gone on the Appropriation committee but he would have been compelled to retire from the Judiciary committee, which he refuses to do.

The Finance committee is considered the biggest committee in the Senate. Senator Aldrich is the Chairman and the Democratic members will be Senators Daniel, Bailey, Money, Talliaferro and Simmons. It is likely that this committee will begin work on the new tariff bill almost immediately. This was Senator Vance's biggest committee.

Senator Simmons is already on the Commerce committee, having charge of Rivers and Harbors, which was Senator Ransom's biggest committee. He is also upon the Democratic Steering Committee. In addition to this, Mr. Simmons is also Chairman of the committee on Disposition of Public Documents, and by virtue of this latter position, in addition to rooms in the new office building, has been assigned the rooms in the Capitol formerly occupied by Senator Morgan while he was chairman of the committee on Intercoastal Canals.

The sub-committee of the National Waterways commission, of which Senator Simmons is a member, is holding bi-weekly meetings for the purpose of getting ready for the great work which has been assigned to that commission. It is expected that this committee will make a hurried preliminary examination of the rivers and waterways of this country as soon as Congress adjourns and then they will spend the balance of the vacation in Europe.

Sub-committees will make short trips during the special session and Senator Simmons is trying to arrange for a trip to Wilmington and through the sounds of North Carolina during the month of April.—Thomas J. Pence's Letter to the News and Observer.

## WILLIE WHITLA KIDNAPPED.

Kidnappers Demand Ransom of \$10,000, Get it and Return Boy to Father—Kidnappers Arrested and Placed in Jail.

The kidnapping of Willie Whitla, of Sharon, Pa., has excited much interest throughout the country. The boy was in school last Thursday when a man called and told the boy his father wanted him at once. The boy went with the man who carried him to Cleveland, Ohio. For two or three days all was mystery until the father, who is a wealthy attorney at Sharon, received a communication demanding a ransom of \$10,000. Negotiations were opened up with the result that the money was paid over in Cleveland Monday night and the boy delivered to his anxious father. Tuesday the kidnappers—a man and a woman—were caught by the police. Nearly \$10,000 was found on the person of the woman who confessed.

Wednesday the boy was taken back to Cleveland to identify the prisoners and at once declared that the man was the one who took him from school last week and that the woman was the one who kept him at the East End house in Cleveland. The prisoners are in jail indicted for blackmail, and it is hoped that they will receive the full penalty of the law for their crime which is one of the meanest imaginable.

A Chicago man was fined \$10 for kissing his landlady. It would have been cheaper to pay his board bill.—Toledo Blade.

## LEGISLATION FOR JOHNSTON.

The Work of the Recent Legislature As It Relates to Our Own County—Many Measures of Local Interest.

In last Sunday's News and Observer there was a general review of the work of the Legislature. From a careful reading of this review we find reference to the following legislation affecting Johnston County:

A new Board of Education was selected composed of W. G. Wilson, of Wilson's Mills, George F. Woodard, of Boon Hill, and J. J. Rose, of Meadow. According to this new law Mr. Wilson is appointed for two years beginning the first Monday in July, Mr. Woodard for four years and Mr. Rose for six years. Mr. Rose is a member of the present Board.

An act was passed permitting Selma to vote for a bond issue to pay off its floating indebtedness, to install electric light and sewerage systems, and otherwise beneficially to make internal improvements.

An act was passed amending the charter of the town of Kenly.

An act was passed to amend the charter of the town of Four Oaks.

An act was passed creating the office of cotton weigher for the town of Smithfield and Mr. Ed. S. Sanders was appointed for the place.

An act was passed extending the corporate limits of the town of Benson.

An act was passed to pay the Road Supervisors of Johnston county \$2.00 per day.

An act was passed creating a Board of Road Commissioners for Banner township.

An act was passed creating a stock-law territory in the vicinity of Princeton and defining the boundaries of the same.

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An act was passed prohibiting hunting dogs from running at large during the breeding season of birds in several counties, Johnston being in the list of counties thus affected.

An act was passed repealing Chapter 202 Laws of 1907, relating to fees and commissions of officials of Johnston county.

An act was passed to pay Commissioners of Johnston county \$3.00 per day and mileage.

An act was passed to pay Johnston county Jurors \$2.00 per day and mileage.

An act was passed appointing the following Justices of the Peace for this county: Onals township—J. L. Jones and J. C. Hood, Wilders—W. M. Estridge, Beulah—R. H. Alford (4 years).

An act was passed to prohibit the dumping of sawdust in streams of Johnston county.

## DINNER TO COLLEGE GIRLS.

Mrs. E. B. Adams Gives Elaborate Dinner to a Party of G. F. C. Students.

Greensboro, N. C., Mar. 17.—Mrs. B. B. Adams, of Four Oaks, Johnston county, entertained a number of young ladies from Greensboro Female College at an elaborate 6 o'clock dinner at the Guilford Hotel last evening.

The table was beautifully decorated with enchantress carnations and long stemmed carnations were given as favors to the guests.

Six courses were served in elegant style.

This dinner was the culmination of several delightful events given during the week to friends of Miss Ruth Adams, a student at G. F. C. who is the daughter of Mrs. B. B. Adams.

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## MR. POU FLAYS NEW TARIFF BILL.

THE BILL FAVORS NEW ENGLAND AND STRIKES AT SOUTH.

Most of the Articles in the Production of Which Southern People Are Largely Interested Have Sustained Liberal Reductions or Have Been Placed on Free List.

Washington, D. C., Mar. 22.—"The Republican tariff bill strikes at the South and the resources of that section from beginning to end" is the comment of Representative E. W. Pou, a member of the Ways and Means committee, who attended all the tariff hearings and who is thoroughly conversant with tariff schedules, which subject he has made a study.

"The new tariff bill is not only sectional, but it favors New England to the detriment of other sections," continued Mr. Pou. "It is a fact that the articles Southern people are largely interested in have either sustained a liberal reduction in duty or in some instances have been placed on the free list.

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tured steel to anywhere near the competing point. The duty on manufactured steel products is practically prohibitive. The net result of this legislation is the giving of bounty to the steel manufacturer for the consumer. One need expect no benefit whatever when a purchase is made of steel manufactured articles.

"If this bill becomes law every person in the United States who hereafter drinks a cup of tea will be compelled to contribute to