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NELL CROPSEY FOUND

Dead Body of Missing Girl Discovered in River.

FATHER IDENTIFIED THE CORPSE.

A Coroner's Jury Held An Autopsy and Recommended That Wilcox Be Kept For Trial.

Suffolk, Va., Special.—Nellie Cropsey's dead body was found Friday in Pasquotank river. After thirty-seven days of anxiety and false reports and the lavish expenditure of money to solve the mystery of Ella Maude Cropsey's disappearance, Pasquotank river gave up its dead at 10 o'clock this morning.

Nellie's body was located on the river bottom by J. D. Stillman, a fisherman, who hurried word to S. W. Turner, a member of the citizens' committee of five. The news of the find spread like a prairie fire, and soon a great crowd of excited people had collected. Justice W. H. Cropsey, the girl's father, was summoned. Almost overcome with emotion he pushed through the crowd and stood beside the corpse, where it had been tenderly laid near the bank. There was a hush as he looked upon his daughter's form, but only for a minute. Justice Cropsey soon pronounced the body before him the remains of his missing Nellie. Word was sent to the mother, who has seemingly suffered most to the sisters and to Miss Carrie Cropsey, of New York, who has remained with the family during all their trouble. There were weeping and cries of grief and they would not be consoled, and there was evidence to show conclusively that the body was Nellie Cropsey's.

A careful examination was made by physicians. The body itself, though darkened by the water's action, was considered in an excellent state of preservation.

James Wilcox, the suspected lover who, in pursuance of advice of his father and lawyer, had left town and was stopping at a country house in Pasquotank county, was gone after and brought to Elizabeth City at 7 o'clock. There was no apparent change in his expression and when questioned about the case he answered in monosyllables. Of course he maintains not only his innocence, but his ignorance of the causes which led to Miss Cropsey's death.

The Coroner's Request.

Elizabeth City, N. C., Special.—The coroner's jury reports that Miss Cropsey came to her death by being stricken a blow on the temple and drowned and recommends that an examination as to Wilcox's guilt be made.

The report made by the physicians who performed the autopsy on Miss Cropsey says: "The garments show no marks of violence. There were no external marks of violence on body, head or face. There was a discoloration of a pinkish tinge on the front of neck and face with a slight bluish discoloration over the back of the neck. There were no marks upon the front of her neck, except as made by construction of her dress collar. An examination of the internal organs showed she was a pure girl."

There was no fracture discovered at any point of the cranium. There was no effusion of blood or water upon the surface of the brain or any evidence that violence had reached its structure or the internal plates of its bony covering. The brain substance so far as we could see shows no evidence of damage. The brain was removed and the base of the brain thoroughly inspected. There was no damage to blood-vessels or bony structure.

The report was signed by Drs. J. E. Wood, O. McMullan and I. Fearing. The verdict of the coroner's jury, having been duly summoned and sworn by Dr. I. Fearing, was that the death of Ella M. Cropsey was caused by the death of Ella M. Cropsey who hereby reports that from the investigation made by three physicians of Elizabeth City, and from their opinion and also from their personal observation, that said Ella M. Cropsey came to her death by being stricken a blow on the left temple and by being drowned in the Pasquotank river. We have not yet investigated nor heard any testimony touching as to who inflicted the blow and did the drowning. We are informed that one James Wilcox is charged with same and is now in custody. We recommend that investigation as to his or any one else's probable guilt be held by one or more magistrates in Elizabeth City and that said Wilcox be held to await said investigation.

(Signed) I. Fearing, coroner; P. S. Shipp, B. F. Spence, Maurice Westcott, Robert J. Mitchell, J. B. Fearbee, J. H. Leroy.

Threats Against Wilcox.

Raleigh, Special.—Friday evening Governor Aycock received the following telegram from Sheriff Grady, of Elizabeth City:

"Miss Cropsey's body found in river. Threats of violence against James Wilcox. Notify Naval Reserve here to be at my command."

The Governor replied: "Naval Reserve ordered to obey your orders as usual in all respects. Keep me advised by wire."

Industry Notes.

Messrs. T. W. McCord and J. L. McCord of Jackson, Ga. have incorporated the McCord Milling & Manufacturing Co. to build knitting and weaving mill. Character of product not announced yet.

Benjamin Russell of Alexander City, Ala. contemplates establishing a mill for the production of ladies' underwear and also manufacturers of the necessary machinery to submit estimates on equipment and other information.

MADE A HEAVY HAUL.

A New York Couple Lose \$50,000 Worth of Jewelry.

New York, Special.—Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. Thebaud, of Madison avenue, were robbed today of jewelry worth \$50,000. This was corroborated by Mrs. Thebaud himself at headquarters, where, in company with a member of the firm from whom most of the jewelry had been purchased, he gave to the police a partial list of the jewels taken. The valuables consisted in part of one pear-shaped diamond, said by Mr. Thebaud to be worth \$20,000; one pearl weighing 44 grains, said to be worth \$15,000, and 300 small ornaments and made up a total of about \$50,000.

The robbery is said by the police and also by Mr. Thebaud to have been the work of a newly-engaged valet, who had been employed by Mr. Thebaud but two weeks. The valet is missing and the butler who recommended him is under constant police surveillance. Mr. and Mrs. Thebaud went to "White Plains" yesterday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Willets. The valet accompanied them. The valet was last seen about 9 o'clock this morning when he took one of Howard Willet's rigs and drove to the railroad station in White Plains. Three hours later the rig was found at the station, abandoned. It is supposed the valet, whose name is Keen, left town on an outgoing train soon after he drove to the station.

Preacher on Cropsey Case.

Elizabeth City, Special.—The most discussed happenings in the Wilcox-Cropsey affair Sunday were pointed out in the morning from two of the most prominent clergymen. Mr. Lewellyn said that he did not hesitate to believe Wilcox innocent, while Rev. D. H. Tuttle called attention to the order of the mayor closing the bar-rooms on the day the body was found. Sunday afternoon in the presence of about 1,500 people.

"I don't hesitate to say that I believe the prisoner is innocent," declared the Rev. Mr. Lewellyn, of Christ's Episcopal church. "I want to caution you, my hearers, against forming and expressing opinions condemning a fellow-man until you have read the 140th Psalm. I will say that I condemn some things in his past life, and had he been a member of my church I should probably have censured him from the pulpit, but now I believe he is innocent of the dark charge which hangs over him. Though the young lady is dead, and it is very sad, her character was vindicated and I think your sympathy should go out to the defendant's family in their great sorrow."

Mexico Retires.

Havana, By Cable.—Gen. Bartolomeo Maso, candidate of the Democratic party to the presidency of Cuba, left here Thursday morning for his home at Manzanillo. He has given up the campaign. The demonstration yesterday evening as well as that held at the railroad station this morning brought a large crowd. Havana newspapers quote Gen. Maso as threatening to have Civil Governor Reelo, of Puerto Principe province, expelled from office when he returns to Havana for having permitted demonstrations against Gomez in the course of his political tour of that province. The same paper says also that Gen. Gomez had threatened to "string up" a few others when the Cuban republic is formed.

Philippine Situation.

Manila, By Cable.—It was publicly announced that the ratio for the first quarter of 1902 will be \$2.10 Mexican silver to one American gold dollar. Gen. Wright, the acting civil governor, says that, though unsatisfactory, this is the only solution of the matter the Philippine commission thought possible. He hopes for early action by Congress of this subject. Gen. Wright considers that the situation in those parts of the Philippines where military operations are being carried on is daily improving. He has the great confidence in Gen. Chaffee's ability to deal with the insurrection in the islands and says perfect harmony prevails between the civil and military authorities.

Two Wrecks in Alabama.

Opelika, Ala., Special.—Two wrecks occurred on the Western Railway of Alabama Sunday night on account of heavy rains, which caused two embankments to give way. One man was killed three injured and the property loss is heavy. The dead, Thomas Russell, engineer on extra freight No. 21. The injured are: Cy Lee, negro freeman; B. W. Jackson, engineer freight No. 29; negro freeman, name unknown. The wrecks occurred about 30 miles apart. Extra freight train No. 21 was wrecked near Notasuga and train No. 209 was going for assistance when it was wrecked.

Flood-Tide in Ohio River.

Pittsburg, Special.—Heavy rains for 36 hours here and at all headwater points on both rivers has produced a condition which will result in what may be called a flood stage in the Ohio river when at least 20 feet is predicted. Timely warning by the weather bureau will be the means of saving much property and only temporary inconvenience is expected by interests along the river front.

Will Not Go With Liberals.

London, By Cable.—The Daily News, a Liberal organ, admits that Lord Rosebery has declined to act with the Liberal party. Although the paper regrets his voluntary severance from the party, it makes it well that the air has been cleared and that Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman is more firmly installed in the leadership.

M'CLAY IS REMOVED

Admiral Schley's Traducer Gets His Walking Orders.

THE REMOVAL DECLARED REGULAR

Notwithstanding His Vigorous Kick, The "Historian" Has Been Summarily Disposed of.

Washington, Special.—The civil service commission Thursday notified Edgar S. Maclay, the historian recently employed in the Brooklyn navy yard, that his removal from the position at that point was not in violation of the civil service act. This notification is contained in a letter written to Mr. Maclay by President Proctor, of the commission, and is in reply to an inquiry from him. Mr. Maclay's letter is as follows:

Office of the General Storekeeper, Navy Yard, New York, Dec. 24, 1901.

Hon. John R. Proctor, President Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

Sir: On December 23, yesterday, I received the following communication from the Secretary of the Navy: "Sir, I am directed by the President to advise Edgar S. Maclay, special laborer, general storekeeper's office, navy yard, New York, that his removal from the position at that point was not in violation of the civil service act. This notification is forwarded to me. I desire to get an authoritative opinion from the civil service commission on the following points:

1. Has the President of the United States any authority under the laws governing civil service to demand the resignation of a civil service employe in the classified list?

2. Has the President the authority or power to cause the dismissal of any civil service employe without preferring charges in writing and giving said employe an opportunity in which to make a defense?

Very respectfully,
EDGAR S. MACLAY.

To this the commission replied: Washington, Dec. 26, 1901.

Mr. Edgar S. Maclay, Office of General Storekeeper, Navy Yard, New York.

Sir: The commission is in receipt of your letter of December 24, 1901, asking its opinion on the following questions:

1. Has the President of the United States any authority under the laws governing civil service to demand the resignation of a civil service employe in the classified list?

2. Has the President the authority or power to cause the dismissal of any civil service employe without preferring charges in writing and giving said employe an opportunity in which to make a defense?

In response, you are informed that it is contrary to the practice of the commission to undertake to answer hypothetical questions. Your separate statement from the director of the facts in the case, as they appeared in the public press, was made upon the order of the Secretary of the Navy, in whom the power of removal rests. The demand for your resignation, followed by your removal upon the direction of the President, through the Secretary of the Navy, was not in violation of the civil service act and rules in view of the well known facts in your case. The object of the rule requiring notice and a hearing was to prevent political removals upon secret charges. No issue of this kind is involved in your case. Very respectfully,
JOHN R. PROCTOR, President.

President Proctor of the civil service commission also gave out the following statement bearing upon the case: "The commission has always held as shown in its 12th report, January 1, 1897, that the civil service act did not intend that incompetent persons should be retained in office. The authority for removal and its exercise for proper reasons are necessary for the discipline and the efficiency of the public service. The power of removal is not affected by the law or the rules, but rather than that they provide that removals shall not be made for political or religious reasons."

"The rule of the President, July 27, 1897, requiring that a person should only be removed for just cause, and upon and after an opportunity for making an answer, was the purpose of preventing political or religious removals, or removals upon secret charges, but was in no way intended to curtail the power of removal for just cause. Under this rule the reasons for a removal are to be a matter of record but it does not imply in the slightest degree the proper exercise of the power of discipline. In discussing this rule in the 14th report of the commission December 31, 1897, it is stated that 'if the removals are sufficient the office will not hesitate to make the removal.'"

"It cannot be asserted that Maclay's removal was for political or religious reasons or upon secret charges, as the reasons for the Department's action are well known, both to Maclay and to the public."

Train Wrecked and Burned.

Dallas, Tex., Special.—The Missouri Kansas & Texas north-bound passenger train, due in Dallas at 11:20 o'clock Tuesday night, was wrecked and almost completely burned six miles south of here just before midnight. Three persons were injured, but no one killed. The baggage, express and mail cars were saved. Injured: Jenks Clark, engineer; Wm. Keveyne, freeman; Joseph Henry, colored, internally. The engine and one Pullman are all that remain, five cars being destroyed. The engine is bottom-up in the ditch.

Committed Suicide.

Washington, Special.—The War Department is in receipt of a cablegram from Gen. Chaffee, Manila, P. I., reporting that Odris Reeder, second lieutenant of Philippine scouts, committed suicide on the morning of December 23 by shooting himself with a carbine on board the *Lawton*. He was suffering from temporary insanity, due to illness. Lieutenant W. V. a native of Dewey, N. Y.

INCREASE IN VALUATION.

Many North Carolina Counties Show Large Advance in Wealth.

Official figures from 90 of the 97 counties received by State officials show an increase in property valuations of \$20,381,078. This is the largest increase in the history of the government for years.

The valuations for the present year from counties heard from is \$260,378,805 as compared with \$240,747,727. The counties that have not yet reported are Catawba, Edgecombe, Harnett, Mitchell, Rockingham, Vance and Wilson.

Wake county is the wealthiest of all the counties in the State according to the new assessment, which places the valuation of property in the capital county at \$11,734,805. Last year Mecklenburg led in wealth with a valuation of \$60,000 in excess of that of Wake.

Forsyth leads with increased assessments for the year, the amount being \$1,853,736. Wake is next with an increase of \$1,044,744. Guilford and New Hanover show nearly a million increase. The increase in Mecklenburg being \$897,767. Wayne shows an increase of \$700,000.

Scotland shows up for the first time with an assessed valuation of \$1,692,998, which places it far in advance of many counties.

Durham county shows a decrease of nearly a quarter of a million. Among the other counties that fell behind last year's assessment were Cumberland, Jones, Swain, Tyrrell, Watauga, Cleveland and Rockingham, which gave Scotland to the State.

The figures by counties for the two years are as follows:

Alamance	1,901,150	4,822,264
Alleghany	499,892	4,822,264
Alexander	790,357	734,257
Alexander	1,147,695	1,109,944
Anderson	2,126,576	1,938,027
Ashe	1,661,289	1,666,790
Beaufort	3,302,073	3,002,574
Bertie	2,763,421	1,377,410
Bladen	4,530,298	1,377,410
Brunswick	1,317,069	1,216,412
Buncombe	10,116,861	9,725,957
Burke	1,462,475	1,441,165
Cabarrus	3,722,698	3,905,222
Caldwell	1,896,120	1,377,410
Chatham	5,664,202	5,892,254
Cartersville	1,026,990	942,901
Caswell	1,476,653	1,344,821
Chatham	3,115,989	3,091,228
Cherokee	1,738,758	1,651,774
Chowan	1,534,911	1,415,439
Cleveland	3,913,098	3,614,499
Columbus	2,447,492	1,999,775
Craven	3,222,564	1,914,957
Cumberland	3,151,391	3,191,121
Currituck	749,855	707,222
Dare	3,929,683	3,608,774
Davidson	1,970,198	1,748,250
Duplin	2,268,678	2,097,782
Durham	10,847,138	10,695,842
Forsyth	9,583,690	7,229,654
Franklin	3,039,249	2,857,634
Gaston	2,451,170	4,476,145
Gates	1,146,487	1,048,882
Graham	667,256	656,790
Granville	3,227,857	3,077,274
Greene	1,804,387	1,977,813
Guilford	8,274,817	7,457,644
Hart	3,039,249	1,112,244
Haywood	2,036,860	1,915,261
Henderson	2,129,434	2,106,704
Hertford	2,119,512	2,034,224
Hyde	1,074,590	973,333
Jackson	1,206,854	1,121,119
Johnston	4,081,687	2,648,194
Jones	1,212,047	1,128,534
Lenoir	2,666,995	2,236,322
Lincoln	2,282,870	2,137,457
Macon	1,177,256	1,174,622
Madison	1,698,874	1,905,248
Martin	2,451,353	2,270,644
McDowell	1,077,337	1,021,391
Mecklenburg	11,697,242	10,799,472
Montgomery	1,794,971	1,593,511
Moore	3,284,115	3,045,260
Nash	3,949,878	3,014,222
New Hanover	8,451,441	7,454,194
New Northampton	3,345,901	2,290,145
Onslow	1,567,167	1,475,739
Orange	2,382,715	2,159,489
Pamlico	831,694	722,449
Pasquotank	2,523,202	2,254,630
Perquimans	1,659,785	1,440,625
Person	2,065,502	1,820,652
Pitt	4,027,145	3,699,696
Polk	1,110,891	896,433
Richmond	4,171,893	3,847,421
Robeson	4,479,081	4,429,254
Rowan	5,974,329	5,489,911
Rutherford	2,806,247	2,577,453
Sampson	2,383,727	2,103,721
Scotland	1,692,997	1,612,244
Stanly	2,945,376	2,874,949
Stokes	1,956,972	1,904,611
Swain	949,089	1,075,613
Transylvania	1,056,507	1,003,454
Tyrrell	647,113	645,248
Wake	11,734,805	10,750,062
Warren	2,335,468	2,365,993
Washington	1,138,797	1,053,669
Wayne	1,890,675	1,332,470
Watauga	5,783,360	1,942,632
Yadkin	1,695,598	1,632,534
Yancey	810,691	751,147

Total \$260,378,805 \$240,747,727

Five Injured in Freight Wreck

Grand Saline, Tex., Special.—In a freight wreck near Silver Lake Christmas day fifteen cars were derailed and five persons more or less injured. The Texas & Pacific "Cannon Ball" engine which had been detached, and sent on with a wrecking crew was derailed while returning from the freight wreck, and four men were injured, none fatally.

Railroad Discrimination.

Austin, Texas, Special.—Members of the Texas railroad commission returned from the Beaumont oil fields, where they have been investigating the charge that the railroads were discriminating against the oil fields in not furnishing transportation for the product. The commission would not give out an official statement.

SERIOUS RACE RIOT

Marred the Esstivities of the Happy Christmastide in New York.

MANY OTHER HOLIDAY FATALITIES

A Number of Crimes and Accidents That Detracted From the Enjoyment of the Occasion.

New York, Special.—A race skirmish between whites and blacks in Harlem Christmas day developed serious proportions and kept the police busy for a time. The negroes, 1900 strong, were armed with revolvers and clubs, while equally as many whites used stones as weapons. The negroes had the advantage, but were driven back into their tenements by the police after they had charged on the whites with pistols and razors. Fourteen negroes were arrested. Four whites, including a policeman, were badly shot or cut.

The rioting began when some white boys stoned two colored girls, whereupon a dozen negroes seized the white boys and beat them. The boys when released told their story to white men in the vicinity and an organized attack was made on the negroes, who were driven back to their tenements under a shower of stones. The confusion increased when the white men began to bombard the tenements with stones and other missiles, and the negroes fired from their windows into the crowd. The whites, surprised by the shooting and seeing men fall wounded, turned and ran, followed by the negroes, who used knives and clubs freely. At this point a squad of policemen arrived and with drawn clubs stopped the rioting, chasing the negroes back into their houses.

Boy Killed His Father.

Brazil, Ind., Special.—In defending his mother from an assault by her drunk-crazed husband, Theo. Watkins, 13 years old, shot and killed his father Christmas night at his home here. Richard Watkins came home and began abusing his family. He picked up a hatchet and started after his wife, saying he was going to kill her, and attempted to strike her on the head. Theodore seized a revolver, which his father had at his feet, and fired at his father. The bullet took effect near the heart and death resulted soon. Young Watkins surrendered immediately to the police. He says he shot his father to keep him from killing his mother, but that he did not intend to kill his father. He insists he was justified in the shooting.

The Pope on Socialism.

Rome by Cable.—The Pope Monday received the Cardinals, who offered him their Christmas greetings. The Pontiff made a lengthy address, in which he condemned what he characterized as the excessive liberty of thought now indulged in. He sharply criticized Socialism, agitation for divorce and hostility between different sections of the Church and urged a union of the Christian Churches. The Church, said the Pope, is now confronted by difficulties similar to those of earlier times. There are attempts everywhere to make the masses enemies of the Church, the religious orders are subjected to all kinds of vexatious persecutions and laws are being passed in open defiance of God's eternal laws. The Pontiff said the only means of successfully combating Socialism was for Catholics to be loyal to and obey the instructions of the Church.

Fatalities Among Boys.

Huntsville, Ala., Special.—Two fatalities have been reported from among boys who celebrated Christmas. Tom McKnight was shot and killed 100 miles north of here by Chas. Davis, whose pistol exploded accidentally. A boy named Jones, living in West Huntsville, was fatally wounded by the explosion of a toy cannon.

Nacogdoches, Tex., Special.—A crowd of men were discharging pistols in celebrating Christmas a stray bullet struck Mitch Bird, aged 13, inflicting a mortal wound. The boy's father then fired into the crowd with a shotgun, seriously wounding Ed Lee, Reuben Chandler and Edgar Moore, all negroes. The boy is dead and one of the negroes is dying.

Three Negroes Killed.

Little Rock, Ark., Special.—Three negroes were killed near Wilton Tuesday as the result of a quarrel over a land sale. Martin Davis and Ben Davis, cousins, engaged in a fatal duel. Jas. Thompson, a friend of one of the dead men, was subsequently shot and killed by Arthur Davis, father of Martin Davis.

Two Men Shot.

Dublin, Ga., Special.—At Brewton, near here, James Lovett and Omar Keen were shot and probably fatally wounded Tuesday night by Robert Fort. Lovett is a merchant and Keen and Fort are his clerks. Lovett and Fort got into a dispute and Fort drew a pistol and began to shoot. Keen tried to stop the row and Fort turned his gun on him. Lovett is believed to be dying and Keen can hardly live. Young Keen is the son of State Treasurer Lemuel Keen.

CALENDAR FOR 1902.

Month	Day	Event
Jan.	1	Epiphany
Jan.	6	Three Kings
Jan.	17	St. Anthony
Jan.	18	St. Vincent
Jan.	19	St. Jan. Baptist
Jan.	20	St. Agnes
Jan.	21	St. Epiphany
Jan.	22	St. Basil
Jan.	23	St. Agnes
Jan.	24	St. Basil
Jan.	25	St. Agnes
Jan.	26	St. Basil
Jan.	27	St. Agnes
Jan.	28	St. Basil
Jan.	29	St. Agnes
Jan.	30	St. Basil
Jan.	31	St. Agnes
Feb.	1	St. Brigid
Feb.	2	St. Valentine
Feb.	3	St. Erasm.
Feb.	4	St. Blaise
Feb.	5	St. Agatha
Feb.	6	St. Valentine
Feb.	7	St. Erasm.
Feb.	8	St. Blaise
Feb.	9	St. Agatha
Feb.	10	St. Valentine
Feb.	11	St. Erasm.
Feb.	12	St. Blaise
Feb.	13	St. Agatha
Feb.	14	St. Valentine
Feb.	15	St. Erasm.
Feb.	16	St. Blaise
Feb.	17	St. Agatha
Feb.	18	St. Valentine
Feb.	19	St. Erasm.
Feb.	20	St. Blaise
Feb.	21	St. Agatha
Feb.	22	St. Valentine
Feb.	23	St. Erasm.
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