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OVERTON TAKEN TO STATE PRISON

With Two Other Prisoners Leaves With Sheriff Reid for Raleigh to Begin Long Term Prison Sentence.

Three prisoners, two negroes and one white, were taken to Raleigh Sunday to begin serving terms in the State Prison imposed at the criminal term of Superior Court concluded here last Saturday. The white man was Luther Thompson, convicted of the larceny of an automobile, and the negroes were LeRoy (Sap) White and Elwell Overton. Thompson was sentenced to two years, and the two negroes to 20 years each. In Sap's case a 20-year sentence was imposed for burglary, and he was given six additional sentences of 12 months each for offenses ranging from robbery to forcible trespass, but these sentences run concurrently with the 20 year sentence and will not stand in way of the release of the negro when he has served his 20 year term.

Elwell Overton's case sprung two surprises on the general public, one when the jury brought in a verdict of manslaughter and the other when the court imposed the limit on the prisoner for this offense.

The manslaughter verdict, while a surprise to the general public, was in line with the expectation of those who followed the case closely in the courthouse and who noted the intelligence of the jury before which it was being tried. The public gained the wrong impression of the seriousness of Overton's offense because Overton was not represented by counsel at the preliminary hearing, and witnesses for the State were not cross examined. Conducting the defense, to which he had been assigned only when Overton was arraigned, in a very able and skillful manner, J. H. LeRoy, Jr., brought out on cross examination the fact that neither Captain Morrisette nor Engineer Ward, principal witnesses for the State, would swear that they saw Overton strike more than one blow, and both admitted that what they took from the motion of the defendant's elbows to be blows might have been caused by the tugging and pulling over a broom handle, such as Overton described.

The weakness of Overton's testimony lay in his description of how W. R. Ballance, the white man in connection with whose death by drowning in the Pasquotank River Overton was charged with first degree murder, went overboard.

"Den he snatches de broom away from me," testified Overton, "and stumbled back against de rail and fell over it. I sees his two feet and de broom handle sticking up over de rail, and I grabs de broom handle. But I ain't got no purchase and wid his weight and de speed of the boat against me I couldn't hold on to the handle and it slipped out my hand. If I could a hit it it would have pulled me overboard too."

One hearing Overton's testimony could not help wondering what held up Mr. Ballance after he went over the low 18-inch rail of the tug boat until Overton could grab the broom handle. A plausible explanation would be that Mr. Ballance did snatch the broom out of one of the negro's hands, and that in the sudden releasing of it he stumbled back against and over the rail, that for an instant Overton held the heavier white man clinging to the broom handle for dear life at the point where the handle joined the broom proper, above the water, and then, rather than be pulled overboard himself, let go the broom handle. Perhaps some such view prevailed in the jury room, where decision for a verdict of manslaughter was reached in less than an hour. At any rate, the jury had no direct evidence to refute the negro's testimony as to how the white man went overboard, and doubtless felt, in view of this circumstance, that a verdict of anything more than manslaughter would hardly be justified.

The high feeling that prevailed in certain parts of the city immediately after the drowning of Ballance might have been allayed had there been an early hearing in court with State's witnesses subject to cross examination. The version of the affair that prevailed in the city among those who heard Captain Morrisette's first rather excited account of what happened was that Overton knocked the white man against the rail with a blow of the fist and then while the latter was off his feet deliberately pushed or bodily threw him overboard.

COTTON MARKET
New York March 24.—Spot cotton closed quiet this afternoon, declining 150 points. Middling 27.45. Futures closed at the following levels: March 27.05; May 27.23; July 26.70; October 24.63; December 24.40; January 24.00.

New York, March 24.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: March 28.25, May 28.52, July 27.80, October 25.47, December 25.02.

MAKE CLEAN SWEEP AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY

Washington, March 24.—The House today authorized a sweeping investigation of the aircraft industry.

LIVES LOST WHEN STEAMERS COLLIDE

(By The Associated Press.)
Gravesend, Eng., March 24.—The American steamer American Merchant, and the British steamer Matatusa, today collided off Thameshaven, the latter sinking with a loss of life variously reported from 1 to 8, and with several injured.

ODDS AND ENDS GO INTO RECORD

Bits of Testimony Bearing on Aspects of Oil Inquiry Recorded as Harry Sinclair Is Discussed.

Washington, March 24.—Odds and ends of testimony bearing on the widely separated aspects of its inquiry went into the record of the oil committee today while its members were perfecting plans to hale Harry Sinclair into court because of his refusal to submit himself to further questioning.

As if the committeemen had determined to push their task of investigation to a quick conclusion, witnesses succeeded each other rapidly and most of them were dismissed with only a semblance of cross examination.

Garmi Thompson, one of Coolidge's campaign managers, testified that he had no knowledge of an "oil deal" at the Republican National Convention of 1920.

Harold Vivian, reporter for the New York Times, told the committee that he received confirmation from Will Hays' New York office that Hays would testify to the stock transaction by which Sinclair helped wipe out the Republican National Committee deficit.

C. C. Chase, son-in-law of Albert Fall, today declined to answer any questions by the oil committee on the ground that any answer he might tend to incriminate him.

Price McKinney of Cleveland had testified that Chase visited him at his home to ask him to say that he had made the famous \$100,000 loan to Fall.

ANDERSON MUST GO TO SING SING

New York, March 24.—William H. Anderson, resigned state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, recently convicted on the charge of forgery, must go to Sing Sing Prison for from one to two years, Supreme Court Justice Wagner ruled today, in denying the former dry leader's application for a certificate of reasonable doubt.

QUIET AFTER STORM

The case in which Charlie and Calvin Patrick, father and son, were defendants, and which resulted in a mistrial last Wednesday, will not be tried again this week, both defendants having agreed to enter a plea of guilty.

Accordingly the elder Patrick was fined \$25 and costs for violation of the Turlington Act and \$5 and costs in each of the other two charges against him, making a total of \$35 and costs, while Calvin Patrick was let off with the costs in the two cases in which he was defendant.

The only case tried Monday was that against W. C. Jackson for violation of the parking ordinance, and in this the defendant was let off with the costs.

HERE FOR CHAPEL HILL CHURCH

Rev. Walter Patten, pastor of the Methodist church at Chapel Hill, is in the city in behalf of the new Methodist church, that he is raising funds to build. On Sunday night at the First Methodist Church, Dr. Patten gave a very interesting lecture and showed stereopticon slides of the University campus at Chapel Hill, the churches and the inadequate capacity of the present church to take care of the boys. As there are at present 700 Methodist boys attending the University and the seating capacity of the church is only 200, it is very evident that a new building is badly needed. Dr. Patten is working to raise \$250,000. The Mission Board is giving \$50,000, the Western North Carolina Conference, \$30,000 and the North Carolina Conference \$30,000. The remainder is to be raised by subscription.

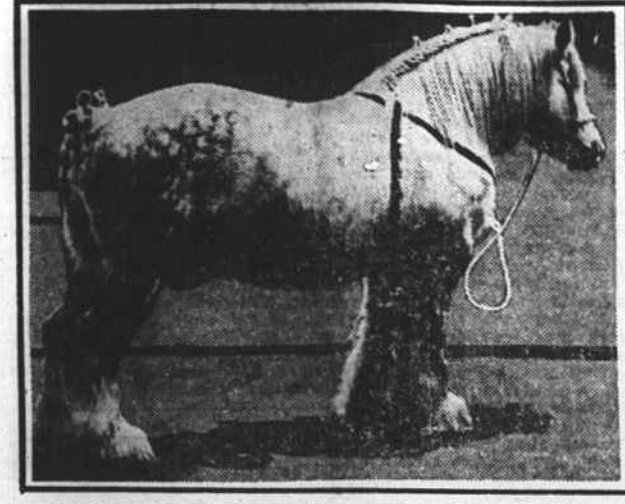
About 2,000 students attend the University at Chapel Hill and the Y. M. C. A. and village churches look after the spiritual needs of the boys. This new church will be built to take care of the young men.

SENATE TURNS DOWN TREASURY PROVISION

Washington, March 24.—The Treasury provision in the revenue bill limiting capital loss deductions to 12 and a half per cent was today turned down by the Senate Finance Committee.

John T. Weeks of this city, J. E. Cooke of Belcross and E. J. Humphries of Fortress left Saturday on a business trip to Florida.

England's Prize



"Lady Grey" is the champion horse of Great Britain. Just recently she won the "King's Cup" at a London Horse Show.

REPORTS FROM SOUTH COUNTY MAY HIRE MACK JENNINGS OUT

New York, March 24.—Reports of improving weather conditions for new crop preparations in the South today seemed chiefly responsible for the declines of from 50 to 75 points in the cotton market. The decline extended to 27.25 for July while May broke to 28.52, making a net decline of approximately one cent a pound.

ASKS HOUSE TO TAKE ACTION ON CARAWAY

Washington, March 24.—The House was today asked by Representative Treadway, Republican, of Massachusetts to take "appropriate action" on the charge that Senator Carraway, Democrat, of Arkansas, had improperly criticized the House and Speaker Gillett in his Senate speech Saturday.

DAUGHERTY HEARING AGAIN UP WEDNESDAY

Washington, March 24.—Further hearings in the Senate investigation of Attorney General Daugherty were today postponed until Wednesday on account of the illness of Senator Wheeler, committee prosecutor, and to conflicting engagements by committee members.

MASKED MEN GET PIGGLY WIGGLY MONEY

Washington, March 24.—Four masked men today robbed two Piggly Wiggly store officials here of \$16,000 in a daylight automobile holdup.

SECRETARY WILBUR IS DULY INSTALLED

Washington, March 24.—Curtis Wilbur, new Secretary of the Navy, arrived in Washington today, conferred with the President, and was then installed at his desk at the Navy Department.

Hobo Finds "Uncle Joe" A Real Reg'lar Feller

One Tramp Got the Surprise of His Life When He Knocked at the Door of Residence of Former Speaker of House of Representatives at Capital

By HARRY A. HOLLADAY
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Danville, Ill., March 24.—The residence of "Uncle Joe" Cannon today bears those cabalistic chalked hydrophobes of the road that spell out to the great brotherhood of the unwashed—"regular folks here; don't pass it up." It was put there by one of the famous ex-Congressman's latest guests.

"Uncle Joe" was pottering around the house with the inevitable cigar in his mouth when there came a ring at the bell. Being the nearest person to the door, "Uncle Joe" opened it.

The man on the threshold, haggard, unkempt and shivering, started the usual "line" about a handout for a poor hungry man. "Uncle Joe" took one look at the figure with its torn clothes, at the coat collar turned up about a hairy neck, and swung wide the door.

"Come in," he urged. The hobo's eyes widened with astonishment. He seemed to suspect some trick, but "Uncle Joe" still reassured him, and he shuffled slowly into the big house.

"Uncle Joe" ushered him into the library—the same room where he has received hundreds of notables come to pay their respects—and seated him in a big chair. He pressed one of the Cannon cigars on his visitor, coaxed his own feet on the library table, and began to chat easily, amiably.

McAdoo Campaign Takes On New Lease Of Life

Victory in Georgia Turning Point and No Indication That Attempts of Enemies to Ascribe His Success in That State to K. K. K. Can Put Any Crimp in Campaign

By DAVID LAWRENCE
(Copyright, 1924, By The Advance)

Washington, March 22.—David Ladd Rockwell, campaign manager for William Gibbs McAdoo, said today that it was absurd to attribute the McAdoo landslide in Georgia to the influence of the Ku Klux Klan.

JONES APPEALS AND GIVES BOND

After Vain Plea to Save Client from State Prison Counsel Decides to Take Case to Supreme Court.

For nearly an hour Saturday afternoon able counsel pleaded before Judge W. A. Devin for the mercy of the court upon their client, Alex E. Jones of Newland, convicted by a Pasquotank jury Friday of manslaughter for the death of the defendant's hand of Alfred Ferebee, colored, who had been an employee of the family for more than 20 years, whereupon the defendant was sentenced to two years in the Pasquotank jail with leave to the County Commissioners to hire him out and pay his wife the sum of \$15 a month, or, in case any firm or individual wishes to hire him, the Clerk of the Superior Court will permit such firm or individual to do so upon payment of costs by the defendant and upon the defendant giving bond in the sum of \$500 for appearance at each term of Superior Court to show good behavior and for the payment of \$40 a month to his wife.

J. G. Jennings, for operating an automobile with open cutout, was found not guilty on verdict directed by the court.

George Reid, who has been having a controversy with the city police and recorder's court officials as to the payment of dog tax, was found not liable to this tax by a Pasquotank jury Friday.

In the case of Lemuel Griffin vs. J. G. Williams et al judgment was granted in favor of the plaintiff by reason of the failure of the defendants to file an answer to the complaint and the note in controversy was ordered cancelled.

The Elizabeth City Water Company noted an appeal from Judge Devin's decision denying the injunction asked for by the water company to prevent the issuing and sale of bonds on the part of the city or any other step on the part of the city looking to the establishment of publicly owned utilities and the case will now go to the State Supreme Court.

G. P. Hood is away on a business trip to Raleigh and other points. He is expected to be back on the first of April.

"Mr. Jones, I am very sorry to have to impose this sentence upon you, but I feel it my duty to do so." Counsel for the defense immediately gave notice of an appeal and the defendant was required to give appearance bond in sum of \$5,000 and appeal bond of \$100, which was promptly arranged and he returned home with his family, pending the appeal.

The theory of the defense in the Jones case was that Alfred Ferebee turned back after he had almost crossed the bridge leading from the Jones lot to the State highway and with open knife came at Jones saying that he was going to leave but before doing so he was going to cut Jones open. The weakness of the defense lay in the fact that the knife was never found nor even seen by any witness other than Jones himself, though Mrs. Jones did testify that while waiting for his money Alfred sat on the edge of the porch with his back toward her apparently whittling. Against the defendant also to the jury's mind probably was the significant fact that the club with which Alfred was hit seemed to have been carefully made way with; while the knife Ferebee was

DR. BIGGS RETIRES—WILL SUPPORT AYDLETT

Dr. John D. Biggs, Martin County candidate for Congress from the First Congressional District, has retired from the race, according to reports being circulated here today, and from a source believed by this newspaper to be reliable, comes information that Dr. Biggs will support the Elizabeth City candidate, E. F. Aydlett.

This news is encouraging to Mr. Aydlett's friends on this side of Albemarle Sound, who believed that Dr. Biggs would carry Martin and who now believe that Dr. Biggs' support will swing a big majority of the Martin County vote to the Elizabeth City man.

Reports of Mr. Aydlett's strength in Pitt and Martin strengthen the impression here that Mr. Aydlett will lead the field in the first primary and win out in the second.

"Mr. McAdoo's victory was so overwhelming," he declared, "that no single element brought it about."

"As for the Ku Klux Klan, the position of Mr. McAdoo, was not in doubt. A heckler in the crowd at Macon, Georgia, asked Mr. McAdoo what his attitude was toward the K. K. K. There were cries of 'put him out,' but Mr. McAdoo insisted that nobody should be put out of any of his meetings simply for asking a question. He then proceeded to make answer: 'I stand four square with respect to this and every other order on the immutable guarantee of liberty contained in the first amendment of the Constitution of the United States, that is for the freedom of religious worship, freedom of speech, freedom of the press and the right of peaceful assembly. He pointed out that the spirit of America was against religious intolerance. His answer was met with an outburst of cheers and applause."

"While we were confident of a victory in Georgia we had no idea that it would be a landslide. We recall that Woodrow Wilson stumped the state in 1912 but that Underwood carried it. The victory over Underwood today is significant of the way the South feels about McAdoo."

The campaign manager was in high spirits, declaring that the organization for McAdoo was growing so strong that it would without doubt be able to control the convention.

"The dispatches from Missouri after the second primary," he added, "did not give a clear picture of what happened there. We shall have a majority of the delegates at the Democratic state convention which is to be held shortly."

The state convention will be an interesting battle for while Senator Reed failed to carry the primary, his friends will be active in his behalf in the hope of preventing Missouri from endorsing McAdoo. The fight, on the other hand, for McAdoo is largely anti-Reed and there are many former Wilson men in Missouri who are not especially interested in seeing McAdoo nominated but who will join forces with the McAdoo men to bring about the repudiation of Senator Reed who, besides his breaks with the Wilson administration, is now charged with having dragged McAdoo into the oil controversy without justification.

Mr. Rockwell is having a series of conferences here with leading Democrats. He is an active person who knows pre-convention politics backwards and forwards. Four years ago he was the man who lined up so many states for James M. Cox of Ohio that he assisted materially in the final victory then. Mr. Rockwell realize that the charge of K. K. K. influence is being made against Mr. McAdoo but he calls it absurd.

"Look at Illinois," he remarked, Catholic, is managing the McAdoo campaign. Also in Wisconsin, the candidate for delegate at large is Tom Fleming, a Catholic. Would these men take so prominent a part in the McAdoo campaign if they were not satisfied that the man they are working for is free from religious prejudice?"

The victory in Georgia is undoubtedly a turning point in the whole McAdoo campaign. It meant a great deal to his candidacy for it was the first Southern primary after the recent revelations that he had accepted fees from corporations as an attorney after leaving public office. Had Georgia turned McAdoo down, it would have been the end of his candidacy. Conversely those who have been on the fence now are taking renewed interest in the campaign. The next fight is in South Dakota where the Hearst influence is behind the protest ticket. In Iowa there is a bitter fight. Wilbur Marsh who is one of the Western allies of Charles F. Murphy, George Brennan, and the so-called organization leaders of the Democratic party, is a candidate for national committeeman and is being fought by Clyde Herring, a McAdoo man, who recently ran for governor. The outcome is being awaited with peculiar interest by Democratic politicians for if McAdoo can get control of the Iowa delegation it will help him in neighboring states of the West.

Altogether the McAdoo campaign shows no evidence of diminishing energy but, on the contrary, seems to have taken on a new lease of life since the victory in Georgia.

KILLED IN COLLISION

Norfolk, March 24.—T. J. Creekmore of Norfolk and Charles B. Tarr of Danville were killed yesterday in the collision of an auto with a train at Wellsville.

Miss Lucile LeRoy and Miss Olive Wood left Saturday morning for Norfolk to spend the day and attended the dance Saturday night at the Monticello.