

PENELOPE LYONS CASE ENDS WITH VERDICT OF \$150

Montana Man Enters as Inter-Pleader, and Carries Off Bulk of Reward for Sykes' Arrest

LED WAY TO CABIN

Assisted Government Agents in Finding Home of Bank Teller Who Flew With Nearly \$26,000

A compromise between P. S. Gaunt, of Montana, inter-pleader in the case, and courts for Penelope Lyons, who fled with \$26,000, resulted in a speedy disposal of her suit at 2 o'clock today here yesterday afternoon, with Judge Henry A. Grady, of Clinton, presiding. A two weeks term, devoted to civil actions only, began Monday morning.

Penelope Lyons was serving for \$1,000 reward plus 10 per cent of the amount recovered through her discovery of the whereabouts of J. D. Sykes, Jr., former teller in the First Citizens National Bank here, who departed on the Sunday before Labor Day, 1922, with approximately \$26,000 of the bank's funds. The Lyons woman disappeared from Elizabeth City about the same time.

She returned in the fall of 1922. She was taken up in custody, and was questioned at length as to the whereabouts of Sykes. She refused to talk, and her mother pleaded with her. Then she agreed, with the understanding, she claims, that she would receive the reward, and that she would use it in Sykes' defense.

It was at this juncture that Gaunt, the inter-pleader, stepped into the picture. Government agents in Montana were informed where Sykes' mountain hideout was situated, but the district judge knew the lay of the land. Gaunt lived in a nearby town, and knew the country. He led the way to Sykes' cabin. Then, later, he claimed the reward.

The Fidelity & Deposit Company, of Charlotte, Sykes' bondsmen, were the defendants in the suit yesterday. They appeared willing to pay over the \$15,000 reward which, together with 10 per cent of the \$17,000 recovered from the original \$26,000, amounted to a good sized sum. But, naturally, they wished insurance there was no possibility to the proper individual.

Penelope Lyons was represented by Aydtell & Simpson. They expressed the opinion that if she had been able to pay the expense of gathering the proper evidence in Montana, they could have beaten Gaunt. She was not, however, and hence was left somewhat in a three-way dilemma, and, with the usual allowance for good behavior, will be freed the latter part of next month.

The unexpected sudden ending of the Lyons case occurred early in the afternoon. Anticipating that it would require all afternoon for trial, attorneys in other case on the docket were called upon to assist in this morning. Penelope Lyons was not present at the trial. She is said to be living in Norfolk now.

ANDERSON BACK AS COUNTY FARM AGENT

Hertford, Dec. 20. J. W. Anderson, who two years ago was county agent, but last year gave up the job to become manager for White & Company, local merchants, is to again take up his work as county agent beginning Monday morning, according to announcements made by the chairman of the county council, members, who elected Mr. Anderson at the December meeting of the county commissioners.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Dec. 20.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Jan. 20.20, March 19.94, May 19.40, July 18.97, Oct. 18.45.

New York, Dec. 20.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 20.45, a decline of 45 points. Futures, closing bid: Jan. 19.65, March 19.52, May 19.12, July 18.75, Oct. 18.11.

Making of Professional Beggars Was a Fine Art

Presence of Two Members of Fraternity in Elizabeth City Recalls Skillful Operations Performed for Folks Who Don't Like to Work

The fact that two members of the Elizabeth City Fraternity, who were known to the police as "the boys who don't like to work," had been seen in the city for some time, and were being followed by the police, was a source of much interest to the public. The boys were known to be in the city for some time, and were being followed by the police. The boys were known to be in the city for some time, and were being followed by the police.

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Proposal Reserve Bank Interesting

Charlotte, Dec. 20. An announcement of the hearing on January 15 by the Federal Reserve Board on the proposal to establish a branch of the Fifth Federal Reserve Bank was received with interest here. The plan to establish a branch in some city of the Carolinas has been up a year.

THINK HOBO BLAME FOR EDENTON FIRE

Edenton, Dec. 20. The small fire which at 9 o'clock yesterday morning got the people hurrying to the power plant, where it was found a wooden barn creek of the engine room was a complete blaze, threatening the \$100,000 electric plant of the city.

INTERNAL REVENUE COMMITTEE MEETS

Washington, Dec. 20. The special senate committee investigating the Internal Revenue Bureau met today in executive session to discuss the amortization section preparatory to drafting a final report.

BANDITS ROB BANK IN MIDST OF CROWD

Kansas City, Dec. 20. Four bandits obtained about \$17,000 in silver and currency today in the daring hold up of the Arkley State Bank in the downtown business district. Scores of persons passed the bank during the robbery.

TIME SHORT NOW TO GET ADVANCE AT \$1 FOR YEAR

At this time and a half of The Advance was at the office early this morning to extend his subscription for three years at the old rate and receive the \$3 a year rate. In the city there are a great many who have always paid for their copy by the week or month, but they are not affected by the 12 cents a week rate by which the paper is carried, which goes into effect in a week, with the expiration of their first subscription at the new rate on Saturday, January 3.

Until the close of business Thursday evening, December 24, the subscription price of The Advance by carrier in the city will be \$1 a year, \$2.25 for six months, \$4.25 for three months, 42 cents for one month, or 10 cents for a week. The subscription price of The Advance by carrier in the city will be \$1 a year, \$2.25 for six months, \$4.25 for three months, 42 cents for one month, or 10 cents for a week.

URGES FOLKS SEE 'FIT TO MARRY'

Manager Burgess Declares Thursday's Picture Important Lesson

Perhaps the most daring play ever produced will be shown at the Alhambra theater when "Are You Fit to Marry?" opens tomorrow for one day only, says Manager Burgess. As an educational feature it should be seen by every one, young and old. The screen has had most everything our authors could conceive if it fell to the well known Jack Lait to introduce a real novelty.

He introduced characters with whom we are all acquainted, in many instances it seems, he has forgotten all about our false modesty and cynicism and gave us a real job, as he forces us to admit that on some we have tried so hard to evade discussion, which we have considered "Not Nice" to talk about, has slowly worked its way into our city, our neighborhood and our home.

JUNIOR ROTARIANS GUESTS LOCAL CLUB

With some 300 members from the city and the holidays, the Junior Rotarians had their annual Christmas party at the city hall, which was held on Wednesday night. The party was a most successful one, and the members of the club were most generous in their contributions.

THEATRE IN HINTON BLOCK SEEN AS EARLY PROSPECT

Plans for a thoroughly modern theater which would be erected at the rear of the Hinton Building in the square recently acquired by the Carolina Banking & Trust Company, were discussed at a meeting of the bank's directors Tuesday afternoon, but no definite action was taken.

SOUND COUNTRY TIGHTLY IN GRIP OF JACK FROST

Boat Service From Minton, W. and K. and Kitty Hawk Suspended; Boat Held Fast by Ice

HARBORS ARE FROZEN

No Further Word Received From Ramsey, Snow and Milton Haskel, Whose Craft Was Wrecked

North Carolina Sound country, in an unbroken grip of frost, today, on Monday, December 21, and the ice was so thick that the boats from Minton, W. and K. and Kitty Hawk were suspended. The boat held fast by ice.

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Elizabeth City Makes Profit Florida Deal

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NEW REPORTS FROM ELIZABETH

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REMYN'S SAIL THRO'

Myrtle Beach, S. C., Dec. 20. The Remyn family, who have been in the city for some time, are expected to sail through the city on their way to Florida.

Negro Bank Cashier Arrested On Charge Embezzling \$34,000

W. H. Holland, Cashier of Bank, Was Arrested On Charge Embezzling \$34,000

W. H. Holland, cashier of the Negro Bank, was arrested on the charge of embezzling \$34,000. The bank was located in Elizabeth City, N. C.

THEFT OF RING INVOLVED BOYS

Two Stolen From Child Holmes and Passed from One to Another

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PERQUISITES IN ELIZABETH CITY

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