

THOMPSON FREED BY CHICAGO JURY

Man Who Posed As Woman And Lived As A "Wife" Charged With Murder

Chicago, Oct. 5.—Fred G. Thompson, who admitted being the husband of one woman while he lived as the wife of another man, was found not guilty of murder of Richard C. Tesmer, shot in a holdup, by a jury here today, the verdict being returned after approximately two hours deliberations.

The case was given to the jury after Assistant State's Attorney McCarthy concluded his closing argument and Judge John E. Caverly read instructions to the jury.

Thompson's attorney had stressed what he claimed was the feminine personality in Thompson and Judge Caverly at several times spoke of the prisoner as "lady."

Thompson, taking the stand in his own defense near the close of the defense' presentation of evidence, broke down and sobbed like a woman, declaring he could not kill a cat.

The defendant had been arrested by police on a tip that a man dressing repeatedly as a woman was seen going in and out of the apartment of Frank Carrick. This came shortly after the fatal shooting of Tesmer at the hands of a "smiling woman handit" who, with a male companion, held up Tesmer and his wife as they drove up to their garage one night.

Mrs. Tesmer testified that Thompson was the one who shot her husband.

Thompson said he had dressed as a boy during childhood, but "felt easier" in girl's clothing and when he later came to Chicago from Columbus, Ohio, assumed woman's attire. He married Frank Carrick and later married Marie Clark.

OIL MACHINERY FOR THE PRIMARY

Few Issues And Only Three Candidates In Second District

Kinston, Oct. 5.—The machinery is being oiled for the special primary to be held in eight North Carolina counties Saturday to select a successor to Claude Kitchen, deceased, as representative of the Second district in congress. A vote of 15,000 to 19,000 is anticipated. There are few issues. The three candidates are N. James Rouse, of Kinston; Juge John Kerr, of Warrenton, and Richard Allbrook of Taboro. The balloting

will be conducted on simple lines.

Polls will be open from sunrise until sunset. Registration, the local voters have been informed, can be attended to at the polls in cases where eligibles have failed to qualify at previous elections. Sick persons ab-

sent from their precincts, may use absentee blanks. Locally these are available at the offices of the candidate and Elisha B. Lewis, his manager.

The primary, it is understood here, may be the first of the kind to be

held in the United States since President Coolidge was inducted. It will have no bearing on the National political situation, since the election to follow the primary balloting will be a mere formality, probably without

candidates, the two survivors of the first primary will present themselves at a second primary. The district is comprised by Lenoir, Greene, Wilson, Edgecombe, Bertie, Halifax, Northampton and Warren counties.

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