

CHARLOTTE WOMAN GOES ON TRIAL FOR LIFE

FORTY-NINE GEORGIA BANKS HAVE CLOSED THIS WEEK

Fate Of Nellie Freeman Will Soon Rest In Hands Of Jury Hearing The Case

Young Bride Who In a Fit of Jealousy Slashed the Throat of Her Husband, Sits in Charlotte Court Room a Dejected Figure While Witnesses Tell of Her Tragic Deed—Dead Man's Mother Star Witness

Charlotte, July 14.—Nellie Freeman, charged with slaying her husband, Alton Freeman, by slashing his throat with a razor, went on trial for her life here today.

The entire morning session was devoted to selection of a jury, after which relatives and friends of the dead man were placed on the witness stand.

Eight witnesses testified for the state during the afternoon session and repeated the lurid story of the crime while the youthful prisoner sat between attorneys and her mother and listened in apparent nonchalance.

Mrs. Nannine Freeman, mother of the victim, was the first to take the witness stand. She recited details of the married life of her son and described the killing in a strong, straightforward tone.

The witness said that on the night her son died she went to his room and found him packing his clothes. She said she asked him if he was "mad at Nellie."

"Mamma, I told you the next time she cussed me I was going to leave her," the witness quoted her son as saying.

Turning to the events of her son's death, Mrs. Freeman said she heard him walking rapidly, and then he whistled around. Blood was running from his mouth, she testified. She said she put both of her hands to his jaw and asked him if his wife had hit him in the mouth.

"No, mamma, she cut me," she said her son replied.

"With what?" she said she asked him.

"With a razor," she testified he said.

"I held him until he went down," she continued. "He was dead in less than ten minutes."

Mrs. Freeman stated that Nellie came in about thirty minutes later with Luther, her husband's brother holding her. Nellie said that Luther need not hold her, that she would not run off, the witness said.

"Nellie just sat there, never shed a tear and said she wanted to be punished," Mrs. Freeman told the court. Chief Popperman, of the rural police force, declared he found the dead man on the floor of the room, the blood spilling from ear to ear.

Testimony will be resumed tomorrow.

DRUNKEN DRIVERS WILL GO TO ROBESON COUNTY ROADS

Lumberton, July 14.—Automobile accidents, due to a mixture of gasoline and liquor, have become so frequent in Robeson county until P. S. Kornegay, recorder of the Lumberton district, has announced in court and through the press that he is going to send to the roads every man, regardless of color or position, who is convicted in his court of driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor.

Next Tobacco Season In This City Will Be the Best Ever, Thinks W. C. Denmark

Indications are, said W. C. Denmark, secretary of the Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce, in an interview given a News representative yesterday, that the forthcoming tobacco season in this city will prove to be the best in the history of the place, from the standpoint of the amount of pounds sold.

Warehousemen have been visiting all parts of this section recently and assuring the growers that they will find here every facility for the sale of their weed and urging them by all means bring their first load to Goldsboro.

Scores have declared that they would do this, said Mr. Denmark, and he feels certain that local merchants, manufacturers, bankers and all others will do everything within their power to back the warehousemen up in all assurances which they are giving the growers.

She's the Youngest Woman Attorney In The Whole Country



Miss Margaret A. Latchem, 27 years old, is said to be the youngest woman assistant district attorney in the U. S. She was recently appointed to serve in the western district of Missouri.

MT. OLIVE BOY NOT INJURED

Alton J. Hunter Had Been Reported Hurt In Magazine Explosion in N. J.

When the news of the disaster caused by the explosion of the naval ammunition plant at Denmark, N. J., last Saturday was flashed over the world, the name of one Wayne county boy, Alton J. Hunter, of Mount Olive, was among those listed as "unaccounted for."

Graves fears were entertained for the safety of young Hunter by relatives and friends but yesterday word was received that he had been located at the United States Marine Barracks, at New York City.

Only on North Carolinian Private member of a detachment of marines who had been sent to Lake Denmark for target practice just before the fatal blast was among those injured and reports state that he was only slightly hurt.

BALLOON FORCED DOWN

Chicago, July 14.—The balloon Greater St. Louis, piloted by Captain H. E. Honeywell and his daughter, Edna was forced down at 4:30 a. m. today at Thompsonville, Ill. Honeywell reported to National Aeronautics Association officials here. The other three balloons in the national race which began here last night have not been heard from officially.

AGED RESIDENT DIES SUDDENLY

Mr. Dortch Baker Passes Away at His Home on East Elm Street Yesterday

Death came suddenly to one of Goldsboro's oldest citizens shortly after a o'clock yesterday afternoon with the passing of Mr. Dortch Baker at his home, No. 209 East Elm street.

The deceased had been a resident of Goldsboro practically all of his life. He was about sixty years of age and was one of the most accomplished cabinet makers in this part of the state. He was a member of St. Paul Methodist church and the funeral service, which will be held at an hour on Friday to be announced later, will be conducted by Rev. J. M. Dapfel, pastor of the same, the interment to be made here.

Mr. Baker is survived by one son, Mr. R. L. Baker, of Birmingham, Ala., a step-son, Mrs. Earl Suggs, also of Birmingham and one sister, Mrs. W. H. Barries of this city.

SLAYER APPEARS UNCONCERNED

David Smith, Negro Held In Jail On Murder Charge, Doesn't Realize Gravity

David Smith, colored, aged about sixty years and who a few weeks ago made a murderous attack upon Norman Rose, aged about 45 years, his son-in-law in the Saulton section and who has been in the Wayne county jail since that time is facing the serious charge of having killed his victim with no real thought of the gravity of his situation.

The old man told a News representative yesterday that he "didn't see how" they were going to try him on a murder charge when Rose had taken a shot at him with his pistol, the ball entering his (Smith's) body.

However, when the coroner investigated the affair he learned that Smith had gone home and secured his shot gun and walked more than a

both barrels of his gun into the latter's body, struck him over the head and fractured his skull.

Thus far Smith has not secured legal counsel and seems to be taking the matter more or less philosophically.

GEORGIA BANK RAILS

Greensboro, Ga., July 14.—The Georgia State Bank of Greensboro failed to open today. The bank was affiliated with the Bankers' Trust Company of Atlanta. Its failure follows that of the First National Bank of Greensboro last December and leaves the town without a bank.

Georges Carpentier And His Family Are Re-united In The United States



The Carpentiers are reunited as the S. S. Paris arrives. The famous Georges, in America for exhibition bouts and for stage appearances as an expert and eccentric dancer, greets his wife and their little daughter, Jacqueline.

BIG BUILDING PROGRAM NOW IN PROGRESS HERE

While This Has Not Reached "Boom" Propensity, Contractors and Builders Predict That Before the End of the Year the Total Amount of Construction Work in This City Will Be Greater Than Has For Several Years Been the Case

While there is no unprecedented building boom in progress in Goldsboro at the present time, it is a fact that the sound of the hammer and saw are heard on nearly every side and contractors and builders are responsible for the statement that in addition to the building which is now in progress much more is being contemplated to be gotten under way as soon as possible.

Among the outstanding building projects under way just at present are the new high school building out to the north of Herman Park the new church being erected by the friends on north William street, the magnificent dwelling being built at the corner

of West Ash and George streets by Mr. W. E. Stroud, the new five-story home of Rayall & Borden, which is being built on West Walnut street, the remodeling of the home of the National Bank of Goldsboro at the corner of John and Walnut streets and several other buildings upon which work is in progress.

NEW SERIAL IS VERY POPULAR

"Broken Hearts of Hollywood" Makes An Appeal to Readers of The News

The serial story "Broken Hearts of Hollywood" is the most popular of the readers of this paper, and is fast proving to be one of the most popular which has ever been run in this city.

It is a story of love and romance, marked by a dash of the usual line of sex stuff, and is one which meets with popular approval at the hands of both men and women.

It is a clean story throughout in every way and will prove interesting and entertaining.

EXPOSITION IN COURT

Philadelphia, July 14.—An injunction aimed to close the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition on Spacelys was sought in common pleas court today.

AUTO ACCIDENT PROVES FATAL

Young Negro Dies As Result of Being Run Down at Mount Olive Last Night

Garland Swinson, seventeen-year-old, was killed last night by an automobile driven by J. D. Fuson, also colored.

The injured youth lived but a short while and immediately after his death Coroner Tom Robinson was called to the scene to make an investigation.

This resulted in exoneration of the driver of the death car, the accident plainly being "hazy" liable.

FIVE ARE DEAD AS RESULT OF ICE SNOW FALL

Johannesburg, July 14.—Five persons are dead and telephone and telegraph communications are disrupted as the result of a severe snowstorm.

TRIO INDICTED DUPLIN COURT CHARGE FOR CRY

True Bills Are Returned Against Three of Town's Prominent Citizens

Kenansville, July 14.—H. L. Stevens, Sr., J. K. Powell, and R. L. Best, former mayor of Warsaw, were indicted in the Duplin County superior court yesterday on charges of forging and counterfeiting \$80,000 worth of town of Warsaw notes.

Listed in the original bills but with their names scratched out in the true bills as returned by the grand jury were Henry L. Stevens, Jr., State Commander of the American Legion, and Joe H. Best, of Warsaw. It is understood that the names of these men were not even sent to the grand jury, but were scratched out by Solicitor Powers who could see no basis for the charges against them. Commandant Stevens personally made good the bills of the Legion due to the failure of the Bank of Warsaw.

Eighteen bills of indictments against J. K. Powell, of Warsaw, vice-president of the defunct Bank of Warsaw, were returned, charging Powers with total defalcation of \$84,984.88.

Special Term Probable

None of the cases are expected to be brought to trial at this term of court, but it is understood here that a special term of court for the trial of the cases will be asked. The next regular criminal term here begins October 3. It is expected that the special term will be asked for the week just before the regular term.

The eighteen indictments returned against Powell set out only six specific defalcations ranging all the way from \$17 to \$40,000. The other four sums alleged to have been embezzled are \$10,441.57, \$9,854.37, \$2,598.06, and \$1,185.48.

Powell will also face charges of embezzling Liberty Bonds amounting to \$3,500.

Makes Good Part of Loss

It was stated here today that Powell is reported to have made good approximately \$25,000 of the alleged losses.

I. M. Bailey, attorney for the Corporation, was in Kenansville today assisting Solicitor Powers in drawing the bills sent to the grand jury.

Four bills of indictment were returned in the town note forgery cases. All the notes were payable through the Hanover National bank of New York City. This bank is understood to have received \$70,000 of the notes and the Murchison National bank of Wilmington, \$10,000.

The witnesses against the three men indicted for forging the notes were H. F. Picoe, Mayor of Warsaw, and L. H. Brown, J. E. Williams, D. C. Sheffield, all members of the Warsaw Board of Commissioners and J. W. Yates, of the Murchison National bank. The alleged forgery of the notes has already been made the cause of action in a suit brought against the defendants by the town of Warsaw.

The grand jury deliberated over the indictments all day. The true bills charging Powers with a defalcation were not returned until five o'clock this afternoon and those charging forgery of the town notes were not returned until seven o'clock tonight.

The three indicted on the forgery charges are all prominent here. H. L. Stevens, Sr., was president, and J. K. Powell was active vice-president of the Bank of Warsaw. H. L. Best was mayor of the town.

Warsaw is rent by bitterness as a result of the failure of the bank several months ago. Friends of Powell say that he is not alone culpable for the bank failure. Friends of the other two men indicted say that they are victims of circumstances created by Powell and blame Powell.

Atlanta Bank Which Controlled a String of Smaller Institutions Gets Into Financial Difficulties and Trouble For Others Follows—New York Bankers Deny That Florida Bank Checks Not Be Honored

Atlanta, Ga., July 14.—Forty-nine Georgia state banks have closed their doors this week, the State Banking Department announced today.

The closing was largely attributed to the appointment today of a receiver-ship for the Bankers' Trust Company, of Atlanta, the operating company of a chain of banks in the state.

Judge Orville Park, of Macon, general counsel for the Georgia Banking Association, who has been in the office of the State Department of Banking advising with members of that department, said that most of the banks which closed today were relying on the Bankers Trust Company, of Atlanta for funds and when that organization closed they also were forced to close.

Congressman Asks

Kissimmee, Fla., July 14.—Congressman Joe Sears, acting on reports reaching him that orders had been issued and understanding reached on a general agreement made that Northern banks were not to accept a check on a Florida bank, appealed today to J. W. McIninch, comptroller of currency at Washington.

Bankers Deny

New York, July 14.—Representative New York bankers said tonight they knew nothing of a reported agreement by northern bankers not to accept checks on Florida banks. When told an appeal had been made to the comptroller of the currency on the basis of the report, New York bankers said so far as they knew business was being carried on as usual with recognized Florida banks.

Make Survey

Washington, July 14.—A hurried survey of federal banking officials during the past few days has convinced Governor Crisfinger, of the Federal Reserve Board, that national banks and state bank members of the Federal Reserve System in Georgia and Florida are in "good shape."

Governor Crisfinger said that there were about a dozen state bank members of the Federal Reserve System in Florida and that while they do not report on their condition to the comptroller of the currency, general indications were that none of them were in danger of being forced to close.

STORM TO SOUTH CITY YESTERDAY

Considerable Damage Reported to Have Been Caused in Wilmington Sector

While this city was visited yesterday by only a slight downfall of rain, reports from sections further South, especially near Wilmington, were to the effect that there had been a storm of cyclonic intensity and that this had done considerable damage to crops and to some property.

For hours yesterday afternoon and last night long distance telephone connection between Goldsboro and the Cape Fear city was impossible and the local office reported that it did not know how soon this trouble could be remedied.