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15 ADDITIONAL BANKS CLOSE IN GEORGIA; 4 FLORIDA

Charlotte Woman Pronounced Feeble Minded By Virginia Alienist

NELLIE FREEMAN TAKES STAND IN OWN DEFENSE

Throng Pack Into the Court House Where Young Girl Is On Trial Had Made Treats to Kill

Charlotte, July 15.—The death trial of Nellie Freeman charged with the slaying of her young husband reached a high point today when Dr. James K. Hall, of Virginia, alienist, took the stand as a defense witness and pronounced the girl as feeble minded, and incapable of distinguishing between right and wrong.

Next followed a detailed narrative by the girl of her early life, dramatically reenacted before the jury of the crime. "I cannot conceive of her having a more unsound mind. She is a child in mind, emotion and attitude," Dr. Hall said.

"She was afraid to testify, or talk to me. She had a fear of assassination by relatives of her dead husband if she appeared in court to tell her story of the killing." "She lived in a state of constant terror as the result of having been dominated and terrorized by men until she feared 'bill men.'" "She is practically a physical dwarf. Whether her condition was brought about by circumstances before her birth or developed afterward is a matter for conjecture."

"Her mind has developed to the same extent as her body." She has the body of a dwarf, and the mind of a child. "Both are about half as big as necessary."

The crowd got its first thrill of the day, when Attorney Jake Newell, after the state had rested called for "Miss Nellie Freeman" to take the stand. On the day of her husband's death, she said she had given him \$2.00 for expenses at a barber shop, and had made an engagement to meet him later in the day to buy a hat, and that a bitter dispute had precipitated at the Square, when he told her of his intention to steal a quantity of whiskey for sale. She said she went home, threw herself across the bed, and remained without meals until Alton her husband returned.

Breaks World's Walking Record



Miss D. E. Crossley, above, of Middlesex, England, now holds the world's record for the 880-yard walk, having set a new record at the women's A. A. A. meet at Stanford Bridge recently.

DIRECTORS ARE PLANNING BIG FAIR THIS FALL

Secretary Very Much Enthusiased Over Prospects For This Year

Plans for a bigger fair for this fall, than has ever been held in Wayne county are being planned by the directors of the Fair Association. This body of men will convene this morning at 10:00 o'clock in the parlors of the Chamber of Commerce to go over, and perfect plans now under consideration.

Mr. Walter Denmark, secretary of the fair association is very much enthused over the plans for this year, and with the able support of the other officials of that organization many new features will doubtless be inaugurated and included in the program.

Charlotte, July 15.—The State rested its case against Mrs. Nellie Freeman, "razor girl," charged with the murder of her husband while she embraced him, at 11:15 a. m. today.

Mrs. A. C. Collins corroborated testimony yesterday of Mrs. J. N. Winzatic, given yesterday, to the effect that Mrs. Freeman had said she would kill her husband if "he didn't change his ways."

Evidence on the same subject was corroborated by others before the rested.

Character Witnesses

Character witnesses for the Freeman family were the first presented to the court today.

The father and mother of the slain man, "razor girl," charged with the murder of her husband while she embraced him, at 11:15 a. m. today.

The Rev. J. A. Smith, pastor of the Big Springs Methodist church, near here, was the first witness to take the stand this morning. He said that the character of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Freeman was good. He also testified as to observing the good conduct of the defendant.

CALLS DOCTOR AND IS PUT IN SHACKLES

Clayton Smith, Former Prisoner in Crawford's County Convict Camp on Stand

Albemarle, N. C., July 15.—(P)—Clayton Smith, a former convict, testified today in the trial of N. C. Crawford former convict boss charged with the murder of two negroes that Crawford beat the negroes with a stick like a man fighting a snake.

Crawford struck the negroes James Howell and James Terry a dozen or more times, and then jabbed the stick in the mouth of one of the convicts, Smith stated. He said Crawford beat the negroes enough to die. The witness stated that Crawford made him work once with a blistered foot that became so painful that he had to crawl. "Why didn't you ask for a doctor?" a prosecuting attorney questioned. "Because another boy had asked for a doctor, and Crawford told him that he would get him a doctor, and threw a 38 revolver on him."

The witness deposed that on one occasion he was not getting enough to eat, and wrote home for food. "A guard told me he would slip my letter through Crawford, but Crawford caught him with the letter and bawled him out, and shackled me." Smith said his leg was swollen to two or three times their normal size.

Albemarle, July 15.—(P)—How on one occasion when he was suffering from blood poison and requested a physician he was threatened with a whipping instead and placed in double shackles, was related to the jury by Nevin C. Crawford, former Stanley County superintendent, today. Clayton Smith, former prisoner of Crawford, was the witness who told of the alleged cruelties inflicted by the "farmhand."

Later Pardon

Smith was later pardoned by the government upon his promise to join the army.

He was cross-examined by H. H. McClendon, of Wadesboro, who attempted to prove kinship existed between the witnesses for the State.

Smith admitted that he was a relative by blood or marriage with a member of the witnesses called by the prosecution and said that all but one of them came to the Stanley County chain-gang from Montgomery at the same term of court.

Sordid Stories

The second day of the trial opened this morning with a background of sordidness painted by state witnesses yesterday.

S. P. Thompson, Montgomery county farmer and former convict, told the jury that Crawford had often whipped the prisoners and said that shortly before James Terry and James Howell died that he had forced them to take ten grains of calomel each one night and a pint of salts each to the following morning.

Clay Smith, another farmer of Montgomery, and a former prisoner under Crawford, told of alleged cruelties that the superintendent had forced upon them.

Six additional witnesses are to be presented by the prosecution today.

FAVORIT, DETECTIVE, QUILTS AFTER 30 YEARS

New York, July 15.—(P)—Third world-famed detective, resigned today after 30 years' service with the police department.

He had won an international reputation as a finger-print expert and authority of facial and bodily characteristics of criminals.

Noblewoman Turns Dressmaker



Lady Diana Furse, daughter of Lt. Gen. Sir William Furse, and a member of the most select English aristocracy, has a flair for designing—particularly wedding gowns. Many of the season's smartest brides have worn wedding gowns designed by Lady Diana.

DOCTOR, WIFE HELD RESULT OF GIRL'S DEATH

21-Year-Old Youth Assumed Blame For Condition of Miss Greene

Doston, July 15.—Warrants charging murder were issued this morning for Dr. Thomas E. Walsh and his wife who were alleged to have performed an illegal operation on Miss Edith J. Green, state ward, whose dismembered body was found on Tuesday.

James V. Ford, a 21-year-old shipping clerk, was arrested today after he assumed blame for the condition of Miss Greene. He named a southern physician responsible for the operation which led to her death.

Ford said he had taken the girl to the doctor. He received an urgent call from the physician on Sunday, he said, and upon reaching his office, found the girl had died.

He said he refused to assist in the disposition of the body, which was subsequently discovered near a cemetery wall by a laborer on his way to work.

An officer of a doctor was raided by the police last night.

Dr. Walsh is well known to the police. He has been convicted of practice without a license and has been arrested on other charges. In 1912, he was held for a time as a suspicious person in connection with an abortion case and in 1920 after he had been indicted for an alleged illegal operation.

He was not prosecuted. A little later he was found not guilty of violation of the federal narcotic law.

In September 1923 following a complaint by the state board of registration in medicine that Walsh was holding himself out as a practicing physician without a license, he was convicted and fined \$200.

IS MORE BANKS FAIL

Atlanta, July 15.—Eighteen other Georgia banks closed their doors today, following in the wake of 49 others which have closed this week following the collapse of Bankers Trust Company. The State Banking Department announced.

IDENTIFIED AS WOMAN SEEN WITH ORMISTON

Auto Dealer at Tucson Declares He Saw Her With Men and Women

Los Angeles, July 15.—(P)—Alma Temple, daughter of the late Senator Temple, has been identified as the woman who accompanied Kenneth W. Ormiston, former radio operator at the Temples when he drove his automobile Salinas garage early on the morning of May 29th.

Eleven days after the Evangelist had disappeared from Santo Monica, Joe Ryan deputy district declared when he appeared as a witness at the close of the Grand Jury session late today.

The Grand Jury decided late this afternoon to give G. E. Pate auto dealer at Tucson who has declared he saw Mrs. McPherson in company with two men and a woman several nights prior to her dramatic reappearance, and opportunity to identify the Evangelist, Roland Woolley, attorney for Mrs. McPherson was instructed to have the Evangelist and four woman members of the congregation appear in the blue and white costumes worn by temple workers.

Pate was to be asked to pick from the group the woman he says he saw in Agua Prieta, and declared to be Mrs. McPherson.

Berlenbach-Delaney About Postponed

New York, July 15.—The Paul Berlenbach-Jack Delaney bout has been postponed until tomorrow. The announcement was made after hope had been held out all day for a session of rainy weather. A fresh downpour of rain after five o'clock caused promoter Pugazey to determine to put his show off until tomorrow night.

TO "SAVE" BELGIUM FRANC

Brussels, Belgium, July 15.—Parliament today gave King Albert full power to institute by decree measures to save the franc. The full power was adopted by the chamber of deputies, 139 to 9 with four abstentions.

The victims of yesterday's fray, Detectives Hammill and Hoffman and two of the four prisoners they were taking to jail after a raid on an alleged silk thieves' rendezvous, were recovering in hospitals today. Their assailants escaped.

FLORIDA BANKS REPORTED BE MEMBERS OF A SYSTEM

SAFETY RAZORS ALL THE RAGE IN CHARLOTTE NOW

Raleigh, July 15.—Safety razors have been at a premium in Charlotte ever since Mrs. Nellie Freeman succeeded in almost severing her husband's head with a shaver of the old fashioned persuasion according to J. M. Bailey, attorney at the State Corporation Commission, who has recently made a business trip to the Queen City.

Married men who have been using the unguarded razors have been hastily putting them out of the reach of their wives and have been learning to mow their whiskers with the latest safety devices, said Mr. Bailey.

He stated that he was told that the morning after the fatal cutting took place that the shores of a lake near Charlotte were crowded with shamed benedicts disposing of their cutlery.

SEVEN SHOT IN N. Y. GUN FIGHT

Thousands of People on Way to Theater Terrorized by Masked Bandits

New York, July 15.—(P)—For the second time in thirty-six hours a gun battle was fought along crowded thoroughfares last night. Seven persons, three of them women, were wounded by bullets when police battled a hold-up man on Broadway tonight at thousands of persons were going to theaters.

Four men were shot down at the peak of the rush hour near the old Madison Square Garden yesterday afternoon when gangsters attempted to free prisoners being taken to jail by detectives.

Gunman Taken

Glen Miller, 36, of Buffalo, was captured after a gun fight in the "Roaring Forties", during which he fired a dozen shots at policemen and was wounded four times.

Miller had attempted to hold up the patrons of a restaurant on Eighth Avenue near Fifty-first Street. Instead of obeying his command of hands up, men in the restaurant rushed him. He fled, pursued by his intended victims, who enlisted traffic policemen in the chase.

A taxi-cab driver attempted to run him down as he crossed Broadway. The cab smashed across the curb onto the sidewalk scattering scores of men and women.

Five-Minute Battle

Miller took refuge in a store entrance and opened fire with a large calibre automatic. The police returned the fire from several directions, and the whole district was thrown into panic by the screams of the wounded and the crash of shattered plate glass windows. After five minutes Miller fell, too weak to continue firing.

All of the wounded were taken to hospitals. Ambulance surgeons attended a score of women who fainted or became hysterical.

Miller was said to be in a critical condition.

Phillip Argus of Bayonne, N. J., was shot in the leg, his daughter, Edith, 18 was wounded in the arm, Stephanie Stephenson was shot through the shoulder, Bella Susal received a facial wound, and Louis Stern and Waldine Zedig were wounded in the arm and leg.

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Examiner Says He Thinks Some of the Banks Will Be Found in Good Shape

Atlanta, Ga., July 15.—Fifteen additional state banks in Georgia, and four in Florida tonight were listed as having closed their doors following the bankruptcy proceedings instituted against the Bankers Trust Company of Atlanta. This brought the total of failures in Georgia to sixty-four. The closing, in financial circles, was attributed to the bankruptcy proceedings against the Bankers Trust Company, which was a financial company for a string of one hundred and twenty banks. The four Florida banks were reported to have been members of the system. Many of the banks, the department said, would probably be opened as other financial arrangements could be arranged.

The examiner said that he thought some of the banks would be found in good shape, as they had turned their affairs over to them pending the arrangement of other financial arrangements.

Washington, July 15.—Financial corporation which have refused to accept checks drawn on Florida promised the government today, to stop the practice.

SOUTH'S BANKS IN NO DANGER

Closing of Banks in Georgia Will Have No Effect on Other Southern Banks

Washington, July 15.—(P)—National banks in the South are in no danger as the result of the closing of state banks in Georgia, in the opinion of officials of the Federal Reserve Board who today conducted some easy summing up of the situation.

The board met in special session to survey conditions in Georgia, but it was said afterwards there was no necessity for sending additional reserves to the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank.

The view was held that the difficulties of the state banks were the outgrowth of real estate operations upon which most of the bank's securities were based. The fact that nearly all of the banks belonged to a chain system outside of the reserve system was held significant by the board members.

While expressing a sympathetic attitude, government officials insisted there was nothing they could do.

Secretary Mellon and others said that the banks in Georgia and other southern banks were refusing to accept checks on Georgia or Florida banks.

Representative Sears of Florida complained yesterday there had been such a refusal affecting Florida banks.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, July 15.—Cotton futures closed steady at a net 4 points to 5 of this down. January 17.25; March 17.54; May 17.68; October 17.28; December 17.80. New York cotton spot steady middling 18.55.

In Paris the woman should erect a statue to the chef who stabbed a man for criticizing the dinner.