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TOM JONES' FATE HANGS WITH THE 12 JURORS

Little Laura Jones Tells of the
Awful Crime

HER STORY TO AVENGE
HER MOTHER'S DEATH

Solicitor Pou Conducted the Case for the
State and B. C. Beckwith Esq. for
the Prisoner—Court Room
Packed.

Wake County Court House was packed and jammed this morning with a multitude of Raleigh people and people from the country who came to witness the trial of Tom Jones, charged with the murder of Ella Jones, her daughter, Ida Jones, and burning their bodies with the bodies of the four Jones children on the night of Wednesday or the morning of Thursday of last week about a mile east of Garner, and about six miles of this city.

Court convened at 10 o'clock promptly. Judge Hoke found the court room crowded when he reached the room and soon after he took his seat the aisles and bar were so thickly filled that there was no room for another person to stand. Eagerly the mob watched for the entrance of the prisoner, and when he was brought from the jail and entered the room through the door on the bridge, there was a heavy murmuring through the audience. Men stood on the seats and the few women in the court room stood up to watch the prisoner's actions.

Little attention was paid to the order of the judge striking out the forfeiture in the cases of the sheriffs of Cumberland and Harnett counties for failure to make certain required returns to this term of court. Then Jim Walter's case, which had been with the jury all night, was ended by the verdict of "not guilty" and the jury and prisoner were dismissed.

The regular jury was called and then a special venire from which fifty two men were called. Sixty-four men faced the prisoner before twelve could be found who were satisfactory to the defense. Solicitor Pou had passed every juror. The selection of the jury was left alone with the counsel for Tom Jones, Mr. B. C. Beckwith, of this city. Of the number brought before the prisoner, forty-three were excused for cause and six peremptory challenges were availed of by the counsel for defense. Of the six four were colored men. Nearly every one of the men excused for cause stated that they had already formed the opinion and expressed their belief that Tom Jones was guilty.

Time and again the men entered the bar and as they passed the Solicitor he would call "Pass Him."

"Have you heard of this case?" would ask Mr. Beckwith.

"Yes, sir."

"Have you read anything about it in the newspapers?"

"Yes, sir."

"Formed any opinion?"

"Yes, sir."

"What is it?"

"Guilty."

And one by one they would pass by. Finally the jury was selected. It was 11:35 when the twelve men heard Solicitor Pou read the bill of indictment from the Grand Jury.

The jury, as finally selected, is composed of the following white men:

R. T. WILSON,
JOHN P. JONES,
THOMAS BURNS,
J. P. LANGSTON,
DONALD CAMPBELL,
J. W. SMITH,
G. C. STONE,
GEORGE E. BOOTHIE,
W. D. BUTTS,
D. H. STOKES,
J. M. TUCKER,
H. L. FENDE.

The witnesses called for the State were: Sam Winters, Mary Winters, H. Vance Davis, B. Hobergood, Laura Jones, G. A. Turner and J. D. Johnson.

For the defense the witnesses called were: J. D. Beddingfield, L. M. Green, Bashford Reddish, Nelson Parrish, Atlas Chavis and Albert Hunter.

Tom Jones, alias Tom Farrer, the man charged with the murder, was brought into court by Deputy Sheriff Separk. His head hung down between his shoulders and he did not look up at the crowd of murmuring people. He walked slowly to his seat before the jury and there he once or twice looked at the men who held his life in their hands. He faced the little girl then she pointed him out as "the man who killed mamma," and but once did his eye blink. He stood the gaze until the little child turned to go back to the witness stand, and then he looked straight at the floor, his eyes blinking and batting nervously for the first time. It was the only time during the trial that he displayed the slightest nervousness, and then for only a moment.

He listened to the testimony of the State's witness with apparent unconcern. He seemed to care little what they said. He was to all appearances the most disinterested party in the court room.

Mr. H. Vance Davis, of Garner, was the first witness called for the State. His testimony was substantially the same as that published in The Times-Visitor last Thursday afternoon. The new facts brought out by his testimony today was concerning the con-

dition of the bodies of the burning woman and children when he first saw them and the discovery of tracks from the scene of the murder. Mr. Davis stated that when he first went to the scene of the fire the body of Ida Jones, the oldest daughter was inside the door of the house about two feet. She had fallen through the sills. Ella Jones' body was lying across the sills and the clothes were completely burned off the bodies. Two or three bodies were lying near Ella Jones' remains, and the skin was burned off of all of them. The bodies were in such a heat that it was impossible for any assistance to be rendered for any part of them to be saved. He looked at the skull of Ella Jones the morning after the fire and found that it appeared to have been crushed or broken by something.

The tracks from the scene of the murder to the railroad track were retraced, he said by him and he had Tom Jones with him. He remarked to Preacher that the tracks were the same as those made by the shoes he was wearing at the time and had him try some of the tracks. The shoes fit them exactly. He told Preacher that if he had not been there the night before that some one had borrowed his shoes. Preacher asked him as they met people on the track if he didn't think that a guilty man would show it when facing those people and not walk along with his head up and face the people as he was doing. Later, Mr. Davis said, Preacher grew confidential and took from his pocket the slip of paper exhibited in court on which was noted several monthly payments he had made to Ella Jones and the date of his first life with the woman. He said that the reason he had kept the memorandum was that should anything of the kind like the murder come up he could prove to people that he had treated her kindly. He told the story that chicken blood stained the overalls and not human blood, and that he had not worn the pants for two weeks. Little Laura told him that Preacher killed her mother. He said that when he first brought Preacher into the view of the little girl she drew back in fright and exclaimed, "That's the man that killed mamma." He told of the finding of a large bowie knife, with the handle burned off, just inside the house that was burned. On cross examination by Mr. Beckwith he stated that it was difficult to arouse Preacher when they went to arrest him.

Sam Winters, who lives near the scene of the murder, and to whose home the little children had escaped, was next placed on the stand. He testified that Laura told him soon after her arrival at his house that "Mr. Preacher" killed her mother and sister and then set fire to the beds. Two children were covered with blood and she said that it splattered from the axe when Preacher killed her sister. He didn't go to the fire until the next morning.

Mary Winters, a cousin of Sam Winters, who lives in the same house, told the story of the arrival of the escapes. She said that both said that Mr. Preacher killed their mother. She and Sam didn't go to the fire because they were afraid. The children, she said, spent the remainder of the night at her house, but no one could go to sleep again. The blood on the children, she said, was moist. The oldest child was thirteen, and the youngest looked only on day of being a month old.

B. Hobergood, for whom Preacher Jones had worked for more than a year, was next placed on the stand. He said that he examined the skull of Ella Jones the morning after the fire and that it looked as if a wound had been made in it by the eye of an axe. Preacher got his nick name from Mr. Hobergood. He was first called Preacher by him and then it was taken up by everybody. His name was said to be Tom Farrer, and later people called him Tom Jones. He was with Preacher at the fire early in the morning and the negro said nothing unless spoken to. He took the fire as a matter of course.

Mr. J. D. Johnson, a Justice of the Peace, was next placed on the stand. He testified that on the night before the murder and fire, Preacher Jones had come to him with the story that he was in trouble with Ella Jones, and that Ella had threatened to say he was the father of one of her children. He asked Mr. Johnson to be at home the next night, saying that he wished to bring Ella at that time and have a compromise. He said that he wished to pay two dollars a month and let the matter end.

Here the State rested its case and court took a recess until 2:30 o'clock. Little Sid, the younger sister, was not brought into court this morning. This is the one of the children whose face was terribly covered with clots of blood that came from the axe when her sister was murdered in the bed with her. Little Laura had been eating cakes all the time in court, and was promised candy so as to keep her from becoming excited on the stand. Her testimony was given direct and she told the same story that she has so often told since the night of the murder.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Judge Hoke entered the court room at 2:30. The crowd was even greater, if possible, than in the morning. The number in the rear of the room was larger.

The case for the defense was then begun.

Mr. B. C. Beckwith, counsel for defense called first Mr. E. C. Beddingfield, who testified that he had known Tom Jones for some time and that he had considered him a weak minded man.

Messrs. George Norwood, Paschal Reddish and L. M. Green testified that they had known Preacher Jones and had not considered him a man of good sense. Mr. Reddish stated that Jones had suffered a sunstroke while working for him four years ago, and that he was unconscious for a night. On cross examination he stated that Preacher got alright again and had as

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"THE CHRISTIAN" CRITICISED

Mr. Broughton Thinks Book
and Play not Clean

PLAYS LIKE "TEXAS STEER"
NOT FOR CHRISTIANS

Man'gr. Rivers Quotes Ministers—Rev.

J. Wm. Jones o Preach and Lecture
Here—Support a Missionary
—New Pastor.

The play, "The Christian," the dramatic form of Hall Caine's celebrated novel, which will be presented at the Academy of Music tonight, was severely criticised at the Baptist Tabernacle prayer meeting last evening. Mr. N. B. Broughton, in the course of a talk, declared the book was not clean and the play could not be, but, he added, that he supposed it was as good as the "Texas Steer," and plays of that class, which some Christian people had gone to.

The prayer meeting last evening was led by Rev. Monzo Love, and his subject was "The Exodus of the Children of Israel from Egypt." Upon conclusion of his talk Mr. N. B. Broughton made some remarks, in which he assailed "The Christian."

Mr. Broughton was seen this morning and a statement of his talk requested. He kindly complied and said: "In the course of my remarks in prayer meeting last night I took occasion to say that some would spend their money to see 'The Christian' tonight who had not made a contribution to foreign mission, which cause was presented to the church last Sunday night. The book I did not consider clean, in my judgment, it is a misnomer, and the play could not be clean, but this reference to 'The Christian' would apply equally to all shows of that character, and if our young people persisted in running to these shows their Christian influence and power would be gone. 'The Christian' is as good as 'The Texas Steer,' and plays of that class, which some Christian people attended. I referred to the fact that it took as long a time to get Egypt out of Moses as Moses out of Egypt, but when Egypt was put behind him he was a mighty man of God and became the great law-giver of the world. So with the Christian today, young or old, we must put Egypt behind us if we would do the work of Christ."

Manager R. C. Rivers, of the Academy of Music, was informed of the criticism made on the play, which will be presented under his management tonight. He said: "I consider it sufficient to hand you the following opinions of two clergymen out of many who have seen the play in reply to the strictures of those, who, I suppose, have never seen 'The Christian.'"

Rev. James L. Haste, pastor of the Craton Baptist church, Craton, N. J., says: "I do not need to see the play to approve of it as a moral and spiritual force. I have read the story and believe it to be a true and sincere picture, not only of English, but American church life, and to say, 'But I believe the story produced in dramatic form will be of greater power than the book itself, or even than many sermons, for that matter.'"

Rev. J. Wesley Johnson, Methodist Clergyman of Meriden, Conn., says: "I wish to thank you for the opportunity of seeing 'The Christian,' the play founded on Hall Caine's book, and to tell you how much I enjoyed the performance. The beauty of the play itself, the impressiveness of its lessons, the high level of its morality, its strength as well as its fearlessness, moved me most deeply, and I was profoundly stirred several times in the course of the evening. Some of the scenes were thrilling, not only in a dramatic way, but in their effect upon the truest and noblest feelings of which we are capable, and more than once the atmosphere was so pure and spiritual that I could hardly persuade myself that I was not in a church."

"I am glad that Mr. Caine has allowed his book to be dramatized, though it is changed somewhat in plot and denouement. Such pictures, and such lessons, night after night, to such crowds of people, cannot but do great good, and though theatres are not much in my line, yet with 'The Christian' on the stage, I can see in them forces which make for righteousness."

ADDRESS THE VETERANS.
Rev. J. William Jones, of Virginia, who was Grand Chaplain of the Army of Northern Virginia, with Generals Lee and Jackson, will be in this city Sunday and occupy the pulpit of the Baptist Tabernacle Sunday morning and evening.

In the evening the subject of his sermon will be "The Christian Character of Stonewall Jackson, and his sermon will be especially to the O. B. Branch Camp of Confederate Veterans, the Raleigh Light Infantry and the cadets of the A. and M. College. The lecture of course, are invited.

LECTURE MONDAY.
Next Monday night Rev. J. Wm. Jones will lecture in Metropolitan Hall on "The Boy in Gray, or the Private Confederate Soldier as I Knew Him." This lecture will be given under the auspices of the Ladies Church Improvement Society of the Baptist Tabernacle, and the proceeds will be devoted to the organ fund. The admission will be only twenty-five cents.

This is an excellent lecture. It was recently delivered at Wake Forest and carried the place by storm.
FUND ASSURED.

Last night it was announced at the Baptist Tabernacle prayer meeting that \$500, of the \$600 necessary to support a missionary in China, was in sight. There is now no doubt that the Tabernacle will take this progressive step.

THE NEW PASTOR
Rev. W. D. Hubbard, of Alabama, the new pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle, writes that his physicians inform him that he will be entirely well in thirty days, hence he will be here to take charge of his work May 1st. His acceptance is received with universal pleasure by the people of Raleigh, for Mr. Hubbard made a strong impression in this city.

MR. CHAS. COOK UNDECIDED
He Has Under Consideration the Eastern
Judgeship.

Mr. Charles Cook, of Warrington, ex-District Attorney, arrived in the city last evening and returned home this morning.

Mr. Cook stated to a Times-Visitor reporter today: "Yes, I have been tendered the appointment of Judge of the Eastern Criminal Court by Governor Russell, but I have not yet decided to accept. I have the matter under consideration. My law practice must be considered in deciding whether to accept or not."

In reply to a question Mr. Cook said that he had not investigated the subject and could not say whether the appointment would hold until January or only until the August election.

Mr. Cook is undoubtedly the ablest Republican lawyer in that district and the Governor could not make a better appointment in the ranks of his party.

Mr. Cook spoke in high terms of the late Judge Battle, in the course of a private chat, and paid him a deserved tribute.

BEVERIDGE SPEAKS

Washington, March 29.—The bill to provide for the government of Porto Rico was taken up in the Senate. Senator Beveridge, Republican, of Indiana, spoke in favor of absolute free trade between the island and the United States. He argued on constitutional and practical grounds that Congress has a free hand in dealing with territory.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN TO CLASH

Belief That the Crisis Has Now Been Reached

Seattle, March 29.—The transport Carondec brings news of active preparations in the military and civil departments of Japan for war with Russia.

The Russian fleet at Nagasaki has disregarded the harbor authorities and anchored where they pleased.

The war spirit is strong in Japan on account of the czar's secret attempt to gain the influence of Korea. A grand assemblage of the Japanese navy, from which foreign correspondents are excluded, has been ordered for the last of this month.

MUTINIED

New York, March 29.—The transport "Sodgwick" arrived this morning. Thirteen of the crew are in irons. They mutinied March 25th, while the steamer was at Gibraltar, refused to obey the officers and were immediately put under arrest.

NEW CORPORATIONS

The Same Company to Manufacture Baking Powder and Snuff

A corporation was today created for the purpose of manufacturing and selling baking powder, snuff and tobacco. These manufactured products are not to be mixed, however, but used separately.

The signers of the articles of agreement are C. W. Worth, John E. McNair, H. L. Vailles, S. P. McNair and D. L. Gore, all of Wilmington. The object is the manufacture of baking powder, snuff and tobacco. The capital stock shall be \$5,000, with the privilege of increasing to \$50,000.

"The Farmers Warehouse Company" of Smithfield, Johnston county, for the purpose of building one or more tobacco warehouses, prize houses, peck houses, storage rooms. The company has the right to own real estate not exceeding 200 acres at one time. The incorporators are T. C. Jordan, J. F. Hart, C. Radford, Brooklyn Manufacturing Company, R. H. McGinn, R. I. Lassiter, W. H. Lassiter and H. D. Edington. Capital stock is \$2,000.

MISS GADE DEAD

Funeral Tomorrow Morning From the Residence.

Miss Maggie E. Gade, daughter of Rev. Baylis Gade, died this morning at half past ten, at the home of her father on Newbern Avenue, after a lingering illness. She had visited Colorado for her health, also a sanatorium at Asheville, but was not benefited.

She was twenty-six years old, having been born May 16th, 1874. Her death is a sad blow to the family and relatives. She was a lovely character and it is a mysterious dispensation of Providence that she was thus taken above in the flower of her young womanhood.

The funeral will be held from the residence of Mr. Gade on Newbern Avenue tomorrow morning at half past nine. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

HON. J. D. BOUSHALL

Business Man Writes that He is
Logical Candidate for
Treasurer.

Mr. Boushall has for a number of years been one of Raleigh's leading and prosperous business men. He has at all times taken an active interest in local and State politics and was an Alderman of Raleigh, and in that position was a member of nearly all the important committees and did much good and effective work for his town and the people of his city.

His public career has been a most successful one, and in discharging the duties assigned him he has added valuable experience to the knowledge acquired in private life pertaining to monetary and financial affairs.

In 1895, and again in 1897, he was elected an alderman of the city of Raleigh. He was made chairman of the Finance Committee, and as such won the approval and gratitude of the citizens of this city for his splendid management of the financial affairs of the municipality. During his term as alderman he inaugurated the best system of bookkeeping in the history of the city.

When about to be nominated for State Senator two years ago by the Democrats of Wake county, he withdrew because he believed the party's interests could best be served by the nomination of a man outside the city.

There is an eternal fitness of things and in this matter there seems a special fitness. Let us have a great party leader for Governor, a great representative of the Press for Secretary of State, a lawyer for Attorney General, a farmer for Commissioner of Agriculture, a man who knows best the needs of the laboring man for Commissioner of Labor Statistics, and a good business man for Treasurer. There is no better man than J. D. Boushall for State Treasurer. Let us

better or more opportunely. And now, Mr. Editor, I end as I began, by declaring it to be my honest conviction that we could not find a better qualified man to nominate for Treasurer, nor one whose capacity, experience and business predilections are better calculated to result in a most successful and brilliant administration of the duties of that office.

In all the State there is not a better, a truer or more deserving working Democrat.

Mr. Boushall has served the town well as an alderman and he has served the county well as a legislator, and now that we have an opportunity to honor him, let us nominate him for State Treasurer, and he will serve the State well.

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"He is one of the State's most representative young men, intelligent, progressive, public-spirited, taking always a lively interest in the State's movement, and never shirking any duty as a good citizen. It is to such men that the State should look for the administration of her affairs, that integrity and prosperity may prevail."

His record as a member of the General Assembly is bright and spotless, and reflects greatly to his credit.

He is chairman of the Committee on Insurance, and one of the leading members of the committees on Finance, Judiciary, Library and Institution for the blind.

He was responsible for the passage of the "Negotiable Instrument" law, so thoroughly appreciated now.

He attracted attention by his manly defense of organized labor, particularly with reference to the public printing contract, and on several occasions made important speeches on measures that were noted for their brilliancy and sound argument. He was at all times ready to champion legislation that was for the best interests of the people and his State. He was one of the Democratic leaders on the floor, and his powerful voice was frequently heard in the interests of good legislation.

The nomination of Joseph D. Boushall for State Treasurer will not only be the most fitting selection that could be made; it will not only be one of the most popular and satisfactory to all our party people; but, having made it, we will have practically placed in that office a man who, by reason of his capacity and experience, will discharge its duties in a manner at once so brilliant and successful as to reflect the highest credit upon the people of his party and his State.

It is most assuredly my desire, and I take it the will of every unselfish man in the party, to place before the voters of this State this year those men whose availability is coupled, and strongly coupled, with the links of capacity, fitness, deserts, and ability to make such a record in the discharge of their duties as will redound to the welfare and glory and success of Democracy in the years to come.

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