



WEATHER:
Fair and colder today;
Monday fair; fresh west
winds.

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DEFENSE IN MATTHEWS CASE SEEKS TO SHOW PRISONER'S INSANITY

Physicians Examined as Experts Testify as to Symptoms Attending Mrs. Matthews' Death—Admissibility of Evidence Tending to Show Hereditary Insanity Decided in Favor of Defense

The leading features of yesterday's session of the trial of Dr. J. B. Matthews were the testimony of the witness' father, Mr. B. W. Matthews, of Dr. A. L. Petree as expert, and the wrangling of defense and prosecution over the admissibility or non-admissibility of testimony. At least one important decision was handed down in favor of the defense. This declared competent the testimony of Dr. Matthews' father concerning the alleged insanity of his mother, which, declared the defense, was necessary to establish a hereditary tendency to insanity in the prisoner.

Acted Querily About Dog.
The first witness called to the stand yesterday morning was Sheriff John Weatherly who testified that he had known the prisoner for two years, and that in the last year he had noticed that he was not exactly "right." He said that Dr. Matthews had first acted strangely in some matter concerning a dog. On the cross-examination much amusement was caused by Solicitor Brooks' question as to whether many men were not peculiar on the subject of dogs. Sheriff Weatherly included Sheriff Weatherly's response to this was that it was his dog and not himself that was peculiar.

C. C. Lewis was then called to testify that he had noticed something wrong about the prisoner, who had been his family physician and that he had decided not to employ him any longer.

Dr. Petree Expert Witness.
Dr. A. L. Petree was then called to the stand and qualified as an expert. He was asked to suppose hypothetically that the jury should find as a fact that when Drs. Turner, Brooks and Farway went to the house they found Mrs. Matthews in a state of complete coma, which continued till death, that her respiration was from twelve to fourteen a minute, that her pulse was high and weak, that she died in convulsions, that the doctors had given her two one sixtieth grain doses of strychnine, one thirtieth grain dose in combination with one one-hundredth of a grain of nitroglycerine, one one-hundredth of a grain of atropine, and one two hundred and fiftieth of a grain of digitalis, followed by one or two doses of caffeine. Dr. Petree was then asked in the face of this hypothesis to state what in his opinion was the cause of death.

Dr. Petree's reply to this question was that the case was so complicated that he could not say what the cause of death could have been. He stated that the symptoms were not typically indicative of any poison, or any

one drug. The state of profound coma, he said, while typical of opium poisoning, would also follow the administration of other toxic drugs. If the case had been one of opium poisoning the pupils ought to have been contracted. The rapid pulse was a proper symptom, but the convulsions were not, save as exceptions to the rule.

Not Typical of Strychnine Poisoning.
Neither were any of the symptoms related typical of strychnine poisoning, said Dr. Petree, as convulsions following strychnine poisoning were much more violent than those Mrs. Matthews is stated to have had. Moreover, in strychnine poisoning the mind of the patient would remain clear until immediately before dissolution. The dilated pupils were, however, an important symptom in strychnine poisoning.

As to the atropine present in the tablets of morphine used by the doctors who prescribed for Mrs. Matthews, Dr. Petree said that the commercial morphine tablet usually used by doctors had in them one quarter of a grain of strychnine and one one-hundred and fiftieth of a grain of atropine. If these quantities were exact neither would predominate in the production of symptoms. If the atropine predominated the dilatation of the pupils of the eyes would follow.

The second hypothetical question asked was what would have been the result supposing that the jury should find it a fact that Mrs. Matthews took fifty one thirtieth grain tablets of strychnine at 11 o'clock p. m., and that Dr. Matthews gave her one quarter grain doses of morphine every half hour till morning. Dr. Petree stated that this would relieve the convulsions and antagonize the effect of the strychnine on the reflex nerves. The patient would have lived longer for having taken the morphine.

Dr. Petree was then asked to suppose that the jury would find it a fact that Mrs. Matthews was in a state of coma from 10 o'clock a. m. till night, and to state what effect that coma would have on the absorption of poison into the system.

The profound coma, was the reply, would have interfered with the absorption of the strychnine because it would have caused a dryness of the alimentary canal, would have dried the secretions, would have kept down peristaltic action of the intestines, would have stopped action of the stomach, and would so have weakened the circulation that the poison would be distributed

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DEFENSE CLOSES IN GAFFNEY SHOOTING

Miss Sheridan Says Davidson Did Not Have Knife When Attacked.

Gaffney, S. C., March 3.—The trial of George Hasty for the murder of Actor Abbott Davidson last December was marked with the morning session of court today by the close of testimony for the defense. The state introduced several witnesses in rebuttal, particularly to disprove the allegations of self-defense made by Hasty and his witnesses.

Miss Sheridan, a member of the company, of which Davidson was also a member and to whom she was understood to have been engaged at the time of the killing, was brought again to the stand. She declared untrue the statement that Davidson had a knife in his hand when he was attacked by Hasty. Every effort of the defendant's attorneys to discredit her testimony or to confuse her on the stand proved entirely fruitless.

U. S. TRANSPORT ASHORE PROBABLY TOTAL LOSS

Manila, March 3.—The inter-island transport Ingalls is ashore on Raparapo reef, off the southern coast of the Island of Luzon. She will probably be a total wreck.

A battalion of the twentieth infantry, en route to Manila, where they were to transfer to the transport Sheridan for the United States were aboard the Ingalls. They were rescued by a coast guard cutter. The transport Lisicum was sent to take off the soldiers' baggage and render any assistance.

The sailing of the Sheridan has been delayed.

Springfield Brakeman Dies.
Springfield, O., March 3.—Mark M. Davis, the brakeman who was shot by a negro Wednesday night, died early today. It was the shooting of Davis that led to the riots in this city on Wednesday and Thursday nights. Edward Dean and Preston Ladd, both colored, are in jail at Dayton charged with shooting Davis. It is believed that the mob spirit is effectually broken.

CONFEDERATE VETERAN COMMITS SUICIDE

E. M. Y. Bass, of Tennessee, Leaps Into Sea at Atlantic City.

Atlantic City, N. J., March 3.—The body of the man who committed suicide last night by leaping from the end of Young's pier floated ashore at South Atlantic City today. From papers found in the pockets it is believed that the man was E. M. Y. Bass, once a Tennessee lawyer, and a Confederate veteran.

The man had a cork leg and the body was floating head downward when discovered. The man claimed to represent New York magazines. No money was found on the body.

North Carolina Postmasters.

Washington, D. C., March 3.—Dora L. Smith was today appointed postmistress at Moulton, Franklin county, vice E. C. Bobbitt resigned.

John P. Skipper has been appointed regular carrier, and Maggie D. Skipper substitute, in the rural free delivery service at Wade.

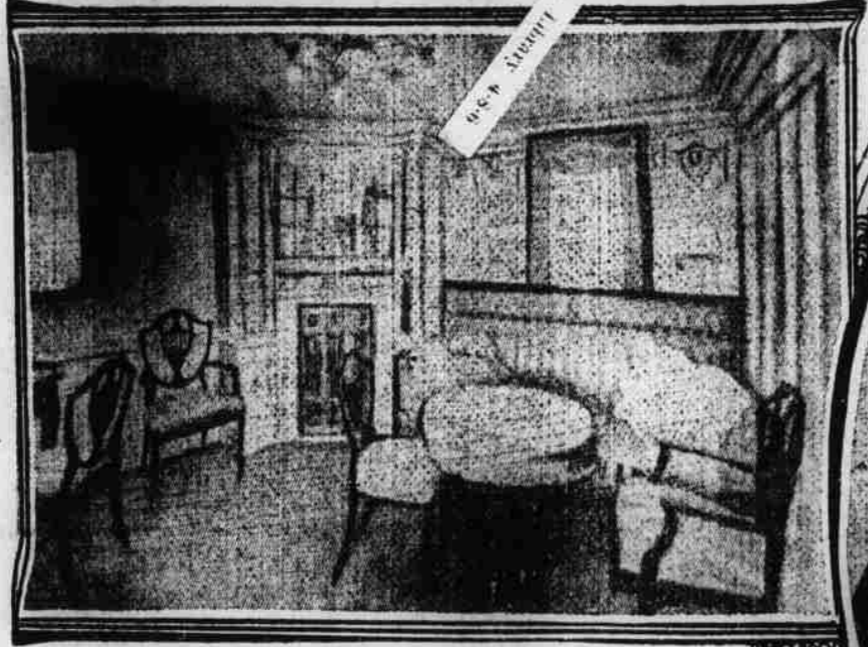
ACCUSED OF POISONING BRIDE OF TWO WEEKS

Georgia Man Held on Charge of Causing Death of Young Wife.

Ocala, Fla., March 3.—Reason Handley was lodged in jail at Irwinville today charged with poisoning his young wife of two weeks.

Handley is from near Crossland and had lived here only a short time. The coroner held an inquest yesterday and the jury asked that the stomach be analyzed. R. L. Henderson left today for Atlanta with the organ for the purpose of having it analyzed by a chemist.

HEAD OF FAMILY LEADS MARSDY'S IN EXODUS TO EUROPE IN LUXURY



ROOM IN IMPERIAL SUITE ON AMERIKA.

CYCLONE CAUSES DEVASTATION IN PACIFIC ISLANDS

Most Destructive Storm in History of Tuamotu Groups on February 7 and 8.

HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE IN LAGOONS IS FEARED

Wind Blew at Rate of 120 Miles an Hour and Waves 65 Feet High Are Reported—Damage Estimated at \$100,000.

Papeete, Tahiti, February 18, via San Francisco, March 3.—The most destructive cyclone ever experienced in the Society and Tuamotu Islands occurred on February 7 and 8. The damage in Tahiti is estimated at \$1,000,000, and presumably a similar amount of property was destroyed on the Tuamotu Islands.

The city of Papeete was inundated and about seventy-five buildings destroyed, including the American consulate and the French Government building.

The shipping in the harbor of Papeete escaped injury owing to the direction of the wind, but fears are entertained for vessels which were cruising near the Tuamotu Islands.

It is feared that there has been heavy loss of life in the lagoons of Tuamotu Islands, though the death of guardians of the quarantine station in Papeete is the only fatality yet reported.

The schooner Papeete was submerged for an hour near Ana, Tuamotu. Her captain, Philip Michaeli, estimated that the waves were sixty-feet high. It was impossible to see twenty feet away. At 3 o'clock in the day the sailors had to be lashed to the vessel.

M. Maraudi, a French resident at Fabaran, Tuamotu Islands, abandoned the place in a small cutter after all the government buildings and dwelling houses and the Catholic church were swept away. Many of the natives climbed coconut trees and others put out to sea in small boats.

The French gunboat Zebe has gone to the Tuamotu Islands with supplies of food and fresh water. The British consul has appealed to his government for aid for five hundred British subjects. Some Americans have sustained heavy service at Wade.

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CONFIRMATION OF HOLTON'S NAME IS NOW CERTAIN

District Attorney Has Filed Answer to Blackburn Charges.

COURTS THE FULLEST INVESTIGATION OF CASE

Denies That He Ever Falsified His Hotel Account at Asheville or Elsewhere—Bradshaw Will Urge the Ratification of Frazier's Nomination.

BY JOHN E. MONK.

Washington, D. C., March 3.—The charges preferred against District Attorney Holton by Representative Blackburn have been fully answered and, in the opinion of at least one senator, Mr. Holton's defense of his record is such that the senate judiciary committee will report favorably his nomination at an early meeting.

Mr. Holton's answer to the last charges filed against him was brought here today by Marshal Millikan and filed with the judiciary committee.

Mr. Holton denied that he had falsified his hotel account at Asheville or any other point and courted the fullest investigation.

G. Sam Bradshaw did not leave here last night as he intended, and will remain over next week to urge the confirmation of Frazier.

Senator Overman has been asked to write a favorable report in favor of the bill introduced by senator Aldrich of Rhode Island appropriating \$25,000 for the erection of a monument to General Nathaniel Greene, at Guilford Battle Ground.

Judge Boyd is here.

BLACKBURN AND LIEUTENANTS CONFER

Just before going to press it was learned that G. W. Samuel and "Jack" Albright, of Mt. Airy, were registered at the Hotel Clegg and that they, together with Congressman E. Spencer Blackburn, were in consultation in Mr. Samuel's room until about 1 o'clock last night.

The parties were asked if any significance was to be attached to the interview, but declined to say anything in regard to the subject under discussion.

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RICHARD A. McCURDY, Deposited Head of Mutual Life Insurance Company.

DISTINGUISHED MEN OF THE NATION PLEAD FOR FORESTRY RESERVE

Charlotte the Mecca for Those Interested in the Preservation of Our Woods—Governor Glenn Presides—Pinchot Talks of Needs and Advantages of State Forests.

Special to Daily Industrial News.

Charlotte, March 3.—It is doubtful if there ever gathered in Charlotte, on any previous occasion, as many distinguished men as are here today in attendance on the Interstate Forestry Conference.

Among the number are: Gifford Pinchot, chief forester of the United States; Alfred Akerman, state forester of Massachusetts; Alfred Gaskill, of the United States forestry department; Governor Robert B. Glenn, of North Carolina; Governor Joseph M. Terrell, of Georgia; A. T. Smythe, ex-mayor of Charleston, S. C.; Ellison A. Smyth, of Greenville, S. C.; Collier Cobb, of the University of North Carolina; Prof. J. A. Holmes, state geologist of North Carolina; J. Elwood Cox, of High Point, N. C.; F. A. Newell, chief hydrographer of the United States; Granville Beal, of Calhoun Falls, S. C.; Dr. C. A. Schenck, forester of the Biltmore estate; J. F. Hays, of Mount Toxaway; W. B. Wilson, of Rock Hill; A. G. Furman, of Greenville, S. C.; Fred C. Bates, of General Electric Company; Dr. Gil Wylie, Prof. Jos. Hyde Pratt, of the University of North Carolina; Prof. H. D. House, of Clemson College; W. E. Beattie, Greenville.

An informal reception was tendered the visitors in the parlors of the Southern Manufacturers' Club from 11 to 1 o'clock today, the visitors meeting many of the prominent business men of the city. During the reception a musical programme was rendered by Richardson's orchestra. Mayor McIninch was master of ceremonies.

A general session was held in the Academy of Music this afternoon beginning at 2:30 o'clock, at which Governor Glenn presided. The following programme was carried out:

Governor R. B. Glenn, of North Carolina, presiding.

Address—Gifford Pinchot, Chief Forester of United States, Washington, D. C.

Reception to Visitors.

Pinchot Address the Feature.

The principal address at the afternoon session was by Mr. Gifford Pinchot, chief forester of the United States, who said that the mountains of Western North Carolina furnish a great playground for the industrial progress of North Carolina and adjoining states and it is a matter of the most vital importance that these forests be looked after with the keenest interest of the people in the piedmont section of the country. The Appalachian range, he said, the mountains that are being so rapidly destroyed because no decided steps have been taken to preserve them, are within 24 hours' ride from two-thirds of the population of the United States. They are the headway for countless enterprises that are yet to be inaugurated, but it is a deplorable fact that only a few more years will have

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19 DEAD; 24 HURT BY TORNADO THAT SWEEP MERIDIAN

Property Estimated at One Million Dollars Demolished by the Storm.

CONVICTS AIDING IN THE WORK OF RESCUE

Sensational Reports First Sent Out as to the Loss of Life Proved to Have Been Exaggerated—\$13,000 Already Raised for Relief of Sufferers.

Meridian, Miss., March 3.—Nineteen people are known to have been killed as a result of the tornado which swept over a section of this city shortly after 6 o'clock last evening. Twenty-four persons were injured and property with an estimated value of one million dollars was demolished or otherwise damaged.

Many sensational reports were sent out from here of an appalling loss of life, due probably to the chaotic condition of affairs immediately following the visitation of the storm, but tonight after a careful canvass of the situation the following list of dead appears to be complete:

The dead: Patrick McGinnis, conductor on Mobile and Ohio, killed at Elmira's restaurant.

Cliff Edwards, flagman, Mobile and Ohio, killed at Elmira's restaurant.

J. P. Tarry, policeman, killed in Thornton's Transfer stable.

W. B. Nelson, killed in Thornton's stable.

Mrs. Ella Singleton and little granddaughter, killed in east end.

John P. Smith, engineer, killed at Elmira's restaurant.

Mr. Stewart and little son, of Cottondale.

Mrs. Smith, of Cottondale.

Claude Williams, bookkeeper Meyers-Neville Hardware Company, found in debris.

Negroes: Unknown man and little child, charred remains found in "Back-town."

Tom Barney and child, killed at fertilizer factory.

Unknown negro woman, killed near fertilizer factory.

Mrs. Dunn, Georgetown.

B. F. Elmira, proprietor restaurant.

Among the injured are the following:

William Yarborough, Brisson, La., slightly.

W. Josephs, of Tennessee, back hurt.

Mrs. Stewart and daughter, of Georgetown.

Ben Shirkman, a negro express driver.

T. H. Brown, chief clerk at Queen and Crescent depot, leg broken, several ribs broken.

E. Wildcan, telegraph operator, Queen and Crescent Railroad, shoulder crushed.

M. Goodwin, express driver, leg broken.

Unknown negro woman and child.

William Donovan, left cheek cut.

Mrs. William Donovan, slightly hurt.

J. H. Adams, brakeman for the Frisco railroad, collarbone broken and bruised about body.

Negro waiter at Grand Avenue Hotel, badly injured.

Collier Carr, bruised on head and body.

Convicts Aid in Rescue.

A mass meeting of citizens of Meridian was called today and \$8,000 was immediately subscribed to aid the destitute and injured. The Mississippi legislature, in session at Jackson today appropriated \$5,000 to the relief fund. Governor Vardaman at noon secured a special train and loading it with convicts from the Rankin county farm, dispatched it at once to Meridian. The city now enjoys the unique spectacle of state convicts aiding in the rescue work.

Hunter George, president of the board of trade, was made chairman of the general relief committee and J. W. Donovan was elected secretary. Business is practically suspended and every citizen is giving his best effort toward alleviating the suffering of many poor people.

The tornado which played such a frightful havoc appeared in the southwest at 6:27 o'clock last evening, a low funnel-shaped cloud was seen to form near the city. A heavy downpour of rain had been falling when suddenly the humidity became intense. With a roar that could be heard a great distance the storm approached from the southwest and descended upon the city.

The greatest loss of life is reported from the east end, in what is known as the "cotton mill" settlement. The large cotton mill there was partially wrecked and probably 400 small houses were demolished or badly damaged. The tornado swept Front street and wrought great damage there. Many houses were demolished and others were partly damaged.

Darkness Added to Horror.

The electric light plant was partially wrecked and to add to the terror of the situation the city was thrown into total darkness. Lanterns, candles and even coal oil lamps were used by the people in seeking places of safety.

The tornado also did severe damage on Twenty-second avenue between Front and Railroad streets. Several houses on this avenue were partially wrecked. The storm lasted for only a brief period, many people claiming that the entire

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NORWEGIAN FISHING FLEET DESTROYED; HUNDREDS LOST

Three Hundred Boats Caught in Fearful Gale—Only Seventy-Nine Have Been Reported—Though Saved From Water Men May Perish of Cold.

Trondhjem, Norway, March 3.—A fishing fleet, consisting of 300 boats and operating off Trondhjem, was caught in a terrific storm Friday and it is feared the greater portion of it was wrecked, as many boats are reported to have been seen floating keel upward.

Thus far seventy-nine of the boats have been reported safe and possibly others have reached shelter at some of the thousands of islands dotting the coast.

Steamers are cruising in the hope of picking up survivors.

The fisher boats are usually manned by three or four men, so that the loss of life must be great.

The weather is bitterly cold and even if the ship-wrecked fishermen reach uninhabited islands they must perish unless they are rescued immediately.

EX-GOVERNOR HOGG OF TEXAS IS DEAD

Former Chief Executive Had Been in Falling Health for a Year or More.

Houston, Tex., March 3.—Former Governor James Stephen Hogg died today at the residence of Frank C. Jones, his law partner. Mr. Hogg had been in failing health for a year or more. His condition was not considered critical by his physicians and he was planning a trip to Battle Creek, Mich.

Governor Hogg reached Houston last night and feeling ill, took to his bed. Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

EAST WASHINGTON STREET STORE A TOTAL LOSS

A fire broke out in small grocery store 520 East Washington street about 2:30 o'clock this morning. An alarm was turned in which brought out the entire fire department. But the blaze had too good a start and the building and contents were both totally destroyed.

The building was owned by David F. Cawsey, policeman, and carried \$400 in insurance. The stock which was valued at \$750 was owned by E. L. Hobbs, who had \$350 insurance.

It was not learned how the fire originated.

FRANK ROCKEFELLER SUES BROKERAGE FIRM

New York, March 3.—Frank Rockefeller, brother of John D. Rockefeller, began a suit in the supreme court today against various individuals and brokerage firms in this city and Cleveland. Mr. Rockefeller, who lives in Ohio, is seeking to recover \$500,000.