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LAKE BOAT CO. OFFICER GUIDED LILLEY PROBE

New Turn Is Given to the Hearing of Charges in Submarine Boat Affairs.

LECTURED THE QUESTIONS ASKED BY CONGRESSMAN

Washington Representative of Lake Concern and Former Senator Thurston, General Counsel of Company, Aided in Preparation of Inquiries.

Washington, D. C., April 15.—The Lake Torpedoboot Company was placed in the attitude of a prosecutor of the Electric Boat Company in the investigation now being conducted by a special committee of the House of Representatives of charges preferred against the Electric company by Representative Lilley, of Connecticut.

This was brought out at today's session of the committee when Abner R. Neff, the Washington representative of the Lake company, and former Senator John H. Thurston, general counsel of that company, admitted that they had prepared most of the questions that had been submitted to the committee by Mr. Lilley to be asked the witnesses for the Electric company, as well as a number of statements that Mr. Lilley had presented to the committee.

Mr. Neff stated that the Lake company had data in its possession from which he framed a large number of technical questions that were asked the various witnesses and that others had been suggested to him by rumors, newspaper articles, etc. He said he had conferred frequently with Mr. Lilley in the preparation of these questions, and that

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SMITH'S STORY OF THE SHOOTING OF J. W. HENDRIX

Went on Witness Stand in Own Behalf and Tells of His Movements.

MAKES EMPHATIC DENIAL OF COMPLICITY IN DEED

Will Be Subjected to Severe Cross-Examination Today By District Attorney Holton—Case Probably Goes to Jury Some Time This Afternoon.

Jim Smith went upon the witness stand yesterday afternoon to testify in his own behalf in the case charging him with conspiracy and the killing of Deputy Collector J. W. Hendrix. In emphatic language he denied that he shot at Hendrix, but said that he was running, and that two shots were fired at him, meaning himself.

Smith was the last witness examined yesterday afternoon. It was 5.30 o'clock when Judge Bynum concluded the direct examination, and District Attorney Holton stated that it would take him at least half an hour to conduct the cross-examination. Court adjourned until ten o'clock this morning, when Smith will again go upon the witness stand to go through the ordeal of cross-fire at the hands of the district attorney.

When Smith took the stand every seat in the courtroom was occupied, and many were standing in the aisles. He said that he was raised in what is known as Smithtown, and has lived there all his life with the exception of twelve months, which he spent in Missouri. He was at home on the morning of December 20, when Frank Lawson notified him that the revenue officers,

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DANVILLE VOTES OUT SALOONS BY MAJORITY OF 45

Each Side in the Virginia City Election Carries Ward.

PROHIBITION AIDED BEFORE IN 1903

City Went Wet Again in 1905—Yesterday's Result the Culmination of a Campaign That Has Been Hotly Waged For More Than a Fortnight.

Danville, Va., April 15.—Following probably the most warmly contested campaign ever held in the history of the city, Danville was voted dry today by a majority of forty-five votes, out of a total vote of nine hundred and thirty-seven cast. The fifth and sixth wards, or that section of the city formerly known as Neapolis, had no voice in the election, having been annexed with the agreement that it should remain dry in the history of the city, and there were probably not more than twenty people who were entitled to vote who remained away from the polls.

The election today means that eighteen saloons and two breweries will cease business on May 1, at which time the annual liquor licenses expire. Danville, after having been wet since its earliest history, was voted dry in April 1903, and after two years of local option reign, voted wet again in September, 1905.

For months the prohibitionists, with the Anti-Saloon League at the head, have been marshalling their forces, and they left practically nothing undone to carry out their aims. The prohibition

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WITH JANGLING AND WRANGLING DEFTLY ANGLING

Are Guilford Democrats for Peace and Harmony Among Factions.

CHAIRMAN BROWN REFUSES TO CALL THE COMMITTEE

But Squire Collins, He of the Forceful Yet Persuasive Way, Takes Law in Own Hands and Invites Committee To Gather.

Guilford county Democrats are about to raise a disturbance over the time for holding the primaries to test the strength of the candidates for governor, congressman and solicitor. E. A. Brown, the county chairman, is an outspoken supporter of Locke Craig for the gubernatorial nomination. It is claimed that the majority of the county executive committee favor the candidacy of Congressman W. W. Kitchin and are clamoring for an early primary.

The Craig supporters want to postpone the primaries to a date as possible, feeling assured that the Buncombe man is constantly gaining favor with Guilford Democrats.

Twenty of the twenty-seven members of the county executive committee made a written request to Chairman Brown to call a meeting of the committee to be held next Saturday for the purpose of naming the day for the primaries and the county convention. Brown refused to make the call, whereupon Kitchin supporters appealed to the secretary, D. H. Collins. Mr. Collins has issued the call for the meeting of the executive committee to be held in the courthouse next Saturday, ignoring the county chairman entirely.

The Kitchin men say that at least twenty, and probably twenty-five of the committeemen will be on hand and will call the county convention and the primaries at an early date, following the wishes of the Kitchin supporters.

This action is probably without precedent in Guilford politics and shows the animosity and bitterness existing in the Democratic party in the county. Early in the campaign it was thought that Congressman Kitchin would have little opposition in this county to the nomination for governor, but some of the strong leaders of the party have come out into the open for the nomination of Craig. Among these are such men as County Chairman E. A. Brown, Col. W. H. Osborne, John N. Wilson, ex-Judge T. J. Shaw, A. M. Seales, J. I. Seales and State Senator J. Allen Holt. On the other hand, it is claimed that the Democrats of the rural districts are standing by Kitchin.

The contest over the nomination of a Democratic candidate for Congress is responsible, in a considerable degree, for

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HOUSE REJECTS PRESIDENT'S PLEA FOR BATTLESHIPS

By Vote of 199 to 83 Program For Two Ships, as Recommended by Committee on Naval Affairs, Is Adopted—Longworth Makes Able Plea That Mr. Roosevelt's Hands Be Upheld.

Washington, D. C., April 15.—By a vote of 199 to 83 the House of Representatives today decided against the President's program for four battleships and adhered to the recommendation of its committee on naval affairs for two vessels of that type. This result was reached after a debate which lasted for four hours, and was received with applause.

The entire session was devoted to a consideration of the navy increase provision of the naval appropriation bill. As this increase was provided for in the last section of the bill, the measure was practically concluded with the disposition of the provision. The committee report to the House tomorrow for a final vote on its passage.

The provision for battleships was the chief subject of interest, the committee's recommendation for two ships of that type prevailing by a decisive vote after a hard-fought effort to increase the number to four. The increase was opposed by Mr. Tawney, chairman of the committee on appropriations; Mr. Foss, chairman of the committee on naval affairs; Mr. Williams, minority leader, and many others, and was advocated by Mr. Hobson, of Alabama, who declared that in relation to the increase of other

nations four battleships would only keep the American navy abreast of other great navies. Mr. Longworth, of Ohio, in a vigorous speech told the House that the President was more interested in this increase than in any other question before Congress, and as practically all of them had in the last election declared they had supported him, this was a good opportunity to live up to that declaration.

Refuse to Cut It To One.

An amendment by Mr. Tawney to reduce the number of new battleships to one was voted down by an even more decided majority than was Mr. Hobson's proposition for an increase to four.

A provision for two fleet colliers of sixteen knots, and of 12,500 tons capacity, costing \$1,800,000 each, was adopted. Amendments were adopted that one of the battleships and one of the colliers shall be built in a navy-yard.

The bill as it stands authorizes expenditures of \$107,837,000.

The House at 5.30 p. m. took a recess until 11.30 o'clock tomorrow.

When the provision for the increase of the navy was reached by the House today in the consideration of the naval appropriation, Mr. Burton, of Ohio,

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KILLS DAUGHTER AND HIMSELF IN GIRLS' SCHOOL

Physician Commits Double Crime In Normal and Collegiate Institute, Asheville.

ENRAGED BY HER PART IN APRIL FOOL PRANK

His Victim, With Number of Other Students, Absented Herself From School and Father, Once Prominent New York Physician, Brooded Over Escapade.

Asheville, N. C., April 15.—Enraged at his sixteen-year-old daughter, Nellie, because of a harmless school-girl prank, Dr. C. O. Swinney, who recently came here from New York, fired two shots at her, fatally wounding her, and then turning the revolver on himself, he placed the muzzle in his mouth and pulled the trigger, dying almost instantly.

Rudely wounded as she was, with two bullets embedded in her skull, Miss Swinney ran from the room and upstairs to the principal's room before she fell.

The tragedy occurred in the reception-room of the Normal Collegiate Institute, a large girls' boarding school in this city, where Miss Swinney had been a pupil for the past session. Just what occurred prior to the shooting is not known, as there were no witnesses, and the girl, while still conscious, could give but a vague account. Dr. Swinney, who up to a few years ago had been a prominent physician in New York, has for some time past been in poor health, and of late, it is alleged, his mind has been unbalanced.

Recently his daughter was one of a number of the schoolgirls who, as an April fool's joke, absented themselves from school, and the father brooded over the little escapade until it assumed to him the proportions of actual wrongdoing. When Dr. Swinney called on his daughter at the school this afternoon about three o'clock he was shown into the reception room, and a few minutes later his daughter came down and went into the room, closing the door behind her. She sat down at the piano, her father sitting beside her.

Half an hour later girls and teachers were startled by the sound of four shots, and a second afterwards Miss Swinney, with blood streaming from the wounds in her head, came rushing from the room. In a few minutes the wildest confusion reigned, schoolgirls and women teachers running here and there, but Miss Robinson, the principal, speedily restored order and hastily summoned a physician.

Miss Swinney was desperately wounded, and there is little chance for her recovery.

The room in which the tragedy occurred showed signs of a hard struggle. Chairs were overturned, and the piano stool with one leg broken was lying in the middle of the room. The father was lying on the floor, at one side of the room, faced downward with the revolver, with four chambers empty, under him.

The attempted murder and suicide were evidently deliberately planned, as before going to the school Dr. Swinney bought a revolver and two rounds of cartridges at a pawn shop.

Although it is said his mind has been unbalanced for some time, he had never been violent and his family were totally unprepared for the dreadful tragedy. He was a father-in-law of Dr. J. A. Sinclair, a prominent dentist of this city, and since his return from New York a few weeks ago, Dr. Swinney had made his home with him.

OFFICER KILLS NEGRO WHO RESISTS ARREST

Tampa, Fla., April 15.—Resisting arrest, an unknown negro on the river front today seized patrolman A. S. Thompson's club and felled the officer with two blows. When the officer arose the negro again attacked him, but the officer fired three shots, killing his assailant.

Thompson has been on the force ten years and this is the first time he has used a pistol.

HOUSE WILL REJECT FOREST RESERVE BILL AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Committee Will Take Final Action On the Measure on Friday Next.

NO RIGHT TO BUY LAND

BY JOHN E. MONK.

Washington, D. C., April 15.—The indications are that the bill proposing to create forest reserves in the southern Appalachian region and in the White mountains of New Hampshire will fail of passage at this session.

No measure now pending has been more strongly indorsed than this one, and practically all of the delegations from New England and from the southern states, through which the Appalachians run, are insistent that the reserves as proposed shall be created not only for the preservation of extensive forests, but for the conservation of the water supply of the east.

The Senate committee on agriculture has reported the forest reserve bill, but the House committee on the judiciary has been discussing its constitutionality the better part of the session.

The report of Chairman Jenkins declaring unconstitutional the forestry bill was by him submitted today to the House judiciary committee in executive session, and when the committee adjourned at the call of the House the indication was it would be concurred in by at least ten of the nineteen members.

Mr. Littlefield, of Maine, also submitted a report holding the bill to be unconstitutional. Mr. Brantley, of

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NEW YORK DELEGATES SENT UNINSTRUCTED; MCCARREN IS OUSTED

Leader of Kings County Democracy Unseated After One of the Most Remarkable Fights in the History Even of New York's Turbulent Politics.

New York, April 15.—State Senator Patrick H. McCarren, leader of the King's county Democracy, was unseated tonight as a delegate to the party's state convention in Carnegie hall to select representatives to the Denver convention, after a two days bitter contest before the committee on credentials. He was alternately greeted with cheers and derisive cries when he finally addressed the convention, and once was insulted by a man on the platform near him. The senator instantly told this man that he would talk to him outside.

Amid scenes tense and dramatic he first appealed to the convention to refuse to sanction the majority report of the committee, and followed this up with deliberate defiance of those who, he said, were excluding him from the place in the party councils to which he had been chosen by his Democratic constituents. He threatened the Tammany delegates with the statement that if the plans to put him outside the party lines were carried out, no one in the convention hall would live long enough to see the election of another Democratic mayor of New York.

From the time he entered the hall Mr. McCarren received the cheers of his loyal followers, but the majority were against him, and the counter demonstrations were greater in volume. The proceedings were attended with much confusion and disorder, in which both the McCarren men and their opponents participated.

The business for which the convention was assembled, the selection of delegates to the national convention, the nomination of presidential electors and

60 WHITES AND INDIANS KILLED IN NICARAGUA IN BUSH WARFARE

Mosquito Indians Attack Small Town and Are Repulsed After Heavy Loss.

WAR WAGED WITHOUT MERCY

New Orleans, La., April 15.—A report that about sixty whites and Indians have been killed in Nicaragua in bloody bush warfare waged by Mosquito Indians was brought here today by W. R. Coffman, of Bloomington, Ill., who was a passenger on the steamer Dictator from Central American ports. The death list of whites numbers about twenty.

The fighting started over a month ago on the Caribbean coast, where the 100 Indians attacked Prinzapolca, a small town. They hid behind bushes, trees and other shelter, pouring into the village a fire which killed two men. A long, hard fight resulted, soldiers and citizens volunteers finally driving the attackers back, about a dozen of the Indians being killed or mortally wounded. The other Indians fled, but many of them were captured, and after being severely beaten with rawhides, balls and chains were placed about their legs and they were imprisoned in an improvised stockade.

Another engagement took place at Cape Gracias, near the border of Nicaragua and Spanish Honduras. Here the casualties among the troops were five, but the Mosquitoes were no more successful than before and were finally driven back to the mountains.

Many troops have been sent into the Mosquito district, and several skirmishes have occurred. It is reported that treachery and cunning have been used on both sides. Wherever a party of white men get a chance they generally kill the Indians without mercy, and the Indians have slain several soldiers whom they caught along the forests.

DISTRICT BETTING BILL PASSES SENATE

MEASURE PROHIBITS BETTING ON RACES AND GAMES OF VARIOUS KINDS.

Washington, D. C., April 15.—The Senate devoted its entire time today in considering bills on the calendar. Among the measures passed were those suppressing betting on racing and games of various kinds in the District of Columbia; providing for the purchase of land between Pennsylvania avenue and the Mall in this city, as sites for government buildings; creating a bison range in Montana, and enlarged homesteads of non-irrigable lands.

The swamp land reclamation bill was considered for a time and was made the unfinished business of the Senate. At 5.05 p. m. the Senate adjourned until Friday.

METROPOLITAN RACING SEASON OF 1908 OPENS

DAY'S PROGRAM CARRIED OUT WITHOUT INTERFERENCE, AND LITTLE CHANGE IN BETTING.

New York, April 15.—The Metropolitan racing season of 1908 opened today at Aqueduct park, and the day's program was carried out without interference, and with only slight changes in the usual system of betting.

Of the fields, the Carter handicap, with its rich prize of \$10,000, was the feature. The race went to Jack Atkin, Barney Seligson's good horse Red River being second, and Chapultepec, the favorite, third. Jack Atkin was held at 8 to 1 in the betting. Red River at 3 to 1, and Chapultepec at 5 to 2. Meelick finished fourth and Brookdale Nymph fifth, both at 8 to 1.

The time was 1:57 4-5 for the seven furlongs. Weather rainy, track heavy.

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TERRIFIC RAINSTORM SWELPS SPARTANBURG

NEGRO KILLED; WIFE HURT AND ENORMOUS DAMAGE IS DONE.

Spartanburg, S. C., April 15.—A disastrous storm passed over the southern section of Spartanburg late today, doing great damage. A negro was killed at West Springs, his wife seriously injured, and a number of others reported injured. Many buildings were blown away. The path of the storm extended over fifteen miles.

A terrific rainfall preceded the wind, and the roads have been practically washed away in some places. Some damage is reported at Glenn Springs, a watering place.

PENSACOLA STREET CARS OPERATED ALL DAY

BUSINESS SUSPENDS WITH COMING OF DARKNESS—MILITIA STILL ON THE JOB.

Pensacola, Fla., April 15.—Cars were operated on all the lines of the Pensacola Electric Company today, protected by state troops, which were stationed all over the city. At dark, however, all cars were sent to the barns and no attempt made to run cars to night.

There were no serious disturbances during the day, and aside from the occasional explosion of a torpedo placed on the tracks, causing momentary excitement, good order prevailed.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL BARS KISSING GAMES

CHILDREN ATTENDING SCHOOLS UNDER ITS JURISDICTION ORDERED TO STOP PRACTICE.

London, April 15.—The county council has issued an ordinance forbidding children attending county council schools to play games in which kissing forms a part. The head teachers are instructed to see that such games are discontinued.

The reason for the prohibition is contained in a sentence of the ordinance reading: "On medical grounds the practice is considered undesirable."