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REUBEN BARBEE FREE AFTER TRIAL IN MAYOR'S COURT

Man Suspected of Killing Engineer Holt Proves an Alibi and Is Released.

POLICE HAVE NO CLUE NOW AS TO MURDERER

After a Hearing That Consumed the Entire Afternoon, Barbee Succeeded in Establishing an Alibi—Weak Points in the Case of Both Sides.

Durham, N. C., Dec. 21.—The case of Reuben Barbee came up today and consumed all of the afternoon, the trial being before the mayor. The case began at 1:30 o'clock and it was nearly dark when the adjournment was taken. Barbee stood charged with the murder of Engineer J. A. Holt at the coal chute on the early morning of December 5. His reliance was to prove an alibi and the state thought that a complete case had been established that would send the defendant over to the higher court. Barbee relied entirely upon an alibi. He swore that he was at home all of that night. It was hoped by the state that the story of the defense could be broken down. There were several weak places in the armor of both sides. Tonight, after lengthy hearing, Mayor Graham discharged Reuben Barbee of the charge of killing Engineer Holt. The evidence was not sufficient to hold in the face of the alibi that the defendant established. This leaves the Holt murder as dark as it was the moment after it was reported to the officers on the morning he was killed. There is now no clue.

WOMAN VICTIM OF NIGHT RIDERS TELLS HER STORY

One of the Two Said to Have Been Whipped Testifies Against Band.

STATE PRACTICALLY COMPLETES CASE

Story of Member of the Gang Who Turned State's Evidence Furnishes No Little Excitement in the Trial of Reelfoot Lake Crowd at Union City.

Union City, Tenn., Dec. 21.—The state practically completed its case today against the eight alleged night riders on trial for the murder of Capt. Quentin Rankin, when it drew from Frank Fehringer, a member of the band, who turned state's evidence, a detailed statement of the Rankin affair and a score or more other outrages. It also called to the stand Mrs. Emma Thurman Johnson, one of the two women said to have been whipped by the band, and had her tell her story. The startling testimony of Frank Fehringer, who confessed, accusing the men on trial of being actual participants in the murder of Captain Rankin, given with an exactness of detail, amazed the people who thronged the courtroom. Then as Mrs. Johnson's name was called a murmur of satisfaction arose. She walked rapidly to the stand and removed her veil reluctantly, on the judge's instructions, that she might be heard by the jury. Mrs. Johnson had married Joe Johnson, a man thirty years older than she. (Continued on Page Two.)

TAFT HOLDS A CONFERENCE WITH J. H. HAMMOND

Discusses With President-Elect of Republican Club Plans for That Organization.

HAMMOND NOT AFTER CABINET JOB, HE SAYS

Wish Father to the Thought in the Case of Many Cabinet Rumors—Taft Can't Play Golf on Sand Greens Yet, But Will Soon Get Used to Them.

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 21.—President-elect William H. Taft conferred today with John Hays Hammond, president of the National League of Republican Clubs, and received suggestions which will be given serious consideration respecting new fields of future usefulness for that organization. Mr. Hammond, who arrived here today with Mrs. Hammond and two of their sons for an extended stay, Mr. Taft said, was invited by him to come. He added there were many things he wanted to talk over with the eminent mining engineer, including political conditions and appointments. The two have been friends since their college days, when they were classmates. Mr. Hammond was emphatic in saying he was not a candidate for either the cabinet, the diplomatic corps, or any other position under the new administration. If he had any ambition whatever, he said, it would be to head a department of public works, in the event such a department should be established. In the organization of such a department he believes his engineering experience would be valuable to the government in organizing a branch of service having for its purpose the conservation of the natural resources and their administration. Writes to Senator Knox. Mr. Taft said tonight he had written Senator Knox, inviting him to come to Augusta within the next two or three weeks if he could, at which time a cabinet conference would be held. In this connection, Mr. Taft said he believed he was beginning to see where so many cabinet rumors came from. The publishing of a name with the information that its possessor was being "seriously considered" for the cabinet, he found, has followed the suggestion of that name to him by some one interested in the person. He added that he still believed it would take more than the suggestion of a name and its publication to build the cabinet. No actual developments, he asserted, had been made recently, and there was nothing to be added to the public information on the subject at this time. Mr. Taft has stated specifically that there is no foundation for any of the recent cabinet rumors. State Chairman Walter S. Dickey, of Missouri, is to be a visitor to Judge Taft in the near future. That Mr. Dickey will have something to say of the qualifications of Judge Charles Nagle, of St. Louis, for a cabinet position, is predicted. Judge Taft spoke tonight in the highest terms of the legal ability of Mr. Nagle, who was in charge of the national headquarters at Chicago, as national committeeman in the absence of Chairman Hitchcock. Move to Terrett Cottage. The Taft family today moved to the Terrett cottage, which is to be their home during the remainder of their stay here. They lunched at the Bon Air hotel, where they are to take their meals. At dinner tonight they were the guests of the Country Club. Judge Taft is not a little vexed at his golf score. He laughingly refuses to tell what his score is, but laments the blame to the sand greens, on which he has never before played. He has promised himself that he will devote a little extra time in the afternoon to "putting" until he has mastered the art. Many invitations are coming to Mr. Taft to visit points in Georgia and the south. He said today that he would be unable to accept them and should probably thereby be compelled to refuse to go anywhere except to keep his Atlanta engagement.

Prisoner in Murder Case and Interested Women



T. JENKINS HAINS. MRS. PETER C. HAINS, Sr.

11,892,115 BALES COTTON GINNED TO DECEMBER 13, SAYS GOVERNMENT

These Figures Compare With 9,284,070 for the Same Period Last Year.

27,269 ACTIVE GINNERIES

Washington, Dec. 21.—A total of 11,892,115 running bales of cotton ginned from the growth of 1908 to December 13, against 9,284,070 at the same date of last year and 27,269 active ginneries against 27,156 in 1907, were announced by the census bureau in its report today. The figures count round bales as half bales and exclude linters. The bales ginned to December 13 aggregated 11,112,730 in 1906 and 9,927,876 in 1905. The total 1907 crop was 11,057,822, of which 84 per cent. was ginned to December 13, crop of 1908, 12,983,201, of which 85.6 per cent. ginned to December 13, and crop of 1905, 10,495,105 or 88.6 per cent. by December 13. The report includes 215,029 round bales for 1908, 167,204 for 1907, and 243,096 for 1906. Sea Island bales included an aggregate of 80,187, by states, as follows: Florida, 31,672; Georgia, 37,956; South Carolina, 11,950. The corrected statistics of the quantity of cotton ginned this season to December 13 are 11,908,601 bales. The report of cotton ginned to December 13 last and the number of active ginneries respectively by states follows: Alabama, 1,263,700 bales and 3,497 ginneries. Arkansas 846,761 and 2,102. Florida 64,131 and 255. Georgia 1,889,346 and 4,449. Kansas, Kentucky and New Mexico 1,500 and 5. Louisiana 434,741 and 1,681. Mississippi 1,440,912 and 3,454. Missouri 50,356 and 77. North Carolina 618,191 and 2,724. Oklahoma 495,232 and 979. South Carolina 1,130,882 and 3,207. Tennessee 302,577 and 639. Texas 3,365,989 and 4,133. Virginia 11,767 and 117.

RUNAWAY NEGRO BROUGHT BACK HERE FOR TRIAL

Taylor Thompson, a negro charged with obtaining money under false pretense, was brought back from Richmond yesterday by Policeman Causey and placed in jail to await trial at the next term of Criminal Court. Chief of Police Neely learning of Thompson's whereabouts last week, promptly had requisition papers forwarded to the proper authorities, which resulted in Thompson being brought back here yesterday. New Head to Insurance Company. New York, Dec. 21.—E. E. Rittenhouse, insurance commissioner of Colorado, was today elected president of the Provident Savings Life Assurance Society, of New York, succeeding Arthur G. Banham, of Louisville, Ky.



MRS. CLAUDIA HAINS.

THAW CANNOT BE TAKEN TO PITTSBURG, DECLARES THE COURT OF APPEALS

Case May Yet Be Taken to the Supreme Court for Settlement.

LOWER COURT IS AFFIRMED

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 21.—Harry K. Thaw, the slayer of Stanford White, and now confined in the state hospital for the criminal insane at Matteawan, N. Y., cannot be taken to Pittsburgh to testify in bankruptcy proceedings, according to a decision handed down today by the United States Court of Appeals in this city. Whether the case will be taken to the United States Supreme Court is not known here. The decision affirms the action taken by Judge Young, of the United States court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, who quashed a writ of habeas corpus compelling Robert B. Lamb, superintendent of the Matteawan asylum, to turn Thaw over to a United States marshal for the prisoner's appearance at Pittsburgh. The writ was allowed by Judge Archbold, of the United States court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania sitting at Scranton, who was looking after the business in Judge Young's court while the latter was in Europe last summer. The bankruptcy proceedings were begun on August 7, when Thaw filed a petition of voluntary bankruptcy in the United States court at Pittsburgh, and five days later he was declared a bankrupt. Roger O'Mara, of Pittsburgh, being appointed receiver. Subsequently, Horace N. Bain, a hotel keeper of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., who had filed a claim for \$60,225 for board, secured an order from the referee in bankruptcy to have Thaw appear before his creditors in Pittsburgh and submit to an examination. Thaw at this time was confined in the Dutchess county jail, awaiting the outcome of habeas corpus proceedings before a New York Supreme Court justice for his release from the asylum. The matter of Thaw's appearance in Pittsburgh was opposed by the State of New York and was taken to the Appellate Court on October 21 and argued on December 1 and 2. Ana Bird Gardiner, of New York, argued the case on behalf of the State of New York. Gardiner maintained that Thaw was insane and dangerous to the public safety, and that bankruptcy proceedings taken by him were null and void because of his mental condition.

ROOSEVELT DENIES THE STORY OF DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN HIM AND TAFT

No Friction, As Reported, Over the Ohio Senatorial Situation, He Declares.

HAS NO CHOICE, HE SAYS

Cincinnati, O., Dec. 19.—In what is declared to be an authorized statement, the Times Star today, in a Washington dispatch, quotes President Roosevelt as denying the published report that he had a disagreement with President-elect Taft, and that he "was opposed to Charles P. Taft's candidacy for the United States Senate, favoring that of Congressman T. E. Burton." The President is said to have authorized the use of his denial. He is quoted as saying: "The story is false from beginning to end. I have had no disagreement with Judge Taft. I have not been taking and shall not take, any part in the Ohio senatorial contest." Washington, D. C., Dec. 19.—President Roosevelt today stated that there was no truth in a printed story that he had a disagreement with President-elect Taft about the candidacy of the latter's brother, Charles P. Taft, for the senatorship from Ohio. The President stated that the subject of the senatorship never has been even remotely mentioned in conversation between himself and Judge Taft, and that he has no thought of in any manner interfering in the contest. Death Yesterday Morning. Mrs. C. E. Wright died at her residence, 235 Correll street, yesterday morning. The interment will be at Ruffin today. She was thirty-one years of age and leaves a widower and one child.

WILL TELL THE ENTIRE STORY OF JUDGE HARGIS' CONNECTION WITH FEUD

Defense Will Thus Seek to Show His Responsibility for His Own Death.

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GOOD WORK DONE IN THIS STATE TOWARD PROTECTION OF FISH

North Carolina Only Commonwealth Where Success Has Resulted in Shad Cultivation.

CONDITIONS ARE ALARMING

Washington, D. C., Dec. 21.—"The most serious condition now confronting the American fishing industry is the failure of the states to afford adequate protection to migratory fishes in state and interstate waters." This is the serious note of warning sounded by George M. Bowers, United States fish commissioner, in his annual report made public today. Mr. Bowers states that the fishes most in need of consideration are the shad, the striped bass, and the sturgeon, on the Atlantic coast, and the salmon in the Pacific states. The disappearance of the sturgeon from nearly every east coast river, Mr. Bowers states, "shows how greed and indifference may in a single generation destroy a valuable fishery." North Carolina stands out as the only state among all the states in which the bureau engages in the cultivation of shad, where the general decline of this fishery has been arrested. "The immediate effect of sensible protective measures in this state," says the commissioner, "shows the results that may be expected from similar legislation from the various important streams like the Potomac, the Susquehanna and the Delaware, in which the shad has been persistently destroyed year after year without any regard for the future."

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BOY BOXER IS HELD FOR OPPONENT'S DEATH

CORONER HOLDS INQUEST OVER YOUTHFUL PUGILIST IN PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 21.—Benjamin Barnett was today committed by the coroner charged with causing the death of James Curran, aged eighteen years, during a boxing bout at the Broadway Athletic Club in the lower section of the city on Friday last. The boys, who were novices, appeared at an amateur matinee. Curran collapsed in the second round after a blow on the jaw, and died before he could be taken to the hospital. Quarterly Conference Tonight. The first quarterly conference of the West Market Street church will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

NEGRO DESPERADO SHOT AND KILLED BY OFFICER

SENSATIONAL SHOOTING OCCURS IN CHURCH STREET AT NORFOLK IN A CROWD.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 19.—In a sensational fight in Church street tonight that caused intense excitement among hundreds of Christmas shoppers thronging the thoroughfare, an unknown negro desperado was shot and killed by Patrolman Buck White, and Acting Sergeant Marshall. When arrested for fighting, the negro cut Patrolman White back of the ear, held citizens at bay who attempted to prevent his escape, slashed C. H. Chandler, who grabbed him, and dashed away. Acting Sergeant Marshall arrived on the scene and he and Buck White opened fire with pistols, killing the negro instantly.

FREQUENT FIRES IN LAURENS COUNTY, S. C.

SEVERAL GINNERIES, STORES AND OTHER BUILDINGS ARE DESTROYED.

Laurens, S. C., Dec. 21.—Destructive fires are becoming frequent in Laurens county, especially among the ginneries, three having been destroyed within the last few days. Early Saturday morning the ginney at Waterloo, together with two stores, was burned. Saturday night another at Rabunla; a few days ago one at Cross Hill, and several days ago two stores at Graycourt were destroyed by fire, all at night. The aggregate losses are heavy. There is nothing but speculation as to the origin of these fires.

SEVEN COUNCILMEN IN PITTSBURG ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF BRIBE TAKING

Members of the Finance Committee of Select and Common Council Held.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 21.—Seven members of the finance committee of common and select councils, of this city, were arrested today on charges of receiving bribes and bribery, and the alleged corruption of other members of council in the passage of various kinds of legislation during the past two years. The charges were preferred by the Civic Voters' League of this city. The men were released on bonds ranging from \$15,000 to \$30,000. Wedding Came With Holidays. Marriage licenses are being issued more frequently as the holidays approach. The register of deeds issued seven Saturday and five today.

WORE VEST PADDED WITH \$6,000 IN BILLS

ONTARIO POLICE PINCH MAN CHARGED WITH BILLING BANKS OF \$9,000.

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 19.—Wearing a vest that was padded with \$50 and \$100 bills to the value of over \$6,000, B. B. Bond, of Nashville, Tenn., was arrested here today on a charge of obtaining between \$8,000 and \$9,000 by false pretenses from the First National Bank, Nashville. Bond has been here since December, staying at the best hotels under the name of "J. L. Jones." When arrested he said he would go back without waiting for extradition proceedings but on advice of his lawyer decided to wait till Monday. He will then decide whether to fight extradition.

SENIOR CLASS GIVEN DINNER AT BENBOW

GUILFORD COLLEGE STUDENTS GUESTS OF C. D. BENBOW SUNDAY AFTERNOON.

The senior class of Guilford College, accompanied by Prof. Clement Meredith, were guests of C. D. Benbow at the Benbow hotel Sunday afternoon. They arrived at noon in two large sightseeing automobiles, taking dinner with Mr. Benbow, after which they departed for the college. The senior class this year is composed of twenty-one members, twelve young men and nine young women. Mr. Benbow has been closely associated with the affairs of the college for a number of years, and is one of the institution's best friends, as evidenced by the interest he takes in the student body.