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MRS. HUDSON FREED OF MURDER CHARGE

DOUGHERTY JURY ACQUITS WOMAN ACCUSED OF KILLING CHILDREN—TELLS MANY DETAILS OF PAST LIFE—SHE FEARED HUSBAND.

Albany, Ga., Oct. 12.—Mrs. Benjie Hudson was found not guilty by a jury here, today, of the murder of her two sons.

Mrs. Hudson on the stand in her own defense yesterday, told the jury her husband had shot the boys and threatened her if she told. She had obtained a job in Albany to help support the children, she testified because her husband had failed to do so. Early on the morning of the tragedy she said, as she was preparing to leave the farm where they lived for town, to begin work, Hudson with a pistol at her head, compelled her to go across the road to the barn. Hudson, she declared, returned to the house, from which direction she shortly heard muffled screams and two shots.

"I knew he had killed my babies and I tried to get in the house to them, but he said he would kill me if I tried to get in," she told the jury. "In the wagon going to town, he told me he would shoot me if I didn't keep my mouth shut and said if I put him where he could not get me he had a brother who would get me."

The woman also told the jury the two little boys were illegitimates and that she had fled from Alabama to keep the authorities from taking them from her. Love for the boys had led her to outwit the authorities she said, and to try and get decent support for them, after she had married Hudson. She declared Hudson was terribly cruel to her and to the little boys.

COURT DECISIONS

Sessions Expected to End Saturday Morning Last Case on Trial.

The jury engaged in the case of J. L. McCoy against Austin Hall Wednesday returned a verdict for the defendant. McCoy sought damages in the sum of \$10,000 which he claims to have incurred in an automobile accident. C. L. Bowen lost two cases in the decision of a jury in his suit against J. H. Wilson and in agreeing to non-suit against W. M. Bell.

J. C. McLane as guardian ad litem against the Southern Paving Company won a verdict of \$200. The Operatives Trust Company won its suit against Sheriff McLane, and the verdict will restore to the owner, George Pritchard, an automobile seized by the sheriff in a liquor raid.

The jury in the case of R. C. Price against W. B. Hill returned a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$8,200 with interest from January 1 to October 1, the total amount being \$8,630.47. R. M. Stevenson was foreman of the jury.

The court is engaged this afternoon in the suit of Mariah Dawson against Abbeville County, which is expected to consume the balance of today and part of tomorrow. The court will adjourn following the completion of this case and the jurors already drawn to serve next week have been notified by Clerk of Court Perrin not to report.

GIVES AWAY RANGES

Memorial Hospital Gets Useful Gift From Presbyterians.

The Home Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Synod of South Carolina has recently given to the Abbeville County Memorial Hospital the two cooking ranges left there when the building was abandoned by Ferguson-Williams College, and which have been used by the hospital since its beginning. The gift was made at the suggestion of Mr. A. B. Morse, agent for the mission committee in Abbeville.

PHILANDER KNOX DIES AT CAPITAL

SENATOR FROM PENNSYLVANIA STRICKEN—SENATE TO MEET THEN ADJOURN OUT OF RESPECT TO LATE MEMBER. 68 YEARS OLD.

Washington, Oct. 12.—Philander Chase Knox, senator from Pennsylvania and secretary of state under President Taft, died suddenly at 6:30 o'clock this evening at his home here. He was stricken with paralysis after descending the stairway on his way to dinner and passed away 15 minutes later without regaining consciousness.

Mrs. Knox and the senator's secretary, W. F. Martin, were near the senator and hurried to his aid. Dr. Samuel Adams was summoned immediately, but he found Mr. Knox beyond medical aid.

Senator Knox returned to Washington only last Monday night from a trip to Europe with Mrs. Knox and he attended the sessions of the senate yesterday and today. Leaving the chamber about 5 o'clock this afternoon the senator took an automobile ride through Potomac park and stopped on his way home to purchase tickets for a theatrical performance tonight. Reaching home, the senator went to his library where he remained until summoned to dinner.

President Harding, Chief Justice Taft, Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the Republican leader; Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania and other friends and close associates of Mr. Knox were soon notified of the senator's death. The news came as a shock to all official Washington, for the senator, through his services first as attorney general under Presidents McKinley and Roosevelt, and later as attorney general under President Taft, had a wide circle of friends in all walks of public life, congressional, diplomatic and legal.

Arrangements for the funeral will be made after the arrival in Washington of Senator Knox's sons, Reid Knox of Valley Forge, Pa., and Hugh Knox of Stratford, Pa., and daughter, Mrs. James R. Tindall of Valley Forge. A third son, Philander Chase Knox, Jr., resides in Washington. The senate will meet tomorrow and adjourn out of respect to the late senator and with the house will name a committee to attend the funeral.

Senator Knox was a resident of Pittsburgh and he also had a summer home at Valley Forge. The place of interment has not yet been announced.

FIRM'S ATTORNEYS APPROVE BONDS

The school board is in receipt of a telegram today to the effect that the attorneys of J. H. Hillsman and company of Atlanta have approved the legality of the bonds voted some time ago to erect a new school building in Abbeville. The board will notify J. R. Owen, contractor, of Greenville and he is expected to begin work on the structure at an early date. It is expected that the money from the sale of the bonds will be available within four or five days.

The final confirmation of the sale of the school bonds marks the close of a long effort by the board to dispose of the securities at a price that would enable the trustees to have erected a building that would meet the need of the growing attendance. The sale was advertised twice, the first offers not proving satisfactory. There were several bidders at the second offering and they were finally sold at 92 and accrued interest, which is approximately the amount that will be realized in the sale now consummated.

RAILROAD STRIKE THOUGHT UNLIKELY

LEADERS EXPECTED TO MAKE NO ANNOUNCEMENT—BROTHERHOOD EXECUTIVES MAY ADJOURN WITHOUT TAKING DEFINITE ACTION.

Chicago, Oct. 13.—Little likelihood of a decision to call a strike of railroad workers of the big four brotherhoods was forecast tonight by L. E. Sheppard, president of the Order of Railway Conductors. After three days and nights of meetings the executives and general chairmen of the conductors, engineers and firemen were still far from agreement as to their action tonight.

"It is likely now that there will be no announcement made when these conferences adjourn," Mr. Sheppard said. "Thus far we can say nothing, and it now seems probable that there will be nothing to say."

Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, and W. S. Carter, head of the Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen, declared they, too, would probably have nothing to say even after the conference.

W. G. Lee, head of the Brotherhood of railroad trainmen, the fourth body of the big four group, arrived today to await the action of the remaining trio.

"Our men have voted to strike and I will give them my authorization the minute the others say the word. It is up to them," Mr. Lee said.

He added, however, that he was not expecting strike action and that he would not be surprised to see the conferences end without definite action being taken.

MORE INDICTMENTS AGAINST STRIKERS

Fitzgerald, Ga., Oct. 13.—Ben Hill grand jury returned indictments for the murder of W. T. Reed, engineer of the A. B. & A. railroad shot July 5th, against Carl Ellison, Fred Stubbs J. M. Smith, A. W. Rozar, James Mead, P. R. Harris, Ed Brown, John T. Liles, J. R. Malcolm and Crowder Cates, when O. C. Fairfield, also indicted by a special grand jury for the murder of Reed, turned state's evidence before the grand jury today.

Fairfield also is a witness against Preston Ware, William Busell and S. R. Thomas, former employes of the A. B. & A. railroad, who were arrested this afternoon on a warrant charging them with a felony in connection with a wreck which occurred near Ambrose, in Coffee county, on July 28th, and which was said to be due to a dynamite explosion.

The three accused were taken to Douglas Wednesday afternoon, to be presented to the grand jury of Coffee county, which is in session this week. Fairfield was taken to Douglas to go before the grand jury as a witness.

All of the indicted employes are in jail here except Fred Stubbs, engineer, and P. R. Harris and James Meade, conductors. Officers are on the lookout for these. The grand jury adjourned this afternoon until Monday. Criminal cases will come up for trial Monday, and it is expected that a strong array of attorneys will be secured for the defendants.

COTTON MARKET.

Spot cotton: Highest price paid today 20 cents. Futures were unsteady, December making a decent to 18 cents during the morning. The close, however, was firmer, the final quotation being 19.17, a net gain of two points from yesterday's close.

GIANTS WIN LAST TO TAKE SERIES

McGRAW'S NATIONALS BECOME BASEBALL MONARCHS OF UNIVERSE BY VICTORY OVER YANKEES YESTERDAY.—FINAL SCORE 1 TO 0.

Polo Grounds, New York, Oct. 13. John McGraw's Giants became the baseball monarchs of the universe here this afternoon when they defeated the New York Yankees, 1 to 0, in the eighth and decisive game of the world series.

Roger Peckinpugh, the Gibraltar of the Yank infield, fell down in the first inning and paved the way for the Giants' only run. Waite Hoyt, the Brooklyn youth, was jointly responsible for the victory of the Giants. Hoyt put the winning run on the base when he walked Bancroft. Peck then muffed up Kelly's grounder and then Bancroft was over the plate with the run.

Arthur Nehf, twice defeated in the series, came back and pitched a brilliant game. He wobbled several times, but was saved by the brilliant work of his inner defense.

The great Babe Ruth, with his arm swelled twice its normal size, disobeyed the orders of his physician and went in as a pinch hitter in the ninth inning, trying to ward off what then looked like certain defeat. The swat king failed and went out on an easy grounder.

The Yanks had their big chance in the fourth inning. With two down, Pipp and Ward singled, and Nehf, losing control momentarily, walked Baker, filling the bases. Schang came up and drove a lone fly which Burns pulled in for a fine catch.

HARDING TALKS OF DISARMAMENT

Washington, Oct. 13.—Universal disarmament is impossible and even its desirability now is questionable, President Harding said today.

The president's view, which makes it clear the American delegation at the arms parley will seek only a limitation of armament, was stated in emphatic terms in a letter made public by the White House to stem a growing propaganda—mostly well intentioned—for complete abolition of armament.

The letter, made public simultaneously with the assembling of the American delegation to the disarmament conference here today, was addressed to Miss Ella L. Freed, 46 Lenox road, Brooklyn, N. Y., who had written the president urging him to work for complete disarmament.

"Universal disarmament would be beyond hope of realization," the president answered. "Even its desirability at this time might well be questioned."

President Harding is seriously concerned over what appears to be an organized propaganda for total disarmament at this time. Hundreds of letters have come to the White House urging him to insist that armies and navies of the world over be wiped out by the conference.

This propaganda, Mr. Harding believes, is arousing false hopes of a utopian nature which cannot possibly be realized and which if insisted upon might wreck the conference.

Meets Today

Anderson, Oct. 14.—The Second Associate Reformed Presbyterian presbytery convenes here this morning in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church. This presbytery consists of parts of South Carolina, and parts of several states adjoining. They will be in session Friday, Saturday and Sunday. There will be about 50 delegates present.

FARMER'S WIFE WRITES OF NEEDS

SAYS IF ABBEVILLE BUSINESS MEN ARE NOT INTERESTED CALL ON SEABOARD RAILWAY TO ESTABLISH CREAMERY AND POTATO HOUSE.

Secretary Barnes has received the following letter:

"I am not a writer, and do not care to be put before the public. Being a farmer's wife I see the needs that could be of great help to us, especially since our money crop has been a failure and the future seems very uncertain. You being secretary of the chamber of commerce, interested in the town and county, it seems as if you could get the business men or the Seaboard Railway to establish a creamery with milk routes and a year-round cannery. The farmers of Abbeville County could see one way for diversification, could be sure of something coming in. At present we have a poor sale for butter during the summer months and why feed a cow when butter must go to waste?"

"Abbeville County could be made one of the best dairy counties in the South. We have pure streams of water and good grazing grounds. No opportunity is given the farmer to do any thing else but raise cotton. We know it is a fact creamery butter is shipped into Abbeville every year. Why not have Abbeville's own creamery butter?"

"The year-round creamery would employ both men and women. Vegetables for spring, summer and late fall canning, sweet potatoes and meats for winter and late spring, with a cold storage potato house, we would be sure of a sale for products."

"You men who do not go into the homes of the humble countryman, do not know the appalling situation. You say live at home. We do as far as bread, meat and the things we eat, but where are clothes to come from? Money to pay the ever growing high tax, and the many needs that money alone will pay."

"Abbeville has always been a selfish town as far as the poor countryman is concerned. If the merchants can get a lien on his crop, he is all right. We are encouraged to raise cotton, and not assured of any other opportunity for a money crop. Won't you take the great needs of the poor man to the business men of our town?"

"We need a peanut mill, a year-round cannery, a creamery with milk routes for we have good roads going into the town from east, west, north and south. If the men of the town are not interested in coming to the rescue of the county, why not try to interest the S. A. L. Railway? We see accounts of what they do for others."

"The boll weevil is no fake with us but a real destroyer of our future prosperity."

"A Farmer's Wife."

Lowndesville, S. C.

Commenting upon the above letter this morning, Mr. Barnes said that he agreed with the diagnosis of present conditions and the remedies as suggested by "A Farmer's Wife," but that he did not think she is entirely correct in shouldering the whole responsibility of carrying out the remedies on the merchants of Abbeville. The Chamber of Commerce, he said, has always endeavored to cooperate in any movement considered as tending to further the interests of the county, not stopping to ask whether merchant or farmer would benefit most.

"The Chamber of Commerce," Secretary Barnes says, "is called the Abbeville County Chamber of Commerce. It is open to membership to any man in the county. I have tried and the membership committee has tried to enlist the aid of the farmers in making the organization a progressive and beneficial organ. The membership at present is composed almost entirely of the business men

KLU KLUX DEFENDED BY IMPERIAL WIZARD

SIMMONS SAYS IF KLAN WERE LAWLESS BAND IT COULD NOT HAVE OBTAINED SUCH LARGE MEMBERSHIP—DENIES FIGHTING TEACHERS.

Washington, Oct. 12.—Defending the Ku Klux Klan, William J. Simmons, its imperial wizard, told the house rules committee today that if it had been a lawless band it could not have obtained such large membership, comprising 'the leading men of many communities.'

Simmons declared that if the klan was guilty of one thousandth part of the crimes charged against it he would immediately summon the head officers and forever disband it in every section of the country.

Paul S. Etheridge of Atlanta, who described himself as supreme attorney, stated that Mr. Simmons who was present was suffering with nausea but hoped to testify later in the day.

Mr. Etheridge declared that Mrs. Elizabeth Tyler of Atlanta, had no relation with the imperial body, and, according to his information, was with the propagating department.

"If Mrs. Tyler has had any control over the organization, it has been outside of my knowledge," the witness said.

Referring to published reports that several teachers in Atlanta were defeated for re-election by the school board "because they were Catholics," Mr. Etheridge declared there was no truth in it.

"There was not a kinsman on the board," he testified.

He also asserted that the "Lake-wood killing" in Atlanta was not the work of klansmen, and that certain alleged participants had been prosecuted by John A. Boykin, district attorney, whom he described as an acknowledged klansman.

"There is nothing about our organization that will not stand the light of day," he said. "As a matter of fact I shall be glad to have a congressional investigation, for in that way we can prove conclusively that the Ku Klux Klan is founded on 100 per cent Americanism."

William Monroe Trotter, of Boston, speaking for the National Equal Right League, the first witness, declared the klan was "a private, unofficial organization which interferes with personal liberties of people, most of whom are outside its membership." Such interferences, he charged, was an attempt to prevent the proper exercise of government.

"The method of coercion," Trotter said, "is shown by the sending of threatening letters to persons to cease doing certain things," and by use of the hooded gowns. He characterized the klan as "a real menace to the sense of personal security of millions of citizens."

VISITING SCHOOLS

Now the Jobs Will Have To Be Done Over.

Alfred O. Jones, Jr., principal of the high school at Fort Mill, spent Wednesday and Thursday in the city visiting the Abbeville high school getting dots on how to run a successful high school. Mr. Jones, who is a classmate of Prof. A. R. Hafner, recently took charge of the high school at Fort Mill.

of Abbeville. The farmers not only have not become members, but they have shown no disposition to assist in any of the moves the chamber has undertaken.

"If 'A Farmer's Wife' expresses the opinion of any large number of farmers in this county, it is up to them to let it be known. The chamber of commerce, and, I believe, the majority of the business men of Abbeville are ready and anxious to assist in the perfection of the enterprises suggested in the above letter."