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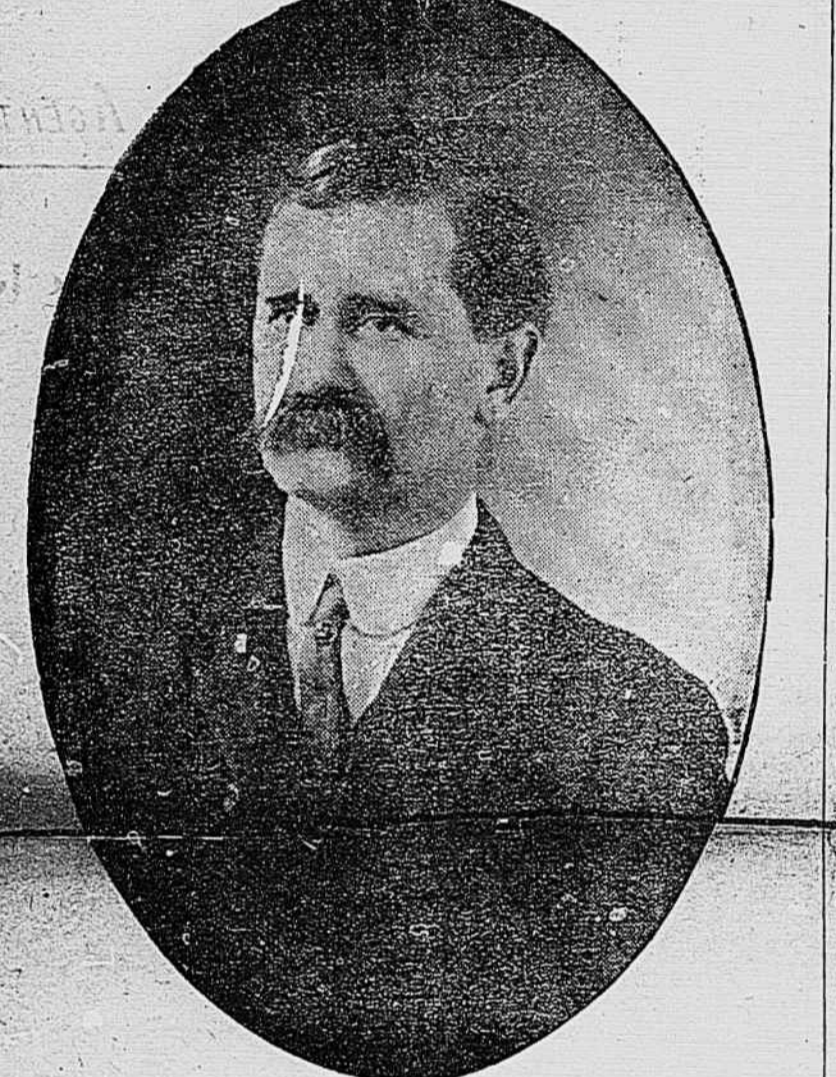
Verdict Of Jury in McCue Trial Implies Death Penalty

QUICK WORK OF THE TRIAL JURY

Surrounded by Three Young Children and Other Relatives, the Alleged Wife Murderer Heard the Verdict Calmly, but Gave Way While His Attorneys Were Preparing a Motion for a New Trial—Wednesday Set for the Argument—Jurors Admit Having Read Newspapers—Story of the Crime.

Charlottesville, Va., Special.—The celebrated McCue trial closed here on Saturday. The State made out a strong case. The arguments by counsel were very able.

J. Samuel McCue, for four years mayor of Charlottesville, was found guilty Saturday of the murder of his wife, Fanny McCue, on Sunday night, September 4th last. The verdict was murder in the first degree, which carries with it the death penalty. The jury deliberated less than half an hour.



J. SAMUEL MCCUE,

A dead silence prevailed in the courtroom when the jury filed back into the chamber to announce the fate of the accused. The crowd that filled the courtroom remained until the jury came in. Mr. McCue had grown nervous as Mr. Gilmer, the Commonwealth's attorney, was closing, and the suspense while awaiting the jury's verdict was a severe strain; but he held up, occasionally taking a Testament from his pocket and reading a passage or two.

When asked to stand up to hear the verdict, he rose calmly, and with set features heard the words that sent him back to prison, condemned to the severest penalty of the law.

It was when relaxation came during a half hour's interim while his attorneys conferred as to their motion for a new trial that McCue showed emotion. His little daughter Ruby climbed

decreed at 11:34 a. m.

One particularly sad feature of the trial was the fact that McCue had for years been a lawyer at the bar before he was tried and convicted, and had been on a friendly relations with most of those identified with the trial. The jury evinced the greatest interest, frequently questioning witnesses.

Mrs. McCue had received the contents of a shotgun in her breast—a sufficient wound to cause instant death, but in addition she had been struck a heavy blow on the head, cutting an ear nearly in two.

McCue said to one of the jurors who shook hands with him after the adjournment of court that the verdict was an unjust one, at the same time protesting his innocence.

Engineer and Fireman Killed.

Roanoke, Va., Special.—A Norfolk & Western freight train, westbound from Roanoke, ran into a derailing switch near Radford, at an early hour Sunday and was wrecked. The engine turned over on Engineer E. B. Lynch, of Roanoke, and Fireman H. L. Kippis, of Blacksburg, killing both of them. The dead men leave families.

Prominent Lawyer Dead.

New York, Special.—Emanuel Michael Friend, one of New York's well-known criminal lawyers, died suddenly Tuesday. The cause of death is not known, but it is thought to have been heart failure. Among the many celebrated cases with which Mr. Friend was connected as counsel was the defense of "Frenchie," also known as "Ben Ali" and "Jack the Ripper," who was charged with the killing of "Shakespeare" in the East River Hotel in this city. Other cases were that of the Cossack, charged with killing Dr. Kennedy, and Augustus Mack, who, with Martin Thorn, was indicted for the murder of William Gulden-suppe.

Renewed Activity.

St. Petersburg, By Cable.—General Sakharoff telegraphs under Wednesday's date that Wednesday night was quiet, the Japanese, however, showing marked designs of the recommencing the offensive against the Russian left wing. They have also re-occupied the village of Sandapa, near the Hun river, in front of the Russian right flank.

Cossacks Driven Back.

General Okta's Headquarters, By Cable.—There is little change in the positions of the Japanese and Russian armies. On Sunday last, detachments composed of Russian infantry and Don Cossacks attacked the Japanese cavalry on the extreme left along the Hun river, but were driven back, leaving twenty dead soldiers and thirty horses. This is the first time that the Cossack of the Don have taken part in the operations.

The Japanese line now follows the bank of the Shakhe river except on the extreme left.

ORPHANAGE SUFFERS BY FIRE

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Clinton, Special.—The Memorial Dilling Hall of Thornwell Orphanage was destroyed by fire Thursday night.

The fire was discovered about 11:30 o'clock and had then gained such a headway as to make it impossible to save the building. The best that could be done was to prevent the flames spreading to the dormitories on each side, in which the inmates were asleep when the fire began. There were no sleeping apartments in the memorial hall but it was fitted up in excellent style and the financial loss is heavy. The building contained dining room, store rooms and kitchen, the last being furnished with modern ranges and appliances. The destruction of the building leaves the orphans with nothing to eat and no place to cook or eat if there were provisions on hand. Despite the late hour, however, citizens of Clinton are preparing to feed the children tomorrow. But help must come promptly to put these things in shape again, and Dr. Jacobs, the superintendent, appeals to the people through the State for contributions at once.

The burned building was erected by popular subscription, chiefly from Presbyterians in 1888, and was a handsome stone structure, about 50x60 feet, costing about \$10,000. There is probably some insurance but this could not be definitely learned tonight. The building was situated between two others with narrow streets between, and it was only by hard work that these adjacent structures were saved. On account of the fire it was difficult to secure water. Clinton having no water works system, and many wells having gone dry.

It is supposed that the fire started on one of the ovens.

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Mr. A. W. Jones, the comptroller general, is now working on a set of blanks to be filled out by the corporations upon whose franchises this tax will be levied as a license. The act will be of force next year and may bring in over \$80,000 in addition to the revenue now received from direct taxation.

All "home" or domestic corporations will be governed by the following section of the act:

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"3. The name and postoffice address of the president, treasurer, superintendent and general manager, and the members of the board of directors.

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"6. The amount of capital stock subscribed, the amount of capital stock issued and outstanding and the amount of capital stock paid up.

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The Yashima was one of the finest battleships of the Japanese navy. Her displacement was 12,300 tons, about the size of the American battleship Oregon. She was armed with 12-inch guns, and had a top speed of 21 knots. She was built at the Mitsubishi shipyard in Kobe, and was launched in 1900. She was the only Japanese battleship to be sunk in action.

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Many Japs Wounded.

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RATHER QUIET AGAIN

Nothing Startling in the Eastern War Situation

PORT ARTHUR CENTER OF INTEREST

Japs Fortifying at all Points—The Russians Still Retire—Some Heavy Losses.

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The Japanese calculate that if the Russians do not surrender now they will be capable of prolonging the fighting by making their final stand at Liaoi Pronomony and Tiger's Tail, for a month longer, with the mere hope of continuing the struggle.

Long before the second Pacific squadron arrived in the Pacific the Japanese flag, it is now believed, will wave over the wrecked citadel. This will end Viceroy Alexieff's dream of an unconquerable city.

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Easton, quiet.....	10 1/8
Philadelphia, quiet.....	10 1/4
Savannah, dull.....	9 1/2
New Orleans, easy.....	9 1/2
Mobile, easy.....	9 1/2-16
Memphis, steady.....	9 1/2
Augusta, firm.....	9 1/2
Cincinnati, firm.....	9 1/2
Louisville, quiet.....	9 1/2
St. Louis, steady.....	9 11-16
Houston, steady.....	9 1/2
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South Carolina Items.

Beth M. Milliken, of New York, one of the leading spirits in the industrial development of the Spartanburg section, owning large blocks of stock in that county's mills, and plants elsewhere in the South, said Tuesday that the signs and impressions of this trip were very gratifying. He is especially pleased with Spartanburg, and thinks the city has a great future. Mr. Milliken, in speaking of the Piedmont mills, stated that in all probability a large sum would be expended, either in building a new mill, or adding to the plants already established. This will be left entirely with the president and treasurer, Victor M. Montgomery.

An effort is being made to organize a State Truck Growers' Association in South Carolina. A meeting was called for Wednesday of fair week in Columbia, but on account of the short notice but few attended the meeting, although there were a large number in the city. It was decided to call off the meeting (temporarily and arrange for another date. It is likely that the meeting will be held at the same time as the spring meeting of the State Fair Society and as this will give those interested plenty of time to issue a call and arrange to come, a large attendance is expected. The formal call will be issued in the next few weeks.

The Chalk case, which has been pending in the probate court in Spartanburg for several weeks, came up for a final hearing Tuesday morning before Judge Henry, who after hearing testimony on both sides made a decision brought by her husband, who had the will of his deceased wife, who had a young son, apparently only \$100 out of an estate worth several thousand dollars. The case was brought by Simpson & Jones. Testimony was taken some time ago on Wednesday morning arguments on both sides were made.

In Magistrate Paslay's court in Spartanburg Tuesday Not Ferguson, colored, was tried, convicted and bound over to court for deserting his wife. The negro was represented by Attorney R. E. Rabb, of Laurens, and Mr. C. P. Simms, of Laurens, for the prosecution. Not Ferguson deserted his blind wife in the town about a year ago, and went to Laurens county and cultivated a farm. A few days ago he was brought back to Spartanburg to answer the charge of desertion.

News comes from Union that unknown among strangers, Miss Bradwell, a young woman apparently 30 years of age, was found dead in bed a few mornings ago at the home of a Mr. Gibson, of Jacksonville. The doctor said she died of heart failure. She had a position in the yarn mill. Physicians said her death was due to heart failure.

A commission for a charter was issued to the Westmoreland Drug Manufacturing Company, of Greenville. The capital stock is to be \$2,000. The incorporators named are: C. Westmoreland and P. C. Westmoreland. A charter has also been issued to the Up-town Bowling Association, of Charleston. The Blue Ridge Beverage Company has notified the secretary of state that it has made a net increase of \$15,000 in its capital stock.

It was learned Tuesday that the conference for education in the South will be held in Columbia next April. The information came in a letter to State Superintendent of Education Martin from Dr. Edgar Gardner Murphree, the secretary. The exact date has not yet been determined upon, but it will probably be the last week in April. This is the time when the time that the bla best, and is about the time that the conference is usually held.

Experts from Ceylon have recently visited Formosa to discover whether a marketable imitation of Formosa Oolong could be made from teas grown in India and Ceylon at such cost that it could be put on the American market at a lower price than the Formosa article.

Governor Heyward Tuesday offered a reward of \$100 for the arrest of W. L. Henderson and Alfred Free, of Saluda county. They were wanted for the killing of M. M. Morse. A reward has also been offered for the arrest of Fred Herbert and Will Silvers. They are wanted for the killing of Jim Peterson and Chris Porter, respectively. This cluster of fugitives are of Newberry.

On a Very Serious Charge.

David Ott is in Orangeburg Jail, for Alleged Assault.

A special from Orangeburg to the Columbia State gives the following story: A warrant was issued by Magistrate C. P. Brunson of this city upon affidavit of Mr. Adam L. Shumaker, charge David Ott with having committed an assault upon his daughter, Miss Lula Shumaker.

Mr. Shumaker is a well known farmer who resides in Goodby town ship, a few miles this side of Ellenton, and has an excellent reputation as a good citizen and neighbor. The accused is a son of Mr. A. Ott, who is a successful farmer, residing on the State road only a few miles distant from the home of Mr. Shumaker. Young Ott is about 20 years of age, was lately being led by his father to about 17 years of age. The story is that Sunday afternoon one of Mr. Shumaker's boys and two of his girls went to Jerusalem church, a few miles away, to attend a funeral, and as they were leaving young Ott was taken to him by his father. It was late in the afternoon and he lingered behind his other buddies going in the same direction. After they had passed he stopped in some woods near the road and, it is alleged, committed the crime. He then drove the young lady to his father's house and told her to get out and walk home. This she refused to do through mortification. He then took her to his father's house, and she then drove the young lady to the house of Amos Decker to spend the night. Mr. Shumaker went to the home of Mr. Ott for his daughter and she was informed that he had started back for the country with a negro in a buggy.

Mr. Decker, however, found Ott in the city, arrested him at once and placed him in jail.

Young Ott denies the above story and gave his cousin a different version. When the girl refused to go to her mother he took her to his father's house, and she then went to the home of Mr. Decker. He said that he came to Orangeburg this morning to return a horse that he had recently bought and taken by the arrest.

It is said that young Ott had been paying attention to the young lady but Miss Shumaker objected to his attentions and would not allow him to come to his house.

There is some conflict between the current reports concerning the affair, given above as nearly correct as possible. It is probable that there will be a preliminary examination held very soon and then the full facts will be brought out.

New Holland Hall Dedicated.

Newberry College was the scene of an interesting ceremony.

Newberry, Special.—With appropriate and dignified ceremonies Newberry Monday night united in the dedication of Holland Hall, the new college annex which has lately been completed. The celebration was of an impressive character and a number of gentlemen distinguished in the service of church and state lent their presence to an occasion which might well be termed memorable