

## CLARKE WOMAN 'INSANE' SAYS DOCTOR TO JURY

Former Postmistress, Charged With Murder, Described as Being "Abnormal" and "Peculiar" RELATES HER EXPERIENCES

Afflicted With Everything From a Fractured Skull to Scarlet Fever, Declares Florida Physician

Orlando, Fla., Nov. 29.—The testimony of eight witnesses called by the defense in the trial of Lena M. T. Clarke, charged with the killing of F. A. Miltimore, in which the former West Palm Beach post mistress was described as "insane," "abnormal," "peculiar," and as a "constitutional psychopath," was concluded before Judge Andrews today and indications were that it would be several days before the case would be ready for the jury.

Dr. Ralph Green, former State health officer, one of the defense witnesses, testified that Miss Clarke "did not know the difference between right and wrong" at the time of the killing of Miltimore in a hotel here and that if she were sent to an insane asylum "she would remain there for the rest of her life."

With a paper, written in the cell of the defendant during the time of his investigations, allowed him to refresh his memory, for over an hour and a half told of the woman's peculiarities and the deductions he had made based on his long experience with patients suffering from mental and nervous troubles. He recited the stages of her early childhood, from the age of nine months, when she learned to walk and to talk at the age of one year, and of a blow from a well handle which had fractured her skull when she was but three years old; of the diseases including scarlet fever, dengue fever and influenza, also a nervous break-down she had once suffered; of an attempt made to kidnap her at an early age; of a fireworks display which had left her with a fixed dread of fire though it fascinated her to such an extent that she wanted to walk straight into it.

An abnormal fear of water had been peculiar to her also, all her life, he found on investigation and the fact that she had never been permitted to sleep alone due to periodic attacks of nightmare, was spoken of by him and testified to by her sister, Maude on the witness stand.

Of her religious beliefs he found that "she took the best out of every creed and religion and applied it to her own life."

He recited the ideas peculiar to her case that she imagined she had a group of enemies, always sneering at her and sending her threatening messages and otherwise, persecuting her. He said that such ideas of persecution would indicate in his experience an unsound mind.

What he termed as grandiose ideas, the belief that she had passed through a number of lives before the one she lived pointed to the fact that she was unbalanced.

In his investigations he stated that he had made a blood test seeking traces of hereditary insanity. He said that her blood had tested pure from any taint, but stated that her mother had suffered from rheumatism at the time of her birth and a cousin had died of insanity.

Miss Maude Clarke, sister of the defendant, took the stand during the morning session of court. She told of her sister's gradually becoming more and more absent-minded and of nightmares, from which she has suffered for a long period of time, gradually becoming more frequent. She said that her sister had learned to read so early that she did not know just at what age she had learned, but that she was able to read and digest the Waverly novels before the age of four. She said that her sister stated that it seemed as if "a gray cloud were hanging over her all of her life." She mentioned two instances of her sister's life, one when a big theater fire had occurred at West Palm Beach her sister spoke of having received a message "your turn will come next," and another incident following her brother's death when her sister had gone to sit on his grave at midnight.

George W. Smith, assistant postmaster under Miss Clarke at West Palm Beach, was the first witness called by the defense at the convening

## WEAKENED BY LACK OF FOOD FAMOUS SURGEON COLLAPSES

Scores of Cripples, Supported by Crutches or Leaning on Canes, Wait in Rain All Night to See Specialist.

New York, Nov. 29.—Weakened by lack of nourishment, due to a malady of the stomach, Dr. Adolf Lorenz, the noted Austrian surgeon, fainted three times today while attending patients in his charity clinic here.

Then after recovering from the succession of collapses, which took place within a few minutes of each other, the famous specialist, deaf to the pleadings of his American colleagues, insisted upon going to another hospital where new scores of poor people were clamoring for his ministrations.

Later in the day, and with the utmost reluctance, Dr. Lorenz yielded to the arguments of the physician whom he consulted yesterday, announcing that next week, unless he was stronger, he would hold out one clinic each day, in his effort to repay part of his country's debt to America for food and medical aid.

"It is too much—all this work," he said. "I can not do it all with my strength. I'm sorry."

When the great bone specialist saw his first patients at 8:30 this morning, hundreds of men, women and children were waiting in line outside the hospital. A milkman and a sandwich vender had served breakfast to many.

Scores, hospital attendants declared, had waited there in the rain all night—mothers and fathers with crippled children in their arms, unfortunates on crutches or leaning on canes. They had been told the surgeon could not possibly see them today. But still they had waited, undespering.

The patients selected for examination were placed in small compartments. Witnesses expressed the opinion that lack of air in them might have caused the surgeon to be overcome. After fainting the first time, Dr. Lorenz saw applicants in groups of five. In this way he examined about 300.

## RED CROSS NOTES

Because of the fact that it has been necessary to give an unusual amount of bedside care for the past six weeks, the work of school inspections has had to be partially given up. It is hoped however that in a short time the school inspections may go on as planned.

The results of school inspections made thus far for November are as follows:

Silver	
No. Pupils enrolled	28
No. inspected	25
No. vaccinated	11
No. defective eyes	3
Enlarged tonsils	6
Defective teeth	7
Anemic	4
Poorly nourished	4
Defective skins and scalps	3
Miscellaneous	5
Big Branch	
No. pupils enrolled	51
No. inspected	49
No. vaccinated	9
Defective eyes	21
Enlarged tonsils	14
Defective ears	1
Defective teeth	34
Anemic	7
Poorly nourished	8
Ground itch	36
Alcoul	
No. pupils enrolled	115
No. inspected	113
No. vaccinated	37
Defective eyes	15
Defective ears	4
Defective nose and throat	42
Defective teeth	53
Anemic	18
Poorly nourished	48
Defective skin and scalps	13
Ground itch	62

of court this morning. He testified that Miss Clarke seemed to lose all interest in life after her brother's death, and that she told him that she often had communication with the spirit of her dead brother. Other peculiarities ad convinced him, he said, that the postmistress was not of sound mind. Asked by the State's attorney on cross-examination why he had not reported Miss Clarke as a person of unsound mind to the postal authorities, he said that to report her would have been insubordination and added that the inspectors who visited the West Palm Beach post-office had known of her peculiarities.

Eight Witnesses Called  
Eight witnesses were called to the stand by the defense during the seventh day of the trial to testify as to their opinion regarding the sanity of the defendant. The testimony of the seven witnesses was a chain of corroborative testimony declaring that Miss Clarke was crazy.

## NEW IDEA COMPANY DESTROYED BY FIRE

Thanksgiving morning about three o'clock our town was awakened by pistol shots, siren blowing and the big fire bell ringing. Just about this hour The New Idea Co., one of the largest mercantile concerns in Manning was discovered to be on fire. The fire department responded promptly, but it was found that the fire had gained such headway, that it was impossible to save the stock of goods or the building. In fact, it looked as if the entire block might be wiped out by the flames. After playing three streams of water into the building for over two hours the fire was gotten under control. D. Hirschmann on one side and Dickson Drug Store on the other were in great danger but suffered practically no loss. Mr. Hirschmann's only loss being by smoke getting into his store. The New Idea Co., stock was owned by Mr. Morris Ness, of which we learn he had about \$35,000 insurance, and the building was owned by Capt. W. C. Davis and insured for \$12,000. The origin of the fire is unknown. The blaze was burning from one end of the store to the other when discovered, therefore making it almost impossible to determine where or how the fire caught. It was first thought the store had been robbed and then fired, but this theory is hardly true, as the firemen, who were the first to reach the building found it closed up securely. The cash register was supposed to have been robbed, as money had been left in it the night before, and on examination of the register immediately after the fire was subdued had no money in it. But since then money has been picked up on the floor, showing that the register broke from the hot fire and the money fell on the floor.

## WILL TRY TO SAVE SON

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Nov. 29.—Abandonment of the counter attack upon the conduct of James A. Stillman by Mrs. Anne U. Stillman in the divorce proceedings instituted by the New York banker was forecast tonight after adjournment of one-day hearing before Referee Daniel J. Gleason.

Mrs. Stillman, it was said, probably would not call any more witnesses in support of charges that her husband was guilty of misconduct with Florence H. Leeds, former Broadway show girl. Future testimony it was explained, would be devoted to defending Mrs. Stillman and the paternity of Baby Guy Stillman, whom Mr. Stillman seeks to have adjudged illegitimate.

Counsel for Mr. Stillman announced several times that the banker would not contest evidence touching upon his own behavior.

Testimony at today's hearing was understood to have set forth that Mr. and Mrs. Stillman and two of their children stayed at a suite in the St. Regis Hotel, New York, for two weeks during February, 1918, nine months before the birth of Guy Stillman. It was said to have been brought out that Fred Beauvais, the Indian guide employed by the Stillmans and named co-respondent in the banker's complaint, was a guest at the hotel during that time.

John F. Brennan, counsel for Mrs. Stillman, and John E. Mack, guardian ad litem for Guy Stillman, will leave for Montreal tomorrow night, it was said, to prepare for taking testimony there regarding the relations of Mrs. Stillman and Beauvais at and near the Stillman summer camp at Three Rivers, Quebec.

## MISS GRAY HONOREE OF BRIDGE PARTY

Mrs. T. M. Mouzon entertained at a Bridge Party Monday evening in honor of Miss Claude Gray of Gray Court, who is visiting her brother, Mr. W. R. Gray and family. The rooms where the three tables were placed were beautifully decorated in fall flowers and potted plants. Those invited to meet Miss Gray were: Misses Addie and Irma Weinberg, Corinne Barfield, Rose Ervin, Tom Bagnal; Messrs. James Spott, Thomas Bagnal, Sam Barron, John Bagnal, Taylor Stukes and J. G. Dinkins. A lovely salad course with coffee was served the guests after the game.

## INJUNCTION DISSOLVED

Orangeburg, Nov. 29.—The matter of enjoining the county highway commission of Orangeburg County from borrowing any more money and from continuing their program of building improved roads and concrete bridges came up before Judge J. W. Devore at St. Matthews this afternoon. After a long hearing Judge Devore dissolved the injunction, which leaves the highway commission free to borrow money and continue the work of building improved highways and bridges.

## HAPPENINGS OF TWENTY YEARS AGO

November 27th, 1901

Died yesterday, near Manning, Ashley Dyson, aged 28 years.

Mr. Myer Krasnoff of Bishopville, spent last Monday night in Manning.

Mrs. Lizzie Duncan and children from Gaffney, are visiting Mrs. L. E. Huggins.

Mrs. Sallie Burgess of Quitman, Ga., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stukes.

W. E. Jenkinson has had his store front very much improved by the artistic touch of Painter Brown.

Mr. C. J. Gibson met with a painful accident yesterday, by the breaking of a grind stone, striking him on the arm and cutting so severely that Dr. G. L. Dickson was called and performed a surgical operation on it.

Prof. J. P. Inabnit, principal of the Pine Grove Graded School has been quite sick and came to Manning to rest. He went to Orangeburg to see his relatives and he is now back sufficiently improved to be at his work.

Krasnoff wants everybody to take advantage of his removal sale. He is offering big bargains, and he is determined to get clear of his stock before January 1st. He wants the cash and he is offering big inducements. Come to town and see what he will do for you.

Yesterday morning Abraham Dumore, an aged and much thought of colored man, while at work in the seed room of the Oil Mill, accidentally came in contact with a belt and it mangled one of his arms. He was placed in a wagon and brought down to Dr. Geiger's operating room, where the arm was amputated.

Governor McSweeney has appointed Supervisor T. C. Owens a delegate to the Good Roads Convention which assembles in Greenville. We hope Mr. Owens will attend, and he should do so at the expense of the county. At this Convention there will be all kinds of road machinery and expert road builders where practical demonstrations in road building will be made.

Rev. P. B. Wells left yesterday morning to attend the annual conference which convenes in Columbia. Rev. Wells says he carries with him the very best report he ever carried with him to conference and he is as proud of it as a small boy with a brand new toy.

## PERJURY CHARGED IN ARBUCKLE CASE

Prosecution Presents Rebuttal Evidence—Medical Experts Called.

San Francisco, Nov. 29.—Prosecution rebuttal evidence occupied the entire session today in the trial of Roscoe C. Arbuckle on a manslaughter charge in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe. The prosecution announced at adjournment that it would continue this character of evidence tomorrow.

Milton T. U'Ren, assistant district attorney, said that the commission of three medical experts who had been selected to examine the bladder of Miss Rappe would not report before Tuesday. This commission will determine, if possible, if the organ was in a healthy condition before the fatal rupture, which the prosecution alleges Arbuckle caused by the application of external force.

The Major option of the prosecution's rebuttal was introduced through a number of witnesses to contradict evidence that Miss Rappe had been in poor health for several years prior to her death.

## Refuses to Act

An attempt by the prosecution to secure a prejury warrant for Mrs. Minnie Neighbors, a defense witness, was temporarily abandoned when the presiding judge of the Superior Court refused to act and judges in the Criminal Court departments withheld action "until both sides could be heard."

Early tonight, however, Mrs. Neighbors was placed under arrest on the felony charge of prejury for which under California laws, no warrant is required.

She was released on \$2,000 bond to appear in police court probably tomorrow.  
Mrs. Mary Paulin, hostess at a Los Angeles resort where Mrs. Neighbors had testified she met and aided Miss Rappe during an illness, testified that Miss Rappe had never registered at the resort and that she could not recall having seen her there. Following this testimony the State charged the defense witness with perjury.

## HARDING PROPOSAL MEETS WITH FAVOR

London Press Gives Increasing Attention to Idea of International Conference.

London, Nov. 29.—Increasing attention is given by the London Press to President Harding's suggestion of an "Associations of Nations" through a series of international conferences, the conclusions of which would be observed under a "gentleman's agreement" rather than by treaty.

The Times today says "that Mr. Harding's conception of the principles underlying such an association has in itself a tonic effect." The newspaper adds:

"It is heartening to know that the President, inspired by reports of the Washington conference, is already looking forward to a future from which the possibility of active cooperation by Americans in the solution of acute international problems is not excluded."

The Morning Post says:

"The President's aspiration demand serious and respectful consideration. Any method whereby America can bring to bear her vast influence for the restoration of civilization is most welcome. We have always maintained that, had the United States found herself able to enter the proposed defensive alliance with France and Great Britain, the peace of the world might have been assured for fifty years."

## America Needed

"As for the existing League of Nations, in default of the adhesion of America, it is impossible for it to fulfill the purpose of its existence."

The Post, however, expressed itself as being not a strong believer in any league or association. It disapproves Great Britain's suggestion of warship building and says:

"The debates in Washington begin to bear a disquieting likeness to The Hague, conferences which nearly brought disaster to Great Britain."

Interest in and sympathy with the "growing movement in our greater participation in the world affairs" is expressed by the Daily News which says that the refusal of the United States to enter the League of Nations was never regarded in England as proof of her intention to return permanently to the policy of isolation which the war temporarily made impossible.

## SEABOARD FIGHTS LEVY

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 29.—The Seaboard Air Line, seeking to reduce the assessed value of its property for taxation in North Carolina 22 per cent. today filed injunction proceedings in United States District Court similar to the action already started by the Southern, Atlantic Coast Line and Norfolk Southern. It will probably be heard in Greensboro with other similar cases January 17.

The proceeding is directed against A. D. Watts, commissioner of revenue for the State, and other State and county officials, and aims to restrain them from the collection of the tax, which, the complaint asserts, is excessive an confiscatory.

It is set forth that in 1921 reductions approximating 22 per cent on the basis of 1920 valuation were allowed property generally in the counties through which the Southern operates in North Carolina, whereas no such reductions were allowed the railroad. In addition, the complaint attacks the North Carolina franchise tax as double taxation.

## ASKS EDWARDS TO SPEAK

Columbia, Nov. 29.—An invitation has been extended Governor E. J. Edwards, of New Jersey, to address the South Carolina Automotive Trade Association at its annual meeting at Greenville Thursday, December 8. The Greenville Chamber of Commerce will join in the invitation and Governor Cooper will be asked to urge acceptance. Governor Cooper has also been invited to address the association.

Governor Edwards, who is interested in an automobile company in New Jersey, will be in Charleston December 5, 6 and 7 in attendance on the conference of Governors. Officials of the automotive association believe that he will accept the invitation to stop over in Greenville on the 8th and address the association. Santo Sottile, of Charleston is associated with the New Jersey Governor in business in New Jersey.

## MILLION POUNDS OF TOBACCO SIGNED

Largest Day in Campaign Had by Association

FOUR INTENTIVE DAYS

More Than 5,000,000 Pounds Expected to Be Pledged by Farmers of State.

Florence, Nov. 29.—Approximately 1,000,000 pounds of tobacco were signed today under the Tri-State Tobacco Growers' Co-operation Marketing Association contract at ten meetings held in Horry, Marion and Dillon counties, headquarters of the South Carolina Tobacco Association, announced tonight. The net results represent the biggest day's work and achievement for cooperative marketing of tobacco in the record of the campaign in the South Carolina belt, officials of the association added.

The campaign of four days length that will cover every county in the tobacco belt of the State. It will be continued tomorrow in Florence and Darlington counties, where the field forces are moving tonight. Ten to twenty meetings are being held every day during these four days. T. Benton Young, secretary of the South Carolina Tobacco Association, announced incident to today's work, the officials of the association expect the current four days campaign will bring directly not less than 5,000,000 and very probably as much as 10,000,000 pound of South Carolina tobacco under the contract of the Tri-State Bright Leaf Association. Such results would put the South Carolina belt far more than half way on its quota. The results today now give near one-third of her minimum amount which is required to make the cooperative contract valid and binding in conjunction with Virginia and North Carolina.

"We are encouraged particularly," Mr. Young said tonight, "by the fact so many of the signers now are small planters. They were the overwhelming majority who signed the contract at the meetings. Several prominent and influential growers signed the contract, also, but the small planters responded by the hundreds."

"We hope these meetings are going to give the movement the impetus which will put it over. With 5,000,000 to 10,000,000 pounds resulting directly from the meetings, there is little doubt these will be forthcoming quickly as an indirect result."

Officers of the South Carolina Tobacco Association are elated beyond expression at the results today and the present promise. There have been many encouraging days in the campaign but today is the greatest of all, the day unanimously. The campaign is rapidly gaining impetus.

## DRS. JOYNER AND POE TO BE HERE TOMORROW

W. R. Gray, County Agent, states that yesterday he received definite assurance from organization headquarters that Dr. J. V. Joyner and Dr. Clarence Poe would be here tomorrow for the meetings at Manning and New Zion.

Dr. Joyner will speak in the Court House at 11 o'clock and Dr. Poe at New Zion at the same hour. Big crowds are expected to avail themselves of the opportunity of hearing these distinguished speakers.

These men will speak on the Co-operative Marketing of Tobacco. A subject that is of the utmost importance to many farmers and business men in the county.

"Tomorrow is Co-operative Marketing Day" all over the tobacco belt of South Carolina. Let nothing keep you from one of these meetings.

## BRIDGE PARTY

Mrs. George Williams was hostess to the Neighborhood Club when she entertained at a Bridge party last Wednesday afternoon. A lovely salad course with coffee was served the guests who were: Mesdames T. M. Mouzon, J. W. Wideman, John Slater, J. H. Orvin, F. C. Thomas, Jake Weinberg, Leon Weinberg, W. E. Reardon and Allan Bradham.

## PINEWOOD ANNEXATION

Columbia, Nov. 26.—A petition from the citizens of the Pinewood section of Sumter county asking the governor to order an election on the question of this section annexing to Clarendon county was filed with Governor Cooper yesterday. The petition was signed by only a few voters and the section is said not to be such a large territory.

The governor appointed the following commission to examine into the proposed annexation: In favor of annexing to Clarendon, J. R. Griffin, Pinewood; R. S. DesChamps, Pinewood; opposed to annexing to Clarendon, O. D. Harvin and D. R. Laje, both of Pinewood.