

COURT PRISONS WITH REPEATED CURSES

Witnesses in Cooper Murder Trial Tell of Opinions Expressed Before Killing.

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Many Women Testify Regarding Violent Scenes Before Shooting. Courtroom Crowded With Curious Audience.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 17.—Marked by bitter quarrels between attorneys and by new and startling testimony the second day of the Cooper murder trial for the murder of ex-Senator E. W. Carmack closed tonight with the state highly excited and the defense apparently perturbed.

There were three star witnesses for the state—all women. Miss Mary Skeffington, the state librarian, told how on the day of the murder, when within 30 feet of the scene of the shooting, she met John Cooper, one of the defendants.

Just as she greeted him she heard three shots and asked Cooper what it meant. Without turning around to learn, Cooper replied, she said, "That's Dunc Cooper shooting Senator Carmack."

Charge Murder Conspiracy. By Miss Daisy Lee, stenographer in the office of Robin Cooper and John Bradford, an attorney for the defense, the state laid the foundation upon which it will base its contention that the slaying of Carmack was the result of a conspiracy.

Miss Lee said on the day of the tragedy when she arrived at the office she found Colonel Cooper already there in conference with his son. She heard the Colonel denounce Carmack for using his (Cooper's) name and declare he had a right to protect himself.

In order to show their sympathy for the daughters of Colonel Cooper and the wife of Cooper, many women braved the curious gaze of the habitual court attendants and were present during the hearing. Following their example many high school girls also crowded into the courtroom after school hours.

Cursed Carmack Often. W. J. Smith, an insurance agent, corroborated the testimony of Hugh Morton, that John D. Sharp had cursed Carmack just before the Senatorial contest in 1905. On cross-examination, Smith was asked if this remark, "that the country would be better off if Carmack were dead and in hell ten years ago," had not been made before Governor Patterson was born as a politician. The state objected to any reference to Governor Patterson, and was sustained.

The next witness was L. A. Welch, a barber who shaved John D. Sharp a few days before the election. Sharp was reading Carmack's paper—the editorial page—and he said, according to the witness: "The f— ought to be in hell."

"To whom was he referring?" "To Senator Carmack."

The defense forced Welch to make some contradiction. Miss Mary Skeffington, the State Librarian, told of leaving the State Library on November 9 and of seeing Governor Patterson and ex-Governor Cox in conversation.

Sharp Knew Details. "I soon reached nearly the corner of Union street and Seventh avenue. I looked down towards Union street and saw John D. Sharp, whom I had known many years. When I heard the shots, I looked and said: 'What is that?' He said: 'That is shooting.' I said, 'Who is shooting?' he replied, 'Colonel Dunc Cooper shooting Senator Carmack.'"

"How was he standing with regard to the scene of the shooting?" "With his back to the shooting."

"What next?" "He turned around and walked with me up to the scene of the shooting."

C. B. Horn, a real estate dealer, said that Sharp had abused Senator Carmack before the Governor's primaries.

Miss Teresa McKen, a teacher, was in Dr. Fort's infirmary when Carmack was shot.

Cooper Expected Arrest. "I stopped at the library to tell Dr. Fort that Carmack was dead," said the witness. "As I did so, I saw a gentleman in the room walking up and down. He said in a loud voice: 'I don't want any one else to come in this room unless they are officers. I don't want to have to shoot another man.'"

The witness identified Colonel Cooper as the speaker.

Charles H. Warick, secretary of the Credit Men's Association, testified that he met Robin Cooper on a streetcar one morning last June and heard the young man say about Carmack: "Damn him, he ought to be in hell."

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Big Shock January 23, but Aside From Seismographs, Report Just Gets Out.

TEHRAN, Feb. 17.—News was received here today showing that the violent earthquake recorded January 23 at almost every scientific observatory in the world where seismographs are installed had its location in the Province of Turistan, Western Persia. Sixty villages in this district were wholly or partially destroyed, and 1,500 lives were lost. The survivors are fleeing into the town of Burjurud, whence appeals for assistance are now reaching the Government. They report they lost all their homes and a great many cattle were killed.

This is the first accurate location of the violent earthquake of January 23, it having been supposed up to today that the disturbance had centered in Western Asia, in Asiatic Russia or even in the Indian Ocean. The records showed that the tremors were of practically the same force as those which on December 2 converted the coast regions of Sicily and Calabria into a scene of desolation and ruin.

The province of Turistan is very mountainous and sparsely settled. It is about 300 miles southwest of Teheran and the only communication with the Persian capital is by courier. The inhabitants are chiefly Bakhtyaris, an offshoot of the Iranian people.

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