

PEONAGE CASE BEING ARGUED

Plantation Owner Charged
With Murder Declares
Innocence

DEFENSE RELIES ON ALIBI

Negro Farm Boss Will Also
Stand Trial For
Killings

COVINGTON, Ga., April 7.—Presentation of evidence was completed and argument begun late today in the trial of John S. Williams, Jasper county plantation owner, charged with the murder of Lindsey Peterson, one of the 11 negro farm hands said to have met death while held in peonage on his place. The case is expected to reach the jury tomorrow.

Williams, testifying today, asserted his "absolute innocence" of the charge. He was the only defense witness and was not sworn. His testimony was therefore concluded with the direct examination of a Georgia law which does not permit cross-examination of an unsworn defendant.

Manning, negro farm boss for 14 years on the Williams place, said self-confessed accomplice, was pointed to by Williams as the man having a "probable motive" for the killings.

Attorney Charles C. King asserted that the defense expected to rely largely on Williams' "alibi," which, he said, Williams

had established "as far as possible" by describing how he was at home the night the three negroes were killed.

Graham Wright, assistant attorney general, termed Manning incapable of planning and carrying out the crime "under the eyes of Williams and his family," and named Williams as the guilty party.

Manning also will be put on trial for the murders. It was announced today.

Manning had testified for the state that by Williams' orders the negroes were weighted down with rocks and thrown alive into rivers or knocked in the head and buried where they fell. Williams today testified that he said he knew of the deaths of Lindsey Peterson, Willie Preston and Harry Price, three negroes who were killed on the Williams place the same night in Newton county. He is on trial for the murder of Peterson.

He admitted he might have been technically guilty of peonage as he had worked negroes who owed him money. He had so told federal investigators, he said, and had also declared he was innocent and had the negroes. These agents replied that the negroes on his place were among the "best fed and clothed" they had seen, he declared. If he were technically guilty of peonage, "most of the Georgia farmers were also," he admitted.

The state had rested earlier in the day with the introduction of Renna Manning, wife of Clyde Manning, and Sheriff B. L. Johnson of Newton county, in an effort to corroborate parts of Manning's story. The women testified the negroes left with Williams, Manning and Charlie Childs, the night they were last seen alive, as Manning had declared. Sheriff Johnson said Manning identified the three bodies found in Newton county and later confessed and told where the others could be found.

Singleton Arrives Here
With Recall Petitions

H. Singleton of Portland was in Salem yesterday circulating the recall petition, asking for the recall of Fred A. Williams, public commissioner.

Mr. Singleton stated that he was readily securing names; that nearly every one approached at Woodburn signed, and that this general throughout the state, the only exception being the vicinity of Newberg, where they are not affected by the recent grant of increases in telephone rates.

Mr. Singleton asserted that the necessary number of names for the recall election will be easily secured.

WOOL DEMAND MODERATE

LONDON, April 7.—At the wool auction sales today 3,633 bales of free wool were offered. There was a moderate demand, but half of the offerings were sold at unchanged prices. Six thousand bales of government wool were withdrawn, owing to the high limits. The government sales for tomorrow and next week have been cancelled. Free wools will be offered from Monday to Friday, inclusive.

Coyotes of Oregon
Suffer During March

PORTLAND, Or., April 7.—The coyote population of Oregon and Washington suffered immeasurably during March, it is shown by the monthly report of the predatory animal division of the bureau of biology. A total of 524 coyotes, two-thirds of which were Oregon animals, were trapped and killed by government trappers in this month. Of this number, 272 were adult coyotes, the remainder 252 being coyote pups. The adult animals taken by trappers averaged about 10 to the man, according to Stanley G. Jewett, head of the predatory animal bureau.

GERMANY MUST PAY, VIVIANI

French Envoy Defends His
Country's Policy in Rep-
arations Demands

CLAIMS ARE REASONABLE

Enemy Will Pay From the
Profits of Foreign
Trade

NEW YORK, April 7.—France's determination that Germany shall pay her debts, was given impressive expression by Rene Viviani, extraordinary envoy to the United States, here today.

Addressing the chamber of commerce, he defended his country's policy in demanding reparations from Germany. Tonight at a dinner given by the American committee for devastated France, he related the story of the aid in the war and in reconstruction. In addition, he attended an official reception at city hall. He spoke only in French.

In his address, he flouted the idea that Germany is unable to pay what is demanded of her. "Some have said that the claims of France are exaggerated," he said. "It is a lie."

He added that he had just received word from his government that Germany proposes to pay her war debts "from supplementary profits made from her foreign trade."

"For her to do this," he declared, "she will need to absorb 40 per cent of the world's trade, which would mean countries which control the world commerce would be reduced to misery." In his address at his city hall reception, Mr. Viviani compared today's visit with that of 1917, when he and Marshal Joffre were swamped by a "tremendous wave of wonderfully sympathetic humanity."

"Now the war is over, and we have won," he said. "I come here as a pilgrim of France to tell the American people of France's love and gratitude."

Looking at a life sized picture of Lafayette, Mr. Viviani referred to his work in aiding in the American revolution, and added: "America has returned his services to us a hundredfold."

"But," he continued, "our relations are not those of creditor and debtor, but those of peoples saturated with the same ideals." The name of America will be blessed in the humblest home of the remotest hamlet of France.

After the exchange of greetings, Mr. Viviani told the mayor he had taken as a token from the French government a small Sevres vase which would be presented to the city.

Martin W. Littleton, speaking at the dinner tonight said that "while we have paused in front of obligations concealed in the possibilities of a covenant, we have not turned our backs upon the lofty aim and superb spirit which the covenant tries to express."

MANY ERRORS ARE
FOUND IN LAWS

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up capital and surplus of not less than \$75,000, and before receiving appointment from the superintendent of banks as a reserve agent, and at any time thereafter, it shall furnish to him such information or statements as he may require, and shall agree to maintain the reserve prescribed by law at all times.

As enrolled and passed, this section, following the figure \$75,000, omits the words "and before receiving appointment from the superintendent of banks." This puns the meaning of the section.

Cook Clerk Powerless

In chapter 328, which was Senate bill 329, a lengthy phrase that was deleted by amendment and other words substituted was allowed to remain, together with the substitute words. This is explained in a footnote.

The county clerk of Coos county is clothed with tremendous power under chapter 120, which was house bill 117, which says that "the county clerk may appoint his deputies, the annual salaries of such deputies to be fixed by the county clerk of Coos county." The act was intended to say that the salaries should be fixed by the county court, instead of by the clerk.

In the preamble to chapter 297, which was Senate bill 219, is written the figure \$20,000, where should be \$20,000,000.

Some of the errors are cause for amusement. A law relating to qualifications of jurors says they shall be in possession of their natural "facilities." Natural "facilities" was the intended word.

In the military code occurs the words "in times of 'peace,'" where "times of 'peace'" is intended.

References Incorrect.

Existing laws are frequently cited in the new laws as, for example, Oregon laws 9115 to 9151, leaving out the word "section."

Several instances of the double negative are found in the new laws. The leaving out of necessary words is a common error. Singular subjects with plural verbs, and plural subjects with singular verbs are encountered many times in the volume.

The lawmaker makes no distinction whatever between the words "or" and "nor," the former being used dozens of times where the latter should be used. There is confusion in the use of "effect" and "affect." In chap-

ter 203, relating to the bribing of baseball umpires, the former is used three times where the latter would be the correct word.

The "historical errors" or "mistakes" for "mistakes" which was house bill 191, which was house bill 212, the third provision of section 2 has this jumbled verbiage which already has put the act into court:

"Divide the remainder of such proceeds from tolls between the county of Clarke between the state of Oregon or the state of Washington, as may be provided by the laws of Washington."

Portland Stonecutters
Get Wage Increase

PORTLAND, Or., April 7.—Wages of stonecutters in nine plants here were advanced today from \$8 a day to \$9, according to an announcement made by G. A. Jones, secretary of the granite cutters' association local branch. The former wage agreement expired April 1.

According to H. J. Blaesing, an employer, wages of stonecutters at Tacoma, Spokane, Seattle, Vancouver and "Florida," H. C. and other northwestern cities, have been reduced recently from \$8 to \$7 per day. The \$9 wage prevailed at San Francisco and is accepted as the maximum wage by employers at Los Angeles, Blaesing said.

B. C. AND STATES
DIFFER ON TARIFF

Third International Mining
Convention is Ended
In Portland

PORTLAND, April 7.—A lively difference of opinion developed at today's session of the international mining convention between delegates of the states and those of British Columbia on the question of adoption by the convention of resolutions favoring a tariff on mineral products. A way out was found by the delegates from the states holding a separate session following adjournment of the afternoon international session and at this separate session the resolutions proposed by the northerners were adopted.

The resolutions committee had prepared recommendations for protection of American lead, zinc, mercury and magnesite, and another resolution indorsed the Pittman act, by which it was said the price of silver had been stabilized.

When these resolutions were ready for presentation, British Columbia delegates on the committee objected. So a way out of the dilemma was found. The third international mining convention was adjourned at the close of the afternoon program.

At the beginning of the night session the United States delegates to the third international were assembled and the tariff resolutions, after discussion, were adopted. Canadian delegates present refrained from voting.

Flags of the two nations still hung together from the stage at the public auditorium today. Again there were references in the speeches to the international concert of British Columbia and the Pacific northwest states. The session throughout has been marked by unusual evidences of close friendship between delegates from the two sides of the boundary. This was British Columbia day and Nicol Thompson of Vancouver, B. C., presided in the afternoon.

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HARRIS FIRM IN CONFESSION

Questioning Fails to Shake
Story of Man Under
Arrest

DETAILS ARE CORRECT

Wife Denies Knowledge Of
Interest in Revival of
Affair

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 7.—Two hours of questioning tonight by New York newspapermen failed to shake the story of Roy Harris, who last night confessed to the local police that he and a companion murdered Joseph B. Elwell in New York last June.

Except for some minor details Harris described the arrangement of the rooms in Elwell's home. He told again the story of how he and William Duncan hired by a mysterious "Mrs. Fairchild," went to the home of Elwell and waited for four hours until he came home. Then, he said, Duncan fired the shot which killed Elwell.

Under questioning tonight, Harris said he had been published in connection with the Elwell case a picture of a woman, who, he thought, was the Mrs. Fairchild mentioned.

All efforts to get from him her name failed, however. He said that he would not divulge it unless he was certain that the woman who, as he said, had hired him and Duncan to murder Elwell.

District Attorney Moore said Harris told a remarkably well connected story. Before questioning the man was examined by an alienist who pronounced him mentally normal.

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ment in its fight against the White award.

The first consignment of arms and ammunition ordered during the Costa Rican hostilities has reached Panama from Tuent Ventura. It included 1000 rifles, three machine guns, hand grenades and ammunition.

Another shipment is expected shortly.

Tenth Chess Game
Is Postponed

HAVANA, April 7.—The tenth game in the match for the world's chess championship between Dr. Emanuel Lasker and Jose Capablanca was postponed tonight owing to a slight affection of the eye from which Capablanca was suffering. The game will probably be played tomorrow night. According to the agreement each player has the privilege of three days absence from the contests.

Belgium Will Get
Argentina Wool

BRUSSELS, April 7.—Negotiations between Argentina and Belgium concerning importations of large quantities of South American wool have terminated with the former government authorizing the Argentine National bank to allow two years credit on such shipments.

AGREEMENT TO 44
HOUR WEEK DENIED

United Typothetae of America
Opposed to Reduced
Working Time

CHICAGO, April 7.—The executive council of the United Typothetae of America, in a statement tonight, denied it had agreed to introduction of 44-hour week. The statement called attention to a resolution adopted at the organization's convention in St. Louis, September 15, which read:

"Resolved, that the 34th annual convention of the United Typothetae of America, re-state unequivocally its disapproval of any reduction in present working hours and recommends to its members that they resist any attempt to enforce such a reduction except where such reduction has already been agreed to by contract."

SILVERTON, Or., April 6.—(Special to The Statesman.)—Miss Alma Hansen who has been employed at Woodburn for several months, has returned to her home at Silverton.

The Ladies' Aid of the Trinity church met at the church parlors Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. O. S. Hange and Mrs. C. I. Benson served refreshments.

Miss Thea Jensen of Portland is at the home of her mother for a three weeks' vacation.

MUCH WHEAT EXPORTED

GALVESTON, Texas, April 7.—Eight times as much wheat was exported through Galveston in March, 1921, as in March, 1920, according to figures of the Galveston cotton exchange, and board of trade. Total shipments of grain were 5,025,192 bushels.

TONY WAS EXECUTED

Tony is an Italian laborer employed in the construction of a new high street building. The other evening he asked his foreman for a vacation during the following two days.

"Tony, you don't want any vacation," remonstrated the foreman, "All you would do would be to spend all the money you have saved up and come back to work all out of luck."

"Well, boss, I sort of have to go," said Tony. "You see, I'm going to be married and I'd kind of like to be there."—Columbus Dispatch.

McMinnville Youth
Rescues Drowning Child

McMINNVILLE, Ore., April 7.—Harold Waldron, 18, leaped into a deep creek which flows through a park here yesterday and rescued from drowning Frances Coffey, aged 3. The child had wandered from home alone and fallen into the stream. Waldron heard her cries and plunged in, bringing her ashore just as other would-be rescuers arrived.

Cleveland Club Wins
Hockey Championship

PITTSBURGH, Pa., April 7.—The Cleveland club won the championship of the United States Amateur Hockey association tonight by running its total goal score for the four-game series up the 14, against 12 for the Eveleth, Minn., team. Eveleth won tonight's game 4 to 2, giving the western skaters two victories out of the four contests but the Ohioans were declared the champions on the total score.

County Prisoner
Drowned in Flood

CLINTON, Okla., April 7.—The body of W. S. Warren, drowned in the Washita river flood near here, was found today. He was a prisoner in the Custer county jail, Monday evening he was allowed to leave the jail to exercise and did not return. Officials said they believed he had been in the river bottom and had been caught in the flood.

OCCUPATION UNIT REVIEW.

COBLENZ, April 7.—General Allen today reviewed the Third battalion of Infantry in honor of the visit of Hugh C. Wallace, American ambassador to France. The

review was followed by calisthenics and massed gymnastic exercises.

The ambassador expressed himself as being favorably impressed with the appearance of the troops.

Frost Destroys Utah
Peach and Cherry Crops

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Johnson is Speaker
At Convention Tonight

Norman Johnson's address will be the feature of tonight's Sunday school convention being held today and tomorrow at the First Methodist church. Mr. Johnson, who is general secretary of the State Sunday School association, recently came to this state from Pennsylvania where he was engaged in similar work. His address will be on "Sunday School Standards."

The registration and placing of delegates, about 100 of whom are expected, will take up a greater part of the day.

PICNIC ENJOYED

SILVERTON, Or., April 7.—(Special to The Statesman.)—The Hi Y club had a wicker roast in the Jensen woods on Paradise road Wednesday night.

Mr. Deal was the leader for the evening. The boys participating were Reuben Jensen, Theodore Ormbeck, Alvin Cheney, Charles James, Raymond Leaf, Arnold Brokke, Bjorne Byberg, Lloyd Larsen, and Wilbur Moore.

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