

## FAMILY REUNIONS AT BIG TRIAL

All the Boyces and Sneads Are Present and They Represent Piles of Money Down in Texas.

## JURY IS SECURED

Murder Case Will Start Monday With Unwritten Law as the Defense of the Accused.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
PORT WORTH, Texas, Feb. 3.—With the completion of the jury in Judge Swane's district court tonight, the trial of J. B. Snead, the wealthy Amarillo banker, charged with the murder of Captain Boyce, will begin Monday morning.

The stage for the drama is set and all the players here for their part which will disclose sensational and tragic evidence and decide the life or death of the banker who claims he was driven to take life. Snead will plead temporary insanity and hopes to sway the jury through the unwritten law. His attorneys as has been forecasted, will try to show through witnesses that Snead was the victim of a conspiracy by the Boyces which had for its object the stealing of Mrs. Snead from him. All the jurors are married except three. All are southern born, the defendant fearing to accept northerners, fearing that they would be less swayed by sympathy. None of the jurors are over forty-four which is significant as Snead, also is a young man, his age being 35. Seven of the jurors were selected today and a night session of Judge Swane's court was held to complete the work. Both the state and defendant attorneys are anxious to begin taking the testimony. Snead himself displayed nervousness since the shooting and he is anxious to have it over with. He believes he will be acquitted when he tells his story of persecution. Snead's aged father and brother are here. His father was a lifelong friend of Captain Boyce and his many and wealthy friends from the Panhandle are here. Likewise the Boyce family are strongly represented in three sons of Captain Boyce, Linn, Will and Benny, all prosperous and accompanied by their mother.

A. G. Boyce, Jr., who eloped with Mrs. Snead, is said to be in St. Louis.

During the main trial, as has been the custom, all entering the courtroom will be searched for fire arms. Snead will tell the jury how he loved and suffered for his wife and how he put her in a Fort Worth sanitarium for her own welfare. The woman's own father, odd to say, will give similar testimony in the fight to save his son-in-law. Snead will tell of the long expensive pursuit of Albert Boyce and his wife over the country until they finally were arrested at Winnipeg.

One of the most important features of the trial will be the introduction from the Western Union offices in Amarillo and Dalhart to show that the elder Boyce kept his son informed as to the developments during the elopement.

Whether Mrs. Snead will go on the stand is unknown. She cannot be made to testify against her husband. It is not known where she is today. She has disappeared as suddenly as she did when she ran away with young Boyce.

Mrs. Boyce with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Linn Boyce, Mrs. J. P. Boyce, another daughter-in-law, of Amarillo, who is accompanied by her two children and Miss Mary Hamilton, a close friend of the Boyce family, and her constant companion, occupy an extensive suite at the Westbook hotel. They arrived Friday night and will remain until the trial is over.

## THESE DYNAMITERS DID NOT CONF

Jury Stood Ten to Two for Acquittal of Men Charged With the Attempt.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
LOS ANGELES, Feb. 3.—Standing ten to two for acquittal and unable to agree, the jury trying Bert Connors in the Hall of Records dynamiting case, reported a disagreement and were promptly discharged this afternoon. Following the discharge of the jury, the prosecution announced it had not decided whether it had decided to retry the case or not.

Attorney Davis, counsel for Connors, announced that he would ask that the cases of Ira Bender and A. F. Maple, charged jointly with Connors, be continued when they are called Monday.

## HE BROKE UP THE MEETING

Stenographer Jumps Up and Cries Out Fake at the Session of Lorimer Investigating Committee.

## WOULD NOT SIT DOWN

Adjudged Guilty of Contempt and Handed Over to Sergeant-at-Arms Until Monday Morning.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—A scene of wild disorder was precipitated at tonight's session of the Lorimer investigating committee when Martin W. Blumenburg, official stenographer for the committee, suddenly interrupted the examination of a witness to declare the stenographic notes alleged by Burns' detective, James E. Sheridan, to be the "confession" of Charles McGowan, recorded by the dictagraph at a Toronto hotel, and made by Sheridan, to be "faked."

Acting Chairman Jones ordered Blumenburg to be seated. The stenographer refused and kept shouting out his charges. Committee officials tried to eject him. Then Jones ordered a recess.

Twenty minutes later, after an executive session, Jones announced that the committee would hold Blumenburg for contempt.

The hearing was then adjourned until Monday.

The sensation came shortly after the opening of the evening session.

Scarcely had Sheridan, a Burns' detective, continued his testimony detailing the conversation he alleged to have heard over the dictagraph at Toronto when Blumenburg jumped to his feet.

"I wish to state," he cried, "that the notes which the witness claims to have taken over the dictagraph are spurious."

Senator Jones, surprised, sternly ordered Blumenburg to be silent.

"I will not keep quiet," the stenographer retorted. "I have been looking over the witness' shoulder during his testimony and I am certain the notes from which he is supposed to have read his testimony are false."

"Sit down," ordered Jones: "You are not a witness here."

"I know that but I consider this my duty, and I am going to do it. Those notes are faked."

The surprised buzz throughout the room had now become a babel, and Jones, after consulting with his colleagues, declared that the committee would go into executive session. Blumenburg was summoned to the conference when the hearing was reconvened, Jones announced:

"It has been adjudged that Recorder Blumenburg is guilty of contempt of the committee and he is hereby placed in charge of the sergeant at arms. The committee will recess until Monday morning when Recorder Blumenburg will be brought before them for hearing."

Although none of the committee would discuss the matter, it was conceded that it was absolutely unprecedented in the history of the senate.

## BOY'S FINGERS CRUMBLIED OFF

Fifteen Year Old Lad Got Drunk and Fell Asleep in the Cold.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 3.—Indictments and vigorous prosecution will follow the horrible death today of 15-year-old Andrew W. Schleppe. Exposure and the effects of drinking whiskey caused death. Three days ago men walking along the railroad tracks came upon a sleeping child. Attempts to awaken him failed, although it was one of the coldest days of the year. The odor of liquor confirmed the fact that the little boy was drunk.

He did not awake when he was picked up, but when one of his hands were tucked under his coat, the men were horrified to see three fingers break off. Before he could be rushed to a hospital, his other fingers crumbled away.

Detectives tonight are trying to learn from whom the boy obtained liquor.

Bath Tub Truist Members.  
[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 3.—Following the example of the Day-Ward Company, of Warren, Ohio, it is expected that other defendants in the bath tub trust cases will appear before Judge Angell in the United States district court Monday, withdraw their pleas of not guilty and enter pleas of nolle contendere.

## SECOND WOMAN TO BE HANGED

Mattie Lomax is Sentenced to be Executed on the Scaffold Which Mrs. Suratt Stood Upon.

## DATE SET FOR FEB. 19

Doubt is Expressed as to Her Sanity and an Effort is Being Made to Have Her Pardoned.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—On February 19 the U. S. marshal for the District of Columbia will hang the second woman, and this one probably insane, ever executed by federal authorities—unless President Taft heeds a monster petition now awaiting his consideration. The woman is Mattie Lomax—a negress—found guilty, solely on circumstantial evidence, of the murder of her husband in December, 1910. Unless granted clemency, she will die on the same scaffold that back in the sixties exacted the extreme penalty of Mrs. Suratt, one of the Lincoln conspirators.

Tonight the condemned woman was undergoing punishment at the district jail for "hilarity." Ever since her imprisonment she has alternately laughed, sang and prayed. Doubt is expressed as to her sanity. Again and again she lives over the tragedy in her husband's darkened room, and hysterically shrieks that she shot in self-defense.

A photograph of the room in which the tragedy occurred was the principal exhibit at the trial. It showed the dead body of her husband lying in a pool of blood and broken dishes from a nearby table. It is this photograph that is now being scrutinized by department of justice lawyers. They are trying to determine whether the table was overturned or after the fatal shot.

If the lamp went out first, the inference would be that Mattie Lomax shot in self defense at the man she saw in the last moment of light, swinging a chair at her, and in his rage sweeping the dishes off the table. If the shot was fired first, then the man knocked the lamp from the table in his death convulsions.

The woman was sick and penniless at the time. The husband from whom she was separated had not sent her the monthly allowance ordered by the court. She was threatened with ejection from her home and went to see him to beg for help. Her story was that he tried to beat her. He had thrice been arrested previously for such attempts.

Friends of the negress—and scores of prominent men and women have interested themselves in her case—predicted tonight that the president would either commute her sentence, order an inquiry to determine her sanity, or else pardon her.

## CHOCOLATE GIRL SCREAMED AND RAN

Unsuccessful Attempt to Relieve the Allegretti Cash Register Last Night.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—A bold attempt at robbery was made on crowded State street tonight, when a man entered Allegretti's confectionary store, in the heart of the retail district, and pointing a gun at the cashier ordered her to turn over the contents of the cash register. The girl screamed and fled.

In a moment a curious throng gathered before the large plate glass windows. The robber bungled with the cash register, found it locked and putting his gun in his pocket, hurried out into the street and was lost in the crowd.

## A Suggestion

In view of present conditions and as they will permanently prevail when the water power is completed, Keokuk's chief ambition is an increment in her industrial strength. No legislation that will thwart or impede such a result is desirable. It must not be permitted. If the proposed railroad ordinance gives one railroad an advantage over another it should not become a law. It is quite evident that in its present form it is objectionable to certain interests and these interests are a part of the civic and commercial life of Keokuk. The Gate City is opposed to any one road holding the entrance to Keokuk, no matter what its title. Just now this city is bending every energy to increase her population and is extending a broad and general invitation to factories and railroads to come here, and everything that can be done should be done to make it easy for them to accept this invitation. This paper has no favorites to play in the railroad game and no roads to punish, but we do insist that no ordinance be passed that will make it possible for one road to defeat Keokuk in getting competing lines of railway.

On the 30th day of June, 1907, the C. B. & Q., C. R. I. & P., Wabash Railway Company and the T. P. & W. entered into a gentleman's agreement to maintain and operate certain tracks constituting what were known as the "union yard." The proposed ordinance abrogates that agreement. Why not let the same interested roads renew that arrangement and include tracks which it is now alleged would give the "Q" entrance control to the city. It seems to The Gate City that such an arrangement would relieve the situation and remove at least the principal and what this paper believes is the vital objection to the ordinance. This agreement should be incorporated in the ordinance and be broad enough to permit the use of the tracks to other lines that might build into the city.

Mayor Elder states that an informal meeting of interested railroad officials will be held in Keokuk next Thursday. The Gate City believes that the railroad men who will take part at that conference are broad enough to adjust the existing differences in a friendly way and believes that the objections will be removed, but in the adjustment it is up to the city officials to see that no impediments are tacked onto Keokuk.

In negotiating any new deal the city should retain all rights or titles that she now possesses. In other words let the city protect her own interests. The railroads don't need a guardian.

## COWARDLY WAY TO TAKE LIFE

Infernal Machine Handed to Woman Lost Her Life When She Attempted to Open Package.

## WAS PIERCED THROUGH

Bit of Steel Blown Through Her Breast and She Expired Almost Instantly From Wound.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—While attempting to unwrap a package which proved to be an infernal machine, Mrs. Helen Taylor was almost instantly killed tonight at her apartments at 103 West 77th street. The device was handed to the woman by a stranger, who knocked at the door, and announced that he had a package to deliver. Mrs. Taylor accepted it. The moment that she broke the string, there was a deafening report. A piece of steel was blown through her breast and she died almost instantly.

Miss Edna Lamare, a sister of the dead woman, and Charles M. Dickinson, were seated ten feet from Mrs. Taylor when the explosion occurred, but neither was injured. Other occupants of the apartment house, believing there had been a gas explosion, rushed to the street and turned in a fire alarm. When the firemen arrived, however, their services were not needed, as the infernal device had failed to do much damage to the building.

When Dickinson and Miss Lamare rushed to Mrs. Taylor, she was still gasping and a physician was hastily summoned, but she died ten minutes after unwrapping the package.

Mystery surrounds the entire affair. Both Dickinson and Miss Lamare believe that Mrs. Taylor did not know the man that handed her the package. When the police arrived there was no trace of the messenger who carried the death device.

The police say the messenger could not have reached the street before the explosion occurred, and they cannot understand why it was no one saw him leave the building.

They decided to hold Dickinson and Miss Lamare as witnesses.

Dickinson said he was employed as secretary to the chief engineer of the United States Motor Co., and that he had called at Mrs. Taylor's apartments to get a diamond stickpin which he had permitted Mrs. Taylor to wear. The infernal machine was about eight inches long and three inches wide. It was wrapped in ordinary Manila paper.

## MRS. PATERSON IS IN PARIS

Crossed the Ocean in Order to Escape Notoriety Following Her Trial.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
DENVER, Colo., Feb. 3.—Mrs. Gertrude Gibson Patterson, who was acquitted of the murder of her husband Chas. A. Patterson in Denver last November, on a plea of self defense, is now in Paris, France, according to O. M. Hilton, who defended her. Hilton said that Mrs. Patterson is traveling under the name of Valerie so that her identity will not be known to her fellow passengers and that her trip to France was inspired through her desire to escape further notoriety. It was reported that Mrs. Patterson was back in Denver, but Hilton denied that she is here and said that she had placed her property in the hands of a rental agency.

Mrs. Butler Dead.  
PASSAIC, N. J., Feb. 3.—Mrs. Mary J. Butler, mother of Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, died of nephritis at her home today.

## QUAKERS ARE FOR ROOSEVELT

Nugent Says Entire Northeast Section of Philadelphia is Lined Up For the Colonel.

## PAID HIM A VISIT

Governor Aldrich Thinks It's About Time for the Former President to Say Something Definite.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 3.—In a statement this afternoon John H. Nugent, president of the League of Republican Workers, who returned here from New York where he met Col. Roosevelt in the Outlook office, declared the former president expressed his hearty thanks for the news that the city administration, headed by Mayor Blankenburg, has endorsed him for the nomination.

"Col. Roosevelt listened attentively to the reports I had to make of the progress of the Roosevelt boom in this city," said Nugent. "He was more than gratified, and delegated me to convey his sincere thanks to the mayor and his cabinet."

"By the questions he asked me, it was evident that he is in close touch with the situation all over Pennsylvania."

"He made no positive statement as to his candidacy except to advise me at the conclusion of the interview to keep up the good work in his behalf and to keep in close touch with himself and his close advisors. I do not believe he will openly declare himself a candidate for the nomination but will allow sentiment to drift along until he has corralled enough delegates to swing the convention his way."

In support of his contention that Philadelphia will send a Roosevelt delegation to the Chicago convention, Nugent this afternoon said that Germantown, West Philadelphia and the entire northeast section of the city are now lined up for Roosevelt.

## Wants Him to Talk.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 3.—"I believe that the time has arrived for Roosevelt to say something," said Governor Aldrich, of Nebraska, today. "It is up to him to make a public announcement one way or the other. If he is willing to run for president the public should know it, otherwise the matter should be dropped and the progressives get behind LaFollette."

Governor Aldrich stated that he believed that Roosevelt could have the nomination if he would consent to run. He declared, however, that he had not sent a telegram to Governor Stubbs, of Kansas, to the effect that Nebraska would send a solid delegation to the republican convention for Roosevelt. He said that he had sent a telegram to Stubbs a long time ago but that it had not been worded in any way so as to justify any such statement.

## WILL REPORT ON NEXT TUESDAY

Federal Grand Jury's Work is Almost Over Excepting to Take a Vote.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Feb. 3.—It is believed here tonight that the federal grand jury will finish up its probe of the alleged dynamiting conspiracy with a few hours' work on Tuesday afternoon when it reconvenes. The jury's report is expected Tuesday or Wednesday. Belief in official circles is that at least thirty indictments against prominent labor leaders will be returned.

The drawing up of the indictments which will be presented to the grand jury was completed late tonight by Attorney Charles W. Miller and his staff. All that remains is for the grand jury to vote on each bill offered by the federal prosecutor. When his work is completed the long probe will be finished.

## THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Forecast:—Illinois, Missouri—Fair and colder Sunday; Monday fair and not so cold. Iowa—Fair and continued cold Sunday; Monday fair with rising temperature.

Local Observations.  
Feb. 3, 7 a. m., zero, cloudy.  
Feb. 3, 7 p. m., 4 below, clear.  
Precipitation .04 inches.  
Maximum temperature 6.  
Minimum temperature -4.2.  
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## GREASER BANDITS COURT TROUBLE

Fifty Americans Robbed and Held Prisoners by the Gang Which is Terrorizing all Mexico.

## PROMPT ACTION TAKEN

Word Has Been Sent From Washington That American Life and Property Must be Protected.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.]  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—The fifty American citizens, robbed and now held prisoners by Mexican bandits at Ahumada, must be released forthwith. Formal demand to this effect was transmitted by telegraph to the Mexican government, through Ambassador Wilson tonight, following a conference at the state department.

If they are not at the border Monday, forcible measures may be resorted to. The war and state departments are in complete accord and mean business. Col. Steever, in command of the troops on the border, has been given wide discretionary power and can, if necessary, cross the international border to protect American interests.

No further fighting being reported in Juarez, the war department has taken no additional steps regarding the policing of the border. When asked what the United States would do if the Mexicans declined to obey the formal order, transmitted today by Col. Steever at El Paso, that no bullets must be fired across the river, Gen. Wood replied:

"I think they will obey the order. If they don't, we will have to take some steps to compel obedience. American property and American lives must be protected."

In addition to the fifty Americans, who were passengers on a train from Juarez to Chihuahua, brigands are also holding for ransom G. P. Robinson, his wife and children. The family was captured near Cuernavaca and in answer to Ambassador Wilson's protest to President Madero the latter replied that the Mexican government was unable to cope with the bandit.

The administration regards the situation as grave, owing to the widespread character of the revolts and the inability of the Madero administration to quell them.

## Revolution is Active.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 3.—Military activities, such as were familiar during the time of the Madero revolution, prevailed here today. Reports from the state of Morelos indicate that the federal forces there are totally unable to cope with the situation and that Zapata revolutionists and bandits are overrunning the entire state.

Zapata, at the head of several hundred men, has taken the towns of Coatepec and Tlaman. Fighting has been in progress about Cuernavaca for the past week and today Zapata declared a state of siege. Cuatla and Coyulaca are also besieged.

As the revolutionists and roving bands of plunderers advance from one town to another, wires are torn down and stretches of railroad blown up. Several troops trains started from Mexico City during the week and were compelled to turn back because the tracks had been torn out. Passenger trains have not run south from the capital for a week and the entire distance is in a state of terror.

Although no official announcement was forthcoming from there, it is expected Madero will order a campaign against the revolutionist in which no quarter will be shown. The action of the United States government in ordering troops to again protect the border has obviously had its effect in Mexico City, as it is feared that if the government at Washington should deem it necessary to again mobilize troops on the frontier, intervention would be only a matter of days.

The insurrection, started in the north of Juarez, has spread to Torreon. Fighting is imminent at Nuevo Laredo and a half dozen other points where Emilio Vasquez Gomez has been proclaimed provisional president. Gomez is now in San Antonio, Texas, and inasmuch as he has accepted the leadership of the new revolution in acknowledging the act of the revolting soldiers, who proclaimed him president, Madero will attempt to extradite him or ask that the United States government see that he is prevented from communicating in any way with the field leaders. It is understood the Mexican officials have already communicated with Washington, seeking to curb the activities of Gomez.

American Ultimatum.  
EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 3.—Fear of intervention will, it is believed, result

## KEOKUK'S GREATEST NEWSPAPER.

The Daily Gate City justly claims the title of being Keokuk's Greatest Newspaper because it gives the people the best newspaper that is possible in a community of this size. With its full United Press Leased Wire Service, giving 15,000 words per day of live telegraph news from all over the world, with its complete and accurate market reports from the market centers of the globe, with its more than half hundred special correspondents, with its complete local force covering all the local happenings in a careful and painstaking manner, it is giving to the people each day all the news on the same day that it happens. You may sit at your supper table and read the world's events and the local happenings all for only ten cents a week. If you are not now on The Gate City's list of over 5,500 subscribers, you had better order the paper at once.