FACES MURDER CHARGE IN PETERSBURG TO-DAY

Robert Crocker Is Alleged to Have Shot and Killed Floyd Holmes.

DESERTED WIFE IS AIDED

Salvation Army Cares for Woman and Her Children—Dr. Wilkinson Leaves To-Day for New Charge in Kentucky—Work on Ball Park.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

PETERSBURG, VA., March 7.—In the Police Court this morning the case of Robert Crocker, charged with the murder by shooting last night of Floyd Holmes, was called and continued until to-morrow. At the same session of the court James Hampton, colored, charged with the murder of Robert Kirks, which occurred in Pocahontas on February 14, was sent to the Hustings Court for trial. Another negro, Vernon Meldrow, alias Anderson Murray, is in jail awaiting a hearing for the murder of Douglas Lynch. Hampton and Meldrow did not kill their men without themselves getting seriously wounded. They were in the hospital for many days before being transferred to the jail.

Robbery at Disputanta.

The smokehouse of J. H. Hayes, at Disputanta, Prince George County, was broken into last night and a wagonload of bacon was carried away.

Funds for Schools.

A resolution, offered by Councilman J. E. Young, to appropriate $200,000 for improvement to public schools was unanimously adopted by the Common Council in regular session to-night. One hundred and forty thousand dollars will be expended in erecting a new high school, and $60,000 for addition to the grammar schools. This appropriation increases expenditures for public schools in Petersburg during the past ten years to $500,000, and will place the schools among the best in the State.

Twice Deserted.

Adjutant Cuthbert, of the Salvation Army, after caring for them in the Emergency House yesterday, purchased tickets for a deserted woman and her four little children and sent them to relatives and friends in Lynchburg. The unfortunate woman, giving her name as Mrs. Allen, says she was deserted by her husband in Lynchburg some time ago. She followed him here and located him at Hopewell. They lived together for a while, but she was deserted again and left helpless.

Wedding Notes.

At 5:45 o'clock this evening, in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Miss Althea Garland, daughter of Mrs. Harrison Waite and B. Mason Hill, a prominent electrical engineer of this city, were married, Rev. E. P. Dandridge performing the ceremony. The wedding was quiet because of recent affliction in the bride's immediate family. Mrs. J. M. Nest, a cousin of the bride, attended as matron of honor, and E. H. Hancock acted as the bridegroom's best man.

Mr. and Mrs. Jenkins Davis announce the marriage of their daughter, Lillian, to William Julian Waymack on Saturday morning at their home, Taylor, Pa. The bride has many friends in Petersburg, where she has frequently visited. The bridegroom holds a responsible position at the Du Pont plant, City Point. Their home will be at Kenilworth Park, Petersburg.

Last evening at 8 o'clock, Rev. A. R. Love officiating, Miss Mary Brown, of Scotland, N. C., and Berbetter Jacobs, of this city, were married.

At the High Street M. E. Church parsonage yesterday Henry H. Blake, of this city, and Miss Jennie May Nedeau, of Ticonderoga, N. Y., were married.

Realty Sold.

The Kirkham property on Osterville Street, comprising twenty-three lots and a residence, was publicly sold yesterday afternoon for $6,100. The property was purchased by investors.

Death of a Stranger.

Inuso Hoda, aged twenty-seven years, recently from McCall, S. C., died this afternoon of his boarding house in Halifax Street of pneumonia. He was employed here as a carpenter and is survived by his wife and one child in South Carolina.

The March term of the Circuit Court of Sussex County will be held next week, with a number of cases on the criminal docket.

News Notes of Interest.

Rev. Richard Wilkinson, D. D., pastor of Washington Street Methodist Church, will leave with his family to-morrow for their future home in Lexington, Ky. On Sunday next Dr. Wilkinson will enter on his new duties as rector of an Episcopal church in that city.

Captain N. T. Patterson, a leading citizen and member of the Common Council, has been confined to his home by sickness for several days.

The Petersburg Baseball Corporation have begun work on the ball park in this city to put it in proper repair and condition for the coming season. It is asserted that the Hopewell baseball park when completed will be one of the best in the State.

Petersburg Lodge of Elks held a lodge of sorrow at their home this afternoon in memory of their late member, A. D. Harding, and then in further respect attended the funeral.

A slight fire occurred last night in the kitchen of the Stratford Hotel. It was put out by the use of chemicals before any damage had been done.

The Stratford Hotel Company has just completed an addition to the hotel which gives fifty more modern equipped rooms to the hostelry to meet the demands for greater accommodations.

Three prisoners are held in the jail of this city for the Prince George authorities on charges of highway robbery.

In the Police Court this morning John Sizemore and John Davis, white men, were sent to the Hustings Court on the charge of holding up and robbing another white man in Bollingbrook Street.

Phillip Weatherby, colored, was fined $100 for carrying a pistol.

NO AGREEMENT REACHED

Formal Conference Fails to Formulate Plans for Relieving Freight Congestion.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—After discussions of the congestion in the Eastern terminals of railroads and of car shortage in the West, the formal conference called by the Interstate Commerce Commission representatives of the carriers, shippers and receivers of freight adjourned to-night without agreeing on action to relieve the situation.

As a consequence of the discussion it is probable that many of the affected roads will lay definite proposals before the commission for increasing the demurrage and storage at terminals and reducing the time allowed receivers of freight to unload without extra charge. From opinions expressed by many shippers and freight receivers it is probable that such changes will be vigorously opposed.

Virtually all of the many speakers in the two days' sessions declared that the situation must be handled promptly.

Shippers and freight receivers in the main blamed the carriers for the congestion, particularly at New York, where thousands of loaded cars are awaiting transfer of contents to ships. Suggestions were made for an increase in the number of lighters used by the trunk lines and in New York harbor, an increase in railroad equipment, and for embargoes which would affect individual shippers at their plants. Another plan submitted late to-day proposed the creation of a subcommittee composed of traffic and operating men of the trunk line roads, supervised by the commission, to handle all embargoes.

Republicans Meet To-Day.

The Republican District Convention of the Third Congressional District will be held in the room of Hustings Court, Part II, to-day at 12:30 o'clock. Delegates to the state convention to be held in Roanoke, and delegates to the national convention to be held in Chicago will be elected.

Dabney to Address Telephone Men.

A meeting of the Telephone Society of Richmond will be held Friday night, beginning at 8 o'clock, in Stieff Hall, 117 West Broad Street. Business Manager W. T. Dabney, of the Chamber of Commerce, will deliver an address on "The Relation of the Telephone Company to the Community."

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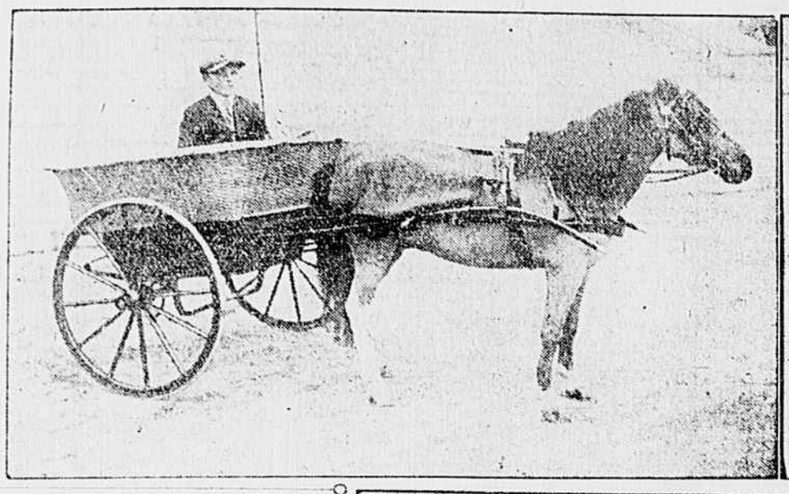

To-Day and To-Night in Richmond.

State Senate, Capitol, 11 o'clock.
House of Delegates, Capitol, 10 o'clock.
Republican District Convention, Hustings Court, Part II., 12:30 o'clock.
Baby Week Lectures, Exhibit and Demonstration, Sydnor & Hundley's store.
Lyric—Popular vaudeville; matinee, 3; night, 7:30 and 9.

The Weather

(Furnished by U. S. Weather Bureau.)

Forecast: Virginia—Unsettled and somewhat colder Wednesday; Thursday fair.

North Carolina—Local rains Wednesday, followed by fair, somewhat colder interior; Thursday fair.

Local Temperature.

12 noon temperature	54
3 P. M. temperature	60
Maximum temperature to 8 P. M.	62
Minimum temperature to 8 P. M.	37
Mean temperature	48
Normal mean temperature	44
Excess in temperature	4
Deficiency in temperature since March 1	40
Accumulated excess since January 1	103

Local Rainfall.

Rainfall last twelve hours	.02
Rainfall last twenty-four hours	.02
Excess in rainfall since March 1	0.21
Deficiency in rainfall since January 1	0.82

Local Barometer Readings.

8 A. M.	29.68
8 P. M.	29.55

Local Observation at 8 P. M. Yesterday.

Temperature, 51; humidity, 55; wind, direction, southeast; wind, velocity, 7 miles; weather, partly cloudy.

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Place.	Temperature. 8 P. M.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Asheville	54	60	46	Cloudy
Atlanta	58	68	58	Cloudy
Atlantic City	40	48	34	Cloudy
Boston	32	38	20	Cloudy
Baltimore	44	50	34	Clear
Buffalo	38	38	26	Clear
Calgary	48	[illegible]	4	P. cloudy
Charleston	66	68	56	Rain
Chicago	30	40	30	Snow
Cleveland	44	44	30	Cloudy
Duluth	16	30	16	Cloudy
Galveston	72	78	66	Cloudy
Hatteras	56	64	56	Rain
Havre	38	38	14	Rain
Jacksonville	72	78	58	P. cloudy
Kansas City	34	42	34	P. cloudy
Louisville	38	58	38	Cloudy
Montgomery	64	78	64	P. cloudy
New Orleans	68	80	68	Cloudy
New York	34	40	24	P. cloudy
Norfolk	56	62	56	Cloudy
Oklahoma	50	56	40	Clear
Pittsburgh	48	52	40	Clear
Raleigh	56	64	56	Cloudy
St. Louis	34	34	34	Cloudy
San Francisco	54	66	48	Clear
Savannah	64	72	58	Cloudy
Spokane	42	44	32	Cloudy
Tampa	56	74	62	Clear
Washington	50	58	38	P. cloudy
Winnipeg	10	20	10	Clear
Wytheville	50	56	42	Clear

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

March 8, 1916.

Sun rises	6:33	HIGH TIDE. Morning	8:06
Sun sets	5:09	Evening	8:51

WARM TRIBUTE OF PRAISE FOR JOSEPHUS DANIELS

Judge F. D. Winston, of Bertie, N. C., Pays Eloquent Tribute to Secretary of Navy.

CONDEMNS HIS MALIGNERS

Remarks Enthusiastically Applauded by Guests at Dinner Dance of North Carolina Society of Richmond Held Last Night.

A warm tribute of praise for Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, and distinguished Tarheel, and vigorous condemnation of his critics and defamers, marked an eloquent address delivered before the North Carolina Society of Richmond last night by Judge Francis D. Winston, of Bertie, N. C., guest of honor, former Lieutenant-Governor of his State, and now U. S. District Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina. There was an attendance of several hundred expatriate Tarheel men and women at the dinner dance, given on the roof garden of the Westmoreland Club, and they enthusiastically applauded the laudatory remarks of the speaker.

Dr. J. Allison Hodges, president of the society, acted as toastmaster and he introduced the speakers, who, in addition to Judge Winston, were Rev. W. W. Moore, D. D., and General William Ruffin Cox.

The banquet hall was festooned with long branches of North Carolina pine, and the walls were covered with the State flag and white and blue bunting. The dinner was served at small tables on each of which were vases of white roses, and there were flowers for the women guests and boutonnieres for the men. In the receiving line were the following women: Mrs. J. Allison Hodges, Mrs. Herbert W. Jackson, Mrs. Henry E. Litchford, Mrs. E. H. Ellington, Mrs. Norman Johnson, Mrs. Frank M. Davis and Mrs. E. G. Currin.

AROUSES PATRIOTIC SPIRIT OF TARHEELS

Judge Winston aroused the patriotic spirit of the Tarheels by his happy references to life and conditions in the Old North State. His was not a serious address but largely filled with clever stories and anecdotes. His most serious remarks were in connection with the record in the Navy Department of Secretary Daniels, and his eloquent tribute was from the heart. He said in this connection:

"Wherever the Stars and Stripes floats from the masthead, at home or in foreign port, it proclaims to North Carolina the integrity, the character and the high purposes of Josephus Daniels, the typical North Carolinian. He is the fifth North Carolinian to fill the important portfolio of the navy. Eminent as have been his predecessors in that great office, the State of North Carolina recognizes his great merit there and places his primus inter pares. Criticism of him we invite. Calumny of him we resent. He may not know the parts of his ship as well as George Dewey and Victor Blue know them. Few, if any, do. He may not know where to find the 'jib guys,' but he knows how to locate one of these armor-plate 'guys' who works his 'jib' for a contract at an exorbitant price, and by rejecting all bids from the three armor-plate factories of the country, which bids were identical to the last penny, and by demanding more reasonable figures, he induces a saving of over $1,000,000 in the purchase of armor plate. Doubtless, the armor-plate manufacturers consider him a failure. In this their judgment is as much in error, as when they undertook to browbeat the government with the threat to add enormously to the price of armor plate, if the Congress concurred in the secretary's recommendation for an armor-plate factory owned by the government. Joe Daniels 'don't care.' Possibly he may not know where to locate the 'mizzen royal braces,' but he has that high character which braces him when a thing of dubious import is proposed.

"He may not know whether the American sailor sleeps 'in the spanker boom topping lift' or not, but he is convinced that the American sailor is entitled to the best bed and most wholesome surroundings, no matter where he sleeps, and in the name of the American people he is determined to give them to him.

CASTE HAS NO PLACE IN AMERICAN LIFE

"He may have some difficulty in locating the exact point where the 'Martingale stays are shackled to the dolphin spanker,' and he may make the natural mistake of supposing that the 'martingale stays' are a part of the harness worn by the 'horse marines,' but he does know that caste has no place in American life on land or sea, that snobbery is foreign to our citizenship, and that to have an effective navy it must be manned by sailors who represent the intelligence, the hopes and the character of the best there is in American life; and he is determined that the American sailor shall have every chance to broaden his intellect, animate and realize his hopes and develop his character.

"The part of his ship he does know, and that is the rudder; and to hold the rudder fast and the ship true to its course is the necessary result of his birth and training in North Carolina, where he never betrayed a trust or a friend; where he ever stands for all good causes and decries the base; where neither frowns nor threats have ever deterred him, and where he is esteemed by all men of whatever party or creed as an honest man.

"He may not have his 'sea legs on' when storms toss one of our leviathans of the deep, on which he is in highest command, for the voyage; but I declare to you, having known him, child, boy and man, that along that straight narrow and difficult path that leads to eternal life, he walks with firm and steady tread. Special interests and those who speak for them may malign him; those in whose way he stands for peace, patronage or unwarranted favors and privileges may speak of him in derision, but the fairminded American people, whose pocket he protects, and whose honor he upholds, will hold him in high esteem, when his maligners and deriders are forgotten."

OFFICERS ARE RELEASED

They Will Not Be Prosecuted for Crossing Rio Grande to Rescue Comrades.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., March 7.—The release of Second Lieutenants Peyton and Waldron has been ordered by Major-General Funston, and the military charges against them for crossing the Rio Grande to rescue two United States soldiers who had been taken prisoner by Mexicans have been dropped. First Lieutenant Mort, senior officer of the expedition, will be tried before a court-martial.

General Funston decided that because Peyton and Waldron were subordinate officers they should not be tried.

Four soldiers were drowned when fourteen, headed by the three officers, attempted to swim the Rio Grande.

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In one minute your clogged nostrils will open, the air passages of your head will clear and you can breathe freely. No more hawking, snuffling, blowing, headache, dryness. No struggling for breath at night; your cold or catarrh will be gone.

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CHILDREN GO WILD OVER BIG FREE PONY CONTEST

Seven Thoroughbred Shetlands, With Carts, Harness and Saddles, to Be Given Away.

CROWDS WATCH PONIES PARADE

Fleischmann Herd From Belle Meade Pony Farm, in Fauquier County, Is to Be Given With Prizes to Users of Fleischmann's Yeast.

During the next thirteen weeks everything in the childhood mind, with the possible exception of school and lessons, which parents see are not neglected, will take a back seat, and there will be room for nothing else but the Big Free Pony Contest. The great affair opened yesterday, and it is the best that could be devised for the kiddies. It is unusual and so attractive that it will eclipse every other joyful period of childhood.

The pony contest, in which the Fleischmann herd of seven thoroughbred Shetland ponies with carts, harness, saddles and bridles and a great aggregation of other wonderful gifts are to be given away to boys and girls without a cent of cost, started yesterday. At headquarters on Broad Street, near Ninth, there was a large throng of interested boys and girls all day yesterday. And the grown-ups stopped and looked on with admiring smiles and glances when the ponies were paraded.

There is "Major" with a handsome cart and harness; "Brownie," "Prince," "Duke," "Buster" and "Punch." Some have harness and carts, while the others are provided with saddles and bridles all ready for the youngsters to jump on their backs for a joy ride. The Fleischmann herd came from the famous Belle Meade pony farm in Fauquier County, and are said to be valued at nearly $3,000.

All the kids have to do is to save pony contest labels taken from loaves of bread made with Fleischmann's yeast. The contest closes June 6, and the awards of the ponies and other prizes will be made on June 17.

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LOSE THEIR INSURANCE

Relatives of Lusitania Victims Cannot Collect on Policies Having War Riders.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Relatives of the victims of the Lusitania disaster cannot collect money on insurance policies to which a war rider was attached, according to a decision handed down to-night by Supreme Court Justice Clarence Shearn.

Mrs. Albert Boyd Hopkins, whose husband, the head of a shipbuilding concern, was lost on the Lusitania, sued the Connecticut General Life Insurance Company for $40,000, the amount of a policy taken out by Mr. Hopkins. The rider on the policy stated that the beneficiary waived his rights in the event of being injured directly or in directly by any act of any of the belligerent nations.

Justice Shearn held that the rider absolved the insurance company from any liability.

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NOTICE

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

On March 23d, at 10 o'clock A. M., a hearing will be had before the State Corporation Commission with respect to application by Southern Railway to advance its rates on logs between points on the Norfolk Division (line Norfolk to Danville, including Claremont Branch); also from Southern Railway stations in Virginia (Washington, Richmond, Danville and Norfolk Divisions) to Chase City, Clarksville and Emporia, Va., to the extent shown below:

DISTANCE.	Present Rates. Pine Sawmill Logs, C. L.	Present Rates. Gum, Ash, Hickory, Holly, Persimmon, Oak, Dogwood, Cypress and Poplar Logs.	Proposed Rates.
10 miles and under	1½	1¾	2
20 miles and over 10	1¾	2	2¼
30 miles and over 20	2	2¼	2½
40 miles and over 30	2¼	2½	2¾
50 miles and over 40	2½	2¾	3
60 miles and over 50	2¾	3	3¼
70 miles and over 60	3	3¼	3½
80 miles and over 70	3¼	3½	3¾
90 miles and over 80	3½	3¾	4
100 miles and over 90	3¾	4	4¼
110 miles and over 100	4	4¼	4½
120 miles and over 110	4¼	4½	4¾
130 miles and over 120	4½	4¾	5
140 miles and over 130	4¾	5	5¼
150 miles and over 140	5	5¼	5½
160 miles and over 150	5¼	5½	5¾
170 miles and over 160	5½	5¾	6
180 miles and over 170	5¾	6	6¼
190 miles and over 180	6	6¼	6½
200 miles and over 190	6¼	6½	6¾
210 miles and over 200	6½	6¾	7
220 miles and over 210	6¾	7	7¼
230 miles and over 220	7	7¼	7½
240 miles and over 230	7¼	7½	7¾
250 miles and over 240	7½	7¾	8
260 miles and over 250	7¾	8	8¼
270 miles and over 260	8	8¼	8½
280 miles and over 270	8¼	8½	8¾
290 miles and over 280	8½	8¾	9
300 miles and over 290	8¾	9	9¼

Also, on logs, gum, pine and poplar, carload:

FROM	TO	Present Rate.	Proposed Rate.
Granite, Va.	Richmond, Va.	1¾	2
Granite, Va.	South Richmond, Va.	1¾	2
Fair Oaks, Va.	Richmond, Va.	1¾	2
Meadow, Va.	Richmond, Va.	1¾	2¼
Meadow, Va.	South Richmond, Va.	2	2¼
Dispatch, Va.	Richmond, Va.	1¾	2¼
Dispatch, Va.	South Richmond, Va.	2	2¼
Quinton, Va.	Richmond, Va.	2	2¼
Sweet Hall, Va.	Richmond, Va.	2½	2¾
Romancoke, Va.	Richmond, Va.	2½	2¾

Also, on logs, all kinds, carload, from Southern Railway stations (Richmond Division) to Burkeville, Va.:

	Present Rate.	Proposed Rate.
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