

NEGRO IS SENTENCED

Richard Biggs to Die in Electric Chair Sept. 20.

NEW TRIAL IS REFUSED

Court Overrules Mr. Collier's Motion, and Attorney Declares He Will Take Case to Supreme Court—Ground for Contention.

After overruling the motion of Attorney Fay S. Collier to set aside the verdict as contrary to law and the evidence, Judge T. J. Barham yesterday sentenced Richard Harding Davis to die in the electric chair at the State penitentiary, Richmond, sometime between the hours of 6 a. m. and 8 p. m., on September 20, 1910, for the murder of Annie Davis, a young mollito, in this city on the night of June 11. At the request of the condemned man's attorney, Judge Barham suspended execution until September 20 so that Mr. Collier may appeal to the Supreme Court of Virginia for a writ of error and supersedeas.

If the appeal is effected, and it is not thought that it will be, there is little probability of the Supreme Court granting the writ, and Biggs' only hope seems to be an appeal to Governor Mann for a commutation of sentence to life imprisonment.

Doomed Negro Unmoved.

Although he almost collapsed when told of the death of his victim, Biggs heard the death sentence passed upon him yesterday without flinching and when he was led out of the courtroom by the officers his tread was as steady and firm as that of a free man. On reaching the jail he talked for a few minutes with his brother-in-law, giving him directions about the disposition of his personal effects, and then passed into the death cell to await the end. Two months and fifteen days must roll around before Biggs goes to the chair. Part of that time he will spend in the city jail here and the remainder must be spent in the death cell at the State penitentiary.

In arguing that the verdict be set aside, Attorney Collier said that sufficient evidence had not been adduced to show that Biggs had premeditated the shooting and advanced the theory that Biggs was not conscious of his acts at the time. This latter contention, he declared, was shown by the fact that the negro made no attempt to escape after the shooting.

Why Negro Surrendered.

It was proven at the trial that the reason Biggs made no effort to get away after the shooting was that the crowd of negroes that had gathered before he fired the last shot was exceedingly hostile and probably would have done Biggs bodily harm had the police not arrived on the scene immediately after the crime. Biggs pleaded with the officers not to let the negroes hurt him.

Commonwealth's Attorney Berkeley met the contention raised by Attorney Collier and immediately after the argument was concluded, Judge Barham overruled the motion and sentenced the prisoner.

"COPPERS" TO SEEK LAURELS ON DIAMOND

Chief Mitchell's Finest to Hook up With Norfolk Patrolmen in August.

Chief Mitchell's finest are now seeking laurels, and, incidentally, losing some fat, on the baseball diamond. A challenge from the "coppers" of Norfolk for a battle with bats and balls has produced much activity among the local wearers of the blue and brass and every day the policemen, both stout and lean, are out on the diamond getting into shape for the fray.

Norfolk is said to have a husky team, but for sheer bulk, the local police team undoubtedly will have the world beat. Sergeant W. T. Webb and Patrolmen Shelton, "Buddy" Woodward, "Little Boy" Price, Griffin and Tighman are among the heavy weights who are candidates for positions on the nines. Sergeant Bridgers and Patrolmen Lattimer, Pearson, Messick, Boswell, Chewing, Johnson and others who are not so fat and yet not lean, also are among the candidates and there is much rivalry among the men.

The first game between the "coppers" is to be pulled off at the Casino park early in August and unless all signs fall there'll be a "large" time and a still larger crowd to enjoy it all.

JUSTICE BROWN TO LEAVE.

Will Attend Annual Elks' Convention at Detroit.

Police Justice J. D. G. Brown, past exalted ruler of the local lodge of Elks, will leave Friday for Detroit, Michigan, where he will attend the annual convention of the Grand Lodge of Elks next week. Justice Brown will be absent from the city about three weeks and after the close of the convention he probably will go farther west to visit some friends.

W. E. Rouse—Funeral Director.

Just Try G. B. S. Special.

SHIPPING REPORT,

Tuesday, July 5, 1910.

Arrived. Steamer Conway (Br.) Matthews, Vera Cruz—to Atlantic States Coal & Coke Company for bunker coal. Steamer West Point (Br.) Pinkham, Savannah, Ga.—to Furness, Wthy & Company, Ltd., for export freight.

Steamer Manchester Miller (Br.) Robertson, Philadelphia—to White Oak Coal Company for bunker coal. Schooner Elizabeth Palmer from Rockland—to White Oak Coal Company in ballast.

Barge Annie from Boston—to New River Consolidated Coal Company in ballast. Barge Beattie from Boston—to New River Consolidated Coal Company in ballast.

Barge Solus from Norfolk—to Geo. E. Warren Coal Company in ballast.

Cleared.

Steamer Conway (Br.) Matthews, Santanda and Bilbao—Atlantic States Coal & Coke Company.

Sailed.

Steamer Conway (Br.) Santanda and Bilbao.

Calendar for Today.

Sun rises ... 4:51 a. m. Sun sets ... 7:28 p. m. High water ... 9:36 a. m.; 9:52 p. m. Low water ... 3:39 a. m.; 3:33 p. m.

Exports for London.

The Furness-Withly liner West Point, arrived in port yesterday from Savannah, Ga., to load a part cargo of miscellaneous exports here for London.

Amsteddyk at Baltimore.

The Dutch steamer Amsteddyk, of the Holland-America Line, which steamed from Rotterdam last month for Newport News and Norfolk via Baltimore, arrived at the last named port on July 2.

WILD-EYED REPORT CIRCULATED HERE

Rumor That Jack Johnson Had Been Shot by Cowboy Spread Like Wild Fire.

A wild-eyed report that Jack Johnson, the big negro bruiser, who knocked James J. Jeffries out at Reno Monday had been shot by a "Texas cowboy," gained wide circulation in this city. The Hampton and Phoebus yesterday and The Daily Press yesterday and reporters were kept fairly busy during the afternoon and early night answering queries as to the truth of the rumor.

The report first gained circulation early in the morning. Responsible business men said that they had heard that the Norfolk newspapers had received the report from the press association and others here declared that the Western Union Telegraph Company had confirmed the report. The rumor was circulated in Norfolk as well as on the Peninsula. An investigation proved that the rumor was absolutely without foundation.

ROBBED C. & O. DEPOT.

William Belmore Must Stand Trial at Williamsburg.

Chief Mitchell is in receipt of a letter from Sheriff Ware, of James City county, informing him that William Roy Belmore, the negro arrested here last week, is wanted in Williamsburg on charges of breaking into and robbing the C. & O. depot at that place and breaking into and robbing the home of Andrew Hill.

Sheriff Ware will come here today to take Belmore to Williamsburg for trial.

Woman Heavily Fined.

In the police court yesterday morning Justice Brown imposed a fine of \$275 on Katie Wells, a white woman, who was charged with running a house of ill fame. The woman paid the fine, much to the surprise of the court officers and attendants.

Examination for Clerk-Carrier.

An examination for clerk and carrier in the postoffice service will be held in this city on November 2 by Local Secretary G. B. A. Booker, of the board of civil service examiners. All information regarding the examination can be secured from Secretary Booker at the custom house.

THOSE MOONLIGHT EXCURSIONS.

Thursday, July 7, C. & O., 8 P. M.

Tomorrow night the tired public will have another opportunity to enjoy the sea air and beautiful trip on the historic waters of Hampton Roads and the Chesapeake Bay. Leaving the C. & O. Pier promptly at 8 o'clock the Smithfield will stop at Old Point at 8:45 to allow any who desire to disembark and spend the evening at the Fort, and to receive the Hampton and Old Point contingency who desire to go out on the excursion. Returning to Old Point at 10:15 the steamer again stops and receives her passengers for Newport News or Smithfield, at 11 o'clock the happy voyagers are landed in the shipbuilding city. This is an ideal trip. The steamer is the best. The schedule is run on railroad regularity. The fare is most reasonable. The company is composed of the best people on the Peninsula. By all means take this trip Thursday night.

STOCK DEMAND IS LIGHT

Business of Market Shows Extreme Prostration.

PRICES MOVE DOWNWARD

Most Important News Affecting Situation is the Death of Chief Justice Fuller and Large Shrinkage in Cash Holdings of Banks.

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, July 5.—Demand for stocks showed extreme prostration today and prices were allowed to run downwards without any sign of support in opposition to the part of important banking and financial interests. The amount of stocks marketed was not large. The severity of the extreme declines was notable on that account.

The bear party in the market seemed encouraged by the facility with which they were able to procure stocks to cover the short contracts left open after last week's break in prices. Having covered over the three days holiday interval, they were prepared to put out fresh short lines today. The demand was so languid that this selling was easily effective. The consequence was a drop to near last week's low level of prices quite early in the day, but an arrest of that and a recovery later.

The renewal of the depression was not accounted for by any striking new development in the situation. The most important item of news was the sudden death of the venerable chief justice of the Supreme Court. Probably no period in the history of the Supreme Court has been of such vital interest to corporate wealth awaiting decision of that tribunal. The extreme view of the pending Sherman law cases before that court is that the very existence of corporations is wrapped up in the form which the decree may take. Unless a special session of the Senate is called to take action on early appointments to fill vacancies on the Supreme bench, a further delay in the hearing of the cases until after December 1 is regarded as unavoidable. This prospect was felt as a discouragement.

Another item in the day's disquietude was the large shrinkage in cash holdings of the banks disclosed by the Saturday bank statement. A loss of nearly \$19,000,000 in actual holdings was difficult to account for even with allowance for the record half yearly payments made and the heavy drain incident to collection of the corporation income tax which is being paid almost entirely through the New York banks.

A \$9,813,800 loan expansion did not consist with the known facts of the drastic stock market liquidation, although the semi-annual settlement might offer a plausible explanation of the loan item. The cash item, however, caused a supposition that outside banks had drawn very heavily on their New York balances and this directed renewed attention to the possibility of further requirements to conserve the interior banking position.

Something was made of the strength of wheat and cotton and the threat of a strike on the Pennsylvania railroad. The fact that resistance to the decline was encountered short of last week's low prices, except in Reading and American Smelting, served to re-assure the later speculative sentiment and the market closed at some recovery from the day's extra declines.

Bonds were irregular, total sales par value \$1,760,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

Total sales for the day 802,400 shares, including: Copper, 50,000; Sugar, 500; Tobacco, 400; Atlantic Coast Line, 1,500; Chesapeake & Ohio, 8,900; Louisville & Nashville, 1,800; Norfolk & Western, 1,100; Reading, 150,500; Sloss Sheffield, 300; Southern Railway, Pacific, 49,400; Southern Railway, 2,000; Southern Railway, pd., 700; Union Pacific, 132,300; Steel, 188,500; Virginia-Carolina Chemical, 3,500.

Table with 2 columns: Commodity Name and Price. Includes items like Amalgamated Copper, American Agricultural, American Beet Sugar, etc.

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Cook With Gas.

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MANY PRISONERS ARE PUT UNDER HEAVY BONDS

Eight Men and Women Must Serve Long Terms in City Jail.

Eight prisoners were placed under heavy bonds by Justice Brown in the police court yesterday morning and all went to jail in default of the bonds.

Josephine Wade, Agnes Branch and Harry Buchanan, negroes, and Reginald Barlow, a nineteen-year-old white boy, were placed under bonds of \$300 for six months each on charges of being not of good fame and they must serve six months in jail. Willie Brown and James H. Jordan, negroes, were placed under bonds of \$250 for three months for being not of good fame and E. R. Revere, white, was placed under a bond of \$200 for two months on the same charge.

Viola Carter, a negro, was fined \$275 and required to give a bond of \$150 for three months for violent and abusive language. She went to jail in default.

WANTED IN RICHMOND.

Negro in Jail Here Faces Felony Charge in State Capitol.

William Powell, aka James Powell, a young negro, who is serving a term of three months in the city jail in default of a bond for \$500, is wanted in Richmond to answer a felony charge. Chief T. A. Mitchell yesterday received a letter from Chief Werner, of Richmond, asking if Powell was in custody in this city, and stating that he is wanted in that city for a felony.

Chief Mitchell wrote Chief Werner last night that Powell is serving time in the city jail and that he will be turned over to the Richmond authorities as soon as his term expires on August 21.

Released From Jail.

Sam Sport, the negro, who was convicted several weeks ago of selling liquor without a license, and who was sentenced to jail by Justice Brown in default of the payment of a fine and execution of a bond, was ordered released yesterday by Judge Barham in the Corporation Court. Sport is suffering with tuberculosis and for that reason the court ordered his release.

HYDE GETS LIFE SENTENCE.

Convicted Murderer of Swope Takes An Appeal.

KANSAS CITY, MO., July 5.—Dr. C. Hyde, convicted of having poisoned Colonel Thomas H. Swope, the millionaire philanthropist, was sentenced to life imprisonment at hard labor by Judge Ralph S. Latsch, in the Criminal Court here this morning.

An appeal to the State Supreme Court was filed by Hyde's attorneys and until it is taken up by the higher court the prisoner will remain in the county jail here.

Just Try G. B. S. Special

Carriages—Call W. E. Rouse.

KODAK advertisement featuring an image of a man with a camera and text: Films Paper Plates Always Fresh Kodaks and Cameras, \$1.00 up. EPES THE KODAK STORE, 2909 Washington Avenue.

FUNERAL OF FRANK E. SEARS.

Services to Be Held at Home of Parents Tomorrow.

The funeral of Frank E. Sears, who committed suicide Monday night by shooting himself through the temple with a revolver, will be held at the home of the parents on Venable avenue, Riverview, tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment will be made in Greenlawn. All of the arrangements have not yet been made and the names of the pallbearers will be announced later.

The local lodge of Elks, of which the young man was a member, will attend the funeral in a body and have charge of the service.

FIRST GAME THURSDAY.

Definite Decision on Transfer of Portsmouth Baseball Team.

NORFOLK, VA., July 5.—It was definitely decided tonight to transfer the Portsmouth baseball franchise of the Virginia State League to Petersburg. Manager Grim, of the now Petersburg team, has completed arrangements for the first game to be played in the Cockade City on Thursday with Danville.

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Itching, Burning, Bleeding, Cured by Cuticura.

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Cook With Gas.

SPECIAL EXCURSION.

THREE DAYS IN THE MOUNTAINS \$3.00—LYNCHBURG & RETURN—\$3.00 \$3.50—ROANOKE & RETURN—\$3.50 VIA NORFOLK & WESTERN RY.

Special fast vestibuled train will leave Norfolk Friday, July 15th, at 10:40 a. m., stopping only at Lynchburg, Forest, Bedford, Montvale, Blue Ridge and Roanoke. Returning leave Roanoke Monday, July 18th, 1:30 p. m. Three days in the heart of the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. An excellent opportunity to visit Natural Bridge and the Peaks of Otter at an extremely low rate. \$3.00 LYNCHBURG & RETURN \$3.00 \$3.50 Other Points Mentioned \$3.50. Further information cheerfully furnished. Company's Office, 104 Granby street, Norfolk, Va. Both 'phones. JNO. E. WAGNER, Passenger Agent. 13.

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