

MOTHER WOULD SEND OWN SON, WHO SLEW STEPFATHER, TO CHAIR

MOTHER, ALSO SHOT BY YOUTH, MAY RECOVER

Anger Over Disinheritance
Father Blamed for Nansmond County Tragedy.

SLAYER MAINTAINS SILENCE
Arrested in Own Home While Playing With His Two Young Children.

NORFOLK, Va., March 11.—"If they don't send him to the electric chair for this, they ought to burn down all the courthouses and destroy all the lawbooks in the country."

Suffering from six bullet wounds, inflicted by her only son, Courtney Griffin, who also shot and killed his stepfather, P. P. Knight, on her plantation, near here, Mrs. Knight thus called for vengeance as neighbors carried her to Lakeview Hospital, in Suffolk. Physicians believe she will recover.

Anger, because his father, who died last August, cut him off in his will, and because his mother, two weeks ago, secretly married Courtney, who had been overseer on his father's plantation, is believed to have prompted Griffin's deed.

Crawled for Aid.

Griffin, who is twenty-four years old and married, was playing with his two young children at his home, when he was arrested on the information. He has refused to make any statement.

The shooting occurred about 5 o'clock in the morning. Although severely wounded herself, Mrs. Knight crawled in a heavy rainstorm across fields in an effort to reach the cabin of a negro tenant to procure aid for her husband who was dying of the wounds inflicted by her son. She collapsed, however, she could reach the cabin, but was found by the negro when he left the cabin at daybreak.

The Mother's Story.

Here is Mrs. Knight's story as she told it to a correspondent for the Washington Times:

Mr. Knight arose about 5:15 o'clock in the morning of the shooting and made a fire in the kitchen stove. I arose about 5:45 o'clock and went into the kitchen with my husband.

"He said to me, 'Let's go out and feed up,' meaning to feed the cattle on our place. He opened the back door leading to the porch with a lighted lantern in his hand. As Mr. Knight opened the door, my son Courtney, with a pistol in his hand opened fire on him. Courtney did not speak except for a few mumbled curses.

"I saw Mr. Knight fall after the shot. He fell on the porch. 'Oh, Lord, help me,' I ran out on the porch. The kitchen was in total darkness now as Courtney had either shot out the lamp or blew it out.

Shot Her, Also.

"When I started out of the door Courtney either shot me or pushed me down. I fell on the porch. My consciousness was lying on the porch, wounded and bleeding. Mr. Knight was lying on the kitchen floor crying for help.

"How can Courtney had shot us both, he left us where we had fallen.

"I crawled out on my hands and knees across the muddy yard into the open field. The rain was falling in a deluge and it was very dark. I was suffering intense pain from my wounds.

"I tried to get to the house of a colored man named Bullock who lives on my farm. I could not make him hear me, although I shouted as loud as I could several times. Day began to break. I looked down in the corn field and saw streaks of my own blood staining the water as it flowed past me.

"Oh, God, I cried, 'help me to get assistance.' It seemed like no one would come to help me.

"Finally Bullock came out of his house and he called his son, Luther; they went to the home of A. H. Hines, a neighbor, and he and his two sons came to our assistance. They put me in a wheelbarrow and rolled me back to my house and put me on a couch.

"I thought I would freeze. It was so cold and blood was all over me. I was wet to my skin from lying out in the rain. When doctors came from Suffolk, I could hear Mr. Knight crying for assistance. I begged them to help him.

"My son shot me because he was angry over the will left by his father. Mr. Griffin died August 30, 1921.

Father Left Him Nothing.

In his will Mr. Griffin left his estate to his widow in fee simple. It is said he became displeased with his son because the latter married without consulting his parents.

Mrs. Knight declares her son was determined to have his father's money at any price, and had made threats against her. She said he had demanded her to give him money or sign notes, and she was afraid of him.

Arrested Knight for protection against Courtney," she said, "and prevent him from getting money from me.

Knight's mother died several weeks ago. Mrs. Knight says, and after the funeral she decided to marry Courtney. She says she and Courtney drove to Gatesville February 22, where the marriage ceremony was performed. She says Courtney was a good husband. He was forty years old. Mrs. Knight is about forty-five.

Knight Well Liked.

Knight, the victim of the shooting, was well liked by his neighbors. He is a native of North Carolina and is a son of the late Captain Knight of Gatesville, N. C., whose monument stands in that town as a tribute to his bravery in the cause of the Confederacy. He was well to do in his own right, owning property in North Carolina and in Norfolk.

The Griffins also are considered rich, owning property in Nansmond

PRINCIPALS IN VIRGINIA TRAGEDY



MRS. PETER F. KNIGHT

COURTNEY GRIFFIN

Suffolk, Driver and other sections of eastern Virginia.

Among the immediate neighbors of the Griffin farm, there appears to be considerable sympathy for young Griffin. The neighbors claim "the boy was not treated right."

The shooting occurred at what is known as the Griffin Farm in Nansmond county. The farm is located on Marsh road, and is one of the largest and most valuable plantations in Tidewater Virginia.

Knight was shot through the liver and in the abdomen. He lived only a few hours after the shooting. Mrs. Knight crawled in a heavy rainstorm across fields in an effort to reach the cabin of a negro tenant to procure aid for her husband who was dying of the wounds inflicted by her son. She collapsed, however, she could reach the cabin, but was found by the negro when he left the cabin at daybreak.

Blames Teachers for Pupils' Errors

Too Many are Incompetent to Teach Good Language, Educator Asserts.

CHICAGO, March 11.—Not until history, mathematics, language teachers in school all the way from the grades through college foreswear their present attitude of "Let the English teachers take care of their subject, and we will of ours" will the student learn to write and speak his language properly.

Prof. R. L. Lyman, of the University of Chicago, addressing the national council of normal school presidents and principals, declared language habits are acquired in every classroom in the school.

"Grammatical accuracy, too greatly stressed in the wrong grades, is acquired at an expense," Prof. Lyman said, "criticizing the present system of instruction, in which the form and not the idea is considered paramount."

"How can the modern boy or girl learn his language properly when instructors see nothing wrong in this sentence: 'When two years old, my grandfather gave me a pony,' and who use that atrocious, 'It is me'?"

The educator told of teachers and principals who took an examination in English. Prof. Lyman, who corrected the papers, said the average was but one and one-half points higher than the expected of students in the ninth grade.

Va. Legion to Convene at University in Fall

RICHMOND, Va., March 11.—The University of Virginia will be host to the State convention of the American Legion in Charlottesville, Sept. 7, 8 and 9.

State headquarters, through Adjutant Price, announced a few days ago President Alderman of the University of Virginia, had offered the use of dormitory sleeping quarters free of charge, and also the use of buildings for meeting purposes. Arrangements were strongly recommended in a cafeteria will be made.

Weather permitting, the business sessions of the legionnaires will be held in the handsome McIntire amphitheater. Should the mountainous air prove too chilly, the deliberations will take place in Cabell Hall.

Seek Federal Building for P. O. at Cherrydale

CHERRYDALE, Va., March 11.—A Federal building for use as post-office here was strongly recommended at the recent meeting of the Maywood Citizens' Association to be located at Dominion Heights Station.

A resolution was indorsed to Congressman R. Wilton Moore asking his support in the movement. At present Cherrydale is a branch station of the Washington office, and city delivery is maintained to adjacent points, including Maywood, Thrifton and Woodmont.

Graham Biscuits Figure in Man's Divorce Suit

CHICAGO, March 11.—One of the reasons advanced by Charles G. Clark, wealthy Chicago broker, in seeking separation from Rosa Clark in a contested suit being heard by Judge Robert Haines, is that his wife refused to bake graham biscuits, of which he is fond. There are mutual charges of cruelty, and Mrs. Clark says she was not adequately supported.

"Your honor, I love graham biscuits," Clark testified. "But my wife has refused to bake them for me once in the ten years we have been married. I'm so unhappy."

IMPROVE HANDLING OF LEPROSY CASES

U. S. is Comparatively Immune, but Must Be on Guard, Warns Surgeon General.

"Leprosy," says Surgeon General Cummings, of the United States public health service, "though comparatively rare in continental United States, is still a public health problem. Our present comparative immunity does not lessen the necessity for being on guard."

In the past we have not escaped. In 1785 leprosy was common in New Orleans that it had to be segregated in a leprosarium. In 1902 the public health service found 178 lepers in the United States, 145 of whom had been born in this country, and only 73 of whom were under any restraint.

Protection against the disease is rendered more difficult by the fact that leprosy is found in a very large portion of the habitable globe, ranging from Russia and Iceland to India and America, North and South, and that the ever-increasing ease of communication offers many facilities for its importation to the United States.

"In February, 1917, Congress provided for a national home for lepers to be administered by the public health service; but so strongly did the various States object to the founding of such an asylum within their borders that it was not until four years later that the service was able to carry out the provisions of the act by requiring a State leper home in Louisiana.

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Hawaiians Surrounded by Fish, but Prices High

HONOLULU, March 11.—Time was when the native of Hawaii could subsist upon his favorite foods, fish and poi, at a cost of only the trouble of pulling a fish or two from the shoal waters.

At present he pays seven to ten cents a pound for poi and from fifty cents to \$1.50 per pound for fish.

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CZAR REALIZED PREMONITION OF IMPENDING END

Early as 1909 Imperial Head Feared Doom Was Inevitable.

By International News Service.

PARIS, March 11.—The late Czar of Russia was an extreme fatalist and had a clear premonition of his approaching doom, according to M. Paleologue, former French Ambassador at the court of Petrograd, who describes his Russian experiences in the Revue des Deux Mondes.

Relates Anecdote.

He quotes a strange anecdote from the lips of Stolypin, the Russian premier, who was assassinated in 1911:

"One day in 1909 Stolypin proposed to the Czar an important internal measure. He made a skeptical gesture and said sadly: 'I succeed in nothing I undertake. I have no chance. And human will is so powerless!'"

"Courageous and resolute by nature, Stolypin protested with energy. Then the Czar said to him: 'Do you know on what Saint's Day?'

"'Pardon me, sir; I don't remember.'"

"'The Patriarch Job's day.'"

"'Thank God! Your Majesty's reign will end gloriously.'"

"'No, Believe Me.'"

"No, believe me, Stolypin, I have something more than a premonition—I have an inward conviction that I am destined for terrible trials and that I shall not receive my reward here on earth. How often have not applied to myself the words of Job: 'For the thing which I greatly feared comes always on me, and all the evils I am afraid of descend on me.'"

The last of the Czars remained faithful to the allied cause despite the intrigues in his court. After the outbreak of the war he summoned the French Ambassador to his court and told him:

"As for me, I shall fight to the last. To win victory I shall sacrifice my last shilling and my last man. So long as there is an enemy on French or Russian territory I will not sign peace."

When the Russian lady of high birth returned from a visit to Darmstadt, where she saw the Grand Duke of Hesse, the brother of the Gzarina, the Czar ordered her into a convent as punishment for her intrigues. He refused to believe the charge that England was betraying the cause of Russia.

In the summer of 1915 the approaching cataclysm in Russia was already becoming noticeable. A Moscow friend told M. Paleologue:

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Cabbage Price Slump Causes Farmers' Parade

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., March 11.—Farmers of the Rio Grande Valley are disgruntled because of the fall in the cabbage market and many threaten to plow under their cabbage rather than take the present low market price for it.

At Walsaco recently fifty farmers paraded in automobiles, protesting against the fall in prices.

Brooke County Women to Mark Site of First Grimes Golden Seedling.

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., March 11.—The Franklin Farm Women's Club of Brooke County is back of a movement to establish a memorial fountain near the site of the original Grimes Golden apple tree on the Washington pike near Welsburg, Brooke County. The club raised several hundred dollars and secured additional funds from the county to do the work, and expects to let the contract for it in the spring.

A general memorial service will be held in early summer, honoring the tree and all that the Grimes Golden stands for in relation to the horticultural interests of the State. The State Horticultural Society will be asked to participate in this memorial service. The society may also be invited to cooperate in having played on top of the fountain a bronze plate which will bear the inscription necessary to tell the story of the noble old tree.

The Grimes Golden was a seedling originating on the farm of Thomas Grimes, which farm was later sold to Dr. J. W. Gist. At a meeting of State horticulturalists in 1905, Dr. H. W. Collingwood of New York, in the name of the American Apple Consumers' League, presented to the society a gavel made from the wood of the old tree.

Danville Woman, Long Ill, Commits Suicide

DANVILLE, Va., March 11.—Mrs. Ruby Shelton Higgins, wife of Frank Higgins, superintendent of the local street car company, committed suicide at her home in North Danville. She went into the bathroom with her revolver and shot herself through the head. Her relatives hearing the report rushed into the room and found her in a serious condition. She died in a hospital an hour later.

Ill health, over which she brooded, is said to have been a factor in her untimely death. No inquest was held, but two notes are said to have been found. These were given to the coroner, who attached no great importance to them.

Civil War Veteran Jokes as Leg Is Being Cut Off

KANE, Pa., March 11.—Joking with the physicians and hospital nurses, Friend Fulmer, seventy-seven, civil war veteran, watched the amputation of his right leg.

The operation was performed by Dr. Evans O'Neil Kane, who operated on himself some months ago and removed his own appendix, explaining the while to the assembled surgeons and nurses each step of the operation.

Jail Sioux Indians for Attacking White Girl

SISSETON, S. D., March 11.—Charged with attacking minor white girls and contributing to the delinquency, two Sisseton Sioux Indians named Smiley Williams, of Peever, and Henry St. Clair, of Sisseton agency, were arrested.

TAXATION BLOC OPENS FIGHT ON MATERNITY ACT

Organized Effort is Made to Prevent Ratification of Law by States.

By WARREN W. WHEATON, International News Service.

Organized effort to defeat ratification by the States of the Sheppard-Towner so-called "Maternity Law," now on the Federal statute books, is under way.

The taxation relief bloc, formed at Utica, N. Y., under guidance of former State Senator Charles W. Wicks, is gaining support through formation of similar blocs in practically every State in which legislatures are today in session, according to Wicks.

A systematic effort for combating welfare legislation is expected to grow out of the movement, Wicks stated on a recent visit to Washington.

Overdose of Taxation.

The taxation relief bloc sums up the economic aspect of the nation with the following diagnosis:

1—The nation suffering from an overdose of taxation.

2—It is becoming weakened in mind and body by the unwholesome positions of alleged welfare legislation which is "being forced upon legislators."

3—It is subject to further disturbances unless the people themselves are aroused to a realization of its condition and bring to bear upon their lawmakers and representatives the proper influence to cause a cessation of hasty and ill-advised legislation which invariably brings about increased taxation.

Condemn Other Measures.

The bloc and its offspring organizations, according to Wicks, strongly condemn the "public welfare" and "public education" bills now pending Congressional enactment.

The so-called "matching provision" of these three measures to which their opposition is directed—the necessity of States "matching" Federal appropriations in order to obtain Federal aid—saddles upon ten States a burden "for the material benefit of the remaining thirty-eight States."

"The financial condition of the nation which even now dulls the roar of machinery in our factories and has stagnated business of every description cannot, it is certain, be improved by adding tax burdens," declared Wicks. "And even if the tax question were the only one involved, the faith of the nation is not to be quickened by the passage of laws socialistic and bolshevistic in their conception and paternalistic in their tendencies."

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Heart Swollen, Pulse Gone, Man Lifts Big Beam

LONDON, March 11.

CHRONIC bronchitis, chronic asthma, sclerosis of the liver, badly diseased kidneys, and "frightfully distended heart"—these were the terms of a diagnosis by several doctors of the case of James Rostron, a man of fifty-nine, who claimed damages at the county court in Manchester in respect of an accident which occurred while at his work.

"I don't know why he is alive," said Dr. Johnson, in giving evidence. "He has no pulse."

It was stated that his heart extended to his ribs and reached down to his abdomen.

Rostron, in spite of his afflictions, gave evidence vigorously, describing how he strained himself in the endeavor to lift a beam.

He was awarded £75.

"Lit Up," So Thought Street Lights Useless

ALPENA, S. D., March 11.—Three residents of this city, after being arrested for larceny of street lights, were allowed to plead guilty to "drunk and disorderly."

One of them said that about 4 a. m. they became convinced they were sufficiently "lit up" to make the street lights unnecessary, so they removed nine of ten large electric bulbs on street standards, leaving only one lighted and in its place.

Hen Lays 4-Ounce Egg.

ROANOKE, Va., March 11.—T. E. Davis, Claiborne street, is exhibiting an egg weighing 4 1/2 ounces which he says is a product of one of his Rhode Island Red hens. The egg measures nine inches in circumference around the center. Davis says the hen lays daily and all of her eggs weigh close around four ounces.

Seeks to Cut Own Pay.

FALL RIVER, Mass., March 11.—A sensation was created here by Frank B. Manning, superintendent of streets, when he requested that his salary be reduced.

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