

ALLEGED UXORICIDE MAKES HIS ESCAPE

Junius Williamson Crawls Through Hole in Jail at Petersburg.

IS STILL AT LIBERTY

Held on Forgery Charge, but Is Suspected of Bigamy and Murder.

The Times-Dispatch Bureau, 109 North Sycamore Street, Petersburg, Va., July 2. Junius A. Williamson, who for several weeks past has been very prominent in the public mind by reason of charges of forgery and bigamy and suspicion of wife-murder, broke out of the city jail at an early hour this morning and so far as known, has shaken the dust of Petersburg from his feet. For some months the jail proper of the city has been in course of reconstruction, and during this time an old cotton factory building on South Street has been occupied as temporary quarters for prisoners, the necessary alterations having been made for that purpose. The building was regarded as insecure, but a strong guard has been kept on duty. Only the third and fourth floors are used as a jail, the second floor being practically vacant, containing only shuffling and useless materials.

Williamson made his escape some time between 1 and 2 o'clock. At 1 o'clock a "trustee" reported him as in his room. When the next round of the prison was made, he was reported as missing. Williamson was confined in a cell of the third floor, and with him were three white prisoners—Ruebeck, Clark, and Fisher—all serving sentences. The men slept on bedding in the four corners of the cell. The three men declare that they knew nothing of the time of Williamson's escape or of his work to gain his freedom. Through the floor of the cell a man ran a belt used in running the machinery of the factory. But this belt-hole had been patched over with planks, nailed down with wire nails. Williamson, by some means, succeeded in removing these planks and opening the belt-hole.

It was a small aperture, barely eight inches in width, but he managed to squeeze himself through it, and letting himself down by the shafting to the vacant and unguarded floor beneath, where he was free to further operate without fear of discovery. The theory is that he went to a rear window, got out on the roof of the power house, dropped to the ground and disappeared. The mystery is how Williamson could have escaped without the knowledge of his cellmates, and how he could have squeezed his body, slender as it is, through so small an aperture as the belt hole.

Williamson was held under an indictment charging him with forgery, committed in 1908. The charge is also made against him of being a bigamist. Proof that he married a young woman named Addie Rogers, a fifteen-year-old girl, in Marietta, Texas, in 1908, and then deserted her, has been established. The young wife is still living in Marietta, and but a few days ago identified the picture of Williamson, published in The Times-Dispatch, as that of her husband. About a year ago Williamson married Miss Pamela Kiersey, the pretty daughter of John Kiersey, of Chesterfield county. The marriage ceremony was performed in this city by Rev. W. H. Rolston. Apparently the couple lived happily together, and a child was born to them. On June 9, after eating dinner, Mrs. Williamson was taken suddenly ill, with symptoms of arsenical poisoning. She died the same evening, declaring almost in her last words that she had been poisoned. Her children and relatives firmly believe that she had been poisoned by eating bread made of meal in which arsenic had been mixed by her husband. But there was no positive proof of this, and the body was buried. To set all the reports as

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To poisoning at rest, steps have been taken to exhume the body and have the organs examined by an expert. Williamson's movements after the death of his wife served to strengthen suspicion against him as the poisoner. He finally went to Tarboro, N. C., where on June 16 he was arrested by Chief of Police Ragland and brought back to the city.

The evidence was tightening about him in the matter of all three of the above charges, and his escape and flight are indications in the minds of many of his guilt. He may or may not be caught, having the advantage of several hours in his flight. Descriptions of him have been telegraphed widely. Williamson usually wore a clean-shaven face, but for two weeks or more he has not shaved and his beard may serve in part to disguise him.

No bloodhounds, as reported, were put on the trail of the fugitive. Captain Ragland's dog was taken to the jail, but he failed to follow the trail. And here it may be stated that people in Petersburg who have known Williamson nearly all of his life, are ignorant of such temporary attacks of insanity as have been reported by his friends in Richmond. Letters were received at the jail for Williamson this morning from relatives in Richmond. As it is not known when the fugitive will return, they will be sent back. Among the relatives and friends of the dead woman the escape of Williamson has caused much regret.

Pictures to Be Secured. At the regular meeting of A. P. Hill camp of Confederate Veterans the committee on pictures was instructed to secure copies of photographs of the camp veterans that had been taken at different times. These pictures are to be hung on the walls of the camp hall. The camp further decided to gather the members in a body on the steps of the Exchange Building at an early day and have a group photograph taken for preservation. This will be done at an early day. The camp has a splendid gallery of pictures of historic personages and scenes, to which additions are constantly being made.

Personal and Otherwise. John E. Hartwell will remain as superintendent and Richard H. Mann as local attorney for the Virginia Railway and Power Company positions which they occupy with the Passenger and Power Company. Fire to Night Seriously Damaged the frame dwelling of Ida Pankey, colored, on Rome Street. It started in the kitchen, a double tenement unoccupied frame dwelling adjoining. The Pankey dwelling was damaged badly in the rear. The loss is \$500, covered by insurance.

Officers Destroy Moonshine Still. Operator Makes Desperate Resistance and Several Shots Are Exchanged.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NEWBERN, N. C., July 2.—One of the most extensive moonshine outfits yet found in this section was raided and destroyed here to-day. The circumstances are not without some exciting details. Deputy Collector J. E. Cameron and J. C. Meekins, with a posse of men, captured a still in operation near Bridgetown, about two miles from here, and also captured the owner of the place, Arthur Ippock. The still had a fifty-gallon capacity. Ten fermenters were also destroyed. Two hundred gallons of beer were confiscated and destroyed. The usual paraphernalia was destroyed by the officers.

Ippock broke away from the officers and later came toward Deputy Cameron, with a double-barreled shotgun, but he was chased into a bush and disarmed. In the melee two or three shots were exchanged. Deputy Cameron was not harmed, and it is not known whether Ippock is wounded or not. Cameron had a monkey rum, which was also destroyed. The beverage is a "very rum" which has just as exhilarating effects as the stronger and more carefully prepared liquors.

A posse is scouring the county for Ippock, and probably he will be captured within a few hours, as he is surrounded. Visible Cotton Supply. NEW ORLEANS, La., July 2.—Secretary Hester's statement of the world's supply of cotton, issued to-day, shows the total visible to be 3,178,251, against 3,313,430 last week and 2,559,236 last year. Of this the total of Great Britain and Continental Europe is 2,144,000, against 1,938,000 last year. In India 497,000, against 488,000 last year, and in the United States 537,251, against 415,000 last year.

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GENERAL APATHY AMONG THE VOTERS

Very Little Interest in Mann-Tucker Race Taken in Norfolk.

TUCKER HAS A CHANCE

Legislative Campaign Is Slow, and Light Vote Is Predicted.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] NORFOLK, Va., July 2.—Now that the municipal campaign is over, politics seems absolutely dead in Norfolk, except for the fact that there is to be one race for the Legislature, and as yet this has not warmed up. The regular ticket for the Legislature, understood to be Messrs. Old, Deal, and Cooke, is understood to be endorsed by the administration, while Daniel Coleman, a young attorney, is running as an independent, with a platform favoring the abolishment of the board of control as a useless expense to the city.

It is believed in many circles that Mr. Coleman will make a strong race on the platform, as the controller, owing to what is alleged to be "red tape" methods, is not by any means popular. In fact, it is claimed by many that this form of commission administration is a failure. There are those who predict Mr. Coleman's election.

There is absolutely no interest in the gubernatorial primary, and the voters talked to seem indifferent as to who is elected, even where a preference is expressed. While it is recognized that the leaders of the administration and liquor forces are tentatively advocating the election of Judge Mann, their support is of a lukewarm variety. The attack of the judge on the Jamestown Exposition, in order to reach Mr. Tucker, was not relished and added decidedly to the indifference of Mann supporters.

The present indications are that Mr. Tucker will carry this city, if he does not carry Norfolk county and Portsmouth. There is a fighting chance for him in all three bailiwicks. However, unless the legislative campaign warms up at once, the vote will be the lightest in recent years.

Conference in Session. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BRISTOL, Va., July 2.—The Abingdon District Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is in session at Virginia Avenue Church, here, with all the churches represented. The Rev. T. J. Eskridge, presiding elder, is presiding over the sessions. The work of the year thus far is being reviewed, and plans are being laid to send a special branch of the work. The conference passed a resolution expressing its gratitude to God for the victory of the temperance forces in Tennessee, by which no licensed saloon is now doing business in that State.

Many Autos in State. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] RALEIGH, N. C., July 2.—Applications for the registration of automobiles under the new law entailing \$5 tax on each machine, are pouring in to the secretary, bringing in \$179,000 in the past two days nearly as many more have been issued and still they come. No one seems to have any idea just how many machines there are in the State. The new act applies to all except New Hanover county.

Long Session of Court. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] GREENSBORO, N. C., July 2.—The longest continuous session of Superior Court ever known here was concluded this afternoon, and Judge Long left to-night for his home in Seville. Court has been on for five weeks, four weeks of regular and one week special term. A great many cases have been tried, and the congested docket materially relieved.

Drowned in Reservoir. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] STAUNTON, Va., July 2.—F. J. Leahman, a native of Maryland, but for many years a resident of Clifton Forge, until brought to the Western State Hospital here three years ago for treatment, fell into the hospital reservoir to-day and was drowned before he could be gotten out. He was forty-seven years old.

Cattle Killed by Lightning. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] PEASE, Va., July 2.—During an electric storm, J. M. Rector, a prominent citizen who resides near Baywood, had four three-year-old cattle killed by lightning. The cattle were found lying close together on a hill, and, evidently, all were killed by the same stroke. The loss is about \$200.

Relieved of Jail Sentence. STAUNTON, Va., July 2.—D. A. Kingan, a jewelry merchant, convicted of assault on J. A. Wahn, and sentenced to pay a fine of \$250 and serve three months in jail, has been relieved of the jail sentence by the Governor after serving one week.

Fell Down Stairs with Lighted Lamp in Hand. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] WINCHESTER, Va., July 2.—As the result of falling down stairs with a lighted lamp in her hand, Susan Strong, a colored woman, aged forty-five years, received burns which resulted in her death at the Memorial Hospital to-day. The accident occurred about midnight last night, and the fire which followed destroyed the double house in which the Strong family lived.

Mrs. Dorton Badly Hurt. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] SPENCER, N. C., July 2.—Mrs. Margaret Dorton, wife of W. D. Dorton, of Spencer, was severely injured at her home yesterday by falling out of a rear door, a distance of about six feet. One shoulder was broken, her face badly bruised and she was otherwise shaken up. It required four hours under two physicians to set the broken bones and dress her wounds.

Home Is Destroyed. [Special to The Times-Dispatch.] FREDERICKSBURG, Va., July 2.—The home of Andrew Burckel, of Chest Corner, King George county, was burned last night, nothing being saved, as all the occupants were away from home at the time.

After July 4th when you call a number on the telephone you should give the exchange prefix Madison or Monroe. The prefix should be given before the number; for instance, "Madison-9-0-1-0" and not "9-0-1-0-Madison". When the additional exchange is opened the subscribers' lines will terminate in one of the two offices, Madison or Monroe. Unless the prefix is given the operator will not know in which central office the called number is located, and in the absence of this information cannot complete the connection.

If you do not give the prefix and simply ask for 9-0-1-0, the operator will say "Which office please?" This question means that the operator wishes to know in which central office the number you are calling is located.

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Do not use the new directory until July 4th.

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NORFOLK IS CHOSEN FOR NEXT MEETING

State Sunday-School Convention Adjourns After Hard Day's Work.

COMMITTEEN ELECTED

At Last Session Addresses Are Made by Many Active Church Workers.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., July 2.—After another strenuous day's work, the eighteenth annual session of the Virginia State Sunday School Association came to a close to-night. Norfolk was selected as the next place of meeting. It will probably be held in April. The following State executive committee were elected:

Terms expire 1910—Professor George W. Walker, of Blacksburg; Samuel L. Adams, of Clifton Springs; Dr. Roy K. Flannagan, of Charlottesville; Rev. T. H. Lacy, D. D., of Blackstone; Rev. J. H. Fix, of Manchester; Rev. G. O. Meade, of Richmond; Rev. J. M. Picher, D. D., of Petersburg; A. Lee Knowles, of Staunton, and DeWitt Crane, of Newport News.

Terms expire 1911—A. R. Holderby, Jr., of Richmond; Judge James L. Mc-

Lemore, of Suffolk; W. P. Boatwright, of Danville; J. P. Jones, of Manchester; Henry L. Schmelz, of Hampton; J. M. Cratty, of Portsmouth; L. M. Groves, of Martinsville; R. L. Pennington, of Jonesville, and Hugh C. Smith, of Emporia.

Terms expire 1912—Dr. M. E. Church, of Falls Church; W. F. Robertson, of Norfolk; W. M. Melchior, of Alexandria; G. M. Kezell, of McGaheysville; W. H. Vincent, of Capron; James D. Via, of Charlottesville; N. Courtice Scott, of Richmond; B. F. Moomaw, of Roanoke, and J. T. Mort, of Bristol. At the department conferences, held this morning at the First Baptist Church, addresses were made by the Rev. Lloyd T. Wilson, D. D., Miss Hilda L. Forsberg, Rev. J. T. Watts, Eugene C. Foster, Samuel L. Adams, Hugh Cook, of Chicago, and Marshall A. Hudson, of Syracuse.

Among the speakers at the sessions held at Cabell Hall at the university, were Rev. A. L. Phillips, D. D., of the Southern Presbyterian Church; Professor Edwin H. Tilton, of the English literature in Trinity College, Durham, N. C.; Rev. H. B. Rountree, of Waverly; Rev. J. H. Little, Preston Fiddis and the Rev. Llewellyn N. Caley, D. D., of the Episcopal Church.

STORMS OF FINANCE TOO SEVERE FOR PARK

Amusement Corporation In Driven to Wall by Lack of Funds and Patronage—Its Fate Uncertain.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., July 2.—The Amusement Corporation has been driven to a wall by lack of funds and patronage. Its fate is uncertain. The corporation was organized in 1907, under the management of Mr. Leterman, and for a time it looked as if the people would take it up and the place become recognized as a summer amusement resort. The final disposition of the park is in doubt. It was thought at one time that the street car company might take over the resort and run it in connection with its moving picture shows and the amusement of its hotel guests. The corporation's liabilities are unknown.

FIGHT IN BOARD WON BY SALVATION ARMY

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] RALEIGH, N. C., July 2.—That has the people of Raleigh never darkened the doors of the churches was the assertion of J. W. Bailey, former editor of the Biblical Recorder, in a fiery speech before the Raleigh Aldermen to-night in defense of the street preaching by representatives of the American Salvation Army, who had been denied the privilege by Mayor Wynne. He declared, further, that when the good people of Raleigh elected J. S. Wynne Mayor they did not put into his hands the keys to the kingdom of heaven, nor did they intend by the election of Alex. Stronach, Police Justice, to create an article of vendetta. He said that the Army was unanimously to grant the Salvation Army workers permission to preach on the streets.

YOUNG BOY IS ARRESTED CHARGED WITH ARSON

Everett Madison Is Held for Setting Fire to Charlottesville Store—Robbery Said to Have Been Motive.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., July 2.—Everett Madison, a white youth, aged

about thirteen, was taken into custody to-day on the charge of setting fire to J. B. Norris's store on Wednesday night. A hatchet, said to belong to the boy, was found near the broken window. Mr. Norris's stock of goods was damaged to the extent of \$800, while it will take \$1,000 to repair the building. It is believed that the thief dropped a match in the shavings accidentally and became frightened at the blaze and fled. The first to arrive on the scene saw the wrappings on an orange box blazing near the tank. When the latter caught the interior of the store it was a mass of flames in a minute. Nothing was missing from the safe, though the combination showed that it had been disturbed.

CONDITIONS OF CROPS. WASHINGTON, D. C., July 2.—The condition of the cotton crop in the United States averaged 74.6 per cent. of a normal on June 25 last, according to the report of the Department of Agriculture. This is against \$1.1 on May 25 last. On June 25, a year ago it was \$1.2 and two years ago 2 per cent. The average condition on June 25 for ten years was 80.8. The condition of the cotton crop by States for June 25, 1909, June 25, 1908, and the ten-year average, respectively, follow:

Virginia, 76 and 92 and 84; North Carolina, 75 and 81 and 81; South Carolina, 77 and 84 and 81; Georgia, 79 and 83 and 81; Florida, 88 and 80; Alabama, 64 and 82 and 80; Mississippi, 61 and 84 and 80; Louisiana, 62 and 80 and 81; Texas, 79 and 80 and 80; Arkansas, 76 and 85 and 81; Tennessee, 80 and 89 and 84; Missouri, 83 and 87 and 84; Oklahoma, 84 and 94 and 82.

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