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JUDGE IN NIGHT RIDERS' TRIAL WARNS OUTSIDERS

DRAMATIC TALE OF MURDER TOLD BY WITNESS

Evidence Shows Rankin Met Death with Unusual Bravery—Col. Taylor Describes Terrible Details of Fatal Night

UNION CITY, Tenn., Dec. 18.—When court adjourned this afternoon until Monday the state had nearly completed its case against the night riders now on trial.

Next Monday it will put Frank Ferhinger on the stand. He is one of the riders said to have made a complete confession. He says he was present when the murder was committed and knows the names of every man there.

After that the state will merely fill in with corroborative evidence. The defense will depend solely upon alibis, and for that purpose has summoned nearly 100 citizens of the Reelfoot lake district to testify as to the whereabouts of the indicted men.

Following his caution to the press yesterday not to print the testimony, Judge Jones cautioned the ministers of the local churches not to refer to the cases in their sermons Sunday, since a juror might be present.

The first witness today was Col. R. Z. Taylor, the companion of Capt. Quentin Rankin on the night of the murder. Col. Taylor is 65 years old and a Confederate veteran and a wealthy man.

Went to Lease Land
Col. Taylor and Capt. Rankin went to Reelfoot lake to lease some land. They drove over the property and returning to the hotel left orders for horses the day following. Then they returned.

Col. Taylor was awakened by Ward's call and the same instant a rear window of his room was raised. Two pump guns were thrust in, followed by two black-masked heads.

Not a word was said until the leader of the band entered the room by the door. The night riders separated Taylor from Rankin, and Taylor did not see Rankin from the time they left their room until he saw him murdered.

They told Taylor they proposed to kill him. When the night riders reached the forked ash tree on the bank of the slough they halted Taylor and marched Rankin to the foot of the tree. The rope was adjusted and thrown over the fork, then some night rider said:

"Give him time to pray."
"I have attended to that," was Rankin's quiet reply.

Some one of the masked band seized the rope and drew Rankin up. The tree was inclined a trifle, and they raised the body until the toes scarcely touched the ground. From the lips of the swaying figure came the muffled appeal:

"You are choking me, gentlemen. I pray you to let me down."

Then one of the riders fired a shot into the body of Rankin, even as he pleaded for life. Instantly a fusillade came, most of the riders, however, shooting into the air.

Asks to Sit Down
Taylor turned to his captors and said: "I am tired, gentlemen; let me sit down."

He crouched to his knees, ready to spring, waited until the guns were empty, then, when the firing stopped, he jumped into the water of the slough. Instantly the firing was resumed.

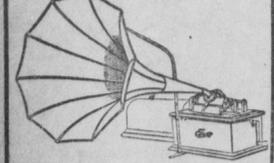
Taylor dived, but heard the bullets striking the water. He swam under water to a big log. He did not know whether it was fast or not. He knew if it were loose that, when he grasped it for support, it would splash, and his life would be forfeited. But he was exhausted and fainting, and had to take the risk. From the bank came cries, yells and shouts.

Silently he swam to the log, reached it, and it was fast in the slough. He was safe. The bullets struck the log like hail in a storm, but gradually they ceased and for two hours this aged veteran of many battles lay in the water, grasping the log, and when all sounds had ceased he swam to the opposite side and took to the woods.

Wanders All Day
He wandered all day following a course marked by the moss, which he knew was heaviest on the north side of the trees. His eyesight began to fail

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and he suffered fearfully from thirst. Then he imagined that he saw masked men in every thicket.

Taylor realized that he was suffering from delusions, but his experiences had been so frightful that he could not control his feelings or dispel the hallucinations.

He hid in the canebrake until Wednesday, when thirst drove him out and into the arms of his friends.

Just before the night riders killed Rankin, Taylor said: "Gentlemen, I am an old man. I cannot expect to live many years more. By killing me you will not be cheating me of much. But Captain Rankin is a young man with many years before him. Do not kill him."

The leader curtly replied: "Shut up." The aged witness made a most profound impression. At times his emotion mastered him, and once he half turned, dropped his head into his hands and sobbed audibly as the scenes of that awful night passed again before his eyes.

The old man was asked only one question on cross-examination. "Did you recognize any of the riders positively the night of the crime?" He said he did not.

GLASS WORKERS TO ENFORCE NEW SCALE

Several Plants in Pennsylvania Sign New Wage Schedule—Five Hundred Skilled Men Quit Work

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 19.—Advice received at the headquarters of the National Window Glass Workers, indicates that the members of the organization quit work generally throughout the country this morning in order to enforce the adoption of the new wage scale, which carries an increase of practically 25 per cent.

Among the plants that are said to have signed the new scale, in addition to the American Window Glass company at Pittsburg, Pa., Eldred, Pa., and Fredonia, Kas.

President Faulkner of the union said today that about 200 pots were in operation this morning, compared with 1700 yesterday. This means that about 500 skilled men are at work.

A meeting of the manufacturers will be held at Columbus, Ohio, next Tuesday to take action relative to the new wage scale.

ROBBERS RAID BANK AND WRECK VAULT; GET \$3000

Boy Who Surprises Bandits at Work in Ceres, Neb., Is Overpowered. Highwaymen Escape with Loot

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 19.—Robbers raided the State bank of Ceres, eighteen miles north of this city, early this morning, overpowered a boy who surprised them at work, demolished the vault, secured \$3000 and escaped.

The bank was attacked at 1:30 a. m. Clarence Boyle, who was passing in front of the building, was seized, blindfolded and gagged.

He was tied in the bank and Cashier L. Lead received his first intimation of the robbery when he found the boy this morning.

Wednesday night a bank in Chase, Chase county, was robbed. Thursday night banks at Keene and Gibbon were looted, the robbers getting \$5500.

James Malone, chief of the Burlington detectives, this morning stated the same gang undoubtedly robbed all the banks. He believes they are traveling in an automobile.

3000 CHAUFFEURS VOTE TO GO ON STRIKE IN GOTHAM

Members of Liberty Dawn Coach Drivers' and Teamsters' Associations Insist on Demands

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Members of the Liberty Dawn Coach Drivers' association and the United Teamsters of America, representing 3000 drivers and chauffeurs in this city, voted today to go on a strike unless certain demands which they have made upon their employers are granted forthwith.

According to a statement made today by Edwin Gould, secretary-treasurer of the Liberty Dawn association, 100 men employed by two of the largest livery companies struck this morning.

Upon the outcome of this movement will depend the future movements of the employees.

LAW FOR EIGHT-HOUR DAY CONTAINS BAD FLAW

House of Lords in London Enacts Measure and Neglects to Provide for Toolers' Time Lost

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The bill providing for an eight-hour day in coal mines, which in process of amendment became actually a measure for a day of nine hours, was finally adopted by the house of lords today. It goes into effect July 1, 1909.

The bill originally contemplated eight hours from surface to surface, but its opponents eliminated the time occupied in descending and ascending from the workings and calculated half an hour for each.

The result is that eight full hours must be spent in actual labor below ground.

Committee Appointed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Senators Lodge, Knox and Bacon were named today a committee to represent the senate on the joint congressional committee on the inaugural ceremonies.

TEACHER WAVES ADIEU TO PUPILS; IS KILLED CLASPING THEIR GIFTS

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—While a bevy of her school children whom she had just dismissed for the Christmas vacation, waved loving farewells to Miss Mabel Crandall, a teacher at Meyer's Road, the young woman stepped in front of an express train on an electric line and was killed instantly.

One arm held a bundle of Christmas gifts made by her charges. The other was upraised in a gesture of affection to the little group and an admonition to them to "be good" was on her lips as the car struck her.

The happy farewell was never finished, and the young woman died without a cry.

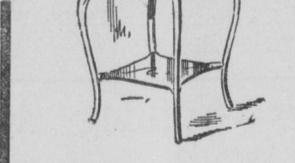
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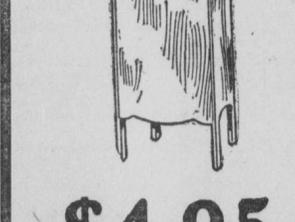


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TAX IMMATERIAL TO BIG DEALERS

Like Steel Corporation, International Company Has Grip Which Inures Profits—Surprising Facts Elicited

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The testimony of E. D. Metcalf of Auburn, N. Y., representing the International Harvester Corporation yesterday, today was similar in many respects to that of Judge E. H. Gary of the United States Steel Corporation yesterday.

Mr. Metcalf said his company is so well entrenched in the agricultural implement business that it does not need the tariff and that it is immaterial to them how the tariff is changed.

He did not deny that the International Harvester company manufactures over 50 per cent of the harvesters, mowers and reapers made in this country.

"Can you manufacture cheaper than the English and French manufacturers?" asked Representative Crumpacker of Indiana.

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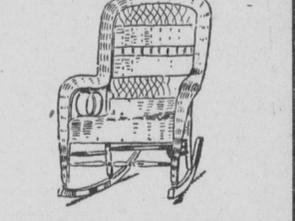
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SAYS DEAD MOTHER HAS CALLED HER; ENDS LIFE

Girl in New Jersey Writes Explanatory Note, Declaring Parent Spoke to Her from the Grave. Found Dead

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Leaving a note saying that she had been called by her dead mother, Miss Louise Barney of East Rutherford, N. J., committed suicide by inhaling illuminating gas last night.

Her body was found by her father lying across a bed.

The note which the young woman left said that while visiting the grave of her mother on Sunday last she heard the call to come to her.

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NORMAN MACK DECLARES BRYAN WON'T RUN AGAIN

Chairman of Democratic National Committee Announces New Headquarters Will Be Opened in Capital

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Norman E. Mack, chairman of the Democratic national committee, said last night that national committee headquarters would be established in Washington soon after the holidays.

"There is no use in taking up the matter until after the holidays," said Mr. Mack.

"We may not take it up until after the short session is over, but I can positively state that we will have permanent headquarters in Washington at an early date. It will be a working headquarters, too."

"What about Bryan as a candidate four years from now?"

"There is no probability of Mr. Bryan running again four years hence, so there is no use discussing the matter," said the chairman.