

# ADMITS FATHER WAS A LUNATIC

## General Hains Testifies in Son's Behalf.

### JURY HEARS CONFESSION

Mother of Captain Hains Testifies to Early Weakness, Which Counsel Will Attempt to Prove by Experts Was Predisposing Cause to Insanity—Change in Mental Condition Noticed When He Heard of Wife's Alleged Misconduct.

Flushing, N. Y., Jan. 1. — General Peter C. Hains, U. S. A., and his wife, Mrs. Virginia P. Hains, parents of Thornton J. Hains, now being tried before Justice Crane as a principal in the slaying of William E. Annis, were witnesses in their son's behalf, and their testimony brought out in full detail the relationship of Mrs. Claudia Hains and William E. Annis that caused the estrangement of Captain Hains and his wife.

General Hains declared that in his presence and before his two sons, Peter and Thornton Hains, the captain's wife, Claudia Hains, made a full confession of her misconduct, and subsequently Captain Hains manifested such poignant grief from the disclosures that his mental condition became affected. The confession, which General Hains declared his son's wife, Claudia, had signed on the day following Captain Hains' return from the west, was read to the jury. General Hains made a strong witness for his son, and counsel for the defense asserted that the evidence was now conclusive that Captain Hains was mentally unbalanced when he shot William E. Annis, and that his act was one of his sole doing.

Through Mrs. General Hains, who wept many times during her story, the defense drew out facts that Captain Hains in his early life evidenced physical weakness, which, counsel will endeavor to prove through three experts, was a predisposing cause to insanity. General Hains was permitted to say that his father died from insanity.

It is expected that Thornton J. Hains will take the stand Monday to testify in his own behalf.

# LAWYERS CLASH IN NIGHT RIDER TRIAL

## Threat of Jail Sentence Restores Order in Court.

Union City, Tenn., Jan. 1.—A half-dozen character witnesses, summoned on behalf of the eight alleged night riders now on trial, were suddenly transformed into witnesses for the state to the great surprise and chagrin of the defendants' attorneys. These witnesses included Rev. John R. Williams, Justice of the Peace Stephen Fields and five others. Each declared that Garrett Johnson bore a good reputation and that Frank Fehring, the confessor, was a man of bad reputation.

The attorney general startled the crowd by asking Justice Fields if he were not only a sympathizer of night riding, but an actual member of the band.

The squire denied the allegation with some vigor. This led to a heated argument between Attorney General Caldwell and Attorney Pierce of the defense, in which Pierce pointedly declared that he proposed "to hold the attorney general responsible in court and out of court for indignities, discourtesies and insults," whereto the lauk attorney general opined that he was willing to be held responsible by Mr. Pierce, either in court or out of it. The court then joined in the repartee to the effect that unless the bickering ceased the counsel table on both sides would be short several lawyers and a few distinguished members would find themselves the enforced guests of the sheriff. Both men then disclaimed any save pacific intentions, and declared their undying respect and affection for each other. Thus the incident closed.

### HOLDS COURT

Hearing of Testimony in Erb Trial Continues With Few Developments.

Media, Pa., Jan. 1.—Contrary to expectations the Erb-Belsel trial was not adjourned over New Year's day, and hearing of testimony is in progress, little or no facts relative to the killing of Captain Erb that have not already been made public having been brought out.

That Mrs. Erb had taken offense at her husband for calling her "vile names," had thrown things at him during a quarrel on the night of the tragedy and then summoned her sister to protect her, was brought out by witnesses who repeated what the widow is alleged to have told them.

After Mrs. Belsel's arrival at the house, Erb came from his room, pistol in hand, and was about to rush at his wife, when the sister disarmed and shot him, the jury was informed.

# STEARNS IS A CITY OF 1500 INHABITANTS

## Scene of Miners' Trouble is An Up-To-Date Town With Modern Improvements.

SOMERSET, Ky., —Since the trouble between the miners at Stearns and the United States Marshals has aroused the entire State, attention has been attracted to this mountain town, where armed miners are defying the law, and State troops have been sent to preserve order and protect property.

Stearns is thirty miles south of Somerset, in Whitley county, just over the Pulaski county line, and is in the very wild portion of the Kentucky mountains. Only a few years ago there was no habitation there, and the C. N. O. & T. P. Railroad winding its way through the jagged rocks was the only signs of civilization.

### Has 1,500 Population.

Robert Stearns, of Chicago, several times a millionaire, saw the immense wealth and possibilities in the untouched coal and timber for miles and miles in every direction, proceeded to buy and lease for many years thousands of acres of the land there, and like magic the town of Stearns, now numbering 1,500 inhabitants, sprang up. But unlike most mining towns up-to-date buildings were erected, and many of the best people of Michigan reside there. A spacious hotel, located upon the peak of one of the mountains, adorns the town, while fashionable bungalows, neat cottages and modern stores make up a fashionable looking little city, which silhouetted against the wild and rugged hills, towering high in the air, form a most fascinating picture. All of the miners' huts, employes of the big sawmill, and their boarding houses, set apart from the hotel and residences of the people who are interested as owners, officials, bookkeepers, clerks and stenographers.

### Railroads Built Into Forests.

Several miles of railroads have been built by the Stearns company right into the dark and almost inaccessible mountain region; numerous mines have been opened up and the latest electrical mining appliances installed; an electrical plant supplies the mining power, lights for the pathways, streets and houses, and drives the big mills—the biggest in the South—the electric plant, as well as everything else there, being owned by the elder Stearns, his son and a few others. From the very outset this company has absolutely refused to employ union labor, and would not give employment to any man who was a member of a labor union of any kind. Two years ago serious trouble was narrowly averted because an attempt was made to unionize the miners there. The second attempt is what led up to the present trouble.

### Miners Are Mountaineers.

Nearly all of the miners engaged at the Stearns mines are natives of this mountain section. They cannot understand how their belonging to a union would in any way injure the business of the company. Possessing that natural antipathy for United States officers, they resent any Federal interference.

### Led Up to Trouble.

Deputy Marshall George Massingale, of this place, served the first injunction papers on the miners' men, and because of the fact that he was unable to get a good many of them application was made by the Stearns company for a posse of United States Marshals. This was complied with, and their arrival on the scene brought on the killing of Marshal Mullins, of Richmond, and the wounding of Waddle and Ryan, at this place, and the burning of the hotel operated by Berry Simpson, the leader of the miners who are defying the law.

### Caucus Date Changed.

Columbus, O., Jan. 1. — Instead of holding their caucus Saturday afternoon, as originally planned, Democratic members of the Ohio senate will get together Monday morning at 8 o'clock, to outline their policies for the coming session of the Ohio General assembly.

### Lost Forty Relatives.

Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 1.—John Gatto, a clerk in the foreign department of the Union Savings bank, received a cablegram stating that 40 of his relatives had been killed in the earthquake. They all lived in the vicinity of Reggio.

Because He Swore Around House. Muskogee, Okla., Jan. 1.—Because he swore around the house, Lee Marshbanks, living five miles east of Latoosa, Okla., shot and instantly killed his brother John. The slayer is deeply religious and has always borne a good reputation.

### Forty-eight Bodies Recovered.

Bluefield, W. Va., Jan. 1. — Forty-eight bodies have been recovered from the ill-fated Lick Branch colliery, in which an explosion occurred last Tuesday, and it is not known how many more there are.

### TRAIN SCHEDULE.

#### CHESAPEAKE & OHIO.

Eastbound.  
No. 26, Daily Ex. Sunday... 8:42 a. m.  
No. 22, Daily..... 11:57 a. m.  
No. 28, Daily Ex. Sunday... 6:30 p. m.  
No. 24, Daily..... 9:25 p. m.  
Westbound.  
No. 27, Daily Ex. Sunday... 6:22 a. m.  
No. 31, Daily..... 8:03 a. m.  
No. 25, Daily Ex. Sunday... 2:50 p. m.  
No. 23, Daily..... 4:38 p. m.

#### LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE.

Southbound.  
No. 37—Cincinnati-Knoxville local, 10:12 a. m.  
No. 33—Cincinnati-Jacksonville limited, 11:03 a. m.  
No. 9—Maysville-Stanford local, with Cincinnati connection at Paris, arrives at 6:32; departs at 6:35 p. m.  
No. 31—Cincinnati-Atlanta limited 11:23 p. m.  
Northbound.  
No. 34—Atlanta-Cincinnati limited 5:06 a. m.  
No. 10—Stanford-Maysville local, connecting at Paris for Cincinnati, 7:13 a. m.  
No. 38—Knoxville-Cincinnati local, arrives 2:50; departs 2:53 p. m.  
No. 32—Jacksonville-Cincinnati limited, 5:45 p. m.

All of these trains will stop at Winchester; also are all daily, except Nos. 9 and 10, which are daily, except Sunday. Trains Nos. 29 and 30 on the present time-table, will be discontinued between Paris and Rowland on the new time-table.

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	Daily P.M.	Daily A.M.
v. Lexington	2:25	7:35
Winchester	3:05	8:13
L. & E. Junction	3:20	8:26
Clay City	3:50	9:02
Stanton	3:58	9:10
Campton Junction	4:30	9:38
Natural Bridge	4:35	9:43
Torrent	4:47	9:56
Beattyville June	5:10	10:17
Athol	5:37	10:45
O. & K. Junction	6:05	11:15
r. Jackson	6:10	11:20

Westbound	No. 1; No. 3; No. 5		
	Daily Ex. Sun.	Daily Sun.	Only
v. Jackson	6:10	2:20	7:00
O. & K. June	6:15	2:25	7:05
Athol	6:40	2:52	7:30
Beattyville June	7:07	3:20	7:54
Torrent	7:30	3:41	8:15
Natural Bridge	7:45	3:55	8:26
Campton June	7:48	3:57	8:28
Stanton	8:15	4:26	8:54
Clay City	8:25	4:35	9:02
L. & E. June	9:00	5:07	9:34
Winchester	9:12	5:20	9:46
Ar. Lexington	9:55	6:05	10:25

#### THE FOLLOWING CONNECTIONS ARE MADE DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

L. & E. Junction—Trains Nos. 1, and 3, will make connection with the C. & O. Ry. for Mt. Sterling.  
Campton Junction—Trains Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, will connect with the Mountain Central Ry. for passengers to and from Campton, Ky.  
Beattyville Junction—Trains Nos. 2 and 4 will connect with the L. & A. Railway for Beattyville, Ky.  
O. & K. Junction—Trains Nos. 3 and 4 will connect with the O. & K. Railway for Cannel City, Ky., and way stations.

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### TAFT SAYS NO

Put Quiet on Plan to Organize Clubs in South.

Augusta, Ga., — President-elect Taft has effectually put a quietus on the desire which was beginning to develop into activity to organize "Taft clubs" throughout the south. In this he is heartily seconded by Mr. Hitchcock, Republican national chairman. This subject was under consideration at the initiative of John Hays Hammond, who was willing at this time to undertake to extend the influence and organization in the National League of Republican Clubs throughout the southern states, preferably under the style of "Taft clubs."

Mr. Taft declared firmly against the "Taft club" proposition. Should it become expedient at some future time to encourage the organization of the independent Democratic element of the south, he believes such organizations should be called exactly what they are, "independent."

### Ancient Embalming.

The ancient inhabitants of the Canary islands used an embalming process like that of the Egyptians. Desiccated bodies, preserved for centuries by atmospheric or other agencies, have been found in France, Sicily, England, Central America and Peru.

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