# NEWS FROM SUFFOLK AND OTHER PARTS OF VIRGINIA

## GILLIGAN TRIAL IS CONTINUED.

### His Attorney Won A Point After A Hard Legal Battle.

### THEY ARE FIGHTING FOR TIME

**The Absence Of Witness Weed, Who Is Said To Be In Europe, The Ground Of Continuance—Lawyers Throw Bouquets At Judge Atkinson—Two Other Witnesses Claimed To Be Absent—Gilligan's Sisters And Miss Turner In Court.**

(Special to The Virginian-Pilot.)

Suffolk, Va., May 9.—The Gilligan case goes over till Tuesday, June 5. Following arguments that were long, astute, diplomatic and at times sarcastic and humorous, Judge Atkinson announced at 12:40 o'clock that the case should go over to the next term. It was a very interesting session.

After two motions for a continuance had been overruled or abandoned yesterday, the defense still relied on the absence of Witness W. H. Weed. That was their last hope. They fought valiantly and won.

FIGHTING FOR TIME.

It didn't take a shrewd observer to notice that the defense was fighting for time, magnifying technicalities, struggling for a point of vantage, praying for a postponement on the ground of Mr. Weed's materiality as witness, and to procure simple justice for Andrew Carter Gilligan.

It was a well-fought contest, and it gained time. The continuance will help Gilligan, whether Weed's testimony is paramount or not. The attorneys were battling for justice and may be to save a life. They deserve credit, especially when it is considered that Colonel Boykin and Mr. Holland were on the other side.

The bright May sun, slightly obscured by a thin float of clouds, occasionally burst through and shed radiance, but not excessive heat on the crowd of curious who flocked about the court sward.

Judge Atkinson, in his decision, intimated that the absence of Weed should cut no figure in any further motions for a continuance. He talked as though he meant to make both sides come to court and go into the case unless there were mighty good reasons for a postponement.

OPENING OF COURT.

Sheriff Edwards, exactly at 10:40 o'clock, opened court with his proclamation which he said rapidly and distinctly. The murmur of voices in the room and around the courthouse windows gave away to a quiet feeling of expectancy. Everybody was on the lookout for something to happen.

Five minutes later Gilligan walked into the room with the same bearing of indifference and defiance which was worn yesterday. Just before entering the door he threw away the stump of a cigarette. He sat down between Judge Hinton and Mr. Edwards, his attorneys.

MUCH WANTED WITNESS.

Colonel Boykin announced that in pursuance of an understanding at the hour of adjournment yesterday, he had expected to introduce Mrs. Pool to prove a statement made by Witness Weed that he expected to be gone three years. He had since learned the lady knew nothing about it. Mrs. Pool's son was there and had letters which had been written by Weed.

Edwin T. Pool was sworn. He introduced a letter written by Weed April 12 at Brunswick, Ga. Later Pool was recalled and produced other letters from the badly wanted witness, one dated March 13 in Brunswick and another dated April 3, New York. Weed said in letters he should go through the South, go into Mexico, where he has interests, and then go abroad.

Colonel Boykin announced that he should introduce letters whether they were in favor of the Commonwealth or not.

T. H. Curtis swore he had talked with Weed on the wharf when he went away. Weed had said to witness he should take a long trip and return after two or three months. Witness had asked Weed if he were going to the Exposition while in Paris. "I saw it all at Chicago," he replied.

J. A. M. Gwaltney, a prosperous citizen of Surry county, said he had talked with Weed in February. He heard Weed was going to break up and was going to Europe. Weed told witness he should be back in six months.

GONE TO EUROPE.

Henry Whitmore affirmed that he had rented Weed's farm for a year with the privilege of three years. Weed had not reserved anything. Weed had left March 1st for Georgia, Mexico and Europe, and said he didn't expect to return under eight months. Under cross-examination Whitmore said there was nothing in the contract to exclude Weed from the house should he return, though no room had been reserved.

TWO OTHER WITNESSES.

Judge Hinton got up. He had additional reasons for a continuance. He said there were two other witnesses, whose presence was important and who could not be at the trial this term. He would have mentioned it yesterday, but didn't know.

It was asked whether that was meant as another motion or another plank in the Weed platform. Judge Hinton wished to be fair and tell the court his full reasons.

Judge Hinton argued diplomatically. After speaking of Mr. Holland's cleverness in the veiled compliments to Judge Atkinsin he immediately grew eloquent and piled another thick layer of sugar coat on his Honor. He said the court was a man of too much ability and character to be influenced by the tickling process of his astute friend. He asserted that for his part he would be glad to leave the whole case to Judge Atkinson in chancery, so much confidence did he have in his learning and justice.

Colonel Boykin made a brilliant speech against continuance.

Mr. Edwards argued with clearness and moved to amend Gilligan's affidavit so as to assert the probability of Weed's return. Mr. Holland declared the amendment could be considered added.

Mr. Holland said the defence was making the move for purposes of delay. If they had found two more witnesses were needed already the prosecution had no assurance they would not need 102 before the thing was done with. He hoped Judge and Puck would not get Judge Hinton's picture on account of his silent endorsement of a legal proposition that had been made.

WHEREABOUTS NOT KNOWN.

I was contended that Weed's whereabouts was not known and there was no assurance as to when he would come. Judge Hinton pledged the defense to use every means in their power to get Weed.

The court ruled that it was a well settled fact where a witness is out of a court's jurisdiction no one could force his attendance. He did not deem it necessary to require a disclosure of the evidence it was expected to introduce by Weed. The court declared positively that at the June term he should proceed at once with the trial, and that he should not entertain a motion for continuance unless it was based on purely legal grounds. He accordingly said the case should be continued till Tuesday, June 5, the second day of the term.

A TOUCHING SCENE.

Gilligan's face relaxed. There never was shown much tension in the bold countenance, but it now grew a shade brighter. There was a contented look.

There followed scenes which were touching, sentimental and almost dramatic. Gilligan's sisters came into court. There were three of them. They walked to Gilligan's chair, shook hands kissed and embraced the prisoner. The eyes of one grew wet and tears started. They were wiped away.

At first Gilligan was indifferent and merely submitted. The caresses continued as the young women sat beside him with arms entwined about his neck. Gilligan softened and tears came to his eyes, but they soon disappeared.

The ladies were Miss Lillie Gilligan, Mrs. J. T. Mitchell, and Mrs. Susie Batten. Miss Barlow, a niece of Gilligan and a very pretty young woman was not present to-day.

PRISONER TALKS FREELY.

Gilligan talked pleasantly to court officials and shook hands with many people. Rob. Fergusson the young man through whose advice Gilligan surrendered, was one of those who came and talked.

Gillagan is an inveterate cigarette smoker.

MISS TURNER PRESENT.

Miss Isabel Turner and her mother drove on the court green a little after 10. They wore deep mourning and heavy veils. They were assisted out of the carriage and retired to their room in the hotel.

Miss Turner's father was slain on her birthday. It was her nineteenth. Aside from pretty face and features Miss Turner has a well developed figure and graceful carriage.

BEING WELL FED.

Gilligan passed the night in a cell with J. J. Holland, charged with larceny. It was his first night in that prison. Jailor Reynolds said that Gilligan's breakfast was better than he usually fed prisoners, and if he had to keep up this fare he wanted to know who was going to put up the extra price.

Attorney Holland after adjournment stated that he did not believe the testimony of Weed would be material to the case. He laughed like a man who felt well and who had something up his sleeve.

COURT OFFICIALS COURTESY.

The thanks of the spectators and press representatives are due to the admirable set of court officials who showed many courtesies and who handled the crowds splendidly. They are Judge George R. Atkinson, who has seen thirty years of judicial life; Sheriff Robert A. Edwards, Deputy Sheriff J. A. Johnson, Clerk N. F. Young and Deputy Clerk J. R. Lattimer.

## HAMPTON NEWS.

### An Interesting Baseball Suit Now Up For Trial.

**Grew Out Of Sale Of Petersburg Franchise To Hampton—Hampton Institute Closing Exercises June 7th—Bank Of Phoebus Elects Officers—Peninsula Guards Drilling For Richmond Trip.**

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Hampton, Va., May 9.—The closing exercises at Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute will take place on the evening of June 7th. A very interesting program has been arranged for this occasion. Mr. R. C. Ogden, president of the Board of Visitors, will present diplomas to the sixty graduates. As usual the exercises will be open to the public.

ELECT OFFICERS TO-NIGHT.

Hampton Commandery, Knights Templar, will hold their annual election of officers to-morrow night, when a very pleasant evening is anticipated by the members.

PENINSULAR GUARDS DRILLING.

The Peninsular Guards have received their new uniforms and other equipments from the State arsenal. There were seventy-six uniforms in all. The company began drilling to-night preparatory to going to Richmond next week to take part in the grand military parade during Carnival week.

Captain Couch expects to carry a full company up to the Capital City and it is confidently expected that Hampton's soldier boys will most creditably represent this city.

BANK ELECTION.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Phoebus, held Tuesday, a large amount of business was disposed of and a board of directors was elected, as follows: Messrs. A. M. Hanger, James M. Cumming, H. L. Schmelz, E. C. Kaiser, N. S. Groome, A. Heinickie, Governor P. T. Woodfin, Dr. G. K. Vanderslice and Mr. E. M. Tennis.

The newly chosen board will meet in a few days for the election of a president and secretary. The past year has been one of marked prosperity for the bank.

A BASEBALL CASE.

A baseball suit of much interest has begun in the Elizabeth City County Circuit Court. This is the case of Messrs. James McMinamen and J. Frank Darling vs. Messrs. O'Neil and Bradley, a cause resulting from the tansfer of the Petersburg franchise to Hampton during the life of the Virginia League in 1896. Argument on the demurrer to the declaration as set forth by the plaintiffs was heard. Messrs. Causey, Jones & Woodward appear as counsel for the plaintiff, and Commonwealth's Attorney James Duncan, of Norfolk, represents the defendants. Judge Blackstone has named to-morrow as the day for hearing the case.

Of this case the "Daily Press" says:

"Perhaps no case that will be tried at this term of the court is of more importance generally, and its final outcome will be watched with intense interest throughout the State. Messrs. O'Neill and Bradley, it is alleged, persuaded by false representations Messrs. McMinamen and Darling to assume charge of the Petersburg franchise by removing the team to Hampton. The Petersburg team at that time, the declaration says, was a decided money loser, and in order to keep the league up the defendants, after much persuasion, finally succeeded in disposing of the franchise to the gentlemen named. In lieu of the transfer the defendants promised that the league would be held intact for two years longer, while, as a matter of fact, it only lived about three months after the deal was consummated. The plaintiffs now allege that by these false representations they were put to an expense of $1,000 and unlimited trouble. In order to repair the injury sustained the sum of $2,000 is asked. The defendants, of course, in their counter bill, deny the allegation and claim that no false representations were made. The case has been in court several years, but not until now has any definite time been set aside for its consideration.

TO THE LADIES OF NEWPORT NEWS, HAMPTON, etc.,—Mme. Gates, Scalp and Hair Specialist, will be at Newport News in a few days with a large stock of Hair Braids, Bang, Pompadour, Puff, etc. The Queen Hair Restorer renews gray hair at once. Read carefully the special column in this day's paper. MME. GATES, the Reliable Hair Parlors, over 5 and 10 Cent Store, Norfolk. mat-1w*

## PETERSBURG.

LARGE TRUCK SHIPMENTS—A CABLE FERRY ACROSS THE APPOMATTOX.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Petersburg, Va., May 9.—A warrant was to-day issued by Justice Lane, of Prince George county, charging Thos. M. Gilliam, of this city, with the betrayal of Miss Sterne, a daughter of Mr. M. W. Sterne, of this place. The warrant was placed in the hands of Chief of Police Ragland for execution. It will be remembered that Gilliam, shortly after his arrest on this charge, was brought before the Mayor, and an examination having been waived, he was sent on for trial at the next term of the Hustings Court. It has since turned out that the alleged crime is said to have been committed in Prince George, and the case will therefore be tried in that county.

Austin, a little son of Mr. A. M. Clements, fell from a tree at his parents' home last Sunday and fractured his skull. He was operated on to-day at the Home for the Sick by Dr. R. D. McIlwaine.

Judge J. M. Mullen, of the Hustings Court, to-day rendered his decision in the case of D. Baker vs. Stratton & Bragg, which was argued a few days ago. This suit was for $457 damages on contract for selling machinery. The court gave judgment for the plaintiff for the whole amount.

The court has been engaged to-day in the trial of the suit of David G. Martin and T. W. Martin, of Sussex county, against Pyle & De Haven, real estate dealers of this city, for $5,000 damages. The suit grows out of the purchase of a farm called Huntsville, in Sussex county, containing five hundred or six hundred acres. Mr. David G. Martin traded Pyle & De Haven property in Barlow township, O., for the farm. Pending the examination of witnesses the court this afternoon adjourned to to-morrow morning at half past 10 o'clock.

The game which was to have been played this afternoon between the Petersburg and Newport News baseball teams was, on account of rain, declared off.

A cable ferry has been built across the Appomattox river, about twelve miles west of Petersburg. This is said to be the only ferry of the kind in the State.

At the last term of the County Court of Sussex only one liquor license was granted to the county by the court. This license was granted to P. P. Winn, whose place of business is a short distance from the county courthouse.

Immense quantities of early vegetables are being shipped through here from the South to the Northern markets over the Atlantic Coast Line. This morning eight locomotives left here for Rocky Mount, N. C., for these vegetable trains. These locomotives left Petersburg within two minutes of each other.

## NEWSOMS.

(Special to The Virginian-Pilot.)

Newsoms, Va., May 9.—Tuesday afternoon the Boykins team suffered defeat at the hands of the Newsoms' "Goats" by a score of 36 to 15. The game was well played considering the Newsoms team had had no practice, this being their second appearance on the diamond this season. Beaton did good work for Boykins, but in the third inning they went to pieces and the visitors scored 14 runs. McLemon, Prince and Picat carried off the honors for the "Goats," McLemon making the star play of the game. The pitching of Darden, base running of Barham and all round playing of Mark Barrett were noticeable features. The game was satisfactorily umpired by Mr. Hoggard.

## BOYKINS.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Boykins, Va., May 9.—Como, Courtland and Newsoms played Boykins' boys strictly a game of baseball yesterday, the score standing 26 to 15 in favor of the aggregation, which was a picked one. Boykins was not up to its usual form, and did not expect to have to play all these places at once. Mr. Hoggard held the indicator.

## NEWPORT NEWS.

### Democrats To Re-Organize—Big Mass Meeting For May 16th.

**Will Probably Be Held In The Open Air—Thos. Leath Leases The Casino For A Place For Summer Amusements—Big Delegation To The State Federation Of Labor Meeting.**

Newport News, Va., May 9.—Mr. Thomas Leath, the well-known theatrical man, was in the city yesterday from Richmond, and while here, with Mr. G. B. A. Booker, consummated plans that will result in first-class summer amusements for Newport News.

Arrangements were made with the Old Dominion Land Company to secure the Casino for the three summer months—June, July and August—to be converted into an opera house of the season.

In doing this the management plan to give the city during the summer a series of the best vaudeville attractions that can be booked in this country—the same that are booked for the popular Bijou, in Richmond. The bookings are made for these two houses only and will not extend to Buckroe Beach or Norfolk.

Each show will be booked for one week, the bills being varied, of course, as far as the character of the shows will permit. Light opera will be put on upon occasion, musical comedies and regulation high class vaudeville. The season will begin during the first week in June.

NEW ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

Mr. Leath states that he will not permit the District Congressional Convention to be held in the new Academy of Music building, as he proposed to reserve the opening of the building for the theatrical season, Fields Minstrels having the opening night.

THE NEW VIADUCT.

The work of putting in place the girders to support the floor for the new Huntington bridge has been commenced. Several of these large steel girders have been placed in position and the others will soon be down. The work of flooring the bridge will soon follow and the viaduct will be ready for travel in a short time.

DEMOCRATIC REORGANIZATION.

On the night of May 16th there will be a big Democratic mass meeting, probably in the open air. At its meeting Tuesday night the Newport News Democratic Club adopted a plan of reorganization submitted by President Berkeley.

This plan provides that the reorganized body shall be known as the Newport News Democratic Club, which shall be a central club, with a subdivision in each ward in the city. The central body shall have a president and one vice president for each of the seven wards in the city, these vice presidents to be chairmen of their respective ward organizations. The central body and the ward divisions have for their other officers secretaries, treasurers and sergeants-at-arms. All the former members of the club come into the reorganized club upon the same basis as new members, by signing an application agreeing to support the Democratic ticket in municipal, State and national elections, and agreeing also to pay the fee required of all members.

A committee, consisting of President Berkeley, Dr. Styll and S. O. Bland, was constituted to draft a constitution and by-laws to present to the next meeting of the club.

TO FEDERATION MEETING.

At a meeting of the Cigarmakers' Union Monday night Mr. Thomas Knote, who is secretary of the Central Labor Union, was elected delegate to the State Federation of Labor convention, which will be held in Richmond the latter part of the month.

Mr. C. N. Binford was named as alternate.

The Cigarmakers' Union raised a good-sized purse for the assistance of the striking cigarmakers in New York.

It is probable that twenty or thirty union men, of various trades, will go from Newport News to attend the convention of the State Federation of Labor in Richmond. The Chesapeake and Ohio has made a one and a third rate for the round trip.

There are now only six of the labor unions in this city affiliated with the State body, but it is probable that others will get in at this convention.

The delegates from Newport News will urge the claims of this city as the place for the next convention, and it is believed it will get it without any difficulty.

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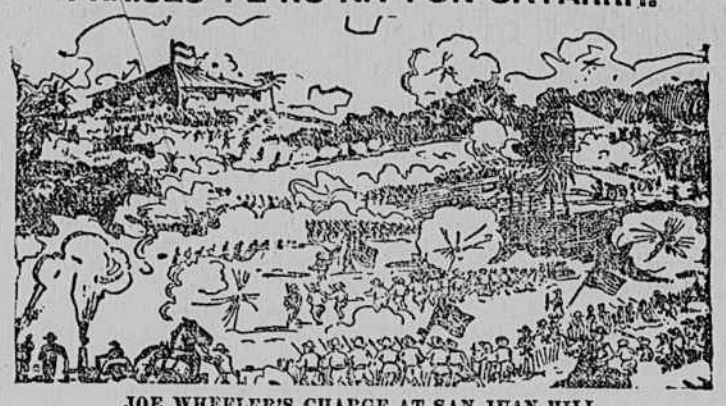

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