

# ALLENS' DID NOT EXPECT TO STAY LONG IN TOWN

Apparently C came Prepared to Make Hurred Departure. DEFENSE WILL TRY TO EXPLAIN. Most Important Evidence of Day Given by Keeper of Feed Stable at Hillsville—With Exception of Two Witnesses, Commonwealth Completes Its Case.

BY ALEXANDER FORWARD.  
Wytchville, Va., May 7.—With the exception of the evidence of two belated witnesses who arrived from Carroll to-night, the Commonwealth has completed its case-in-chief against Floyd Allen for the murder of William M. Foster. The case-in-chief took more than an hour and a half to conclude. Tomorrow before the defense will begin the introduction of evidence in its behalf.

Early in the afternoon court will be adjourned until Thursday morning. This is made necessary by a term of the Circuit Court of Pulaski county, which Judge Staples must attend. He will merely set a case for trial.

The most important evidence of the day was given by James H. Blankenship, who conducts a feed stable in Hillsville. He heard a conversation on the morning of the tragedy, when Floyd and Sidna Allen rode into town together. When asked if they desired their horses placed in a certain stable, Floyd replied: "No, we haven't got long to stay." This was just before a verdict was expected in the case in which the defense would be made.

"I will be made by the defense to explain this remark. It will be said that Floyd Allen asked the man to whom he was talking to hitch his horse, as the courthouse ball was ringing and he could not stay.

This, of course, was intended to show the conspiracy which the Commonwealth seeks to prove. But Judge Staples said to-night it was of questionable legality, and the prosecution decided to withdraw it.

# SITUATION REACHES CRISIS

**Large Number of Troops Will Patrol Border for Indefinite Time.**  
Washington, May 7.—That the United States does not expect the Mexican situation to quiet down within the next two months was apparent tonight from the admission of General Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the army, that the Second Cavalry will be sent to El Paso, Texas, as soon as it returns from the Philippines on June 15.

# TAFT IS READY TO FIGHT

**Ohio Friends Expect Campaign Full of Hot Red Speeches.**  
Cincinnati, May 7.—President Taft's last day of the 1912 campaign was comparatively free from labor. He took advantage of a chance to play a little, and finished off the day by watching the opening performance of Cincinnati's May Musical Festival.

# INVESTIGATION RESUMED

**House Committee Hears Further Evidence in Florida Everglades Case.**  
Washington, May 7.—The Florida Everglades investigation was resumed today before the subcommittee of the House on the testimony of Edward E. Robinson, of Belhaven, N. C., who testified on the night of May 5.

# ASTOR WILL IS FILED

**Estimates of True Value of Estate Place It Near \$100,000,000.**  
New York, May 7.—The will of the late Colonel John Jacob Astor, the features of which were officially announced last night, was filed in the Surrogate's Court for probate today.

# MRS. F. D. GRANT SAILS

**Princess Cantacuzene and Countess von Bernstorff Also Go Abroad.**  
New York, May 7.—Among the notable members of the passenger list of the Kaiserin Wilhelm der Grosse, which left today for Bremen, are those of Mrs. Frederick Dent Grant and the Princess Cantacuzene.

# ESTATE GOES TO CHURCH

**Court Decrees That Mrs. Eddy's Will Creates 'Valid Trust.'**  
Concord, N. H., May 7.—The clause of the will of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, founder of the Christian Science Church, bequeathing the residue of her estate to the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Boston, creates a "valid trust," in the opinion of the Supreme Court of New Hampshire, announced today.

# TEN PASSENGERS INJURED

**Southern Limited on Southern Railroad.**  
Columbia, S. C., May 7.—The Eastern Limited on the Southern Railroad, which left New York at 12:30 P. M. yesterday for Jacksonville, Fla., was derailed three miles north of Columbia this afternoon. Ten passengers were injured, but so far as known none is seriously hurt. Six, however, were brought to hospital for treatment. Two sleeping cars on the train turned over.

# VETERANS IN GRAY AT MACON REUNION

**Thousands of Old Soldiers Participate in Exercises.**

# RAIN DOES NOT DAMPEN ARDOR

**Rousing Addresses Delivered by Men and Women Prominent in Confederacy—Keen Interest in Approaching Election of Commander-in-Chief to Succeed Gordon.**

# "Unfair" Means Alleged

**Macon, May 7.**—Interest in the fight for the 1912 reunion was intensified by the published report charging that Secretary E. H. Hyman, of the Macon Chamber of Commerce, had offered to sell the reunion to Jacksonville, Fla., for \$500. Secretary Hyman is quoted as admitting that he is in the employ of the San Antonio delegation, and that he was confident of winning the reunion for that city.

**Macon, May 7.**—A drenching downpour of rain, which continued intermittently throughout the day, did not dampen the ardor nor allay enthusiasm in the opening hour of the twelfth annual reunion of the United Confederate Veterans.

**Union, Va., May 7.**—The day of the reunion was a day of triumph for the Confederate cause. Rousing addresses were delivered by prominent men and women of the Confederacy. At frequent intervals during the day thrilling music was rendered by a score of bands.

**Sons Elect Officers.**  
The convention of the United Sons of Confederate Veterans was concluded to-night with the election of J. H. Northfield, of Memphis, Tenn., commander-in-chief, to succeed Walter G. Pritchard, of Charleston, S. C.

# RICHESON SECRETLY CONNECTED WITH MORMON ORGANIZATION

**Woman Received Commands From Him as an Elder—His Sister Visits Governor.**  
Boston, May 7.—Clarence V. T. Richeson, under sentence of death for the murder of Avis Linnell, has been a Mormon elder and secretly connected with the Mormon organization for several years, although preaching from a Baptist pulpit, according to a sworn statement just made before William A. Hibdon, an attorney at justice of the peace. The author of the affidavit, Mrs. Louise E. Brittain, claims to have been formerly connected with the Mormon Church and to have been a plural wife of a New York man, who is at the head of the Mormon organization in the East.

# REGULARS SWEEP OUT OF CONTROL

**"Reorganization" Democrats Win Decisively in Pennsylvania.**

# DELEGATES MUST VOTE FOR WILSON

**Binding Instructions Given to Support New Jersey Governor as Long as His Name Remains Before the Convention—Initiative and Referendum Is Indorsed.**

**Harrisburg, Pa., May 7.**—In the same hall where the regular Republican organization was overthrown last week the regular Democratic State organization was to-day swept out of power by the "reorganizers." The victory of the new men in control of the party's machinery was complete, and no resistance was made by the regulars after the vote on permanent chairman of the State convention showed that the "reorganizers" had control of the convention by 110 votes to 73. The party had been split for more than a year, and two State committees had been directing the destinies of Pennsylvania's Democracy.

**New Orleans, May 7.**—When the official river gauge at the foot of Canal Street registered 21.3 feet at 5 o'clock this afternoon, a rise of four-tenths since this morning, the United States weather officials were of the opinion that the Mississippi had started on its final lap toward the predicted crest of 21.5 feet, which would mark the passing of the greatest flood recorded in the Mississippi, in which all gauge records have been smashed.

**Platform Adopted.**  
The platform indorses the initiative and referendum, but ignores the recall of judges or judicial decisions. It deprecates the destruction of representative government by a proposed scheme of national legislation by agents of special interests. The platform continues:

**Underwood Is in Lead.**  
Jackson, Miss., May 7.—Incomplete returns from eighteen counties of the vote cast in to-day's presidential preference primaries give Underwood 3,694 votes and William 1,353.

# RIVER MAY REACH PREDICTED CREST

**Would Mark Passing of Greatest Mississippi Flood.**

# ENGINEERS HOPE WORST IS PAST

**Encouraging Reports Received From All Points, and Work of Rescuing Marooned Persons Progresses Rapidly—Applies for Funds and Supplies for Victims.**

# River Still Rising

**Except at New Orleans, where a fall of two-tenths of a foot was recorded, the Mississippi River rose during the twenty-four hours ending at 7 A. M. yesterday at all points from Vicksburg south. One-tenth rise at Natchez and a rise of two-tenths at Baton Rouge and Donaldsonville were recorded.**

# IN SESSION AT NASHVILLE

**Hundreds Attend First Southern Sociological Congress.**  
Nashville, Tenn., May 7.—Governor Hooper, of Tennessee, who conceived the idea of holding the first Southern Sociological Congress, was prevented by illness from attending the opening session of the congress to-day, which attracted hundreds of social workers from all parts of the United States.

# HEARING WILL BE PUBLIC

**Judge Archbold May Be Given Right to Cross-Examine Witnesses.**  
Washington, May 7.—Public hearings on charges against Judge Robert W. Archbold, of the Court of Appeals, upon which may be based impeachment proceedings, were decided upon to-day by the House Judiciary Committee. Testimony will be taken in public and the committee has examined all the papers forwarded by Attorney-General Wickard, under the direction of President Taft.

# FIRE ROUTS 1,500 LODGERS

**New York Blaze Halts Traffic Four Hours, Causing \$250,000 Loss.**  
New York, May 7.—Fifteen hundred persons were displaced from their beds in lodging houses along East Tenth Street early to-day, following the sounding of four alarms for a fire in a six-story building near the corner of Second Avenue. Many of the persons were hurried to the street by the firemen found themselves shivering in the cold.

# FOUR VICTIMS IDENTIFIED

**Leonard Hollis, Wife and Two Children Killed in Train Wreck.**  
New Orleans, La., May 7.—A telegram received here early to-night from the Mayor of Grand Saline, Texas, states that the descriptions furnished by the New Orleans and Northeastern Railroad officials of the four unidentified victims yesterday's wreck of the passenger train near Edgewood, Texas, were confirmed.

# ASKS THAT BODY BE STABBED

**New Yorker, Fearful Burial Alive, Made Odd Request in Will.**  
White Plains, N. Y., May 7.—Fearful that he would be buried alive, William E. Vanderroost, who died at his home in Mount Vernon, April 23, in his will which yesterday was filed for probate, made the request that "my body shall be through the hands of my physicians."

# INSANE FROM BROODING

**Remembrance of Wreck in 1894 Inhabitant of Atlantic City, N. J., May 7.—Continued discussion of the Titanic disaster together with recollections of a wreck in which he nearly lost his life, Atlantic City, N. J., inhabitant H. A. Mahib insane, according to a friend, is under medical care, pending an examination by alienists.**

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# 'DELIBERATE LIE'

**IS DIXON'S REPLY TO TAFT CHARGE**

# Rival Headquarters Clash Over Maryland Results.

# ROOSEVELT MONEY SENT INTO STATE

**Statement Issued by President's Bureau Brings Vitriolic Answer From Colonel's Manager. National Committee May Be Called into Contest to Settle Dispute.**  
Washington, May 7.—The Taft and Roosevelt national headquarters clashed to-day over the Maryland primary results. The word "lie" was freely used by Senator Dixon, head of the day the Taft headquarters put out a statement on the Maryland results, part of which follows:

"More than half of Mr. Roosevelt's entire delegate vote came from the city and county of Baltimore, where it is stated that Roosevelt managers placed \$10,000 among their workers at an early hour yesterday."

**Dixon's Sharp Answer.**  
Here is Senator Dixon's answer: "Every one of these statements is a deliberate, wilful lie. Every man connected with their concoction and circulation is a deliberate, wilful liar. The money circulated for the purpose and for the only purpose for which I have always lie."

**Depended Upon One County.**  
Baltimore, May 7.—The closeness of the vote in the Maryland primary and Theodore Roosevelt's control of Maryland's sixteen votes in the national convention was emphasized to-day when complete returns from yesterday's primaries showed that the result depended upon one county, which is reported from Maryland to Roosevelt a majority of but eighty votes. Putting this county—Howard—in the Roosevelt column gave him sixty-six delegates to the State convention, just one more than the majority necessary for control. The three Howard county delegates counted for Taft would have given him the primary victory by the same margin.

**Complete unofficial returns** received to-day by the State Roosevelt committee, including the two which have supported President Taft, agreed in giving Colonel Roosevelt a majority in Howard county of eighty-eight votes; but this slight margin left the Taft leaders to-night unwilling to concede that their opponents had won the election.

**"It would be improper for me** to concede anything at this time, when Maryland's sixteen votes to the national convention hang on less than 100 votes," said John B. Hanna, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, and leader of the Taft forces.

**Howard was the last of the** disputed counties to send in complete returns. The returns in one district were held up by an electrical storm, which prevented their transmission by telephone. When finally brought to Baltimore to-day by messengers, they were found to give Roosevelt thirty-five votes and Taft nineteen, making the unofficial tabulations here for the whole county as already noted. Howard is one of the smallest counties of the State, and the total vote it returned was only 435.

**The other feature of the day** following the primaries was the development of the possibility that the individual delegates elected to the State convention include a majority of Taft men, even though their instructions by the county preference vote might hinder them to vote for a Roosevelt delegate to the national convention. The Taft leaders made this claim, and much speculation resulted as to the effect on the State convention. It was pointed out that President Taft's friends might control the organization of the convention, force the adoption of a conservative platform and send a delegation to Chicago which would be ready to abandon Roosevelt as soon as they considered they had fulfilled their legal duties by voting for him on the first ballot. None of