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JUDGE ROBINSON NOT GOING TO WYTHEVILLE

Will Not Personally Attend Session of Court at Which Blackstone's Appeal Will be Heard.

REFUSES TO GIVE LAWYER'S NAME

Newport News Jurist Will be Holding Court in Accomac County While Arguments Are Being Heard in Wytheville—If Blackstone Wins an Interesting Situation Will Arise.

(Special to The Daily Press.)
HAMPTON, VA., May 29.—Judge Clarence W. Robinson, of the Circuit Court, today stated that he will not go to Wytheville next Tuesday when former Judge Blackstone will present his petition to the Supreme Court asking that a writ of mandamus be issued causing Judge Robinson to show cause why he is holding the judgeship in the Eleventh Judicial District.

"While I will not go to Wytheville myself," said the jurist to the Daily Press' Hampton correspondent, "I will be represented in the proceedings by my attorney. He will look after my interests at that time, while I will be in Accomac county holding the regular term of the circuit court." Judge Robinson said that he did not care to give the names of his attorneys for publication.

If Blackstone should win? Considerable interest is being manifested among the attorneys in the proceedings being brought by former Judge Blackstone and should the Supreme Court decide that Judge Blackstone is entitled to hold his place and that the legislature erred in removing him some very peculiar legal propositions will arise.

Judge Robinson has held court in Newport News, Hampton, Northampton county and Accomac county since assuming the position and in the event that his election is void nothing that he has done would hold in law. Well known attorneys declare that there is no such a legal proposition as a de facto judge.

The question then naturally arises what would be the status in the cases of the prisoners, who have been tried and sentenced to terms in the penitentiary by Judge Robinson.

However, there are quite a number of attorneys that hold to the belief that the Supreme Court will find ample authority for upholding the action of the legislature in removing Judge Blackstone.

HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS IN MANY SECTIONS

Side to be Opened in Two Counties and Russell to Spend \$100,000 for Roads.

(By Associated Press.)
RICHMOND, VA., May 29.—Captain P. St. Julian Wilson, state highway commissioner, said today that he would be on the move for the next few weeks.

June 5 he is to attend a meeting of the county authorities of Orange, where a contract for five miles of road will be awarded.

June 20 he goes to Culpeper, where he will open bids for twenty miles of roads for that county.

Captain Wilson is engaged in making a survey for road improvements in the county of Russell, which call for an outlay of \$100,000. The people of that county are much interested in road improvement.

UNITED PRESBYTERIANS TAKE EMPHATIC ACTION

Endorses the Work of Anti-Saloon League and Says Saloon is "Link With Hell."

(By Associated Press.)
PITTSBURG, PA., May 29.—At the request of the Anti-Saloon League of America, it has been decided by the United Presbyterian general assembly, in session here, to send a delegation to the next national convention of the league. The report of the committee on temperance, presented by the chairman, Rev. Dr. J. T. McCort, of Pittsburgh, contained recommendations to the effect that the assembly return to original day, the fourth Sunday in November, as "temperance Sabbath."

Concerning the saloon question, the

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RALEIGH, N. C., May 29.—A special tonight from Morehead City says a seventy mile hurricane raged on that part of the North Carolina coast from 9 o'clock today to near midnight.

Grave apprehension is felt for the safety of the people of Portsmouth, a small village on a low part of the coast, near Morehead, but telegraph and telephone lines are out of commission and it is impossible to get news from there or from other points on the coast.

Life savers went late in the day to the rescue of a fishing boat, but have not returned. It is feared that great damage has been done along the coast. Vessels plying near the coast today have been in peril.

No Verdict in Whitmore Case.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, May 29.—The jury in the case of Theodore S. Whitmore, charged with the killing of his wife, whose body was found in the Lampblack swamp, was locked up shortly before midnight, after having deliberated on the evidence for nearly nine hours.

GEDRINO'S TRAGIC END

Famous Automobile Racer Killed on the Pimlico Track at Baltimore.

WAS TO TAKE PART IN RACES TODAY

While Speding His Machine a Wheel Collapsed and He and His Brother Were Hurled into a Fence—Cedrina's Head Was Crushed.

(By Associated Press.)
BALTIMORE, MD., May 29.—Emmanuel Cedrina, the noted Italian automobile driver, was instantly killed on Pimlico race track this evening. He had been preparing for races in which he was to have taken part tomorrow and was making some very fast miles. One had just been finished in 51 seconds and he had passed the grandstand and founded the first corner of the track when spectators saw his car shoot into the air and turn a somersault, hitting upside down. Those who rushed to the spot found Cedrina stretched upon his back, dead, with a horrible gash in the back of his head and portions of his brain scattered about. He was some distance from the car, from which he had apparently been thrust as it went over, and it is supposed that his head struck the fence.

Dr. Herbert Schoenrich, who was watching the practice spins of the entrants in tomorrow's races, reached Cedrina's side almost before the dust of the accident had cleared away. He found that the accidental bone had been torn out entirely and that a large portion of the brain was also missing. This was found in pieces on the track nearby. The accident appears to have been caused by the collapse of the front wheel on the right side of the car. It was a wooden wheel and small fragments of it were all could be found after the accident.

The fire was found practically intact. The machine was totally wrecked.

The car which is now fit for only the scrap heap, was the one in which he has made all of his records.

Snell Will Set Aside.

(By Associated Press.)
CLANTON, ILL., May 29.—The jury in the second trial of the Snell will case, after having been out six hours, brought in a verdict today setting aside the will of Colonel Thomas Snell, a millionaire. The jury declared that Colonel Snell was of unsound mind. The will was contested by Richard Snell, a son, who was cut off with an annuity of \$50.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., May 29.—It has been a long time since the Senate has been tied up by a filibuster with such slender support as was in evidence today when Senator La Follette undertook to defeat the conference report on the Aldrich-Vreeland currency bill by talking it to death.

The report being brought up shortly after one o'clock, Mr. La Follette took the floor. He insisted that a quorum should be maintained at all times and up to six o'clock he had demanded twenty roll calls.

He thus was able to obtain more or less relaxation and at the same time keep the supporters of the bill in their seats.

The heat was excessive and many were very restless under the restraint.

It soon became evident that the Republicans would have difficulty in maintaining the presence of a majority and it is just as apparent that proceedings will be suspended without the necessary 47 senators present.

Mr. La Follette complained of his recent illness and during much of the day leaned strongly upon the arm of his chair half sitting as he talked. He engaged Mr. Aldrich in a colloquy concerning the provisions of the currency bill and later declaring that the chairman of the finance committee had not been "frank" in his replies, he was called to order and only after a vote of the Senate had restored him to his right to the floor did he continue his remarks.

All senators except Mr. Foraker voted to permit him to continue.

Shortly before 4 o'clock Mr. La Follette inquired whether a proposition would be agreed to strike out railroad bonds and stocks from the list of securities contemplated in the conference agreement but Mr. Aldrich promptly declined the offer, saying the adoption of the report was the only question before the Senate and adding that so far as he was concerned he had neither power nor disposition to make the concession suggested.

Mr. Aldrich declared that the report would remain before the Senate until March 1, 1909, if necessary.

Mr. La Follette threatened during the day to keep the Senate in session three weeks but the support he will get in order to continue his tactics when the end of his physical endurance will be reached is yet to be seen.

It was understood that Senator Stone, who was opposed to the bill would give active support to the filibuster and Senator Gore manifested some sympathy at times but as a body however, the Democrats were as positively opposed to the obstruction as were the Republicans.

Mr. La Follette's Wonderful Vitality.

The vigor and the general resources of Mr. La Follette were probably never more severely tested. At 11 o'clock he was in better voice and was speaking with more vehemence than had characterized his remarks at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. It was stated at 10 o'clock that Senator Stone had promised to relieve Mr. La Follette at 1 o'clock and the latter said that he would be quite capable of proceeding until that time.

After Mr. La Follette had spoken over ten hours he received a note from some watcher he had placed on guard.

"Why," he said, reading it, "I did not know I was speaking to only twenty-five Senators. I will have to make this speech all over."

At 11:45 o'clock Senator Stone returned to his seat looking refreshed after several hours' sleep, and he arranged to relieve Mr. La Follette.

The latter had just raised a point of no quorum and Mr. Aldrich moved that the sergeant-at-arms be instructed to compel the attendance of absentees from the chamber who are in the city.

The purpose of Mr. Aldrich's motion was to compel Mr. La Follette to remain in the chamber in spite of the

HOT AFTER ALLEGED COTTON SWINDLERS

Theodore H. Price Who It is Said Made \$750,000, Indicted by Washington Grand Jury.

ECHO OF THE CROP REPORT LEAK

Indictments Against Price, Peckham, Haas and Holmes Also Returned by a New York Grand Jury—Holmes is Man Who Sold the Information to Price and Others.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 29.—Almost simultaneously in Washington and New York indictments were today returned against Theodore H. Price, a prominent New York cotton operator; Frederick A. Peckham and Moses Haas, both of New York, and Edwin S. Holmes, Jr., of this city, formerly assistant statistician of the department of agriculture for alleged participation in government crop report leaks. Price is charged with having conspired with the other three men to furnish advance information regarding the crop reports of the department of agriculture and Price, Peckham and Haas are charged with conspiring to bribe Holmes to shape the official reports to suit their interests. There were four indictments brought in by the Federal grand jury in both cities. All but Price have heretofore been indicted under true bills returned here in October, 1905 following the sensational exposure of the crop report leaks. After a long legal fight, Peckham and Haas succeeded in preventing their extradition here from New York but Holmes was placed on trial in June, 1907, the jury reporting a disagreement. Holmes has not been period.

Price said to have made \$750,000. The indictments were returned here late today. According to one of them Price made \$750,000 as a result of his advance information regarding the report for December, 1904, and paid Haas \$125,000 out of this sum. While not stating how much Holmes received as his share, the indictment charged that Haas paid Holmes \$1,000 for information on the June report of 1905.

The indictment which sets out seven overt acts, says that on May 31, 1905, Price and Haas conspired by promising, offering and giving to an official of the United States a sum of money to induce Holmes, in violation of his duty, to furnish such advance information. It reiterates the conference in May 1903 between Price and Haas following which Haas came to Washington, met Holmes and promised to pay Holmes for advance information; that on June 12, 1905 Haas received such information from Holmes, and it was conveyed to Price and that on June 2 Haas paid Holmes \$1,000.

Asked Much of Holmes.

The second count of the indictment says Haas and Price conspired to bribe Holmes to arrange the June report so as to show a greater cotton crop than the information in the statistician's office justified.

The other indictments charge the three New York men, in eight counts with bribing Holmes for the information and that with conspiracy to shape the report as mentioned; charge Holmes, Peckham and Haas with conspiracy to defraud the government by getting information in advance and the fourth indictment, charging Peckham and Haas only with conspiracy to bribe Holmes to give out advance information.

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE FAIL TO ATTEND SESSION

There Was to Have Been an Evening Session, but the Necessary Quorum Couldn't be Secured.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, May 29.—The situation in the Senate on the currency question combines with the oppressiveness of the heat and indisposition to do further business caused the House at half past three today to take a recess until seven o'clock tonight.

With the greatest difficulty a quorum was maintained, a large number of members already having left for their homes.

Up to the time of taking the recess the Democrats had forced five roll calls.

But eighteen members were in their seats when the House reconvened. After nearly an hour's wait for a quorum to appear during which time all the resources of the sergeant-at-arms were employed, the House at 7:55 p. m. on motion of Mr. Payne took a recess until 11 a. m. tomorrow.

WRITTEN IN BLOOD; WRAPPED IN CREPE

Black Hand Notices in Ghastly Manner to Chicago Priest and Attorney.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, May 29.—Father Peter J. O'Callaghan, head of the Polish order in Chicago, and Francis E. Hinckley, an attorney, have been informed through an anonymous letter written in blood and wrapped in crepe that they have been marked for death by mysterious enemies and that St. Mary's church, Wabash avenue and Hubbard court, has been doomed to be blown up by dynamite.

The threatening letter had been dropped into the pew box of the church of which Father O'Callaghan is pastor. It was unsigned and undressed. On one side was a crudely drawn picture of a skull and cross bones. Death to the priest and the lawyer, it is said, is the result of efforts to obtain a pardon for Heras

Bryan Begins Another Tour.

(By Associated Press.)
NORFOLK, NEB., May 29.—William J. Bryan began his north Nebraska and South Dakota tour today with two speeches in Norfolk, one on the benefits of the Y. M. C. A. and one on politics.

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Slayer of His Sweetheart Found Guilty by the Jury After Eighteen Hours Deliberation.

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She Was to Have Been Married in a Few Days to Another Man—Crime Was Committed in East Hill Cemetery Near Bristol—Prisoner's Family Hard Lot.

(By Associated Press.)
BRISTOL, TENN., May 29.—After deliberating eighteen hours, the jury in the case of Ack Hale, the youth charged with the murder of Lillie Davis his sweetheart, this afternoon returned a verdict of murder in the first degree recommending mercy.

The court sentenced Hale to life imprisonment.

At 12 o'clock the jury was called in by Judge Tyler but the foreman stated that they were divided and he feared could not arrive at a verdict. A few hours later the jury came in and announced their finding. The case will be appealed to the Supreme Court.

The tragedy occurred in East Hill cemetery in this city on the night of May 27, 1907. The girl had left her home and went to the cemetery in company with Hale. She was found lying and he protested that she had committed suicide by shooting herself with his pistol. He was arrested and taken to Mountville under a heavy guard to prevent a threatened lynching.

Girl Was Soon to be Married.

The girl was to have been married on Easter Sunday, three days later, to J. E. McRoberts, a young man of George, Va., and had already prepared her wedding clothes. The theory of the state was that Hale assaulted the girl and then murdered her to conceal his crime. It was known that he objected strenuously to her marriage to McRoberts and the general opinion is that he killed the girl because she had rejected him.

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Raymond Stroops, a member of the notorious Hale family gang shot a Bristol policeman a few weeks ago and is now a fugitive.

Hale has made a strenuous fight to save himself. He showed no emotion when the jury announced the verdict. The judge overruled a motion for a new trial and an appeal was taken to the Supreme Court.

TWO CENT FARE SUCCESS

Increases of the Railroads in Virginia Not Decreased.

WHAT OFFICIAL FIGURES SHOW

Two-Cent Rate in Effect Six Months of the Time—For Corresponding Period Increase is \$63,313.20, Despite of Hard Times.

(Special to The Daily Press.)
RICHMOND, VA., May 29.—The two-cent rate for passengers seems to have benefited one of the railroads in this state, according to figures submitted to Secretary Wilson of the corporation commission.

The Atlantic Coast Line, in making a statement for the information of the commission, shows that it has made a great increase in its receipts from passenger traffic. The two-cent rate went into effect in October, 1907, and the report is for the nine months beginning July 1 of last year to March 31 of this year.

For the first three months of the time designated the old three-cent rate was in operation, so that it can be seen that the increase is due to the recognition of the new rate.

Following are the figures taken from the report in the hands of Secretary Wilson, applying solely to passenger business:

July 1, 1907, to March 31, 1908.	\$52,060.62
July 1, 1906, to March 31, 1908.	288,747.22
Increase	\$ 3,632.40

For the nine months from July 1, 1906, to March 31, 1907, the rates for passenger traffic was three cents a mile.

For the Southern, for the same period as the Atlantic Coast Line, the increase was not so great. The figures for the nine months ending March 31 being:

July 1, 1907, to March 31, 1908.	\$488,703.45
July 1, 1906, to March 31, 1908.	65,591.79
Increase	\$ 423,111.66

The Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac for the like period makes this showing:

July 1, 1907, to March 31, 1908.	\$1,898,824.47
July 1, 1906, to March 31, 1908.	2,112,199.62
Increase	\$ 213,375.15

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REVIVAL CLOSING SUNDAY

Last Evangelistic Services at Thirtieth Street Church.

The revival which has been in progress at the Thirtieth Street Christian church for three weeks and which has been so successful in attendance, interest and additions to the church, will come to a close Sunday night. There were two confessions Thursday night and last night four new members were baptized.

Evangelistic services will be conducted tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock and tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. The morning subject will be "The Model Church—Where to Find It and How to Get It," and in the evening the pastor will preach on "Naaman the Leper," with "Twenty-First Century Settings." The Sunday school, Junior Endeavor, Senior Endeavor and prayer meeting services will be conducted at the usual hours.

The pastor has especially requested all members, the non-attending and service tomorrow. There will be special music at both services.

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