

## Defense Should Get Through Some Time Today and State Show Its Full Hand—One Witness Misses Time of Train's Arrival Over an Hour on Fateful Day

Baxter's car between 9 and 9:15 at Coker's store, Lone Young, Tallant, and Baxter were there. The witness saw the party and was with Lone about 10 minutes. He did not go home but went to Highland where he spent night with his cousin Sarah Smith.

On cross examination the witness said he was married and his wife lived with him some times. He said Sarah was about 38 years old. His wife left him five months ago, the wife having the two children. He could not tell whether what made his wife leave. He goes to see "cousin Sarah" pretty often. He said he spends about eight months or ten months at Cassie Huffman, a neighbor. It has been a month since he was drunk, but he did not know where he got it. The jury gawped. He swore he had no idea where he got that liquor. He said he could not remember anything about liquor but declared he remembered all about what happened on the night of the murder. He fixed the time at about 9 o'clock though he had no watch. The solicitor gave the witness four hours to use before he saw Lone and Baxter, but he required 5. Smith said if the murder had happened a week later he probably would have forgot the details. He said he saw Ed Herman at Sarah Smith's last night. He said he had seen Docie Herman in his car at Coker's store that night, but he thought it was the week before. He did not remember if Lone Young got in with him.

son Baxter Hildebrand at Cook's store after the pictures. That was about 9 o'clock by Bannan's clock.

On cross examination, Rudisill said he had never taken his wife to a picture show. He went to Hickory on the train and reached home about midnight. He goes every Saturday night. He said he was 12 weeks in Hickory and said he had. He went to two picture shows, staying at one an hour and the other about half an hour. He admitted being in court a couple of times about whiskey. He came clear on the selling charge. He was been drunk but did not know where he got his liquor, whether it was day or night, he was in the house for with some of the people of the public and out in the woods. He also did not know how much he paid for it.

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Dan Hildebrand, Baxter's second cousin, said he saw the boys in Coates store between 9 and 9:15. He said Henry Smith was there. The witness left the others in act half an hour.  
Cross examined by Mr. Self, the witness did not remember the picture he saw that night. He remained about 40 hour. He said he was in Hickory the week before. Oh, yes, he had heard that Lippard was killed between 9 and 10 o'clock. He did not discuss the case until he was summoned last week. He said he was nearly drunk about two months ago and an unknown man he met in the road asked him to have a drink. He caught the fellow drinking and was invited to join. The stranger stopped to drink as

a path into the woods just as soon as the witness met him. Going more into detail about two drinks, Hildebrand said he met the stranger as he was returning from the laurel where he had gone to pay a man who had worked for him.

Eugene Hildebrand, Baxter's brother, was in Hickory arriving there about 3 o'clock. He was at Cooks store from an hour to two hours and was with Baxter, Fate Miller. Lone

On cross examination the witness said he reached Hickory about 3 o'clock. He reached home about 2 o'clock by the moon, as his watch was not running. He left Hickory in Baxter's car. He said Lone had a pint of liquor. He said he had no other business in Hickory than to run the

ground and drink with the boys. The witness said he did not see Henry Smith and Docie Herman at Sarah Smiths at 10 o'clock. He said he had made no arrangements to get home 15 miles that night. He was asked if he could name any other time when all the men met at Dan Cook's store at the same time, and could not remember any. He was put through the paces as to where he got his liquor, but his memory failed him. 1-1

finally remembered that it was a fellow Huffman who gave him the drink that night.

**Denies Any Liquor**

The solicitor asked Hildebrand if he and his crowd did not make liquor and haul it to Hickory? He denied it. He said he had never seen a blockade still, has never sold any liquor in Hickory and did not know that Hickory people came to his house for

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The market place in Hattonchatel, valley of the Meuse, France, which village with its 240 inhabitants, has been adopted by Miss Bette Skinner of Holyoke, Mass., who is shown at the left, with General Berthelet. Miss Skinner at ready has spent half a million francs on the town.

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Then Hefner said he did not remember telling Lentz or anybody else Sunday or at any other time that Glenn Lippard asked him for a cigarette after 15 ran Sunday morning.

He said that he ran from the hospital on a punctured tire past Johnson's Garage, parked his car in front of the freight depot, and left it there until 3 o'clock when he returned from Emmett Michels. He said he then drove across to Hefner's stable and took it out next morning at 8 o'clock and had the puncture repaired. He denied driving up and down Ninth avenue early Sunday morning. Hefner admitted that his car was punctured at 9:45 Saturday night, that he refused to haul anybody else and that he did not attempt to get the tire repaired until next day.

He told of hauling liquor and women on a number of occasions and related 6 times he had been indicted for offenses starting with the Dr. Nicholson burglary when he was 13 years old. His whole story was an effort to alibi his whereabouts on the night of the tragedy.

(BY MAX ABERNETHY) By the Associated Press. By the Associated Press.

Raleigh, Dec. 18.—North Carolina cotton and tobacco farmers who have been thrown into financial ruin by this year's low prices for their products can only hope for relief through the help that will be given by revivifying the war finance corporation now being urged by Senator Simmons and other Southern representatives in Congress.

Williamston, W. Va., Dec. 17.—This thriving little city of some 7,600 persons, the political and business center of the great Mingo county, where a strike of miners has been in progress since last July, presents, under military occupation, an appearance similar to that of many another town during the war.

Khaki, fast becoming a novelty in most places, is so common at this season that it is almost everywhere.

Rome, Dec. 18.—New earthquakes shocks completely caused the destruction of an Albanian village. Tepelenia, according to reports received here. The tremor was accompanied by tidal waves and landslides. Twenty-two are known to be dead and the buildings are racked.

**APPLIANCES** **LEAKS**

This opinion is expressed by a number of leading men who are closely allied with farming, banking and business interests. Such action is necessary, it is pointed out, as a means of providing credit to the farmers and will stabilize the financial situation particularly in the south and west.

The general public apparently has never realized the plight the North Carolina farmers are in as the result of the fall crop prices. Figures compiled by the North Carolina cooperative crop reporting service as to the cotton situation in North Carolina is interesting if deplorable. North Carolina farmers who raised cotton this year find that the actual cost of production was thirty-two cents per pound. The average price of this same cotton per pound for the year fourteen and one-half cents. Cotton sold on December 1 was selling for only \$22.00 per ton.

inasmuch as the farmers constitute more than 70 per cent of the total population in North Carolina it is readily seen that their plight, financially, affects virtually every business interest in the state.

businessmen. The fact that has been overlooked with reference to the farmers is their profits for 1919 and 1918 on cotton. A careful investigation reveals that their profits for those years will not equal anything near what has been represented. As one member of the department of agriculture remarked the farmers' profits are mostly paper profits. As compared with every other line of business the farmers' profits have been negligible. As a general rule 25 per cent is the average profit made by cotton growers on the last two years crops.

**FINANCE SOUTH'S FOREIGN TRADE**

By the Associated Press.  
New Orleans, Dec. 18.—An informal meeting was held here today preparatory to the stockholders meeting on January 7 of the International Banking Company which is capitalized at \$7,000,000 to finance the south's foreign trade in staple products.

**The State Expects to Present Its Rebuttal This  
Afternoon Unless Dock and Cecil Hefner  
Take the Stand. Hickory Boy Furnishes  
Real Thrill of Forenoon**

Morganton, Dec. 18.—The defense continued today its effort to establish alibis for Cecil and Dock Hefner and Lene Young with emphasis laid on Cecil and the state got a flat contradiction from a witness that Lene Young, Baxter Hildebrand and Bill Tallent went direct from Highlands to Hickory before they made the trip to the Horseford bridge and back by the Lippard house on 22nd street after midnight.

Cecil going past Johnson's garage. Cecil's car was parked between the Pastime and the depot, and Cecil then left and he next saw Cecil about 1:30 in the Central Cafe when the witness walked in. He was with the witness until 2:30.

The cross examination was done by the solicitor. Eckard said he told his wife the next day, but he never told her on the other occasions. He told her this time because he expected to be a witness. He was asked if his license was not revoked, and he said

It was evident when court recessed for dinner that the defense was near the end of its long list of witnesses and that any important testimony would have to be given by the prisoners themselves if the evidence was not disclosed soon.

The defense endeavored to prove by Carroll Eckard and Cora Church and Fannie Mitchell that Cecil Hefner was out on the Alexander county road from about 8:30 to 10 o'clock, that he was seen in the Central Cafe at 10:30 and that he went with Carroll Eckard to Emmet Mitchell's house where the party remained until 3 o'clock Sunday morning. In his cross examination Eckard admitted that he did not get home until 12:30 Sunday afternoon.

Emmett Mitchell told of his alarm over the disappearance of his wife and Emmett intimated that her conduct was about all he could stand. He let the jury think that a few more offenses of this nature and he could not stand it any longer.

He also told of walking \_\_\_\_\_ West Hickory road, a married woman of South mountains for liquor, of returning sometimes with two gallons for his personal use and carrying it all 20 miles. He related some charges that had been made against him. He said this Saturday night was the only occasion when he had kept company with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, a sister of Emmett Mitchell, with whom she was on Sunday night, November 20. She came up to town with Slim Herman and Fannie Mitchell. She told of going to the fire station where they met Carlos Eckard and Cecil Heffner. That was about 8:20. From there they went towards Alexander. Cecil going with Fannie. She repeated much of what

It was Fate Miller who furnished the real thrill of the forenoon. This East Hickory boy was in Craigs store when the Lone Young party drove to Highland for the first time in his knowledge, made themselves seen and established the time as about 10:30. He shaved Bill Tallent in the barber shop and accompanied them to Hickory where he remained with them some time.

The party, he declared on both direct and cross examination, did not drive direct to Hickory as stated so positively by Baxter Hilderbrand and others, but left the Hickory road at Lenoir College and went to the Horsford bridge by way of the fair grounds. They returned by way of the Piedmont Wagon factory and Glenn Lippard's home and then pulled up at Dan Cook's store. The restaurant details were as related by the other witnesses. Several

witnesses told of seeing Cecil Hefner in the cafe about 10:30 Saturday night and E. C. Johnson said that Cecil brought his car to the Johnson's Garage at 8 o'clock Sunday morning to have a tire repaired.

The state is expected to present its rebuttal this afternoon. Las Dock and Cecil Hefner take the stand. There has been no intimidation today that they will or that Lone Young will unbolem himself and tell his story of the affair.

**Knew He would Be In It**  
Carroll Eckard said he was with Cecil Hefner on Sunday when the body was found. He was with Cecil Hefner Saturday night, Cecil went in Central Cafe about 8 o'clock. Witness called him out about 8:25 and they waited on fourteen steel for two girls, Fannie Mitchell and Cecil Crouch and each picked up one. They went in the direction of Alexander county, northeast from Hickory about three and a half miles. That was about 8:45. Cecil and Fannie got back to the city hall at 9:45. He and Cecil crossed Trade avenue. Cecil

11:30 to 2:30, when they left. She said Manson Crouse and her husband were there. From 8 to 9:40 she was with Cecil all the time.

On cross examination she was asked if before she knew he would be a witness and said she had been. That said night she had been out with Cecil—but not out on that way. He generally took her with the three children. Her husband did not know she was going out alone until she told him about it a couple of days afterwards when he suspected it and she

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By the Associated Press.

New York, Dec. 18.—Two airplanes left Mitchell field here today in search for the missing naval balloon left here Monday with three airmen and has not been heard from since.

HARDING CONFERS  
TODAY WITH  
REED

By the Associated Press.

Marion, Ohio, Dec. 18.—President-elect Harding conferred today with James A. Reed, Democrat, of Missouri, a bitter opponent to the Versailles treaty, and Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler of New York, an advocate of the treaty with reservation on plans for world peace. Cabinet appointments were discussed with Harry M. Daugherty Harding's pre-convention manager, and Senator New of Indiana.

Virginia pistol "totin" law. The was solved by sending deputy sheriffs into the districts where it was known large numbers of men were armed, each deputy being accompanied by a soldier. The deputy confiscated the weapons, but the soldier was right with him to see the surrender was peaceably made. Hundreds of pistols rifles and shotguns were obtained.

**5 SHOPPING DAYS  
TILL  
CHRISTMAS**