

ARGUMENTS WILL BEGIN TOMORROW.

Testimony in the Mills Murder Trial is Now Practically All In—Evidence Offered by the Prosecution in Rebuttal.

County Attorney Putnam Puts a Medical Expert on the Stand—Dr. Samuel Hughes Testifies Regarding Insanity—Evidence of Hon. Parley L. Williams Tends to Strengthen the Defense—Chief Hilson and Detective Sheets on the Stand—In Anticipation of the Arguments, the Attendance of Spectators Was Unusually Large Today—Mrs. O'Melveney Highly Amused at What She Terms the Pretense of the Defense That She Will Hurt Somebody.

Today's proceedings in the Mills murder trial were the least interesting and important of any since the taking of testimony began. Very little of any importance was brought out, each side endeavoring to round up its case and get ready for arguments tomorrow morning.

PARLEY WILLIAMS TESTIFIES.

Parley L. Williams was put on the stand by the prosecution by consent as he wished to catch a train. Mr. Williams testified that he had known Mr. Mills for some years. In September last the defendant came to the office of witness and gave directions as to reference to drawing up his will. He made two visits. Mr. Williams said nothing in his appearance to excite particular attention, but when talking about the matter in hand, Mills showed evidence of some mental strain.

DETROIT GEORGE SHEETS.

Nature of Capt. Mills' Talk Immediately After the Shooting. Detective George Sheets testified that he saw the defendant both at the Short Line building and in the chief's office after the killing.

CHIEF HILSON.

Tells How He Tried to Get at Mills' Motive. Chief Hilson told about Mills' conduct at the police station. He said that he had heard of defendant's previous good character, and he did not wish to treat him as a common criminal.

IN REBUTTAL.

The prosecution opened at 11 o'clock, calling Mrs. O'Melveney, a school teacher the first witness called.

MRS. O'MELVENEY'S STATEMENT.

Says Mrs. Mills Has Nothing to Fear From Her—Did Not Chase Her About Town as Reported. The story published in the papers this morning to the effect that when Mrs. Mills left the City and County building yesterday, after adjournment of court, she was pursued by Mrs. O'Melveney, and that a kind of race ensued, Mrs. O'Melveney eluding her pursuer by superior speed and strategy, put Mrs. O'Melveney in an exceedingly good state of mind today.

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BENBROOK CASE IS AGAIN RESET.

A Sensational Charge Made by Attorney L. R. Rogers in Court. This Morning—Two Witnesses Sent Away—C. M. Jackson Is Wanted.

As soon as Judge Norrell opened court this morning Hon. L. R. Rogers, one of the attorneys for the defense in the Benbrook murder case, claimed his honor's attention and asked permission to present a motion for continuance.

Senator Arthur Brown, one of the attorneys for the prosecution, was ready for the motion to be taken up, and Mr. Rogers then read a long affidavit.

This sets out that two witnesses in the case, Nana Witbeck and Emma Matheson, were absent from the State, and without them, the defendant could not safely go on trial.

The defendant expected to prove by these girls that Morris made an assault upon Benbrook just before the killing and that they heard the defendant call for a policeman to protect him from the assault; that they were eye witnesses, and the only ones, to this whole scene.

John Witbeck, father of one of the girls, gave them the money with which they go for the sole purpose of preventing them from testifying in the case.

A SERIOUS CHARGE. That one of the witnesses for the State furnished the money given to the girls for their expense in leaving the State.

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UNVEIL WEBSTER STATUE

National Honor to the Memory of Illustrious Statesman.

Impressive Ceremony Takes Place at Washington—Distinguished Gathering of Public Officials.

Washington, Jan. 13.—A distinguished gathering of public officials, including President McKinley and his entire cabinet, representatives of the Senate and House of Representatives, the judiciary and other branches of public life, participated today in the exercises attending the unveiling of the colossal bronze statue of Daniel Webster executed by the Italian sculptor, Trentanove, and presented to the United States by Mr. Stilson Hutchins, of this city.

The statue occupies a position on Scott circle, but prior to the actual unveiling, the ceremonies of presentation and acceptance were held at the Lafayette Opera house. The President occupied a seat on the stage and back of him sat Secretaries Hay, Cragg, Root, Long, Hitchcock, Postmaster General Emory Smith, Attorney General Griggs, Secretary Wilson and Private Secretary Others.

On the stage were Gov. Crane, of Massachusetts, accompanied by his adjutant general and aides, Chief Justice Fuller, Justices Harlan, White and Gray; Senators Hoar, Lodge, Chandler, Allison, Bacon, Fairbanks, Proctor, Tillman, Representatives Lowery, Cushman, Clarke and others identified with the exercises and with the States which share the honors clustering about the illustrious Webster. Major General Miles and other representatives of the army, of the navy and of the diplomatic corps added to an assemblage of unusual distinction. The Marine band occupied the orchestra.

At the President's command and upon the stage the entire audience rose while the band played "Hail to the Chief." After an eloquent prayer by the bishop of Washington, of the Senate, Rev. Dr. Milburn, Senator Chandler, on behalf of the two branches of Congress, read Mr. Hutchins' presentation letter and added a brief but glowing tribute to the statesmanship, the oratory and the patriotism of Webster.

Secretary Long then accepted the statue in behalf of the United States. His remarks were warmly applauded and then amid another outburst of applause Senator Lodge delivered the oration of the day.

The President's command concluded with a benediction of Rev. Mr. Couden, chaplain of the House.

The President and most of the other distinguished guests then proceeded to Scott Circle, where, at 12 o'clock, the statue was unveiled.

The drawing of the veils was performed by Jerome Bonaparte, a grandson of Webster, assisted by Mrs. Hutchins and Miss Katherine Deering.

INDIANS MAKING A LAST STAND.

Yaqus Formally Declare Their Independence of Mexico.

Provisional Government Established—Native Born Americans Encouraged to Assist the Indians.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—A special to the Record from El Paso, Texas, says: The Indians of Sonora, the only race in all Mexico that was able to survive the Spanish invasion and preserve its individuality, are making their last stand against the Mexican government. Thus far it seems the Mexican soldiers have been found inadequate to cope with the Yaqus.

A proclamation has been issued by the ruler of the Yaqus nation, addressed to "The American people," and in part as follows:

"The Yaqus nation has begun its struggle for independence. It will no longer tolerate the Mexican army in Sonora. The nation has established a provisional government, the offices of which are at Batavia. In the event of the success of the Yaqus people over the Mexicans, no foreigners except native-born Americans will be allowed in Sonora for several years. The property and persons of Americans in Sonora will be protected by the Yaqus in every way."

Switzerland Wants American Fruit. Washington, Jan. 13.—United States Minister Leshman, at Bern, Switzerland, has called the state department to the Swiss government has revoked a former decision and gives general authorization for the importation of American dried fruits. It also authorizes the importation of fresh fruits, providing they are examined at Basle, and found to be exempt from scale or other parasites.

Strikers Yield. Pittsburg, Pa., Jan. 13.—The rod mill workers of the American Steel and Wire Company, at Beaver Falls, Pa., who struck for an advance on Monday, held an all-night meeting last night and decided to return to work at the company's terms. The mill will resume operations in full tomorrow.

At the Bradock plant the men are still out.

RUSSIAN WARSHIP ASHORE.

Big Ironclad Potliva Is in a Dangerous Situation.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 13.—The Russian ironclad Potliva, of 10,500 tons, is dangerously ashore near Liban on the Baltic.

The Potliva was built at St. Petersburg in 1894. She is 367 feet 6 inches long, 68 feet wide and has a depth of 25 feet. Her indicated horse-power is 11,250. Her armament consists of

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LORD ROBERTS SENDS A MESSAGE

Says Part of Gen. Buller's Army is Crossing Tugela River.

It appears that when the Australians encountered the first body of Boers and found their retreat cut off they rallied for a nearby kopje, hoping to beat off the Boers, but on arriving they found another force of burghers concealed.

Sentenced Murderer Escapes. Chicago, Jan. 13.—A special from Norfolk, Va., says: Lorenzo Brown, colored, under sentence to be hanged at Greenville, N. C., on Friday, escaped from the county jail today by cutting a hole through the wall. It is believed Brown was assisted by the other negro prisoners. Fifty armed men with bloodhounds have started in pursuit of the fugitive.

Boat Looking for the Goods. Washington, Jan. 13.—Mr. Choate is prosecuting his efforts to learn just where the provisions are that were seized at Delagoa Bay on the Mashona, the Marla and the Beatrice. He has reported that the goods on the Marla are in the custom house at Durban, subject to the disposition of the owners. The goods carried on the Mashona are believed to be still on board the ship at Capetown, but owing to imperfectly in the ship's papers it has not yet been possible to clear up the facts in that case. The Beatrice is at East London and the British government is trying to learn from its officers the status of the cargo.

EXPECT HEAVY FIGHTING.

Boers at Hensburg Ambush a Colonial Patrol—British Think Tide Now Favors Them.

London, Jan. 13.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Gen. Roberts from Capetown, dated today:

"I have received a telegram from Gen. Buller, stating that one brigade and Howitzer battery have crossed the Tugela river at Poigiet's Drift. Five miles farther west at Trichard's Drift, Gen. Warren has thrown a pontoon bridge over the river. By this part of his force crossed yesterday. The remainder is expected by this morning to be on the north bank. Warren hopes he will be able to send an enemy's position which, five miles off to his right front, is being strongly entrenched."

A Capetown special dispatch dated today says it is persistently reported that Lord Roberts has been relieved. The rumors from Capetown that Lord Roberts is already relieved are apparently ahead of the facts. In any case, Lord Roberts' report was despatched this morning, and he was not aware of it, and his dispatches are in his hands have so soon reached the beleaguered town. Though there are some discrepancies in the telegrams, the whole tenor of the news tends to General Buller's advance having begun with good prospects of success, but it is generally recognized that with an enemy so resourceful as the Boers have proven themselves to be, it is idle to indulge in over confidence.

The not restful, so far as known, is that Gen. Buller occupies the commanding positions north of the Tugela river, thereby securing at least two crossings by which he can bring up necessary reinforcements.

The officials of the war office here are satisfied that the tide has turned and news of a more hopeful character from a British point of view will hereafter be the rule instead of exception. That the British advance in a northerly direction will be largely resisted is fully anticipated. The Boer strength is probably superior to the British, and the dispatches show the burghers occupy strong positions.

There is a doubt as to whether the Boers, occupied by Gen. Warren, is identical with Spionkop. If so the British are within a few miles of Acton Homes, the scene of the earlier conflict by which the Boers' forces were the invading Free States, where there is a good road direct to Ladysmith.

While Gen. Warren's force was crossing the Tugela river, the Boers occupied a thickly wooded plantation a mile north of the river and sent several volleys into the advance guard. The British replied, and the artillery opened in a neighboring kopje. As the British pushed across the river the Boers found their position uncomfortable and retired to the hills. Immediately after the pontoon bridge was completed, the whole British force crossed. It is thought probable that a combined forward movement has since followed.

In the meanwhile, the naval guns on the Tugela have been persistently shelling the Boer entrenchments facing the kopjes occupied by Lyttelton's brigade.

Reubens, Cape Colony, Jan. 17. Wednesday—A patrol composed of sixteen men of the New South Wales Federal force, two South Australian and one Victorian, was ambushed by the Boers after a severe fight. Eight of the detachment escaped and have arrived in camp. The remainder were killed or captured.

This morning a patrol visited the scene of the fight and found one dead Australian and one wounded man. A number of dead Boer horses also were found, showing that the Australians made a gallant fight before surrendering.

GUSS MARION HERE.

Well-known Horseman of California En route to Montana.

Gus Marion, one of the most prominent horsemen of California, arrived in this city last night from the coast en route to Montana to attend the race meeting at Toole, and it is said that he will never leave the city.

Mr. Marion has been connected with the San Francisco Examiner in the sporting column.

LATE LOCAL NEWS.

In relation to the sale of the Bullion-Beck mine which took place today, it is learned that there is a clause in the contract which states that if the president of the Bullion-Beck mine, J. A. Cunningham, for the possession of 51,000 shares of Bullion-Beck stock at one time held by him is decided in Mr. Beck's favor, the stock purchased today will revert to Mr. Cunningham.

Joshua L. Perkes today filed a petition in bankruptcy with liabilities of \$7,300 and with no assets.

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