

SAYS HE WILL EXPLAIN DEATH OF 8 NEGROES

Proprietor of 'Death Farm' Takes Stand in Murder Trial.

COURT HOUSE, COVINGTON, Ga., April 7.—John S. Williams, proprietor of the Jasper County "death farm" on trial for life, took the witness stand today in his own behalf.

In an unsworn statement to the jury, he told of a visit of Federal agents to his place and their investigation of alleged peonage conditions.

"They told me they had found nothing wrong; that the worst thing they found was that one of the boys carried a revolver," he said.

"As for the other eight men killed in Jasper County, I will explain that satisfactorily at a proper time," he said.

Williams referred to Clyde Manning, who accuses him of ordering the murder of the negroes, as a "nigger who has been treated mighty good."

"When I have done something to force him to make the statement he did," said Williams, "I have helped that negro a thousand times. Once he was all shot up in a fight. He had no money and I put up his doctor bills."

"When the Federal agents had left my place, Manning appeared to be mad because I did not uphold him in a lie he told."

"He threatened to do something," he said, "and the detectives had told him, as boss, was guilty of working negroes under peonage conditions."

Williams' unsworn statement under Georgia laws prevents counsel from questioning him.

It also will give the defense counsel the last argument.

EFFORT TO PUT ROBISON OUT OF RUNNING FAILS

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connections, Mr. Shank pointed out in his speeches.

Mr. Shank spoke at the Emerald Theater last night and today at noon at the Highland theater in Evansville. Today he will address a meeting at 3417 Roosevelt avenue.

"Professor" Howe did not come into this contest of his own accord. He was drafted by interests who believe they could make good use of a friend in the mayor's office," said Mr. Shank.

"Mr. Howe's interests are in Kokomo and I am informed he preferred to go to that city and attend to them."

"Hugh Landon, who is heavily interested in utilities stock, is a close friend of Professor Howe's father, who is a partner of Professor Howe's father, who is a partner of Professor Howe's father."

Mr. Shank declared that Professor Howe was president of Butler, representative of utility corporations are actively supporting Mr. Howe.

"The things that have been mentioned may seem trivial in themselves but considered together it seems to me they show a pretty good reason why voters of Indianapolis should not take the professor at the value placed on him by his sponsors."

"I have often noticed that men who suddenly acquire wealth through no effort of their own are usually very responsive to the rights of the people than born millionaires."

"ROBISON SEEKS CROWN WEALTH."

Mr. Shank devoted some time to a discussion of Ed J. Robison's candidacy.

"Ed has always been bent on getting rich quick," he said. "Some one is spending lots of money to elect him to this race—more than the office pays. Jim Goodrich and Jet Moorman are his business associates. He entered this race with the support of many negro politicians and gamblers and little else. That ought to let him out."

"I have lived all my life in Indianapolis, as has my father before me. No man has ever wronged me. I believe that the fact has been established through my record as mayor that I am always responsive to the wishes of the people and to their needs. I know the tax burden of the people and I know, reasonably, justly heavy and I am pledged to reduce it."

The candidate called attention to the fact that newspaper speculation as to whether Ed Robison can beat Professor Howe and the city organization for second place.

"Having a great catastrophe I will be so far ahead at the end of this week that neither Robison or Howe will be able to see which way I went," Mr. Shank said.

He urged sustained efforts on the part of organized workers "in order that this victory may be made so decisive that corrupt politicians will never again dare to tamper with the will of the people nor insult their intelligence with such thin bark."

Secrecy of the ballot box was emphasized by Mr. Robison in his meeting last night at 725 North West street.

"Attempts to tamper with the vote cast in the coming primary are challenges against our citizenship and they must not be permitted," Mr. Robison said.

The speaker referred to the recent release of Tom M. Greenlee, assistant clerk in the city engineer's office, because he refused to stand "hit-bitch" with the city hall organization, as an example of the methods being used by the organization to keep a battle front.

"Such conditions of coercion should not be tolerated and it is for you voters to decide whether or not organized workers, which coerce shall remain in power," Mr. Robison said.

Mr. Robison's plea for a clean primary resulted in a hearty response, many volunteering to assist him in keeping the primary voting free from intimidation or fraud. Speakers addressing the meeting before the arrival of Mr. Robison pointed to his successful administration of the office of county treasurer several years ago as an example of his ability and policy for clean and efficient management while in office.

Joseph G. Hayes, campaign manager for Mr. Robison, announced the appointment of additional vice presidents for the key-note meeting. Many prominent Republicans are in the list, including James E. Bircham, Judge Frank Lutz, E. A. Hedrickson, Will H. Diddle, Dr. J. W. Scherer, Arch H. Olds, Daniel D. Brosnan, W. P. Davis, W. N. Harding, Jr., Fred R. Bonfield, Dr. C. A. Fritchard, James S. Crane, Editor William T. M. Greenlee, Dr. S. Reynolds, John L. Duval, the Rev. S. Williams, L. A. Jackson, O. V. Lane, T. E. Hanika, R. E. Taylor, J. W. Hamblen, J. H. Plack, C. C. Groves, W. W. Gordon, John D. Lutz, C. F. Diggs, F. Gladden Searle, Frank Seimler, E. M. Pifer, Milton M. Miller, Frank De Julio, Dr. Vincent A. Lapenta, Angelo Mammella, Benjamin M. Zaleski, Ferdinand Montani, Benjamin B. Zaleski, Joe Popplano, Samuel Roberts, Leo Traugott, Dr. Henry W. Ridpath, William H. Jackson, Henry Fleming and Samuel Parker.

Charles A. Bookwater and Caleb Denney, two former mayors of Indianapolis, will participate in the Robison keynote meeting. Mr. Bookwater will address the workers in behalf of Mr. Robison and Mr. Denney will preside.

PRIZES AWARDED TO HOOSIERS FOR TALENT IN MUSIC

Honors Bestowed in Meeting of State Federation of Musical Clubs.

MISS JULIA REYER.

Miss Julia Reyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Reyer, 2904 Central avenue, was awarded the prize in the Young Artists' voice contest, held in conjunction with the annual meeting of the State Federation of Musical Clubs, being held here this week.

Miss Reyer studied here with Rudolph Heine, going later in voice under Carleton Hackett. At the time of her graduation she had the honor of singing with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

For the last three seasons she has been on concert tours, having returned from the Middle West recently. She is a member of the local chapter of the M. P. H. Epistol musical society.

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LOSSES \$50,000 TO \$500,000 IN MAIL ROBBERY

Pouches Stolen at Dearborn Station Found in Vacant Lot.

BANDIT INJURES CLERK

CHICAGO, April 7.—While special squads of detectives scoured the city today for five bandits who participated in the sensational mail robbery at the Dearborn street station yesterday, postal authorities are endeavoring to check the amount of loot obtained. Estimates of the value of the loot ran from \$50,000 to \$500,000, with no accurate figures available.

Color was lent to the possibility that the amount taken may be large, by the finding of the pouches which contained the mail stolen in a vacant lot on the west side of the city.

The number of money wrappers, indicating that the pouches had contained large amounts of currency and bonds, OPENED LETTERS.

Postal inspectors immediately seized these money wrappers and looked them over. Police officers who saw them, however, declared they had contained \$40,000 in \$1 bills and \$50,000 in bills of a larger denomination. Another report said that there was one package containing \$10,000 bills and thousands of dollars' worth of negotiable securities in the packages. This report, however, lacked confirmation.

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NEW YORK POLICE HEAD ENGAGES IN 'DRY CITY' EFFORT

Work in Which Federal Officers Failed Taken Up Under State Law.

NEW YORK, April 7.—"We are going to make New York dry."

This was the declaration of Police Commissioner Richard Engle as he took up a task at which the United States Government apparently has failed—enforcement of prohibition in this city. With the eagerly dry on Governor Nathan L. Miller's signature to the new State prohibition enforcement law, Engle set in motion the machinery to put it into effect.

An even dozen arrests for alleged violations were made yesterday.

"The law is there; the police department will enforce it," the commissioner said. "We will proceed exactly as though there were no Federal authorities, although we will glad to have them and receive their cooperation, of course."

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