

President-Elect Barely Escapes Assassination

Mayor of Chicago and Four Others Wounded by Assassin's Bullets; President-Elect Target of Six Shots Fired At Conclusion of Speech At Miami Reception—An Italian Brick Layer Says He Aimed Shots At President-Elect.

Miami, Fla., Feb. 15.—Six shots were fired at President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt tonight wounding five persons including Mayor Anton Cermak, of Chicago.

The President-elect was uninjured. The assailant, who was captured by a rush of secret service men, police and sheriff's officers, was described as Guiseppe Zingara, an Italian brick layer. He was spirited away by officers to save him from an angry crowd. Police said he admitted he bought his gun with the intent to kill Mr. Roosevelt.

The shooting took place in Bay Front Park here a few minutes after Mr. Roosevelt had come ashore from the yacht Nourmahal on which he had been cruising through the Bahamas. The President-elect was responding to a welcome of 10,000 people gathered in the park when the crack of pistol shots cut short his speech.

Zingara was said to have admitted that 10 years ago he was party to a plot against the life of King Victor Emmanuel, of Italy.

An attempt was made in 1911 on the life of King Victor Emmanuel and the assailant was imprisoned until 1928 when, at the King's order, he was given full freedom in a general amnesty.

The injured in addition to Mayor Cermak, who was shot through the chest, the bullet coming out his back and who may be fatally wounded, were:

William Sinnott, of New York, detective, shot in head.

Mrs. Jos. Gill, wife of the President of the Florida Power and Light company, shot twice in the abdomen.

Mrs. Margaret Keyes, of Newark, N. J., shot in the hand.

Russell Caldwell, aged five, of Cocanut Grove, Fla., slightly injured.

First reports had been that a secret service man named Brodneaux, who was with the President, had been shot in the head. It developed, however, that he had leaped to a position in front of Mr. Roosevelt to shield him and then had joined in the rush to capture the would-be assassin. In the confusion it had seemed that he had been shot.

Mr. Roosevelt cancelled plans for his return to New York tonight. He will remain here at least another day.

He will spend the night aboard the Nourmahal, Vincent Astor's yacht, on which he had returned earlier tonight from an 11-day trip.

The President-elect had just completed a brief address of welcome to thousands of cheering winter resort residents, in a setting that was colorful and keeping with the occasion when the shots, six of them, split the air.

Mayor Cermak, who had been

standing on the running board of the shiny black automobile in which Mr. Roosevelt was in the back, dropped to his knees in the fusillade. Mrs. Gill, wife of the President of the Florida Power and Light company, was struck as she stood on the outer fringe of the crowd about 50 feet from the car.

Mr. Roosevelt owes his life to the fact that a split second before the shots were discharged he had lowered himself down to the rear of his motor. He had been standing, braced by his arms on the lowered top of the car.

He was in the process of sliding into his accustomed seat when the bullets cut through the air.

No sooner had the shots been fired, it seemed, than the Roosevelt car was thrown into gear by the chauffeur and it was sent into motion through a path cleared by police sirens.

Mr. Roosevelt was heard to remark, "I'm all right." He waved his arms to the crowd as an indication that he had been spared. He was driven to his special train on a siding of the Florida East Coast Railroad, and later to the hospital, where the wounded were rushed.

After urging that all possible comforts be given the victims he was driven back to the Nourmahal where but a few hours ago he laughed and joked with the newspapermen who boarded the yacht to greet him after his absence.

Reports brought back to the train by Robert H. Gore, a member of the Roosevelt party, said that hospital authorities expected Mayor Cermak to die of his injuries.

Mrs. A. J. Cross, of N. W. Second street, Miami, was standing close to Zingara as he arose from a crouching position with the gun in his hand. She sensed the impending tragedy and tried to wrest the weapon from his hand. He climbed a chair to get an accurate aim.

He was about 35 feet from the Roosevelt automobile which had stopped to allow the President-elect to extend a greeting to this city.

All of the wounded were placed in an automobile belonging to the reception committee and hurried to the Jackson Memorial hospital.

Shouts of "lynch him," and "kill him," went up on all sides as soon as the vast crowd sensed what had taken place. An American Legionite gave Zingara a smashing blow in the face with his fist as he was being dragged off to the Miami jail for questioning.

As the news spread to all quarters of the city a few hours after the shooting, a crowd gathered in front of Miami's 17-story city hall and jail.

There were mutterings and cries of "let us have him."

HOOVER DEEPLY SHOCKED
BY NEWS OF THE ATTACK

Washington, Feb. 15.—President Hoover issued a statement tonight saying he was "deeply shocked" by news that shots had been fired at President-elect Roosevelt.

He described the incident as a "dastardly act." Mr. Hoover also sent a telegram to the President-elect rejoicing at his escape and asking for the condition of Mayor Cermak.

In his telegram to Roosevelt, President Hoover said:

"Together with every citizen I rejoice that you have not been injured. I shall be grateful to you for news of Mayor Cermak's condition."

The President-elect replied:

"I deeply appreciate your message. Mayor Cermak is resting but his condition is still serious. I will wire you in the morning after I have been to the hospital."

MRS. ROOSEVELT HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, wife of the president-elect, had a narrow escape from being killed by a train in Ithaca, N. Y., today (Thursday). Prompt action on the part of a bystander saved her life.

Proceedings County Recorder's Court

State vs. Jack Marbley, colored laborer, aged 38, for violation of the prohibition law. Guilty of possession of whiskey for purpose of sale. Defendant given 90 days on the roads.

State vs. E. Six Alford, colored laborer, aged 44, for larceny of pistol, value less than \$20, and for carrying concealed weapon. Guilty on both counts and given 4 months on the roads. Appended \$200 bond required.

State vs. James Smith, colored laborer, aged 17, for assault with deadly weapon. Guilty, and defendant given 60 days in jail and assigned to work at county home.

State vs. Les Smith, colored laborer, aged 45, for assault with a deadly weapon. Guilty and defendant given 60 days on roads.

State vs. B. B. Richardson. Called and failed. Capias for defendant and subpoenas for State's witnesses.

State vs. Pre. S. Allen, white farmer, aged 56, for violation of the prohibition law. Guilty of possession of still outfit and 3 gallons of whiskey for purpose of sale. Defendant given 3 months on roads. Appended \$200.00.

State vs. Jes. Williams. Defendant in court for violation of terms of original judgment. Defendant to serve remainder of original sentence of 12 months.

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State vs. Wilbert Graham, colored laborer, aged 22, for violation of prohibition law (possession of whiskey for purpose of sale) and vagrancy. Guilty on both counts and defendant given 4 months on roads. Appended Bond \$200.00.

State vs. John Capps, white laborer, for larceny of bicycle, value less than \$20. Plea of guilty and defendant under 16 years of age, case is remanded to juvenile court for disposition.

State vs. Cecil Vau e, white laborer, aged 19, for larceny of bicycle value less than \$20. Plea of guilty.

State vs. Bill Pearce, colored laborer, aged 22, for assault with deadly weapon on mother. Guilty. Defendant given 2 years on roads.

State vs. Barden Pearce, colored farmer, for trespassing. Not guilty.

State vs. Frank Ganger, white laborer, aged 26, for operating motor vehicle while intoxicated. Plea of guilty. Fined \$50 and cost. Defendant ordered not to operate a motor vehicle again in North Carolina during next 90 days.

State vs. Howard Marlow, white laborer, aged 18; Carl Parrish, white laborer, aged 21; Ervin Hamilton, white laborer, aged 43; Robert Green, white laborer, aged 27; Ervin Wall, white laborer, aged 23, for larceny and receiving 4 chickens, value less than \$20. Carl Parrish not guilty and discharged. Other defendants guilty. Continue prayer for judgment upon payment of one-fourth of the cost each and on further condition that defendants remain of good behavior during next two years. Cost to include \$9.50 for use and benefit of W. G. Stephenson. Howard Marlow given 60 days on roads.

State vs. L. Luey Hinnant, white, aged 30, for operating motor vehicle while intoxicated, publicly drunk and disorderly and profane and indecent language. Not guilty of operating motor vehicle while intoxicated. Guilty on charge of being publicly drunk and disorderly and using profane and indecent language on public highway in presence of 3 other persons. Defendant sentenced to 30 days in jail to be worked as sheriff sees fit.

State vs. Lonnie Corbett, white laborer, aged 25, and W. D. Strickland, white laborer, aged 34, for assault with deadly weapon. Both guilty. Sixty day road sentence for each, to be suspended upon payment of \$10 fine each and one-half cost each. Both defendants appeal.

State vs. Isaiah Ashford, colored farmer, aged 34, for assault with deadly weapon. 60 day road sentence to be suspended upon payment of \$10 fine and cost.

Durward Creech Severely Burned

Smithfield, Feb. 14.—Mr. Durward Creech, well known young man of this city, was severely burned about his legs this morning when the embalming room of J. D. Underwood & Company, undertakers, caught fire about 9 o'clock. He was rushed to the Johnston County Hospital and is said to be getting along splendidly.

The embalming room of the undertaking establishment had just been painted and an oil stove was placed inside to make it dry faster. A can of gasoline which had been used in the painting was turned over and some of it ran under the oil stove, catching it on fire immediately. The whole room burst into flames, trapping Mr. Creech inside the room. He was overcome by the gas and smoke and was dragged out by S. B. Jones, a member of the firm.

In response to the alarm, the fire department arrived quickly upon the scene and extinguished the flames before they could get any headway. No serious damage was done to the building. It was smoked badly and the little embalming room, which is about 7 by 10 feet in area, was ruined. The ambulance which was parked next to the embalming room was damaged somewhat, the top having caught fire.

Mr. Lawrence U. Bizzell Died Sunday

Smithfield, Feb. 15.—Mr. Lawrence U. Bizzell died Sunday at the Veterans' Hospital in Johnson City, Tennessee at 5 o'clock P. M. Mr. Bizzell had been in the hospital for some time receiving treatment for injuries received in the World War. An acute heart attack ended his life. He was a member of the American Legion and was 55 years of age.

The parents of the deceased are both dead, Dunn having been their home at the time of their deaths. The father of the deceased, H. N. Bizzell, was once chairman of the Board of Education of Johnston County. His mother was the eldest sister of Mayor J. D. Underwood of this city.

Before going to the Veterans' hospital, the deceased had made his home for several years with Mrs. C. M. Grantham, a sister, in Raleigh, who survives him. Other living relatives are another sister, Mrs. Julius Culbreth of Falcon, N. C.; and a brother, James A. Bizzell, who is professor of chemistry at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

The body arrived at the Underwood undertaking establishment last night, where it was prepared for burial. Funeral services were held today at the home of his sister, Mrs. C. M. Grantham, in Raleigh, and were conducted by Rev. J. Powell Tucker, pastor of the First Baptist church of Raleigh, and interment was made at 3 o'clock in Memorial Park Cemetery in Raleigh.

Thieves Get Meat And Chickens Too

Smithfield, Feb. 15.—Thieves entered the barn of Robert G. Sanders at his farm in the suburbs of Smithfield last Friday night during a heavy rain and sleet storm and carried away a quantity of meat and at the same time they got all his chickens, causing a loss of not less than \$100.00. The thieves used an automobile or light truck which was parked a short distance away from the buildings.

Mr. Sanders had 40 fine black Minorca hens which he prized very highly, and he kept them locked up in a tobacco barn at night; but the thieves broke the lock and got them all. He kept two locks on the door of his other barn, but these two were broken and 26 pieces of meat, including 20 nice hams, 5 shoulders and one side, were missing. This meat is understood to have been from hogs weighing between 100 and 200 pounds each after being dressed. There were 60 pieces of meat in the barn, but the thieves probably could not carry it all at one trip. Fortunately for Mr. Sanders, who raises quite a lot of meat, for both home use and for market, he had moved the greater part of his meat to his residence in town.

Mr. Sanders was at his home sick and the theft was not discovered until Saturday morning.

Baptizes in Jordan



REV. F. M. ROYALL

Wake Forest, Feb. 15.—At the same spot in the river Jordan, Bethabara, Palestine, where John The Baptist baptized Jesus Christ almost 20 centuries ago, F. M. Royall above, Baptized missionary and graduate of Wake Forest College, is shown performing the ceremony with a native convert.

The Reverend Mr. Royall graduated here in 1891, in the same class with President E. W. Sikes of Clemson College, S. C. He is at present director of the American Near East and Holy Land Mission at Shiloh, Haifa, Palestine. For several years he had a chapel and tent on Mt. Carmel near the scene of Elijah's contest with the priest of Baal.

"I have baptized more than 1,000 Christians in China and other places," he said, "and have preached the Gospel to people who had never seen a white man before nor had ever heard of God until told them."

Wake Forest has 45 other missionaries in foreign lands. They are in every continent. His first representative was the great pioneer, Matthew T. Yates who left here for China in 1846 and did a work at Shanghai which compared with that of Judson and Carey in other lands. The Howler, Wake Forest College year-book, will be dedicated this year to him.

Tobacco Specialist To Address Farmers

Mr. E. Y. Floyd, Tobacco Specialist from State College, Raleigh, will address a mass meeting of Johnston county farmers in the courthouse, at Smithfield, Monday night, Feb. 20th at 7:30 o'clock. All tobacco farmers who are interested in getting the latest information on the growing of good quality tobacco should attend this meeting and hear what Mr. Floyd has to say.

Selma Kiwanis Club Entertains Farmers

A large number of farmers from various sections of Johnston county were guests of the local Kiwanis club on last Thursday night at a most delightful banquet. Kiwanian Harper was toastmaster for the occasion and called on quite a number of the visitors for talks. Among those responding were County Agent J. B. Slack, of Smithfield; Monroe Pittman, Jesse Barden, Freeman Broadwell, all of Selma R. F. D., Rev. L. T. Singleton, C. W. Scales and others.

The principal address of the evening was delivered by Dean Tom Brown, of State College, State Director of Vocational Education. Mr. Brown was introduced by Kiwanian Singleton and made a very interesting and helpful address.

Prof. W. B. Crumpton, of Lumberton, formerly head of the Selma schools, will be present tonight (Thursday) and speak to the club.

CONVALESCING.

Mr. Sam P. Wood has been indisposed for several days, but is now able to be out again.

Mr. E. V. Deans has been confined to his home for several days, suffering from an attack of "flu."

The friends of Dr. Vick will be glad to know that he is much improved. He has been confined to home limits for several days.

His many friends are glad to welcome Rev. D. F. Waddell back home again from a Norfolk Hospital with renewed health.

NEWS OF STATE TOLD IN BRIEF

BANK ROBBED

Yeggmans forced an entrance to the Bank of Sparta Thursday night and robbed the safe of approximately \$1,000. Entrance to the building was gained through a rear door and the safe apparently was opened in the usual way by the combination, without resort to explosives. The yeggmans made a smooth get-away, leaving no clues for officers to trail.

AFTER ROBBERY CLUES

Four postal inspectors sought clues Friday to the identity of three men who held up a truck at the Sacramento, California, postoffice Thursday night and took a registered pouch containing approximately \$233,411 in bonds, \$810.00 in currency and checks and \$120 in jewelry making a total of \$234,341.90. Louis Vienna, a shoemaker, who was in his shop opposite the postoffice, saw the men.

WILKES MAN AFTER GARNER'S POST

Oscar Dancy, a native of Wilkes county, is a candidate to succeed Vice President-elect John N. Garner as representative from the 15th congressional district in Texas which became vacant when Mr. Garner resigned to become vice-president. Mr. Dancy is judge of Cameron county court.

BROTHER AND SISTER KILLED

Miss Janie Barnes and Charles Barnes, sister and brother of Mrs. Gordon Finley, of North Wilkesboro, were killed in an automobile accident at Jacksonville, Fla., Friday. Details concerning the accident were not learned. Mr. Barnes was instantly killed and Miss Barnes died soon after reaching a hospital.

ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY STORE

Burch Brown, of Morganton, Cal Watts and Bud Watts, of Charlotte, were lodged in the Newton jail Friday on a charge of entering A. R. Miller's store at Claremont and stealing about \$50 worth of goods. The men were arrested in Charlotte and Mr. Miller went there and identified the goods.

WANT OFFICE ABOLISHED

Lincoln county commissioners in their meeting in Lincolnton adopted a resolution asking Lincoln's representative in the general assembly, W. H. Sigmon, to abolish the office of county treasurer at the end of this term. Besides taking this step the board decided to cut salaries of every county official effective July 1, 1933. The amount of the cut has not been determined.

FOOD SUPPLY FOR NEEDY IS STOLEN

J. H. Rose, superintendent of the Greenville schools, says he has discovered the "meanest man" in the world. Wednesday night a thief entered the soup kitchen at Third street school, stole half of the food supply in the pantry and then escaped. The food was being used in the feeding of the children of the poor and consisted of meats and a large quantity of canned goods.

NO CLUES FOUND

No trace has been found of the three men who held up the night clerk, Plez Marshall, at the Log Cabin Filling Station just out of the city limits of Newton Wednesday morning.

CONDUCTOR INJURED

His skull fractured by a lump of coal alleged to have been thrown by a negro hobo, Capt. U. G. Ward, of Asheville, Southern railway freight conductor, is reported in a serious condition in Hendersonville hospital. Willie Smith, negro, was arrested on a charge of throwing the coal which struck the conductor.

TOO MANY COMMISSIONERS

Davidson county only needs three county commissioners and three board of education members, in the opinion of the five now constituting the county board. Hence they have forwarded a resolution to the county's representatives in the legislature asking that both boards be reduced from five to three.

WHISKEY SEIZED IN EAGLE'S LODGE

The lodge rooms and buffet of Carolina aerie, 1171, Fraternal Order of Eagles, in Wilkesboro, was raided recently by a squad of federal prohibition agents with Louis Goodman, president of the aerie and former United States commissioner, and A. M. Stone, steward, being arrested on charges of conspiracy to violate the prohibition law. Agents said an early count showed 36 gallons of liquor and about 20 gallons of beer were found and confiscated at the club.

GEN. PERSHING'S BROTHER DEAD

James F. Pershing, 71, younger brother of General Pershing, died in a New York hospital Thursday night of heart disease.

Seen Along The
MAIN DRAG

(BY H. H. L.)

EUGENE TERRELL is small in statue, but he is a man all right. He was 21 years old the day before Valentine Day—JOE BILL AUSTIN says he is going to Chevy right from now on—Dr. DEANS has been missed from the Maindrag this week, "Flu" victim—EDITOR STANCHIL going to depot to board Southern for Greensboro to attend Lincoln Day dinner—OSCAR CREECH still carrying his arm in a sling—got it broken some time ago—R. L. TYNER moving over Johnstonian-Sun office—COUNTY AGENT SLACK advertising poultry car—ROY LANE with bundle News and Observer's.