

Prosecution to Ask for a Special Term to Try Cole

Rockingham, Aug. 18.—At a conference between Solicitor Don Phillips and Attorneys W. R. Jones and W. B. Pittman, for the private prosecution, it was decided to ask the governor to call a special term of Superior Court for Richmond county to be held on September 21st, with Judge T. J. Shaw presiding, to try the now county-wide famous Cole-Ormond homicide case.

Solicitor Phillips will formally ask the governor Wednesday for the special term, and suggest Judge Shaw be designated to hold it.

Three Employed to Aid Solicitor. Three lawyers have so far been retained to assist the solicitor. They are W. R. Jones and W. G. Pittman, of Rockingham, and Harold Coley, of Nashville, who is retained by some of the citizens of that town out of their love and regard for their pastor, Rev. A. L. Ormond, father of the slain man. It is reliably stated here that many American Legion men throughout the state have wired their pledges financial aid, but that the Raleigh Legion men will handle that end of the matter and employ a special attorney to assist in the prosecution. Not only that, but it is reported here that some cousins of the Ormond family are to get in touch either with Hallett Ward, of Washington, and Ex-Judge H. W. Whedding, of Greenville, to assist the solicitor. The above will make an imposing array of counsel.

For the defense the following lawyers have so far been retained: Bynum and Henry, J. Chesley Seabury, H. S. Boggin, all of Rockingham; James H. Pou, of Raleigh, and James A. Lockhart, of Charlotte. It is reported on the streets tonight that Aubrey L. Brooks, of Greensboro, and E. T. Cansler, of Charlotte, are to be also employed for the defense of Mr. Cole.

Defense Is Silent. Up to the present time there have been six attorneys retained for Mr. Cole's defense. The correspondent with monotonous regularity twice or more a day has made inquiry of these attorneys as to any statement that might be made, but none is forthcoming. The attorneys politely but firmly decline to have anything to say, other than that "in due time the public will gain a different angle on the entire affair and feel that Mr. Cole was justified. For it must be chronicled that on Saturday night, and mostly since, the greater part of the sentiment here has been one of indignation at what on its face appears to be a brutal murder. However, as an offset to this might be mentioned a remark that Mr. Cole is said to have made in jail, that he was not sorry that he killed Ormond, but sorry that circumstances forced him to.

No Special Consideration. Right here it might be mentioned that Bill Cole is not receiving at the hands of the county authorities any more consideration than would be given any other prisoner. The report that a phone had been placed in his cell is a mistake, and his food is the regular prison fare. Nothing has developed further in the case. The lawyers for the defense are apparently marking time.

In this correspondence yesterday it was stated that Mr. Cole and his attorney, Fred W. Bynum, went to Raleigh to see Ormond last April or May, and that Mr. Bynum went on to Nashville where he got Ormond's signature to an agreement wherein he agreed not to further attempt to communicate with Miss Elizabeth Cole or

any of the Cole family, and that after signing the statement, Mr. Bynum is said to have turned to Rev. A. L. Ormond and remarked that "this now settles the entire matter between Mr. Cole and Bill Ormond, and everything is satisfactory." It was learned today that the time of Mr. Bynum's visit to Nashville, and securing of the agreement, was last February instead of April or May.

Ormond has always been liked. He never drank intoxicants whatever, and was esteemed as a strictly moral young man, with no bad habits. His war service was exceptionally good, but in the summer of 1918 he was badly gassed while in front lines and was kept in a hospital for four months. Upon returning to America, he came to Rockingham, where his father, Rev. A. L. Ormond, was stationed as pastor. The friendship with Miss Elizabeth Cole gradually ripened into love and their eventual marriage was regarded as a foregone conclusion.

Father Frowns on Match. Last year, however, it is said that Mr. Cole began to frown more and more upon the match, and in fact Miss Cole is said to have told Ormond that it could not be unless he got a good job, stuck to it and gave evidence that he could rise in the world. It is said she told him if he held a job for as much as four months she would marry him. But the parental objection proved the stronger as between duty and love, and gradually the affair waned. A bitter correspondence during the winter took place between Mr. Cole and Ormond. Each side contends that the other was the aggressor in this letter battle; at any rate, along in February it is said Mr. Cole came to his attorney, Mr. Bynum, with a letter from Ormond and requested his lawyer to accompany him to Raleigh and have Ormond put under a peace bond. The two men went to Raleigh, but at home of his father.

Shoe on Other Foot. Mr. Bynum continued on to Nashville, leaving Mr. Cole in Raleigh. At Nashville Mr. Bynum took the matter of the letters up with Ormond, and the latter's father, with the upshot that Ormond in turn showed Mr. Bynum the letters which Cole had written him in which violent and threatening language was used. The upshot is that Attorney Bynum is said to have abandoned "all idea of a peace warrant and to have remarked that it almost seemed that the shoe might be on the other foot. It was then that Ormond signed the agreement not to see or communicate with Miss Cole, or to further write to Mr. Cole; the writing was to be reciprocal. And it was then that Attorney Bynum is said to have told Rev. A. L. Ormond that the entire matter was ended by the signed agreement.

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World Christians Meet. Stockholm, August 19.—Delegates representing practically all the Christian churches all over the world, except the Roman Catholic Church, were in attendance here today at the formal opening of the Universal Christian Conference on Life and Work. A new feature is the participation of the Green Orthodox church, which hitherto has not taken part in similar conferences.

Fire on Board Vessel Extinguished. Baltimore, Aug. 18.—(P)—A telegram received at the local fire department headquarters from Norfolk this morning reported that fire on board the steamer, West Harcourt, which broke out when the steamer was off Hoopers Island, Chesapeake Bay, was out, and that the vessel was proceeding to Norfolk.

MURDER.

Charlotte Observer. A long indifferent public is now being aroused to the fact that murder is a dreadful thing. It takes an affair like that which was reported in Sunday's paper from Rockingham to arouse the people to realization. The shock would have been but little less if the story had told of a preacher of the Gospel, walking quietly and calmly from the door of his manse and shooting down some individual against whom he might have had grievances, imaginary or real, for few preachers could bear a more "irreproachable" character, or hold higher standing in church and community than was the character of the man who walked deliberately from the door of his business office and shot down an overseas man who was seated in an automobile by the sidewalk, evidently not suspecting impending peril and possibly unaware of any responsibility for an aroused resentment, even of mild nature, much less resentment of so violent a character as to inspire the murderous intent. But it is not to be supposed that there was no grievance of any kind. The victim had given mortal offense of some sort, or the fatal disturbance of mind. The dead man can say nothing in his own defense; the slayer has elected to make no statement and the public must await the details as they come out in the hearing that is to follow. Perhaps the Rockingham affair is destined to take place as one of the most notable on the state's murder book.

But as we have indicated, it has required an occurrence of this nature to arouse the people into appreciation of a condition which has overwhelmed society. Dreadful a thing as murder is, it has become almost a matter-of-fact occurrence. Only last week the State board of health, one of whose duties is certification of causes of death, issued statement in which the fact was revealed that during the year 1924, as many as 299 homicides stained the records of North Carolina. This is a contribution of "more than the state's quota to the crime wave," as significantly stated by the board's letter. Reference is also made to Chicago's murder record of almost one a day, and regretful admission is made that in this particular our state ranks "well up in the forefront." Some facts are submitted upon which the people of the state might well reflect in serious mood. The letter states that typhoid fever was not so long ago a large factor in the death rate of the state. It has been one of the causes of death against which both state and local health authorities have waged a major offensive. Now murder and automobile accidents each levies a greater annual toll of human life than does this once prevalent and dreadful disease.

The records show more than double the number of negro victims among the homicides as compared with the white. The distribution is 94 white, 201 negro, and four Indians. The homicides are divided into four classifications. Of the total, 235 were killed with firearms, 47 by knives or other piercing instruments, six were babies killed closely following birth, and eleven were killed by other means.

Oh, the law! the law! Was ever inscribing more defilement stamped under foot? For disrespect for the law and disregard for the courts of justice is the foundation upon which the "crime wave" is based.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEED OF CHURCH Hope of Religion Rests With Men Trained in Right Manner. Lake Junaluska, N. C., August 17.—(AP)—The future of the Church itself is bound up in the success or failure of the present widespread movement on behalf of religious education, was the opinion expressed here by Dr. R. L. Calhoun, of Yale University Divinity School, concluding a series of lectures on "The Meaning of the Present Movement in Religious Education." He declared that Christian forces must not only "hold to as high standards as are demanded of secular education" but must develop and complete a purposeful educational system for morals and religion.

Dr. Calhoun's closing lecture was devoted largely to a discussion of religious education as it will affect the Church's future. Preceding lectures dealt with the past and present. "The only basis for a reasonable forecast always precarious at best, is acquaintance with what has happened under similar circumstances," he said. "And examination of a number of crises through which the Christian Church has come gives ground for the judgment that the future success or failure of the Church itself is closely bound up with the success or failure of the growing effort to provide an adequate moral and religious educational system."

"Again and again the Church has faced the threat of failure before the advance of secular forces, fortified by secular scholarship. Each time it has found powerful aid in great Christian educators who have met the challenge of critical and constructive thinking without the Church by providing for still better thinking within. "In Paul's day the Church was entangled in threatening confusion over the relation of Christianity to the Jewish ceremonial law. It was clear, vigorous thinking on Paul's part that settled the issue once for all. When the Gospel according to John was written, the Church was trying to make its way among the Greeks who could not understand an essentially Jewish conception of the Person of Jesus Christ. John found a brilliant interpretation which both Jews and Greeks could recognize. "Origin met successfully the challenge of Platonic scholars in the University of Alexandria; and Thomas Aquinas in the Middle Ages worked out a stupendous theological system to capture for the Church the newly rediscovered science and philosophy of Aristotle.

GUNS FAIL TO MARK IN NEW YORK TESTS

Anti Air Craft Guns Made 19 Hits in 16,000 Shots in Test to Determine Their True Value.

New York, Aug. 18.—(AP)—Only nineteen hits have been made in 16,000 shots which anti-aircraft machine gun batteries at Fort Tilden fired during a test of the ability of coast defense to protect the port of New York from an attack by air. Representative F. L. Guardina, former major in the air service who observed the tests, said he would report to Congress that the air defenses here were an absurdity.

"The synthetic defense of the port of New York certainly has not the kick of the synthetic gin that I am told is sold on Broadway. Hypothetical hits are bunk. Enemies are not defeated that way."

Major General Johnson Haygood, who with more than a dozen officers witnessing the test, said practice showed tremendous advance in anti-aircraft defense since the war. Others admitted that the tests bore out the assertion of Colonel William Mitchell, former assistant air chief, that guns on land were virtually useless against hostile aircraft.

DISSE BREAKS DOWN DURING MURDER TRIAL

Nonchalance of First Days of Trial Gave Way During Day to Tears. Richmond, Aug. 18.—(P)—The nonchalance of Rudolph Disse gave way today to tears. The 20-year-old triple slayer broke down completely and cried like a child as his aged mother took the witness stand in his defense, and was unable to testify, and had to be taken from the court room in a hysterical condition. It was the first sign of emotion shown by the boy who shot and killed his sweetheart, his rival and a police detective, and wounded an automobile salesman here on July 28th last. He wept loud and long, as did his father, who preceded the mother on the stand as the first witness in his son's defense.

Disse was brought into the court room just before the opening of the day's session of the trial, apparently as cheerful and calm as prosecuting witnesses testify he was when he shot to death Mrs. Wladimir Pears, 18-year-old Virginia model, and Detective J. Harvey Burke and wounded Willis Britt, and then drove across town and killed Henry Grady Carter, restaurant owner. His cheeks were pink and his appearance natty.

Louis J. Disse, the 67-year-old father, took the stand in a pronounced German accent told of his eccentricities, displayed by his son in the days of childhood.

"This boy was out of his head when he was three years old, and when he was five years he kicked his mule," the aged man told the jury.

THINK HYLAN WILL RUN INDEPENDENTLY In Case He Is Defeated in Democratic Primaries in New York City. New York, Aug. 18.—(P)—The possibility of Mayor Hylan bolting the Tammany ticket and running independently if he is defeated in the primaries September 15th seem to have increased today. Under orders of Wm. Randolph Hearst, telegraphed from California, it was reported a meeting of the publisher's political followers had been called to discuss a plan of action.

Mr. Hearst is said to contemplate putting into the field the entire income of the paper to support Hylan so far back on it he is defeated for the regular Democratic nomination in the primaries by the Tammany designee, State Senator Jas. J. Walker. The time for filing nomination petitions expires Friday night.

Resources Over One Million Dollars. We have money to lend on the Weekly Payment Plan to be paid back in weekly payments as per the following table: From 50.00 to 100.00 to be paid back at 2.00 per week. From 100.00 to 150.00 to be paid back at 3.00 per week. From 150.00 to 200.00 to be paid back at 4.00 per week. From 200.00 to 250.00 to be paid back at 5.00 per week. From 250.00 to 300.00 to be paid back at 6.00 per week. From 300.00 to 400.00 to be paid back at 8.00 per week. From 400.00 to 500.00 to be paid back at 10.00 per week. If you are in need, consult our officers today. They will gladly give you any information desired. The CITIZENS BANK and TRUST Company CONCORD, NORTH CAROLINA.

Full Of "Ifs," But— Then— How do you figure we could build up the tire business we have. People wouldn't come here and keep on coming if they knew of a better place to go. Don't get in a buying rut. If you've never patronized us and are not acquainted with us, come in and see what you've been missing. We can sell you what you want for what you want to pay. We believe we can give you Goodyear high quality tires at a price you can't beat—make us prove it. Yorke & Wadsworth Union and Church Street. Phone 30 Phone 30

CHRISTIAN RELIGION IS FUNDAMENTAL (Continued from Page One) "We find therefore, that the title of the act, the evil of which was intended to be remedied, the circumstances surrounding the appeal to Congress, the reports of the committee of each house, all concur in affirming that the intent of Congress was simply to stay the influx of this cheap unskilled labor (referring to the act in question).

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PRISONER ESCAPES, LEAVING ON WOODEN LEG Artificial Member Chained and Locked to Leg of Another Prisoner for the Night. Winston-Salem, Aug. 19.—T. H. Ward, a one-legged man, was sentenced in the municipal court to a term on the county roads. For a time he made a trusty but had barely been given any privileges when he disappeared. Later he was taken back to the camp. Last night he again disappeared and when the officer visited the room in which he was supposed to sleep nothing was seen of the prisoner but his wooden leg.

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Binding the annual grain harvest of Canada calls for more than 80,000,000 pounds of twine. The first definite discovery of oil in Australia has been reported by J. A. M. Elder.

A simple remedy for removing crows is to soak a small piece of bread in vinegar, poultice the corn with it and leave it on all night. By morning the corn will be loose enough to be removed easily.

USE PENNY COLUMN—IT PAYS