

MAKES CONFESSION OF GUILT BEFORE HIS ELECTROCUTION

Willie Hardison Died in Electric Chair in State Prison, and Confessed to the Murder of Cyrus Jones.

OTHER NEGROES IN CASE NOT GUILTY

According to His Last Hour Confession.—One Woman and Two Prisoners Witnessed Electrocution.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, April 27.—Confessing to Solicitor J. A. Powers a few moments before he was led to the death chamber...

In his confession to Solicitor Powers, Hardison declared that Frank Dove, George Williams and Fred Dove, all under death sentence in connection with the killing, had nothing whatever to do with the slaying of Jones.

Hardison told Solicitor Powers that he killed the mail carrier in order to get his automobile and go to Petersburg, Va., to visit a brother. The other negroes knew nothing of his plans, Hardison told Solicitor Powers.

Solicitor Powers indicated that he would recommend commutation or pardon for the three negroes awaiting death.

Hardison was led into the death chamber at 10:30 and the current was turned on at 10:32. The electricity was shut off one minute later, and the prison physician signalled the Warden that Hardison was not dead.

The current was again turned on and 45 seconds later Hardison was dead. The negro spent his last moments with his spiritual adviser, a local negro preacher. He also said that he alone was responsible for the slaying of Jones. Hardison made no statement while being strapped into the chair.

The execution was witnessed by 40 persons, including 1 woman and two prisoners. One of the spectators fainted.

THE COTTON MARKET

Disappointing Cables Caused Market to Be Unsettled at the Opening.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, April 27.—The cotton market was rather unsettled at the opening today, owing to disappointing cables and reports that the affairs of one of the largest Manchester cotton goods exporters were being liquidated.

First prices were 34 points lower for September, with later months 4 points lower to 8 points higher, but the tone of the market was steady and prices soon advanced on a renewal of covering by old crop shorts and buying stimulated by unfavorable weather reports from the southwest.

May rallied from 28.60 to 28.62 while October sold up from 24.58 to 24.83, of about 17 to 23 points net higher.

Cotton opened steady. May 28.70; Jan. 27.45; Oct. 24.57; Dec. 24.07; Jan. 23.90.

UNKNOWN FARMER KILL FARMER AND FAMILY

Friend of Dead Planter and Her Son Also Fatally Shot.

(By the Associated Press.) Hayworth, Okla., April 27.—Thomas Hammill, a planter, his wife and their daughter, a Mrs. Tope, and the latter's ten-year-old son were shot to death when they were called to the door of the Hammill home near here today and fired on by two men who rode up to the house or horseback.

A five-year-old daughter of Mrs. Tope was probably fatally wounded. The identity of the men has not been determined.

Society of Newspaper Editors

Washington, D. C., April 27.—One of the most influential organizations in the United States, though an infant in age, is holding its annual meeting in the capital today and tomorrow. It is the American Society of Newspaper Editors, formed a year and a half ago for the purpose of elevating journalistic standards and safeguarding professional ethics.

Florida May Stop Practice of Leasing Prisoners to Companies

Tallahassee, April 27 (By the Associated Press.)—The Florida legislature advanced another step toward abolishing the practice of leasing convicts to private individuals and firms today when it passed in amended form a Senate bill looking to that end. The vote was 61 to 5.

COURT CASES

Will Bray, Negro, Found Guilty of Man-slaughter.—Other Cases Disposed Of.

The most important case tried in Cabarrus Superior Court Thursday was the one charging Will Bray, negro, with murder. He was found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to serve 18 months on the chain gang.

John Trull was charged with assault with a deadly weapon on two counts, and in the first he is to pay the costs and \$150 to S. M. Underwood, prosecuting witness. In the other he is to pay the costs and \$20.

Voight Barnhardt was tried for assault with a deadly weapon and was found not guilty by the jury. Martin Boger, who Wednesday was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon in two counts, was sentenced Thursday. In one case he is to pay the costs and a fine of \$75 and in the other he is to pay the costs.

Jim Douglas, charged with seduction, was found not guilty by a jury. Richard Brown, charged with assault with intent to rape, was cleared by a jury which returned a verdict of not guilty.

It is probable that no session of the court will be held tomorrow, as most of the criminal docket has been cleared up. It is expected that a session against Maurice C. Howie, of Monroe, charged with murder in connection with the death of an 8-year-old girl, will be held. This case will be the last on the criminal docket, and when completed the civil docket will be taken up.

FIND LOST GIRL WITH HEAD BADLY CRUSHED

Police Think Celia Shevick Was Attacked.—Clothes Torn and Her Eyes Covered With Blood.

(By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., April 27.—After an all night search by relatives, started when she failed to return from a motion picture show which she attended with a girl companion early last evening, Celia Shevick, 16 years old, was found unconscious this morning at a railroad viaduct within a few blocks of her home.

Her skull had been crushed, and the police believe she had been attacked. Physicians expressed little hope for her recovery. Every available detective and many patrolmen in plain clothes have been assigned to the case, and efforts are being made to locate the girl's companion, whose name is not known.

The girl, daughter of A. Shevick, a tailor, is of small stature, and officials cannot understand why she was so roughly treated. Her clothing was torn and she was covered with blood. No outcry was heard by anyone in the vicinity, and it is believed that she was taken to the viaduct section of the city.

MANY WITNESSES WILL TESTIFY FOR DEFENSE

In Case in Which Three Men Are Charged With Kidnaping and Flogging Two Women.

(By the Associated Press.) Lumberton, April 27.—SIXTY witnesses were under summons to appear today for the defense in the preliminary hearing of B. M. Lawson, Jule Brogden and John Hedgcock, charged with kidnaping and flogging two women by a masked band of 18 men near here recently.

The prosecution closed its case late yesterday after Mrs. Hattie Pifer had testified that she recognized the three defendants as members of the band, and Mrs. Mary Watson, the other woman, who claims she was whipped, had asserted she recognized only Lawson.

Mrs. Purvis also testified that the men told them the flogging was done because she was running a disorderly house. She took occasion to deny this. Mrs. Watson added that her husband when told of the whipping, commented that they "got what they deserved."

HELD WIFE IN WATER UNTIL SHE WAS DEAD

Plumbing Contractor Says He Killed Wife After a Quarrel Over a Fur Coat.

(By the Associated Press.) New Britain, Conn., April 27.—Having confessed that he sat on his wife in a shallow pond until she was drowned, John A. Carlson, a plumbing contractor, today without bond, Carlson and his wife were married 24 years ago. Two sons, aged 19 and 15, live in this city. Carlson gave his age as 44. He told the police he had quarreled on the motor trip with Mrs. Carlson because he purchased for her a fur coat costing \$130 when she wanted one costing \$300.

Kansas Instructs in Care of Cream

Topeka, Kas., April 27.—Kansas cream producers expect to be able to show an increase in earnings of \$1,000,000 a year as the result of the school being conducted throughout the State in cream handling by the Kansas Agricultural College. The school shows the farmers how to take care of the cream they produce and the buyers how to grade the cream, and take proper care of it from the time it is brought to the station until it goes into the churns at the creamery.

Mr. W. M. Sides and family spent Sunday in Landis with Mrs. D. F. Fisher.

Mrs. L. M. Ballard, of Salisbury, visited Mrs. W. M. Sides Sunday.

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KANNAPOLIS DEPARTMENT

Kannapolis, April 25.—Kannapolis Bargain Week was reported a big success by all the participants, especially by Miss Sallie Beatty, who won the Ford touring car. The Y. M. C. A. grounds presented an interesting scene Saturday afternoon when the car was given away. Mr. E. J. Sharp, in his usual jolly manner, addressed the immense crowd that had assembled to see who had the lucky number. A large wooden box containing the tickets was revolved several times so as to mix them. Little Miss Alma Freeze was called to the platform, and she held up within reach of the tickets. The number drawn, 7497, was announced by Mr. Sharp, who passed it to Messrs. H. A. Alfred, Sam Query, and Ray Hensel, all of whom verified the number, after which it was written on a board in plain view of the waiting crowd. After a brief lapse of time while each one was looking over his tickets, it was announced that Miss Sallie Beatty was in possession of the lucky number. Miss Beatty was invited to the platform amid the cheers of many friends. She ascended the steps to the porch where the car had been placed, and in a very winsome manner became possessor of the much coveted prize.

Miss Pauline Gardner, of Salisbury, was the week-end guest of Miss Thelma Farrell, of the Kennard Inn.

Miss Lila Sides spent the past week with home folks near Cleveland, N. C.

Miss Thelma Farrell and Mrs. R. P. Hensel spent Thursday in Salisbury shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Deal and little son, Glenn, Jr., spent Sunday in Mooresville with Mrs. Deal's mother, Mrs. J. P. Brantley.

Miss Lila Sides has accepted a position with the Cabarrus Savings Bank of Kannapolis.

At the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Baptist Church Sunday, April 15th, Miss Bessie Funderburk, who had been sent as a delegate to the convention of the Woman's Missionary Union at Durham, gave an interesting report of the convention, also reported decided progress in women's work.

The friends of Miss Julia Willett will learn with pleasure of her being able to resume her work Tuesday as a member of the clerical force at the Parks-Belk Company.

Mr. Tom Mauney spent Saturday in Gastonia.

Mr. W. J. Willett was called yesterday to Taylorsville on account of the critical illness of his brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stewart spent Sunday with Mrs. Stewart's parents. Mrs. L. L. Thornburg is spending the week with her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Sides, near Cleveland.

Mr. W. L. Rhyne and family, of Stony Point, were week-end guests of Mr. W. J. Willett and family.

Miss Maudie Furr was hit Monday evening at 6 o'clock while returning from work. She had just resumed work, following an attack of measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Hendrix, who have made their home in this city many years, will move this week to Gastonia.

Mr. J. W. Bounds is moving his home effects this week to Burlington. Mr. Bounds will come for his family the latter part of the week.

Mr. Norris Donaldson, of Charlotte, was the guest of Mr. Corbett Donaldson Sunday at his apartments at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Willett.

Mr. Ray Roberts, of M. P. C. I., spent the week-end at home.

Mr. J. P. Choate, of Charlotte, spent the week-end in the city with friends.

Many Kannapolis people will be pained on learning of the death of Mrs. J. M. Short yesterday at her home in Roanoke Rapids. Her son, Paul Short, was summoned home Sunday morning. Interment is to take place today in Charlotte.

The condition of Miss Mary Willett, who recently returned from the hospital, is still improving.

Mrs. B. E. Barnhardt is spending today in Salisbury.

Mrs. M. A. Swaringen, P. L. Ketchie, Duncan, and Miss Dollie Allen left yesterday for Monroe, where they will attend the Missionary conference in the capacity of delegates from the First Methodist Church here.

Mrs. Craven, of the Parks-Belk clerical force, went to the Long Sanatorium Sunday, where she will undergo an operation for the removal of her tonsils.

The annual concert of the Woman's Club will be given at the Baptist Church Thursday, April 26, at 8 p. m. A special program will be given, and a silver offering will be taken at the door.

Mrs. Nellie Lippard has accepted a position with the Parks-Belk Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Thornburg, of Concord, and Mr. Earnest Beaver, of Ohio, were the guests Sunday of Mr. J. W. Cauthen, Mr. Beaver's mother is expected to visit friends and relatives here and in Concord in the near future.

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COMMENCEMENT AT M. P. C. I. TO BEGIN THIS YEAR ON MAY 20TH

Baccalaureate Sermon Will Be Delivered by Dr. C. J. Congware, of Charleston.—Rev. L. A. Thomas, of This City, Will Speak Before Alumni This Year.

The commencement program for M. P. C. I. has been perfected and an attractive list of speakers has been secured. Commencement exercises will begin Sunday, May 20th, when the baccalaureate sermon will be preached by the Rev. G. J. Congware, D. D., the scholarly and popular pastor of St. John's E. L. Church, Charleston, S. C. The address before the Y. M. C. A. will be delivered in the evening of the same day by the Rev. H. Brent Schoof, of Mr. Schaeffer is Secretary of the North Carolina Synod and the progressive pastor of St. Matthews E. L. Church, Kings Mountain, N. C.

On Monday, May 21 at 3:30 p. m., the Rev. Ashley Chappell, D. D., of Asheville, will deliver the Literary Address. Doctor Chappell is a recognized scholar and orator and is in demand as a commencement speaker.

Special interest attaches to the commencement exercises of 1923, because the Executive Committee will at that time make definite arrangements for the erection of a new dormitory, the first unit in the enlarged and modernized plant designed for the Institute.

And because of the size of the class to graduate. There are 230 seniors and there will be the largest graduating class that has ever gone out from M. P. C. I.

The session has been a successful one, both as regards the attendance and work done. With an enrollment of 161 representing patronage from Maryland to Florida, the Institute has been greatly handicapped on account of limited dormitory capacity. The new dormitory promised will, therefore, relieve a situation that has been an embarrassment and a hindrance to growth. It is hoped that all who have made pledges to the building fund, especially Cabarrus County folks, will make it a point to liquidate the same at an early date. The Institute can be an even greater asset to Cabarrus and Piedmont Carolina, if it is provided with the necessary equipment.

The Institute Glee Club, which has been under the direction of Rev. C. A. Linn, recently giving a most interesting programme consisting of songs, dialogues and comedy. It was the first public performance for this session and made quite a hit. Several requests have come from neighboring towns for a repetition of the performance and arrangements are being made to appear in Albemarle next week.

The usual large attendance at commencement is expected. Alumni and former students have indicated that they would be present. The speaker chosen by the Alumni for this year is the Rev. L. A. Thomas, pastor of St. James Lutheran Church, Concord, and something good, as usual, is expected from Mr. Thomas.

EIGHTEEN PRISONERS THREATENED GUARD

But They Were Repulsed, the Guard Wounding Six of Them With Buckshot.

(By the Associated Press.) St. Louis, April 27.—Eighteen prisoners armed with iron bars and clubs, who attempted to escape from the city workhouse today, were overcome by a single guard, and as a result six are at the city hospital suffering from buckshot wounds in their legs and the remainder are in solitary confinement pending investigation of the attempted dash for liberty.

With Our Advertisers. If you want Spring and Summer goods of the latest patterns and styles, and on easy terms, it will pay you to read the James H. Farley ad. in this paper.

The Cabarrus Savings Bank will be glad to give you advice as to money matters. Your account will be welcomed.

In a new ad. today C. H. Barrier & Co. tell you about some grocery specialties for Saturday.

French food today and tomorrow at the Cabarrus Cash Grocery Co.

Buck's New Perfection Binges sold at the Concord Furniture Co.

Enter your child in "Squibb's Health Baby Contest." Ad. of Pearl Drug Co. gives particulars.

H. B. Wilkinson is making special prices on mattresses for two days. Full particulars in new ad. by the Concord Furniture Co. have a systematic manner of keeping the water cold. Call at the store and see them.

Are you going to build? Then talk with John K. Patterson and Co. about insurance.

Grant Wage Increase. (By the Associated Press.) New York, April 27.—The Great Northern Paper Company, the Ontario Paper Co., and the St. Croix Paper Co. have granted union demands for a general wage increase of 5 cents an hour. It was announced here today. Union officials declared they were confident that other leading American and Canadian paper companies would grant a similar increase.

Seize Much Liquor. Highlands, N. J., April 27 (By the Associated Press.)—Const guardsmen today seized the motor lighter Napogue with an estimated cargo of nearly 10,000 cases of liquor. The lighter was en route from the rum fleet to the New Jersey shore when captured off Sandy Hook.

At Gibson park tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 the Gibson and Kannapolis teams will play ball.

MYSTERY MAN IN BALTIMORE MAKES BUT LITTLE HEADWAY

Still Believes He Is W. G. Farnsworth, But Knows Not His Place of Residence.

Baltimore, April 26.—As mysteriously as he appeared in this city this morning, the amnesia victim from Charlotte, disappeared shortly after noon today.

Leaving the train at Baltimore, W. G. Farnsworth, the name he uses now, went to the hotel Belvedere. Leaving his baggage, which consisted simply of a traveling bag, there, he went to the hotel Emerson. Here he spent several hours going over the register for several years back. Farnsworth explained that he could recognize no hand writing, although he could not recall his name.

After going through the entire register, he picked out three names, U. E. Anderson, Frank W. Campbell, and W. J. Bagby, all of Philadelphia. Writing the name "W. G. Farnsworth" at the top of a sheet of paper, the amnesia victim then wrote the three names below it. Comparing his writing with the writing on the register, he pointed out to a little group of men who were aiding him discrepancies which proved that he had not written the originals.

Farnsworth is wearing a Masonic charm but does not recognize Masonic symbols when they are placed before him. Several of the men, however, also of the same order, took an active part in trying to help Farnsworth for fraternal reasons. It was one of these who suggested that he mention some name which he remembered. After a little thought Farnsworth mentioned the name of Silas Huntington Carpenter, whom he said was chief of police of Montreal, Canada. Police headquarters were called at once and a long distance call to Montreal revealed the fact that in 1918. He has a son living in Edmonton, Alberta, and efforts are being made to locate this son in the belief that he may shed some light on the mystery.

Refusing a room at the Emerson the "Mystery Man" left about noon today. He has not been seen since. Baggage which he left at the Belvedere vanished into thin air, none of the employees there being able to identify a picture of Farnsworth as any one they had seen there today.

The "Mystery Man" who was found suffering from amnesia near Columbia, S. C., last week arrived in Baltimore today from Charlotte, N. C., where he had been in a hospital since last Friday.

He was still uncertain of his place of residence, but believed that one of the clerks at the Hotel Emerson, where he remembered having stopped sometime ago, would be able to recognize him and make his identification certain. He denied, however, that he has \$100,000 deposited in a local bank.

When he left the train at Union station, he refused to talk to reporters who met him, declaring that he had been hounded by too many people for the last few days and that he would have to rest before he could make a statement.

"I'm nearly wild," he said, "and I want to rest. If you don't leave me alone now, I'll hit you with this stick."

He wrote a telegram to friends in Charlotte, notifying them of his arrival and saying that he was going to a hotel here, signing his name "Walter Farnsworth."

When a photographer snapped his picture as he was waiting for a car to take him down town, he raised a heavy cane and attempted to hit the man.

THINKS LEAGUE COULD SETTLE RUHR TROUBLE

Lord Robert Cecil Says Time Is Ripe For Question to Be Put to League.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, April 27.—Ending his tour of America, Lord Robert Cecil, league of nations champion, today expressed before an audience here a wish that some great power would ask the league to intervene in the Ruhr.

He declared the time is ripe for the league to take up discussion of the Ruhr situation, the reparations question involved and the demands of France that her safety be definitely and specifically guaranteed by the other major powers.

London Given Shock, Lizzie Isn't Scotch.

London April 26.—Those who have been happy in the belief that the Duke of York is marrying a Scotch girl received something of a shock today when they read in the Daily Express a statement by Arthur C. Fox-Davies, the distinguished genealogist, that Lady Elizabeth is not Scotch, but English. Mr. Fox-Davies traces the new duchess' ancestry back to the first Duke of York who was born in 1341 and from whom the present duke of York is descended.

American Held by Chinese Robbers. Hong Kong, April 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—H. C. Rowson, a member of the staff of the British-American Tobacco Company, has been captured by robbers at Moit, north of the port of Pakhoi, in the southwest of Kwangtung province, and is held for \$30,000 ransom, according to presentations made by the company to the British consular authorities today.

South May Get New Man on the Federal Reserve Board Next Week

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, April 27.—The resignation of John R. Mitchell, of St. Paul, from the Federal Reserve Board, was presented to President Harding today by Secretary Mellon.

The resignation of Mr. Mitchell, which was due to a desire to return to private business created a second vacancy on the board, the place held by

SEVENTEEN PERSONS IN NEW YORK DIE WHEN HOMES ARE BURNED

All of the Fire Victims Lived in Five-Story Brick Tenement, and They Occupied the Top Floor.

Twenty persons were injured, and firemen made spectacular rescues of many of the 200 living in the building.

Seven of the dead were members of the family of David Mendelbaum, a painter who had planned to move today to a little farm upstate which he recently purchased. They were Mrs. Mendelbaum and her children, whose ages ranged from one to sixteen years.

The other dead were Aaron Kuxis, his wife, their daughter Bertha, aged 21, their son David, 18, and a relative of Mrs. Isaac Brownstein, who was visiting them.

PROMINENT HAMLET IN HIS ROOM FOUND DEAD IN HIS ROOM

Believed to Have Been Killed by Accidental Discharge of Revolver During Night.

Hamlet, April 26.—Henry Rowan, a prominent citizen of this place, was found dead in his room at the home of his brother, T. H. Rowan, this morning. Many theories have been advanced as to the cause of the death of the deceased, but it is thought that it was the result of an accident.

Mr. Rowan was of a nervous temperament and often walked about in his sleep. It is thought by those most intimate with him that his death was caused by the accidental discharge of a revolver while in one of his nervous states.

He was in good health and in perfect state of mind when he retired last night. No possible cause for suicide has yet been revealed.

The deceased was one of Hamlet's leading business men. He came here from Carthage when the town was in its infancy. He was connected with the Hamlet Grocery company, wholesalers in the position of manager, and was one of the largest stockholders in this concern. He was an active business man and had interests in several of the business houses here.

The deceased was unmarried, and is survived by his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Rowan, of Carthage, and one sister, Miss Lettie Rowan, who resides with her father. Four brothers, T. H. Rowan, of this city; Rev. J. C. Rowan, of Concord; Rev. C. H. Rowan, of Paw Creek, and Carl Rowan, of Carthage, also survive. Funeral arrangements have not been made.

BAPTISTS STUDENTS ARE HOLDING ANNUAL MEETING

Students from Schools in the Eastern States Attending Greensboro Conference.

(By the Associated Press.) Greensboro, April 27.—With Baptist students from schools and colleges in every section of North and South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia, the Southern Baptist Students' Conference for the eastern states opened at the First Baptist Church this city at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The sessions of the conference will end Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock when Dr. L. S. Scarborough, of Fort Worth, Texas, General Director of the \$75,000,000 campaign, will speak on "Facing Life's Challenges."

Delegates to the conference represent upwards of 10,000 Baptist students in schools and colleges of that denomination and in other educational institutions in Eastern states. A feature of the first session was an address by Dr. Chas. E. Madry, secretary of missions for the state of North Carolina, who outlined the purpose of the inter-board commission on student religious activity of the southern Baptist Convention when he spoke on "Our Southern Baptist Student

Man Ganged in Georgia. Lafayette, Ga., April 27.—George Baker was hanged here today for the murder of Deputy Sheriff J. W. Morton at Durham, in this county, in March of last year.

the late Milo D. Campbell "the dirt farmer member" having not yet been filled. The President is expected to announce appointments to both vacancies early next week.

The place made vacant by Mr. Mitchell's resignation, it was said today, would be filled by a representative of the South, which now has no representation on the board.