

RALPH SAFRIT HELD IN JAIL HERE FOR AN ALLEGED ATTACK

Admits That He Seized Girl, His Cousin, But Did So Only to Play a Joke on Her.

CONCEALED SELF BY LONE PATH

Leaped Out and Seized the Girl as She Passed.—Bloodhounds Used by Officers in Hunt.

On complaint that he attacked a white girl, member of a prominent Cabarrus family, yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock, Ralph Safrif, young white man, was lodged in the county jail here. It was stated at the court house this morning that specific charges have not yet been lodged against Safrif pending further investigation by county officers.

According to the report brought to Sheriff Caldwell, who arrested Safrif, the attack was made near the Cruise schoolhouse where the girl attends school. Safrif, it is said, concealed himself in a patch of pine trees which skirt a lonesome path which the girl is accustomed to use on her way to and from school, and when she passed leaped into the path, encircled her waist with one hand and closed her mouth with the other.

The girl was so badly frightened she did not recognize the man, she told the officers, but did know that it was a white hand which closed her mouth. She also told the officers that the man wore a red striped sweater and light colored pants. She managed to break away, she said, and reach the home of friends, where she told of the alleged attack.

It was by means of the sweater and pants that Safrif was suspected, Sheriff Caldwell stated. The officer was advised that Safrif, wearing such clothing, had been at the school during the day, and had been seen there a short time before the alleged attack. Bloodhounds, secured at Rockwell, and placed on the trail, tracked Safrif to the home of his grandfather, Martin Safrif, where he was arrested.

When seen by a news reporter in the county jail this morning, young Safrif, who is 25 years of age, freely discussed the matter. He said he saw the girl, who is his cousin, coming along the path, so he decided to frighten her, not realizing the serious results that might ensue. He did not mean to attack her, he insisted, and stated further that he made no attempt to hold her when she started twisting and fighting in his arms. He had started to the home of his grandfather when he saw the girl, so he just went on there. He admitted that he was the man sought shortly after he was arrested, Sheriff Caldwell stated.

When reports of the attack were circulated in the Rimer neighborhood, where is located the Cruise school, and where Safrif and the girl live, a number of persons joined in the hunt, it is said. Some went to Rockwell for the bloodhounds, while others assisted Sheriff Caldwell in his search for the man.

Sheriff Caldwell stated this morning that he planned a fuller inquiry during the day and would probably prefer specific charges after the inquiry.

Safrif is a son of John Safrif, well known merchant and farmer. He is not attending school now, he said, because of his age. He was a student formerly at the Cruise school, and went there yesterday to see friends.

When seen in the county jail this morning Safrif seemed calm at first. When asked if he did not realize the seriousness of the charge against him, he replied that he had done nothing except "try to play a joke." After talking to a reporter a few minutes he seemed a little more nervous. He was still wearing a red striped sweater and light colored pants.

While the girl was said to have been so badly frightened that she could not talk coherently when she first told of the alleged attack, she became calmer during the afternoon. Officers planned to question her again during the afternoon.

Says Alleged Slayers Have Confessed. Millsville, Ga., March 25.—(AP)—Floyd McClelland, of Brockton, N. Y., under sentence of electrocution here today, and Ted Coggeshall, of Clayton, Ill., for the murder of Prof. W. C. Wright, superintendent of Putnam county schools, has confessed to the murder, Warden B. H. Dunaway, of the State prison, was told today by a Macon social worker.

By Request of a Great Many People We Are Calling Back "The Royle Girl" FOR FRIDAY ONLY

This Is a Wonderful Picture and it will be Your Last Time to see it.

STAR THEATRE FRIDAY

Yep, It's Him!



Says Julius Dellinger Is Man Who Thinks He Is Ross, Long Hunted

GOVERNOR McLEAN NOT SPONSORING DIRT DEALS

Is Not Interested in Wild Acres or Any Other Real Estate Development.

Raleigh Bureau of The Tribune. Raleigh, March 25.—Questioned yesterday evening concerning rumors that he was in some way connected with the Wild Acres development near Little Switzerland, Governor A. W. McLean denied emphatically that he had "gone into the real estate business" or that he had any interest, financial or otherwise, with that or any other enterprise.

The rumors evidently arose from the publication in an advertisement of the names of an advisory committee of the Wild Acres project, of which Governor McLean's name was first.

He had consented to having his name used as a member of an advisory committee when approached by Thomas Dixon, the creator of Wild Acres, the governor explained, but only after he had been assured that the committee was to foster the development of an arts club and was for civic purposes only.

The governor is inclined to believe that the advertisement from which the erroneous impression was gained was written without the sanction of Dr. Dixon, and made public a telegram he received from him even before the advertisement had been called to his attention.

"Shocked to discover the use made of our advisory board in advertising in the Ohio city, announced his intention after he had lost a court effort to save 1,500 cases of pre-war whiskey. The circuit court of appeals ordered it destroyed. "Penitentiary life wasn't so bad," Remus said. "You see, I could send out for most anything I wanted, and I really my bill for the eighteen months I put in amounted to \$17,000. I gave many parties there."

Remus maintained that his wife had possession of most of his money, and said that when his divorce hearing comes up in Indianapolis May 6th he would ask the court to order returned his property.

SOCIAL SERVICE WORKERS GATHER IN GREENSBORO

Group Meetings Featured Opening Session of Meeting This Morning.

Greensboro, March 25.—(AP)—With approximately 200 social workers and individuals who are interested in bettering conditions socially in North Carolina, gathered for the 14th annual meeting of the North Carolina Conference for Social Service got underway here this morning with six group meetings held at 9:30 o'clock. The six groups which make up the conference are: Travelers Aid Societies; Family Welfare Societies; Recreation Organizations; Child Welfare Agencies; Juvenile Court Workers, and the Anti-Criminal Punishment League.

Agree on Holidays for State Officers. Raleigh Bureau of The Tribune.

Raleigh, March 25.—Holidays recognized by the salary and wage commission will be observed by all state employees and regular office hours kept on all other legal holidays, heads of state departments decided in a meeting with the salary and wage commission here Wednesday afternoon. The decision was unanimous.

In its report, presented to and approved by the governor last fall, observance of seven of the twelve holidays recognized in the state was recommended by the commission and that recommendation became a part of the regulations for the conduct of state offices.

Washington's birthday was one of the holidays not to be observed. On February 22nd last, a few of the departments closed their offices for all or part of the day, but, in general, usual office hours were observed throughout the state department.

In order to make holiday observance uniform in all departments, the matter was presented to the department heads by the commission and left to them to decide what should be made the general practice. Without a dissenting voice, they decided to abide by the commission's regulations hereafter.

Only routine matters were taken up by the commission in addition to the question of holidays. Some 100 applications for advancements were considered, of which approximately 25 per cent were approved, 50 per cent, turned down and the remainder continued pending further investigation.

Spring Opening and Easter Drive at Parks-Bell Co. The Big Before Easter and Spring Opening at the Parks-Bell Co. begins Friday morning, March 26. Every department in this big store will be loaded with specials. Never before has there been such a display of low-price fashions as will greet your eye for Easter buying. Everything for Easter and after, in clothes for sports, daytime and festive occasions—accessories of every description.

In both The Tribune and Times today you will find four pages of reading that will sound good to you inasmuch as it points the way to wonderful selections and bargains.

In Article Today Asheville Times Gives Story Secured by Reporter From Gastonia Carpenter.

LONG THOUGHT HE WAS ROSS

Man Is Quoted as Saying He Had Felt For Many Years That He Is Person Lost in Year 1874.

Asheville, March 25.—(AP)—The Asheville Times in a copyrighted story today declares that Julius Cole Dellinger, Gaston county carpenter, is the man who believes almost to a certainty that he is Charlie Ross, son of a Philadelphia millionaire, missing since 1874.

In an interview with Robert Bunnell, Times reporter yesterday, Mr. Dellinger revealed himself as the man who confronted more than forty years ago with information that his real name was not Dellinger, had spent the greater part of his time since in tracing down his real identity, with the result that today he has a large batch of papers which undoubtedly will give him a hearing on his claim of being the real Charlie Ross, sought for fifty years by relatives.

Mr. Dellinger declares he has spent a fortune in tracing down his ancestry, and has a picture of himself when a baby which he hopes will establish his claim finally when compared with photographs in possession of the Ross family.

His earliest investigations, he said, seem to point to the fact that his father was L. D. Dellinger, a Statesville man now dead, and whose body is buried in Asheville. He adopted that name. Within the past few months, however, he declares he has discovered that the son of L. D. Dellinger, who was abducted about the same time as Charlie Ross, had committed suicide and that his body is buried in Birmingham, Ala. He produced affidavits which corroborated his statement.

The rest of Mr. Dellinger's story reads like a novel, but with inescapable logic which he presents in the form of signed statements, photographs and affidavits. For the past five years, he declared, he has written an average of one hundred letters a week in an effort to find out who he is, with the result he has been able to trace his history back to the time he was brought to Gastonia, S. C., as a child by a man who called himself J. H. McCale, and a woman supposed to have been McHale's wife, whose maiden name was Mary Jane Catbarr. That was a year after Charlie Ross had been kidnapped in the East on July 1, 1874.

His earliest recollection, says Mr. Dellinger, is of a large white two-story house surrounded by a high iron fence. He must have been a child of not more than two or three years then, he said. There were lights in the distance, he remembers, and a little creek that ran near his home. The description, it is declared by those who followed the case, coincides with the location of the Ross home in Germantown, Pa.

JUDGE LANE IMPOSES UNUSUAL SENTENCE

Suspended Road Term is Hung Over Head of Husband Who Beat His Wife.

Winston-Salem, March 24.—The first sentence of the kind ever imposed in Forsyth Superior Court by Judge Lane. After Frank Austin, charged with an assault on his wife, with a suspended road sentence of six months, Judge Lane added a provision that Austin must remain sober and not assault his wife at any time during his life, else the road term will become effective. Defendant accepted this judgment.

Judge Lane is regarded pretty severe on auto thieves. Will Bullis and Charlie Reagan, convicted of this offense, were each given terms of five years at hard labor in the State prison.

An order setting Thursday morning at 8 o'clock as the time for the hearing of a motion to set aside the verdict rendered in the Superior Court here in 1925, in the case of Cala N. Ellis, was signed by Judge Lane. The motion to set aside the verdict was made by attorney for defendant and plaintiff. It will be heard before Judge T. D. Bryson, presiding over a term of the Guilford County Superior Court, in Greensboro.

Start Work Soon on New Yadkin Bridge. Albemarle, March 24.—A force of the Atlantic Bridge Company is now on the grounds and is making rapid preparations to begin the actual construction work of the steel bridge across the Yadkin at Stokes Ferry, about ten miles north of Albemarle. A contract for the construction of this bridge was given to the company several weeks ago.

R. L. Smith, one of the owners of this bridge, stated today that the bridge was to be completed and ready for traffic by July 1st. The bridge will be privately owned and therefore will charge toll but it will serve a large territory and will furnish a short route between important towns.

With Our Advertisers.

See the new complete line of low priced metal cabinet refrigerators at only \$245. For sale here by the Standard Buick Company. Display room at 47 South Union street. Phone 875 or 363.

The White Auto Co. is having a big sale of used cars at bargain prices. They are determined to sell out the entire stock in a few days. See ad., or page five.

The Cabarrus County B. L. & S. Association will help you finance a deal to buy a home. Get ready by taking some shares in Series No. 57 now open. All stock is non-taxable.

Jim Ballard Saved From Electric Chair. Raleigh, March 25.—(AP)—Jim Ballard, negro, today was saved from death by electrocution, a fate which awaited him tomorrow morning. Governor McLean commuted the sentence to life imprisonment today shortly before 1 o'clock. Commutation is based on the ground of insanity without regard to the degree of guilt.

When Ice Jam Swept Bridge Away



Thousands of tons of ice borne downstream by the flooded Alleghany river at Franklin, Pa., exerted such tremendous pressure that a steel bridge was broken in half and part of it swept away. The picture shows two spans of the bridge lodged, upright, in set upright by the pressure.

SCHOOL PEOPLE TO BE GUESTS AT EXPOSITION

Details Will Be Given to Public at an Early Date.

Raleigh Bureau of The Tribune. Raleigh, March 25.—The North Carolina boy or girls of high school age who most conspicuously embody the highest ideals of American youth and the woman school teacher who has accomplished the greatest good for the pupils of the state will be the guests of the Sesqui-centennial International Exposition at the exposition in Philadelphia the week of June 28th to July 6th, according to announcement made by Governor A. W. McLean yesterday evening.

Word to that effect was received by him only yesterday from W. Freedom Kendrick, mayor of Philadelphia, and president of the exposition. The honored teacher and boy or girl will have a place of honor on July 4th at the 150th anniversary observance of American independence, when President Coolidge will be the orator of the day. Each state in the Union is invited to select a representative.

Governor McLean is asked to serve as honorary chairman of the State committee of award which will select the teacher to be honored and supervise the selection of the boy or girl. The actual choice of the latter, however, will be left in the hands of the youth of their own age, according to the plans of the award.

MORE JUDGMENTS IN CASES FOR USURY

Accused Men Let Off With Fines But Must Show How For Law.

Winston-Salem, March 24.—Further judgments against defendants charged with usury were entered by Judge Efrid, presiding over the municipal court today. The judgments were in cases of J. R. Drew and J. R. Tolley, indicted jointly in two cases, and J. T. Nichols, indicted under two charges, each of usury. Drew and Tolley, in the first case, were each fined \$50 and the costs. In the other two cases against these defendants they were taxed with the costs and prayer for judgment was continued that the defendants not lend any money on household goods in violation of the law. Each of the defendants consented to this judgment and under it they will be allowed to continue their business.

FATHER OF CONDEMNED MAN PRAISES HIM AS HE SETS IN THE ELECTRIC CHAIR

Millsville, March 25.—(AP)—Ted L. Coggeshall of Clayton, Ill., and Floyd McClelland, of Brockton, N. Y., were electrocuted here today for the murder of a year ago of Prof. W. C. Wright, superintendent of Putnam county schools. McClelland went to his death at 12:39 p. m., eastern time. Coggeshall's aged father and brother, Sam, entered the death chamber a few moments before the condemned youth, and quietly took their seats after being searched.

As Coggeshall was being strapped in after he had calmly lit a cigarette, his father stood before him and grasped his hand and a smile that seemed to be of pride illuminated his face.

"Look at him, gentlemen," he said. "He is as clean and innocent as the day he was born."

Coggeshall looked him squarely in the eye, but did not reply and his father continued: "You were a good boy, and the future will show it. You have been a good boy all your life, and I am proud that you are dying like a man. Coggeshall's voice was as clear as a bell as he calmly replied, "Good-bye dad."

The two died with denials of guilt on their lips, although earlier in the day it had been announced by Warden D. H. Dunaway, of the State prison, that McClelland had confessed to a Macon social worker.

Want Steek Sented.

Washington, March 25.—(AP)—A majority of the senate elections committee voted today to recommend the unseating of Senator Brookhart, republican, in favor of Daniel F. Steek, democrat.

Every Easter morning the old town of Winchelea elects its mayor. A water-buff, having a silver car as his badge of office, is also still appointed, although the sea has retired several miles from the town.

CASES AGAINST HILLSBORO OFFICERS ULLE PROSSED

News of Interest to Auto Drivers Throughout the State.

Raleigh Bureau of The Tribune. Raleigh, March 25.—Governor McLean was notified yesterday that the case against S. D. Eubanks, Orange county justice of the peace, against whom many complaints had been registered by tourists, had been registered by Solicitor L. P. McLendon after the former justice had agreed to resign and return \$95 of county funds which he is alleged to have misappropriated. A similar case against his son, A. H. Eubanks, constable, also has been nolle.

According to complaints registered by irate motorists, the son, in his role of constable, would stop drivers on traffic charges and take a deposit for their appearance in court at some later day. This deposit is said not to have been treated as a bond, but was used to pay fines and "costs" assessed by the father, as justice of the peace, when the offenders would fail to appear for trial and a judgment of "guilty" had been entered.

The governor has received a number of letters from persons residing out of the state, complaining of the treatment they were accorded in Orange county while driving across the state. He had no comment to make yesterday on the disposal of the case.

Special North Carolina Number.

Raleigh Bureau of The Tribune. Raleigh, March 25.—The May issue of the National Geographic magazine will be in the nature of a special information received yesterday by Governor McLean. The principal article was prepared by a staff representative of the magazine, who spent some time in the state last fall and winter, calling upon the governor for suggestions during his stay. The article will be plentifully illustrated with photographs of scenes in all sections of the state.

Oil Fields Partially Burned.

Long Beach, Calif., March 25.—(AP)—Fire early today ate its way through the northwest extension of Signal Hill oil field near here, totally destroying two derricks and four oil tanks, and enveloping in flames three other rigs. The damage at 4 a. m. was estimated at a quarter of a million dollars.

Coal Legislation Hearing Next Week.

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To Take Up Case Tuesday.

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Will Try New York-Paris Flight.

Paris, March 25.—(AP)—Capt. Rene Fomok, France's foremost ace of the world war, announced today that he would attempt a non-stop flight from New York to Paris in May. He said he would sail for New York at the end of April.

SAT'S BEAR SAYS!

Showers tonight, colder in west portion; Friday partly cloudy and colder, showers on coast. Fresh southwest shifting to northwest winds.

TREASURY GETTING AS MUCH CASH AS IT GOT LAST YEAR

Income Tax Payments For the First Quarter Almost as Big as Those of Last Year.

MELLON CHANGES HIS PREDICTIONS

Treasury Department Already Has Received More Than He Predicted for the Month.

Washington, March 25.—(AP)—Income tax collections for the first quarter under the new revenue law are now expected to reach \$435,000,000, or within six millions dollars of collections a year ago under the higher rates.

This total, predicted today at the Treasury, exceeds by \$35,000,000 the first estimate of Secretary Mellon on the collections for this quarter.

These figures take into account only the income tax collections, but considerable reductions are expected in the miscellaneous tax collections, since the new law repealed many of these levies.

The increased returns, despite the lower rates, was attributed by Secretary Mellon today to the large profits last year, and to the stimulation in business which he believes resulted from the anticipation of tax reductions.

ADD \$300,000 TO DAVIDSON FUNDS

Announcement Made of Raising \$125,000 to Match Offer of Board. Davidson, March 24.—Announcement was made today by F. L. Jackson, treasurer of Davidson College, that \$125,000 has recently been raised for the endowment fund of Davidson, to match the offer of \$75,000 made by the General Education Board of New York if Davidson would raise the \$125,000 by March 15. It was stated that this amount was raised with the assistance of \$70,000 which was not included in the campaign of several years ago.

In launching the \$300,000 campaign of several years ago Davidson College had the two-fold purpose of increasing its endowment and the building equipment. First efforts were turned toward the erection of a third of New Chambers building, and with its completion the officials turned to the endowment fund. Since the designated amount has been raised for the endowment, the college will now focus its efforts on the raising of money to complete the remaining two-thirds of Chambers building.

The present wing of the new building cost approximately \$200,000 and it is estimated that to complete it will entail a cost of \$400,000. The original amount planned to be used on the building was \$400,000, but the plans were enlarged, and when completed the building will be valued at approximately \$600,000.

In the 25 years the endowment of Davidson College has grown from \$250,000 to \$800,000; the building equipment has jumped from a value of \$250,000 to \$900,000; the budget of the college has been enlarged from \$35,000 to \$200,000, and the enrollment of the students has increased from 300 to 600 students.

More Than 80 Dead in River Disaster.

Rio Janeiro, March 24.—Eighty passengers, the captain and the first and second engineers of the Brazilian river steamer Paes De Carvalho perished when the steamer sank in the Solimoes River, one of the upper forks of the Amazon, near Manaus, according to dispatches received here today. The disaster was caused by an explosion which occurred on the steamer.

Seventy-eight passengers and several members of the crew were rescued.

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