

Their Crime Stirs Nation

STATE'S ATTORNEY



Left to Right
NATHAN LEOPOLD JR.
ROBERT FRANK
and
RICHARD LOEB

ROBERT FRANK

Nathan Leopold, Jr., son of a Chicago millionaire, and Richard Loeb, son of the millionaire vice-president of Sears, Roebuck & Co., have confessed to the kidnapping and murder of 13-year-old Robert Frank as an "experience." The Chicago police are now investigating to learn if the youths are responsible for other unsolved crimes during recent months. Both are 19 years old.

EXPLOSION TAKES A FRIGHTFUL TOLL

TEN TO TWENTY MEN INJURED AS RESULT OF TERRIBLE BLAST

Three Officers and Forty Three Men of the U. S. S. Mississippi Reported to Have Been Killed.

San Pedro, June 12.—(By The Associated Press)—Three officers and forty-three enlisted men are dead, and between 10 to 20 injured and burned in the Mississippi explosion, according to official information given the Associated Press by the naval patrol station in this port.

The mine sweeper Brent and Kingfisher were ordered to stand by for transfer of the dead to the hospital ship Relief.

Four powder bags containing 540 pounds of explosive each were inside the rifle turret, according to one of the surviving sailors in the handling room above, where several were also killed.

Of the injured, several sailors in the passage spaces and handling room above the turret were terribly burned by gas and from the explosion.

Turret Explodes

The men were killed when turret Number Two on the battleship Mississippi blew up while the dreadnaught was in firing practice on the San Clemente drill grounds off here.

The explosion occurred early in the afternoon. The dreadnaught immediately after the explosion wirelessly the navy hospital ship Relief, in the harbor here, and it proceeded full speed, making a record run for the 45 miles between the harbor and drill grounds.

The hospital ship immediately proceeded from its berth to meet the dreadnaught and the meeting was effected just inside the breakwater. As the transfer of stretcher cases started, a second violent explosion occurred when a 14-inch shell discharged, the projectile narrowly missing the coastwise passenger liner Yale at the harbor entrance.

Within a few minutes after the dreadnaught came to anchor twenty stretcher cases were transferred by small boats to the hospital ship.

Details were lacking as the stricken war craft speeded shoreward and watchers at the Point Firmin signal station here reported that masses clustered about the turret showed that it had been blown away.

The explosion, according to one of the Mississippi's officers, was due to hang-fire in one of three guns in the turret.

The explosion of the 14-inch shell in the harbor here was due to striking of the projectile on the turret. The projectile hurled after the steamer Yale which was on its way to San Francisco, and fell in the sea beyond. No one was injured by this second explosion.

The officers killed were: Ensign McCray, of the U. S. S. New Mexico, an observer.

Ensign Erwin and Lieutenant Neeller, of the Mississippi.

A "flare-back" from one of the 14 inch rifles in the turret ignited the powder supply which practically wiped out of existence the entire crew of the turret room and also killed several men in the upper handling room.

The Mississippi was off shore today participating in firing practice with other vessels of the Pacific fleet and at 3:30 p. m. was coming inside the breakwater of the harbor at high speed, rushing to meet the hospital ship Relief, which was steaming toward the Mississippi at full speed.

With details of the tragedy lacking until the Mississippi arrived in San Pedro, a demolished forward turret on the battleship, plainly visible with glasses as the battleship speeded toward the harbor, told the story of what is believed to have been a serious disaster.

The prow of the battleship was black with sailors. The men were gathered around Turret Number 2. The complement for each of the forward turrets is 35 men.

COMMENT OF TEACHERS.

(Selected)

We read and hear a great deal as to how the schools should be administered. In every other realm of human endeavor, the one who follows the business is supposed know remedies and requirements. If a man desires to build a residence worthy of the name he consults architects and carpenters. If he loses his health he obtains counsel from a doctor. If he needs legal advice he sees a lawyer. But all the wisdom of the ages as to education is invested in "the laymen", who range in calling from the "butcher and baker and the candle-stick maker" to the merchant princes, bankers, and railroad presidents.

With all the many years of my experience, as a teacher, I would not presume to tell a carpenter how to build a house, for I am not a carpenter. Neither would I dictate how an engineer should handle a train, for I am not an engineer. It would be effrontery on my part to enter a hospital and try to direct an operation, because I can prove an alibi as to being a surgeon. By the same token, it would be rank impertinence for me to advise a lawyer how to conduct an important legal case. But strange to say anybody can advise a teacher. All these other business folks are past masters in discipline, in the methods of instruction, in the adoption of textbooks, in athletics, and in all the various departments of education, and the teacher is accused of having a "bad case of 'big head'" if he dares disagree with any statement made by any one. It is a plain case of brazen effrontery if he offers a suggestion as to school legislation, and he must dare have the temerity to desire a living salary.

He must dress well, but must not have a salary commensurate to replenishing his wardrobe; he must pay Delmonico rates for board with no available sinews of war; and yet he must hear discoursed from the bandwagon that he is favored above the sons of men. A doctor can look you over, tell you to work more and eat less, charge you \$25, and look like he didn't charge you half enough. A lawyer can scribble something that would require a Daniel to decipher, and charge you \$50 for "knowing how." A president of a big business concern that controls millions is jealous of the measly \$1000.00 a year of the "overpaid" teacher. All these people can criticize the teacher, dictate his policy, and deplore the waste of public money. Don't think that I am fighting the worthy doctors, lawyers and business men. They are noble callings and indispensable to progress and civilization, but the teacher is criticized by people who know nothing about the calling and is sometimes classed with the lame and the lazy.

A late season and unfavorable weather conditions make it necessary

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S. B. Pierce of Halifax County has found that Abruzzi rye has given three times as much grazing as the common southern rye and now has a fair crop of grain despite hogs being on it all winter, reports county agent W. O. Davis.

The Judge's Josh

ED PURDY'S SON WHO IS BACK HOME FROM COLLEGE IS HOLDIN' GLEE CLUB SONG REHEARSALS IN HIS CELLAR!



POWELL-STROUD

The home of Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Brummitt was the scene of a lovely marriage on Wednesday at high noon when their niece, Miss Gladys Stroud, daughter of Mrs. Melissa B. Stroud became the bride of Mr. James R. Powell of Wilmington.

The attractive colonial home was artistically decorated with lilies, sweet peas and Dorothy Perkin's roses, baskets of each being effectively arranged. An improvised altar was arranged before which the ceremony was performed by Rev. J. D. Harte, pastor of the first Baptist Church. Miss Estelle Fleming of Hester rendered the music. Mr. Nelson J. Miles of Mebane, sang "At Dawning" before the ceremony. During the ceremony Miss Fleming played "To A Wild Rose" by McDowell. The maid of honor was Miss Josephine Powell of Clinton, sister of the groom. She was gowned in gray georgette and carried an arm bouquet of pink rose buds and sweet peas.

The bridesmaids were Misses Ruby Pearce and Vera Rogers of Roxboro, robed in peach and orchid georgette with cream lace trimmings, and carried arm bouquets of vari-colored sweet peas. The groom was attended by George L. Winchester of Raleigh as best man.

The bride attractively attired in a blue suit with gray accessories and carrying a shower bouquet of brides roses and valley lilies entered with Mr. Brummitt, her uncle, by whom she was given in marriage. She has rare charm and dignity of manner, a graduate of Oxford College and a talented musician. For the past two years she has taught music in Person County, Allensville High School. The groom is with the Agricultural Training Veteran Bureau at Wilmington, having seen two years of active service in France during the World War. He is a graduate of A & E. College and a young man of fine qualities. Immediately following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Brummitt served a buffet luncheon to the bridal party, after which Mr. and Mrs. Powell left by auto for the western part of the state to spend their honeymoon. They will be at home in Wilmington.

Those present from out of town were: Mrs. Roderick Siderery, Scotts Hill, Misses Evelyn Ray, Pittsboro; Ruby Pearce and Vera Rogers, Roxboro; Estelle Fleming, Hester; Josephine Powell and Messrs Paul Powell, Clinton; Nelson J. Miles, Mebane and G. L. Winchester, Raleigh.

Ruby Pearce,

RADIO HINTS

When you buy a phone plug be sure that the insulating piece which insulates the tip from the sleeve is in good condition. If it is cracked or broken you will get a short circuit and your set is useless.

Any storage battery that has a solution which after charge will not give a hydrometer reading of more than 1.200 should be taken to a storage battery service station and a new solution obtained.

Narrow solder the wires on a moulded socket unless you are positive it is made of bakelite. Composition will melt as soon as the heat

of a soldering iron is brought near it.

Be sure to wire your meters properly. A voltmeter should be placed in shunt or across the battery leads, while an ammeter should be placed in series or on one side of the battery only.

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dandy set with a four by four-inch panel and five-inch baseboard, carry a WD12 tube. Use an ordinary spider web coil to save space and a tiny tube socket with a triple 0-2 small condenser.

When tightening the connector posts on a transformer, after the wires have been fastened to it never force them tight as by doing connections on the inside which can so you are liable to loosen the screw not easily be remedied.