

Sykes Now On Way Here

Affectionate Meeting Between Mother and Son at Raleigh-Hotel Monday Morning.

(By The Associated Press.)
Raleigh, July 16.—John D. Sykes, Jr., former city collection teller of the First and Citizens National Bank of Elizabeth City, arrested two weeks ago in Montana on a charge of embezzling about \$25,000 of the bank's funds, today was released on \$10,000 bond furnished by friends in Elizabeth City.

Young Sykes was brought back to North Carolina by two Montana officers arriving here late Friday afternoon.

As soon as Sykes was released from jail he hastened to a local hotel to see his mother who was waiting for him. It was an affectionate meeting between mother and son. Neither desired to talk to a reporter declaring they would like to be left alone.

It is understood that Sykes accompanied by his mother and a few friends will leave for Elizabeth City this afternoon.

Sykes' surety for his appearance at the October term of Federal Court in Elizabeth City for trial reached Raleigh yesterday but assistant district attorney Briggs did not authorize the release of the prisoner until he had time to examine the document this morning. The bond was signed by eight prominent citizens who qualified with a total of \$42,000.

Yachts Tested in Sail to Mackinac

Longest Fresh Water Race in the World Begins on Great Lakes, July 21

Chicago, July 16.—Yacht racing honors on the Great Lakes will be at stake when the starting gun booms here July 21 for the Chicago-Mackinac Island race, the longest fresh-water race in the world.

Competition this year for the Mackinac cup, the most coveted Great Lakes racing trophy, will be even more spirited than during the 19 years' history of the race, and will take on an international aspect with at least one and probably several Canadian entries.

From the break in the harbor at Chicago to the end of the 331 mile run at Mackinac Island, a course stretching almost the entire length of Lake Michigan, yachtsmen concede that the winning of this race calls for the maximum in seamanship and puts to the test a yacht's best sailing qualities.

One Canadian bottom, the flagship of the Royal Canadian Yacht Club at Toronto, has indicated it will start in the race, and others from the Dominion are expected to be on the line.

Preparations for this year's contest recalls to old yachtsmen the first Mackinac race held in 1904 when the final winner was not decided until the last few minutes of the long sail. In that race the Vencador, once defender of the Columbia Yacht Club, beat out the Vanenna by less than four minutes, the Vanenna losing out when she lost her head sails after fighting almost bow to bow with the Vencador more than half the distance up Lake Michigan. The last day's run of this race was fought out between the two yachts in wind which frequently reached gale strength.

FRANCE TO STAND EXACTLY BY TREATY

(By The Associated Press.)
Paris, July 16.—Premier Poincaré's address at Senlis yesterday was made in reiteration of France's policy and was not intended as a reply to the recent reparations speech of Prime Minister Baldwin of Great Britain. It was explained in official circles today.

The entire address with the exception of a few paragraphs was written before the British Premier spoke, it was said.

Senlis, France, July 16.—Premier Poincaré made it plain in a speech here yesterday that it is France's intention to stand for absolute execution of the treaty of Versailles, refusing to change her reparations policy.

FAR AWAY BORNEO OFFERS EASY AND CHEAP LIVING

London, July 16.—British North Borneo appears to be as near paradise as it is possible for the tax-burdened man of today to get.

No income tax is collected in the district. There is only a nominal land tax, railway fares have not been increased since 1911, tobacco is cheaper than in any other place in the world, chickens sell for a shilling apiece and whiskey for eight shillings a bottle.

Misses Lavinia Gray and Susan Midgett of Salvo are visiting Miss Ethel Pugh on Cherry street.

Two Elevated Cars Crash Into Subway

New York, July 16.—Two wooden coaches of a crowded elevated train were telescoped and crushed today, injuring seven passengers, when it crashed into the rear of an empty subway train in the Bronx. The collision occurred opposite the Interborough parking yards where the elevated and subway both travel on an overhead structure.

Boy Arrested For Trying Wreck Train

And Tension Increases in Steel and Coal Strike in Nova Scotia Today

Sydney, N. S., July 16.—Tension in the steel and coal strike area increased today when the authorities revealed that a rail had been removed on the Sydney and Louisburg railway shortly before the passage of an express and that a boy had been arrested while jamming the switch with a piece of iron at a spot nearby.

SAM WAS LEERY ABOUT GRAVE DIGGING IN DARK

Joe Harvey, colored, charged with being drunk on the streets, wanted to submit without appearing in court Monday morning, but County Prosecutor Sawyer sent a police officer after the defendant with instructions that the police take no more submissions in drunk cases, as it was the policy of the County prosecuting officer to question the defendants in all such cases as to where they got their liquor. Joe, accordingly, was brought into court and testified that he was given a couple of drinks by a stranger who came into town on an early boat or the early train from Washington, N. C.—Joe was not certain which. He was let off with a fine of \$5 and costs.

Sam Dawson, who kicked a young colored girl who stuck out her lip at him, was let off with the costs on his previous good record and on a promise to restrain himself in the future. Sam seemed to be not all there in the upper story and youngsters on his street seemed to have a habit of teasing him. While warning Sam against taking the law into his own hands again, Trial Justice Spence also served notice on the youngsters of the neighborhood that he would fine any of them in the future caught teasing Sam. Sam is a grave-digger and the court put him on notice that if he was up again for a similar offense he would be put to work in the cemetery digging graves at night. "You won't have no more trouble from me, judge," Sam assured the court.

Lonnie Heckstall and Joseph Watson, colored youths up for assault, were found guilty and fined, Lonnie in the sum of \$10 and costs, and Joseph, \$5 and costs. Joe is the negro manager of the Gaiety theater and he admitted striking Lonnie after the latter had refused to get out when ordered to do so and had knocked Joe's glasses off.

Vann D. Thomas, colored, for failure to list taxes, was required to pay and taxed with the costs.

Tells Housewives May Buy Sugar

President of National Housewives Lifts Boycott Temporarily

New York, July 16.—Housewives who took part in the recent consumer strike to force sugar prices down were advised today to lift the boycott and buy sugar with reasonable freedom for canning and other purposes in a letter from Mrs. Julian Heath, president of the National Housewives League.

CHINA TURNING TO INTENSIVE FARMING

Washington, July 16.—A remarkable development of intensive agriculture in China is shown by a special study of farming in that country, just completed by the Department of Agriculture.

China has more than 59,000,000 farmers who, with their families, comprise 80 to 90 percent of the nation's total population. Of a total area of more than 2,000,000,000 acres of land, about 212,000,000 acres are under cultivation, including 43,000,000 acres of wet lands used chiefly for rice production, and 16,000,000 acres of gardens and fruit orchards.

China ranks first among agricultural countries in the production of rice, tea, silk, soy beans and grain and second only to the United States in tobacco and possibly in wheat production also. On the average China produces more cotton for commercial use than Egypt and, including production for local use, nearly as much as British India.

MRS. CREIGHTON WITH TWO-WEEKS-OLD BABY.



Interviewed for the first time since she and her husband were arrested five weeks ago, charged with the murder of her brother, Charles Raymond Avery, 19. Mrs. Mary Frances Creighton of Newark N. J., said she had no time to think of anything else but her son, John Jr., born two weeks ago in the House of Detention, Newark, N. J., where this photograph was taken. John Creighton, her husband, with whom she is alleged to have killed young Avery by slow poisoning, is held in the county jail directly across the street.

SYKES SAYS DICE CAUSED HIS FALL

But the Tongue of the Woman in the Case Was Responsible for His Arrest, He Tells News and Observer.

(Sunday's News and Observer.)

Dice caused his downfall and the tongue of a woman led to his arrest. That is the story told by John D. Sykes, Jr., former collection teller of the First & Citizens National Bank, of Elizabeth City, who is lodged in Wake County jail pending receipt of bond in the sum of \$10,000, which has been given in Elizabeth City and mailed here. He was arrested in the wilds of Montana, after eluding Federal officers and agents of the bonding company which stood his surety for 10 months.

There is nothing new about Sykes' story, but his manner is one seldom seen in a jail. It would grace any drawing room. The confessed thief of \$25,825.94 entrusted to him by the bank, there is nothing cringing about Sykes. He looks visitors in the eye and talks to them man to man. But he is just as far from being surly or resentful.

"The newspapers have had too much to say about me already; they tried to make me out a 'two gun man,' who wanted to shoot somebody up and I won't say anything until I get in court," was Sykes' first reaction to a request for an interview.

But he soon loosened up and told his story, without any effort to gloss over the raw spots and apparently without any thought of assigning the blame for what he had done to any other person or to society in general.

Dice Would Not Behave.
Two years of gambling had made Sykes about \$4,000 short in his accounts with the bank. "Look for your money where you lost it," the shibboleth by which suckers have always been lured on to repent their losses, had been worked to the limit and the dice would not "behave" for Sykes.

He saw no way of making good his shortage. He decided to take some money, go off and try to get rich so he could come back and square up. A girl he had known in Elizabeth City was in Great Falls, Montana. Sykes took \$19,000 and joined the girl.

For 10 months everything went serenely. Sykes, who has always had a penchant for hunting and fishing, lived the kind of life he had dreamed of, and did it as the guest of the Government from which he had fled. When he first went to Montana, he lived for several months in a surplus cottage built by a crew of the Reclamation Service. The first of this year he began going after that fortune. He purchased a 37-acre ranch in the Lewis and Clarke National Forest, began to raise a crop of grain and made preparations for a silver fox farm. He contracted to buy two pairs of foxes, which were to be delivered in October for \$5,000 and hoped to get rich selling the offspring to a fur company at \$800 each.

About the first of June the girl tired and turned to her people in Elizabeth City. On June 25 Sykes volunteered to guide some tourists through the canyon, and when he returned to camp, he ran into a "fishing party," made up of Federal officers and an agent of the Fidelity & Deposit Co., of Baltimore, Sykes' bondsman.

RECORD ENTRY FOR HORSESHOE PITCHING

Cleveland, July 16.—Several hundred entrants are expected in the National Horseshoe Pitcher's Tournament to be held here August 30 to September 2, as the result of announcement of local tossers in charge of arrangements that many state and county fairs throughout the country are to hold horseshoe tournaments to determine entry in the national contest.

Harold Falor, 15-year-old boy of Akron, O., will defend his title as world's champion pitcher, he has announced.

KLANSMEN GATHER AT ASHEVILLE TODAY

Asheville, July 16.—Ku Klux Klan officials are gathering here today for their Kloneilium. Imperial Wizard Evans says there is no truth to the reports that the Imperial headquarters are to be moved here.

STRIKE ON IN PORTS OF IRISH FREE STATE

Dublin, July 16.—A strike on the docks of the Irish Free State ports was begun today. James Larkin, Irish labor leader, recently deported from the United States, apparently is directing the operations of the striking element.

DR WHITE ON VACATION

Dr. J. H. White left Monday for a vacation trip of several weeks.

Sykes had banked over \$10,000 in the Stanton Trust & Savings Co., of Great Falls, Montana, which went defunct through the Gibbons-Dempsey fight. However, his bank training stood him in good stead and he smelled a rat in time to put his money where it was safe.

When arrested Sykes was able to turn over assets worth about \$16,000 to the agent of the bonding company. He had \$5,000 in the bank, \$4,000 in bonds, a ranch that cost him \$4,000, sporting goods worth \$1,000, a note for \$500, cash amounting to \$500, a radio set costing \$300, a \$500 advance payment on his foxes and \$500 worth of food, having stored a huge supply in his mountain retreat.

No Desire to Kill.
Sykes had a dozen guns, but denied that his camp was an arsenal or that he ever had any thought of killing any one. He had as much invested in fishing tackle as he did in firearms.

Sykes showed all the earmarks of a gentleman. His first thought was of his mother and his principal desire in telling his story seemed to be to shield the girl who shared his adventures in the wilds. When he left Elizabeth City he was careful to take only money that was in his own case so there would be no suspicion fastened on anyone else.

He expressed relief, but not surprise, when told that his bond had been reduced from \$25,000 to a sum that his people could raise. His greatest show of emotion was when informed that E. F. Aydtett had been secured to represent him.

"I thought he was still district attorney and I had been thinking all the time that he would prosecute me," he said.

"I am going home and work on the farm until the trial comes off and then it will be up to the judge," is Sykes' future program.

Pasquotank Man May Share Western Fortune

J. L. Baker, Tenant Farmer, Living Near This City, May be One of Six Nephews of Californian Who Left Fifty Million Dollar Estate

LEVIATHAN CREW WERE DESERTERS

(By The Associated Press.)

Southampton, Eng., July 16.—Twenty-five members of the crew of the American steamship, Leviathan, were summoned in police court today on charges of desertion from other ships, including the Berengaria, Aquitania, Olympic, Megantic and Honeric. The prosecuting solicitor said the proceedings were not instituted to embarrass the United States but with a view to vindicating the rights of the British shipping companies to maintain discipline aboard their own vessels.

Ambassador Harvey Return To England

Definite Statement Made By State Department in Response to Question

Washington, July 16.—George Harvey will return to his post as American Ambassador at London in a few weeks, the State Department said today.

Ever since the ambassador cancelled his sailing on the Leviathan there have been reports that he might not return to England but in response to inquiries it was said today definitely that he would do so.

Premier Popular With Journalists

Stanley Baldwin Is Approachable and Courteous and Newspaper Men Like Him

London, July 16.—Stanley Baldwin, Britain's new pilot of the Ship of State, has won the admiration and goodwill of all classes by his simple, unostentatious manner and his outstanding human qualities. He is especially popular among the British and American newspaper men, who have found him approachable and unfailing courteous. He has none of the aloofness, the superior manner or severe pride of position which one is apt to associate with prime ministers.

The journalists' fondness for the premier is reciprocated by Mr. Baldwin, for he realizes that his sudden rise to fame is due in no small measure to the sympathetic attitude adopted by them toward him.

A recent banquet given by the British newspaper men in his honor, Mr. Baldwin said, "I am conscious more than ever how the creation of a reputation really is your prerogative and your prerogative alone. Whatever reputation I may have today I beg to thank you for it from the bottom of my heart."

The prime minister referred to some of the remarkable qualities attributed to him by the British and American newspapers, which he said it was impossible to live up to.

"I have noticed in my brief career in public life," said he, "that some men like the limelight and some do not. I have always found that wherever the limelight is brightest there is always a corresponding black shadow close to it, and I have hitherto been able to step into that shadow whenever the limelight was turned on. But I find now that I cannot escape it. I feel very much like a small insect under a microscope. Everything that I do or think or say is laid bare."

"I notice lately that certain persevering papers have succeeded in dragging from obscurity my father's coachman and my old nurse. I am thankful to say that the revelations they have succeeded in dragging from them are such as not to blast my career yet. I have read the most amazing things about myself, proficiency in arts to which I have never aspired, and ignorance of some things of which I thought I had some knowledge. The kindest cut of all was in the Nation, where someone said my schoolmaster told me I had no brains."

BALDWIN TO SEND U. S. COPY OF NOTE

(By The Associated Press.)

London, July 16.—Prime Minister Baldwin announced in the House of Commons today that he would communicate to the United States for its information the draft of the reply he was preparing to the German reparations note.

The statement was made in reply to a question by J. Ramsey McDonald, leader of the labor opposition.

A Pasquotank tenant farmer may be heir to a one-sixth share in a \$50,000,000 estate.

An unpretentious Perquimans County farmer may also be heir to an equal share in the same estate.

The two farmers to whom it seems possible that this good fortune may come are brothers.

One is J. L. Baker of Pasquotank, generally known throughout the County as Jack Baker. He lives at the intersection of Body Road and the Simpson Ditch road, three and one-half miles from town on C. O. Robinson's farm.

The other is Jim Baker of Perquimans, who lives in the Snow Hill section of Perquimans County.

Another of the possible heirs is Miss Louisa Baker of Gates County, near Sandy Cross, who is now a bed-ridden invalid perhaps nearly 90 years old.

According to the story current here, Jim Baker, uncle of the two Bakers now claiming a share of his estate, left Robeson County, North Carolina, 70 years ago for California and made his fortune there.

Two sons born to him in California are said recently to have died without heirs.

This leaves the California estate, the story goes here, to be divided among six nephews or nieces of the dead millionaire.

E. F. Aydtett, Elizabeth City attorney, is said to have been retained by the Bakers to see if their claim can be established. It is a current street report that he will leave Elizabeth City for California in a short time to see if he can establish the claim and get the money.

Mr. Aydtett admits that he has been working on the case for the last 60 days, but claims that as yet there are no definite developments.

J. L. Baker of Pasquotank is 53 years old. He had an uncle, Jim Baker, but does not remember him. Indeed, he does not remember his own father, who died when he was hardly more than a baby.

James B. Baker of Perquimans is 59 years old. He remembers as a boy in Gates County a visit to his father's home by Dr. Dick Baker, son of "Uncle" Jim Baker.

"The Bakers came to this country from England when trade in juniper timber between England and America was brisk. The father of J. B. Baker and J. L. Baker bought a farm in Gates County near Sandy Cross and in this both the sons own an undivided interest. The boys left Gates in early youth, coming to Perquimans ever since. J. L. Baker has lived in Pasquotank and in most of the other counties north of Albemarle Sound.

A newspaper clipping telling of the death without issue of two sons of a California millionaire by the name of Jim Baker—and of a \$50,000,000 estate which would go now to the nearest relatives—who were supposed to be somewhere in North Carolina started investigation which may disclose that the California millionaire was the same as the Jim Baker who was uncle of J. L. Baker and J. B. Baker.

"I hope you'll get your share of the estate," said an Advance reporter to J. L. Baker as he was leaving the Baker home early Monday afternoon after having declined a cordial invitation to dinner.

"Well," replied Mr. Baker, "if we are the true heirs it is only right for us to have it. If we are not, it belongs to somebody else and I don't want any of it."

TROUBLE AT MANILA IS WAXING WARMER

(By The Associated Press.)

Manila, July 16.—Political differences in the Philippines were reopened yesterday with the resignation of Secretary of Interior Laurel and waxed warmer today when, according to reports in official circles, all other departmental secretaries except Vice-Governor Gilmore notified Governor General Wood of their intention to quit.

TWENTY-TWO NAMED IN WHISKEY CASE

Chicago, July 16.—Twenty two are named in indictments returned by the Federal grand jury here today charging conspiracy to transport 1,000 cases of whiskey from the old Grand Dad Distillery at Louisville, Kentucky, in September, 1920.

COTTON MARKET

New York, July 16.—Spot cotton, closed quiet, Middling 27.55 with a 45 point decline. Futures, closing bid, July 26.79, Oct. 23.82-84, Dec. 23.27-32, Jan. 23.05-06, March 23.00-02.

New York, July 16.—Spot cotton, opened today at the following levels: July 23.00, Oct. 23.89, Dec. 23.40, Jan. 23.14, March 23.08.