

WOMAN TELLS OF AWFUL TORTURE

Was Kidnapped and Effort Made to Force Her to Divulge Information Relative to Law Suit.

Okmulgee, Okla., July 17.—A story of kidnapping and torture was told by Mrs. George Petropi of Tulsa who staggered into police headquarters here late last night.

The young woman declared that she was forced at the point of a pistol to enter an automobile on a busy street corner in Tulsa by four men and a woman, was placed aboard a train and brought to Okmulgee. Acid was applied to her arms and legs in the effort to force her to divulge information relative to a lawsuit in which her husband was involved, she said.

FARMER-LABORITE ELECTED SENATOR

St. Paul, Minn., July 17.—Magnus Johnson, Farmer-Laborite, and follower of La Follette, was yesterday elected to the Senate over Governor A. P. Preus, Republican, follower of President Harding, and James A. Carley, Democrat.

Johnson, real dirt farmer, gained the coveted post vacated by the recent death of Knute Nelson. In 1,809 of the state's 3,520 precincts, Johnson has a lead of more than 27,000 over Preus, and Carley trails a poor third.

AMERICA HEADS IN MILLIONAIRES

Henry Ford Richest Man in All History, and John D. Rockefeller Next in List of World's Ten Wealthiest.

London, July 17.—Who are the ten richest men in the world? asks the Sunday Express. It answers the query itself by giving a list at the head of which is Henry Ford, whose fortune it estimates at \$500,000,000. John D. Rockefeller comes next with \$150,000,000; Andrew W. Mellon, secretary of the treasury, is third with \$150,000,000, and then follow the Duke of Westminster, Sir Basil Zaharoff, Hugo Stinnes, Percy Rockefeller, Baron H. Mitsui, Baron H. Iwasaki and the Gaekwar of Baroda, each with \$100,000,000.

James B. Duke, the tobacco king; George F. Baker, of the First National Bank of New York, and T. B. Walker, the Minneapolis timber landowner, the Express says, might be added to the list, since they all have fortunes estimated at \$100,000,000, while there are at least three other Indian rulers whose fortunes probably exceed this amount.

The Rothschilds, Guggenheims, Vanderbilts, Weyerhaeusers, and the Astors, says the writer, do not appear because their family fortunes, the Rothschild wealth has been estimated at \$250,000,000 to \$500,000,000 and that of the Astors at from \$100,000,000 to \$500,000,000.

Henry Ford is possibly the richest man in all history, the paper declares. He has a net business income of more than \$100,000,000 a year. He earns \$250 every minute. Croesus may have been richer, since his famous gift to Delphi cost \$10,000,000, and that, reduced to today's terms, might mean \$200,000,000.

John D. Rockefeller gave away \$500,000,000 to charity and to foundations before 1921. He is the head, however, of the biggest group of wealthy men ever produced by a single industry, and his private fortune must still rank him second.

Sir Basil Zaharoff is Europe's mystery man, but it is no mystery that he is one of Europe's wealthiest men. He owns more than half of Monte Carlo, and his holdings in armament firms are even larger. He is in oil, finance, shipping; in fact, it is difficult to say what he is not interested in.

SELECTING JURY FOR KIDNAPPERS

Lumberton, July 17.—John Hedgepeth, B. M. Lawson and Jule Brogden, who are alleged to have flogged two white women recently near Proctorville, will be tried first on charges of kidnapping and various forms of assault. Solicitor McNeill announced today as the selection of a jury to try the men was started in superior court here.

LEVIATHAN SAILS FROM SOUTHAMPTON

Southampton, July 17.—The Leviathan, on the last leg of her first round trip as a passenger vessel flying the American flag, sailed for home today with 1,170 passengers.

CHILD DROWNS IN GOLD FISH BOWL

Lodi, California, July 17.—Remus Hoffer, one-year-old son of Jacob Hoffer, wealthy vineyardist, was drowned in a gold fish bowl in his home yesterday. The child's mother found him head first in the bowl which contained four inches of water.

Learns Lesson From Maintenance Plan

Tennessee Highway Commissioner Thinks North Carolina Has Right Idea

Nashville, Tenn., July 17.—"The greatest lesson to be learned from a close inspection of the wonderful system of highways in North Carolina is in a study of the maintenance plan," said J. G. Greveling, Jr., State Highway Commissioner, who with other officials, including Governor Austin Peay, are back from a tour of that state.

North Carolina is spending \$2,500,000 annually on the maintenance of her 6,000 miles of sectional highways and the system is so efficient that within 24 hours after a rain 4,500 miles of the roadway has been carefully dragged, he said.

The system would not last six days without the efficient maintenance program, the Commissioner said.

The next greatest feature of the North Carolina system is the fact that a man with the ability of Frank Page is chairman of the state highway commission, consisting of nine commissioners, he said.

A bond issue and an efficient man at the head of the state department are the most essential factors of an efficient highway system, Mr. Creveling quoted T. H. Macdonald, Chief of the United States Bureau of Public Roads, who accompanied the party, as saying.

The total bond issue available in North Carolina is \$65,000,000. There are two types of hard surfaced roads built in North Carolina, Mr. Creveling said, the concrete and the concrete with edge on either side and a filled-in asphalt road bed.

The concrete and asphalt highway makes a beautiful and convenient surface, he said as the black road-bed is better on the eyes of the motorist in the sunlight, and the white edges make the highway safer for the driver at night.

SAYS CAN ENCIRCLE GLOBE IN 280 HOURS

Lisbon, July 17.—Colonel Saccadura Cabral, one of the Portuguese aviators who flew from Lisbon to Rio de Janeiro, referring recently to his project of flying around the world, said his itinerary would be divided into three parts.

The first would be from Lisbon to Japan, 9,870 miles; second, Japan to Newfoundland, 7,580 miles; third, Newfoundland to Lisbon by way of Fayal and Ponta Delgada, 2,140 miles.

On the basis of an average speed of 70 miles an hour, the aviator would expect to spend 280 hours in the air.

AGENTS MAKE BIG HAUL AT LAKEWOOD

Lakewood, N. J., July 17.—Liquor valued at \$300,000 was seized in raids here today by 40 Federal prohibition agents and county officials.

WILL TAKE DEMPSEY TO THE ARGENTINE

New York, July 17.—Rickard has agreed to the proposition to take Dempsey to the Argentine to box Firpo and it is believed that the match will be held before fall.

CLIMAX REACHED FILIPPINOS RESIGN

(By The Associated Press.)
Manila, July 17.—The climax in the political war between Governor General Wood and the Filipinos came today when the cabinet and council of state tendered their resignation in a body and General Wood accepted them.

Off To Nags Head
Miss Millicent Grief and a number of her friends left Monday for Nags Head on a houseparty. Miss Grief's guests are: Miss Marguerite Kurdie of Baltimore, Miss Patti Barcliff and Miss Burgess of Norfolk, Miss Helen Bellham of Edenton and Miss Ellen Melick of this city. Several other guests are expected during the week. The chaperons are Mr. and Mrs. George Beveridge and Miss Evelyn Jones.

OKLAHOMA GIRL JOURNEYS 3,000 MILES TO WED.



Miss Grenetta Woods, 18 years old, of Ardmore, Okla., has just arrived in Barranca, Colombia, South America, to marry V. C. Petty, a former fellow townsman now stationed there in business.

McADOO TAKES STAND IN THE MORSE TRIAL

Washington, July 17.—William G. McAdoo, secretary of the treasury in the Wilson cabinet, took the witness stand today in the trial of Charles W. Morse and his associates charged with defrauding the Government in their wartime shipbuilding contracts.

Typhoid Fever Control Makes Much Progress

New York, July 17.—Control of typhoid fever has made such progress that in 1922 the death rate for this disease was the lowest ever recorded, according to figures compiled by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

Based on statistics from one-seventh of the total population of the United States and Canada, the death rate in the year mentioned was 5.6 per 100,000 of population. In 1911 the rate was 22.8 per 100,000.

VIENNESE DOCTORS HAVE HARD TIME, TOO

Vienna, July 17.—Hundreds of doctors in Vienna are having hard times, these days, keeping themselves and their families alive. The people cannot afford to pay their fees; which are 10,000 crowns, or 15 cents, for a visit. Many physicians' families get meat only once a month, and live chiefly on bread and potatoes.

Ninety per cent of the people in Vienna belong to sick benefit associations, and seek the help of an outside doctor only as a last recourse. Furthermore, few foreigners come nowadays to Vienna in quest of medical aid. The home doctors discourage them from taking the journey, representing the local facilities for cures as good as anything to be had in Austria. It is evident the local practitioner does not want fees to slip through his fingers for the benefit of the profession in another country.

GAS COMPANY VICTIM OF THE BOOTLEGGERS

Salt Lake City, July 17.—The gas company is the latest victim of the bootlegger's art, according to officers of the sheriff's office here, who assert they have uncovered moonshine-making meter tappers.

On House Party
Mrs. John L. Harris, Misses Goldie and Evelyn Harris, John and Robert Deaton, Misses Emily Jones, May Hunter and Mary Frances Craven of Raleigh, Miss Helen Ruggles of Southern Pines, Miss Sarah Brown of Washington, D. C., and Miss Nell Curran of Buffalo Springs, Va., guests of Mrs. C. P. Harris on West Church street, left Tuesday for Nags Head, where they will be members of a house party given by Mrs. Harris.

SYKES PURE GOLD SAYS HIS FATHER

"I am a thousand times happier this morning," said J. D. Sykes, Sr., father of the former city collection troller of the First & Citizens National Bank who is to be tried in Federal Court here in October for embezzlement, Tuesday.

"My boy is home again," continued the father, "and we find him the same old J. D., sorry for his mistake, anxious to do the right thing and to make atonement as far as possible."

"He has nothing now to say for publication, though he had to make a statement in Raleigh, because so many things that were not true had been printed about him in the newspapers. But he'll prove himself pure gold yet, and you'll see it."

Sykes is now on his father's poultry and truck farm on Body Road, a short distance from the city limits. He and his mother, who went to Raleigh to meet him, got off the train at Hertford Tuesday morning, and there they were met by Joy Sykes, brother of J. D., who brought them to Elizabeth City by motor car.

Marry Young And You Live A Century

Says Insurance President In Talk To Scouts On Moderation and Good Health

Chicago, July 17.—One who desires to live 100 years should marry early, refrain from indoor dancing, should not be a college athlete and be neither rich nor poor, according to an address made here recently by Albert M. Johnson, president of the National Life Insurance Company, before several hundred Boy Scouts.

The long list of "don'ts" which Mr. Johnson said the survey suggested in order to attain this age contained a few "do's," chief among which was "religion in a true way." Mild exercise daily and a "straight neck" in walking, were others.

"Our statistics show, when compiled and averaged, that to reach five score years one should marry early, be neither rich nor poor, should not be a professional or college athlete or an actor, should refrain from indoor dancing and never drink intoxicating liquors," Mr. Johnson said. "Husbands we find, live longer than bachelors because of their more regular habits. Stage people are handicapped by long and hard hours. Heart strain is too common in the athlete."

"Persons earning between \$2,000 and \$6,000 a year live longer. This probably is due to the fact that moderate incomes do not give a person enough for dissipation but are adequate for comfort and sensible living."

"Be religious in a true way. Religious people are happier as a rule and going to church tends to make them regular in their habits. Do not drink liquor and do not smoke, if you must, until you are beyond 21 years of age. One of the most emphatic results of our survey was the evidence that the practices cannot be indulged in temperately by enough people to give you much of a chance to win."

"Stretch your neck up. Short-necked people are better subjects of apoplexy. Stretching your neck gives the blood vessels there less chance to clog. Take mild exercise daily, regularly, and not intermittently or savagely."

NO SPECIAL SESSION NOW SEEMS LIKELY

Raleigh, July 17.—The probability of a special session of the General Assembly vanished today with an announcement from Attorney General Manning, holding inoperative the act as to State institutions.

MINISTERS AND LAYMEN AT DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Presiding Elder C. B. Culbreth, Dr. N. H. D. Wilson, Rev. H. E. Myers and Rev. E. L. Stack left Tuesday morning for Mackeys to attend the annual conference of the Elizabeth City District which opens Tuesday afternoon and will continue in session until Friday. The conference was held last year at Stumpy Point. J. B. Leigh, R. R. Taylor and Gid Pendleton were among the Methodist laymen leaving for the conference Tuesday.

Spend Week-End Here

Fred W. Cowie and daughter, Miss Joyce Cowie, of Montreal, Canada, spent the week-end here as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Brown on East Church street. Mr. Cowie, internationally known harbor and terminal development expert, who is retained as adviser of the Hampton Roads Port Commission, was a classmate of Mr. Brown at McGill University, Montreal, Canada.

TO SIGN TREATY NEXT TUESDAY

Allied and Turkish Delegates Now at Lausanne Will be Main Signatories According to Present Indications.

(By The Associated Press.)
Lausanne, July 17.—The Turkish peace treaty will be signed July 24 or July 25, according to present indications.

Allied and Turkish delegates now at Lausanne will be signatories of the main treaty and other documents including an agreement for control of the Turkish straits.

Russia has been invited to take part in signing the straits convention.

An agreement reached last night on the disputed questions of concessions and the evacuation of Turkish soil by foreign troops is expected to be adopted at a plenary session of the conference today.

Lausanne, July 17.—The Allies and the Turks yesterday ended their peace conference with complete agreement on all subjects.

MRS. HARDING BETTER AFTER A SHORT REST

(By The Associated Press.)
Aboard the President's Special Train, Alaskan Railroad, July 17.—Rest seemed to have restored Mrs. Harding today from the fatigue which yesterday forced the President to turn southward over the Alaska railroad from Fairbanks instead of proceeding back towards the coast by automobile.

The President attributed Mrs. Harding's fatigue to the earnest hospitality of the Alaskans and to the long days at this time of the year.

Fairbanks, July 17.—Worn out from the strain of the Alaska trip, Mrs. Harding yesterday was obliged to go to bed, and portions of the trip were cancelled because of her illness.

R. B. WHITE DEAD

R. B. White died at his home on Poindexter street Tuesday morning at two o'clock after a long illness. He was 69 years old and had been paralyzed for 7 years.

He is survived by his wife and three daughters, Mrs. C. W. Pollard and Mrs. R. H. Holloman of Norfolk and Mrs. T. W. Williams of this city, by 18 grand children 4 great grand children and one brother Joseph White of Camden.

The funeral will be conducted by Dr. S. H. Templeman at the First Baptist Church, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Interment will be made at Hollywood Cemetery.

Mr. White was born in 1854 in Perquimans County and there he was engaged in the mercantile business until he came to Elizabeth City in 1883.

He was a merchant here until the time of his death, the business being carried on by his wife for the last few years since he has been paralyzed.

Returns from Meeting of Demonstration Agents

Miss Marcella Albertson returned Monday from attending the Home Demonstration conference held at Blue Ridge. There were 54 agents present and they held an enthusiastic meeting. Home beautification, landscape gardening, cooking, sewing, and basketry were among the subjects taken up.

Miss Albertson is again meeting this week with her club, her schedule being as follows:

Monday, New-begun club, met with Mrs. Henry Meads. Cottage cheese demonstration given.

Tuesday, Body Road club met with Mrs. Sim Harris. Cottage cheese salads were made.

Wednesday, Riverside club will meet with Mrs. Everett Pritchard for a canning demonstration.

Thursday morning, the Fork Girls' club will be given a demonstration in canning at the school building.

Thursday afternoon, Corinth Woman's club will meet with Mrs. G. Harrell for canning and making cottage cheese salads.

Friday, the Newland club meets with Mrs. Lillian Spence for a pickle and canning demonstration.

Saturday morning, the club market will be held as usual on the corner of Fearing and Poindexter streets.

FUNERAL LITTLE GIRL

The funeral of the two-year-old baby girl of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Morgan of Mt. Hermon was conducted at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the home by Rev. E. L. Stack and interment made in the family grave yard near the home. The little girl had been sick for more than a week with spinal meningitis and had been unconscious for nearly a week. She died Monday morning about 9 o'clock.

COTTON MARKET

New York, July 17.—Spot cotton, quiet, Middling 27.35 with a 20 point decline Futures, closing bid, July 26.70, Oct. 23.81, Dec. 23.22, Jan. 22.94, March 22.96.

New York, July 17.—Spot cotton, opened today at the following levels: July 26.85, Oct. 23.76, Dec. 23.18, Jan. 22.97, March 22.94.