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LEROY WHITE, ALIAS SAP, CAPTURED AT EDENTON

City Manager Gets Lead From Police Gun Sunday

Accident Occurred While He Was Directing Activities of Police—City Manager Smiles Today Through His Pain Because He Escaped Probably Fatal Injuries

City Manager John B. Bray is in the Community Hospital with a bullet wound above his heart as a result of an accidental discharge of a shotgun Sunday night.

As a result of the excitement due to the series of holdups which began in this city Friday night and as a result of which O. C. Bray, local insurance man, lies almost at death's door in the hospital, City Manager Bray has been directing the activities of the police and was at police headquarters Sunday night when a call came in of a disturbance among negroes in the neighborhood of Brown's cafe on Harnoy street.

Jumping into his own automobile, the City Manager, with Chief of Police Gregory, Police Officer Twiddy and others, hastened to the scene of the disturbance where they found about 75 negroes congregated. As Police Officer Twiddy sprang out of the automobile, in some way the short barreled shot gun which had been taken along on the front seat, was knocked down and the weapon was discharged, the lead taking effect at close quarters in Mr. Bray's left breast just above the heart.

"I'm shot through the heart," thought the City Manager, and to the onlookers it appeared that he was so shot truly, as his left breast was covered with blood. Fortunately, however, the weapon was discharged with the barrel pointing upward, and the buckshot with which it was loaded rained in the same direction. Apparently, he has suffered nothing more serious than a flesh wound in the shoulder.

At such close range was the shot fired, however, that when Mr. Bray was put upon the operating table at the hospital, his physician, Dr. Claude Williams and Dr. John Saliba, operating surgeons, extracted from the wound not only four buckshot, but also the wad from the cartridge. Possibly the wad saved the City Manager's life.

The X-Ray machine will be used to ascertain whether there are other bullets in Mr. Bray's breast. Possibly, in the opinion of Dr. Saliba, other buckshot may have lodged in the collar bone or other bones of the shoulder.

There is no symptom that the lung has been punctured, however, and it was a thankful hearted Mr. Bray who greeted a reporter for this newspaper at the hospital Monday morning. He had suffered considerable pain, necessitating twice during the night the administration of an opiate, and his face was spotted with powder marks, but he was smiling, though a bit grimly.

"If there had been only one bullet," he said, "I think I could have dodged it, but I had no chance against that load of buckshot."

City Manager Bray was rushed to the hospital in the automobile of Everett Harrison, which had preceded the City Manager's car to the scene of the reported disturbance, Mr. Harrison himself and Brandon Davis, taking charge of the wounded man.

THIS STATE HAS REAL COAL FIELD

Deep River Coal Fields of Chatham, Lee, and Moore Counties Should Become Great Source Fuel Supply

Chapel Hill, Dec. 10.—The Deep River coal field, embracing portions of Chatham, Lee and Moore counties, is much more valuable than has been generally believed and should become a source of fuel not only for mills and railroads of Eastern North Carolina but for domestic use in the form of coke, according to a survey of the region made public here last night. The survey was made by M. R. Campbell and Kent W. Kimball of the United States Geological Survey in co-operation with the North Carolina Geological Survey.

The investigators describe the coal as occurring in two benches known as the upper and the lower. It is only the upper bench, reads the report, where the coal varies from three to nearly four feet in thickness, that is at present considered commercial coal, although it is believed that under certain conditions, the lower bench might be mined and cleaned profitably.

The extent of the workable coal and available tonnage is estimated by the geologists as approximately 58 millions of tons of recoverable coal in the district west of the Deep River fault; and it is believed that mining can be profitably carried on to a depth of two thousand feet. The area, the report continues, in which this tonnage is included is about 25 square miles, and it is considered reasonable to assume that the coal bed throughout this area averages at least three feet in thickness of recoverable coal.

"The character and quality of the coal," the investigators reported, "have been very carefully studied and physical and chemical analyses are given of coal taken from various sections of the area. One interesting feature of the chemical composition is that the coal contains approximately two per cent of nitrogen, which could be obtained in the form of ammonium sulphate as a by-product in coking the coal, which would give approximately 23 pounds per ton of coal."

"The coking test showed that the coal would make a coke of very good quality insofar as could be determined by a laboratory test and is fairly equal to either Freeport or Pittsburgh coals. It is believed that one use of the Deep River coal that should be given careful consideration is to coker it, using the coke obtained as a domestic fuel, and the yield of gas for generating electric power for transmission."

"The ammonium sulphate, obtained as a by-product, will be of large value for agricultural purposes. There would also be obtained as another by-product approximately 22 gallons of tar (dehydrated) per ton of coal."

The investigators in their report give an interesting account of the history of the discovery and development of coal in the Deep River field. It is evident, they state, that the deposits first were discovered some time prior to 1775 and from that time to the present there has been considerable uncertainty as to the quality and quantity of the coal in the area.

The geography of the field shows it to extend from a short distance northeast of Cape Fear River in a southwesterly direction to Carthage and in the other direction from Sanford the southwest to a few miles beyond Guilford on the northwest, embracing portions of Chatham, Lee, and Moore counties. It is known and designated as the Deep River Coal Field because almost all of the prospecting and developing has been on or near that stream from near Glendon to the point where the Deep and Haw rivers unite to form Cape Fear. The area in which the presence of coal has been demonstrated is only a small part of this district.

For about 150 years coal has been known to be in North Carolina and for many years there has been more or less interest in the possibility of developing commercial fields. Considerable prospecting and some mining has been done, according to the report, but most of the work was a failure, due to several causes, chief of which perhaps was lack of capital and having men unfamiliar with coal mining in charge of operations.

"As a result," declares the report in conclusion, "the public began to consider either that the coal was so

O. C. BRAY SEEMS BETTER
 O. C. Bray, who was shot through the heart by a bullet Sunday night, is reported to be slightly improved Monday. It was stated Monday afternoon at the Community Hospital.

PREMIER BALDWIN NOT YET DESIGNED

London, December 10.—Premier Baldwin today arrived at London and had an audience with the king in Buckingham Palace. It is said that he did not tender his resignation.

DREAM LEADS TO DISCOVERY BODIES

Spring Lake, Mich., Dec. 10.—The dream of George Snyder, contractor, twice repeated, led to the discovery of the bodies of Harry B. Proctor, real estate dealer, and Edna Fuller, 14 year old girl, buried in the mud of Grand river near the Proctor home.

They had been missing since October 30.

Impressed by his dream, Snyder sketched the place where the couple's automobile was found. The river was then dragged and the bodies were found.

MAN KILLS TWO AND THEN SHOTS SELF

Dallas, Dec. 10.—Peyton Pierce today killed his wife and 13 year old daughter and probably fatally shot himself.

RESTORATION HUNGARY IS UP BEFORE LEAGUE

Paris, Dec. 10.—Restoration of Hungary's finances is the principle article in the agenda for the twenty seventh session of the League of Nations council which opened today here.

Other questions include delineation of frontiers of recently established states, resolutions passed by the fourth assembly of the League dealing with armament reduction, repression of white slave traffic and drug smuggling, and the abolition of slavery.

RAIL COMMUNICATION HAS BEEN SEVERED

El Paso, Dec. 10.—Direct rail communication between Juarez and Mexico City has been severed by revolutionists, according to reports.

KILLS HIS WIFE AND SHOTS UP FAMILY

Reidville, N. C., Dec. 10.—Austin Carter of Danville last night shot and killed his wife at the home of his father in law here, then turned his gun on his brother in law, John Price, who was fatally injured, and then shot Mrs. John Price in the leg.

He tried to shoot his mother in law, it is said, but the bullets in the revolver were exhausted.

Carter made his escape in an automobile. He is said to have been drinking prior to the shooting.

A posse arrested Carter this morning and he is lodged in jail at Danville.

T. J. WILSON AWARDED RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

Swarthmore, Pa., Dec. 10.—Thomas J. Wilson, III., of Chapel Hill, graduate of the University of North Carolina and assistant French professor there now, was yesterday awarded the Rhodes scholarship appointment for North Carolina, entitling him to three years at Oxford University, England.

NINE ARE KILLED IN EARLY SUNDAY WRECK

Forsythe, N. Y., Dec. 10.—Nine persons were killed, seven injured, two probably fatally, when the third section of the Twentieth Century Limited telescoped a section in front near here early Sunday morning.

Among the killed was "Wild Bill" Donovan, manager of the New Haven, Connecticut, Baseball Club of the Eastern League, who was on his way to the baseball convention at Chicago.

Disregard of signals by the engineer is said to have caused the wreck.

poor or the mining conditions so bad that it was doubtful if coal mining could ever be made to pay. This was probably a natural sequence considering what was known of the occurrence of some of the coal which was in very thin seams and obviously could not be worked profitably. Also considerable of the coal that was first used was weathered and did not have the heating properties expected of it."

TWIDDY GOES AT ONCE TO BRING BANDIT BACK

SAP GETS BIGGER HAUL THIS TIME

Bandit Sought by Police Boldly Continues His Work of Holding Up City's Citizens.

Staging another hold-up in the early part of Sunday night on the suburbs of the city and hardly a quarter of a mile from where he shot O. C. Bray, perhaps fatally, Friday night, Leroy White, negro gunman and bandit wanted by the Elizabeth City police on half a dozen charges, not away with the biggest haul he has yet made in the career of crime he embarked on last Friday night.

J. T. Thompson, operative at the Elizabeth City Hosiery Company's mill on the Norfolk Southern railroad, a quarter of a mile from the Norfolk Southern passenger station, was the Sunday night victim of the Elizabeth City bad man and bandit. Mr. Thompson does not know Leroy White, generally known as Sap, and the hold-up occurred outside the city limits and where there were no lights, but his general description of the robber tallies exactly with that of Sap. Mr. Thompson lost by the holdup \$21.75, more than Sap has got in all his previous holdups put together.

The holdup occurred between 8 and half past 8 o'clock. Mr. Thompson, who, besides being an operative at the hosiery mill, is also day watchman on Sundays and holidays, after leaving the mill, had come home and fed the hogs, which he keeps near the city limits and had collected two pails of swill for next day's feeding with which he was on his way to his home at 8 Skinner avenue, walking along the Norfolk Southern railroad track about 300 yards from the passenger station. Between the cotton gin of the Farmers' Ginning and Produce Company and that of the Eastern Oil Company, both on the west side of the railroad track, there is a stretch of 100 yards or more of cultivated land on both sides of the railroad. This is the spot where the holdup occurred.

Mr. Thompson frankly admits that he was so frightened he has no clear idea of what happened.

"With a pail of swill in each hand I was walking along the railroad track with my head down," he says, "and the negro was right on me with his gun aimed touching my body before I saw him. He told me to drop my buckets and put up my hands and I obeyed. He said he wanted my money and I told him all right. He ran his hands over me and took my pocketbook out of my hip pocket. He then opened the pocketbook, saw the bills in it, and backed off, sideways. After backing for a dozen or so paces, he turned off the track on the side toward town and disappeared."

The reason Mr. Thompson happened to have that sum of money in his pocket was that he had cashed his Christmas savings check the week before and, after paying some bills, had saved the amount then in his pocket for Christmas spending.

"Lucky for me I paid my doctor's bill and my bill at the furniture store Saturday, and some other small accounts," says Mr. Thompson, "else the robber would have got it all."

Sap gave Edenton officers chase and says they wouldn't have got him if he'd had a chance

Leroy White, generally known hereabout as Sap, was captured Monday morning between 10:15 and 10:30 at Edenton, according to a long distance telephone message received here Monday shortly before noon.

COOLIDGE ASKS BIG REDUCTION

Specifically Recommends Cut Of Three Hundred Millions In National Tax Bill And Opposes Bonus

Washington, Dec. 10.—President Coolidge specifically recommended to Congress today a reduction of more than \$300,000,000 in the national tax bill and at the same time presented views in opposition to a soldier's bonus.

The Executive, in a message transmitting the annual budget, said frankly that "any program of new expenditure on a large scale would make tax reduction impossible for years to come." He added that tax reduction "would certainly tend to align the whole people in support of economical administration of government" which he declared is becoming "every day more and more necessary."

"I recommend a revision of tax laws," Mr. Coolidge said, "along lines which will effect a reduction of income taxes by taxing earned income more lightly than income from business or from investments; by reducing the percentages of the normal tax, and by reducing the surtax rates, with commencement of their application at \$10,000 instead of \$6,000. I also recommend repeal of the tax on telegrams, telephones, and leased wires, and of the tax on admissions, and revision of the miscellaneous taxes which are a source of inconvenience to taxpayers, and difficult to collect. On the other hand, amendments which would cause some increase of revenue should also be made to existing income tax laws relative to deductions of capital losses; deductions from gross income for interest paid and nonbusiness losses sustained, wherein income from tax-exempt securities involved; and the manner of taxing community incomes. These changes would reduce taxes by more than \$200,000,000, which is safely within the probable surplus."

Police Officer Twiddy was immediately dispatched to Edenton to bring White here and the officer and his prisoner arrived Monday afternoon on the 3:05 train for Norfolk. The negro is now lodged in the Pasquotank County jail.

News of the gunman's arrest got noised about the city and there was a fair sized crowd at the train to see the prisoner get off; but there was no demonstration.

According to the report received here, there is no question as to the prisoner's being the man wanted here for the shooting on last Friday night of O. C. Bray and for a series of holdups that have terrorized the town.

According to Edenton police, the man admits that his name is Leroy White and that he is generally called Sap. "You would have never got me if I had had a chance," he is quoted as having told a police officer in his cell shortly after he was locked up.

The prisoner was also identified as Leroy White by Tom Willoughby, now clerk at Bay View Hotel, Edenton, but formerly clerk at the Southern Hotel of Elizabeth City, at which time Sap was employed at the Southern as a dishwasher, and was called Saphead, or sometimes Sap for short.

Mr. Willoughby went with a police officer to the negro's cell Monday morning.

"Hello, Sap," he said. "You know me?"

"Yessuh," said Sap. "Used to work to you at the Southern Hotel. Knowed you right off."

"Your name's White," said Willoughby, Leroy White, "but we used to call you Sap or Saphead."

"Dat's right," responded Sap. "I see you remember me all right."

Elizabeth City's negro gunman and bandit was not caught until he had given Police Officer W. C. Moore of the Edenton force, who made the arrest an exciting chase.

"I saw Sap first on Main street," said the policeman over the long distance telephone Monday afternoon, "and hailed him."

"As soon as I did so he ran into what was formerly the Woodard hotel but which is now the Bay View annex. Out into the back yard he went, and then dashed through the ladies entrance of the Bay View main building. I finally caught him in a back yard near the armory."

It is reported that the police officer had to use his black jack freely in order to club Sap into submission. The negro had pawed his 45 caliber gun or he might have had more crimes to answer for.

Sap took rooms at a negro lodging house in Edenton Sunday night after the arrival of the Night Express from Norfolk. It is believed that he left Elizabeth City on that train, following his holdup of C. T. Thompson on the Norfolk Southern track about two hours and a half earlier. There is a report, however, that Sap had been in Edenton once before since he went on his rampage last Friday night, and that he spent most of the day Sunday there.

CHRISTY MATTHEWSON ON NATIONAL LEAGUE BOARD

Chicago, Dec. 10.—Christy Matthewson of Boston, was given a place on the national league board of directors at the annual meeting today. Other new members are: William Veech of Chicago, Barney Dreyfus of Pittsburgh, and Charles Stoneham of New York.

COOLIDGE RECOMMENDS MANY NOMINATIONS

Washington, Dec. 10.—More than two thousand nominations, including that of Frank B. Kellogg of Minnesota and Richard M. Tobin of California, minister to Netherlands, were sent to the Senate by Coolidge today. For recess appointments on the Federal Farm Loan Board were Louis J. Perryjohn of Kansas, Elmer S. Lande of Ohio, Norton L. Corey of Nebraska, Edward E. Jones of Pennsylvania, Edwin P. Morrow of Kentucky was the nomination for public group member of the railroad labor board, Horace Baker of Ohio, management group, and E. F. Grables of Michigan labor group.

WOMAN IS ARRESTED

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 10.—Florence Wittmeyer was today arrested on charges rising out of her relations with E. Ray Thompson, wealthy real estate dealer, charged with murdering his wife.

DIAMOND DISPLAY THURSDAY

With a display of over a half billion dollars of diamonds and platinum jewelry, John Abel of Abel Brothers, New York City, will be at Louie Selig's jewelry store Thursday, December 13. The firm of Abel Brothers is the largest diamond house in New York and their representative is making a hurried pre-holiday trip to several cities, this city being one of the smallest in which they make a display. Mr. Selig states that the display will be gladly shown to anyone calling at his store on next Thursday.

RESOLUTIONS TO ENTER INTO WORLD COURT

Washington, Dec. 10.—A resolution providing for entrance of the United States into the world court after it has been divorced completely from the League of Nations was introduced in the Senate today by Len Root, Republican of Wisconsin.

CAR TURNS TURTLE

Another near serious accident occurred Sunday afternoon, when the large sedan driven by W. H. Weatherly, turned turtle on the Pasquotank River State Bridge road, the ground giving away on the side of the road, throwing the car into a ditch and turning over. No one was hurt and only a window was broken.

Mr. Weatherly and party had been to Powell's Point and were returning home when the accident happened, five miles from the city. Those in the car were Mr. and Mrs. Weatherly, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Weatherly, Jr., Miss Annie Weatherly and Mrs. A. W. Gard.

COFFON MARKET

New York, December 10.—Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: December 34.30; January 33.50; March 33.70; May 34.05; July 33.25; October 27.50.

New York, Dec. 10.—Spot cotton, closed quiet. Middling 33.70, a decline of 150 points. Futures, closing bid, Dec. 33.20, Jan. 32.45, March 32.90, May 33.00, July 32.30, Oct. 27.02.

COOLIDGE CANDIDACY FORMALLY ANNOUNCED

Washington, Dec. 10.—Announcement of the candidacy of President Coolidge for the Republican nomination for President in 1924 was made last night by Frank W. Stearns of Boston, closest personal and political friend of the President.

WHITE MAN GETS JAIL SENTENCE

Britton Parker, 50 odd year old white man, was given a jail sentence for assault in the recorder's court Monday morning, on evidence that he hit his elder brother, Tom Parker, of Jarvisburg, over the head with a stick of stove wood when the latter ordered him out of the yard of W. T. Story on Second street. The defendant claimed that his brother was coming at him with a knife.

Mrs. Thomas Parker, it seems from the evidence, has tired of country life and had come to town to work and to live, boarding at the Story home on Second street. Britton Parker, her husband's brother, boarded at the home of Henry Mann on Center street, and the back yards of the two homes join. Tom Parker was over from Jarvisburg for a visit to his wife. Britton Parker was passing through the Story premises by the back yard path when his brother ordered him out, whereupon the younger man hit the older on the head with a knotty stick of stove wood.

This was the only case tried in the recorder's court Monday morning. On the docket for trial was a case against Marvin Russell and his three sons of Providence township for assault in Salem township last Thursday on E. M. Jennings; but this case was continued to next Monday when the defendants asked for a jury trial.

Mrs. H. L. Newbold and little son, Herbert, of Statesville are in the city to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Newbold at their home on West Peering street.