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Judge Caverly Imposes Sentences of Life Imprisonment on Leopold and Loeb for Murder and of 99 Years for Kidnaping Young Robert Franks

SHERIFF WARNED MAY BE WAYLAIED

Chicago, Sept. 10.—Sheriff Hoffman said that within a few hours after Leopold and Loeb had been sentenced he received several anonymous telephone warnings that preparations were being made to waylay the prisoners and their escort en route to the penitentiary.

Criminal Courts Building, Chicago, Sept. 10.—Sentences of life imprisonment for the murder of 14-year-old Robert Franks, and 99 years' imprisonment for kidnaping; the boys were meted out today to Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb by Judge John R. Caverly.

The youth of the defendants was all that saved them from the noose.

"It would have been the path of least resistance to impose the extreme penalty of the law," said the judge in his decision.

"In choosing imprisonment instead of death the court is moved chiefly by the ages of the defendants, 18 and 19 years.

"It is not for the court to say that he will not in any case enforce capital punishment, but he believes it is within his province to decline to impose the sentence of death on persons who are not of full age."

Judge Caverly added that while life imprisonment "may not strike the public imagination as forcibly as would hanging, yet to the offenders particularly of this type they are, the prolonged suffering of years of confinement may well be the more severe form of retribution and expiation."

Robert Franks, 14-year old son of Jacob Franks, retired president of a watch case manufacturing company and a former pawnbroker, was kidnaped while en route to the family home at 5652 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, from the nearby playground of the Harvard preparatory school, late in the afternoon of May 21, 1924.

While the family was searching frantically for the boy, a telephone message informed Mrs. Franks that Robert had been kidnaped, that he was safe, and that the family would be advised further as to how to recover him.

Early the next morning Mr. Franks received a neatly typed special delivery letter bearing the signature "George Johnson" with the detainer marks "G. K. R." informing him that Robert was held for \$10,000 ransom, that the kidnap was safe, and to stand by for further instructions as to how to pay the ransom and recover the boy.

At dawn the next morning a workman traversing the Pennsylvania railroad tracks at 115th street, a wild, uninhabited section just inside the southern corporate limits of Chicago, saw the feet of a nude body protruding from a culvert between two small lakes.

The body was taken to an undertaker's establishment, where it rested unidentified until late in the afternoon, when a brother of Mrs. Franks went to the morgue on a chance that the body might be that of Robert.

He identified it positively although a pair of horn-rimmed spectacles were affixed on the face. The glasses were found near the culvert and the undertaker thought they belonged to the boy.

It began one of the greatest man hunts in the history of Chicago, because of the evident brutality of the murderers and the prominence of the Franks family. More than a score of persons, including two instructors at the Harvard school, were arrested, but released when they were able to disprove connection with the kidnaping and murder.

Columns of newspaper space were devoted to the case but the headlines were diminishing in size as hopes of apprehending the murderers dimmed when unexpectedly Robert E. Crowe, state's attorney, announced on May 22 that Richard Loeb, son of Albert H. Loeb, 5017 Ellis Avenue, vice president of Sears Roebuck & Co., and Nathan F. Leopold, Jr., son of a wealthy paper box manufacturer and shipping man, 4754 Greenwood Avenue, had confessed to the kidnaping and murder.

It developed that all clues with the single exception of the spectacles found on the body had been exhausted. By tracing thousands of prescriptions for spectacles, the state's attorney finally eliminated all but four which called for spectacles the same as those found alongside the

body. Of the quartet, the first was seized upon Leopold. He previously had been questioned by the police because of his known frequent trips to the place where the Franks boy's body was found, but was released when he explained that his interest in that locality was based solely upon his study of ornithology, the science of bird life, the region abounding in unusual specimens.

Loeb and Leopold related what at first appeared to be unimpeachable alibi. Leopold finally admitted possible ownership of the spectacles but had about convinced the authorities that he had lost them while on a legitimate trip to the region.

Their story of their whereabouts on the day and evening of the kidnaping was broken when Seven England, the Leopold chauffeur, asserted that the red Willys Knight automobile in which the boys declared they had been riding, had not been out of the Leopold garage at the time specified.

Loeb, upon hearing that exclaimed: "My God, can that be true, give me a glass of water," and within a few minutes was relating a complete confession of his participation with Leopold in the kidnaping and murder. Leopold, told that Loeb was confessing, also made a detailed confession. The two statements jibed in all details except the one as to which actually had wielded the lethal instrument.

Loeb maintained that they had been driving the automobile into which the Franks boy was seized and killed and that the other had struck the death dealing blows.

The confessions set out that the two were intent on committing the "perfect crime." In detail they ran:

The crime had been planned for several months. No particular victim had been selected. The afternoon on which the Franks boy was chosen had been spent in reconnoitering the Harvard school district for a possible subject, John Levinson, 9 year old grandson of Julius Roscnwald, noted philanthropist and president of the Sears Roebuck & Co., was singled out. He escaped however, in the general rush home at the end of the baseball game in which the boys were participating, and partly because of the presence of an instructor.

Loeb and Leopold were driving slowly down the street, having abandoned hope for the day, when suddenly they espied Bobby Franks enroute home. Loeb addressed him, inviting him into the automobile. Bobby demurred. He said he had only a short distance to go home preferred to walk. Loeb, who had played tennis frequently with the lad, insisted that he wanted to talk with him about a tennis racket, whereupon Bobby entered the automobile.

Seated, he was struck upon the head with a taped cold chisel, and rags stuffed into his mouth. The kidnapers, not realizing that the boy was dead, drove about for a time intending to kill the child when they reached the place they had selected for disposing of the body. They finally reached the rendezvous and poured the boy's blood and entrails into an acid on his face with the intention of disguising it beyond recognition. Leopold donned wading boots, strode into the water and thrust the body face downward into the culvert. It stuck and he forced it further with his foot, but in the haste in the darkness left the murdered boy's feet protruding. Also in the hurry of leaving the scene, Loeb picked up the tell-tale spectacles from the breast pocket. They also left one of Bobby's own brown sport stockings and his cap.

Loeb and Leopold then proceeded to dispose of various articles of Bobby's clothing, the automobile robe in which the body had been wrapped and the other things used in the murder. Some were burned, some were buried in widely separated spots and the cold chisel was buried from the automobile not far from the scene of the kidnaping.

The automobile used was obtained from a rent-a-car agency and was of the same type as Leopold's personal car. To obtain it the youths used assumed names, registered at two hotels and established two bank accounts.

The ransom letter was prepared well in advance of the kidnaping, sealed and the envelope left unaddressed, that feature to depend upon the child chosen for death. The typewriter was a portable one stolen from the house of the fraternity of which Loeb was a member before he was graduated from the University of Michigan. The

Silent Slayer



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SPECIAL VENUE FOR TRIAL EDENTON NEGROES

Edenton, Sept. 10.—A special venue was ordered drawn by noon today for the trial of David Jones and George Russell, negroes charged with the murder of Sam Small, in superior court here.

The case of Clinton Bond for murder of James Bond, was in progress here this morning. Cases disposed of yesterday were:

J. J. Bunch for fishing in prohibited territory, judgment suspended.

K. L. Blake, charged with enticing laborers, not guilty.

William McCleeny, violation of automobile laws, assessed costs.

MEEKINS SCORES DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Raleigh, Sept. 10.—Denouncing the Corporation Commission, A. D. Watts, and the Democrats in general, I. M. Meekins last night delivered a speech here in his candidacy for governor on the Republican ticket.

letter written, the typewriter was damaged badly and thrown into a lagoon in Jackson Park.

The morning of the finding of the Franks boy's body, but before it had been identified, Loeb and Leopold again telephoned the Franks home but Mr. Franks again was absent. Later they telephoned again instructing Mr. Franks to ride in a taxi cab to a certain drug store where he would receive other telephonic instructions as to how to pay over the ransom. Mr. Franks knew by then that his son was dead and refused to enter the taxi cab.

The youths intended to instruct Mr. Franks to board a fast train for the East and at a specified point; hurl a cigar box containing the money from the train. Additional instructions were in a letter placed in a message rack in a parlor car. That letter was found later at New York.

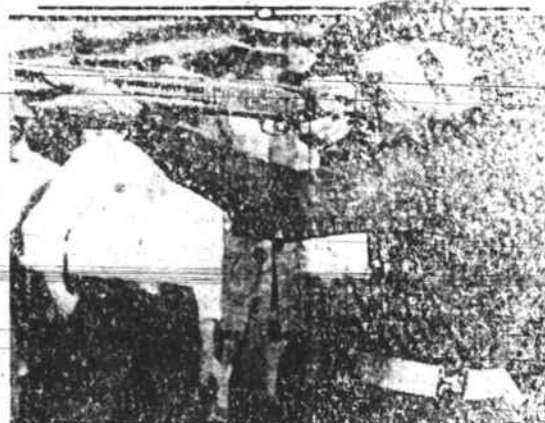
Upon concluding their confessions Loeb and Leopold agreed to go with officers and prosecutors on a tour of the route they had traveled from the moment the Franks boy was seized until the last article in connection with his murder was disposed of. They pointed out the various spots where they had buried or burned articles and assisted the officers in their recovery. The typewriter, was retrieved from the lagoon by a professional diver.

Shortly after the youths had confessed, Clarence S. Barrow, veteran criminal lawyer, and Walter and Benjamin Bachrach, brothers, were engaged in their behalf. Their first act was to seek writs of habeas corpus to remove from the custody of the state's attorney and have them placed in jail.

The boys confessed on May 31 and six days later the Cook county grand jury indicted them on charges of murder and kidnaping for ransom, both punishable by death in Illinois. On June 11 they appeared before Judge John R. Caverly, chief justice of the

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NORTH CAROLINA TEACHER OFF TO SPLENDID START

The first issue of the North Carolina Teacher since its combination with North Carolina Education in June is off the press with an attractive cover design which combines the map of North Carolina and the long leaf pine as a border surrounding the reproduction of the Aycock Memorial in the Capitol Square in Raleigh by Gutzon Borglum, and with contents as interesting to parents as teachers.

M. R. Trabue is editor in chief, with Misses Ila Johnston, Elizabeth Kelly and Rennie Peeler, and M. L. Wright as associate editors.

The board of managers is composed of Frederick Archer, W. A. Graham, Chester Haworth, and Robert L. Wright.

WILL KEEP FLIERS FOR DEFENSE DAY

Washington, Sept. 10.—The decision to keep the world fliers in Washington until Defense Day was announced today by Major General Patrick, chief of the Army Air Service.

SEVENTEEN DEAD IN PLANTATION FIGHT

Honolulu, Sept. 10.—Seventeen persons are dead at Hanalepe, Kauai Island, as the result of a clash among strikers and workers on the McBryde plantation yesterday, according to word received here today.

VALUABLE JEWELS STOLEN FROM HOME

New York, Sept. 10.—Jewelry valued at \$250,000 was stolen from the home of J. S. Condon, wealthy oil man and race horse owner at Sands Point, Long Island Monday night. It was announced today by Gerard Luisi head of the investigating company in charge of the search for the robbers.

Poplar Branch School Is Starting Out With Energy

Principal Mayo Will Teach Boys Football, and Emory Smith Will Help Them Build Farm, Shop and School Truck Garage

Poplar Branch, Sept. 10.—Poplar Branch High School has started out this year with an unusual amount of energy. Emory Smith is again at the head of the agriculture department while Professor Mayo, M. A. graduate of Peabody's Teachers' College at Nashville, who, by the way is also a football star, is at the head of the school.

The rest of the teaching staff are all accomplished teachers and the pupils all expect to do good work under them. Especially is this true in the agriculture department, where they have already made plans to build a farm shop and a garage for the school trucks. This work will be done entirely by the boys of this department, thereby serving the dual purpose of giving the boys vocational training and of getting the buildings up without extra expense to the county.

The farm shop is something that has been strongly urged for some time by W. H. Gallop, chairman of the board of education of Currituck County. The shop is to be equipped with all kinds of first class tools, including both blacksmith and carpenter tools. The boys will take training in all kinds of work which they shall probably have to do on a farm and will also carry on a study of farm animals, which is included in the course that is mapped out for them to pursue this year.

The garage is to be 110 feet long and 10 feet wide. This will accommodate all of the 11 trucks that are used to transport the

children to and from school.

The agriculture department has also organized an editorial staff to take care of the news of the agriculture department and also the local news of this vicinity. These boys all intend to do their best to write something of interest each week concerning the work that the boys are doing. The staff is as follows: John Brice, editor; John Litchfield, assistant editor; Craig Meigs, James Newbern, and Carlyle McCloud, writers of the staff, who represent some of the best talent in the whole school. All of these boys have been selected with care, as the department wants somebody on the job that they think will take care of it in the best way possible.

The boys expect to get into full swing with their athletic activities in a short while. Professor Mayo has been looking over the material from which he has to form a football team and has pronounced it first class. Football is the only sport that Poplar Branch has never taken an active part in before and the boys are not as well acquainted with the game as they soon expect to be, but under the guidance and direction of Professor Mayo, they expect to come to the front as one of the leading teams of Eastern North Carolina. The agriculture teacher is also doing splendid work in getting the boys well organized and in good shape for hard work and the boys are all looking forward to a busy and interesting school season for the years 1924 and 1925.

BABY DROWNS IN PAUL WATER

Shiloh, Sept. 10.—Drowned in a pool of water was the fate Tuesday morning of little Mary Louise Brown, eight months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Brown of this community.

It was washday at the Brown home, and the mother was busy with the clothes while the father had gone to take the other children to school. Unobserved by the mother, the baby pulled herself up to the side of a large wooden pail, about the size of a bird stand, filled with water and toppled in, head first. Unable to make any outcry, she was drowned before the mother knew what had happened.

Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock by Rev. S. F. Hudson of Shiloh, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church.

The entire community is saddened by the unfortunate accident which brought bereavement and tragedy into the Brown home.

FOUR ARE DEAD IN FIGHT AT THE POLLS

Opeolousa, La., Sept. 10.—Four are dead and two are dying as the result of a fight at the polls in the primary yesterday.

BETTER FERRY SERVICE
Edenton, Sept. 10.—The increased business between Edenton and Maceys has caused the Edenton-Maceys Ferry Company to arrange for a double schedule with an extra ferry boat to carry 15 cars, thus allowing a simultaneous starting from Edenton and Maceys and doubling the service.

This new boat will probably be put into service the latter part of this week.

It is interesting to note in this connection that with the advent of these ferries the Edenton-Maceys, Coastal Highway, between Edenton and Avoca, the passenger traffic in and out of Edenton has been built up tremendously, so that it is now not an unusual thing for 50 cars to pass over on these ferries in the course of the day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS IN REGARD TO SCHOOL
Supt. S. L. Sheep calls the following matters to the attention of pupils:

"All pupils promoted to the Seventh Grade will report at the Grammar School auditorium Monday morning, at 11 o'clock. Please do not come until the hour named as it will avoid much confusion."

"All Seventh Grade graduates of last June entering the High School next Monday are requested to report to Mr. Combs at 11 o'clock Friday, September 12."

"All new pupils entering First, Second or Third grades who have not been in the City Schools heretofore will report at the Primary Building at 10:30 Monday and not before that hour."

LIST OF TEACHERS FOR COMING SESSION

Following is the list of teachers in the Elizabeth City Schools for the coming session.

Primary Grades
Miss Sallie Berry, supervisor.
First—Miss India Rickett, Miss Ethel Berry, Miss Amanda Leary, Mrs. Susie Morrisette, Miss Carrie Pappendiek, Miss Lucile Poag.
Second—Miss Florence Boll, Miss Lottie Lee Blanchard, Mrs. E. E. Etheridge, Miss Margaret Harris, Miss Emma Willis.

Third—Miss Dora Blanchard, Mrs. Mary Cooke, Miss Lucille LeRoy, Miss Helen Smithwick, Mrs. Wilbert Whitehurst.
Grammar Grades
Fourth—Miss Winnie Bosenman, Miss Alice Brockwell, Miss Rebecca Bunch, Mrs. L. E. Skinner, Miss Nettie White.

Fifth—Miss Ruth Cooke, Miss Osa Kiser, Mrs. H. C. Pearson, Miss Mary Lee Scott, Miss Mary I. White.
Sixth—Miss Linda Delon, Miss Lantle Horton, Miss Eva Pritchett, Miss Frances Purvis.

Seventh—Miss Annie Fellers, Mrs. A. T. Haley, Miss Hattie M. Harney, Miss Marie LeRoy.
High School
A. B. Combs, principal.
Miss Ruth Barbee, domestic science; Miss Florence Brownstein, commercial course; Miss Aleene B. Edwards, Latin; Earl H. Hartsell, English; Ralph W. Holmes, mathematics; Miss Rena King, science; Joe L. Lax of Holivar, Tennessee, new athletic coach, succeeding F. M. Dwight; science and athletics; Miss Hestie Newton, history; Miss Nell Peckard, French and English; Annie P. Proffitt, mathematics; R. T. Ryland, mathematics; Miss Clara Belle Stiles, public school music; Miss Annie E. Vaughn, civics and history; Miss Frances Williams, arithmetic and civics; Miss Lois Workman, English.

FUNERAL MRS. BURNHAM

The funeral of Mrs. B. G. Burnham, who died at her home, 411 Cedar street, Tuesday morning at 2:30 o'clock after two weeks illness, was conducted at the home Wednesday morning at 12:30 o'clock by Rev. W. J. Noble and the body was taken to New Hope for burial. Mrs. Burnham was 43 years old and is survived by her husband; four daughters, Miss Linda Burnham, Mrs. Lin Wood Goodwin and Mrs. Charles Humphlett of this city and Mrs. A. D. Hensch of Roanoke Rapids, and one sister, Mrs. Alice Davis of St. Brides, Virginia.

Results Maine Election Pleasing To Republicans

Represents Big Loss as Compared With 1920, but as Compared With 1922 Indicates Tide Has Turned —But Klan Issue Gives Democrats Alibi

By DAVID LAWRENCE
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Washington, Sept. 9.—As goes Maine so goes the Nation is an old battle cry of the Republican party and the Democrats have been loath to use it except when the election appeared to be turning their way.

MISS ALBERTSON BACK TO WORK

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Miss Catherine Albertson, field secretary of the North Carolina Parent-Teachers' Association, returned to her work this week after spending two weeks vacation at her home here following special work at Columbia University this summer.

Miss Albertson's headquarters are at the North Carolina State College for Women, which last year took over the State Parent-Teachers' Association as a part of its extension work.

She went from Elizabeth City to Halifax, however, to organize a Parent-Teachers' County Council in co-operation with Miss Annie Cherry, county supervisor of rural schools, and the various civic organizations of the town and county.

From Halifax Miss Albertson goes to Raleigh where she speaks at a county-wide meeting Saturday on the work of the Parent-Teachers' Association, co-operating with Miss Anne Holdford, county supervisor. She will then report to headquarters at the N. C. W. in Greensboro.

In October Miss Albertson expects to be in this section of the State again organizing Parent-Teachers' Associations in Gates and Bertie counties.

THREE SERVICES NOW IN ARRIVAL AT BEEBA

Three services will be held daily, beginning tonight, at Berea Baptist church, one at 11 a. m., the second at 2:30 p. m., and the last at 7:30 p. m., in the revival conducted by the well known brothers, Judge J. Warren Davis and Dr. Q. C. Davis.

Interest has been so great in these services that the night service was added in order to enable those to attend who could not do so in the morning and afternoon. Many are going from Elizabeth City, for it is only a short drive on the Newland road to Berea.

GOVERNOR SMITH APPROVES CONTRACT

New York, Sept. 10.—Governor Smith today approved the contract whereby New York will join in a suit against the United States for the return of direct taxes approximating \$3,000,000, paid immediately after the civil war.

Virtually all the other states in the union either have adopted or are negotiating contracts providing for their participation in the joint action, according to state attorney Sherman. North Carolina is among those which already have completed steps to join in the action, he said.

ORDERS RECEIVERS TO CONTINUE TASK

New York, Sept. 10.—Federal Judge Bondy today ordered the present receivers for Wilson and Company Chicago packers to continue in their present capacity for the duration of the bankruptcy suit. This order gives the receivers complete charge of the company's affairs in New York and Illinois until reorganization is effected.

FIGHTING GOES ON WHEN DELUGE HALTS

Shanghai, Sept. 10.—Cessation of the deluge which halted the fighting along the front south and west of Shanghai was a signal for the resumption of firing along the whole line this morning between the forces of the rival military governors battling for possession of Shanghai.

DIES AT HOSPITAL

Mrs. J. W. Boyce of Belvidere, age 41 years, died at 7:05 Wednesday morning at the Elizabeth City Hospital and her body will be taken to Tyner for burial Thursday.

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What then does a gain from 24,000 in 1922 to 36,000 in 1924 really represent? It means that the Republicans not only have held their own but have made a gain of about 12,000 votes though the difference between a gubernatorial and a Presidential vote is always a few thousand any way, so to all intents and purposes the situation has not materially changed from 1922. Had there been any landslide in prospect for the Presidential race, the barometer in Maine should have registered at least a 50,000 or 60,000 majority.

Entirely apart from the effect which the figures will have on the workers of both parties for they will interpret it as they please—Maine may have an importance in another field of controversy, namely the Ku Klux Klan. The defeats of the Klan in Texas and Oklahoma had made some of the supporters of the Klan in politics political mud. The Coolidge contract whereby New York will join in a suit against the United States for the return of direct taxes approximating \$3,000,000, paid immediately after the civil war.

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RELEASE IS WINNER IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 10.—With practically complete returns on the state's second primary, Solomon I. Blease, former governor, was nominated as United States Senator yesterday over James P. Byrnes, Congressman for 14 years, by a majority of 2,709 votes.

COTTON MARKET

New York, Sept. 10.—Spot cotton closed quiet today; middling 23.80. Seventy points decline. Futures, closing bid: October 22.78, December 22.35, January 22.20, March 22.51, May 22.87.