

WEATHER

Cloudy Friday and Saturday, probably showers Saturday, cooler in west

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Chapman On Stand Matches Wits With State For An Hour

TRIAL OF MASTER CROOK BROUGHT NEAR TO CLIMAX

Claims He Shot At Someone Who Was Trying To Rob Him

CALM AND STOICAL

Spoke In Cold, Even Tones, Eyes Fixed On Questioner At All Times

HARTFORD, Conn., April 2.—Gerald Chapman, extraordinary criminal brought his defense against the charge of having murdered a New Britain policeman last October 12 to a climax today when he took the stand himself and for more than an hour matched his wits with the state's prosecutor, Hugh M. Alcorn.

At all times seemingly entirely at ease, the notorious prisoner slumped in the witness chair, one arm atop the railing surrounding it, spoke in low, even, unharsh tones. His eyes prominent and coldly blue, were fixed on his questioner, most of the time. On occasions, particularly when he launched into some description or explanation or circumstances surrounding him or the charge against him, he would look directly at the jury, leaning slightly forward and sitting directly to the jury.

Walter E. Shaw, Alcorn's accuser, was a criminal and an associate of criminals from all parts of the country, as asserted, Shaw, Chapman said, "spoke in the same vein of his Springfield, Mass., advertising concern a depot of stolen goods shipped to him from all parts of the country by unscrupulous characters, to be disposed of on a commission basis."

Frederick J. Crockett, chief defense counsel, asked Chapman a few questions on calling him to the stand. Chapman denied ever having been in New Britain; admitted he has four times been convicted of crime; said he had "left" the federal prison at Atlanta "about March 26, 1923," that he had known George "Dutch" Anderson, his mail looting buddy, about eight years, and that he had met many of Shean's associates—men dubbed by him as "Shean's mob."

When Alcorn began cross-examination, he brought out that the prisoner had served prison terms in Auburn and Elmira, New York, and that he was in Atlanta penitentiary because of the \$200,000 New York mail robbery. He was not armed. In the mail robbery, Chapman asserted, and Alcorn asked him if he had not denied at his trial participation in the looting.

"I do not want to get into an argument with you about whether or not I am guilty of the hold-up," he answered. "It has nothing to do with this case."

Asked if he shot at a police officer at the time he was arrested in Nuncle, he replied, "I shot at someone, not knowing he was a policeman, came up and jabbed a gun under his heart. I had something like a .38 in my pocket, and he was a professional character."

He hadn't intended to kill the man he explained, merely seeking to scare him. On Alcorn's questioning, he said the nitroglycerin found in his automobile had been bought by him and Henderson from Indians at Shaw's request.

Halt Geraldine Farrar; Seize Bottles In Car

RUTLAND, April 2.—Two dozen bottles of alleged assorted liquors and a dozen bottles, alleged to contain beer were seized when customs officials at Houses Point, N. Y., searched the private car of Geraldine Farrar, they said "late today." The singer and her party were permitted to proceed to Rutland, where she was to fill a concert engagement.

YOUTH SHOT DOWN WITHOUT WARNING

"Do You Want To See Your Picture?" Man Asked, Pointing Gun

BENNETT, April 2.—Casey Phillips, a youth of Fall Creek community, is in a dangerous condition in a Sanford hospital, and "Mabel" Richardson, of this place is under arrest, pending the outcome of Phillips' injury, as the result of a shooting affair that took place here, Sunday night.

It seems that a party of boys in two cars had been out driving, and had had the trouble. The boys included Richardson, Carl Brewer, C. Branson, Blarrie Jones and Fletcher Lambert. They had stopped on the side of the road, and were patching a puncture.

Phillips drove up, and thinking that he might be able to help the crowd, asked if there was anything that he might do.

Richardson stepped up, and pointed a pistol against the chin of Phillips, with the remark, "Do you want to see your picture?" Taken by surprise, Phillips requested that the gun be removed. Richardson fired, the bullet going in Phillips' chin and out of the back of his neck.

The injured boy was given first aid treatment here, and rushed to the hospital at Sanford. At first, it was thought that there was no chance for his recovery. A late report from the hospital states that he is resting as well as could be expected and has a fighting chance to live.

Shortly after the shooting, which has shocked this entire town, Richardson surrendered to Deputy Sheriff Hall. It is claimed by some parties that he is mentally deranged. As far as has been learned there was no cause for animosity between the two men.

WEALTHIEST WOMAN DIES IN TEXAS

Mrs. Henrietta King, Age 93, Owner Of Million Acre Ranch Is Dead

KINGSVILLE, April 2.—Mrs. Henrietta King, 93, owner of the world's largest ranch, and rated as one of the country's wealthiest women, died last night.

Proprietor of a ranch bordering the Gulf of Mexico for 100 miles and comprising 1,280,000 acres, which came to her at the death of her husband, Captain Richard King, pioneer Texas cattleman. Mrs. King's fortune rose to an enormous figure thru the advance of land values from a few cents to many dollars an acre. Her herd virtually were countless, more than 100,000 calves being branded each season.

Coming to the ranch as a bride, Mrs. King's first home was a block house, due to the constant menace of Indians and bandits. Her last home was of concrete and marble and was described as the finest farm home in America.

Kingsville, a town of 4770 is in the center of the vast estate and is largely supported by the industries of the ranch. Mrs. King, who spent virtually all of her time on the property, was noted for her many benefactions.

Sheriff Roberson Claims He Wasn't Careless In Protecting His Prisoner

WILLIAMSTON, April 1.—Since the fearful tragedy which occurred in our county early Sunday morning I am told many rumors have been circulated in the county which would indicate that I had been careless in not providing further protection for the prisoner, Joe Needelman, who was the victim of the mob.

No one regrets more than I that such a violent act has been performed which caused such a blot on the good name of the county. Nothing had appeared to even cause the slightest suspicion that there would be any violence, and for that reason I followed exactly the same course in taking care of this prisoner that I have always followed by putting him in the county jail. All I ask of my fellowmen is a fair and impartial investigation of the en-

CHANGE IN SCHEDULE OF BUS LINE

H. G. Bales, manager of the Goldsboro Transit Co., announces a new schedule for the bus service beginning with this morning. The new schedule is as follows:

Bus No. 1 will leave Edgewood at Pineview and Walnut streets, go North to Mulberry, West to Herman Street, North to Ash street, West to Slocumb street, South to Walnut street, West to Virginia, North to Ash, circle around by the Spicer sanatorium, South on Carolina to Station, and East to Walnut to starting point.

Bus No. 2 will start at North William and the corporate limits on the Greenleaf road going South to Walnut street, West to George street, North to Bellevue, and return to the starting point over the same route.

Bus No. 3 will leave Webbtown at Elm and Pineview streets, going South to William streets instead of John, West to George South to Elm, and West to Little Washington section, and return over the same route.

Mr. Bales announced that he had abandoned John street, because few passengers boarded the cars on this street, it being so close in, and would traverse William street instead, as a good many requests had been received from the people along William street to make this change.

Further announcements will be made as changes, if any, are deemed necessary for the maintenance of good service.

FIND LIQUOR BURIED IN WOODS

Mecklenburg Officers Stumble Upon 50-Gallon Barrel, While Looking For Aged Negro Man

CHARLOTTE, April 2.—Not Uncle Ike Stewart, missing 60-year-old negro of the section between Matthews and Mint Hill, but 70 gallons of corn whiskey fell into the hands of rural officers yesterday as they were trying to locate the old man.

The liquor was in a barrel buried in a woods on the farm of Joel Barrett, near Matthews. The barrel was full of the stuff and was partly exposed. Nearby in a clump of bushes were 55 empty fruit jars in which the contraband was probably hauled and poured into the barrel.

Chief Weyerman and Officer Wallace stumbled upon the cache, located a considerable distance from any beaten path. Barrel had been thrown over the leaves, about foot of which protruded above ground, and fresh earth showed that it had not been buried long. Further search revealed the fruit jars. The booty was placed in an automobile and taken to headquarters.

No further trace was discovered yesterday of Uncle Ike, who disappeared Friday afternoon. The belief was expressed in the neighborhood that he was murdered, but nothing to substantiate that opinion has been revealed. Charles Daniel, James Crawford, Sam Crawford, Grover Stewart and Lindsey Stewart the latter the wife of the old man, are being held by the rural police pending further investigation. But the officers are inclined to believe they are honest when they deny of knowing anything about the disappearance.

Change In Ownership Of Kinston News

The Kinston News will operate under new ownership, announcement of the change appearing in a recent issue of the paper. Following is the statement of the new owners:

The undersigned having acquired control of The Morning News from the Kinston Publishing Company, and will continue publication of the paper. It is our intention to bend every effort into making it a genuine asset to the community, and upon this basis we solicit your patronage and support. Further announcement as to the policy and personnel of the staff will be made at an early date.

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Entire Stomachs of Two Men Removed

SHANGHAI, April 2.—Dr. Kom, director of the Daria general hospital at Daria, Manchuria, has just reported the successful removal of two operations of two Japanese patients' stomachs. The operations were made more than a year ago, for cancer and in both cases the stomachs were removed and the gutties connected directly with the intestines.

Very Respectfully, H. T. ROBESON, Sheriff

At Washington where Needelman is in hospital, it was said he would require though he was permanently mutilated.

Sparrow, according to Sheriff Roberson of Martin county, was married on Sunday afternoon to the girl who it was alleged was attacked by Needelman. In a statement made Sunday when it was said he would die, Needelman named the three men as his assailants and warrants were issued at the order of Solicitor Donald Gilliam and served last night. It was expected the three men would be given a preliminary hearing today.

BODY ST. LOUIS MAN FOUND IN NEW YORK

Two Bullet Holes in Neck Passwell, Who Was Found Stuffed in Tenement House

NEW YORK, April 2.—The body of a man containing two bullet wounds and believed to be that of Mack Passwell of St. Louis, was found today stuffed in the narrow arched-way of an upper Park avenue tenement house. In a pocket was found a savings bank book showing deposits of \$40,000.

Passwell, who was registered at the Hotel Algonquin, in Upper Broadway, is believed by the police to have been a dealer in Sacramento wines. They said the slain man carried large bank balances other than the one shown by the deposit book found in his pocket.

He made deposits totalling \$14,000 in two banks in this city in 1923.

A few days earlier he had deposited \$19,000. He had accumulated his large deposits in local banks since March 23.

Police say they are certain he was not slain where the body was found. Police are working on the theories that he was either slain in a hotel-keeper's warfare or that he was shot by robbers. He apparently had been dead about 3 hours when the body was found.

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Theodore Black Is Ordered Released Under \$5,000 Bond

FORTY-EIGHT DRILLS FOR GUARD

RALEIGH, April 2.—Adjutant General J. Van B. Meitz tonight announced receipt from the militia bureau of the War Department at Washington of the president's ruling for pay in the national guard units. He said the ruling in brief authorized the expenditures from the \$332,000 fund held in non-apportioned states of such sum as will, together with money already appropriated, permit each national guard unit established in federally recognized during the whole of the current year to hold a total of 4 drills. Units organized and federally recognized during the year would have their proportionate share.

WIFE OF BENNETT RELEASED UNDER TWO-FIFTY BOND

County Authorities Convinced She Shot In Defense Of Her Life

BENNETT STILL LIVES

So Maggie Bennett Would Probably Have Been Released Anyway

Maggie Bennett, negro woman who fired a pistol ball through the head of her husband, Marshall Bennett, one day last week was released yesterday under a cash bond of \$250 for her appearance at the May term of Superior court. So much convinced were county authorities that the woman fired the shot that penetrated the head of her lord and master in self defense that she was permitted to furnish the cash bond to guarantee her appearance at the next term of Superior court.

But even if the shooting had not the appearance of self defense, it is believed the woman would have soon been released anyway, since there is every reason to believe that Marshall Bennett will survive a most harrowing experience and live to relate how he was shot through the head.

A report from the hospital last night stated that Bennett was slightly improved and that his chances for recovery appeared at least even. He was resting easily and talked rationally and seemed to be actually gaining strength. Some sort of a protector has been inserted in the wound that pierces the upper part of his skull and inch and a fraction above his ears.

If Bennett is finally able to stay the cold hand of the Grim Reaper, he will be a living breathing example of the wonders now being done in surgery to save human life. His case is one of the few known to the medical profession. It is hard to believe how a man can survive a bullet wound through his head, and only advanced surgery can account for it. The theory has been advanced that in some miraculously manner the bullet must have glanced along through the cells of the skull without piercing the brain.

Bennett was shot by his wife after he is alleged to have charged her with a razor with the evident purpose of cutting her throat. The woman, according to the evidence, was seated on a divan in the house of her niece when Marshall Bennett entered the room and advanced on her with a drawn razor. Maggie Bennett backed into the next room and producing a pistol fired on her husband at close range, the ball entered Bennett's head above the left ear and penetrating the skull to the other side.

Dr. David J. Rose was summoned and rendered medical attention at the scene of the shooting. Later he moving the patient to the Goldsboro hospital. Dr. Rose diagnosed the case as critical and gave the man only a short time to live. However, (Continued on Page Four)

ENTERED PLEA OF SELF-DEFENSE IN BUCKHAM KILLING

Breaks Long Silence And Declared He Shot Buckham To Save His Own Life

HEARING BEFORE ALLEN

Reported That Defendant Had Not Yet Been Able To Stand

Breaking a silence which began for the first time about ten months ago, Theodore Black, negro, today entered his plea of self-defense in the killing of Marshall Bennett, negro, one day last week. Black declared that he was forced to fire the shot that penetrated the head of the victim in self defense.

The hearing was granted Black after the latter had entered a habeas corpus proceeding in an effort to establish bail. Judge Allen was permitted to hear the case and ordered the defendant and court officials to Klinton to conduct the hearing.

The plea of self-defense was entered by Black as an answer to Judge Allen ordered him released with \$5,000 May term of Superior court, which was in the case of Black. Black, it was reported, had been unable to raise the bond and had been held in jail in vain.

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