

MAN IS CHARGED WITH KILLING FIVE PERSONS

Ben Burchfield, of Bristol, Va.-Tenn., Will Be Taken Back There For Trial

ALL SLAIN IN ONE HOUSE

Then House Was Fired; Burchfield Was Husband of One of Victims; Bloodstains Alleged To Have Been Found on Prisoner's Clothes When Arrested

Bristol, Va.-Tenn., Nov. 27.—Ben Burchfield, 41, will be brought here late today from the Blountsville jail and given a hearing on the charge of murder in connection with the finding of five charred bodies believed to have been slain and the house in which they were in set after early yesterday.

James Smith, 50, a grocer, his wife, their two-year-old daughter, Mrs. Delina Burchfield, wife of the man being held, and her son, Charles, 13, were today making final funeral arrangements for the quintet. The bodies were found by firemen after flames had been extinguished in the Smith home. Of-

Harnett County Woman Shot While Rocking Her Baby

Lillington, N. C., Nov. 27.—Mrs. Foster Vanconnon, wife of a farmer living in the Anderson Creek section of Harnett county, was shot and probably fatally injured Saturday night as she sat in her chair, rocking a baby. The shot was fired thru a crack in the log cabin in which she lived and the bullet struck Mrs. Vanconnon in the head.

Sheriff McCarden stated this morning that he had information that probably an arrest would be made today.

Neighbors say they evidently had been beaten to death with an axe and the house set afire to hide any trace of the crime.

Calmly chewing on a piece of gum, Burchfield showed no concern when he viewed the five bodies late yesterday after his capture in Johnson City, Tenn., and brought back here. He was later in the day removed to Blountsville jail for safe keeping, pending his hearing this afternoon.

While the police claimed when they captured Burchfield bloodstains were found on his shirt and trousers, the accused denied any connection with the alleged crime, saying the reason why he was in Johnson City was that he was paying a visit to a sister preparatory to going to West Virginia. Police later claimed that the trousers Burchfield was wearing at the time of his arrest were the property of the dead grocerman.

It was said Burchfield and his wife

were separated. Police say Burchfield is alleged to have made threats against her if she contemplated a divorce.

Hospital authorities here reported early today improvement in the condition of H. Layshon, city editor of the Knoxville Journal and Tribune, and James Ray, pilot, who were painfully injured when the airplane in which they were riding crashed here late yesterday. The newspaper man had been sent here by his paper to "cover" the Burchfield case.

SOME FEATURES OF EARLY NEWS TODAY

Father Dominic, spiritual adviser to the late Terrence MacSwiney, is passenger on the Adriatic on his way to Dominican House in Oregon, where he has been ordered by his church superiors.

Annie MacSwiney sends message to sister in North Carolina refusing to give up her fast and says Sister Mary is very low, but that both are happy.

Earth tremors again shake considerable area along Chilean coast, covering largely zone which suffered most from earthquakes two weeks ago.

Unofficial spokesmen at Lausanne declared that position of United Turkish capitulation would be essentially that of French and British.

Eugene V. Debs, at Chicago, in first public speech since leaving Atlanta pen, says he would choose to be in jail with self-respect to be free and gagged.

Earth tremors severe enough to break windows felt in St. Louis, southern Illinois, western Indiana and western Kentucky.

John P. Tiernan returns to South

Bend, Ind., and is reconciled with his first wife, having parted from a bride of a day in Chicago after divorce was revoked.

Clemenceau lays wreath on Grant's tomb, New York, visits aquarium and rides thru Harlem and The Bronx to see how great city has grown.

New York policemen have to swing their clubs to break up outdoor meeting protesting against execution of Erskine Childers by the Irish free state.

BUSINESS IN ALASKA SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

Washington, Nov. 27.—Considerable improvement in business in Alaska is foreseen by Associate Forester E. A. Sherman of the Department of Agriculture, who recently visited that territory. Exports of fish, for the last 10 or 12 years the great source of cash returns, will be surprisingly heavy this year, he reports, while a mining revival is in evidence and exports of high-grade lumber, cut from the Tongass National Forest, show a promising beginning.

"The people of southern Alaska are particularly pleased with the efforts of the Forest Service to establish a pulp and paper industry there, and with the roads built by the Service and by the Bureau of Public Roads," Mr. Sherman says. "The road problem in Alaska is unlike that encountered elsewhere. In the States, travel and traffic exist before the Government begins building roads; in Alaska we have had to anticipate the demand."

The completion, probably next January, of the Government railroad from Seward to Fairbanks—a distance almost as great as from Washington to Boston—will greatly benefit the mining industry in the interior, in the opinion of Mr. Sherman, who predicts cheaper fuel for the mines.

TIERNAN'S SECOND WIFE IN SAME FIX AS THE PROFESSOR

She Has Never Secured Divorce From One of the Several Common Law Husbands

TIERNAN LEAVES HER

Court Sets Aside Divorce Decree He Obtained Thursday; Woman He Married Friday He Had Never Seen Until Few Hours Before Ceremony; Case Mixed Up

Chicago, Nov. 27.—Mrs. Blanche Dawn Rush Tiernan, second wife of John P. Tiernan, former professor of law at Notre Dame, possesses a martial attitude after having been wedded to her husband for a day, and made her departure for Marshalltown, Iowa, after the divorce decree had been set aside in the case of Tiernan.

Mrs. Brimmer was left by Professor Tiernan with the injunction to "go and redeem yourself in my eyes" and replied with a tearful "Oh, I will, dear John."

These expressions came after Professor Tiernan and Mrs. Brimmer were informed their marriage had been rendered illegal by annulment of Professor Tiernan's divorce from Mrs. Augusta Tiernan at South Bend, Ind., and her own prior marital status possibly was beclouded.

When 18 years old, eight years ago, she eloped with Floyd L. Rash, Marshalltown baker, from the home of her parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Charles H. Dawn, then of Aredale, Iowa, and now of Hansel, Iowa, she said. Four days after receiving notice that Rash had sued for divorce she said she married Arthur L. Brimmer, at Oskaloosa, Iowa, only to learn still later that Rash had not obtained a final decree when she married Brimmer.

Nothing was done about the matter, she said, but she and Brimmer came to Chicago where she became a check girl in a Chinese restaurant. While here she learned that Brimmer then was being sued for divorce by an earlier wife, whereupon she returned home, but rejoined Brimmer later at Kansas City, Mo. He disappeared there, she said, and his brother informed her Brimmer was dead.

It is that all the proof of freedom you had when you married me," Professor Tiernan was said to have exclaimed.

Replying to a question regarding still another romance, Mrs. Brimmer said she had not married the man named, but that she met him in Mason City, Iowa, had gone to Salt Lake City and from there to his home in Uniontown, Pa., where his mother told her he was married and the father of a child. The man's mother paid her way back home, Mrs. Brimmer said.

Shortly thereafter she became interested in the Tiernan-Poulin paternity case and began the penciled correspondence with Professor Tiernan, which led to their meeting here last Thursday night, their first sight of each other, and to two attempts to be married in Illinois before their unsuccessful effort at Crown Point, Ind.

Mrs. Brimmer's letters as published by the Chicago Herald and Examiner began by referring to Professor Tiernan as "Dear Friend" and gradually increased in warmth of tone until Professor Tiernan is said to have finally replied.

"Some day I am coming for you," to which Mrs. Brimmer was quoted as having responded: "And when you do you'll find me waiting."

Regarding money, Mrs. Brimmer was quoted as saying: "I have plenty. Money has no attraction whatever."

In another letter this passage was said to have occurred: "But always you are and will be my sakawanin." Reference to books on Indian lore failed to reveal her meaning of "sakawanin." Mrs. Brimmer is the mother of two children, Verden Rash, 6, and Kenneth, 4.

FERIES SENTENCED TO DIE FOR KILLING BOY

York, S. C., Nov. 27.—William C. Faries, 40 years old, will die in the electric chair on December 29 for the slaying of Newton Taylor, aged 14, unless the higher courts or the governor interfere. Date for his execution was fixed late Saturday by Judge J. E. Peurifoy in court of general sessions, after a jury earlier had found him guilty of murder.

A motion for a new trial was overruled.

Faries went on trial Friday morning in the first of four charges of murder against him growing out of the fatal wounding on September 8 of four members of the family of James M. Taylor at Clover. Both sides closed their case Saturday morning and at 1:38 o'clock that afternoon the case was given to the jury. At 2:16 o'clock the jury announced that it had reached a verdict and three minutes later the verdict was announced.

Faries at no time during the trial showed any trace of emotion. He received the verdict condemning him to death in the electric chair stoically.

COLLEGES TAKE PART IN RUN

New York, Nov. 27.—Teams representing eighteen leading eastern colleges will compete at Van Cortland Park this afternoon for the annual intercollegiate cross country championship. The varsity event, over a six-mile course, will start at 3:16 o'clock. It will be preceded by a three-mile freshman championship race in which thirteen colleges are entered.

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DEATH WM. R. NEEDHAM SUNDAY AT PFAFFTOWN

William Riley Needham, aged 65 years, died Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at his home near Pfafftown. He had been in bad health for more than a year. Death was due to a sudden stroke of paralysis.

The deceased is survived by his wife and five sons, Rev. S. M. Needham, of North Wilkesboro; W. C. Eugene W., James K. and John K. of Pfafftown; five daughters, Mrs. D. E. Strohle, of this city; Miss Minnie Needham, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Fred Cordes, of Lathrop, Cal., and Misses Lillian and Annabell Needham, of Pfafftown. He is also survived by twelve grandchildren.

Mr. Needham was a member of Doubt's Methodist church. He moved to Forsyth county from Westfield, Surry county, in 1899. He was born at Long Hill, in Surry, in the year 1857, being a son of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Needham, a well known minister in the Methodist Church. His grandfather, Rev. James Needham, was also a Methodist minister and the founder of his church in Surry and adjoining counties. The deceased has one son, Rev. S. M. Needham, who is pastor of the Methodist church at North Wilkesboro, and another, Eugene, who is preparing for the ministry at Rutherford College.

For years Mr. Needham was a merchant at Westfield, Surry county, moving in 1893 to a farm near Pfafftown, Forsyth county, because of failing health.

Mr. Needham was married on December 9, 1886, to Miss Mary Alice Ashburn, of Stony Ridge.

The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Doubt's church, by Rev. J. W. Vestal and Rev. John Cline. Interment will follow in the church graveyard.

300-LB. CAROLINA BEAR CHASED FARMER HOME

Bryson City, N. C., Nov. 27.—The prize bear story of the season comes from Ocauca Luffy, this county, where Lee Gibson reports a narrow escape from a 300 pound brute.

Gibson lost a cow in the mountains, trailed her into the wilderness and came upon two cub and an old bear feasting on the carcass of his cow. The mother bear charged him but was intercepted by Gibson's hound dog which attacked the bear's flanks and covered the hasty retreat of his master.

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STATE SWINE BREEDERS TO MEET IN WADESBORO

Wadesboro, Nov. 27.—By prompt and energetic action, having sent a delegation headed by Secretary C. H. Van Herve, to Statesville, this city, thru its active and aggressive chamber of commerce, has secured the next convention of the State Swine Breeders Association, which will meet here next March.

It is thought that this meeting will prove to be of unusual interest and profit to Anson county which is eagerly taking advantage of every opportunity to develop its splendid natural resources.

The organization here of a chamber of commerce marks a really constructive era in the history of Wadesboro and of Anson county, the good work of the organization being apparent in many lines of development.

Quite a number of Northern tourists are passing thru here daily. Cars from many Northern and Western states have passed on their way to Florida. The cars are of all kinds, some of them being veritable houses on wheels.

Considerable interest is being manifested in the meeting being held in the Methodist church by Rev. Walter West of Charlotte. The Rev. Mr. West possesses evangelistic gifts of a high order, preaching with great earnestness and power, and making a direct personal appeal in a most effective way.

ASHEVILLE HAS A DRAMATIC CLUB

Asheville, Nov. 27.—A program for extending musical culture and education thruout the United States will be undertaken at the Biennial convention of the National Federation Clubs, to be held here ten days beginning June 17, 1923, according to delegates who returned today from attending meetings of the executive board at Philadelphia and New York.

Prizes aggregating \$6,000 will be awarded the young artists con-

testing in voice, violin and piano, a symphony orchestra, the Philadelphia Choral Club, and several others are on the program. The winning one-act opera and lyric dance dramas, for which awards are offered, will be enacted. About 3,000 delegates are expected, some already having arranged for special cars to attend the convention.

MRS. PHILBRICK ILL AT HER HOME IN ARDMORE

Friends of Mrs. C. L. Philbrick will regret to learn that she underwent a minor operation at Memorial Hospital on Saturday, but will be interested to learn that she is now at her home on Lockland avenue, Ardmore, and is resting well.

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