

DIAMOND ROBBERY CASE PLACED IN HANDS THE JURY

Defendant Brown and Wife Underwent Terrible Cross Fire of Questions Yesterday.

"What is your name?" asked Solicitor Hayden Clement of R. R. Brown, male defendant in the diamond robbery case, yesterday afternoon when he was turned over to the prosecution by his attorneys.

"Richard Russell Brown," answered the prisoner. "Is it Richard Russell Brown or Paul Wright?" asked the solicitor, and the defendant repeated that it was Richard Russell Brown.

Then the next question fired at the defendant took the pep out of him and knocked him off his feet as it were, and placed him at the mercy of the prosecution. It came from the solicitor in a distinct but slowly spoken voice and was:

"Well, Richard Russell Brown, will you tell the jury what you did with those diamonds?"

The Brown began to squirm in the witness seat, his face reddened and he hesitated.

"Well, come on out with it. What did you do with those diamonds?" repeated Mr. Clement.

After evading the question and hesitating Judge Bryson ordered him to answer the question and he finally said he had hidden them in the ground at one corner of the school house and after much effort he designated a certain corner, saying he had buried them about a foot and a half deep.

Sheriff Krider was instructed to proceed at once to the spot and make an investigation but no signs of anything having been buried about the building could be found, not even signs of any digging have been going on.

This was no surprise to those who have been keeping up with the case for none believed Brown was telling the truth. The officers have a suspicion as to what disposition has been made of the diamonds but that is another question.

COLDEST OF THE WINTER COMING

(By Associated Press) Washington, Feb. 18.—The coldest weather of the winter probably may be expected over much of the country east of the Rocky Mountains during the next week, the weather bureau announced today, in a special bulletin.

MURDER TRIAL IN BURKE COUNTY

Mary and Dick Williams Being Tried for Killing Their Neighbor—Shot Thru Wall.

Morganton, Feb. 18.—When Burke county court adjourned yesterday afternoon the taking of evidence in the case of Mary and Dick Williams, charged with the murder last month of their neighbor, Pink Brittain, all residents of the section just at the foot of the South mountains, had been almost completed but it is thought that it will take the greater part of the day tomorrow to complete the case.

The selection of the jury, for which a special venire of 75 had been summoned, occupied several hours this morning but a good part of the state's evidence was in before noon.

Officers who visited the scene of the tragedy the night that Brittain was killed were the first to take the stand.

Deputies Ward and Scott told of being notified of the killing, of going to the Williams home where they found in front of the door the body of Pink Brittain, of seeing the light in the house burning but the occupants gone. At the home of Mike Branch, a brother-in-law of Williams, they found Dick and Mary, whom they arrested and brought to jail.

When the state rested this afternoon the motion of nolo contendere was sustained by Judge Lane, as was also the motion for overruling the count of first degree murder against Dick Williams, who was the first to take the stand in his own defense.

On the testimony of Ed Brittain, son of the dead man, the state relied for its leading points. On their way home from cutting wood with Dug Mitchell he and his father stopped at the Williams home, he said, to get liquor. He knocked on the door told his business, heard the Williams within and was turning to leave when a bullet crashed thru the wall and his father, who was standing in the yard, fell exclaiming "Ed I'm shot."

Mary Williams following her husband on the stand when the defense had opened its case, told a story that coincided in its principal details with that told by the defendant. They did not know that Pink Brittain, who they maintained was their friend, was in the party, having heard only Ed Brittain and Dug Mitchell. Both said that Ed Brittain threatened to force an entrance and since they knew that Dug Mitchell was their enemy Dick shot thru the wall to scare them away. Their contention is that they feared personal violence and that Dick was defending himself and his home when he shot.

Several cases for retelling are on the present docket against the Williams.

CARUSO'S BETTER BUT VERY ILL YET

Passed a Very Good Day and Took Nourishment During the Night—Danger Not Past.

(By The Associated Press) New York, Feb. 18.—Henrico Caruso passed a good night and his condition shows a distinct improvement, said an official bulletin from his bedside at noon. The bulletin was signed by the five physicians who have attended the tenor since he was stricken with a heart attack following pleurisy.

"Rumors that it was considered an operation ought to be performed were based on false information," the bulletin said.

New York, Feb. 18.—Reassuring reports were brought from the bedside of Enrico Caruso early today. A fairly restful night was passed by the famous singer whose illness is watched with anxiety by music lovers throughout the world.

Caruso's fever was somewhat reduced and in this respect is decidedly better and was able to take liquid nourishment during the night. This served to brighten him and induced temporary periods of slumber.

The last official bulletin from the physicians attending him was issued shortly before midnight and was to the effect that the tenor passed a comfortable day. Unofficial announcements from those who came from his bedside and from friends who visited the singer's apartments were apparently more optimistic than the cautious public statement by the medical men.

Despite these reports that seem to portend the singer's recovery it is still admitted that he is gravely ill and not yet out of the crisis.

TRANS-CONTINENTAL FLIGHT IS OFF

(By The Associated Press) El Paso, Feb. 18.—Lieut. Pierson, the army aviator who was lost for six days in the barren borderland along the international boundary, announced that his transcontinental flight from Florida to California on February 22 had been cancelled by an order received today from Brigadier-General Craig, commandant of Camp Jones, at Douglas, Arizona.

WOULD HOLD UP THE S. C. RAIL RATES

(By The Associated Press) Columbia, S. C., Feb. 18.—Attorney General Wolfe and former assistant attorney general Morris Lumpkin will go to Charleston tonight to seek an injunction before Judge Smith of the eastern district of federal court to restrain the railroads in South Carolina putting into effect the new state passenger fare of 3.6 cents per mile as ordered by the inter-state commerce commission.

The attorney general and Mr. Lumpkin will seek to appear before Judge Smith Saturday in an effort to obtain an injunction.

OPPOSITION TO PUNISHMENT OF THE JAPANESE SENTRY EXPRESSED

(By Associated Press.) TOKIO, Feb. 18.—Punishment of the Japanese sentry who shot and killed Lieutenant Langdon, of the United States Cruiser, Albany, at Vladivostok, late in December was opposed in a resolution introduced in the Japanese diet today by a member of the opposition party.

The resolution declared the action of the sentry justifiable and that any punishment visited upon him would militate against discipline in the Japanese army.

A regiment of former soldiers near Yokohama has adopted a resolution opposing punishment of the sentry. Officers especially those of the junior grade, are going to Manchuria to plan a move to arouse public opinion it is said.

HARDING-HUGHES HOLD CONFERENCE

Foreign Policy of Next Administration Passed in Final Review at St. Augustine.

(By The Associated Press) St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 18.—Specific steps in initiating the foreign policy of the next administration will be passed in final review late today at a conference between President-elect Harding and Charles Evans Hughes, of New York, who is expected to be the next secretary of state.

Among the problems to be discussed at the conference is the section of Mr. Harding's inaugural address which he will devote to a plan for an association of nations. The address is expected to make only a general reference to the plan but Mr. Harding desires to have Mr. Hughes' advice before framing the exact language of the section. Diplomatic appointments will also be considered although it is believed Mr. Harding will reserve final judgment for most of the important diplomatic selections until after his inauguration.

THIRD READING FOR TICK ERADICATION

(By MAX ABERNETHY) Raleigh, Feb. 18.—The senate today passed its third reading of the statewide tick eradication bill, while the house at the same time was voting on the Martin measure placing 22 counties in eastern North Carolina under the stock law.

The vote on the stock law was not taken until 1:40 and after various amendments had been voted down. One of these was offered by Hill, of Duplin county, to make the provisions of the law statewide and developed an east versus west fight, the westerners winning, and the amendment was defeated by a vote of 70 to 28.

'COURSE THEY HAD TO HAVE A ROW

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Feb. 18.—A fight developed at the National Woman's party convention here today over the proposal to pledge the organization to work for immediate world disarmament.

The suggestion was embodied in a minority report from the resolutions committee as to the future policy of the party.

WANTS GERMANY TO PAY HER LIMIT

Premier Lloyd George Sticks to His Opinion That She Comply With Peace Terms.

(By The Associated Press) London, Feb. 18.—Lloyd George, prime minister, declared in the house of commons today that he stood by his pledge that Germany must pay to the limit of her capacity. The prime minister was discussing the German reparation question in answer to Horatia Bottomley's arraignment of the government's policy of alleged ineptitude with reference to forcing Germany to comply with the reparation demands and provisions for the trial of war criminals, and other portions of the treaty of peace.

"There is a great difference," continued the premier, "between Germany paying the whole cost of the war and paying to the limit of her capacity."

"While the point is as to the limit of Germany's capacity to pay," he said, "the allies have taken the best advice available and summoned the ablest men to be found, on whose advice the present demands were made, and the allies were carrying out the peace terms to the utmost of their power."

WARRANT ISSUED CHILEAN CONSUL

(By The Associated Press) Norfolk, Va., Feb. 18.—Misdemeanor warrants have been issued here for the arrest of Don Ramon Escobar, Chilean consul here, as a result of a party held in the consulate. Police stationed at an adjoining window observed the conduct of women present and arrested him after they left the consulate.

Escobar claimed diplomatic immunity and was not arrested at the time. Arraigned in court one of the women was fined \$50 for a statutory offense and the others are held as state witnesses.

Escobar to Be Relieved. Washington, Feb. 18.—T. Mieto del Rio of the Chilean bureau of information at New York, has been ordered to Norfolk to relieve Don Ramon Escobar, Chilean consul at Hampton Roads, and to investigate charges against him, according to a statement at the Chilean embassy.

GUSSING ON THE CENSUS DETAILS

Washington, Feb. 17.—Within a few days the census bureau will make public figures showing the population of Charlotte and other North Carolina towns, according to racial divisions. Your correspondent was able to secure sufficient facts today to enable him to make a fair guess at the forthcoming returns.

Here are approximately the results for Charlotte and Winston-Salem, the largest two cities in the state:

Charlotte—White 31,893, negro 14,641, other colored 4—total 46,338. Winston-Salem—White 27,649, negro 20,935, other colored 11—total 48,595.

TO SENTENCE MOB LEADER TODAY

(By The Associated Press) Wilson, N. C., Feb. 18.—H. B. Futral, who was found guilty by a jury in superior court here Wednesday, charged with being the leader of the mob that stormed the Wayne county jail at Goldsboro December 3rd in an attempt to get possession of three negroes held for the murder of a white man, will be sentenced by Judge Colvert at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

GOOD ROAD BILL PASSES IN HOUSE

General Assembly Now Turning Attention to Matters of Taxation and Appropriations.

(By MAX ABERNETHY) Raleigh, Feb. 18.—Legislators of the lower house of the General Assembly having passed the good roads bill are now turning their attention to matters of taxation and appropriations.

This work will be handled largely by the committees which are already holding night sessions in order to complete their work in time to submit a report to the legislative body within the sixty-day limit. The matter of appropriations for the state's educational and charitable institutions is second in importance only to the road legislation and it is likely that much of the time left of the session will be given over to providing adequate funds for North Carolina's charges.

Recommendations of the State Tax Commission and the governor are being considered by the finance committees in mapping out the tax legislation. There will be some reduction in the valuations of property but it does not appear what this figure will be. Gov. Rufe Doughton is authority for the statement, however, that the committee will recommend that the 1919 valuations be lowered.

Having spent virtually all week on the Doughton-Corcor-Bowie good roads bill the House today finds itself far behind with its local calendar and faster work or night sessions will be required to get back to normalcy. There are two bills the House must consider within the next week. The first is stock law for Eastern North Carolina and State-wide tick eradication.

Both of these measures will be threshed out on the floor in general debate, the senate having deferred action on stock law and passed the tick eradication bill. The House first defeated the latter measure but moved to reconsider.

Senator Gallert's bill to authorize pensions for every North Carolina Confederate soldier comes back to the senate for further consideration as does the short ballot bill with a favorable report from the committee.

Harry Stubbs' measure for a constitutional convention to revise the State constitution is also expected to consume some time during the next ten days. The welfare bill retaining the welfare work in North Carolina will also be one of the things the senate has to settle. This bill has already passed the House.

RUSSIA FERTILE FOR U. S. TRADE

Wilson Administration Policy Be Vindicated Says Under Secretary of State Davis.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, Feb. 18.—The Wilson administration's policy with regard to Russia will be vindicated when a responsible government is established in that country and will result in America obtaining a vast amount of Russia trade, Under Secretary Davis of the state department predicted before the house foreign affairs committee today.

KILLED SELF TO DEMONSTRATE A SPIRIT MESSAGE

"I've Got It," Says Woman—Spiritists are Stirred By Suicide Professor's Adventure.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 18.—The world today awaits expectantly scientific investigation of the startling adventure in spiritism of Prof. Thomas Lynn Bradford and Mrs. Ruth Starkweather Doran.

Prof. Bradford killed himself at 9 on the night of Feb. 5 to make "the great adventure." He hoped to solve for all time the age-old problem of life after death by trying to communicate from beyond the grave with Mrs. Doran. Now she says that she has received a message from him.

Prof. Bradford, one-time athlete and actor, turned in his later life to studying and writing on the occult. Finally he published a curious advertisement for "someone interested in spiritualistic science."

This advertisement was answered by Mrs. Doran, member of one of Detroit's oldest families, writer, lecturer and member of the Protestant Episcopal church.

The professor and Mrs. Doran held several conferences at her home.

Writes Message; Takes Gas Shortly afterward Prof. Bradford's body was found, fully dressed, in his gas-filled room. The unfinished manuscript of a book on which he had been working lay beside his typewriter. One half-written page was still in the machine. It read:

"and it is thru scientific facts that I propose to demonstrate clearly the phenomena of the spirits, and prove that all the phenomena are outside the domain of the supernatural."

Mrs. Doran, speaking of her final conference with the professor, says: "His last words to me, a few hours before his death, were that he would prove to me, in a very plain manner, that the dead can communicate with the living."

"I answered his advertisement thru a simple desire to know more about a thing in which I was little versed. I am not a Spiritualist, nor a believer in the psychic."

Prof. Bradford, after making all preparations for reporting his experiences in "the unknown" to Mrs. Doran, opened the gas jet and started on his great adventure.

The court room was packed again yesterday afternoon and there has

been a large crowd present today to hear the final wind up of the evidence and the argument of counsel.

Evans joins N. Y. Nationals (By The Associated Press) New York, Feb. 18.—The New York Nationals announced today an addition to the squad of C. Raymond Evans, a right handed amateur hurler of Elizabeth City, who was recommended by one of the Giant scouts. Evans is said to be the possessor of a peculiar yet mystifying delivery.

JUDGE ACQUITTED. (By The Associated Press) Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 18.—Judge William H. McGannon was acquitted of second degree murder charge in connection with the death of Harold C. Agy by a jury of three women and nine men.

AVIATOR KLOOR UNABLE TO CLEAR UP QUARREL. Rockaway, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Further light on the quarrel between Lieuts. Stephen A. Farrell and Walter Hinton when they reached Mattice, Ont., after their adventurous balloon flight into Canada, was sought from Lieut. Louis A. Kloor, their companion, by the board of inquiry which reconvened at the Naval Air Station here today.

"No official report was made to me," Lieutenant Kloor said. "I know nothing of it except that which was told to me by newspaper reporters."

When the census report is made it will show North Carolina percentages and that most of the communities have lost colored people.

"Was a Dastardly Crime." (By The Associated Press) New York, Feb. 18.—The Wall street explosion last September, which took a toll of 39 lives and injured nearly 200 people, was "a dastardly crime, intentionally committed," in the opinion of the grand jury investigating the disaster.