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BROWN 10 YEARS,
WIFE GETS 4 YEARS
HEAVY BOND FIXED

Bonds On Appeal Fixed at \$10,000 and \$5,000 Respectively—Diamonds Not Produced.

Immediately after the Wheatley-Davis civil suit, resulting from a horse trade, and which has been on in Rowan superior court since Friday afternoon, was given to the jury at 11:30 o'clock this morning, Judge Bryson disposed of the diamond robbery case, in which R. R. Brown had been convicted of the larceny of more than \$2,000 worth of diamonds from Annie Ferris, of Charlotte, and Mrs. Jessie Brown, his wife, had been convicted of receiving them, knowing them to have been stolen. The prisoners were brought from jail and were in the court room when the sentences were imposed, and was also a large crowd.

The judgment was of some length and in substance was to the effect that the jury had found the male defendant guilty of larceny of the stones and the female defendant guilty of having received them, thus establishing the larceny and the possession of the diamonds in question, and it having come to the attention of the court that the male defendant refused to disclose their whereabouts and this refusal being concurred in by the female defendant, the said R. R. Brown is sentenced to ten years at hard labor in the penitentiary at Raleigh and the defendant Mrs. Jessie Brown is sentenced to the penitentiary at Raleigh for a term of four years. Before pronouncing judgment Judge Bryson inquired of Clerk of Court McCubbin as to whether the diamonds had been deposited with him and the court was informed that they had not.

Notice of appeal to the supreme court was given and the appearance bond was fixed at \$10,000 for R. R. Brown and \$5,000 for Mrs. Brown. Attorneys for the defense were allowed twenty days in which to prepare their appeal notice.

Brown and wife received the sentences without any manifestation of concern, both smiling at each other, the woman seeming to take the matter in a jocular manner. She seemed very much amused when her sentence of six years less than that imposed on her husband was pronounced.

It is learned that Brown has stated that he positively will not disclose what disposition he made of the diamonds, which he has never denied getting. He is said to have declared to officers that he will "rot in jail before I tell where the diamonds are."

VARNER ON STAND TODAY

Three More Witnesses Will Wind Up Defense Evidence

Greensboro, Feb. 21.—H. B. Varner is to testify today in the suit of his wife, Florence Varner, against him for "reasonable subsistence." Mr. Varner will be followed by three other witnesses which will wind up the evidence for the offense. Mrs. Varner will place other witnesses on the stand to rebut the evidence of the defense. The evidence Saturday was the most sensational heard during the trial.

George W. Petty, of Lexington, testified that he saw Mrs. Varner and the negro, Baxter McRary, enter an alleged house of ill fame in Greensboro during the summer of 1915.

Petty who was the seventh witness to take the stand Saturday, said he saw Mrs. Varner and McRary board train No. 38 at Lexington and watched them get off in Greensboro. He followed them along Elm street, he said, and saw Mrs. Varner enter a building just above Clegg's hotel, McRary, he said, who was following her, also entered. Petty said he was walking about five steps in the rear of McRary and Mrs. Varner about 15 steps ahead.

"They went up stairs in building just below Clegg's hotel on stairs adjoining the street," Petty said in reply to a question.

"What did McRary do?" "Bax passed on by the steps, looked up, crossed the street, stared up a window in the building, and about two or three minutes later crossed over again and went upstairs where Mrs. Varner had gone."

"Did you see them again?" "No."

"What did you do?" "About a minute or two later I went upstairs myself and looked about."

"Did you see anybody?" "Not a soul."

"Hear anything?" He was asked, "Everything was perfectly still."

TO HEAD STATE DEPT.



CHARLES E. HUGHES
The selection of Chas. E. Hughes to be secretary of state was definitely announced by President-elect Harding Saturday.

MARRIED IN SHOPS
BY W. H. BURTON

Member of Shop Forces Desired to Wed Amidst the Surroundings of Big Plant—Some Locals and Personal.

(By A. W. HICKS)

Spencer, Feb. 21.—Max R. Iddings and Miss Ruby Harris, were the contracting parties to an interesting marriage ceremony performed under unique circumstances and surroundings Saturday night in Spencer, the wedding taking place in one of the shops of the Southern's big plant here. The groom is an employee of the Southern and wanted the ceremony to be performed on the premises of the who is said to hold seniority among all the employees at Spencer. Calling at the home of Justice Burton at a late hour the groom escorted the magistrate to the paint department office where the bride and a company of friends were, the surprise coming when the lights were flashed on disclosing the waiting crowd. White engines tooted, escaping steam hissed on all sides and trains rumbled by, the vows were taken in the quiet of the paint department office, this being the first marriage to occur inside the shops and was the first ceremony for Squire Burton to perform. The groom is employed in the paint department and has many friends here. The bride is an attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Harris of Spencer. Friends and neighbors of Mrs. DeWitt Owen gave her an old time surprise birthday party Saturday night which proved to be a most enjoyable occasion at the Owen home on Newton Heights. Each attendant brought armfuls of nice presents and choice eats among which was a big birthday cake labeled February 20, 1890-1921, and decorated with pink candles. Several solos and recitations by Mrs. J. J. Seley were greatly enjoyed. Those present included M. and Mrs. S. O. Atwell and daughter, Mrs. W. C. Jones and daughter, Mrs. J. H. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Johnson, Mrs. W. A. Kiziah, Miss Erie Fay Kiziah, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Isley, Mrs. J. M. Brannock, Miss Mary Waddell, Mrs. J. R. Bickett and daughter, Mrs. M. A. Agner, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. D. McNeill, Mr. W. W. Smith, Miss Mollie Cowan and others.

Arrangements have just been completed for a union meeting of all the churches in Spencer June 1st with Cyclone Mack, a noted evangelist doing the preaching. It is understood that the meeting will be held under a tent in Spencer park and that extensive preparations will be made for the event. Cyclone Mack is one of the best known evangelists in the South and is certain that there will be great crowds in Spencer at every service during the several weeks that he is to be here.

Dave Arey, aged 20 years, a young Rowan county man residing near Richfield, is the first man to complete an airplane which he expects to put to flight as soon as spring weather is assured. Mr. Arey has been working on the machine for a year or more and now has what has been pronounced one of the most complete outfits to be found anywhere. While he bought the engine and some other parts he made with his own hands, at the farm home of his father, the main frame, wings, etc. He has been operating the machine about the farm and expects to take to the air in the near future.

FARMERS OPPOSED INTEREST INCREASE
By an omission of the word "not" from the minutes of the meeting of the executive committee of the N. C. Farm Bureau Federation here Saturday it was stated in the news item carried in the Evening Post that the committee went on record as favoring an increase in the interest rate at this time. It should have been just the opposite, as the executive committee strongly opposed such an increase. The use of the word favor instead of opposed led to a misunderstanding. It can be put down that the farmers are dead against an increase in the rate of interest in North Carolina, especially at this time.

CHOSE LANDIS TO REVERSE A COURT DECISION, HINTED

Welty Reads Letter, Writer Unknown, Saying Landis Was Worth Much to B. B.

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, Feb. 21.—Acceptance by Federal Judge K. M. Landis, of Chicago, of \$42,500 as supreme arbiter of baseball while serving on the bench might go unchallenged "if the motive back of it was not apparent," Representative Welty, Democrat, of Ohio, declared before the house judiciary committee today in demanding the impeachment of Judge Landis "for high crime and misdemeanor." Calling attention to the action of the supreme court of the District of Columbia in assessing damages of \$240,000 against the big league baseball associations in suits brought under the anti-trust laws and indictments of players in Chicago for throwing games Mr. Welty said: "While these matters are pending in the courts this illegal trust made Judge Landis its chief arbiter. And why should they select a federal judge as umpire? Was it because they wanted to tell the people we are not an unlawful trust because Judge Landis is at our head? Was it because the baseball magnates wanted to create a favorable sentiment with the hope that the supreme court of the District of Columbia would be reversed?"

In this connection Mr. Welty read a letter from Chicago, the name of the writer being withheld, quoting a baseball magnate as saying Judge Landis as a lawyer meant nothing to organized baseball but Landis as a federal judge "was worth any price he might ask." If that is the intention, declared Mr. Welty, does that act not bring it in the law of bribery? If the magnate who was fined is permitted to employ Judge Landis what would prevent the indicted players from employing him?

GALBRITH TO TALK TO LAW MAKERS

(By MAX ABERNETHY)

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—Prior to the joint session of the general assembly this afternoon to hear an address by Col. F. W. Galbrith, national commander of the American Legion, the senate met at 2 o'clock for the purpose of clearing the local calendar. The house did not meet until 3:45.

The national commander of the legion is in the capital to address a mass meeting of former service men at 8 p. m. The invitation to speak to the lawmakers was made Friday. It is expected the legion met at the meeting will endorse the Kanipe bill providing for free tuition at the university and state college for all former service men of the state. The bill is now before the committee.

A BANK MESSENGER HELD UP, ROBBED

(By The Associated Press)

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 21.—An unidentified man held up a messenger employed by the Memphis branch of the federal reserve bank as he was passing thru Court square in the center of the business district shortly before noon today, and robbed him of satchel said to contain \$2,700 in currency.

POWDER THIEVES BLOWN TO BITS

(By The Associated Press)

Bradford, Pa., Feb. 21.—One man was blown to pieces and another is thought to have suffered the same fate when a container holding 200 quarts of nitro glycerin exploded at the plant of the Pringle powder plant at Little Harrisburg Run early today.

Officials of the company believe the victims were robbers trying to force an entrance into the plant in order to steal powder.

COTTON MARKET

Cotton Market Unsettled
New York, Feb. 21.—The cotton market was unsettled today during early trading, much of which resulted from reduced March interest and further evening up of accounts for later months for over the holiday tomorrow. If anything cables were a shade better than due and after opening 10 points lower to 22 points higher active months here sold about 18 to 24 points above last week's closing quotations on covering and Liverpool buying.

Opening Firm
New York, Feb. 21.—Cotton futures opened firm.

March 12.82
May 13.45
July 13.97
October 14.50
December 14.74

Concord, Feb. 21.—Cotton sold for 1 3/4 cents on the local market.

HENRY P. FLETCHER TO BE UNDERSECRETARY OF STATE

THE FORMER AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO IS TO BE CHIEF ASSISTANT TO CHARLES E. HUGHES.
(By The Associated Press)

Washington, Feb. 21.—Henry P. Fletcher former American ambassador to Mexico, is to be under secretary of state in the Harding administration.

The tender of the position to Mr. Fletcher who is now here after spending considerable time in Florida with the president-elect, was made known thru Chas. E. Hughes, whose selection as secretary of state was announced Saturday by Mr. Harding. Formal acceptance of the position offered him is said to be planned by Mr. Fletcher immediately.

According to information here Mr. Harding had Mr. Fletcher in mind for service in some diplomatic capacity and in selecting him for under secretary of state consulted Mr. Fletcher's wishes. There had been reports that Mr. Fletcher might be named ambassador to Tokyo but his selection as under secretary is said to be definite.

Mr. Fletcher, who is a Pennsylvanian, has been in the diplomatic service many years, serving under the Wilson administration until recently, when he resigned.

MAYOR STRACHAN IS A CANDIDATE
Present Head of the City Government Thrown His Hat in the Ring Again.

(By The Associated Press)

The first fires were kindled under the city political pot this morning when Mayor W. B. Strachan stated, in answer to a question from an Evening Post representative, that he would be a candidate for renomination and re-election as mayor of the city of Salisbury. This simple announcement was all that Mayor Strachan had to say at this time as to his candidacy.

However it is known that Mr. Strachan who is now rounding his first term two years as head of the city government has a desire to remain in office at least another term in order to see the completion of some things started under his administration. One of these is the building of many additional streets and as there is much additional street work outlined he would like to see this put thru before relinquishing the reins as head of this municipality.

Another thing that is close to the heart of the present mayor is the city public school and now that plans are on foot for better and larger and more school buildings and better equipment and increased teaching forces it is known to be one of the ambitions of Mayor Strachan to see these things accomplished, or at least put under material headway during his administration.

This is the first positive announcement of any one as to the mayoralty nomination and election and so far as known no one else has entertained an idea of making the race, although time will develop whether Mr. Strachan will have opposition. As to the members of the next board of aldermen none of the present members have so far publicly announced their intention of getting in the race. But there will certainly be a number of aldermanic candidates out when the campaign gets in full swing.

The election takes place in the early part of May and the primaries will be called for some time in April. In the coming election the women will have the privilege of voting, being their first participation in a city election, and this will add additional interest in the coming contest.

\$200,000 FIRE IN PETERSBURG, VA.

(By The Associated Press)

Petersburg, Va., Feb. 21.—Fire of undetermined origin here early today estimated at \$200,000, completely destroyed a four story building occupied by T. J. Moore Hardware Company and McCauley & Co., shirt factory, burned three homes to the ground and injured three firemen.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL LEAGUE OF NATIONS

(By The Associated Press)

Paris, Feb. 21.—The executive council of the league of nations met in the Petite Luxembourg palace shortly before noon today under the chairmanship of Dr. Gastao da Cunha, Brazilian ambassador to France, president of the council, and immediately began consideration of the various question before it.

NOT REPEAL ROAD GUARANTEE PLAN

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, Feb. 21.—A proposal to repeal the six per cent rate guarantee provided in the transportation act was defeated today by the senate by a vote of 59 to 14.

Killed When Building Falls
(By The Associated Press)
Cleveland, O., Feb. 21.—Two men are believed to have been killed and two others may be dead in the collapse this forenoon of the 3rd floor of the old Masonic building, being razed. One workman was injured. The police and firemen are searching the tons of wreckage in an effort to find the bodies of the supposed dead.

Presbyterian Missionary Meeting.
(By The Associated Press)
Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 21.—The laymen's missionary movement of the Southern Presbyterian church opened a two day session here this afternoon in the First Presbyterian church, with "Forward Normal" as the convention theme. The speakers include J. Campbell White, of New York, and prominent laymen from various cities of the south.

HARRY DOUGHERTY ANNOUNCED NEXT ATTORNEY GENERAL

Secretary of the Navy Giving Trouble—Inaugural Address to Write Yet.

(By The Associated Press)

St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 21.—Definite announcement that Harry M. Dougherty of Ohio, had been chosen for the attorney generalship under the incoming administration was made here today by President-elect Harding.

St. Augustine, Fla., Feb. 21.—President-elect Harding began the last week of his pre inauguration conference here today with several important questions regarding the make up of his cabinet and the first steps of his administration still undecided.

Definite selections for three of the ten cabinet places are yet to be made; also the indications are that Mr. Harding has about made up his mind in regard to two of the places, he is understood to be far from one of the most troublesome selections, the secretary of the navy. He has most of his inaugural address to write during the week and in addition must come to a decision on various subjects with which he will have to deal as soon as he takes office.

The president-elect virtually has but six working days left before the inauguration. He is expected to leave here next Sunday for Marion where he will spend his final day winding up his personal affairs and receive a formal farewell which has been arranged for his neighbors and friends.

ALLEGED THIEF KILLED BY WIFE

(By The Associated Press)

Memphis Tenn., Feb. 21.—H. Diggs Nolen, one of six men under indictment in connection with an alleged wholesale marketing of liberty bonds stolen in a Brooklyn robbery last November was shot and probably fatally wounded in a scuffle with his wife, Mrs. Ethel Wyckoff Nolen, for possession of a pistol Mrs. Nolen surrendered. Nolen's condition is described as critical.

The shooting occurred at a drug store operated by Nolen. According to a statement attributed to Mrs. Nolen the pistol was drawn by Nolen during an argument which followed when he returned from an automobile ride. Mrs. Nolen was awaiting his return, she said, to effect a reconciliation after a quarrel of several days ago. When the weapon was drawn she grasped with her husband and the pistol was discharged, the bullet entering Nolen's abdomen.

S. C. SENATORS ENTER PROTESTS

(By The Associated Press)

Washington, Feb. 21.—Vigorous protests against abandoning the naval base and harbor improvement projects at Charleston, S. C., were made today to the senate naval committee by Senators Smith and Dial of South Carolina.

The committee considering the annual naval appropriation bill took the amendment proposed by Senator Fall, Republican, of Delaware, providing for the stoppage of work at Charleston, and heard the South Carolina senators at length.

LEGION WILL HANDLE MEAT

(By The Associated Press)

Officials of the Samuel C. Hart post of the American legion have placed an order for a carload of government meat to be shipped here at once.

The legion first planned to order the meat at the cheap government prices for the benefit of the members only, but it was learned that no shipment of less than a car load could be obtained and the meat will be offered to the public at the prices to which it will be offered to members of the legion.

The meat is the same quality as was offered by the government awhile back direct to consumers although it is meat contracted for and has not been packed until recently. The meat is in cans and will be offered in convenient sizes. Upon arrival cans will be opened to show just the quantity and quality of each variety shipped.

The meat will be handled by a member of the legion here. Car loads have been disposed of in Asheville and Charlotte and other towns. The Asheville Legion post disposed of two cars, requiring about three weeks to dispose of each.

CARUSO IS BETTER

(By The Associated Press)

New York, Feb. 21.—Enrico Caruso, recuperating from a serious illness, spent a restful night and was permitted to eat a hearty meal when he awoke this morning. He appeared bright and talkative.

NEXT ATTORNEY GENERAL



HARRY M. DOUGHERTY
President-elect Harding announced that Harry M. Dougherty will be the next attorney general of the U. S.

BALLET GIRL IS PUZZLE IN PIERCE MURDER MYSTERY

She is Urged to Turn State's Evidence While Search for "Al" Smith Continues.

(By The Associated Press)

Philadelphia, Feb. 21.—As the day wears for the trial of the girl and two men held in the murder of Henry T. Pierce, rich Philadelphia business man, it becomes apparent that the outcome of the case will hang largely on:

Whether Marie "Boots" Rogers, 21, ballet girl prisoner will turn state's evidence and betray her companions as police charge she betrayed Pierce into their hands on the night he was killed?

Whether a nation-wide search for "Al" Smith, charged by all three of the prisoners with being the man who actually murdered Pierce, will be successful?

After the arrest of the girl Ross A. Rogers, a young sailor in the merchant marine, called at headquarters and said he had married "Boots" in 1909. He is urging her to turn state's evidence.

Trial of the case is tentatively set for early in March. Pierce was found dead, on the morning of Nov. 22, in a small room adjoining his office in a downtown building. His head had been battered in with a wrench. His pockets were turned inside out and his money and jewelry were missing.

Midnight Revel
Detectives learned of a boisterous party in the room the night before, and some time later arrested the Rogers girl and Peter T. Treadway, a former boxer, in Wheeling, and Joseph A. Moss, a mechanic, in Pittsburgh.

Moss says Smith had disappeared from the Pittsburgh hotel where both were staying a short time before detectives appeared. The four were traced thru Pierce's racing car, in which they had fled.

Murder indictments have been also against the missing Smith. Indictments also charge the Rogers girl and Moss with being accessories after the fact. Officials may use the girl as a witness for the prosecution.

Theatricals on Train
While en route from Wheeling with Treadway, in custody of detectives, "Boots" insisted on staging an impromptu theatrical entertainment, enlisting the aid of officers and outsiders. She danced gaily about the car as she sang "Lead Me to the Land of Jazz."

She has worn a smile ever since her arrest. She sings popular songs to the prisoners and laughs and jokes with her jailers. No member of her family has been to the jail to visit her, and she does not possess funds with which to hire a lawyer. The judge has appointed an attorney to defend her.

Keeps 'Em Guessing
But underneath the girl's surface gaiety there is a keen brain that keeps the jailers guessing. While in a cell at city hall awaiting a hearing with Treadway she spent much of her time reading magazines. One day she asked a turnkey to hand one of the magazines to Treadway, that he might have something with which to pass the time.

It was by the merest chance that that turnkey opened the magazine. Across two of the pages the girl had written, using her lip stick as a pencil:

BILL TO REPEAL PAR CLEARANCE LAW IS COMING

Representative Pharr Will Introduce It and It is Expected to Feature Week.

(By MAX ABERNETHY)

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—Representative Edgar Pharr's bill for the repeal of the par clearance law, enacted by the present session on February 5 will be the feature of the week's introductions in the general assembly.

The Mecklenburg representative will lay his bill before the lower house at tonight's session. The par clearance bill was lobbied thru the assembly, it is said, by friends of small state banks which were located in towns where there were no national banks competing. Such institutions only are the beneficiaries of the act which makes it lawful to charge one percent on remittances covering checks.

It was the par clearance bill that Representative Henry G. Connor, Jr., of Wilson, attacked as unconstitutional and urged that it be defeated for that reason when the measure reached the house for final passage. The act as passed makes it lawful for banks to give checks in payment of checks. Over this feature of the bill it is agreed that the court will hold the law unconstitutional.

Contrary to expectations the Woltz bill limiting the salary of county superintendents of public instruction in North Carolina to \$5,000 per year comes back from the committee on education with a favorable report.

The bill is state-wide and since it affects a large percent of the superintendents in the state it will doubtless precipitate a fight on the floor of the house. Under the measure the expenses of the superintendents, including the salary of stenographers, clerks, supervisors, assistants and all other expenses shall not exceed the five thousand mark.

During the week the committee on education will hear propositions of the bill for state-wide censorship of moving pictures. Attorney Meekins of Elizabeth City will make the principal argument for the women who are backing the proposed legislation.

That the bill as introduced will be defeated is freely predicted but it is believed that the committee will sponsor a substitute leaving the censorship in the hands of the various counties and to be applied at the request of the representative. The state-wide plan is not considered feasible.

The senate this week will doubtless begin consideration of the Doughton-Connor-Bowen \$50,000,000 good roads bill which passed the house last week with 11 members voting in the negative.

In the event the bill goes thru without being amended there will be no reason for the house to again consider the measure but if it is amended it will come back to the lower branch for concurrence. It does not appear that there is any greater opposition to the measure in the upper house than there was in the lower branch and the introducers of the bill and the governor predict there will not be more than 15 votes against it on its final reading.

The present week is going to be the busiest for both branches and for committees. Judiciary committee No. 1 will be called to give considerable time to the Cooke prohibition bill co-ordinating the liquor laws and making them the same in the state as the Volstead act. This bill was first sent to the committee on prohibition by the governor but later transferred to the judiciary body.

Advocates in the state of \$18,000,000 for higher education are expected to come to the capital during the next three or four days from all sections of the state. With Governor Morrison's inaugural address as their guide the advocates are expecting the executive to lead the fight for them.

The cotton commission of which R. O. Everett of Durham is chairman, is expected to confer with similar commissions from the other cotton growing states of the union with a view to establishing the industry, particular emphasis being placed on the marketing. Other members of the commission named by Governor Morrison are A. Wilton McLean, of Lumberton, assistant secretary of the United States treasury, and L. J. Baker of Baltimore.

GOV. SEEKS PAY FROM POSTAL CO.

(By The Associated Press)

New York, Feb. 21.—The United States government, thru Assistant U. S. Attorney Earl B. Barnes, has filed in the U. S. district court here a suit in equity to obtain an accounting from the Postal Telegraph system of money paid that company as agents of the government operating the system one year during the war. Mr. Barnes said the amount in dispute between the government and the Postal Telegraph Company totaled approximately \$2,000,000.