

SHOULD THE STATE PAY FOR JAILING AN INNOCENT MAN

Innocent Man Served Six Years for Crime He Never Committed—His Daughter Confesses.

(By Dudley Siddall)
Toledo, O., May 1.—The state can do no wrong. But will it do right?
At its next session the Ohio General Assembly will be asked to appropriate a special fund for Carl Papenfuss. Ohio imprisoned Papenfuss for nearly six years. He had committed no crime. His daughter's delayed confession of perjury brought Papenfuss a pardon from Governor Harry L. Davis. It also brought a railroad ticket, \$10, and a suit of prison-made clothes. This was all Carl Papenfuss received for his six long years of heartbreak and misery; years that he wasted behind the walls of the Ohio penitentiary at Columbus.

"Money cannot make up for the state's error," says John W. Raab, Toledo attorney who has directed the fight for the old man's freedom. "But money could help. Because of the basic principle in law that 'the state can do no wrong,' there is no ground for a damage suit. Compensation for this man is simply a question of generosity and fair play on the part of the state legislature."

Friends Ask Aid
If it were up to Papenfuss alone, no compensation would be asked. But he has friends, including Judge Byron F. Ritchie, who sentenced him, and Raab, the attorney appointed to look after his interests six years ago when the court learned that Papenfuss had no money with which to defend himself.

All the victim asks is for his old job as a laborer in the Washab car shops, his picturesque Dutch pipe, and the associations of his many grown-up children. He is heartily sick of sympathizers.

He talks little of himself. But his face lighted up in a smile when his son Carl's name was mentioned.
"My boy Carl," he exclaimed, "is the best boy any man ever had."
The praise is deserved. Carl Jr., a laborer at Washab railroad car shops, through all the dark days which began with his father's arrest on Oct. 13, 1916, he has stood by his dad.

"I didn't want to go," said Carl. "I knew it. He never did what my mother said he did."
Mother Was Accuser
The mother, who died three years ago, accused her husband of an attack upon Martha, their daughter. It was she who discovered the daughter's plight. She seized upon the situation as the means to send the husband away. Martha, with all the blind terror of a fourteen-year-old girl, grasped in the clutches of the cruel pitfall that life can set for her sex, obeyed her mother. She lied on the witness stand; lied her father into a life sentence.

Martha's baby died soon after the father began his sentence. Time passed. Martha grew up. She married a man who knew all, but did not blame. When the mother was dying, Martha hurried to the death-bed.

"She tried to tell me something before she died," said Martha. The daughter felt the mother wanted her to confess. But—
"I was ashamed," said Martha. "I didn't know how to get started."
Confession is Made

Recently Martha made her heroic decision. She risked scorn and humiliation. But truth prevailed for Martha, now at the age of twenty, realized the enormity of her earlier falsehoods.

"It wasn't father who did it," she told her brother Carl. "It was a boy!"
Carl went to Attorney Raab, the man who, at state expense, had fought the state for the father's freedom back in 1916. Raab went to the pardon board. They sent for Carl and Martha. The "best man ever had" spent his last cent for railroad tickets to Columbus; trusting to luck for his fare back home. Bravely Martha told her story, answering every question fearlessly. The pardon board believed. Hence Governor Davis released its 62-year-old victim.

The old man's homecoming to Carl's home was occasion of festivities. The Washab railroad sent word the old job was open.

Family Reunited
Martha, a quiet, pretty young woman, was there, an unaffected heroine. She found love, sympathy and understanding. Her daddy never blamed her, even during his trial.

"I feel good," said Papenfuss. "Perhaps he does. But his hair is white, his broad shoulders are bent, and his once sturdy frame isn't that of the man who went away to prison years ago. There are furrows in his face, and a downward droop in the lines of his mouth. What is the state going to do for this victim of an odd miscarriage of justice?"

HIS LATEST PHOTO



Leaning on a cane and aided by an attendant ex-President Woodrow Wilson appeared before his Washington home to acknowledge homage of 1000 delegates to the Pan-American conference of Women.

"RAILWAY NIGHT" HERE MAY 12TH

President Fairfax Harrison Will Probably Attend and Address the Assembly.

On Friday, May 12, a real "Southern Railway Night" will be celebrated in the Community building in honor of Mr. Fairfax Harrison, president of the Southern Railway company, the event commencing under the auspices of the Salisbury-Spencer South Gate club. It will be a joint communication, the Fulton Lodge No. 99, Andrew Jackson Lodge No. 576 and the Spencer Lodge No. 543 participating.

President Harrison is expected to be present on the occasion and will probably address the assembly. Elaborate plans are underway at present, making ready for the gala festival. A banquet will be held at 6:30 o'clock on the afternoon of the 12th. A delicious menu has been arranged. At this time, speech-making will be in order.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon the Master Masons' degree will be conferred by the South Gate Degree team upon a Southern Railway employee. Thomas C. Neill is the candidate.

Officers of the Salisbury-Spencer South Gate club, who are responsible for staging this event, are as follows: M. D. Stewart, president; D. Fulk, vice-president; W. C. Squires, secretary; E. W. Craddock, treasurer; J. M. Cox, chaplain; J. W. Fletcher, marshal and W. H. Trice, sentinel.

Chairmen of committees on arrangements are: M. D. Stewart, general chairman; finance, G. S. Perkins and T. E. Conley; refreshments, W. C. Moore, and R. L. Julian; invitation, M. McBride, J. H. Rickmond, and W. A. Miller; degree work, W. W. Taylor, E. M. Cauble, and D. Fulk; music, H. J. Kester and M. J. Henry; ushers, U. R. Miller; reception, R. J. Goode and O. C. Godfrey.

The occasion promises to be one of the biggest held during the past year or so.

The modern silk hat was first worn in England about 1840.

The people of the United States spend \$49,000,000 a day for food.

New York state has 721,448 automobiles, or one to every 14 inhabitants.

COTTON MARKET.
New York, May 1.—The cotton market opened steady at an advance of five points high to four points low, bare months being bullish statistics and firm cables while later deliveries reflected prospects of better weather in the south.

Opening Steady.
New York, May 1.—Cotton futures opened steady:
May 18.30; July 17.75; October 17.85; December 17.88; January 17.81.

STATE CAPITAL IS VICTIM OF SPRING FEVER

Democratic Primary Little Less Than Five Weeks Off—Prohibition Sermons.

(By O. J. COFFIN)
Raleigh, May 1.—Elsewhere in North Carolina is the first of May on an off year the base are biting, flowers are blooming, crops are being gotten under way and all that sort of thing; here is a little less than five weeks until the Democratic primary.

Not that Raleigh itself is so terribly interested, for it is no more excited on its own account than is the average North Carolina community; but folks from the Third district where nobody, except Matt Allen, Rivers Johnson, Sam Hobbs, Col. Joe Robinson, Charley Abernethy, Hamp Williams and one of the Sampson county Whitefields, wants the seat in congress from which death has removed S. M. Brinson, keep coming in and insisting on talking politics.

Then, too, Johnston county is somewhat disturbed by the fact that there are two candidates—one from Wake, Herbert E. Norris and the second from Franklin, Willie M. Person—competing with Ed Pou, of Smithfield, who has kept his seat in congress for twenty-odd years without anybody so much as looking at him as if he ought to get up.

Chatham county, too, is said to be threatening to go Republican. Cumberland is raising the dickens because the other counties in her state senatorial district have decided that they will take the senator this time without so much as a by-your-leave.

All of this makes for conversation, and everybody who can't get an audience at home always comes to Raleigh to tell his troubles. That's what Raleigh's for—to listen to troubles. And the neighboring old village is naturally sympathetic—besides one never knows who is going to be elected and sent by his people to spend awhile in this community's midst, so it pays to take no chances on 'em.

The contest over the Corporation Commissionship between Chairman W. T. Lee and A. C. Avery gave signs of stimulating conversation, but has failed to set the countryside agog. Raleigh will be one of the last places in the state to believe that a member of the present state administration can be defeated in the primary.

Drs. Ira Landrith and Purley E. Baker of the Anti-Saloon League, were in the city Sunday for a series of sermons on prohibition enforcement. They drew good audiences, for the occupied pulpits in local churches and Raleigh gives every visitor who preaches a hearing.

GOLF TOURNAMENT AT COUNTRY CLUB

Spring Tournament Be Played Next Week— Scores Requested of Entrants This Week.

The Spring Gold Tournament of the Country Club of Salisbury will be played within the next few weeks and Chairman Fank Lloyd, of the games committee, has issued a call for scores of all club members who wish to participate.

A minimum of eighteen holes will be required for any who wish to enter the tournament. Each player will be arranged in a flight, or group of eight, and each flight narrowed down to a single man. A contest between the flights will then follow to determine the winner of the cup.

The Howan trophy which goes to the winner is at present in the custody of Joe Robertson, winner of the fall tournament. The cup is held by the winner only between tournaments. To obtain permanent possession requires that it be won in three consecutive tournaments. It has never been won twice by the same player.

EASTLAKE TELLS OF MOVEMENTS ON DAY THE MURDER

Left House Only a Few Minutes Before—Found Miss Knox There On Return.

(By the Associated Press.)
Montross, Va., May 1.—Facing the women charged with murder in connection with the death of his wife, Roger D. Eastlake, chief petty officer in the United States navy, took the stand in the crowded court room here today and detailed the story of his movements on the day his wife's body was found literally chopped to pieces in their Colonial Beach home.

Miss Sarah E. Knox, Baltimore nurse, the defendant in the case, exhibited no emotion as Eastlake proceeded with his testimony. The witness gave a clear and unimpaired account of his movements on the day of his wife's death. He left the house at 5:30 a. m., having had breakfast with Mrs. Eastlake.

"I left the house by the front door, but saw no one around the house, and walked down the board walk in about three minutes I heard cries in the direction of the neighborhood of the Goys. It sounded like a child's cry," said the witness.

Eastlake followed his testimony a second later by saying it sounded more like the screams of a person in a crying rage. He said he arrived at the boat in about 18 or 20 minutes and was about to go aboard when someone called and told him he was wanted at home.

"It was William Garuthers," said Eastlake, and he told me my wife had been murdered and said "that woman is there." I asked him who the woman was and as far as I remember he said she was Miss Knox.

Eastlake said he went to the house and was met by Miss Knox who cried out:
"Oh, Roger, who can be your enemy. I must have a talk with you."

Eastlake said he brushed her aside and tried to open the door to go where she lay, he said, "but some one caught me and I would not let me go. I asked if she was dead and was told she was. I then asked for the children and learned that they were at a neighbors," continued Eastlake.

PREMATURE BLAST SERIOUSLY INJURES GRANITE CONTRACTOR

Murray Peeler, a granite contractor of Faith, was seriously injured this morning by a premature blast while working at a granite quarry near Faith. His hands, face, and body were badly cut and bruised. He was brought to a local hospital where his condition is considered critical, the victim having a fighting chance for recovery.

Mr. Peeler is about 40 years of age and is the son of John Peeler, of Faith. He has been a granite contractor for many years and is well known in that section of the county. He is married and has a wife and family.

WOMEN WAR WORKERS MEET IN WASHINGTON

Washington, May 1.—American women who served behind the lines during the world war, whether by frying doughnuts or by serving the wounded or by doing innumerable tasks for which only feminine hands can do best met here today for the first grand reunion since the armistice.

The purpose of the reunion, as announced by Mrs. Margaret Lambie, chairman of the committee in charge, is to rededicate the efforts of those who served overseas, to assist disabled former service men to still undergoing treatment and to all classes of emergency service.

MAY ADMIT MINOR BANKS TO FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Senator Harris Seeks to Have Banks With Capital of \$15,000 Admitted to Membership.

(By The Associated Press.)
Washington, May 1.—A bill amending the federal reserve act so that state banks with a capital of \$15,000 would be permitted to enter the federal reserve system was introduced in the senate today by Senator Harris, Democrat, of Georgia, as a further step in the program of extending credits to agriculture.

The present law requires that a bank must have a capital of \$25,000 before being admitted to the federal reserve system.

Senator Harris said his bill, which he expects to broaden the banking facilities "where the most good could be had from the credit power of the system" had been approved by the federal reserve board and had the backing of Eugene Meyer, Jr., managing director of the war finance corporation.

The Harris measure provides specifically that a state bank seeking membership under the amendment must set aside annually not less than 20 per cent of the net income from the proceeds until it possesses a paid up and unimpaired capital of not less than the capital of \$20,000 which would have been required if the bank had been admitted to membership under the present law.

K. K. K. NOT AFTER N. C. NEGRO, SIMMONS STAFF CHIEF SAYS

Atlanta, Ga., May 1.—Officials at headquarters of the Ku Klux Klan here today declared that they did not know of any plot being organized by members of their organization to kidnap Matthew Bullock, negro, wanted at Norfolk, North Carolina on a murder charge, and bring him back from Hamilton, Ontario, to North Carolina. Reports from Hamilton stated that Bullock had fled to another country but his whereabouts were not disclosed.

In the absence of Col. Williams Simmons, imperial wizard, F. L. Savage, his chief of staff, declared that he knew nothing of any effort to bring Bullock back into the United States.

HICKORY CLANSMEN GIVE PREACHER PURSE \$25

(By The Associated Press.)
Hickory, May 1.—In the midst of services at Baldwin Baptist church here Saturday night five masked figures walked in the church and up to the altar and handed Rev. H. C. Whiemer, who was conducting the revival services there, a letter which contained \$25. The letter said that the money was a gift from the Ku Klux Klansmen and declared the order stood for Christianity, Americanism and law enforcement and appreciated the sermons preached here by Rev. Mr. Whiemer.

CHURCH TRIAL FOR KIDNAPPED PASTOR

(By The Associated Press.)
Lauton, Oklahoma, May 1.—Plans for the church trial May 9 of the Reverend Thomas Irwin, pastor of the First Presbyterian church here proceeded today in the absence of court action to determine who kidnapped the Reverend Mr. Irwin Saturday night, hit him on the head, and threw him in a ditch twelve miles from the city.

Reverend Mr. Irwin today said he could not identify any one of the three men who attacked him. Both factions in the congregation, which split more than a year ago when the pastor preached the funeral sermon of Jake L. Hamon, who died Saturday at his estate in Ireland, speculated today as to whether the former Tammany Hall chieftain left a will. Rickard Croker, Jr., said his father probably left no will.

The estate is variously estimated at from \$2,000,000 to \$5,000,000. A considerable part of the fortune is said to be in property on the water front at Palm Beach, Florida, worth about \$2,000,000.

SEMI-SUBS WILL SOON RULE SEA —SAY SCHROEDER

Prediction is Backed By Fifty Years Experience —Change Will Take Time.

(By Harry B. Hunt.)
Washington, May 1.—"Like the armored knight of old, the armored battleship of today will pass. The navy of 50 years hence will be as unlike that of today as today's is different from that of 50 years ago."

"Just how it will differ is as impossible to tell as it would have been 50 years ago, in the days of wooden gunboats and smooth-bore cannon, to forecast the electrical-driven super-dreadnaught with her 16-inch rifles. The evolution is inevitable.

"The change, however, will not be sudden, and should not be. To immediately stop building or scrap all our armored battleships while other nations still retain theirs would be as foolish as to pin our faith wholly to the land and refuse to keep pace with the development of naval defense along other lines."

Such are the conclusions of Rear Admiral Seaton Schroeder, retired, former commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet.

50 Years in Service.
Schroeder, in 50 years of active naval service, saw Uncle Sam's navy develop from a few wooden gunboats armed only with smooth-bore cannon, to its present strength in great ships and big guns.

The limitation of navies, under the recent Washington agreement this old sea-dog declares the greatest step toward stabilizing world peace. Yet to be most effective for peace purposes, he maintains the ratio must be filled, not merely recognized as a limit beyond which the respective countries may not go.

"Unless the United States keeps her navy up to the ratio provided," Schroeder says, "which gives us a navy second to none, the whole force and effect of the ratio is lost."

"The good will which the United States has won by her initiative in limiting navies, is in itself no small factor toward a maintained peace. There is a saying in a certain section of this country that the selfish community is that in which every man carries a gun. That may be so. But it makes for a rather nervous sort of peace. How much better is that peace which rests upon good will!"

As to some of the possibilities in the navy of the future, Schroeder says:
"It is possible, of course, that the submarine may be developed to where it may virtually assume battleship proportions and fighting ability. I believe, however, that a much more likely type is that of a vessel which, while not a submarine, could submerge to a point that would make her practically uncatchable."

Few naval officers have had a more varied or interesting career than this old officer of 73 who has put in more than half a century in the service. This period, in which the American navy reached its maximum development, is interestingly covered in a volume of reminiscences the admiral has just written, entitled: "A Half Century of Naval Service."

NOT FOR LANDLUBBERS

In this volume, Schroeder clears up the reasons for the issuance of the orders "Right" and "Left" instead of "Starboard" and "Port," which caused much comment in the early days of the Daniels' administration of the navy.



REAR ADMIRAL SEATON
SCHROEDER, RETIRED.

NO RUSSO-GERMAN MILITARY PACT

No Annexes to Treaty Rapalli Providing Such, Declares Tchitcherin to Barthou.

(By The Associated Press.)
Paris, May 1.—The full text of the letter from Soviet Foreign Minister Tchitcherin to Vice-Premier Barthou declared that no annexes to the Russo-German treaty of Rapallo providing for a military combination with Germany had been received at the French foreign office.

The French foreign office regards the letter as a continuation of the Soviet effort to gain French confidence, in view of Soviet Russia's financial needs.

It was remarked by foreign office officials that M. Tchitcherin referred only to the treaty signed at Rapallo and omitted a categorical denial of any understanding of a political or military nature with Germany. M. Tchitcherin's reference to the hospitality of France to the Russian people was particularly resented.

Draft of Property Articles
Genoa, May 1.—The draft of the private property article to be embodied in the proposals to Russia were drawn up by experts and submitted to the allied conference today and provoked a lively discussion. Belgium objected to the draft as unsatisfactory. It was decided, therefore, that the experts re-examine the draft and make another report later in the day.

Attempted Assassination Saturday.
Genoa, May 1.—An attempt to assassinate General Wupefu, leader of the Central Regime forces, was made Saturday, says a central news dispatch to the Evening News today which stated the report was not confirmed.

The general is said to have been wounded and the assailants captured.

AMERICAN OFFICER IS WOUNDED IN GERMANY

Mayence, May 1.—During a May day demonstration here today, a captain of the American army was wounded by the manifestants. A column of May day demonstrators was marching thru the Rheinstrasse when thru a mistake in steering, the American captain's auto ran into the procession. The machine was stopped immediately but at once surrounded and attacked by the furious crowd which began to mount the car. The captain believing his life in danger drew a revolver. One of the men in the crowd tried to disarm him and in the scuffle, the revolver was discharged and the officer sank back wounded in the shoulder.

French soldiers extricated the American captain and made several arrests.

IRISH BANKS ARE LOOTED MUCH STERLING STOLEN

(By The Associated Press.)
Belfast, May 1.—More than 100,000 pounds sterling has been taken by Irish republican army regulars in raids on various branches of the Bank of South Ireland, it was reported in Belfast today. The branches at Limerick and Waterford were among those raided. All of the raiders escaped capture. No other banks were touched.

MODERN PACKING HOUSE, ABOUT OUR BE ERECTED HERE

White-Peacock Co. to Erect Plant on Western Road in City Limits— Do Shipping Business.

Another industrial plant for Salisbury and one that means much for the citizens of this community and which will reach out to practically all of the surrounding towns and villages and touch other points is a modern packing house and abattoir which is to be erected on the site of the old Summers distillery on the north side of the Western railroad about midway between the Ellis street bridge and Jackson's crossing. Messrs. H. Z. White and S. C. Peacock are the principal stockholders but there are other local people interested, and the plant will be known as the White-Peacock Packing company.

Plans have been drawn and accepted, an engineer coming here from St. Louis for the purpose of drawing the plans especially to suit the location, and the latest and most modern machinery and apparatus will be installed. All of the machinery and fixtures are to be supplied by firms with endorsement from the United States health and pure-food authorities. The new plant will cost approximately \$35,000 and the work of excavation began today and the contract for the building, which is to be of brick, of a height equal to two stories and the ground floor dimensions of the main structure will be 64 by 66 feet, with the necessary units. It is hoped to have the plant completed and in operation within three months.

It will consist of a modern cold storage department for fresh meats, vegetables, eggs and other perishable foodstuffs. The fresh meat capacity will be a car load of dressed hogs and cattle a day. The flooring and walls will be of tiled brick, floors in red and walls in white and every sanitary arrangement known to slaughtering and packing of cattle and hogs will be in use in the new plant. It is to be built and equipped and operated in exactly the same manner in which the great packing houses at Chicago and St. Louis are conducted—the only difference being that it will be a smaller plant. All meats will be kept in cold storage ready for shipment on short notice and the men behind this new enterprise see for it a successful future, because it is one of the few plants of its kind in this section.

Not only will the White-Peacock Packing company supply the local market and the nearby points but a general wholesale shipping business will be done. When completed and in operation the public will be invited to visit it at any time and see just how the meats are handled from the time the hog or cattle goes into the "gang-way" until it comes out at another point ready for the slide rails that will convey the meats to the immense cold storage departments. It means the most sanitary arrangement in the slaughtering, handling and storage of fresh meats for the people of this section and for the trade to be supplied from this plant.

BLAIR OVERULED BY MELLON ON THE WILSON FOUNDATION

Washington, May 1.—The ruling of David Blair, commissioner of internal revenue, that persons who contributed to the Woodrow Wilson foundation fund may not deduct such contributions from their income tax returns, was withdrawn Saturday at the instance of Secretary Mellon. It was announced that the withdrawal was "pending further consideration of the matter," but it is believed the action will be final.

Commissioner Blair's ruling allowing contributors to the Roosevelt and McKinley memorials to deduct their donations, while denying such privilege to the Wilson admirers, was about to bring on a bitter partisan row in Congress. While it is known that politics did not enter at all into the mind of Mr. Blair when he made the ruling, which was based on the different characters of the organizations, Democrats saw in it a slight of their living ex-President and were getting ready to demand legislation, if necessary, to circumvent Commissioner Blair.

Secretary Mellon said today in a letter to Senator Carter Glass, of Virginia, one time secretary of the treasury, that he did not know of the existence of the Blair ruling until publicity was given it in the press. The secretary said he was asking Commissioner Blair to look further into the matter and pending this the ruling is withdrawn.

FIVE NEGROES KILLED WHEN EXPLOSION OCCURS

Kansas City, Mo., May 1.—Five negroes were killed and a number injured early today in an explosion in a rooming house. The cause of the explosion has not yet been determined. The building was wrecked.

Mrs. Bell Ash Puck, grand matron of the Grand Lanes lodge, will meet with Spence chapter No. 31 tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. All members of the Eastern Star are invited to meet with her.

Concord Market.
Concord, May 1.—Cotton cold for 16.50 on the local market.

Chicago, May 1.—Edmund Abbott West, reputed to have been one of the founders of the Republican party, who celebrated his 99th birthday anniversary Friday, died here yesterday. His death was caused by pneumonia, contracted on his birthday.

IS NOW FORT BRAGG.
(By The Associated Press.)
Fayetteville, May 1.—Camp Bragg, located near here, has been made a permanent military establishment by an order of the war department, issued April 8, it was learned here today. The camp in the future will be known as Fort Bragg.