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ASHEVILLE, N. C., SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 27, 1911

CONFESSION MADE BY YOUNG LEE 1S MOST REVOLTING

After Killing Mother, Father and Younger Brother Tried to Conceal Crime

PARENTS WOULDN'T APPROVE MARRIAGE

Declares That he Brooded Over Losing Giri Until he Was Out of His Mind

Richard Ley, his mother and his fierce rush for the exit they was committed at Pooneville early Thursday morning. In verbal and written statements to Shortff Davis in anger because his parents would not

planned for Thursday evening, and would not give him money with which to set up housekeeping. hen the confession was mode pub-

of Newhurg, which he had

lic, officers started with Lee in an ater. automobile for the state reformatory at Jeffersonville to prevent possible ing and practically threw persons into

Describes Butchery

Lee made a statement that he had killed his father in self defense with an axe after the father had murdered his wife and younger son, but Sheriff Davis all of today pressed the restless prisoner for "the true story" and this afternoon, Lee usking for pen and ink, wrote a haltingly worded confession and afterward pleced together a description of the horrible autchery in the three room cottage ot Booneville.

Lee said he went Wednesday night they talked of the arrangements for nouse. He returned home late at give little aid. The only cool persons taken into the institution of the ins He told her he was of the police force. him, he said. determined to be married the followins day and she answered that he Going to his own room, Lee said, he brooded until he was out of little Oirl Shall Lead Them," when

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WELL-TO-DO FARMERAND

DEACON MURDERS A MAN

Had Bought Coffin the Day

Before and Had Already

Had Vault Built

CHURCH DISPUTE

in a room and killed himself.

burning.

TEN CAUGET IN MINE FIRE

BIG STILLS CAPTURED.

Deputy Revenue Collector E. N. Win-

ters returned today from Randolph spunty, where he destroyed three

MONTGOMERY, Ala. Aug. 26 .-

ELY, Nev., Aug. 26 .- Of ten min-

MOVING PICTURE FILM EXPLOSION KILLS 25 PEOPLE

Dead and Dying Piled Ten Feet high On Narrow Stairway When Cry Of "Fire" Causes Panic-Women And Children Trampled Down.

film exploded in the Canonsburg opera ed in extinguishing them.

Immediately following the flash of the film, some persons shouted "fire." and staggered out. With the opening There was a rush for the exit and in of thed our a dense cloud of smoke a moment there was a writhing, poured into the auditorium. screaming mass of humspity, ten feet high in the narrow stairway leading

to the entrance of the theater. Lee, 22 years of age, confessed late A majority of the audience was comtoday that he murdered his father, posed of women and children. In the younger brother, Clarence, and that thrown from their feet and trampled. he then set fire to the house in the Others were thrown upon them and hope of conceasing the crime which those at the bottom of the human pile were suffocated.

Fire Laddies Staggered,

When the two volunteer fire departments reached the theater the ight staggered them. Those of the audience who had escaped from the building and other spectators drawn to the scenes were rushing about the front of the building. No person, it seemed, was making any effort to aid the struggling mass within the the-

The firemen pushed into the build-

As they regained their feet they ran shricking in terror about the streets, As the firemen neared the bottom of the pile they began to bring out the unconscious forms of the injured and later came the dead.

The dead were laid in a row along the sidewalk. Relatives fought and struggled to break past the guards and reach the victims.

Fire Whistles Blown.

Within a few moments after the film flashed and the panic started, the fire whistles were blown. Practically Newburg, to call on his flauces, the entire population of the town responded and packed in narrow Pike their wedding. He had had \$100 in street, from which the fatal theater the bank, but had spent it, and he entrance led. All of them were ap-

John McCullough, the operator not, that he must stay at thrown the subject of the next series of pictures on the screen, entitled "A Suddenly he rushed into the film exploded and the ashestos cabinet was filled with flames. For States District Attorney E. J. Henning,

CANONSBURG, Aug. 26 .- Twenty- | bering about 1,500, was unaware of five persons were killed and over sixty the accident. The operator heroically injured tonight when a moving picture fought down the flames and succeedhands burned and almost suffocated, he opened the door of the little box

> Yell of "Fire." At this moment some person yelled fire." The spectators turned in their seats, saw the smoke, jumped to their feet add then started the awini rush for the lone doorway leading to the narrow, eight-foot stairway. At the stairway they collided and jammed into probably 200 other persons who into probably 200 other persons who were waiting the end of the perform- party in congress and the democrats who combined to revise several ance to take the places of those who had seen the show

Immediately the narroy stairway was packed and jammed ten feet high ed. with the dead and dving.

IS SOUGHT BY POLICE ON HONEYMOON

he is on his honeymoon Charles I. ous to business, but made it plain that Brown, until recently general auditor if the tariff beard in December reof the St. Louis dressed beef and pro- ports that downward revision of the vision company, is sought by the po-cotton and wool achequies should be the case. Plainly evident was the hand five following the issuance of a war-made he will recommend it. Stand- of the prosecution today in endeavorrant for his arrest on the charge ing on the broad tarrace of Congress that he obtained \$1,075 from his em- man A. P. Gardiner's farm with Senployers by false pretenses. It is al. ator Lodge and other Massachusetts the company on representation that dressed five hundred members of the the Binford girl, and the company on representation that the checks county republican club, he had money in a bank. The checks Essex county republican club, were returned marked "no funds." checks were loud and long. were returned marked "no funds."

DETROIT. Aug. 26 .- The national convention of the Loyal Order of firming Moose in session in this city yester- treaty which it did by a support made day empowered its educational committee to spend \$50,000 for the or-ganization of a Moose industrial school. Orphans and sons and daughters of members of the order will be institution and edu-

The board of trustees who will undertake the establishment of the in- passage of the reciprocity bill, bethe moving picture machine, had just stitution are: John Hays Hammond, States at the coronation of King republican support and did not play George: Mayor George W. Scott, of Davenport, Ia., and former United having pursued a purely statesman-

Educators of South by Association Leader

with conspiring to obstruct the ad- Urging a full attendance at the fall church deacon, living near here, shot ministration of justice in a United convention of the Southern Educachurch deacon, living near here, shot

J. M. Lawson, a neighbor and also a

States court, Olivar I. Erickson, memat Houston, Texas, November 30. Dedeacon, today at a church on the ber of the Seattle city council; LeRoy cember 1 and 2, and explaining the Whidden farm and then committed sanders editor of the Seattle Star, B. problems for consideration, a stirring ber of the Seattle city council; LeRoy cember 1 and 2, and explaining the 1 is thought that the rails spread, also to order alimony and mainte-throwing two couches from the panets of the plaintiff and her chil-C. Canfield, publisher of the Star, and address to the educators of the south track. quarreled with other members of the church and the pastor, the Rev Dun-manager of a string of newspapers on of Lexington, Ky., president of the jured were found, had sworn that the pastor should not torney for Canfield and Sanders; Dep- Montgomery, secretary. uty Sheriff Hugo Kelly, Paul K. Mohr, a labor leader; Thomas Horner, of all the children of the south is the church. Whidden is said to have arms and the south's real problem, and that armed himself with a shot gun and attorney, and Will Atkinson, a real problem. And that only southern educators know how to have the church. The Rev. State dealer, were arrested today on handle it effectively, the address containing the church of the fish and shrimp canning factures and shades of the fish and shrimp canning factures and abuses of the most revolting to the fish and shrimp canning factures and abuses of the fish and shrimp canning factures are also and the south's real problem, and that arms and the south's real problem. The Rev. warrants sworn to by United States tinues:

fire on him, killing him instantly. Returning home he locked himself Whidden was in Ashburn yesterday and bought a coffin. Several vice.

years ago he built a vault near his home to receive his body when he and the others on \$5,000. Prelimi-

result of the hanging of an effigy of trained into good, productive citiers in the 1,400 foot level of the Gi-Un ted States District Judge Cornellus zens. rous Consolidated Mines' new shaft when it caught fire last night, six are H. Hanford, and the utterance at a Thousands of children are wearing dead, four at death's door, after being hoisted through the flames. The ten heard an explosion, boarded the cage, started up and encountered the straining the people of the Rainier training. fire at the 1,200 foot level. They stopped; five men got out of the cage tle. Renton & Southern railroad, at Houston." which is involved in a dispute with and sought escape by the old Apha

The information charges all the girls which will be discussed at the seaders of the mass meeting with con- convention, the address continued: spiring to arouse the people to dis- "There are millions of negroes in obedience of the injunction. It also the south who are ignorant, superstiin the mine, dead for the fire is still charges Canfield, Sanders and Perry tious, disease breeding, unproducing with responsibility for the hanging in and so a menace to society. The pre-

gate Judge Hanford's act for the pur-tion. The negro must be trained for pose of formulating articles of im-his environment—must be taught how peachment have been circulated. A to live morally and hygienically. His resolution, denouncing the court and education should be industrial and WASHINGTON, Aug. 26—Forecast: demanding Judge Hanford's removal moral, rather than literary and culwild-oat stills and 9,500 gallons of was adopted at the mass meeting last

JUSTICE IS CHARGE MADE FOR HIS ENVIRONMENT **DECLARES AN AUTHORITY**

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Aug. 26.

Deciaring that the proper education

"Millioms of white children in the A warrant for A. V. Fawcett, who south are being educated away from was ousted from office of mayor of service instead of toward it. If the Tacoma in a recent recall election, was farmers' children were educated for issued and sent to Tacoma for ser- their environment, there would be incalculably more happiness, pros-Erickson, Mohr and Kelly refused perity and social elevation through hall and were sent to the county jail. the rural south, and the whole na-Atkinson was released on \$10,000 tion would resp the benefit.

"Hundreds of thousands of boys nary hearings were set for next West- and girls, who live in the mountalins the warrants were issued as the vantages. They can and must be

n as meeting last night of inflamms, their lives away in factories, where that the company had enough work trry speeches denouncing the court they are denied the inalienable rights on hand to keep its shopmen busy infor having issued an injunction de- of the young, air, sunlight, play anti definitely. Ways and means of helpvalley from interfering with the Seat- ing those children will be attempted

> After mentioning governl topics relating to the education of southern

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THAT TAFT BEGAN CAMPAIGN OF 1912 FRIENDS BELIEVE

In Speech Breathing Deliance he Just Naturally Scores Insurgents Hard

L'FOLLETTE HIS PRINCIPAL TARGET

by Tariff Board's Decision in December

HAMILTON, Mass. Aug. friends believe. In a speech breathed defiance, he scored the "In-surgent" members of the republican schedules of the present tariff at the special session of Congress, just clos-

He singled out Penator Lafollettee Wisconsin, Chairman Underwend of the house ways and means Committee, as lead-ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 26 - While revision as injudiques and danger-Prestdent Taft said in part:

As to Exten Session

"The extra session of congress was called for the purpose of conthe Camedian reciprocity up of votes from both parties. have no doubt Massachusetts, by both parties, would confirm its adoption. "Our democratic friends, however,

were not content to allow the session to pass with the second lighthent of the purpose for which it was called. They assisted—most of them—in the cause they believed in its usefulness, recent representative of the United and in so doing they united with the politics' in its passage. However,

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Spreading Rails and Ten

TRYING TO GAIN TIME

People Are Hurt

cause her death

PROSECUTION IS SLOWLY WEAVING NET FOR BEATTIE

Scores Several Points Through Testimony of Boys Who Saw Alleged Murderer Standing Alone in The Midlothian Road.

CHESTERFIELD COURT HOUSE, the identical one both as to make and at a lonely spot on the Midlothian turnpike last morth.

one of the detectives who has been resident Taft began the presidential prominent in the case from the becampaign of 1912 here today, this ginning, and several boys, the prosethat cution's strong cards, were heard Just before adjournment of the court afternoon an application by Beattie's car and noticed the conspicuous abcounsel was granted by Judge Watson that the accused man be permitted to sinuated that the prosecutor called go to Richmond so that the defense might have "a conference over Sunday and save time" in preparing the Speaker Clark and cross-examination for the reconvening of court.

There were many tense moments ers of the attempted revision. He in- for the prisoner as the prosecution, dicated that he regarded the proposed through the testimony of Detective Scherer particularly uncovered fragments of conversation which he is alleged to have had with Beattle concerning Beulah Binford, the girl in the murder, the fear of Henry Beattie, jr., that his father might learn of leged Brown gave personal checks to republican leaders, the president ad- the resumption of the relations with the alleged Their physical allment of Beattle at the time of the murder. The court, in fact, discerning the intention of the prosecution to unfold this part of the mystery asked permisison from the lawyers of both sides to defer the discusnesses, including Dr. Mann, whose information in this connection stricken out four days ago, might be recalled.

Tighten the Lines commonwealth drew light the lines of circumstantial evidence when it brought to the stand consecutively a half dozen youths who were returning from a dance on the night of the murder and stopped at the spectacle of the stationary car, the man work on the running heard. One of the boys, W. R. Synor, identified the Betie car, brought to the court house

Va., Aug. 26.—Considerable progress fittings, that he had his companions was made today by the prosecution in stand twice but it was not until the Makes it Plain he Will Abide the case of Henry Clay Beattle, Jr., second time, which was after the Jury who is on trial for his life charged inspection, that the prosecution asked with the murder of his young wife him whether or not the doors on the car he saw were detached from the He remembered exacetly that they were and identified its hood A number of witnesses, including The defense attempted, by a series of nor, having made no reference to the doors in his morning testimony, was inspired during the luncheon hour to emphasize that point as the crowning a few minutes before a o'clock this the jury had examined the Beattle sence of both doors. The defense in-Sydnor's attention to the doors, but the boy said he had remarked on All six boys told the them before. same story of the woman on the running board and fixed the hour of their passage as almost coincident with the hour of the murder, and the prosecution, through Detective Scherer's tea-Imony later in the day, added to this trend of proof the claim that Beattie's wife was not shot while seated beside him, as the prisoners avers, but while standing in the road.

Close upon this was Detective Scherer's narrative of Beattle's inconsistent and varying conversation with laid the foundation for the future contention of the prosecution that Beatsion of this point on the stand until not coze through the footboards or a binddle at the bottom. Four susanother occasion when other wit- lower part of the machine but result- tained broken legs, among them ed from Mrs. Beattle's fall when shot daughter of Senator Lorimer, but the was near the car. Hesides pointing to the others escaped with cuts and bruises cumulative testimony of the boys as to From time to time during the re-the presence of Beattle and his wife mainder of the day warning were on the secluded read the presecution, shouted through megaphones to the through F. B. Adams, another boy, remaining spectators not to jump to ecored another point when the routh their fact in moments of eachtor told of seeing a man alone beside the Many left the grands after the machine similar to the Beattle car on cident. The ten cars on the self-same road three hours before at the time of the secident were sto the murder is supposed to have hap- ped as soon as they reached the rethe charges of the prosecution that made Beattle could have brought the shot- | Raiph Mulford, whose Lozier was gun obtained from Paul Beattle to the the last away and who won the (Continued on Page Eight)

TWO MOREVICTIMS OF SPEED CRAZE IN AUTOMOBILE RAGE Dave Buck. Veteran Chicago Automobilist and His Mechanician Are Killed

RIGHT FORWARD WHEEL THREW TIRE

Another Accident When Fra-

gile Seats Fall Injuring Over Thirty Persons

ELGIN, 111., Aug. 26 .- The 205 mile road race teday, won by Len With Harry Zengel in a National Grant second and Hugh Hughes third. was not accomplished without it tol of death and injuries

Dave Buck, the veteran Chicago automobilist and his mechanician were killed as the result of an accident to his Pope-Hartford. had his back broken but lived until tonight. Sam Jacobs, the mechanician, died instantly, his neck bein broken. Buck was within eleven laps of the finish, going 64 miles an hour when his right forward wheel threw tire. The mechanician turned a complete somesault.

Sents Collapse

Another accident in which thirty persons were injured, mostly slight ly, occurred shortly after 11 o'clo; him In endeavoring to explain the several sections of the insecurely built presence of the pool of blood in the circus seats giving way. A thousand road. Detective Scherer's testimony or more persons were precipitated to the ground.

When the stringers by which tle shot his wife while standing either seats were supported gave way, the on the running board or in the road- boards spread out like a pack of cards way, and that the pool of blood did and the spectators were shunted into

Adams' testimony bore out pair pit, but a new start soon ?

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KNOXVILLE DECIDES ON

C. H. & D. Train Runs Into Mrs. Fleming Will Make Tennessee City is Wise in Its Day and Follows the New Light

> KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Aug 26 .-Knozyille voted in favor of commis gion government at a special charter amendment election held today, the vothe being nearly 10 to 1 in favor of the commission government.

> The advocates of the new form o city government have made an ag-*ressive campaign, the opposition realizing from the first that they had of the Tennessee legislature passed a bill allowing the city to vote upon

PAPKE MUST GET REP.

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 26 .- Foprobably the first time in the history of the ring a claimant of the brakes broke. The car was running world's championship has been told at terrific speed when it struck the to get a reputation if he wishes a tre and was smashed to pieces. longer bout. The fighter is Billy Papke. The West Side A. C., of this city, which will stage next month a middleweight elimination tournament, each bout of ten rounds, club officials say because of Papke's poor mills in this section are closed as a showing against Burke recently. weights and fight his way to the final ers' brotherhood. No violence has

TEN MEET THEIR DEATH AMUCK RIGHT INTO TREE

Thirty - Three Passengers Were in Large Car When Accident Occurred

AT NEW CASTLE, ENG.

NEW CASTLE, Eng., Aug. 26 .--Ten persons were killed, among them six women, when a large motor car carrying thirty-three passengers ran away on a hill today and collided with a tree. The accident occurred near Consett. The car was occupied by members of the Consett operative Soleties choir, who were going to a singing contest.

While descending a steep hill, the

LUMBER MILLS CLOSE

BEAUMONT, Tex., Aug. 28.-Between thirty and thirty-five lumber he result of the controversy between enter with the other middle the operator sand the timber work-

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WILL ADOPT LIVERPOOL PLAN. HOUSTON, Tex., Aug. 26, -C K. Frinlap, traffic manager of the Harriman lines in Texas, in a statement teday announced that the Liverpool cotton bill of lading agreement would he signed by all of the Harriman Texas lines. Cotton dealers and bankers object seriously to the Liverpool method, he said, but the rail roads have found it necessary to sign if they would do business. Formal announcement has not yet been made by other lines in Texas. English cotton buyers have agreed not to buy cotton except under the Liverpool

REVOLTING CHARGES IN

Every Effort to Get Possession of Children

DANTON, O. Aug. 26.-Running RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 26 .- Counfifty miles an hour to make up lost sel for Mrs. Neile Claire Fleming in time, train No. 43, on the Delphos her sult for divorce from her husdivision of the Cincinnati, Hamilton band, Percy B. Fleming, and her fight & Dayton rusticad, was wrecked at for the possession of two children that Kinsey, twelve holes north of here developed the sensational hearing on tonight. Ten passengers were seri- writ of habeas corpus last week have ously injured one probably fatally arranged for Judge R. B. Peebles to Mrs. Katharine Studer, of St. hear Sept. 1, in chambers here, the Henry, O. soffered a crushed arm, case as to the custody of the children, was severely cut about the head and modifying Chief Justice Clarke's or-received internal injuries that may der to the extent of giving the children to the care of the mother and One was completely turned dren by the husband. She proposes In this the most seriously in-were found. to give bond for th retention of the children within the juris petion of the court and for support in the event NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 26- Follow- be able to provide for them. In her ing up their investigations of peon- complaint for divorce just filed. Mrs. of the fish and shrimp canning fac-, news and abuses of the most revolting tories appearated by Chineso in and character, there being a number of around Barataria bay in southern new charges in addition to those Louisiana, the federal authorities to brought out in the habeas corpus

HAGGIN MAY BE POOL

H. Haggin, the New York millionaire, may become one of the moving spirits NO ORDERS TO LAY OFF MEN, behind the Burley Tobacco society hereafter if he accepts the proposition NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 26 - It was which President Lebus, of the society stated here late today that no orders is said to have made him. He has had been received to lay off any of been asked, it is said, to join tohacco the employer at the Southern Pacific landowners in a ten-year pooling conratiroad shops in Algiers, across the tract, by the terms of which the soriver from New Orleans. It was said closy is to build a factory here to handle its own products and practically control the Burley tobacco out Haggin produces the largest tobacco crop in Kentucky;

CONSPIRACY TO OBSTRUCT | NEGRO MUST BE TRAINED AGAINST MEN OF SEATTLE THEN COMMITS SUICIDE

Charge Result of Hanging Stirring Address Issued to of Effigy of U.S. District Judge

MEN ARE PROMINENT

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 26.—Charged ASHBURN, Ga., Aug. 26 .- R. G. Whidden, a well-to-do farmer and a Whidden, it is stated, had quarreled with other members of the preach in the church again. Today the regular day for services at the church. Whidden is said to have Massey had not arrived at that Ditrict Attorney Elmer E. Todd.

Seeing Lawson, Whidden opened

shaft, 700 feet away; the others gave the signal to hoist. At the top one was dead; four were hurried to a hospital. Of the other five rescuers found the bodies of two, the rest are fligy of Judge Hanford.

SOUTH'S PROBLEM

of the south have no educational ad-

sent state of negro education promi ctitions asking congress to investi- ises to continue this deplorable condi-

ANOTHER CHINK CAUGHT.

day brought to the city another (his hearing last week. ness. Lee Yat known to those of the Barataria settlement as "the king of the Chinese shrimp packers" Yut is the second Chinaman taken into cus-

WASHINGTON, Aug. 26-Forecast:

Monday; light to moderate