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Mystery



This is an exclusive photograph of Mrs. John R. Allen of Chicago, whose baby was found chloroformed to death in the Allen's apartment in a fashionable hotel. Mrs. Allen and her husband suspect robbers of the crime.

SHENANDOAH INQUIRY MAY BE HALTED NOW

Washington, Nov. 24.—(AP)—The navy's long investigation of the Shenandoah disaster came to a provisional end today, the provision being based on the possible summoning of Colonel William Mitchell, who previously had declined to testify before the naval court of inquiry.

As the court adjourned today subject to call of its president, Rear Admiral Hilar P. Jones, it was announced by Judge Advocate Leonard that should he find upon examination of Col. Mitchell's testimony before the army court martial any matters germane to the Shenandoah inquiry, he would seek a process to bring the colonel before the naval tribunal. This could not be done, however, until after the army court martial proceedings against Colonel Mitchell had been concluded, the judge advocate added.

Should it be decided not to call Col. Mitchell, there will remain the summing up by counsel and representatives of the interested parties before the court proceeds to the formulation of its findings.

Sharp denial was made today before the court by James H. Collier, aviation chief rigger, that he had told Major Frank M. Kennedy, of the army air service, that four of the connecting tubes between gas cells on the airship had been tied off just before the accident.

"Did you know of any tubes that were tied off?" asked Judge Advocate Leonard.

"I did not," Collier said with emphasis.

Mechanical Bloodhound Finds \$800,000 Radium

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 24.—Six weeks' patient search with a mechanical bloodhound has resulted in the finding in a sewer pipe of a tiny tube containing \$800,000 worth of radium which disappeared from a hospital here.

Prof. Tarry A. Erikson, head of the physics department, University of Minnesota, constructed ionization chamber detectors which were attached to telescopic pipes and began to hunt along sewers leading from the hospital.

Today the detectors led him to a nine-inch pipe in a sewer tunnel. The radium tube was found within two inches of a mark he made on the pipe.

Eighty Years Old, Father of Seventeen and Has Never Been Juror

Lexington, Nov. 24.—R. J. Wagoner, of Lexington township, is now nearly eighty years old, he stated Saturday, and has never been a juror in court and never received a dollar of public money otherwise. He is the father of seventeen children, ten sons and seven daughters, all of them members of the Democratic party.

Mr. Wagoner is a Confederate veteran and always attends all reunions that are within reach, including a number of the southern reunions, the state and county meetings. His appearance and vigor do not indicate his nearly four score years.

Wants World Press Conference at Peking

Chicago, Nov. 25.—(AP)—S. N. Au-Yang, director of the Chinese Government Bureau of Economic Information at Peking, today announced proposals for a world press conference at Peking in 1927. He said he was to confer shortly with Dean Walter Williams, of the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri, president of the World Press Conference, who favored the proposal.

President's Father Goes to the Woodpile

Plymouth, Vt., Nov. 24.—Today saw Colonel John C. Coolidge, father of the President, up and out after fighting a dangerous attack of heart disease for more than a week.

Showing plainly the effects of his illness but nevertheless exhibiting a determination to carry on, the aged colonel not only joked with newspaper men but insisted on visiting his celebrated wood pile.

A person with normal hearing should be able to hear the tick of a watch held five feet away in a quiet room.

THANKSGIVING DAY

Observed Annually Throughout the United States.

Washington, D. C., November 25.—Thanksgiving Day in the United States is an annual festival of thanksgiving for the mercies of the closing year. The day is fixed by proclamation of the Presidents and the governors of the various states. The President's proclamation makes the day a legal holiday in the District of Columbia, territories and possessions.

In 1789 the Episcopal Church formally recognized the civil government's authority to appoint such a feast and in 1888 the Roman Catholic Church also decided to honor a festival which had long been nearly universally observed.

The earliest harvest Thanksgiving in America was kept by the Pilgrim Fathers at Plymouth in 1621 and was repeated often during that and the ensuing century. Congress recommended days of thanksgiving annually during the Revolution and in 1784 for the return of peace—as did President Madison in 1815, following the close of the second war with Great Britain.

The first truly national Thanksgiving was observed in 1789, on the exact day on which the holiday occurs this year—November 26th. The first Congress, sitting in New York, then the capital of the young nation, adopted a resolution requesting President Washington to appoint a day of Thanksgiving for the general benefit and welfare of the nation.

In compliance with the request Washington issued his proclamation on October 3, 1789, setting apart Thursday, November 26th, as a day "to be devoted by the people of these states to the service of that Great and Glorious Being who is the Beneficent Author of all the good that was, is, or that will be." The people were requested to pray for "the pardon of our national and other transgressions; for wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; for a larger knowledge and better practice of true religion and virtue and for the increase of science among all mankind."

In 1795 Washington issued his second proclamation appointing a day for a national Thanksgiving. In this proclamation, which named February 19th as the day to be observed, the President called attention to the peace and prosperity prevailing throughout the land, and asked that thanks be given for the suppression of the insurrection which had "so wantonly threatened" the tranquility of the nation. The insurrection referred to by the President was the so-called "Whisky Rebellion" which had occurred in several counties in western Pennsylvania, caused by the federal tax laid on alcoholic liquors and stills.

The next Thanksgiving Day proclamation was issued by John Adams, the second President, in 1798, and a year later he again appointed a day for a national thanksgiving. No observance of the kind was held during the two administrations of Thomas Jefferson, but in 1815, following the close of the war, the custom was revived by President Madison. Then came a lapse of forty-seven years, from 1815, until 1862, before the nation again was called upon to give thanks in a proclamation issued by President Lincoln, who summoned his countrymen especially to "acknowledge and render thanks to our Heavenly Father for the signal victories, vouchsafed by Almighty God, to the land and naval forces engaged in suppressing an internal rebellion and for averting from our country the dangers of foreign intervention and invasion."

Since 1863 the Presidents have always issued proclamations appointing the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day.

Wilson Postage Stamp to Be Issued December 27th

Washington, Nov. 24.—Postage stamps bearing the likeness of Woodrow Wilson and Benjamin Harrison soon will be placed on sale by the Post Office Department, the Wilson stamp of 17 cents denomination and the Harrison of 13 cents.

A three-quarter face portrait, taken about the time of America's entry into the World War, has been selected by Mrs. Wilson for the stamp in honor of her husband. It will be issued for the Wilson birthday celebration, December 28. The Harrison stamp will be issued later.

First plans to have the Wilson stamp of 13 cents denomination, on the ground that 13 was his lucky number, was abandoned.

Dennis Hethcock Buried Today in Oakwood

Funeral services for Dennis F. Hethcock, three-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. David Hethcock, were held this morning at the home of his parents on Spring street, burial being made in Oakwood cemetery.

The child was born on August 8th of this year. Although ill for several days last week, his condition was considered serious until Saturday, at which time a turn was taken for the worse, death coming Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Must Pay Checks at Par

Washington, Nov. 25.—(AP)—The regulations of the Federal Reserve Board requiring Federal reserve and member banks to pay at par checks drawn upon them, was sustained today by the Supreme Court.

Communist Leaders Convicted

London, Nov. 25.—(AP)—A verdict of guilty was returned today against the twelve communist leaders tried in Old Bailey on charges of conspiring to publish seditious libels in violation of the indictment and mutiny law.

The record of Cy Young in winning 500 major league baseball games has never been equalled.

Your Uncle Sam Is Good at This



TWO PERSONS DIED WHEN HOME BURNED

Mrs. "Kit" Brown and Her Grandson Perished When the Brown Home Was Burned.

Wilmingon, N. C., Nov. 25.—(AP)—Two lives were lost when fire destroyed the home of "Kit" Brown, near Sea Gate, six miles from here, early today. Mrs. Brown, 64, and her five-year-old grandson were burned to death.

Mr. Brown was rescued by neighbors and a boy, 18, whose name was not learned, who lived with the family, escaped with burns about the hands and face.

Origin of the fire which started about 3 a. m. is unknown. Neighbors of the family forming a rescue party when alarm was given, succeeded in saving the man and boy, but Mrs. Brown and the child were dead when found.

COLORFUL THRING TO SEE FOOTBALL GAME

Many State Officials to See the Carolina-Virginia Game.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Nov. 25.—(AP)—When the Tar Heels of Carolina and the Cavaliers of Virginia meet on Emerson Field here tomorrow in the annual renewal of their gridiron classic, a colorful throng will be on hand.

State officials of North Carolina will be led by Governor Angus W. McLean, and it is certain that practically every member of North Carolina's official family will be on hand. Governor McLean will be the guest of Dr. Harry W. Chase, president of the University.

Governor E. Lee Trinkle will not be present at the game, although Gov. McLean invited him to be his guest. The Executive of Virginia had previously accepted an invitation to appear at a football game in Richmond. It is expected, however, that a number of Virginia officials will be on hand to see the Cavaliers give battle to the Tar Heels.

Special trains will operate tonight from all sections of North Carolina to Chapel Hill and one or two also will come down from Virginia. More than 15,000 persons saw the scoreless view of the game played here two years ago and it is expected that as great a throng will witness tomorrow's game. For North Carolina it is the greatest football game each season and always draws a greater crowd than any other.

Durham Doctors Make City Christmas Gifts; Raise Fees 20 Per Cent.

Durham, Nov. 24.—Medical doctors in Durham didn't wait until Christmas to give their patrons a gift. They handed it to them today and it is not to their liking.

The medical men have decided that hereafter they will charge \$3 for a call in the city during the day—and their day ends at 8 p. m. After that hour it will be more. Advice over the telephone will be at one dollar the give.

Medical men say that the increased cost of living has made the increase necessary. The inflation is one of the 20 per cent.

Ohio is to have a State-wide association for the control and regulation of high school girls' athletics.

Broadway Convicted of Dynamiting Mother's Home and Gets 7 to 10 Years

Albemarle, Nov. 24.—A Stanley county jury returned a verdict of guilty against Will Broadway at 5 o'clock this afternoon, and Judge McElroy promptly passed sentence against him of not less than seven nor more than ten years in the state penitentiary. It is understood there will be no appeal from the verdict and judgment. His attorneys, Brown and Sikes, who were appointed by the court to defend Broadway, have not definitely announced yet as to whether their client will take the case up, but it is generally believed that they will accept the verdict and judgment as final for their client.

The defense was charged with planting a stick of dynamite under his mother's bedroom on the night of September 16th and then set it off. Mrs. Broadway barely escaped with her life, and her little grandchild, who was sleeping with her at the time, was blown across the hallway and into the door of another room, is considered permanently injured.

NO CHANGES TODAY IN STRIKE CRISIS

The Operators and Miners Have Not Yet Agreed on Terms to Settle the Coal Strike.

Philadelphia, Nov. 25.—(AP)—Despite the activity of various interests in bringing about a resumption of the wage negotiations between representatives of the anthracite miners and operators, the situation on the surface at least appeared unchanged today.

There were some, however, who held the belief that a way soon would be found to bring the two sides together, and that the end of the long suspension was in sight. The more pessimistic could see no significance in the recent moves of leading operators and union officials, nor did they entertain any hopes of a settlement through the efforts of outside interests.

Law Bars Thanksgiving Celebration in England

Oxford, Nov. 25.—(AP)—Oxford Americans are to be virtuous and strictly observant of the laws and ordinances which the wisdom and high morality of the University Fathers set down for their guidance, they must abstain from the usual American church service on Thanksgiving Day.

It is not that the turkey, the cranberry and the Pilgrim conscience are under the ban. The prohibition which applies to Thanksgiving services was enacted in the year 1256, and apparently without thought of New England. It provides that no feast or holiday of any foreign nation shall ever be celebrated solemnly in any church of Oxford under penalty of the greater excommunication.

As the Fourth of July is seldom celebrated under cover, it would seem not to come under the prohibition. Coming as it does in vacation time, the Fourth is little known in Oxford and the dignified old Rhode Islander who a few years ago on this holiday proposed as a toast to his English friends, "Here's to the day we licked you," was considered rather more eccentric than witty.

BAPTISTS GAIN IN THEIR SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Increase of From 1,606,871 to 2,536,953 During the Past Ten Years.

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 24.—(AP)—Enrollment in Southern Baptist Sunday schools in the last ten years has increased from 1,606,871 to 2,536,953, Dr. J. K. J. Van Ness, secretary of the Baptist Sunday school board, said in announcing the fifth annual south-wide organized Bible class conference at Birmingham, January 13, 14.

Dr. Van Ness ascribes this increase to new life brought into Sunday schools through the impetus of the thousands of organized classes. "So rapidly are many of the Sunday schools growing that the churches are having to greatly enlarge their plants to take care of the increased number of pupils," he said.

Representatives of hundreds of the leading organized Baptist Bible classes from seventeen states and the District of Columbia will attend the Birmingham gathering, the secretary said.

The word "and" occurs in the Bible no fewer than 46,271 times.

PROMINENT MEN OF STATE LIBRARY MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LATE JAMES B. DUKE IS CONDUCTED

ST. LOUIS FACT THREE CHARGES NOW

Murray Carleton and Forest Ferguson Charged Felonious Making of False Statements.

BOTH MEN ARE VERY PROMINENT

It Is Alleged That They Secured Money Amounting to About \$3,000,000 From Several Banks.

St. Louis, Nov. 25.—(AP)—Three indictments each against Murray Carleton and Forest Ferguson, charging them with felonious making of false statements to obtain \$3,000,000 bank credit for the Ferguson-McKinney Mfg. Company, now in receivership, were returned today by a circuit court grand jury.

Carleton, 73 years old, and for years a leading figure in business, social and religious circles of St. Louis, is critically ill at St. Luke's Hospital. He is president of Carleton Dry Goods Company, now in liquidation, treasurer of Ferguson-McKinney, and president of Carleton-Ferguson Company, controlling both. Ferguson is president of Ferguson-McKinney.

The alleged misrepresentation on which the indictments were based, were made to the First National Bank of St. Louis to which Ferguson-McKinney was owing \$100,000 at time of its collapse, the State National Bank of St. Louis to which it owed \$200,000; and the brokerage firm of McCluney & Co., St. Louis, through which \$906,000 of Ferguson-McKinney commercial paper had been marketed.

Banks in New York, Philadelphia and Boston also were creditors.

The total losses to stockholders and creditors of the Carleton-Ferguson concerns were estimated at more than \$7,000,000.

With Our Advertisers.

Salt—Buy Silver Springs Salt! At Cline & Moore's in all size bags. This is one of the best brands on the market.

The Parks-Bell Co. will have the grand opening of its Grocery Department on Friday morning, November 27th. In this department will be offered many bargains in groceries. It is located on the second floor, and is a self-servicing department. Read all about it in a half page ad. today.

Anti-freeze for your radiator, free air and water and five gallons of gas free with each \$20 cash purchase—all this is offered by the York & Wadsworth Co. Read big ad. today.

Seventy-five popular novels by the foremost authors are being offered at 75c each by Kidd-Frix Music & Stationery Co. See ad.

The Atwater Kent Radio is sold in Concord by York & Wadsworth Co. See them for particulars.

Carolina Coaches Select All-State Football Team.

Chapel Hill, Nov. 24.—Six Carolina, two Davidson, two Wake Forest and one Duke players are given places on a mythical all-state football eleven picked here tonight by the several members of the Carolina coaching staff.

The team lined up as follows: Ends—McMurray, Carolina and Daddie, Carolina.

Tackles—Emmerson, Wake Forest and Robinson, Carolina.

Guards—Vance Davidson, and Whisman, Carolina.

Center—McVey, Davidson.

Quarterbacks—Rackley, Wake Forest.

Halfbacks—Underwood, Carolina and Hendix, Davidson.

Fullbacks—Caldwell, Duke.

Say Women and Children Were Killed.

Beirut, Syria, Nov. 25.—(AP)—Fourteen naturalized American citizens who reached Beirut today with about 2,000 refugees from Rasheya, west of Damascus where fierce Druse attacks were ended yesterday by the relief of the French garrison, say that in the hand-to-hand fighting between the Druses and Christian volunteers the rebel tribesmen killed many women and children.

How Cold Is It On Mount Mitchell?

Raleigh, Nov. 24.—(AP)—How cold does it get on Mount Mitchell, highest point in eastern America, in the winter time? Nobody knows, because the weather bureau has never been able to persuade any one to stay on the mountain top through the winter to take the readings.

But already this month the temperature has dropped to ten degrees below zero. This was on November 20th. Three days earlier, on November 17th—to illustrate the variety of climate in North Carolina—the maximum in this state was 96 at Goldsboro. A difference of 105 degrees within the same state in a space of three days!

For the past two years, the weather bureau has received part-time reports from an observer on Mitchell, 6,711 feet above sea level. The reports are made to Lee A. Denson, in charge of the central weather bureau for the state here at Raleigh, who explained that the minimum temperature in mid-winter on the top of Mitchell had never been recorded, because nobody could be tempted to spend a winter on the mountain peak.

Service Was Held at Duke University, With Many Notables in the Large Audience.

GOV. McLEAN IS CHIEF SPEAKER

He Praised Mr. Duke For What He Did "For the Soul of North Carolina" Through Its People.

Durham, Nov. 25.—(AP)—As spokesman for the people of North Carolina, Governor Angus W. McLean, speaking at the memorial service for the late Jas. B. Duke, held at Craven Memorial Hall at Duke University here today, paid tribute to Mr. Duke's memory for his material contribution to the state's growth and development, to what Mr. Duke did "for the soul of North Carolina as expressed in its young men and women."

"The story of Mr. Duke's life affords a striking example of what the American boy with the right kind of stuff in him, can attain," the Governor declared.

"Not in many generations," he said, "has North Carolina produced a man of more business acumen or broader vision than the late James Buchanan Duke. Such men are not everyday products. They cannot be forecast like the reappearance of some planet, but develop in our midst unheralded, and when we have analyzed their achievements it would seem that they were given to the world to play a particular role in the age in which they lived. So it was with Mr. Duke."

While North Carolina has produced many unusual men, "the life of Mr. Duke presents an unusual growth and remarkable developments which few of our citizens have attained," said the Executive.

MITCHELL ENDS RECITAL BEFORE COURT-MARTIAL

Explains His Famous Phrase "Almost Treason," Stands Behind Charges.

Washington, Nov. 24.—(AP) Wm. A. Mitchell concluded late today a ten hours' recitation of air service troubles of the army and navy which he delivered in his own defense before the court martial trying him for insubordination, and then prepared, with his counsel, to rest his case tomorrow.

The conclusion of his testimony found the air officer standing squarely behind the famous charges he published, accusing the war and navy departments of incompetence, criminal neglect and almost treasonable conduct of the national defense.

After he had passed the direct examination, faced the prosecution cross examinations and then answered numerous questions put by his counsel, the court itself took a turn with the air service critic. His last words on the stand were a definition of the "almost treason" as he meant it to be understood when he used that phrase in his published statement. It was:

"I mean that the people have put their trust in the war and navy departments to guarantee a proper national defense and that they have failed it that trust."

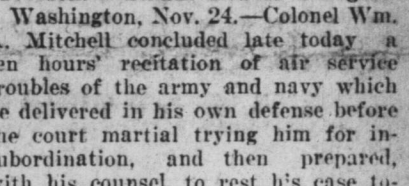
738,555 People See Grange and Mates Do Stuff

Campaign, Ill., Nov. 24.—Nearly three quarters of a million persons have attended the games in which Red Grange and his University of Illinois team have participated in the three years of his college football career. Figures made public today showed that the three-year's total of paid admissions was 738,555. In Red's first year, with the star absent from only one game, the attendance was approximately 185,000. The next season the figures dropped to 182,000. Red staying on the bench for two games. Appearing in every game in 1925, Red saw the attendance figures jump to 371,000.

Mr. Sharp's Remains Sent to Mooreville.

Henderson, Nov. 24.—The body of F. R. Sharp, drainage foreman, who was killed early Monday at a grade-crossing in Franklinton when a Seaboard Air Line train hit his automobile, was shipped today to his home in Mooreville for burial. His widow, who was accompanied here last yesterday by Rev. R. A. White, pastor of the Mooreville Presbyterian Church, of which the family are members, left today for her home accompanied by Mr. White.

SAT'S BEAR, SATS



Increasing cloudiness and warmer tonight; Thursday rain, warmer in east and colder in extreme west portion. Moderate to fresh southwest winds.