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MRS WARREN AND CHRISTY TO BE ELECTROCUTED

Sentenced To Death For Murder G. J. Warren, Mrs. Warren's Husband—Stonestreet Guilty as Assessor After The Fact

Winston-Salem, Aug. 7.—At 11:30 o'clock tonight Judge E. B. Cline pronounced the death sentence upon Mrs. Ida Ball Warren and Samuel Preston Christy. His honor was visibly affected as he passed the prisoners to rise. Court had been in a continuous session since the noon recess, there being no adjournment for supper.

Solemnly Judge Cline addressed the prisoners, saying that he had at this time made no preparations for the performance of duty required of him by his State, the very trying duty of pronouncing the extreme sentence upon a woman. He briefly commented upon their associations of past years; begged them to give their position at their present condition, which is the ultimate end of any persons who covet associations and attempt to reach other over the body of a lawful husband or wife, serious thought. Following this state statement, Ida Ball Warren and Samuel Preston Christy were sentenced to die in the electric chair on Friday, September 24, 1915.

Prior to the pronouncement of the sentence, Judge E. B. Jones, representing Mrs. Warren, moved to set aside the verdict, that a new trial be ordered on account of errors committed during the progress of the trial as set forth in the records and errors that will appear in the brief in the case on appeal.

Attorney Fred M. Parrish, counsel for Christy, joined in this motion. The motion was overruled by the court and each defendant excepted. Following the entry of the death sentence, Judge Cline authorized the entry of a notice of appeal from this judgment to the Supreme Court. The appeals of the defendants are filed as paupers.

The verdict against Clifford Stonestreet was guilty as an accessory after the fact and the court pronounced sentence of three years in the State Prison at hard labor.

The prisoners stood calmly during the entire ordeal of their sentence. Not once did Christy appear to weaken. Mrs. Warren stood erect during the progress of the court's address and sentence until the final words setting the date upon which they are to go to the death chair was reached. It was then that she quivered, shifted on her feet and as his honor concluded with: "May God have mercy on your soul, be seated," she turned with a quick nervous jerk and sank into her chair. For a moment her head drooped and then she resumed her apparent calm. Court continued in session. (The clock having been turned back as the town clock a block away struck 12) until an hour unknown to the court.

The prisoners remained at the bar until adjournment conversing with each other and with their counsel. A distinguished jurist, a visitor to the court during the progress of the trial, stated that in the event Mrs. Warren was sent to the chair. It would not only be the first woman electrocuted in the State, but the first white woman and second woman to pay the death penalty. The only other woman was a negro who was hanged in this county in 1883.

NEW BUSINESS FIRM

Messrs. C W York and H. R. Sanderford have formed a copartnership and will engage in the mercantile business in Creedmoor. They have bought a lot from Dr. J. F. Sanderford next to the Granville Pharmacy and will erect a building at once. The building will be of brick, 26 x 70, one story and will be equipped with modern fixtures. The front will be so constructed as to afford good light and will have modern display windows. The material is now being placed and the workmen are on the ground ready to push the building to an early completion. The new firm will carry a full line of Dry Goods, Ladies and Gent's furnishings etc.

MISS MYRTLE PRESSLEY IS JAILED AT ASHEVILLE

Pretty Sixteen Year-Old Girl Held in Connection With The Blackmailing of D. M. Lance.

Asheville, Aug. 7.—The third arrest in the alleged blackmailing conspiracy, which had for its object the terrorizing of D. M. Lance and the members of his family, was effected this afternoon when Sheriff E. M. Mitchell and Deputy Fire Insurance Commissioner Frank C. Jordan arrested Miss Myrtle Pressley, the pretty 16-year-old daughter of Joe Pressley, at their home near Aiden.

The warrant on which the arrest was made charges that she and Martin Rickman sent threatening letters to Mr. D. M. Lance with the intention of extorting money from him. Although the warrants for Rickman and Miss Pressley evidently were taken out at the same time, for some reason the officers wished to postpone the arrest of the girl until a more thorough examination of the blackmail letters could be made.

Officers claim that at the very hour set for the placing of a sum of money at a point on the Arden-road, the little girl and Frady rode up and down the highway several times as the eyes of the officers were scanning the road intently.

Although her father pleaded that she be released under bond of \$1,000, which he was able to furnish, the magistrate held the pretty prisoner under a bail of \$3,000 which she was unable to give. She was placed in the Buncombe County jail.

RETURNING FROM CHURCH MAN KILLED BY TRAIN

Kernersville Man Blinded By Headlight Caught By Engine—His Three Children Escaped.

Kernersville, Aug. 5.—A tragic death occurred here Tuesday night when James Carter, aged 50 years, was caught under a freight train immediately in front of the railway station.

Mr. Carter, with three of his children, had attended services at the Methodist Episcopal Church and on returning home, approached the station just as a through freight came in. A lantern was being carried by the children who on seeing the train, rushed across the tracks. The father, however, not knowing that they were safe and being blinded by the headlight, ran frantically after the children.

He was caught by the engine and dragged about 50 feet before his body was drawn under the wheels. The train then proceeded several yards before it could be stopped.

Several persons were on the railroad yard and saw the accident but were unable to reach Mr. Carter before he had been horribly mangled. Life was extinct when his body was removed from the tracks.

The funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at Oak Ridge by Rev. C. P. Goode, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church there, of which the deceased was a member. The interment was held in the Oak Ridge cemetery. Mr. Carter is survived by a wife and eight children, the oldest of whom is 13 years of age.

PAINT

Every gallon costs a painter's day's work. Poor paint, more gallons; good paint, less gallons.

Every extra gallon adds to your job its price and the painter's day's work; not far from \$5 a gallon.

There are a dozen good paints and hundreds of poor ones; Devoe is one of the dozen. The chances are: there isn't another in this town.

DEVOE.

A. B. Moss sells it.

The war has been on for a year, and not a king has been killed. Some how wars do not seem to be as efficient as they used to be.

Even the man with a dry humor might keep some of it for a rainy day.

"I HAVE NO MOTHER"

I have no mother, for she died,
When I was very young;
But memory still around my heart,
Like morning mist has hung.

It tells me of an angel form
That watched around my bed,
And of a soft and quiet hand,
That wiped the tears I shed.

And often she would kneel with me,
And teach me how to pray,
And raise my little hands to heaven,
And tell me what to say.

O, mother, mother, in my heart,
Thy image still shall be,
And may I hope in heaven at last,
To meet and live with thee!

I remember too, when I was ill,
She kissed my burning brow;
And the tears that fell upon my cheek,
I think I feel them now.

I have still some little books,
She taught me how to spell;
The chiding and the kiss she gave
I still remember well.

And that same hand that held my arm,
When I began to walk;
And the joy that sparkled in her eyes,
When first I tried to talk.

For they say the mother's heart is pleased
When infant charms expand;
I wonder if she thinks of me
In that bright happy land.

I know she is in heaven now,
That holy place of rest;
For she was always good to me,
And the good alone are blest.

AUTOMOBILES ARE WORTH FIVE MILLION DOLLARS

Seventeen Thousands Five Hundred Machines Are Licensed By State.

Raleigh, Aug. 4.—The number of automobiles licensed in this State for the fiscal year that began July 1, the registration being really for only 35 days, has already reached 17,500 compared with 16,305 licenses issued during the whole previous fiscal year. This includes old machines relicensed and licenses for new machines as sold. There are about 20 licenses per day being issued now to new machines, showing a special activity in the automobile business at this time.

The revenue to the State for automobiles licenses since July 1 has been more than \$105,000. The estimated value of automobiles in North Carolina during the last fiscal year was \$4,000,000 and it is believed that the value of the machines that will be licensed during the present year will round out \$5,000,000.

NEAR ACCIDENT

There came near being a serious accident on Main Street at Garner's Drug Store last Wednesday evening about 8 o'clock. Two little boys, Howard Chappell and Edwin Lyon were playing on the sidewalk with a little wagon and decided that they needed more room in which to play, so they jumped into the street in front of an approaching automobile driven by Mr. H. R. Sanderford, who had just lighted up the car and saw the children in time to apply the brakes. Neither child was struck by the machine, but Edwin who had the tongue of the wagon, was knocked down by the machine coming in contact with the wagon, but he was not hurt. To say the least, it was a narrow escape and should serve as a warning to parents who allow their children to engage in the dangerous practice of playing in the streets, especially in this so-called dangerous place as the Garner corner.

WILL MAKE A TEST CASE OF THE DACIA

French Prize Court Confirms Seizure of Ship Which Gives America Chance to Appeal

Washington, Aug. 4.—Announcement from Paris today that a French prize court had confirmed the seizure of the American steamer Dacia, found the State Department preparing to protest the decision, which carries with it forfeiture of the vessel. It is planned to make this a test case of the right of a belligerent country to grant registry to a belligerent owned merchant ship. The Dacia's cargo of cotton is not involved. The British Government, before the Dacia sailed from Galveston, via Norfolk last Spring for Rotterdam, announced that the cargo, consigned for Bremen would not be detained the announcement being binding upon France. The French Government purchased the cotton through a special appropriation. First payments to the owners of the cotton were made today at the State Department.

The issue in the Dacia case is the right of the United States Government to permit registry under the flag of a vessel formerly owned by the Hamburg-American Steamship Company, a German corporation but declared to have been sold to an American citizen. The British Government which has sanctioned such transfers in war time, could not consistently seize the Dacia. France has always held that the transfer of a merchant ship to a neutral Power must have been affected at least 30 days before the outbreak of hostilities in order to secure recognition to belligerents.

ICE CREAM SUPPER

The Ladies Aid Society will serve Ice Cream and Cake on the Lawn at the Methodist Church Friday night the 13th from 8 o'clock to 11 for the benefit of the Lights. Everybody invited to help in this worthy cause.

STANLEY IS NOMINATED BY KENTUCKY DEMOCRATS

By Estimated Majority of 20,000—His Victory Is Regarded As Virtual Defeat of State-Wide Prohibition

Louisville, Ky., August 7.—Former Congressman A. O. Stanley, Democrat; E. P. Morrow, Republican; and Fred J. Drexler, Progressive, were nominated for Governor in the State-wide primary held in Kentucky today. Stanley's majority is estimated at 20,000; Morrow virtually had no opposition, and Drexler was unopposed.

Mr. Stanley was nominated over Lieutenant-Governor Edward J. McDermott and H. V. McChesney. His victory is regarded as a virtual defeat of State-wide prohibition. Mr. McChesney was running on a platform demanding passage by the Legislature of a bill placing before the voters a constitutional amendment to substitute State-wide prohibition for the county unit law, or local option. Mr. McDermott also favored the county unit law.

It was indicated when the polls closed at 4 o'clock that slightly less than a normal vote had been cast throughout Kentucky in today's general primary.

Chief interest centered in the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, for which a warm race had been waged by Lieutenant Governor McDermott, of Louisville; former Congressman Stanley, of Henderson, and Mr. McChesney of Frankfort.

There were few contests for the Republican nominations. Progressive nominations were made without contests. E. P. Morrow, of Somerset, and Latt F. McLoughlin of Madisonville, sought the Republican endorsement.

Reports from Breathitt County today say that Grover Blanton, a leading Democratic politician of the county, was mortally wounded, while Martin Clements and Elihu Allen, Republicans, are dead, as a result of an election day riot.

CREEDMOOR SOCIALLY

The Social Side of Creedmoor life has been in a whirl for the past week or more, there has been many social functions that are worthy of more than passing notice.

During the past week Miss Carmen Rogers, the attractive and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Rogers, has been entertaining a house party. Having as her guests, Misses Estelle and Lafon Royster and Ruby Day of Durham, Misses Lena and Clarice Ray of Raleigh.

On Thursday night of last week Miss Carmen charmingly entertained in honor of her guests. A very enjoyable evening was spent in games and other amusements, during the evening dainty refreshments were served. The young people spent Friday on a picnic at Fish Dam on Neuse River and Friday night Mrs. S. C. Lyon was hostess to her niece, Miss Rogers, and her guests, and those who have enjoyed the hospitality of this charming home can attest to the enjoyment of the evening. A delicious course of refreshments were served by Mrs. Lyon.

Saturday morning Mrs. Joseph Thompson entertained the visiting young ladies at a Rook party, from 10 to 12 o'clock. Mrs. Thompson proved to be a charming hostess. Salad and ice courses were served by Mrs. Thompson.

Saturday evening from 8 to 11 o'clock Miss Gladys Peace entertained the visitors at the home of her grand parents, Rev. and Mrs. M. L. Winston near town and a most delightful evening was spent in games and other amusements, refreshments were served during the evening which were enjoyed by the jolly party of young people.

Tuesday night of this week Miss Felcie Whitaker delightfully entertained Miss Rogers and those of her guests who had not gone to their homes. Miss Whitaker proved to be a charming hostess and a very enjoyable evening was spent by the young people.

A four-legged fish was found in Virginia recently. The finder gave an editor a drink out of the same bottle and the story is now vouched for by a newspaper.

HOBBS BRING LIQUOR TRAIN

Rocky Mount Officers Capture Huge Quantity When Train Is Unexpectedly Halted By Bursting Air Hose.

Rocky Mount, Aug. 7.—Within a few minutes last night the Rocky Mount police station was turned into a veritable liquor store room while the jail became a very popular place all of a sudden. Over 200 pints of liquor, to be exact, 174 pints, and many quarts and half pints, was the haul of the police, and it came about when an air hose to freight train No. 209 bursted while the train was pulling into the city and Police Officer Bartholomew, Denby and Wheelas made a haul of the defendants who alighted with their bags, boxes, satchels and cartons of whiskey, while it is confidentially declared that had not the damaged appliance been repaired so quickly they could have made many more arrests.

The haul was the largest made in a single night in this city's history and was a serious interference with the traffic which has grown in great proportion since the enforcing of the new law against shipments. The carriers seldom ride the passenger trains, though they sometimes attempt such tricky measures as a sending along of a trunk full of whiskey checked off one train and they come on another to claim it, as was done last night by a negro Arthur May, who was nabbed as he claimed his trunk in the baggage room here and which upon being opened was found to contain 96 pints and one quart.

The negroes taken from the incoming freight and who fell the prey of the officers when the accident occurred were arranged in the city court this morning and were given sentences of three to four months each on the road force. That there could have been twelve to twenty arrests made had the air brake damage been so promptly repaired and the train allowed to continue its journey is the confident belief of the three officers who last night carried through the largest raid on blind tiger violators ever recorded in this city, though this circumscribed from being greater by lack of time. The indications through the testimony in the city court today was that there were hoboes beating a ride on this train that are carrying whiskey into all parts of Eastern Carolina and as far south as Dunn, Fayetteville, Selma Goldsboro and Wilmington.

CHAPPELL'S HARDWARE STORE ROBBED

It seems that the hardware store of Mr. J. T. Chappell on Main St., in this place, stands as an easy mark for the burglars. Last Thursday night some one smashed a front window and went in and helped themselves to automobile tires and a shot gun. Nothing else was missed and the officers have no clue whatever as to who did the work. The goods taken were worth in the neighborhood of a hundred dollars.

Just a little more than a year ago this store was broken open and a number of things were taken, among them were about two dozen pistols, which were recovered and the thieves captured. In the last instance the thieves were more successful so far in covering up their tracks. A reward of \$2500 is offered for the arrest and conviction of the parties, by the town and Mr. Chappell.

BUILDS SLEEPING ROOM

Mr. E. T. Cottrell has converted one room of his residence into an open air sleeping room for Mrs. Cottrell when she comes home. He has added five windows to the already well ventilated room, which will make it ideal sleeping quarters. The many friends of Mrs. Cottrell will be glad to learn that she is responding to the treatment at Sasatorium in fact she is expected home on the 21st.

One reason why we have to read about the Washington Government "facing a deficit" is that it reminds us of our personal condition.

The book that has helped the average man most is his pocketbook.