

C. C. COUNTRYMAN UNDER ARREST FOR DEFRUDING BANKS

Former Publisher of Weekly Signal to be brought here for trial

GOT \$900 FROM TWO COUNTY BANKS

Carl C. Countryman the man of whom it was said "He was run out of Stoneville" and later that he walked out of Leaksville "was placed under arrest in New York City Saturday and is being held there for Rockingham County on a charge of defrauding two banks.

It will be recalled that Countryman was the superintendent of schools in Stoneville for one term. He had several fights while there, was arrested and had others arrested etc. and one of the teachers fired, to be reinstated by the Board. He served on the police force, carried two big guns as he attended to school matters, and in general way turned Stoneville inside out and upside down and then some.

He was soon due to walk out of Stoneville. When climatic conditions endangered his health around about Stoneville, he moved his comb and hair brush to Leaksville.

Shortly after landing here, he made application to the local school Committee for Superintendents of Schools, with the district understanding that his application would be considered by itself; that is, that he would not be humiliated by being placed on the same level with other applicants.

This did not work out the way he wanted it. He conceived the notion that E. V. Hobbs and Geo. H. Clark treated him as if he was only an ordinary mortal. Then he got angry, some folks would say mad.

To get even, he took his pencil and proceeded to write a "roast" on the School Committee and on Mr. Hobbs especially, and presented this "roast" to the Gazette for publication, which of course was turned down.

While this was all going on he worked in the Mechanical department of the Gazette Print Shop.

For some time before this, he planned on buying the controlling interest in the Gazette. In fact the price was agreed to. He wrote out a check for \$25.00 to bind the deal for ten days.

He figured on raising the money among local party men who would welcome a different kind of a paper but failed. The ten days option passed and he was compelled to ask for another weeks time. Again he failed and then later on decided to buy or lease the Darlington Boulevard Print Shop with which he started the Signal and organized the Signal Publishing Co.

Because the Gazette did not publish his "roast" on the School Committee, he began "burning up the Gazette" with his little Signal.

The money did not come in fast as he needed it and he had to do something.

Countryman called up Mr. B. F. Mebane on the phone two or three times, and called on him several times, but Mr. Mebane evidently did not fall in love with the man from "Ohio" and did not dig up to suit him.

Mr. Mebane then got word to "dig up" or get "roasted."

Well, most everybody will recall the "roast" which the Signal dealt Mr. Mebane. It was the end of local confidence in Countryman. Mr. Mebane never opened his mouth and when asked about the matter just passed it by with a laugh.

About this time he began working on Mr. Guyan. Guyan did not have faith in him and failed to "dig up" as Countryman expected he should. So of course in a short time the Signal was tottering.

Countryman had two government bonds, \$500 each.

He had borrowed money on these at the Bank of Stoneville and the Boulevard Bank. When the notes were due, he turned a check on a

LAYMENS MOVEMENT MEETS AT RICHMOND

(By Associated Press) RICHMOND Feb. 27.—The eighth Biennial convention of the Laymens Presbyterian Missionary movement, opened and at same time the third Biennial meeting of Womens Auxiliary got under way. Delegates from all sections of the South and speakers from all parts of the Globe are present for the conventions which will continue through tomorrow.

BRITISH GOODS IN RHINE OBSTRUCTED

(By Associated Press) LONDON Feb. 27.—British authorities in Rhineland have been instructed to investigate reports of the alleged holding up of British owned goods by French and Belgians, according to Under Secretary of foreign affairs McNeil, in reply to questions in the commons.

MRS RAIZEN GETS 20 YEARS IN PRISON

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK Feb. 27.—Mrs. Lillian Raizen convicted by a jury of "Super Intelligence" of murdering Doctor Abraham Glickstein of Brooklyn, was sentenced to twenty years in Auburn Prison.

NO ACTION EXPECTED ON LETGUE COURT

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON Feb. 27.—Postponement of action until next session Congress upon Hardings request for authority to international court of justice, was virtually decided on by the senate foreign relations committee.

INSURANCE MEN RETURN FROM RICHMOND TRIP

Messrs W. J. Blair, W. T. Barker, L. R. Orrell returned Sunday night from Richmond Va. where they attended the Presidents convention of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. They report a pleasant trip and enjoyed the splendid speakers, among those who made such excellent speeches were Haley Fiske, President of the Metropolitan Insurance Co. Governor Trinkle of Virginia. Mayor of Richmond and John Skeleton Williams, former comptroller of currency. The banquet which was held at the Jefferson Hotel was attended by 200 invited guests from all over the state of Virginia besides the representatives of the Metropolitan Insurance Company.

GEN. HINES TO SUCCEED FORBES

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON Feb. 27.—Brigadier General Frank Hines, retired, was Nominated by Harding to become Director of the Veterans Bureau, succeeding C. R. Forbes who retires tomorrow.

MR. CRAVEN SMITH NOW IMPROVING

Mr. Craven Smith, who was operated on at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., on the 18th of November, writes back home that he is improving. He left the Clinic, Feb. 9, and went to the Samaritan, a home for convalescents, but goes to the Clinic each day for treatment. In a letter received a few days ago, he said he was feeling fine and hoped to be home before a great while.

Too had the Spray Girls Club had to postpone the Mothers Party. The date will be announced later. It was such an important occasion that they could not risk, not having a big crowd out and it seemed better to name a later date.

Charlotte Bank, which was accepted and the bonds given back to him. That same day he disappeared. The Charlotte Checks were no good, so it is for defrauding these two Banks, he is wanted here.

FORMER GERMAN KAISER AND NEW FROW UNHAPPY

They are no longer seen walking arm and arm at Doorn

WIFE SAID TO DECTATE CONDUCT

(By Associated Press) DOORN, Feb. 26.—The honeymoon of William and Hermine has at last come to an end, in the opinion of the inhabitants of Doorn. The pleasant walks arm in arm along the solitary roads of the village, under the protection of a captain of the Dutch gendarmerie, ended abruptly several days ago. The disappearance of the couple from the village gave rise to numerous rumors to the effect that the former emperor was seriously ill, or that an attempt had been made upon his life, but investigation has failed to show any authority for either statement.

For about three weeks it has been reported that deep discord between the couple. One reason assigned was that William bore with difficulty the dictatorial tone of his wife who insisted that at the Castle everyone, excluding her husband, should act and conduct himself according to her ideas. Hence Hermine has been in constant hot water, for her attitude was resented. Nevertheless both Hermine and her daughter were both present at a dinner given on the occasion of William's anniversary.

In spite of the evident tension, it is not believed that a rupture is imminent. Hermine's children are still living with their old nurse in the building at the entrance to the park and Hermine occupies her apartment in the chateau not far from that of her husband.

This fact, however, seems to be established. Since his marriage William has become thinner and appears much older. All who have seen him during the past few days remark how ill he is looking and how feebly he walks.

VETERANS MUST APPLY FOR RATES

(By Associated Press) DURHAM Feb. 27.—Confederate Veterans who wish to take advantage of the reduced fare offered by railroads to reunion in New Orleans April 11th to 13th, must obtain identification slips from Carl Hinton at New Orleans, or General Julian Carr Durham, Commander in Chief, it was announced. A special rate of one cent a mile will be granted those attending the reunion. Carr added, and all of us who can should attend and meet in fraternal spirit again realizing that many of us will be called before our next annual gathering.

THE STORIES THEY TELL OF LADY ELIZABETH

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Feb. 26.—Since the public learned of the engagement of the Duke of York to Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon the papers have been flooded with copy of the "I knew her when" type. The truth of the matter is that the only thing most Englishmen knew about Lady Elizabeth was that she was one of Princess Mary's bridesmaids, so that most any little insight into her life is news to them. Now, in England, there comes a time in the life of almost everyone of consequence when he or she is thrown into contact with American tourists, and, likely as not, something funny happens. Usually the joke is on the Americans.

It was that way with Lady Elizabeth, according to one of the stories now being circulated about her. It seems that once upon a time a party of American tourists came to her father's famous Irish seat, Glamis Castle, where Hamlet is supposed to have killed Duncan. Lady Elizabeth though unusually sedate was for the moment in a playful mood. She attended herself in housemaid's garb, approached the visitors, and offered to show them the sights. Her offer was accepted and the visitors, after giving the place the "once over", tipped her and went their way, never suspecting that the modest maid was the daughter of the titled owner and destined to be the Duchess of York.

FRENCH RETURNS MONEY ATTACHED

(By Associated Press) LONDON Feb. 27.—The French agreed to surrender that part of the German money seized at Cologne Saturday, which was intended for use in paying British troops, it was said here. The tension caused by the incident has been relieved, but the situation is still delicate.

BANK CASHIER DIES OF WOUNDS

(By Associated Press) WHEELING WVA. Feb. 27.—Harry Price, assistant cashier of the Peoples Bank of Mount Pleasant Ohio, who was shot by bandits Saturday died in Hospital today.

SHIP SUBSIDY BILL CONSIDERED DEAD

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON Feb. 27.—The administration will abandon its efforts to obtain Government Aid for the Merchant Marine with the failure at this session of the shipping bill, it was indicated at Whitehouse. It is said no effort would be made at the next session to have such a bill passed.

LITTLE MISS PHILLIPS ENTERTAINS AT HOME

Little Miss Annetta Phillips, daughter of Mr. C. W. Phillips, and the late Mrs. Berta Chatham Phillips entertained a number of her little friends last Saturday P. M. celebrating her sixth birthday. This charming little hostess, assisted by Malene Snow and her grandmother Mrs. Kate Jones Chatham, who is also an inmate of the home, deserve much credit for hospitality shown on this brilliant occasion.

The floral decorations were beautiful. Geraniums, Begonias and a variety of ferns artistically displayed produced wealth and loveliness. The dining table was weighted down with delicious refreshments and the table was a scene of exquisite beauty. The lovely birthday cake which adorned the center of the table was presented by Mrs. W. D. Phillips, grandmother of the young hostess.

This cake was decorated with six beautiful burning candles shedding forth their friendly rays to greet each happy face as they entered the room. Among the refreshments there were none more attractive than a variety of homemade candy by Miss Malene Snow using the most carefully tested recipes she made a beautiful assortment of designs and flavors which was wonderfully attractive to the eye and equally as tempting to the palate.

Miss Willie May Bibee presided at the piano and with a graceful touch gave some splendid selections. Poems and songs by the little tots were highly enjoyed and especially a song by little Miss Kathleen Strong, the little vocalist, whose wonderfully delightful voice always gives pleasure and satisfaction. About 4:30 O'clock when all the little tots had assembled in the spacious hall to enjoy some romping games, a sudden outburst of laughter and louder romping was heard echoing through the house and caused several "grown ups" to rush to the scene to see why the excitement and were surprised to see how Sheriff G. W. Chatham had silently crept in and joined hands with the little tots in playing a game of "Ring Around the Roses." Life seemed to every one present no more than a "Musical Rhyme."

The young hostess was the recipient of many useful and appropriate gifts. The pronounced success of this occasion was largely due to the plans of the deceased mother which were carefully observed in every detail. Only a short while before she succumbed to illness in January she expressed a desire for the event to be celebrated as she had formerly planned.

A Guest

POSTMASTER WORK TO SUCCEED FALL IN CABINET CHANGE

Senator New of India to take Fall's Place

NAMES SENT TO ENDOWMENT CAN

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON Feb. 27.—The selection of Postmaster General work to succeed Albert Fall Secretary of Interior and Senator Harry New of India to become Postmaster General, was announced at the Whitehouse. The chances to take place March fourth when Fall retires and the Nomination of work and New sent to Senate today to permit confirmation before the present session adjourns.

ENDOWMENT CAN WORK IN EUROPE

NEW YORK Feb. 27.—Supreme Court Justice Guy approved the application for incorporation in Europe of the Carnegie Endowment. Designed to "Hasten Abolition of international War and to encourage peaceful settlement of international difficulties."

CROWDS EAGER TO SEE SARGENT PORTRAITS

(By Associated Press) LONDON, Feb. 27.—Sargent's portraits of the Wertheimer family, and which are on view at the National Gallery, have achieved even greater popularity than the famous Blue Boy picture before its departure for America. The room in which the Wertheimer portraits are hung is crowded every day, and some people wait for hours to get a sight of the paintings.

GERMAN COURT AWARDS NAPOLEON TROPHY TO ENGLISH

LEIPZIG, Feb. 27.—When Napoleon turned away from the battlefield of Leipzig, in 1813, he left behind a traveling carriage which since has become famous.

Field Marshall Bluecher got possession of the conveyance on the battlefield, and carried it off. There are today two branches of the Bluecher family, one German and one English, and each has been claiming the trophy. The contest has been long and bitter, and has divided the Bluecher family for many years.

Now the German Supreme court here has decided the vehicle belongs to the English family; that it rightfully inherits from the field-marshal. The claims advanced by the French government, under the Versailles treaty, are ignored. But the English owner has decided that the carriage be taken to Breslau, where the field-marshal lived, and turned over to the custody of the municipality. The ownership, however, is to remain in his name.

German newspapers are jubilant that France did not get the carriage, which is described as "an old four-wheeled affair."

AMERICANS AND ENGLISH FAVORED IN RUHR

DUESSELDORF, Feb. 26.—The Germans, in their resistance to the French occupation, are resorting to some of the methods employed against them in Belgium and Northern France during the war. They take good care to show the French how much of a difference there exists, in their minds, as to the comparative standings of Americans, British and French.

During the first few days of the occupation telegrams for Paris were systematically delayed, then butchered in transmission. Things became so bad that the post master of Essen was arrested. Then the French had to place a special military wire at the disposal of their correspondents. Meanwhile telegrams for London and New York were transmitted normally.

Any conversation conducted in French over the telephone meant immediate trouble with the communication.

ORGANIZE PLANS TO PUSH SUNDAY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Issue call for Sunday School Congress of our three towns

PLANS WILL THEN BE SUBMITTED

Spray, Feb. 27th. At a regular meeting of the Leaksville-Spray-Draper Ministerial Association Monday, it was decided to call a meeting of the officers and teachers of Leaksville, Spray and Draper Sunday Schools on Saturday, March 10th, at the Central Y. M. C. A. at 3:00 o'clock. Only the officers and teachers of the various Sunday schools will be invited to this first meeting.

A committee was appointed to draw up some by-laws to be submitted to the first meeting for adoption.

The object of this Bible School Congress, (as it is to be called) is to arouse a greater interest in the Sunday Schools of the community. It is an astonishing fact that a very small per cent of the people of this community go to Sunday school. If we can, by some united movement, create a sentiment in favor of the Sunday school it is the opinion of all that it will not only solve a number of our Sunday problems, but will make better men out of our boys.

Recently a noted judge said that 42 per cent of the criminals were boys between the ages of 16 and 21. He said further that he had not had a boy who was a regular attendant at Sunday school that all had long since dropped out before they came before him.

This in itself is argument enough to support such a movement as the above mentioned one. It is earnestly hoped that every officer and teacher in every Sunday school in Leaksville, Spray and Draper will be at the Central Young Men's Christian Association Saturday, March 10th at 3:00 o'clock.

FOREIGN WAITERS ARE FLOODING LONDON

(By Associated Press) LONDON Feb. 27.—The British waiter is gradually disappearing, and foreigners are taking his place. This is particularly noticeable in Soho and some of the leading West End restaurants which are managed by Italians, Greeks and Polish Jews who prefer waiters of their own race rather than the Englishman.

During the war Soho became almost English in character, but of late the foreign invasion has changed conditions. Foreign managers naturally help their own countrymen, but another reason is found in the fact that foreigners will work for considerably less money than the average Englishman. There are also waiter agencies which find jobs for the smaller "off street" restaurants and collect high fees from the applicant as well as take a proportion of his weekly earnings. If these are not paid regularly their employers are informed and the waiter loses his job.

Mrs. Bud Shelton is seriously ill at her home on the Boulevard.

Mr. Jessie Wingham and mother of Burlington spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Campbell.

Misses Kate Johnson, Alma Bell, Elcie Matthews, Roxie and Maybud Bateman and D. E. Campbell motor-ed to Reidsville Sunday afternoon.

Little Maurice Bateman is reported as on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Campbell and little son Swanson spent Sunday with his parents.

Mrs. D. E. Campbell who has been seriously ill for some time, is improving, which her friends are glad to learn.

After being shut in several weeks with the influenza Mrs. James T. Smith is out again.