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COFFIN TRIAL AT ANNAPOLIS

Veracity of Kimbrough, the Victim, is Questioned

FRIENDS DEFEND HIM

Witnesses Testify that He Had Always Been Regarded as Trustful and They Confess Shocking Nature of the Treatment He Received—Other Cases of a Similar Nature Likely to Be Found.

(By the Associated Press.) Annapolis, Md., Dec. 28.—The second day's session of the court martial of Midshipman Trenton Coffin, Jr., for the alleged beating of Midshipman Jerome F. Kimbrough, began this morning. There is great interest in the case as it is generally regarded as the forerunner of a series of cases, the facts in which have been discovered by the board of investigation, now in session at the academy. The little court room in the temporary building at the academy was full of spectators during the day. An hour was consumed at the opening of the session in reviewing the testimony given yesterday.

The first witness on the stand today was Midshipman Overton Whitney, the room mate of Kimbrough. He was introduced by the prosecution to rebut the testimony reflecting on Kimbrough's character for truthfulness. He said that he had never heard Kimbrough's reputation for veracity questioned and that in his personal relations he had always found Kimbrough entirely truthful.

Midshipman Frank A. Bralsted, a class mate, gave similar testimony. On cross-examination the witness said that some of the members of the class thought that Kimbrough had not told the truth in regard to the matter before the court, but that the ideas on the last subject were very much mixed. There were no further witnesses and arguments of counsel began.

E. S. Theill opened the argument for the accused. He called attention to the presumption that the accused was innocent and also that 60 per cent of guilt accrues from Coffin not taking the stand.

Mr. Theill then addressed the court in the matter of the testimony of Midshipman Hewlett. The court, he said, had ruled that Hewlett who was with Coffin in the room when Kimbrough was standing on his head, did not incriminate himself in telling the fact. The evidence, he claimed, did not show that Coffin had done anything more than Hewlett, so that the court stood committed to the contention that nothing justifying the charge of having had been found.

Lieutenant Commander McVey's testimony as to the confession, he said, "was not to be considered because it had been plainly shown that the alleged confession was not voluntary but that it had been brought out by inducements offered by that officer."

Lieutenant Commander Harrison, the judge advocate, quoted from Winthrop in military form in regard to the rules governing the introduction of evidence as to a confession. He made no further remarks and the case was given to the court.

BUSINESS WAS GOOD GENERALLY, SAYS DUN

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 29.—Dispatches to Dun's Review indicate that business conditions remain sound, and the outlook for 1936 is all that could be desired.

Bank clearings are again close to the highest on record for a short week, the total for the five business days this week being \$2,637,436,285, an increase of 30.7 per cent. over the corresponding time last year.

ONE KILLED AND TWO INJURED IN A CAVE-IN

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 29.—As the result of a cave-in which occurred today at the site of the new Metropolitan Citizens' Bank building, opposite the Treasury Department, Pedro Chauderon, an Italian laborer, is dead and two other workmen injured. Of the latter, C. R. Smith, a carpenter, was the more seriously hurt. At first it was believed that several men were killed, but it soon was discovered that Chauderon was the only one who could not be extricated from the mass of debris in time to be saved.

GOT THE OIL GRAFTERS

Federal Court at Chicago Indicts for Fraud

Smooth Schemes to Catch Money Dollars from the Public War Uncertainty—Company Alleged That it Owned Lands in Louisiana, But no Oil Was Ever Found.

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, Dec. 28.—The Federal grand jury has returned indictments against Louis A. Gourdain, proprietor of the Imperial Bank, Dearborn and Madison streets, and John H. Dalton, former proprietor of a North-side saloon, both accused of using the mails to defraud.

The indictments accuse them of selling fraudulent options on alleged oil lands in Louisiana. The indictments state that Dalton and Gourdain, acting under the name of the Louisiana State Loan and Trust Company, of New Orleans, purchased 3,900 acres of land in Winn parish, La., at \$1.50 an acre, platted the land into lots 20 feet square and offered options on these plots for \$25 each down to 50 cents. These option certificates were made to resemble lottery tickets and certain prizes, ranging from 50 cents to \$5 were paid as bait.

CHARGES FILED AGAINST MAYOR

(By the Associated Press.) Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 29.—At a special meeting of the city council last night a formal demand was made for the removal from office of Mayor Edward J. Bidaman. The formal charges against the mayor were signed by representatives of the Manufacturers Club and of the Young Men's Business Club.

After asserting that "Bidaman has been willfully and corruptly guilty of oppression, malconduct and malfeasance in the discharge of his duties as mayor," the complaints are made specific in nine separate paragraphs. The charges were placed on file without discussion.

New Road to Coal Fields

(By the Associated Press.) Elkins, W. Va., Dec. 29.—Regular train service over the newly constructed railroad from this city to Charleston, W. Va., will begin New Year's day. The road was built by former Senator H. G. Davis to afford access to the central West Virginia coal fields. It gives direct connection between this section of the State and the State capital, and will connect here with the Western Maryland road for the east, making a new east and west route.

THREE TRAINMEN ROASTED TO DEATH

(By the Associated Press.) Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 29.—Three trainmen were killed in a wreck on the Chicago & Erie Railroad at Disko, twenty miles west of Huntington at one o'clock this morning, when the rails spread and the engine drawing an eastbound freight train was overturned in a ditch beside the track. Engineer John O'Brien, Fireman Cecil Oliver and brakeman Lem Fisher were caught in the cab of the engine and burned to death. All the victims resided at Huntington.

VIRGINIA BILL WAS FOR BOOK AGENTS

(By the Associated Press.) Richmond, Va., Dec. 29.—The Virginia bill, to which Andrew Hamilton, the New York insurance man made reference in his recent statement, is not known here as having any special reference to insurance. It is a fact, however, that a few years ago there was a bill which made it a misdemeanor for an agent of any kind to go into an office and undertake to sell any person when there was a posted notice to the effect that agents were not allowed to enter during business hours. It is believed that such is the bill that Mr. Hamilton had reference to, and it is believed that book agents and insurance agents were intended to be reached.

DRIVEN CRAZY BY THE HORROR

Scenes at Moscow Awful While They Lasted

St. Petersburg Newspapers Inflame the People by Wild Stories, But Reliable Reports Indicate That Conditions Are Less Serious and That Order is Being Restored Again.

REVOLUTION IS ENDING BELIEVES IT IS BEST

(By the Associated Press.) St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.—1:10 P. M.—The correspondent of the Associated Press at Moscow telegraphs that the scattered revolutionists there are only able to keep up a feeble show of resistance to the troops and the Workmen's Council, realizing that the revolt is crushed, is negotiating terms for the strikers who participated in the uprising with the view of calling off the strike on Monday.

Nevertheless the radical papers of St. Petersburg continue to inflame their readers with stories of desperate fighting in the streets of Moscow, representing the revolutionists as being in complete possession of ten square miles of the city which the troops with all their authority and machine guns are unable to pierce. These papers print columns of descriptive matter representing the revolutionists fighting valiantly behind barricades, standing on heaps of corpses of their comrades. The Motva prints an interview with a student who has arrived here from Moscow, in which the student says that horror of the sights he witnessed was driving him insane and he was forced to flee.

It seems established that some members of the fighting organizations of the German and other foreign societies have come to Russia to instruct the revolutionists in the use of arms, the art of constructing barricades and the manufacture of bombs.

Although now it is only a question of time when the flames of open revolt will be extinguished the Moscow revolutionists have made good use of their instruction to start fires elsewhere.

Wild Times at Warsaw

Warsaw, Russian Poland, Dec. 29.—Bands of socialists are parading the streets here striving to enforce the orders for a general strike. They compelled the newspaper and insurance offices to close this morning and sent out gangs of youths to smash the windows of shops whose owners refused to close their establishments. Traffic is much impeded on the Vienna Railroad. Only two trains left Warsaw station today. Military engineers are maintaining traffic on the Miava branch of the Vistula line.

FATHER AND SON HELD FOR A BRUTAL MURDER

(By the Associated Press.) Beaver Falls, Pa., Dec. 29.—Robert McCoy and his son James were arrested today charged with the murder of Hugh McCoy, a brother of Robert McCoy. The arrests were made by Constable Thompson, of Negley, Ohio, and much surprise was caused.

Hugh McCoy was shot and killed two weeks ago while sitting at a window in his farm house.

SHIP GOLD TO SEA TO AVOID TAX

(By the Associated Press.) Honolulu, Dec. 29.—The Oriental Steamship Company's steamer America which left for San Francisco yesterday carried \$750,000 in gold, sent by registered mail by local bankers. In order, it is alleged, that the money may be at sea beyond the territorial jurisdiction on December 31, when a tax of one per cent is levied on all money held on deposit by the banks on that date. It is understood that the money will be returned here immediately. Deducting the charges of shipment, the saving made will be approximately in the neighborhood of \$7,000. The bankers deny that this is the reason for the heavy shipment of coin.

ENGLISH RUGBY FOR FOOTBALL

Dr. Woodman Suggests that as a Substitute

Sport of New Zealand, He Contends, Would Be Just as Exciting, With None of the Dangers of the College Game Which is Played Today.

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(By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 29.—English Rugby, not as it is played in England or in Canada, but the style of game adopted by the experts of the sport in New Zealand, is suggested as a substitute for the game of American football in a letter addressed by Prof. J. Edmond Halifax, Nova Scotia, to the conference of colleges now considering a revision of the game. The New Zealand game, Prof. Woodman declares, while devoid of practically all the objectionable features which have brought the American game into disrepute, possesses much of what is good in nearly all forms of the sport. He directs attention particularly to the absence of what he calls "fob-fobbing" with the consequent mob-fighting which it arouses among the spectators.

The game also would, he says, give liveliness, greater variety of possible plays and strategic situations and few delays by reason of injury to players. Its disadvantages to the players, in addition to these points, would be great probability of a scarcity of serious injury; a game as intense and calling for nearly as much exertion, without the exhaustion following the American game; a greatly decreased cost, to players and clubs alike; the requirement and the development of certain fine qualities not called for by the other game—especially quickness of individual judgment and execution.

NORTHWEST PASSAGE HAS ITS HARDSHIPS

(By the Associated Press.) Seattle, Wash., Dec. 29.—Captain William Mogg, master of the whaler Bonanza, who arrived here on the steamer Jefferson, said that Captain Amundsen, in sailing through the northwest passage, was compelled to jettison a part of his cargo, showing that the northwest passage is not deep enough for vessels of commercial tonnage.

"It will probably be from 12 to 15 months before the value of the observation taken by Captain Amundsen at the north magnetic pole is made known to the scientific world," said Captain Mogg. "For two years Captain Amundsen photographed every movement of the needle, finding that it moved back and forth almost in a circle. The observations were taken with self-registering instruments and no member of the expedition is able to give the results. This data will be submitted to the Royal Geographical Society of London and to the scientific and geographical body of Norway and Sweden, which assisted in sending out the expedition."

DOUBLE WRECK ON PENNSYLVANIA ROAD

(By the Associated Press.) Pittsburgh, Pa., Dec. 29.—Three persons were seriously injured and many others slightly hurt in a double wreck on the west Pennsylvania Railroad today at Ross transfer, near this city. Those seriously injured are: Miss Cora Dugan, a passenger, Hoboken, Pa.; William J. Hood, brakeman, Allegheny, Pa.; and Thomas Burger, a passenger, residence not known. The accident, according to the railroad officials, was one of the most remarkable in that no fatalities occurred. A local freight was leaving a siding at Ross transfer for the purpose of getting on the eastbound main track. When the freight engine was partly on the main track, it was run into, in a semi-side swipe collision with an engine with a caboose attached. Somehow this collision taken place and almost before the operating crew had had time to realize what had happened, a second wreck was caused by the Freeport local passenger train crashing into the two trains. When the collision occurred the passengers were hurt in all directions with the result that many were bruised or more or less seriously injured. Two of the passenger cars were badly wrecked and a third was thrown from the tracks. Traffic was blocked for hours and trains were sent from here to bring the passengers to the city.

BOSTON BROKERS FORCED TO WALL

Leighton & Co. Failed Today for Half a Million

Rising Market Cause Firm Was Not a Member of Any Stock Exchange, But it Did an Extensive Wire Business in New England—Money Could Not Be Realized Promptly on Certain Investments.

CALL MONEY JUMPS UP AGAIN

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 29.—Call money opened strong and in considerable demand today. The first bid was 40 per cent. Two loans were made at 60 per cent. By 10:45 a. m. the rate for call money advanced to 70 per cent, but, 30 asked.

WOMAN BURNS TO DEATH

(By the Associated Press.) McKeesport, Pa., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Hattie Sweeney of number 231 Church avenue was fatally burned and eight other members of the Sweeney family were seriously injured today as the result of a natural gas explosion in the kitchen of their home. A rubber hose used to connect the cooking stove with the gas pipe, became detached during the night and when Mrs. Sweeney struck a match to light the fire this morning the gas exploded. The house was completely wrecked.

WRECK IN NEW YORK

(By the Associated Press.) Utica, N. Y., Dec. 29.—By the spreading of rails on the New York & Ottawa Railroad, between Bay Pond and Derick, the engine, tender and two passenger coaches of a train were thrown bottom up in the ditch. A Mr. Cook, of St. Regis Falls, was so badly hurt that he may die. Several passengers received slight injuries.

MR. YERKES DIED TODAY

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 29.—Charles T. Yerkes died at 2:20 p. m. today. Mr. Yerkes had been ill for some time with a complication of diseases. During the past summer he had a rather serious illness in London, but recovered sufficiently to permit him to come to the United States. His condition became serious soon after his arrival, however, and for several weeks he has been seriously ill at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in this city. During his last illness he several times was reported to be in a dying condition.

TWO NEGROES HANGED TODAY

(By the Associated Press.) Gadsden, Ala., Dec. 29.—Jack Hunter and Vance Garner, colored, were hanged in the county jail here today for the murder of Mrs. Jane Smith, a white woman, who was assaulted and killed in this city last spring. Will Johnson, also colored, convicted of the same crime, was relieved by the Governor until February 9, pending the examination of later evidence.

DIVORCED WOMEN OUT

Cannot be Presented to the Pope in Future

American Bishops Protest Against Audiences Being Granted to the Holy Father and Prerogative Will Be More Careful About Those He Receives in the Vatican.

TOOK DIAMONDS AWAY

(By the Associated Press.) Rome, Dec. 29.—The Vatican authorities have received remonstrances from several American bishops against the audiences granted by the Pope to Americans who, in the opinion of these bishops, were not worthy of the honor, which, it is added, created dissatisfaction among the faithful.

The Pope has also been informed that among the persons presented to him a few days ago was an American woman who had been divorced. This irritated the pontiff, who declared that such a presentation must not occur again.

NINE HURT IN GAS EXPLOSION

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MEMPHIS BANK MAY BE SAVED

(Special to The Evening News.) Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 29.—It is reported today that negotiations are pending between the directors of the defunct Merchants Trust Company and two local banks by which the latter are to take over the affairs of the former. If an agreement is reached it is said all deposits in the Merchants Trust Company will be fully guaranteed.

BOLD ROBBERY IN NEW YORK

Curglers Make Haul in Heart of the Tenderloin

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TOOK DIAMONDS AWAY

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 29.—For the second time within three months and the seventh time within three years the jewelry store of Schwartz Brothers at 184 Broadway, in the heart of the Tenderloin district, was robbed early today and about \$4,000 worth of diamonds, rings and watches were stolen. The loss on the seven robberies, according to a member of the firm, aggregates \$25,000.

The robbery was most daring, as this part of the city is the busiest and the most brilliantly lighted throughout the entire night. Working during the height of a terrific rainstorm, when most of the pedestrians had sought shelter, the burglars gained an entrance to the store by cutting through a steel folding gate that barred the approach to the front door, and then cut through a heavy wire screen that protected the plate glass over the front door. They then smashed the half inch thick glass to reach their plunder.

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