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BANKER WALKER SAYS GUILTY WHEN PRESENTED BEFORE COURT; GETS 16 TO 20 YEARS SENTENCE

Gets Back From Long Mexican Exile---Connecticut Teller Who Stole Half Million Admits He's Ready to Make Clean Breast of the Thing, But Cannot Be Induced to Tell Where Missing New Britain Securities Have Been Hidden Since Crime---Has Made Long Fight Against Extradition Back to United States.

AUTHORITIES FEAR HE MAY ATTEMPT SUICIDE

On Way From Station to Jail, Handcuffed Between Two Detectives, Prisoner Tries to Avoid Curious Glances of People that Once Knew Him as a Man of High Standing in Business and Church Circles--Friends Have Dropped Him But Wife Stays True to Fallen Banker.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Hartford, Conn., July 25--William F. Walker, who fled after embezzling \$500,000 from the Savings Bank of New Britain last year, today appeared before Judge Shumway in the Hartford superior court to plead guilty. Walker said he would make a complete and detailed confession later. Tried to Shun Glances. Walker, bearing no resemblance to the thrifty and respected bank teller, respected by every resident of New Britain, manacled to two detectives, reached Hartford last night from New Mexico, where he was held for weeks pending extradition proceedings following his arrest last February. He wore an old and tattered min-

er's hat and was clothed in a dirty suit of cheap material. He tried to hide his features as much as possible from the depot crowd, among whom were many of his former friends. Feared He May Try Suicide. Walker was placed in a cell and under the eyes of two deputy sheriffs, who will never leave him, fearing he may commit suicide. To the detectives Walker said he alone was responsible for the robbery, but refused to tell what had become of the money and securities. He fled from New Britain February 8, 1907, and, after a search of months was arrested in a Mexican mining camp. His delay in being brought back after his capture was (Continued on Second Page.)

Gov. Hughes Willing to Run; Barnes Says He'll Be Licked

New York, July 25.--Gov. Charles E. Hughes' formal announcement that, on consideration, he has concluded to become a candidate to succeed himself as governor was met in New York today by plain efforts on the part of his friends to convey the impression that the move is backed by all the reigning politicians in the state, from President Roosevelt down. They declared that Gov. Hughes had been "drafted" by the president to make the state sure for governor and to help Taft here, as well. William Barnes, Jr., boss of Albany county, on arriving from Albany declared that Gov. Hughes could not be nominated and that if he should be nominated the party would be defeated in New York.

ABEL IS CHARGED WITH JOHN CHAPMAN MURDER

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Cumberland, Md., July 25--G. W. Abel, 40, who lives at Slanesville, W. Va., has been placed under arrest as a suspect in the murder of John W. Chapman last Friday night. Chapman, a prominent business man of Winchester, was standing in the door of his store at Slanesville, where he operated a large flouring mill which had been destroyed by a fire of supposed incendiary origin. He was in the act of eating some cake sent him by a woman friend in the community. Abel, who is a widower, is said to have paid attention to the same woman. It is stated that in the clothes of Mr. Chapman was found a note from the woman, addressed in endearing terms. Jealousy is alleged to have been the motive for the crime.

HIGH BORN SCAMP SANE; MUST STAND TRIAL NOW

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, July 25.--John A. Van Rensselaer, who was arrested charged with sending threatening letters to his mother and later committed to Bellevue hospital psychopathic ward for observation as to his mental condition, has been adjudged sane. Dr. Gregory said he found no trace of insanity in Van Rensselaer, although he says the young man is highly nervous. Van Rensselaer will now be sent back to the Tombs court for disposition of his case. Abel is also said to have declared that Chapman would never rebuild his mill, to which Chapman replied that he would rebuild no matter what happened. Abel's name has been constantly whispered about in the community in connection with the tragedy ever since it was enacted.

Independence League Possibilities at Chicago Next Week.



HEARST WON'T RUN FOR PRESIDENT

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, July 25.--William Randolph Hearst returned to New York today on the Lucania. To interviewers he reiterated his statement that under no circumstances would he accept the nomination of the Independence party for the presidency. "Would you accept," he was asked, "if the delegates at Chicago brought great pressure to bear?" "That would be impossible," Mr. Hearst replied. "I have given my word, and under no conditions will I be a candidate." Mr. Hearst said he would leave this afternoon for Chicago and would reach there ahead of some of the delegates to the convention who depart tomorrow. He declared he did not know, nor had he any idea, what the convention would do. "Will the party nominate a straight ticket, or will it give its support to Bryan?" asked one of the interviewers. "When I went abroad," said Mr. Hearst, "the sentiment was for a straight ticket, and I have heard of no change."

Wake Primaries For Saturday, 15

County Democratic Executive Committee Sets Date--Returns Canvassed Wednesday Following--Blanket Ballot To Be Used in Election.

After a lengthy session, the democratic executive committee of Wake county this afternoon set Saturday, August 15, as the day on which to hold the primaries and the Wednesday following as the day on which to canvass the returns. The meeting was held in the office of the police justice and was presided over by Chairman Bart. M. Gallig. Chas. U. Harris acted as secretary. All of this was not done until after much discussion, especially as to the ballot to be used. Some wanted the single ballot, while others preferred the ballot as used in the last election--the state primary--and it required several votes to decide the matter. The blanket ballot was determined upon, though the advocates of it stated that its purpose was defeated when the committee by a large vote gave the candidates the right to have 100 tickets free, after they had paid their assessments, and as many more as they were willing to pay for themselves. The voting will be in the county from 10 in the morning until sunset and in Raleigh township from sunup until sundown. The plan of the democratic organization will be adhered to, as in the past. On a motion by W. B. Jones a committee of four, including the chairman, was ordered to assess the candidates for the purpose of paying expenses of the primary and distributing the ballots. This committee, appointed by the chairman, consists of himself, W. B. Snow, E. E. Britton and George Harding. The manner of selecting the pollholders precipitated a lively discussion and it was evident that there will be two factions in Wake county during the campaign--a wet and (Continued on Second Page.)

PRESENT CONVICT SYSTEM IN STATE OF GEORGIA IS SOMETHING ROTTEN

DEMOCRATS HAVE NO CHAIRMAN YET

Committee Wants Ryan, But Will Let Candidate Select Any Manager He Desires.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Chicago, July 25.--Greeted by a big crowd at the union depot, William Jennings Bryan reached Chicago today and began the practicals of his campaign for the presidency. He was driven to the Auditorium annex, where he went into conference with a subcommittee of the democratic national committee to pick a national campaign manager. "Turkey Has Gone Democratic." Mr. Bryan's first word in Chicago was one of exultation at the granting of a constitution to Turkey by the sultan. "Turkey has gone democratic," said Mr. Bryan. "Good! Maybe after a few more nations have spoken the republican leaders will recognize the right of the Filipinos to a constitution. The idea of governing a people arbitrarily and outside of a constitution is un-American. And now it would seem that even Turkey repudiates the doctrine." Will Work With Committee. Mr. Bryan made it understood that he is not going to run the campaign himself, but will co-operate with the national committee. "I have no choice for national chairman," said Mr. Bryan before meeting Chairman Thomas Taggart and other national leaders. "I want the best man for the place. I am not going to force my opinions on the committee. We shall take the whole matter over. My views will be influenced by the opinions of the men who have come to Chicago from all parts of the country. Everybody wants the best man." Ryan Temporary Chairman. When the candidate met the committee today Timothy Ryan was the choice of the committee for national chairman of the committee to succeed Thomas Taggart and he was temporarily chosen to fill the place. It is conceded, however, that if Mr. Bryan is dissatisfied with Mr. Ryan, the choice may be Committee man John H. Atwood, of Kansas; Representative Ollie M. James, of Kentucky, or, in fact, anybody Mr. Bryan may name.

Witnesses Who Testify to Conditions in State Stockades Tell of Prisoners Being Whipped to Death What Failed to Perform Impossible Tasks--Many Worked Under Lash and Strap Until They Collapsed--Holden Bill, Which is Expected to Pass Monday, Will Cut Out Middle Men That Have Let Prisoners to Parties.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Atlanta, Ga., July 25.--Investigations into the state stockades, where the state's prisoners are farmed out to private corporations and individuals through brokers, have disclosed sensational happenings and the most horrible conditions. The legislature, now in session, about a week ago ordered an examination into the conditions and ordered witnesses from all over the state to testify before its committee. The testimony of these witnesses shows several prisoners have been whipped to death because they did not perform tasks allotted to them which, it is claimed, was in many cases impossible. Witnesses testified that prisoners discharged from the hospitals in a weak condition and unable to work were taken to the works and, under lash and strap, made to work until they collapsed, and in several cases these persons died shortly afterwards. Poor Quarters, Poor Food. Witnesses testified that the quarters where the prisoners were kept were filthy and that the food given them was unfit to eat and the quantity limited to a degree below what is necessary to sustain them in health. The disclosures culminated in several bills being introduced, both in the house and senate, and the Holden bill has been reported favorably back to the house and will pass Monday and undoubtedly become a law. To Abolish Lease System. The bill provides for the abolishment of the "middle men" or brokers, and provides that the prisoners shall be let directly to those who work them, they to be held strictly responsible for their well-being and good treatment. The bill also provides that at the end of three years, or in 1911, the convict lease system in Georgia shall be abolished and no more convicts shall be leased in the state. Florida in Game, Too. The testimony brought out the fact that convicts from Florida were also leased by corporations and individuals in Georgia, through these same brokers. Charges Look Black When Detailed. The week's result of the investigation into the prison commission's administration of the convict lease system may be summed up as follows, the charges being based on sworn testimony: Two wardens of the state, Casey and Goode, beat men to death, the one because his victim was too sick to work, the other because his victim spilled hot coffee on a hog belonging to the warden. Chief Warden Jake Moore took money from lessees for sending them "choice" convicts. Convict camps were scenes of red-handed murder, besides their wretched condition from filth, cruelties and starvation, and not a member of the prison commission is inspecting them as required by law. Convicts are overworked to make money for lessees. Superintendent Coombes, a relative of Chairman Turner, of the prison commission, is guilty of sending squads of crippled convicts to the farm to grade lots and raise crops for private individuals in violation of the law. The prison commission knew of these violations of law. A son of Secretary Yancey, of the prison commission, is in convict leasing business with the Hamby's (who did a convict brokerage business). Wardens are guilty of falsifying reports on diet, whippings and other vital subjects. Lessees have been bribing wardens and wardens have been taking bribes. There are other minor irregularities too numerous to mention. Standard's Tanks Afire. (By Leased Wire to The Times.) Findlay, O., July 25.--Lightning set fire to two huge tanks of oil in the Cynget field containing 25,000 barrels of second grade oil belonging to the Standard. Loss \$20,000.

BROOKLYN COPS HUNT SHELLARD

If They Can't Get Officer for Murder They Will for Manslaughter.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) New York, July 25.--Brooklyn police officials, who are investigating the killing of pretty Barbara Reig in the shelter house of Irving Square park, today declared that if they did not succeed in fastening the murder on David Shellard, the policeman in custody, they would shift the charge against him to manslaughter. This is the technical offense for aiding and abetting a suicide. Upon conviction Shellard could be sentenced to 20 years, and detectives on the case say he has already told enough to convict himself. These same men, however, believe the policeman told the true story in his confession. The dead girl was buried today from St. Nicholas Catholic church in Williamsburg.

Would Use Army and Navy to Enforce Anti-Liquor Laws

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) El Paso, Ill., July 25.--Eugene W. Chafin, of Chicago, candidate for the presidency on the prohibition ticket, in an address delivered in Woodford county, declared he will, if he is elected and finds it necessary, use the regular army and navy to enforce anti-liquor laws. "If I am elected president of the United States on the third of November," declared Mr. Chafin, "and have a congress which will pass a prohibitory law, and there are any communi-

CATSUP KING AND WIFE HAVE THEIR TROUBLES

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) Cincinnati, O., July 25.--Attorney Dale says concerning reports of divorce proceedings between T. A. Snyder, the "catsup king," and his wife: "Several months ago Mrs. John Snyder filed suit in court at Hobe Sound, Fla., for alimony. When I heard of his move on the part of Mrs. Snyder, I filed a suit for divorce for Mr. Snyder. This was several weeks ago. Mr. Snyder is now in Scotland and will not return to this country before September." Mrs. Snyder is now living in New York city.

NEW RECORD MADE FOR COMMUNICATION AT SEA

(By Leased Wire to The Times.) San Diego, Cal., July 25.--By picking up the flagship Connecticut of the battleship fleet nearly 2,000 miles away, the Point Loma navy wireless station has established a new world's record for long-distance communication. The message received from the Connecticut was: "On way to Auckland, N. Z. Static is heavy, send strong." The fleet at this time was in longitude 165 west, between nine and ten north latitude. The former record was made about a year ago, when the Point Loma station got into communication with the flagship Connecticut, then of the coast of Cuba, 2,000 miles away.