

Weather.

Washington, March 20—Forecast for North Carolina for tonight and Sunday: Rain tonight and Sunday; brisk easterly winds.

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SENSATIONAL COOPER TRIAL COMES TO AN END WITH TWENTY YEAR VERDICT FOR TWO COOPERS

Bond of the Two Defendants Fixed At \$25,000 Each and Will Be Given and Defendants Given Their Liberty. Pending Motion for New Trial

MOTION FOR AN APPEAL MADE AND GRANTED

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Criminal Court Room, Nashville, Tenn., March 20. Sensational has been the progress of the famous Cooper-Sharp murder trial since its beginning last January and sensational was its conclusion. At 9:27 o'clock this morning the jury reported its verdict to Judge W. M. Hart in the criminal court—murder in the second degree as to Colonel Duncan Cooper and his son, Robin Cooper, and punishment of each was fixed at 20 years. The famous jury was then discharged.

Early this morning in the court house it became rumored that the jury had agreed, and further that the punishment of each had been fixed at 20 years. Judge Hart arrived at 9:25 o'clock, and his arrival was promptly communicated to the jury. The jury entered the court room at once.

"Let everyone be seated," said Judge Hart. "Mr. Clerk, poll the jury."

The defendants, accompanied by their relatives and friends, filed into the court room at 9:26 o'clock. Mrs. Beverly Wilson was first to enter, preceding her father, Colonel Cooper. Then came Robin Cooper, and back of him, with her hand on his shoulder, his beautiful sister, Mrs. Lucius Burch. The tip had evidently been communicated to the defendants, for their expressions were grave and serious.

"Well, gentlemen, have you agreed on a verdict?" asked Judge Hart, looking toward Foreman Burke.

"We have, may it please the court," said Foreman Burke, rising. "We find the two defendants, Duncan B. Cooper and Robin J. Cooper guilty of murder in the second degree, and fix punishment of each at 20 years in the penitentiary."

"So say you all, gentlemen?" asked the judge. Every juror nodded.

"Very well, gentlemen, you are discharged," then said the court.

The defendants received the bad news with such stoicism.

None of them displayed the slightest emotion, not even Mrs. Burch and Mrs. Wilson, daughters and sisters of Colonel Cooper and Robin. Their faces were pale and their expression set, but there was not a tear in any eye. They were heroic to the end.

Shortly after the rendition of the verdict Judge Anderson asked that a mistrial be entered in the case on account of the statement on yesterday by Foreman Burke, "We are helplessly tied as to the two defendants, Coopers." Judge Hart promptly overruled the motion.

Judge Anderson then gave notice that the defense would enter a motion for a new trial.

"Do you mean that you will enter it, or that you are entering it now and that I may consider it as entered?" queried the attorney-general.

"You can consider it as entered," replied Judge Anderson, and the motion was put on the docket.

The question of bail was then taken up. Judge Hart suggested that \$25,000 would be a reasonable sum for each. The defense assented to this, as did General McCarn. This bond will be executed shortly, in fact it will be promptly executed as soon as the defendants desire.

The jury, it is learned, agreed on John D. Sharp's acquittal on the morning of the second day. There were only two ballots taken as to John D. Sharp. On the first 10 were for acquitting him and Burke and Beerman held out for conviction. On the next, taken shortly after noon yesterday, Sharp was acquitted.

With the Coopers it was different. About 18 ballots were taken as to them, and there were many heated arguments among the jurors. The final ballot was taken at 8 o'clock this morning. On the first ballot, taken shortly after the case was given to the jury, Burke and Beerman were for murder in the first degree and Howe and Vaughan were for murder in the second degree, with mitigating circumstances. The other eight were for murder in the second degree and 10 years. After this the balloting see-sawed back and forth. Shiloh Hyde was the juror who held on longest in behalf of the Coopers.

General McCarn stated this: "There has never been a time since the day of the killing, November 9, that I did not believe the two Coopers would be convicted. I felt certain of it all along."

RUSH TO SIGN BOND OF COOPERS

Nashville, Tennessee, March 20—There was a rush on the part of the friends of the two Coopers to sign the \$25,000 bonds each required of them. The bonds were signed in a hurry, and in 15 minutes the formal "release" discharging the prisoners from custody, was sent back to the sheriff by the clerk. The bondsmen qualified themselves as follows for the amounts following their names:

John G. Greener, \$10,000; Walter O. Palmer, \$15,000; H. B. Chadwell, \$2,500; C. W. Anderson, \$2,500; James E. Caldwell, \$25,000, and J. H. Moore, \$5,000.

These amounts were subscribed by each bondsman on both of the Coopers' bonds. The total security, therefore, is \$120,000, and there are more bondsmen yet to sign.

The defendants will leave the jail some time during this afternoon or tonight, and will leave quietly.

After the verdict they were warmly greeted by many friends, who crowded into their apartments in the jail to give their assurances of friendship and sympathy.

Friends of Mrs. Carmack this afternoon sent her at Columbia, Tenn., an immense pall of red carnations, the favorite flower of Senator Carmack, to be placed on his grave at Rose Hill Cemetery.

PRIEST KNOWS SECRET

Knows Who Killed Father Anson

Father Rudnicki Knows Who Killed Catholic Priest But His Vows Prevent Him From Telling—What He Does Say, However, Would Indicate That Josephine is Guilty.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, March 20—The sacred vow secrecy which seals the lips of Father Anton Rudnicki against uttering the confession of a woman is the barrier which now confronts the police of Newark, N. J., in solving the mystery which enshrouds the killing of Father Arasmus Anson, in that city eleven days ago. The woman who Father Rudnicki declares made that confession to him in Jersey City a few months ago is Josephine Walewska, the former housekeeper of Father Anson, with whom the dead priest is said to have had trouble in Paterson, N. J. She is now held in the fourth precinct police station at Newark, where she denied to the police today that she ever had cause to reflect upon the character of Father Anson in the confessional.

"If I could but speak," said Father Rudnicki, "I would be able to solve the mystery of Father Anson's death. I could name the men who murdered him as easily as I can open my mouth, but I dare not. If I were to speak I would break a holy vow and I would be meaner than a yellow cur. Josephine knows what she confessed to me. Let her tell. My lips are sealed. I will repeat her confession to Bishop O'Connor, if he tells me to, but I cannot betray the secret to a layman."

That was the statement made by Father Rudnicki when he was closeted in the office of Captain Vogel in the fourth precinct station.

Father Rudnicki refused to tell the police if the assassins of Father Anson were among the fourteen prisoners who are in jail in connection with the murder. Such an admission would be a partial revelation of his soul's secret, he said.

The former housekeeper of the dead priest insists that any trouble she had with him was not of a serious nature and she denies that she ever did her any great wrong.

"Father Anson must be killed," is what Josephine said to me many times outside of the confessional," declared father Rudnicki. "I chided her time and again for talking this way and once when I told her that if she continued to feel that way about the priest I would not give her absolution any more, she called me a 'free thinker.'"

FRENCH CABINET IN THE STRIKE

(By Cable to The Times) Paris, March 20.—The French cabinet today took decisive steps to end the general strike which started with the telegraphers in the postoffice department. Troops have been ordered to patrol the railroad lines along which there was indiscriminate wire cutting last night. It was found today that the wires along the railroads were cut in forty-seven places. The committee for the defense of the right of trades unions declared itself ready to call out all the trade unionists in France unless the authorities settle with the postoffice strikers.

PAT CROWE'S ADVICE TO THE KIDNAPPERS

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Chicago, March 20.—Pat Crowe, the famous kidnapper of Eddy Cudahy, son of the Omaha, Neb., millionaire packer, today gave the following advice to the kidnapper of little Willie Whittle, of Sharon, Pa., through the Hearst News Service. His statement as follows was given over the long distance telephone from the Illinois hotel at Pontiac, Ill., where he is stopping:

By Pat Crowe, "I say to the kidnapper of the little Whittle boys—turn the child loose. Even if they should get the \$10,000 reward they will lose out. They will be the sufferers in the end. Not only from reasons of right but from policy I advise them to turn the boy loose."

"Here is the best way to get rid of the boy: Take him blindfolded to some farm house. Lead him to the door, and then escape while he is rapping for entrance. Don't turn him loose in the woods or fields, and don't take the chance of taking him home."

STRIKE SITUATION IS GROWING WORSE

(By Cable to The Times)

London, March 20.—Telephone messages from Paris late this afternoon say the strike situation is worse. The chamber has approved the resolution that the government support Simey and asserted its willingness to adopt some rigorous measures to end the strike. The government declines to appoint a commission of inquiry and the strikers remain determined. Paris is still practically cut off from the rest of the world. English telegraph operators today sent terms of sympathy to their French confreres, also of offering financial aid.

FIREBUG COMMITS SUICIDE BY HANGING

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Culpeper, Va., March 20.—Henry C. Wheatley, the self-confessed wife murderer and firebug, committed suicide here this morning. He tied a towel to the electric light fixtures, which was tied around his neck and kicked a chair from under his feet. He was dead when found, death having been due to strangulation. Efforts were being made to have a commission in lunacy investigate the prisoner's mental condition when he committed suicide.

SEABOARD TRAIN LEAVES TRACK

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Richmond, March 20.—The baggage car, diner and one Pullman on train 98 on the Seaboard Air Line were derailed at Skelton, 72 miles south of Richmond this morning, the accident being due to a broken tender truck. Other than a general shaking up no one was injured. The passengers were transferred to the other Pullmans and detained by way of Weldon on the Atlantic Coast LifeLine.

Body of Preacher Found in Ruins.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

New York, March 20.—Firemen digging about the ruins of the Fifth avenue apartment house, Fifty-ninth street and Fifth avenue, which was wrecked by fire yesterday, discovered the body of the Rev. Dr. John W. Simpson on the seventh floor early today. The body was badly burned and was covered by debris.

RICE GROWERS HAVE MEETING WITH SECRETARY

Confer With Sec. Dickenson With Regard to Amendments of Tariff Bill

DON'T WANT FREE RICE

A Delegation of Rice Growers Called Upon the Secretary and Discussed An Amendment They Desired Incorporated into the Tariff Bill—Senator Foster, Representative Broussard and Members of Rice Growers' Association in the Party. They Fear That Admitting Philippine Products Free of Duty Will Affect the Rice Industry of the United States—Text of the Amendment That They Have Agreed Upon.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, March 20.—A delegation of rice growers conferred with Secretary Dickinson today concerning an amendment they desire incorporated in the tariff bill. Those in the delegation were Senator Foster, Representative Broussard, President S. Lockebreaux, of the Rice Growers' Association; J. E. Broussard, president of the Rice Distributors' Association, and Representative Pujo.

They fear that the admitting of Philippine products free to the United States will affect the rice industry, and have agreed on the following amendment to the tariff bill: "Provided that when rice shall be imported into the United States from the Philippines for commercial purposes free of duty under this act, the president shall, by an executive order, impose a tariff on rice coming into the Philippines from any foreign country equal in amount to the duty imposed at that time on rice entering the United States from foreign countries."

The bureau of insular affairs announces that there is no likelihood of rice being imported free under the present proposed bill.

MASS-MEETING MONDAY NIGHT

The mass-meeting, which will name men as candidates for city offices to voted for in the Democratic city primary has been called for Monday night, March 22. This meeting is called in order that people may name men whom they think will satisfactorily fill the offices of the city.

The meeting is an important one, and every democratic voter in Raleigh who is interested in the best conduct of the affairs of the city is urged to be present. The meeting begins at 8 o'clock Monday night in the court house.

COLONEL GOETHALS RETURNS TO PANAMA

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, March 20.—Lieutenant Colonel Goethals said today that he would leave New York March 27th for Panama to resume his duties as chief engineer of the canal construction. He said he has held a short conference with President Taft and Secretary of War Dickinson, when the general plan of work was discussed. The president desires the secretary of war to visit the canal as soon as possible and impressed upon Colonel Goethals that it is his wish that the canal be completed by July 4, 1913. Secretary of War Dickinson said this morning that as soon as he had familiarized himself with the working of his department he will proceed to the isthmus.

SHAH'S TROOPS BEEN DEFEATED

(By Cable to The Times) Constantinople, March 20.—The Shah's troops have been defeated. A report today says the Liberals have won a complete victory over the government forces at Tabriz.

The loss of life is said to have been heavy, the rebelling Liberals cutting down hundreds in flight.

Three Killed; Forty Injured. London, March 20.—Three men were killed and 40 seriously injured today by the collapse of a gang-way at Barrow-in-Furness. The workmen were leaving the newest Dreadnought when the gang-way went down. A large number were thrown into the water.

Will Carry Letters to England. (By Cable to The Times) Biarritz, March 20.—The municipality is organizing a special corps of couriers to take telegrams and letters to England.

George Lorimer, Broker, Dead. (By Leased Wire to The Times) Boston, Mass., March 20.—Dr. George Lorimer Baker is dead from tuberculosis contracted while experimenting with bacilli for new discoveries that might lead to stopping the spread of the disease.

YOUNG MAN IN BALL ROOM SHOT

(By Leased Wire to The Times) New York, March 20.—Threatening to shoot any one who tried to halt him, a young man early today started a panic in Tammany Hall ball room, by firing four shots point blank at "Tom" Sharkey, the former pugilist. Had it not been for the other men on the dancing floor he would in all probability have killed the fighter, but his pistol was knocked aside and the shots went over Sharkey's head and hit the wall. The shooting took place while the annual ball of the Duane Fishing Club was going on. A riot following the shooting was quelled by the police.

MR. TAFT'S POLICY IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS

(By Leased Wire to The Times) Washington, March 20.—Senators of pronounced radical tendencies, known during the last administration as "Roosevelt senators," as well as the conservatives, who hailed the change in administration with feelings akin to personal affection, were greatly pleased by information that has reached them from a source they were bound to respect.

The information was that President Taft intends to follow literally the constitutional injunction that appointments to office shall be made "by and with the advice and consent of the senate."

President Taft appears to be willing that this proviso of the constitution shall be interpreted even more broadly than ever before. It is understood that it will be his policy in the matter of appointments to permit the republican senators to continue the important patronage in their states. This was the general rule in the good old days, but it was abolished by President Roosevelt.

SHAKER ELDER UNFROCKED.

For First Time in 100 Years Elder is Expelled on Account of Grave Charges.

(By Leased Wire to The Times.)

Pittsfield, Mass., March 20.—For the first time in 100 years an elder of the Shaker community in Mount Lebanon, N. Y., was unfrocked and dismissed on Wednesday. Elder Ernest Pick, for thirty years one of the trusted leaders of the second family of Shakers, was shorn of his authority and sent out of the community following an investigation of charges against him which also mentioned Elderess Lillian Barlow. Many hearings have been held.

The decision of the bishop, Sister M. Catherine Allen, and her ministers was made Wednesday, when, in a solemn meeting, where the elders and authorities of the church gathered, Elder Pick was expelled.

RACE TRACK MEET.

Andy Welch, Who Bought Readville Track, Will Hold Meet.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Boston, March 20.—Andy Welch, who recently bought the Readville track, plans to hold a meeting of the last week in August and the first week in September that promises to equal anything ever attempted in light harness racing. A grand circuit meeting has been arranged beginning August 31 and continuing September 1, 2, and 3. These dates were allotted originally to Long Branch.

In addition to the grand circuit meeting there will be two handicaps. A purse of \$35,000 will be offered for trotters, and \$15,000 for the pacers.

FAIRFAX HOUSE BURNED.

Northampton, the Famous Manor House of Lord Fairfax, Destroyed by Fire.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, March 20.—Word has just been received here of the destruction by fire last Wednesday of "Northampton," the famous manor house of the late Lord Fairfax, of Baltimore, twelfth baron of Cameron, at Lord Fairfax's estate in Prince George county, Md., ten miles from Washington. Communication by telephone or telegraph with Largo, the nearest town, has been cut off since the storm of March 4. The grant of the estate was made by Lord Baltimore in 1650. The house was known to have been more than 250 years old. It is said President James Madison spent the night there during the battle of Bladensburg. The plantation was purchased by the late Lord Fairfax in Civil War times and is the birthplace of his seven children, of whom the following are living: Lord Albert Kirby Fairfax, Hon. Charles Edmund Fairfax, Mrs. Tunstall Smith, Mrs. Lowndes Rhett, N. Y.; Miss Caroline Snowden Fairfax, of Baltimore, and Miss Mary Cecilia Fairfax, of New York.

AN INTERNATIONAL WEDDING.

Miss Thaw of Pittsburg to Marry Young Marquis.

(By Cable to The Times)

Rome, March 20.—Another international wedding is about to enliven Roman Society. This time the American is Miss Thaw, daughter of Alexander Blair Thaw, of Pittsburg, who, together with his wife and daughter, has been spending the winter in Rome. The happy man is the young Marquis Teodoli, a member of one of the best known and oldest Roman aristocratic families.

The young man works in the state bank of Italy. After she had a choice of some of the highest titles of Rome, Miss Thaw took the bank clerk, of the delight of her father and mother, who liked him because he was not afraid to work.

CENSUS BUREAU BULLETIN ON THE CROP OF COTTON

Bulletin Issued Today Shows Crop of 1908 to Be 13,408,841 Bales

REPORTS BY STATES

Crop of 1908 is More Than Two Million Bales More Than Crop of 1907, Practically the Same as the Crop of 1906—Average Gross Weight of Bales Over 500 Pounds and Another Hundred Thousand Should be Added if Gross Weight is Taken to Mean 500 Pounds—Report by States—North Carolina Has 699,507 Bales.

(By Leased Wire to The Times)

Washington, March 20.—The census bureau bulletin on the cotton crop, issued today, shows the crop of 1908 to be 13,408,841 bales, including linters, compared with 11,325,882 for 1907, and 13,306,265 for 1906. Linters included, 344,970 bales for 1908; 268,060 for 1907; and 322,064 for 1906. The average gross weight of bales for 1908 is 505.8 pounds and expressed in 500 pound bales this crop is 13,563,942. Quantity of cotton estimated by ginners and de-linters as remaining to be ginned and included in the report for 1908 is 93,085 bales. Number of ginneries operated this season is 27,587.

The report by states is as follows, counting round bales as half bales and including linters:

Table with columns: State or Territory, Running bales, Equivalent 500 pound bales. Includes Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kan., Ky., & N., Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, N. Carolina, Oklahoma, S. Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia.

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