

BELGIUM STANDS AS DOES FRANCE ABOUT SITUATION IN RUHR

Latest Note to Great Britain Shows the Belgians Are Firm on the Points Already Demanded.

RUHR OCCUPATION IS NOT ILLEGAL

And Belgians Are Unwilling to Withdraw With No Better Assurances Than the Promises.

Paris, Aug. 28 (By the Associated Press).—The Belgian government in its reply to the last British reparations note stands with France on the principal points of contention maintaining that the legality of the Ruhr occupation has been established by the previous action of the allies, including Great Britain, and that evacuation of the Ruhr valley is impossible on simple promises from Germany.

The reply given out at the Belgian embassy here this morning dwells particularly upon the justice of Belgium's claim to priority in reparations payments. It points out that thus far Belgium has received only 2,000,000 gold marks more than Great Britain.

Foreign minister Paspas asserts that "the whole problem of reparations and the question of inter-allied debts are definitely bound together" and he proposes a new method of procedure in the negotiations suggesting conversations among the allies "without reverting to the old system of conferences."

ANTHRACITE MINERS MUST BE OPERATED, PINCHOT SAYS

Governor Serves Notice a Suspension Will Not Be Allowed.

Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 27.—Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania, served notice on mine operators and miners' union officials today that the threatened suspension of anthracite mining September 1 could not be allowed, and then proceeded to enter upon what may be a lengthy effort at mediation of the controversy.

In executive session with the union spokesmen, Phillip Murray, vice president of the United Mine Workers, and C. J. Golden, Rinaldo Cappellini, and Thomas Kennedy, its three district presidents in the anthracite region, the governor went over the demands which the union has made for increased wages, "check-off" system of union dues collection, and other things.

He made no compromise proposition in his own behalf today, but scheduled a session with the coal mine operators' representatives for tomorrow morning, and a second meeting with the union officers for tomorrow afternoon.

"The anthracite industry's quarrel," the governor said, "could not be a private one; a public, vitally interested, that wanted to see justice done to both employer and employees, was nevertheless losing patience with repeated strikes and suspensions.

"The public interests demands that this controversy shall be settled and that a suspension of mining shall be avoided," he continued. "The thing is possible—and it must be done. Settlement means that neither side can get all it would like to have. But settlement of this dispute is absolutely necessary for the public safety and welfare. The public needs and must have coal, and I am entirely confident that the public is going to have it."

BRIGHT LEAF MARKETS HAVE BEEN OPENED

Between 350,000 and 400,000 Pounds of Tobacco Placed on the Floors of Wilson Warehouses.

(By the Associated Press.) Wilson, N. C., Aug. 28.—The markets in the eastern Carolina bright leaf tobacco belt opened the 1923-24 season today.

It was estimated that between 350,000 and 400,000 pounds of the golden weed was sold on the floors of the local auction houses here today. The unofficial average prices was given between 20 cents and 22 cents per pound. The common grades were in great demand. It was estimated that more than 10,000 persons attended the opening sales here.

Three Are Killed By 100,000 Indiana Storm.

Indianapolis, Aug. 27.—Three persons are dead and property damage estimated at more than \$100,000 was done last night and early today by a heavy rain storm, accompanied by lightning, throughout the state.

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DR. PRICE PREACHES ON 'WHAT THINK YE OF CHRIST?'

Well Known Evangelist Emphasizes Necessity of Placing Faith in the Living Christ.

(By the Associated Press.) Lake Junaluska, N. C., Aug. 28.—Rev. Thurston B. Price, well known evangelist, emphasized the necessity of placing one's faith in the "living Christ" in a sermon this morning before the Bible and Evangelistic conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, now in session here.

"What Think Ye of Christ?" was the subject of Rev. Mr. Price's sermon and his text was John 20:28-31—"And Thomas answered and said unto Him, 'My Lord and my God.' Jesus said, 'Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed. And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing, ye might have life through His name.'"

"There are a great many things," the evangelist said, "concerning the Bible and God's relationship to man that are of vast importance, but there is nothing so vital as that we should get straight in our hearts and minds that matter of the personal 'Lordship and Saviorhood' of Jesus Christ."

He drew four word pictures of Christ—the historical Christ, the poetical Christ, the theological Christ, and the living Christ. In portraying the historical Christ he briefly related Jesus' life. The poetical Christ, he said, is the Christ of art and poetry. The theological Christ was pictured as the second member of the Trinity with reference to his dual position as man and God and His relation to religious philosophy.

"But after we have learned all we can of the historical Christ, and admired the artist's picture of him and sung the poets' songs and after we have decided which theological view of him we like best," concluded Rev. Mr. Price, "then comes the most vital thing of all, and that is what we should seek and obtain not a picture, but a personal acquaintance with the Living Christ of today. He needs no picture or poem; he lies in no historical grave and is secluded in no heaven, but walks and talks with men today. This Christ, the living Christ, who helps, saves and strengthens, will soon settle all our doubts about the Christ of the other pictures have shown us. Get his Christ on the throne of your heart and all else will take care of itself."

ANOTHER KLUXER GIVEN A SENTENCE IN THE PEN

William Arthur Finley, Oklahoma Officer, Pleads Guilty to Violating the Law.

Tulsa, Okla., Aug. 27.—The road to the State penitentiary opened today to another Tulsa county fugitive and admitted member of the K. K. K., when William Arthur Finley, was sentenced to imprisonment for participation in the whipping of Leslie Goolsby and Mrs. Myrtle Spain, now Mrs. Goolsby, the night of July 29, 1922.

Finley confessed, having turned over Goolsby and Mrs. Spain to a gang of whippers and pleaded guilty to a charge of riot. He received the minimum penalty.

Four other men are charged with implication in the flogging, two of whom had been arrested tonight.

Finley is the first public official to be caught in the investigation being conducted by Adjutant General B. H. Markham into mob activities in Tulsa county. Four men now have been sentenced, as the result of the inquiry, Grover and Ben Sykes and Earl Sacks, of Broken Arrow, having pleaded guilty last week to taking part in a flogging administered by men robed as klanmen to Ben Wagner, aged farmer, of Broken Arrow.

Goolsby and Mrs. Spain, then the wife of "Dare Devil Slim" Spain, a parachute jumper, were placed in the hands of the whippers after their arrest on a statutory charge. Spain took his death at Seneca, Mo., a few days after the flogging and Goolsby and Mrs. Spain then were married.

Governor Walton granted Finley a respite of 15 days, explaining that the military desired to use him further in the investigation.

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Telephone and telegraph wires were down and many bridges were washed out by the heavy rains near Valparaiso. Several buildings on the J. W. Doud dairy farm were blown down and damage was estimated at \$40,000.

Death of C. A. Lentz, of Norwood.

The body of C. A. Lentz, prominent, progressive farmer of Norwood, who died Sunday morning about 7 o'clock at the Charlotte Sanatorium, was accompanied through the country from Charlotte Monday morning to his home in Norwood, where burial services were held. Mr. Lentz was 60 years old, and had been ill for some time. He was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Eli Lentz, of Norwood, and a brother of Mr. A. E. Lentz, of Charlotte, formerly of Concord.

Home From New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Fisher and Miss Gertrude Shaw have returned from New York and other Northern markets, where they had been for several days on business connected with Fisher's. They made the trip in Mr. Fisher's car, and report a very enjoyable trip, with good roads and ideal weather most of the way.

PINCHOT GETS FACTS ABOUT STRIKE FROM CONTENDING SIDES

Concludes Hearing With the Operators, Who Explained Fully to Him All Their Contentions.

GOVERNORS READY TO GIVE SUPPORT

At the Meeting They Adopt Resolution Pledging Their Support to the Federal Government.

Harrisburg, Pa., Aug. 28 (By the Associated Press).—Governor Pinchot concluded today the first stage of his mediation in the anthracite wage controversy which threatens to tie up the mines September 1st. In an executive session of nearly three hours long he heard the spokesmen of the anthracite operators, who explained to him why they have to date offered solely arbitration to satisfy the union demands. He saw the miners' representatives yesterday.

Again at the conclusion of the meeting today the Governor was silent as to the course of discussion. He did, however, announce later in the day that he would see both sides again and separately. Observers considered it possible that after the latter sessions he would advance his own proposals for compromising the differences.

Governors Pledge Support. New York, Aug. 28 (By the Associated Press).—Governors and governors' representatives of the anthracite consuming states, conferring here today adopted a resolution submitted by Governor Cox, of Massachusetts, pledging fullest co-operation with Federal efforts to supply the country with fuel in the event of the threatened suspension of anthracite mining September 1st.

Adoption of the resolution ended the discussion of some of the delegates as to the "teeth" necessary to be put in the resolution, setting forth the plans of the conference. Governor Cox's resolution, one which had been offered by W. B. Ainer, former fuel administrator of Pennsylvania.

President Optimistic. Washington, Aug. 28.—White House officials said today that President Coolidge believed "good progress" was being made in the effort to avert suspension of work in the anthracite fields, and saw no reason to lose confidence in the outcome.

NATION-WIDE INQUIRY ABOUT GASOLINE PRICES

Has Been Decided Upon by National Association of Attorneys General.

Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 28 (By the Associated Press).—A "thorough and nationwide investigation" of gasoline prices was decided upon by the National Association of Attorneys General in a resolution adopted at its annual convention here today.

Under the authority of the resolution, Clifford L. Hilton, Attorney General of Minnesota, and president of the Association, named O. B. Spillman, attorney general of Nebraska, to call a conference of Attorneys General at once at Kansas City, or some other centrally located city to begin the investigation.

Baltimore Girl Weds on Her Death Bed.

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 27.—One-half hour before she died, Miss Anna M. Fealy was married to Michael J. Downs, Jr., in Saint Ignace's hospital here.

Downs and Miss Fealy were to have been married September 5. Last Thursday she became suddenly ill. Friday she was operated on for appendicitis and little hope was held for her recovery.

Downs was constantly at her bedside and about midnight Saturday it was proposed that the wedding be performed before she died. Father Gerard of the Congregation of Passionists agreed to perform the ceremony.

State Supreme Court in Session.

(By the Associated Press.) Raleigh, Aug. 28.—The regular fall session of the State Supreme Court was convened here this morning with all the justices present. First district appeals appear first on the court's calendar. The Clegg vs. Clegg case has been specially set for trial at the close of the hearings of the first district cases. The first batch of opinions will be handed down Wednesday, September 5th.

Little Mildred Williams, Salisbury, is Improving.

Salisbury, Aug. 27.—Little Mildred Williams, injured last week by highwaymen in Virginia is improving following two operations for fractured skull, and will probably be able to leave a Charlottesville hospital in a few days. Her father, O. H. Williams, returned here today from her bedside.

Lenoir College's Football Schedule.

(By the Associated Press.) Hickory, N. C., Aug. 28.—Lenoir College's football schedule has been announced as follows: October 6, Roanoke at Salem, Va.; October 13, Newberry at Hickory; October 20, Kings College at Hickory; October 27, Guilford College at Guilford; November 10, Milligan College at Milligan; November 17, Camp Bragg at Hickory; November 24, Elon at Elon.

It is all right to spend money to make character; it is all wrong to spend character to make money.

President Sends Message To The Press Of Nation

Undivided Allegiance to Constitution and Unhesitating Obedience to Legislative Action Urged Upon Press in the Message From the President.

(By the Associated Press.) New Orleans, Aug. 28.—Undivided allegiance to the Constitution and unhesitating obedience to legislative action were urged upon the press of the nation by President Coolidge in a letter to A. S. Newmyer, president of the Southern Newspaper Publishers' Association, made public here today.

The President's letter was in reply to one written by Mr. Newmyer, who asked the Executive to send him a terse exclusive message for the Southern Publishers, broadly answering the question as to how the newspapers can best serve the federal government at this time, as he was personally anxious to have the association co-operate with the administration in every manner consistent with their individual profits.

The letter to Mr. Newmyer, who also is a member of the New Orleans Item, follows: "My Dear Mr. Newmyer: "Your very kind message and the general assurance which it contains of the support of the newspapers of your Association has been received. Every newspaper can be very helpful in its support of the government whether it be state or national. Fundamentally this means always making the authority of the laws supreme. It means undivided allegiance to the constitution and unhesitating obedience to legislative action made according to its provisions.

"Constructive criticism is always helpful. It keeps institutions from becoming fossilized and falling into decay. Constructive criticism does not accomplish its purpose by merely pointing out what is evil. It must not fail to direct attention with more emphasis to what is good. Our institutions, our social organizations, our economic conditions are all of a quality and quantity which are worthy of our highest admiration. I believe that it will be exceedingly helpful to public sentiment if these principles and ideals can be reiterated from time to time, joined with a reverence for religion and an aspiration for better things.

"Yours very truly, "CALVIN COOLIDGE."

HARDING PLANNED A PEACE CONGRESS

Told Walter Wellman in June He Would Call World Conference Next Year.

The late President Harding contemplated less than three months before his death inviting all the nations to a world congress next year at which he meant to submit a definite program for world peace, Walter Wellman, writer and explorer, declared yesterday. Mr. Wellman said that President Harding told him of his plan on June 15th, when Mr. Wellman visited the President in the White House to get his endorsement of a plan for a newspaper referendum on the nation's duty in world affairs.

Mr. Wellman made public through the Associated Press yesterday a copy of a letter which the late President gave him, expressing sympathy in the attempt to obtain an expression through the newspapers of the people's conclusions concerning our international duty. "I have long since become convinced," the letter says, "that the United States should not and will not enter the League of Nations, but that conviction has not destroyed the hope that there may be found a way to world association and attending world understanding."

RUFUS NUNN DROWNED AT WHITE LAKE SUNDAY

Body Found by Some Boys Steeking Upright in Six Feet of Water.

Fayetteville, Aug. 27.—A young man identified as Rufus Nunn, Atlantic Coast Line agent at Garland, was the victim of a strange case of drowning at White Lake yesterday afternoon. Nunn's body, entirely unharmed, was found standing upright in six feet of water by a party of boys rowing on the lake when one of their paddles encountered an obstruction in the water and an investigation brought about the ghastly discovery. There were no signs of foul play.

PRESIDENT COSGRAVE GOES TO PARLIAMENT

President of Irish Free State, and His Brother, Elected in Monday's Contest.

Dublin, Aug. 28 (By the Associated Press).—President Wm. T. Cosgrave has been elected on the first preference vote from Kilkenny.

The President's brother, Philip, was elected from South Dublin, and both General Richard Mulcahy, minister for defense, and Kevin O'Higgins, minister for home affairs, present cabinet members, were also returned from Dublin. C. N. Byrne, government candidate from Wicklow, also was elected.

Fence Around Tomb of Unknown Soldier.

Washington, Aug. 27.—The tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington, which has been visited by many thousands since it was erected in 1921, is to be enclosed in an iron fence to prevent defacement.

A temporary wooden barrier was placed about the shrine today to keep visitors at a distance until the permanent enclosure can be built. A proposal to keep a military guard constantly on duty there has been abandoned.

Rev. John L. Yost Accepts Gastonia Pastorate.

(By the Associated Press.) Salisbury, N. C., Aug. 28.—Rev. John L. Yost, pastor of the Lutheran Church at Bear Poplar, Rowan county, has accepted the pastorate of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Gastonia, and will assume his duties there October 1st.

UNABLE TO LOCATE WEAVER BROTHERS

Men Jumped From Train Near Salisbury, and So Far Have Escaped the Officers.

(By the Associated Press.) Salisbury, Aug. 28.—Volley and Lawrence Weaver, of Asheville, were squeezed out of the lavatory of a Southern Railway train while handcuffed together, and being searched for today by city and county forces.

The brothers, who were en route to the State penitentiary at Raleigh to serve terms on conviction of robbery of a store in Macon county, were permitted to go to the lavatory by Sheriff Alex Moore, of Macon county, who had them in charge. They latched the door and then proceeded in some fashion to squeeze themselves through the window while the train was near North Main Street crossing, and fled.

Volley Weaver, who is 25 years old, was under a sentence of six years, and Lawrence, who is 18 years old, was under a sentence of four years.

Salisbury, Aug. 27.—Going into the lavatory of passenger train No. 12 shortly before that train reached this city tonight Volley Weaver, aged 25 years, handcuffed to his brother Lawrence Weaver, aged 18 years, locked the door behind them while Sheriff Alex Moore waited on the outside, opened the window of the room and jumped from the train, making their escape. The two prisoners, convicted of breaking and entering a store about six miles west of Franklin and stealing goods valued at approximately \$500, were being taken to the State penitentiary from the Macon county jail.

The older of the Weaver brothers was sentenced last Tuesday by Judge Bryson to a six-year term in the State penitentiary while the younger brother drew a four-year sentence. Immediately after the escape and desperate jump to freedom Sheriff Moore, of Macon county, notified the local police and a search was made for the fleeing prisoners but no traces of them could be found.

In talking about the escape Sheriff Moore stated that the boys notified him that they wished to go to the lavatory. He accompanied them but pondered considerably when they locked the door behind them. However, he was informed that the prisoners could not make their escape by jumping from the window, which is about 8 inches high and 15 inches wide. How the brothers, handcuffed, jumped from the moving train, is what's puzzling local police officials.

BURNED AT THE STAKE IN A GAME OF INDIANS

One Victim's Brother and Another Youth Arrested—Oil-Soaked Excelsior Ignited.

Belmar, N. J., Aug. 28.—Charles Spindler, eleven, and William Hubbard, sixteen, of Wall township, near here, died in the Ann May Hospital at Spring Lake tonight of burns suffered when, it is alleged, Dick Forman, sixteen, and Taylor Hubbard, eighteen, brother of William, tied them to a tree tonight and set fire to them while playing Indians.

Forman and Hubbard are in jail. They will be arraigned tomorrow before Judge Alger. Spindler and Hubbard were conscious when brought to the hospital.

It is alleged Forman and Taylor Hubbard seized the two boys, tied them to a tree and then piled oil-soaked excelsior at their feet. This was ignited, the police said, and the flames quickly licked at the captives' clothing. Their companions filled their caps with water from a break and feverishly tried to put out the fire.

When the ropes parted Hubbard and Spindler, both terribly burned, fell to the ground. Attracted by screams and shouts, Charles Goff, of Belmar, ran to the woods. He rushed the boys in his automobile to the hospital.

Cook Howland, borough manager of Belmar, acting on information the boys gave him, arrested Taylor, Hubbard and Dick Forman soon afterwards.

CHICAGO SPENDS MILLIONS FOR MEDICINAL WHISKY

Windy City Fills 2,280,000 Prescriptions For Liqueur in Year.

Chicago, Aug. 28.—Residents of Illinois paid approximately \$15,000,000 for medicinal whisky during 1922, according to estimates based on figures compiled by William D. Moss, State Prohibition Director, that 2,280,000 prescriptions were filled during the year.

Moss said that the 2,280,000 represented 1,000,000 more than were printed by the Government, indicating, he said, that thousands were being printed elsewhere than in Government shops.

At \$3 a prescription, the usual charge, physicians collected \$6,800,000 and the druggists' charge of \$3.50 a pint added, \$8,018,000, making a total of \$14,818,000.

Booze-Carrying Auto Used Smoke Screen.

Baltimore, Aug. 28.—Maryland prohibition agents and State police yesterday captured the first "smoke-screen" automobile used for alleged liquor transportation in this state. Ninety gallons of alleged moonshine whisky were found in the car and two negroes, giving Washington addresses, were arrested. The machine, it was said, had several times eluded pursuers by throwing from its exhaust pipes a dense cloud of white smoke, which hid it from view and made further pursuit by dry agents impossible because they could not see the road. The machine was ambushed and surrounded before the driver could operate the smoke-projecting apparatus, the agents said.

Family Poisoned By Drinking Butter-Milk.

Salisbury, Aug. 27.—Policeman C. C. Eagle and Mrs. Eagle and daughter, Miss Marjorie, have been severely ill from ptomaine poisoning caused by drinking buttermilk which is thought to have been affected by rust in a vessel in which the milk was kept.

Child Accidentally Kills Baby Sister.

Wilson, Aug. 27.—A terrible tragedy was enacted in Taylors township, eight miles west of this city, early this morning. Five-year-old LeRoy, son of Joseph Williams, accidentally shot and killed his two-year-old sister, Lucile, while playing with a single barrel breach loading gun, blowing the top of her head 10 feet out into the public highway.

Army Officers Reported Killed.

(By the Associated Press.) London, Aug. 28.—General Telini, president of the commission for the delimitation of the Greco-Albanian frontier; Surgeon Major Soort, the general's chauffeur, and his aide de camp, have been assassinated, says an Athens dispatch to the Central News. Word of the assassination comes from Jannina, Albania, the message adds.

AIRMEN HAVE DRIVEN PLANE CONTINUOUSLY

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Hopped Off Monday at 5 a. m., and Already They Have Broken Two Records for Speed in the Air.

HOPE TO BREAK SEVERAL RECORDS

Their Plane is Being Re-fueled in Air, and Meals Are Given Them Without Making a Stop.

San Diego, Cal., Aug. 28 (By the Associated Press).—In a plane that takes on fuel and food in midair with the same ease that an express train's locomotive scoops up water en route, Capt. Lowell H. Smith and Lieut. John P. Richter, circling a course above San Diego, this morning passed the 24 hour mark in their air marathon.

They hopped off from Rockwell Field at 5:05:17 a. m. yesterday. During the 24 hours they re-fueled and re-provisioned several times, receiving supplies from another plane. Early today they had broken two speed records, those for 2,500 and 3,000 kilometers.

They hope to remain aloft at least 45 hours, thus breaking all endurance records. Meanwhile if luck stays with them, various speed and distance records will fall.

COOLIDGE WILL ACT IF GOVERNOR PINCHOT FAILS

Break at Harrisburg Would Bring the Problem Back to Him.—Barnes for Arbitration.

Washington, Aug. 28.—President Coolidge and the federal authorities are marking time in the anthracite coal strike situation pending the outcome of the mediatory efforts of Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania tomorrow, and the conference of the Governors of New England and Eastern states in New York Tuesday.

From the President down federal officials are still of the opinion that it is going to be possible to reach a solution of the coal problem. They appear to be confident that the conference to be held at Harrisburg tomorrow will succeed, and that the miners will not lay down their picks on September 1st.

The President himself has made it plain to callers that Governor Pinchot will have the fullest support from the government of the United States and that the Governor and the federal authorities are working in harmony in an effort to find a common ground for adjustment of the dispute without confronting the consumers of coal with another coal strike. Should these efforts fail the Coolidge administration, it has been emphasized, stands prepared to use every legitimate means to prevent a coal famine, and will exert its powers to the limit to transport soft coal and other fuels for use as substitutes by those who would not be able to obtain anthracite.

THE COTTON MARKET

Was Rather Nervous and Irregular Today During the Early Trading.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Aug. 28.—The cotton market was rather nervous and irregular today in early trading. There was scattered selling on reports of rain in Texas and relatively easy Liverpool cables. The opening was steady, net 9 points higher to 8 points lower, and October sold around 24.60 during the early trading, or 6 points net higher.

Cotton futures opened steady: October 24.55; December 24.43; January 24.05; March 14.14; May 24.07.

Two Bootleggers in Goldsboro Profess Religion at Revival.

Goldsboro, Aug. 27.—According to a story in today's Goldsboro Argus, two white men, who confessed to have been distributors and manufacturers of moonshine liquor, last night professed religion at a revival meeting being held here at Bryan Street Baptist Church.

The two ex-bootleggers, whose names are withheld, stated to the congregation that their conversion was so complete as to have caused them to destroy, on their way to church, a quantity of liquor they had proposed selling.

After the services were concluded, as further evidence of their sincerity, one of the men went to his home, only a short distance from the church, and upon returning, delivered to Mayor Edgar H. Bain, who is taking an active part in the meeting, a five gallon jug of whiskey, which the mayor destroyed by breaking the container on a corner of the church building.

Several Men Shot During Fight Outside of the Court Room.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Aug. 28.—Several men were shot during a gang fight outside the Essex Market Court today after seven members of the notorious "Kid Dropper Gang" had been discharged because of inability to connect them with a shooting last week. The court room was thrown into an uproar. A call was sent for police reserves and ambulances.

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