

Robert Franks Killed By Two Millionaires

State's Attorney Crowe Says Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb Confessed to the Franks Murder.

PLANNED MURDER SOME TIME AGO

Were Not Decided on Victim, However, Until Short Time Ago, According to Their Alleged Confession.

Chicago, Ill., May 31 (By the Associated Press).—State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe, after announcing early today that Nathan P. Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb, sons of millionaires, had confessed to the kidnaping and slaying of Robert Franks, 13 year old son of another millionaire, declared that they said they once had considered kidnaping a son of Julius Rosenwald, internationally known philanthropist.

They planned kidnaping and murder for ransom as early as last November, Mr. Crowe asserted, and until shortly before the kidnaping had not definitely selected a victim.

It was a spirit of adventure and a desire to obtain ransom that prompted them to plan such a crime months ago, the prosecutor said they admitted. Leopold was taken into custody after ownership of a pair of spectacles found near where the body of the Franks boy had been stuffed into a railroad culvert on the far South Side, was traced to him. In two nights of strenuous examination he steadfastly had denied ownership of the glasses, or any knowledge of the kidnaping and murder of the lad on May 21st.

Both Leopold and Loeb are graduate students at a University here. They had sought to establish an alibi which had withstood a pounding examination of 36 hours. A break in Leopold's composure came when the family chauffeur, Sven Englund, informed Mr. Crowe that young Leopold's automobile had been in the garage during the time Leopold and Loeb said they were joy riding.

The kidnaping was carried out in every detail as planned, including the victim's death, Mr. Crowe said. He said Leopold admitted writing a letter to the father of the Franks boy, demanding \$10,000, and that the automobile used to spirit away their victim was a rented machine.

"The finding of the spectacles near the boy's body provided our only tangible clue," said Mr. Crowe. It was through them that the kidnaping and slaying were traced to young Leopold. Mr. Crowe said he expected to have the typewriter used, and the clothing stripped from young Franks by this afternoon.

"The little fellow was killed by a blow on the head, and then strangled," the state's attorney said. "A chisel wrapped with tape was used to strike the blow." The chisel was found by Herald & Examiners reporters about four blocks from the school where the Franks boy attended. The state's attorney added that that was to be used if the boy had not been killed as he was. This, he said, was all explained in the confession. The killing, the two admitted, Mr. Crowe said, was done in an automobile of the same make as owned by Leopold. Leopold and Loeb each accused the other of striking the fatal blow.

The dislocation of the boy's lips was caused by acid, the state's attorney said. Similar acid, he said, was found in Leopold's room. The acid was intended to disguise the slain boy to prevent identification.

Loeb is a son of Albert L. Loeb, millionaire vice president of Sears, Roebuck & Co. Leopold's father is a wealthy box manufacturer, said to be especially well known in Lake shipping circles.

Both youths were together the night of the kidnaping and after the killing when Mrs. Franks, the mother, was called to the telephone by a man who told her her son had been kidnaped and was safe.

The following day Mr. Crowe said, young Loeb telephoned from a drug store to the Franks home, directing the method of delivering the ransom.

Jacob Franks, father of the slain boy, said it was difficult for him to conceive that the two boys or any other person had kidnaped and killed the little fellow. He said he had just slept for the first time in 36 hours, when awakened and informed of the alleged confessions.

Relatives of both youthful prisoners refused to believe the story of the state's attorney. "That's a lie, that boy cannot be guilty," said Nathan Leopold, Sr. Ernest Loeb, brother of Richard Loeb, also received the information given out by the state's attorney with incredulity.

"It cannot be so," he asserted. "We know exactly where Dick was every hour this particular Wednesday." All of the kidnaped boy's clothing except his shoes and belt were burned in the Loeb home, the state's attorney's men allege they were told. The shoes and belt were expected to be found in a prairie. A robe said to have been used to wrap about the dead boy was being sought.

At an automobile rental agency the state's attorney's men learned that Leopold, using the name of "Morton D. Ballard," established credit on May 1st. The car rented on May 21 was kept 24 hours and run 118 miles.

Young Loeb collapsed in a faint when identified by Mrs. Gertrude Barish, owner of a cigar store as having gone out with Leopold on May 22nd, the day after the killing, and used a telephone. He was rushed to a hospital.

In giving part details of the kidnaping, the state's attorney said that the Franks boy was struck with the chisel as the three sat in a rented automobile.

PICNIC WEATHER



GERALD JOHNSON WILL TRY THE UNIVERSITY

Associate Editor of Greensboro News Slated For Professor of Journalism. Thomsville, May 30.—Gerald Johnson, associate editor of the Greensboro News, is slated to become professor of Journalism at the University of North Carolina, according to news received here. His election to the position by the board of trustees is expected. The executive committee surveyed the field and found Johnson fitted the shoes they wanted filled.

Thomsville is the home town of Gerald, as his home people like to call him, and it was here that he spent his boyhood and did his first newspaper work. His parents, Dr. and Mrs. Archibald Johnson, have their home here. No man in newspaper work is more favorably recognized in the State than his father, who, for many years, has been editor of Charity and Children.

After graduating from Wake Forest College, young Gerald went with the Lexington Dispatch after a brief stay in Thomsville, and his work there was such as to attract the attention of the Greensboro News, and for well nigh ten years now he has been doing editorial work on that paper. He went overseas during the war.

WOMAN IS FOUND NUDE IN CEMETERY

Preacher Holds Back Crowd While Police Wrap Blanket Around Her. Wilmington, Del., May 30.—Katie Dzanna, 25 years old, was arrested this noon, completely nude in a local cemetery.

When the police arrived several hundred persons had gathered about the cemetery and were being held back by Rev. Robert Bell. The woman had been arrested earlier in the day in another section of the city for wearing only a nightgown on the street.

She refused to put on any clothing, and police had to forcibly wrap her in a blanket. She is held pending an examination as to her mental condition.

Billy Sunday is Recovering From Removal of His Tonsils

Rochester, Minn., May 30.—Mrs. W. A. Sunday, wife of the Rev. "Billy" Sunday, famous evangelist and former big league baseball player, tonight declared her husband is recovering nicely from a tonsil removal operation performed yesterday.

The kidney ailment which necessitated Mr. Sunday's cutting short his revival at Memphis, Tenn., and his journey here has been entirely cured, Mrs. Sunday said.

Today Mr. Sunday was able to take liquid nourishment, she said, and was in the best of spirits.

The broken pelvis which Mrs. Sunday suffered in the fall at Memphis is so nearly cured that she is able to walk about, she said.

Rev. and Mrs. Sunday plan to leave next Thursday for their home at Winona Lake, Ind., where they will spend a few days and then go to their ranch at Hood River, Oregon.

Dr. Trowbridge Re-Elected President

Waver College. Asheville, May 30.—Dr. C. H. Trowbridge will head Waver college again next year as president following his reelection by the board of trustees at its annual meeting yesterday afternoon.

H. A. Dunham, chairman of the board, said today that the past year was a most successful one and the board was well satisfied with the progress made by the school.

In many sections of China the women attribute magical properties for the cure of certain diseases to water drawn after midnight of the seventh day of the seventh month.

FEAR BUILDING BOOM HAS PASSED ITS CREST

Monthly Review Issued by the Fifth Federal Reserve District. (By the Associated Press)

Richmond, Va., May 30.—It would be a difficult task to point out a definite trend of business development in the Fifth Federal Reserve District since the middle of April, according to the monthly Review issued by the Federal Reserve Bank here. However, the review explains that on the whole available evidence shows that further hesitancy and slackening in the activities of the business world is apparent. Part of the decrease is attributed to seasonal conditions, especially the full period following the pre-Easter weeks, and to the uncertainty about future prospects.

The review maintains, that the prosperity in the District during the past 18 months had been due to the activities in the building industries and the improved financial conditions of the farmers. It also states that there are fears that the building boom has passed its crest and points out that there is no certain outlook for 1924 will be as satisfactory a year as was 1923 for the farmers of the Fifth Federal Reserve District.

Reviewing business statistics for April, reports from regularly reporting members show reduction in outstanding loans to customers and in re-discounts at the Reserve Bank, both reductions being contrary to average seasonal demands for credit," says the review. "Demand deposits also decline during April. Time deposits in reporting member banks, however, and deposits in mutual savings banks gained in comparison with March totals. The Federal Reserve Bank's total rediscounts for all member banks declined slightly during April, another movement counter to the expected seasonal trend. Debits to individual accounts in clearing houses banks in 23 of the District's leading cities showed substantial decrease during the four weeks ending May 7 of this year in comparison with the preceding four weeks and with the corresponding weeks of 1923.

"Business failures in the Fifth District were more numerous than in either March this year or April last year, and the total of liabilities involved was also greater than during April 1923, though much less than in March 1923 when a single corporation failed for approximately \$400,000.

"The labor situation in the District is, on the whole, satisfactory, except in the matter of farm labor. In all other lines the supply and demand are reasonably near a balance, and consequently no shortage or surplus of any importance exists. Coal mines are producing less than at any previous period on record, excepting times of general strikes, but customers' needs are being supplied promptly. Textile mills have curtailed running time very materially in the absence of forward orders, and are marking time until it becomes possible to judge the prospects for the 1924 cotton crop with some degree of accuracy.

"Cotton prices fluctuate from day to day, but the fluctuations are between narrow limits, and during the past month quotations have been higher than during the same period last year. April consumption of cotton was somewhat greater than had been expected in view of widespread reports of curtailment in operating time at the mills, but the amount of cotton consumed was about 17 per cent. less than the number of bales used in April 1923.

"Agriculture is getting away to a late start, due to an unusually wet spring, but agricultural experts think that the outlook for the season is fairly good, and prospects for fruit are the best in several years.

"New construction is holding up in a remarkable volume, both the number of permits issued and the estimated valuation in the Fifth District during April being greater than any other month on record, except April 1923.

BURTON WILL MAKE NOMINATION SPEECH

President of University of Michigan Will Put President's Name Before Convention. (By the Associated Press.)

Washington, May 31.—Marrison L. Burton, president of the University of Michigan, probably will place President Coolidge in nomination at the Republican national convention.

Selection of Dr. Burton, a long time friend of the President, is understood to have been virtually agreed upon by William M. Butler, in charge of the Coolidge campaign, and his associates. A formal announcement is expected before Mr. Butler leaves Washington tomorrow for Cleveland.

Japanese Protest Delivered

Washington, May 31.—Ambassador Hanibara, acting on instructions from his government, today delivered to Secretary Hughes the protest made by the Japanese government against the exclusion provision of the new immigration act. Neither the ambassador nor the secretary would make any statement.

Muscle Shoals to Come Up Monday

Washington, May 31.—The Muscle Shoals issue will not come up on the Senate floor before Monday, Chairman Norris, of the Senate agriculture committee, said today.

Deported Belgians Lose Suit

Geneva, Switzerland, May 31 (By the Associated Press).—The monster collective damage suit brought by the German government by 80,000 Belgians who were deported for forced labor into Germany during the war, which has been on trial here for the past three months before the mixed German arbitration tribunal, has been lost by the plaintiffs.

According to a Czecho-Slovakian superstition, if when a traveler sets out on a journey, you stock him with round cookies, he will surely return.

WHAT SMITTY'S WEATHER CAT SAYS



DAUGHERTY HEARING TAKES NEW TURN AS MAN TRIES TO TALK

A. L. Fink, Who Introduced Senator Wheeler to Roxie Stinson, Demanded That Committee Hear Him.

Said Wheeler Got Liquor From Woman

This Senator Wheeler Denied Later—Senator Lodge and Gaston B. Means Other Witnesses Heard.

(By the Associated Press) Washington D. C., May 31.—A. L. Fink, who first introduced Senator Wheeler to Roxie Stinson, suddenly became the center of a new outburst of fireworks today in the Senate Daugherty investigation, while Gaston B. Means was rounding out his long story of undercover transactions and investigations extraordinary.

Bursting into the committee procedure without invitation, Fink said he wanted to testify how Senator Wheeler "got booze for Roxie Stinson" and how Frank A. Vanderlip offered him money to give perjured testimony.

The committee prosecutor himself was not present, but Chairman Brookhart restored silence with the aid of the police, and Fink departed. Later Senator Wheeler asked that he be recalled, but he could not be located, and the Senator announced his opinion that Fink was "just a liar" brought in by the Daugherty attorneys as a part of a "frame up."

Means took the stand after Senator Henry Cabot Lodge had appeared voluntarily to directly deny any inference in previous testimony that he had been concerned in securing a whiskey permit for a New York firm. Means later reiterated that he had not charged any wrongdoing on the part of the Massachusetts Senator.

Repeating under cross examination his story of how he passed on \$100,000 to Jess Smith for the Hitsui company, which was interested in the Standard Aircraft claims, Means declared he did not consider at the time whether the transaction was illegal.

At the end of Means' cross examination, Chairman Brookhart announced that the committee desired to hear former Attorney General Daugherty next Friday.

Porter Man's Honey Disappeared Suddenly

Porter, May 30.—One of our neighbors, who worked in town, was one evening homebound, when a young fellow of a dusky hue accosted him saying, "Howdy do, Boss, how about a ride?" as he vacated back seat spied, "Friend said, 'Howdy do. Yes, I will be glad to accommodate you.' On his way home he stopped some honey to buy, this is all the truth, it is no lie; in the rear of the car the honey was set. Now the youth thought some honey I must get as on their way they went, an odor of honey to the front was sent. The odor became more strong, our friend said something is wrong. Then this question he asked the youth, 'Are you eating my honey, now tell the truth?' 'Oh no boss,' the youth replied, but a light revealed that the fellow had lied, for in his hand honey was found and from his fingers honey was running down. Now our friend is no cursing man, I admit, but his next words I must omit. Out in the road the fellow was put and given a good start by our friend's big foot. Is this the way you a kindness repay? You will remember this next kick for many a day.

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J. T. STAINBACK, OF ROANOKE RAPIDS, DEAD

Was Editor and Manager of the Roanoke Rapids Herald. (By the Associated Press.) Henderson, N. C., May 31.—J. T. Stainback, 26 years old, editor and manager of the Roanoke Rapids Herald, died at his home in Roanoke Rapids at 5 o'clock this morning, according to messages received here today. Acute indigestion was believed to have been the cause of death.

Mr. Stainback was associated with State Senator W. L. Long in publication of the newspaper. He is survived by his widow, four children, and his father, C. E. Stainback, the latter of Henderson.

Robinson's is having a sale of tub silk dresses at \$8.50. You can cook a full meal with 25 minutes of gas if you use a Chambers Fireless Gas Range, which cooks with the gas turned off. See the Concord and Kannapolis Gas Co., and be shown how.

Queen Marie, of Roumania, has written and published several novels.

WHAT SMITTY'S WEATHER CAT SAYS



Partly cloudy tonight; Sunday, little change in temperature.

Mrs. J. Edward Johnston Left Estate of 60 Millions to Husband and 5 Children

Winston-Salem, May 30.—Mrs. J. Edward Johnston, who died in a New York hospital last Friday night, left an estate, variously estimated at from 50 to 60 million dollars, to her husband and five children, each sharing alike. Mrs. Johnston's will, which was probated here today, was executed in New York in March of this year and her husband, J. Edward Johnston, is named as executor of the estate in North Carolina, while the husband and the Safe Deposit and Trust company, of Baltimore, are named as joint executors of the estate outside of the state.

The will provides that the husband's share in the estate be delivered to him at once, without any conditions or reservations attached. The shares of the children are to be held in trust for them during their lives.

Mrs. Johnston also provided that one-tenth of the income from the estate be expended by the trustees for religious and charitable purposes.

The following legacies were named by Mrs. Johnston in her will: To George Orr, manager of the estate, \$10,000; to A. C. Wharton, superintendent of Reynolds, Inc., \$10,000; to Miss Blanch Gunn, secretary to Mr. Orr, \$2,000; to Miss Kate Kurrochke, stenographer, \$1,000; to Miss Emma Howison, housekeeper, \$500. Other household servants were remembered in gifts of from \$500 to \$1,000. Miss Henrietta Vandenberg, a nurse who has been in the employ of Mrs. Johnston for several years, will receive an annuity of \$1,000 a year during her life. Mr. and Mrs. Zachary Smith, of Mount Airy, parents of Mrs. Johnston, will each receive \$2,000 annually during their respective lives.