

HEARING ON FRANKS MURDER IS STARTED IN CHICAGO COURT

Confessed Slayers of Robert Franks Carry Case to the Court and Justice Caverly Will Determine Fates.

LETTER IS READ AT THE HEARING

Letter Was One Sent to Dead Boy's Parents—District Attorney Shows How Death of Boy Had Been Plotted.

Chicago, July 23. (By the Associated Press.)—The kidnapping of fourteen-year-old Robert Franks by Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb was a strictly "commercial proposition," the district attorneys wrote in their first letter to the family of their victim.

The letter was read today at the opening of the hearing before Chief Justice Caverly, to determine the penalty the college youths shall pay for the death of young Franks, to which for the second time they affirmed today their lawyer's plea of guilty.

State's Attorney Robert E. Crow, in an opening statement, recited the story of the boys' planning of the "little fellow murder" from what he said was the inception of the plot in the minds of the two brilliant sons of prominent families here last fall. Every detail of the planning and preparation foreseen by the young conspirators was reviewed by the prosecutor. He told of perfection of details of their plot on May 21st and of a careful deliberation afterwards on the question of who should be their victim. The sons of numerous wealthy families were considered before young Franks was agreed upon. The defendants were called "cold calculating murderers."

Listening to the State's recital of details of the boy's death without apparently being moved, the two defendants sat calmly in their chairs behind their counsel. Frequently one would whisper to the other.

"Of course, we are going to insist on the death penalty at every appropriate opportunity," Mr. Crow told newspaper men during the brief recess.

Coming to a recital of the first show of weakness by Loeb during his first questioning by State's Attorney Crow, the prosecutor raised his voice and paced nervously before the bench. He told of Loeb's excited cry for a glass of water after he had been told his companion had revealed their secret. "My God," the youth cried. He then offered to tell the whole story.

The same strategy applied later to Leopold, Mr. Crow said, produced a like reaction.

"Each accused the other of being the actual murderer and sought to save his own neck," the prosecutor shouted. "In the name of the people of the State of Illinois and of the parenthood and childhood of the state, we demand the death penalty for both of these cold-blooded and vicious murderers," said Mr. Crowe in concluding his statement.

Clarence Darrow, 67 year old veteran of the Chicago bar, the chief defense counsel, immediately attacked the Crowe statement.

"To describe the crime as the most atrocious and the most everything else in history is to draw upon the imagination of the state's attorney," Darrow said.

Crowe objected to the tenor of Darrow's remarks, and demanded a ruling from the court on whether it was time "for statements or for concluding arguments."

Edwin M. Gresham, an uncle of the Franks boy, was the first witness called by the state. He told of identifying the body of his nephew.

Jacob Franks, wealthy father of the slain boy, was the next witness. Mr. Crowe then said Mrs. Franks would follow.

Leopold sat virtually motionless for periods of 10 or 15 minutes during the recital. Loeb, however, frequently adjusted his stylish bow tie, moistened his lips with his tongue, and picked at specks on his sleeves. Jacob Franks, father of the slain boy, sat quietly beside his attorney chewing gum with apparent determination, but wholly without outward feeling.

Nathan Leopold, Sr., father of the boy whose fate is at stake, sat within a few feet of his son, and next to another son. His brow was creased, and deep lines of grief bore evidence of a parent's bowed spirit and heavy heart.

Father of Dead Boy Testifies.
Chicago, July 23. (By the Associated Press.)—Calmly, but with eyes moistened with tears, Jacob Franks, wealthy father of the fourteen-year-old victim of Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb, recited on the witness stand today the story of his boy's disappearance.

Called by the State at its second witness after the State's attorney in his opening statement had demanded again the death penalty, Franks answered in a firm voice the queries of the prosecutor and identified the small remnants of clothing and other personal possessions found on or about the body.

His testimony was unfinished when the court recessed for luncheon.

Husbands are like cigars—you must not let them go out.

WEEVILS ARE INCREASING WITH HOT WEATHER

Expert Gives Advice as to How Insects Should Be Treated.
(By the Associated Press.)

Raleigh, N. C., July 23.—Reports from the counties of Nash, Edgecombe and Perquimans indicate that throughout the eastern and northeastern parts of the state, the boll weevil has now increased to the point where the worst infested fields will soon be in need of the Standard Dust-poison treatment. Mr. Franklin Sherman, Entomologist for the North Carolina Experiment Station and Extension Service, who gives this information, says:

"Our field workers, including students of State College whom we placed in weevil work for the summer, report that the weevil infestation has increased rapidly with the continued rains. While some fields will soon be in need of the Standard Dust-poison treatment, the Standard Dust-poison method is the only remedy which we can now depend upon to be profitable."

"Both last year and the year before, the favorable season enabled the plants to fruit so rapidly as to offset much of the weevil damage, and also held the weevil in check. This year the rains are preventing heavy fruiting and are aiding the weevil. We have repeatedly advised that this might be expected; and that in late July and through August, a proper application of the Standard Dust-poison method is the only remedy which we can now depend upon to be profitable."

"We earnestly advise frequent gathering and burning of infested squares so long as it is practicable, especially by those who are not prepared to dust. This will be of some help, though it is not adequate under heavy infestation with continued rains."

"Those who made safe and conservative preparations for the Standard Dust Method have every prospect of profiting by it, if they will watch the progress of the infestation and begin at the point advised."

"Our field workers, and many county agents, are visiting hundreds of fields to show the farmers exactly how to determine when the dusting should begin. By this means they are preventing the waste of many tons of poisons which would not pay and showing when to apply it so it will pay. Banks and commercial agencies are co-operating. The man who wishes to apply this method should secure the printed official directions, and then be guided by them and by the Extension workers. These directions are the outcome of many experiences in many states including our own. It is far safer to follow them than to follow one's own notions."

"Some dusting has already begun in some eastern counties, and in the more southern counties it presumably began a week or more ago."

SAYS CRIME IN STATE IS INCREASING FAST

Judge Devin Says Law Must Be Respected if Civilization Is to Be Maintained.

Wilmington, July 21.—Criminal offenses are tremendously increasing in North Carolina, Judge W. A. Devin, who opened a week of criminal Superior Court here for Judge H. A. Grady, said in his charge to the New Hanover grand jury. Law, he said, must be respected, obeyed and enforced if the community is to retain the hard won benefits of civilization, which, he said, for ages had been a struggle between law and order, and civilization in a community is measured by the degree of law enforcement.

Judge Devin paid tribute to Judge Grady, who will ride this district for the next six months. He said Judge Grady is an able, upright, impartial judge and held in high regard wherever he sat in court. He also complimented the New Hanover officers, saying he knew of no county having more efficient officers, and he also commended the New Hanover attorneys.

Major B. H. Hinde Killed in Accident.
Charlotte, July 22.—Major Benjamin Hinde, of Monroe, contact officer of the veteran's bureau of Charlotte, was instantly killed about 4:30 o'clock this afternoon when a Ford roadster he was driving was hit by a Studebaker sedan driven by G. C. Thomas, of Charlotte, on the Monroe road about 13 miles from here.

Major Hinde, it is stated by witnesses, cut around a car in front of him, and applied his brakes on a wet pavement when he saw Mr. Thomas' car approaching. The Ford was in the lane on the left side, and Major Hinde, thrown through the windshield against the other car, his neck being cut and his shoulder torn open. No blame whatever for the accident was attached to Mr. Thomas by officers from Charlotte who investigated the accident.

Has Tilt With Court Over Automobile License

Salisbury, July 22.—Robert Phillips, well known farmer, is in jail this afternoon following an exciting scene in county court today. Phillips was charged with running a car without state license and was fined \$25. He objected to this claiming that he had been treated unfairly and continued an argument with a court until Sheriff Kridler had to seat him forcibly. He refused to pay his fine and was locked up.

Phillips was in court last year on the same charge, he having failed to provide license for that year until given a tryout with the court.

Refund Sale at Parks-Bell Co.

The Parks-Bell Co. will start a big Refund Sale tomorrow to continue through August 11th. For the sale the company is offering a special 10 per cent. cash refund.

The company carries a page ad. today setting forth the plans for the sale. The ad. enumerates a few of the many bargains that will be offered during the sale.

Read the ad. carefully and be on hand for the opening day tomorrow.

They May Lose Compensation



W. H. Lasley of Omaha, former army lieutenant, was too ill to sign his bonus application just before he died July 1. His widow and children therefore may lose the compensation to which they are entitled. The Omaha post of the American Legion and prominent physicians have taken the matter up with the government. From left to right in this picture are Ruth, 6; Wanda, 21 months; Mrs. Lasley, Willa, 9 months; Bertha, 7; and Josephine, 3.

CONFERENCE IN LONDON WILL BE SUCCESSFUL

This Is View Taken Now as Result of the Latest Developments.

London, July 23. (By the Associated Press.)—The inter-allied conference will undoubtedly be successful, and the Daves plan will be given its chance to solve Europe's economic ills, despite the present difference between bankers and the conference delegates over guarantees for the 40,000,000 pound Sterling German loan, a leading American financier today told the Associated Press before sailing for home, after having for several days been in the closest touch with conference proceedings.

This authority who has followed the Daves plan since its inception, declared there is no question among bankers regarding the existence of ample guarantees, but the problem is, he said, to reduce the potential guarantees to definite form which will stand as a solid basis for credit.

STEAMER BOSTON NOW IN THE NEWPORT HARBOR

Vessel Has Gaping Wound Where She Was Struck by Another Ship.

Newport, R. I., July 23.—The steamer Boston was lying beached here today showing a gaping wound where the bow of the tanker Swift Arrow smashed into her port side, crushing three passengers to death and fatally injuring another off Point Judith, ten miles south of here, just before midnight Monday. All of the passengers brought to New York and Fall River, a score suffering from minor injuries, continued on their journeys.

Federal steamboat inspectors were to begin an inquiry today to determine the responsibility for the collision.

WHEAT PRICES SOARING AGAIN AT CHICAGO

After Pause of Several Days Dealings Become Very Active Again.

Chicago, July 23.—Smashing of price records began again in the wheat market today after several days' pause. The new soaring of values was accompanied by advices that black rust is menacing the crop in Canada.

Shortly before the close today all deliveries of wheat had touched the highest price yet this season, and showed a jump of about 8 cents from the day's lowest point soon after the opening.

Farm Research in China.

San Francisco, Calif., July 22.—Among the passengers sailing for Shanghai today on the steamship President Wilson are Dr. H. P. Dorsett and his son, J. H. Dorsett, who have been sent by the U. S. Department of Agriculture on an expedition of exploration and scientific investigation into the little known parts of China. Their explorations will be conducted in the Provinces of Chi-Li and Shen-Si and in the rich agricultural territory of Manchuria. They will make intensive studies of agricultural conditions and the principal crops with a view to ascertaining in what way a mutual exchange of seeds and plants can be brought about between China and the United States.

Editor Magee Still in Jail.

Las Vegas, N. M., July 23.—Carl C. Magee, editor of The New Mexico State Tribune, was still in jail today although he was pardoned by Governor Hinkle late yesterday on three charges of contempt of court for which he was sentenced yesterday by District Judge D. J. Leahy to three months' imprisonment.

The natives of Turkistan consider yarn to be a reprehensible act, and indicative of a state of preparedness for the reception of demons.

STATESVILLE YOUTH DISAPPEARED SATURDAY

Anxious Relatives and Friends Search For Philip Cook, Who Has Mysteriously Disappeared.

Statesville, July 22.—The whereabouts of Philip Cook, 14-year-old son of J. A. Cook, of Cleveland, Route 2, having mysteriously disappeared from his home Saturday afternoon, still baffle his anxious parents and friends who have joined in the search. The missing lad, small in stature and slender, with black hair and blue eyes, was last seen at the home about noon Saturday, when he was sent on an errand to a neighbor's house. He was riding bareback, a gray horse, and was at the time wearing overalls, an army coat and a light cap. Search was first made of the creek banks near the farm to determine whether the boy had met with some disaster in what the father believed to be an "afternoon ramble" or "fishing party," but no trace of the boy or horse was found.

The youth took no money, food or clothes when he left home, as far as the family have been able to determine. Mr. Cook stated yesterday that he could advance no theory as to the cause of his son's mysterious disappearance. It is thought that as the boy was known to be an admirer of books, especially books of adventure, he might possibly have left the parental roof in quest of adventure. The father is certain that the boy left home with no feeling of discontent.

YOUNGSTOWN OFFICER IS TRIED IN ROWAN

H. H. Grosshart Is Up For Two Offenses—Rev. Banks Peeler in Auto Wreck.

Salisbury, July 22.—H. H. Grosshart, giving his age as 23 and his occupation as that of a special officer on the Youngstown, O., police force, has gotten in bad with the law here. In Rowan county court he was given the privilege of paying a \$100 fine or going to the road for 90 days on a charge of carrying a pistol. Later he was tried before Esquire D. W. Julian for hobnobbing and giving 30 days for this offense.

Rev. Banks Peeler, pastor of First Reformed church, had his car badly damaged and was himself bruised when the car turned over on the Statesville highway out from Salisbury. The accident was caused by another car which came out of a side road being struck by Mr. Peeler's car.

REPUBLICANS CONTINUE CAMPAIGN CONFERENCES

Chairman Butler and Other Leaders in Washington for Conferences With the President.

Washington, July 23.—Republican campaign activities in Washington today simmered down to conferences between President Coolidge and various leaders and to preparations for the ceremonies to be held three weeks from tomorrow for the purpose of formally notifying Mr. Coolidge of his nomination. Mr. Coolidge having received a report from William M. Butler, chairman of the Republican national committee, on the general situation was prepared to continue his discussion of conditions with State leaders whenever executive business permits.

Eats His Pet Goat.

New York, July 22.—A small white goatkin was offered as evidence in Long Island City court today when Tony Vigiattio informed Magistrate Conway he had eaten Jackie, who used to wear it. It was the price of Tony's own freedom; he was released under suspended sentence for violation of the health ordinances.

A week ago Tony was taken to court charged with keeping a goat in his cellar. Tony offered to eat the goat if he were released.

"All right," said the magistrate; "and you've got a week to do it."

So Jackie, three-months-old kid, playmate of Johnny, Mildred and Marie Vigiattio, went into the pot Sunday. He made a savory stew, but the children diluted it with their tears.

Ethel Bryant Kidnaped from Good Shepherd.

Memphis, Tenn., July 22.—Ethel Bryant, 16, detained in Fayetteville, N. C., was taken from the home of the Good Shepherd here June 28 by two men who declared themselves deputy sheriffs, and it was stated, presented what purported to be an order for the release of the young woman to them.

At the time the girl was under the care of the mother superior at the institution pending her return to Little Rock, Ark., where she was to appear as a witness in the trial of an attorney charged with a statutory offense.

FRANK HARRELL NOW HELD PRISONER IN NASHVILLE PRISON

The Police Say He Has Confessed to Participating in the Murder of Major S. H. McLeary.

VAGRANCY CHARGE FIRST KEPT HIM

And He Was Questioned Further When Police Saw He Filled Description of Hunted Man.

(By the Associated Press.)
Nashville, July 23.—Frank Harrell, sought as an accomplice in the murder of Major Samuel H. McLeary, at Cheraw, S. C., on July 2nd is a prisoner at the Nashville police station, and has made a detailed confession to Chief Robert Sidebottom of the local detective department, the latter says, admitting that he was with Mortimer N. King, already under arrest, on the charge of murder, when the killing took place. He is quoted as saying that King did the actual killing.

Harrell, for whom officers all over the country have been searching, was picked up by two patrolmen Tuesday afternoon in South Nashville. With him was his brother, Gerald. The men were arrested on a charge of vagrancy. At the police station Harrell was suspected when his description tallied with that of notices received at the station shortly after the search was started for Major McLeary's slayers.

Brought to the detective office this morning, the men were interrogated by the chief, and Frank Harrell, it is stated, soon admitted he was the man sought as King's accomplice in the murder, the chief said.

The officers have not yet checked his wanderings, but his flight brought him to Nashville a few days ago. He had followed in the newspaper, it is said, the reports of the search being made for him, and was using the reports as a means to keep away from the law. He left South Carolina shortly after the capture of King.

Harrell will be held here pending action of the South Carolina officials.

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Consul General



Sixty-six years ago the mother and father of Peter P. Kranz moved from Luxembourg to Lakeview, U. S. A.—now called Chicago. Today Kranz is the new consul general for the grand duchy of Luxembourg in the United States. He has lived in Chicago all his life.

KELLOGG CALLED ON TO ACT AS MEDIATOR

American Financiers Reject the French Ideas on Loan to Germany—Their Views on Guarantees Fall to Harmonize.

London, July 22.—With the inter-allied conference on the Daves reparations plan not yet a week old, the American ambassador, Frank B. Kellogg, has been called upon to play the delicate role of mediator which all the delegations confidently predicted would be his sooner or later.

Mr. Kellogg's opportunity came this afternoon when the French ideas of security were found to be out of harmony with the guarantees required by American financiers who are expected to take up a considerable portion of the 40,000,000 pounds sterling loan to Germany with which the Daves plan is to be inaugurated.

The situation, although tense tonight, is regarded by most observers as capable of amicable solution through the offices of the American ambassador and his colleagues. On one principle all the delegations seemed still to be agreed—that the Daves plan affords the only solution for Europe's ills, and the alternative is chaos.

Accordingly the position is one of anxiety, but not of despair, and the delegation does not regard the hitch as occurred because of the bankers' demand for protection of the loan, in the light of a crisis. It is emphasized that the conference which has made such remarkable progress during the first six days will yet find a way for the restoration of the accord which characterized its earlier discussions.

When it was finally determined at the meeting of the allied finance ministers with the American and British bankers that safeguards unanimously agreed to by the committee on sanctions and defaults respecting the German loan were considered insufficient by the financiers, Premier Theunis, of Belgium, is understood to have advanced the first alternative.

M. Theunis proposed that a German default, which the first report stated might be adjudged by the reparations commission, could be declared by that commission only after consultation with five members of the Daves committee, who would act in an advisory capacity. This is understood to have proved wholly unsatisfactory to the American bankers.

THE COTTON MARKET

Bull Movement Gathered Decided Momentum During the Day.

New York, July 23.—The bull movement in cotton gathered decided momentum today when Wall Street and western interests who were identified with the recent big upturn in grain turned attention to cotton and bought new crop deliveries on a big scale. Prices reached new high levels for the movement, October selling up to 28-12 and December to 27-22, or 77 to 87 points above the previous close. The opening prices were: July 33-20; Oct. 27-36; Dec. 26-88; Jan. 26-75; March 26-95.

With Our Advertisers.

High grade, dependable watches at the Starnes-Miller-Parker Co., says new ad. today.

Summer furniture for the entire house can be secured at low prices now at the Bell & Harris Furniture Co.

A. B. Pounds is offering Blue Gem coal at \$7.75 a ton and Jellico coal at \$8.75 a ton.

Dry cleaning, dyeing, pleating and pressing is done by the Eagle Company.

Robinson's will have a special sale of ladies' undies tomorrow morning. See ad. in this paper today for particulars.

The Musette, Inc., has just received 500 copies of the latest novel.

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company appreciate the patronage of their customers and render every sound financial service to warrant and deserve their confidence and trust.

The Standard Buick Company has a new ad. today telling about used cars it has for sale.

Fisher's will have some clearance specials for Thursday. New ad. gives particulars.

The Corl-Wadsworth Co. has all kinds of sand for sale. Also teams for hire. There are only three more days of Efrd's Removal Sale. Special bargains during the sale.

Practiced meeting will begin at Rogers Methodist Church in No. 10 Township Sunday the 27th. There will be services at 8 and 8:30 o'clock.

Cotton on the local market today is quoted at 28 1-2 cents per pound.

Fair tonight and Thursday; not much change in temperatures.

GENERAL POLITICAL SITUATION GETTING CAREFUL ATTENTION

John W. Davis and Advisers Going Over Every Phase of Situation as He Prepares His Speech of Acceptance.

LA FOLLETTE MOVE GETS ATTENTION

Democratic Candidate Said to Believe Independent Ticket Will Not Hurt His Chances in the Least.

(By the Associated Press.)
Dark Harbor, Me., July 23.—Under a program calling for the completion before his return to New York of his address, accepting the Democratic Presidential nomination, John W. Davis began speeding up today the task of laying out the general subject matter in his mind. Determined to make the address a comparatively brief one, the nominee emphasized that he could not undertake to cover all the issues of the campaign in this one document.

The nominee and his advisers are undertaking a careful assessment of the general situation in the light of the entry of Senator La Follette of Wisconsin into the political arena. They anticipate that practically all the republican insurgents in both the Senate and House will lend their support to La Follette and from the Democratic side of the Senate they would not be surprised if Senator Dill of Washington, threw in his political support with Senator Wheeler, of Montana, who has taken second place on the La Follette ticket.

While withholding any formal announcement on the subject, Mr. Davis has made clear that in his judgment the movement in support of the independent Presidential candidate will not hurt his candidacy in the least.

LOCKE CRAIG'S WILL IS ADMITTED TO PROBATE

Estate Estimated at \$50,000 Is Left to His Widow and Children.

Asheville, July 22.—The last will and testament of the late Locke Craig, former governor of North Carolina, was probated today.

An estate estimated at approximately \$50,000 was left by the governor to his widow, Mrs. Annie Burzin Craig, and four sons, George Winton Craig, local attorney; Lieut. Carlyle, U. S. N.; Lieut. Arthur Craig, U. S. N.; and Locke Craig, Jr., age 10.

The governor bequeathed to George, Arthur and Carlyle Craig \$500; to Mrs. Craig he bequeathed a life insurance of \$2,000; to Locke Craig, Jr., the governor left \$10,000 in cash and "all the rest" of his personal and real property, including bonds, evidence of indebtedness, library, pictures, china and silver ware.

"I make this difference in my will between my children for the reason that the above named children have their education and professions, and Locke Craig, Jr., is still in his infancy," the governor stated in his will.

"Parked" Chewing Gum Identifies Stolen Flivver.

Charlotte, July 22.—A use for "parked" gum has at least been found. More than six months ago Bud Steinhilber, of Huntersville, "parked" his gum in the top of his brother Tom's flivver.