

WIFE CHLOROFORMED AND THEN MURDERED; HUSBAND ALSO HURT

Mrs. George T. Edwards, a prominent woman of Fairfield, Ala., murdered in her home during night.

HUSBAND MADE AN INVESTIGATION

And He Was Shot by the Intruder—Not Able to Determine the Motive of the Murder.

(By the Associated Press.) Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 2.—Mrs. Geo. T. Edwards, wife of a prominent Fairfield physician, was slain while she slept, and her husband was shot in the hand by a person who entered the house about 4 o'clock this morning. A wound in the left temple of the woman indicated that she was slain with a club.

The physician was awakened by someone moving about the house. When he investigated he was shot at. Two bottles of chloroform were found after the intruder leaped out of a window.

Police had not determined whether the assassin was bent on burglary or moved by other motives. Burns on the woman's body indicated that some drug may have been administered to the woman before she was shot.

Dr. Edwards is a member of the hospital staff of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railway Company. His wife was 30 years old.

A preliminary inquiry by the police revealed it was later announced that Mrs. Edwards was chloroformed. The assassin, it is believed, after slaying the woman, entered an adjoining room, where Dr. Edwards and his 18 months old son, George, Jr., were asleep and attempted to administer chloroform to them. Mary Sue, five years old, who was sleeping with her mother, was not injured.

RESTAURANT KEEPER HAS COPS ROUT CROSS-WORD ENTHUSIASTS

Quartet Spend Three Hours, and Very Little Else, at Prize Table.

New York, Dec. 2.—Hoping that a place of detention—a four-letter word beginning with a "J"—is the one place where he can work a cross-word puzzle without hindrance, Wels Nathan elected to go to that place today after spending three hours, but little money, at a restaurant table last night in an effort to solve the intricacies of his daily mental exercise.

The proprietor of the restaurant, Rolling Denham, objected to Nathan on the ground that he had three friends had preempted one of the best tables from 10:30 until 1:30, and that, aside from enjoying their "intellectual treat," they treated very sparingly.

At the end of three hours, the proprietor said, one of the puzzlers unearthed a bottle of liquor, as if to inspire his colleagues to prolonged efforts. Denham then called a policeman. Nathan refused to be interrupted, and he was arrested and fined \$5 or a day in jail in magistrate's court today. He took the jail sentence, announcing that he was the first cross-word puzzle striker.

SEN. UNDERWOOD HAS NEW SHOALS PROPOSAL

Suggests That Property Be Used for National Defense—Would Let It Be Privately Managed in Peace.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 2.—Senator Underwood, democrat, of Alabama, today presented a new plan for the operation of Muscle Shoals.

He would dedicate the property to national defense, provide for either government or private operation for production of nitrogen for explosives and nitrogen, and call for the construction of Dam No. 3.

Doctor Says Heart Disease is Greatest Poe of Mankind.

New Orleans, Dec. 1.—Heart diseases have come to supplant tuberculosis as the most active of all the destroyers of men and today they stalk the earth as a formidable challenge to medical science and progressiveness. Dr. Stewart R. Roberts, of Atlanta, declared in a paper read today before the medical section of the Southern Medical association, in convention here.

Dr. Roberts declared the problem that the doctors face is curbing the heart affections, which he said, are becoming rapidly more prevalent. Its harvest, he declared, claimed one death out of about every six stated that credit must be given to syphilis, the source of about 52 per cent of all heart troubles, he said. The other portion came from afflictions of the rheumatic group, the most of which, he stated, are entirely preventable.

He declared a survey in New York city showed that heart maladies killed three times as many people as tuberculosis and several times as many as pneumonia, typhoid fever and other diseases.

British House of Commons Assembles.

London, Dec. 2. (By the Associated Press.)—The recently elected British House of Commons assembled this afternoon and unanimously elected John Henry Whitley as speaker. Whitley has been speaker of the House since April, 1921.

Hammer Spent \$3,070.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 2.—Campaign expenses reported today by candidates for the House included Hammer, of North Carolina, democrat, \$3,070.

Parson-Cop



The town of Brainerd, in the center of Oklahoma's newest oil field has a preacher (left) and a cop (right) in the foreground. The preacher is Rev. L. L. Manning, and the cop is a local constable. They are posing in front of the Baptist Church on Sunday.

LEVIATHAN DAMAGED BY STORMS AT SEA

Several Passengers Aboard Vessels Were Injured and Ship Was Badly Damaged.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, Dec. 2.—Fifteen persons were injured in a storm which buffeted the S. S. Leviathan throughout most of her passage across the Atlantic. It was learned today when the big liner arrived from Southampton, 24 hours overdue.

The Leviathan, largest vessel in the United States merchant marine, suffered severely under the storm's lashings, reaching port with many of her port holes smashed, and with considerable damage to her lower decks. Captain Herbert Hartley reported that he had kept to the bridge throughout the entire trip, with the exception of one night. It was the worst passage of his career, he said.

R. H. Putnam, a Chicago retired business man, received serious head wounds on Thanksgiving Day when a wave smashed the port hole of his cabin and flooded the room. Mrs. Putnam suffered shock.

A. B. Moran broke his shoulder in attempting to avoid a crashing port hole on the same day. Jack Lawson, of Brooklyn, had his arm broken under similar circumstances. Three stewards were hurled down a companionway, two of them suffering broken arms. Ten passengers in the first and second cabins suffered minor injuries.

INTERSTATE BUS LINE TO HOOK UP SEVERAL CITIES

Greensboro-Richmond and Greensboro-Norfolk—To Use Handsome Cars.

Raleigh, Dec. 1.—Hints of a big interstate bus traffic which is to hook up Raleigh and Richmond, Greensboro and Richmond, Winston-Salem and Roanoke, and perhaps a dozen more combinations of North Carolina and other municipalities are heard by the lines that run into Raleigh.

The story got out through inquiries made of Raleigh people as to how rigorous is state legislation of the bus lines and how much control might affect interstate commerce supervision of the bus business. The information asked for incidentally brought out the grand scheme of the inquiries. In a word it is just this: A new company of great financial strength is being organized for the purpose of putting a line of handsome machines between the best points in the states that group about North Carolina. The machines would be the handsomest, highest priced ever turned out for bus work. Some of them are to cost as high as \$30,000, it was said, the solitary element in the story that looks impossible.

RECESS APPOINTMENTS ARE SENT TO SENATE

Large List Forwarded to the Capitol by President Coolidge For Senate Action.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 2.—Several scores of nominations, many of them covering appointments made during the recess of Congress, were sent to the capitol today by President Coolidge.

The nominations include those of Howard M. Gore, of West Virginia, to be Secretary of Agriculture; Wilbur J. Carr, of New York, and John Van A. Murray, of New Jersey, assistant secretary of state; James Rockwell Sheffield, of New York, ambassador to Mexico; and Edgar A. Bancroft, of Illinois, ambassador to Japan.

Federal Judge Learned Hand, of the southern district of New York, was nominated to be United States Circuit Judge for the second circuit.

Only 24 Mexican War Veterans Living.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 2.—Death ended the names of 25 Mexican war veterans during the year, and there remain today on the government pension rolls only 24 soldiers who served in the war that ended 76 years ago. The youngest of the survivors is over 91.

Henry Dawes Wants to Resign.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 2.—Henry M. Dawes has indicated to President Coolidge his desire to resign as comptroller of the currency.

A foundation for the continuing of the work of Cecil Sharp, who devoted his life to the preservation and revivification of the folk songs of England, has been established. He left a valuable library relating to old music and folk lore which it is hoped will be made accessible to the public.

In a three-cent cake of yeast, it has been estimated that there are twenty-two times as many yeast cells as there are people in the entire world.

MRS. CHAPLIN STILL SUBJECT TO SCHOOL LAWS REPORT STATES

According to Los Angeles Times Latest Wife of Charlie Chaplin Is Not Yet Seventeen Years Old.

MAY GET TUTOR TO TEACH HER

And Then She Will Not Have to Attend School Under the Laws of California.—Admits Error in Age.

(By the Associated Press.) Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 2.—Mrs. Charles Chaplin, who until a few days ago was Lita Grey, the film comedian's leading woman, still is subject to California's compulsory school law, being only sixteen years of age, the Los Angeles Times said today.

The Times based its statement on what was purported to be a photographic copy of a birth certificate filed with Bureau of Vital Statistics by Dr. E. O. Palmer on April 27th, 1908.

That certificate revealed that Lillian Louisa McCurry was born in the Hollywood district April 15, 1908. Chaplin discovered Lita Grey as Lillian McCurry became to be known when she was 13 years of age, the Times related, and signed her as his leading woman when she was still 16 and he 35 years of age, the article said. Miss Grey's age appeared as 19 in the records of the Mexican town of Empalme where she was married last week, and so was stated several weeks before the marriage by her mother, Mrs. Lillian McCurry Spicer.

School authorities said, however, that this did not mean that Mrs. Chaplin would have to continue in school. Tutors may be employed, they said. Mrs. Spicer admitted to newspaper men that her daughter's age had been incorrectly stated in the Mexican marriage license, but said it was done thus for business reasons. Business reasons also prompted the secrecy surrounding the marriage preparations, she added.

DANIEL A. GARBER IS HEARD IN FORBES CASE

Tells About His Company Losing Bids Although They Were Low Bidders.

Chicago, Dec. 2. (By the Associated Press.)—The government interrupted the story of Elias M. Mortimer, chief witness in the Forbes-Thompson fraud trial here today to take the testimony of Daniel A. Garber, of New York, president of the Northeastern Construction Company. His company was a bidder on hospital contracts during the term of Chas. R. Forbes as director of the Veterans Bureau in 1922. Although the low bidder in money on the Northampton, Mass., hospital foundation, the Pontiac Construction Company of Detroit was given the contract because its bid was the shortest in time of construction.

Forbes personal counsel today obtained from Judge Carpenter a subpoena for certain papers desired by the defense from the files of the Secretary of War. Under the guidance of Ralph F. Potter, special assistant attorney general, Mr. Garber described his company's bid on the Northampton contract and identified papers relating to the government's specifications for the work.

SOUTHERN MAY FOUR-TRACK SALISBURY TO GREENSBORO

This Stretch Carries Heaviest Burden of Traffic Over the Entire System.

Greensboro, Dec. 1.—The piece of Southern railway track from Greensboro to Salisbury bears the heaviest burden of the traffic of the system, and will probably be the first to be four-tracked, according to Henry W. Miller, vice president, who was here recently to look into the matter of a new railway station.

It was the first part of the system to be double tracked, and because of the great flow of traffic "will probably be the first stretch of four-track roadway on the system" was the way Mr. Miller expressed it.

Traffic from the west of Salisbury, both for north and east, must flow over this track. Similarly traffic from east and north of here must go over it. It is a sort of bottle neck or throat for a great volume of traffic.

This view of Mr. Miller's is in accordance with the opinion of the president of the Southern, Fairfax Harrison.

Death Unlocks Strange Result of Family Fuss.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 1.—The story of a wealthy southern banker, who left a fortune of \$500,000 and his home and business after a quarrel with his wife was told to police today as the body of Jesse L. Lemon was sent to his former home in Acworth, Ga. The former banker had been working as a collector for a sewing machine company here for \$18 a week. He died last Friday in a poorly furnished room, which he shared with a fellow employee, without the services of a physician in his last illness.

Guy L. Snyder, a fellow employee, at the sewing machine company, said Lemon told him when he came here three years ago, that he had quarreled with his wife over some trifling matter 11 years ago. When he went home after the quarrel, Snyder said, the doors of his house were locked and Lemon went to the bank, drew out \$1,800 and left Acworth. Snyder said he did not know where Lemon passed the eight years before coming to Pittsburgh.

It would require fourteen days to travel a mile at snail's pace.

"I Christen Thee Los Angeles"



The Zita is no more. It is the Los Angeles now. Re-christening of America's biggest dirigible and its dedication as a ship of peace is over. Pulling a silken ribbon that released a trap door and let loose a flock of carrier pigeons, Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, wife of the president, formally bestowed upon the levitation of the skies its new name. Here Mrs. Coolidge, the president, and Captain Adolphus Andrews, the president's naval aide, are seen arriving at Bolling Field, Washington, for the ceremonies.

NO BRAINS WANTED, SIGN ON CAPITAL

Prof. MacDonald Finds Trained Scholarship a Liability in Washington Bureau.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Prof. Arthur MacDonald, scholar, bachelor of arts, formerly professor at Johns Hopkins and student of theology, complains that the government service in Washington is no place for a person of real learning. He has tested that out, and decided that a man with mediocre education is better off here than one with all the finishing touches that travel and study abroad can give an American college graduate.

"My general life work is the scientific study of the human being, normal and abnormal, especially from the educational point of view, which is to show how best to develop desirable characteristics and suppress undesirable ones in every individual; that is normal education," said Prof. MacDonald today.

"I studied theology four years and graduated. Not being satisfied I took up philosophy and psychology for two years and was subsequently appointed 'fellow in psychology' at Johns Hopkins University. But I still was not satisfied, so went to Europe to study medicine for scientific purposes (four years), but with no idea of practicing. This furnished training so necessary in the study of a human being."

Drops to \$1,000 a Year.

Prof. MacDonald adds that he was "decent" in applied ethics at Clark University, Worcester, Mass., and then tells how he fell from his high pinnacle by coming to Washington, where he is now employed at \$1,000 a year.

"After ten years of post-graduate study and two years at Clark University I was invited by the commissioner of education to come to Washington and develop my work," he said.

"On my way down to Washington I stopped off at Baltimore to see some of my friends in the faculty of Johns Hopkins University, and they told me I would not find it here."

"Why," they declared, "they don't want a man like you down there—one who will push his work, and his life, and devote all of his life to develop. You will annoy them."

"These Johns Hopkins professors knew Washington. What they said is generally true. It is generally admitted three-fourths of the chiefs of divisions or heads of bureaus were never fully equipped for their jobs before they took to routine, but of course they can't develop their work much if at all. They naturally are opposed to a thoroughly equipped man entering their division or bureau; all sorts of excuses are given, and thus new blood is blocked."

NEWSPAPER MEN WIN THEIR FIRST SKIRMISH

Judge Sustained Demurrers of Man Indicted for Publishing Facts Concerning Income Taxes.

(By the Associated Press.) Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 2.—Federal Judge Alva S. Reeves today sustained the demurrers of Walter S. Dickey, owner and editor of the Kansas City Journal-Post, and Ralph Ellis, general managing editor, to indictments charging alleged illegal publication of income tax returns.

The clause in the law holding that publication of income tax returns was illegal, the judge said in announcing his decision, is in violation of the first amendment to the federal constitution relative to the freedom of the press.

Report Is Ridiculed.

Dublin, Dec. 2. (By the Associated Press.)—A current report that the Free State cabinet will resign and hand over the government to Eamon de Valera and his supporters in the event of certain developments in connection with the Irish Boundary Commission is ridiculed in well informed Free State circles.

To Reopen the Mayfield Hearing.

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 2.—The Senate subcommittee hearing the contest against Senator Mayfield, democrat, of Texas, decided to reopen its hearings on next Monday, at the request of counsel for the contestant, Geo. E. B. Paddy.

The Kensington Run Stone, one of the oldest records in American history, was discovered near Kensington, Minnesota, and appears to be very ancient in character. The assumption of the scientists who have been puzzling over its genuineness is that it was inscribed and left here by the Norsemen who were exploring this country as early as the year 1362.

BRIEF PROGRAM FOR CONGRESS DURING DAY

Both Houses Marking Time Until President's Message Is Sent to Them.

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 2.—Another brief program was arranged today for Congress.

Awaiting the annual budget report and the President's message neither house planned to get down to serious work before Wednesday.

Upon being advised formally yesterday of the opening of Congress, Mr. Coolidge advised the leaders that the report on the state of the treasury and on estimates for the next fiscal year would be transmitted today. His annual message will be sent in tomorrow.

Coincident with the receipt of the budget the appropriation committee was ready to present to the House the first of the annual supply bills. This measure covers expenditures in the Interior Department. It carries a total of \$238,000,000, or \$31,000,000 less than the amount made available last year.

Outstanding differences from the bill passed last year are reductions of \$25,500,000 for army and navy pensions, made possible by a shrinkage of the number of pensioners; \$4,800,000 for the reclamation service; \$1,000,000 for high Indian service; and \$600,000 under the general land office.

Leaders planned to have this bill called up tomorrow, and passed before the end of the week. Others of the appropriation measures are in process of preparation and committee experts report them at frequent intervals.

The second deficiency bill which failed at passage at the last session was passed today by the Senate. The bill carries \$180,000,000, and affects practically every \$180,000,000, and affects practically every administration of the bonus act.

Fine Deer Killed in the Corporate Limits of Spencer.

Spencer, Dec. 1.—A real honest to goodness deer was captured and killed in the corporate limits of Spencer near the passenger station Saturday afternoon by Russell Robinson, Hugh Allen and Thurman Lloyd, high school boys, who happened to be playing near where the deer came along. It was a fine specimen, weighing about 200 pounds and with a fine set of antlers. The buck came to town with lightning speed and in its excitement at so much civilization dashed into a heavy wire fence breaking it to pieces. Unmindful of the great danger of approaching a wounded deer the boys pounced upon the kicking animal and soon had it under control. Engineer Wiley Wright, an old deer hunter and near whose home the animal was captured, appeared on the scene and "stuck" the deer in a manner to assure choicest venison. Another deer was killed near Spencer sometime ago but it is not thought this one was a mate, though it is not known where it came from or how long it had been in the vicinity of Spencer.

Ancient Egyptian noblemen speared fish in much the same manner as do Americans today. The Egyptian lord would sit in his boat while his wife or son paddled him about over the fish. The spear handle was tied to the wrist and the weapon was thrown at the fish.

Prohibition Is Likely to Result in the Sale of the Middlesex County Jail in Lowell, Massachusetts.

The building will probably be sold and the money turned into the county treasury.

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THE COTTON MARKET

Yesterday's Decline Followed by Rallyies During Early Trading Today.

(By the Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 2.—Yesterday's decline in the cotton market was followed by rallies in today's early trading.

The opening was somewhat irregular at a decline of five points to an advance of three points. Near months were relatively steady, owing to the appearance of policies representing about 5,000 bales, and December liquidation. The latter was absorbed on a moderate widening of the difference, however, and the general market worked higher during the first hour on trade buying, covering and reports that county holders were not offering spots on the decline.

December sold up from 22.58 to 22.75, or 12 points net higher. Later deliveries showed net advances of about 20 to 23 points with January selling at 22.90. Cotton futures opened steady. Dec. 22.60; Jan. 22.75; March 23.18; May 23.52; July 23.55.

TWIN CITY THEATRE DESTROYED BY FIRE

Ideal Theatre, Movie House, Burned During Night—Several Offices Damaged.

(By the Associated Press.)

Winston-Salem, Dec. 2.—Fire about 2 o'clock this morning completely destroyed the Ideal Theatre, a motion picture house in the center of the city, damaged offices on the second floor of the building, and smoke and water also caused damage to adjoining buildings. The origin of the fire has not been determined, the blaze being discovered on the floor of the theatre near the screen. All equipment of the theatre was burned. A large supply of films also was destroyed.

Clothing and furniture stores adjoining the theatre were badly damaged by water running into the basements and injuring stocks, but the flames were confined to the theatre building. No estimate has yet been placed on the damage.

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W. A. Overcash has a large line of overcoats for your inspection.

Better keep your valuable papers in a bank vault—the only really safe place. Boxes for rent at the Citizens Bank and Trust Co. from \$1.50 per year up.

Use only the best grade of Oil in your car. Howard's Filling Station has it. The W. C. Correll Jewelry Co. is better prepared than ever to take care of your Christmas wants.

Firestone tires and tubes at the Corl Motor Co. Storage and repairing too.

Give games to the boys and girls this Christmas. See list in new ad. of the Musette.

Softs dry cleaned and packed in moth proof boxes by M. Ruple Pounds.

Goods purchased now will be held and delivered in time for Christmas by the Concord Furniture Co. Visit the Gift Shop at this store.

Give useful and practical gifts for Christmas. Special prices now in wool and cotton blankets at the Parks-Bell Co.

Coal of highest quality at K. L. Craven and Sons. See new ad. today.

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