

CHARLES W. STEWART AND SON PAY WITH LIVES FOR MURDERS

Were Electrocuted at State Prison for Double Murder Which Was Perpetrated Some Time Ago.

FATHER LED TO HIS DEATH FIRST

He Showed No Emotion and Three Shocks Were Required for Him, While Only Two Were Used for Son.

Raleigh, April 17. (By the Associated Press)—Charles W. Stewart, 51, and Elmer Stewart, 23, his son, paid with their lives in the electric chair today for a double murder perpetrated in Brunswick county last year.

The elder Stewart entered the death chamber at 10:28 o'clock. He displayed no sign of nervousness, and gazing into the faces of the newspaper men and other witnesses, he said: "Men, be Christians. Don't do anything else, because it don't pay. Take care of your souls. God bless you all."

Joe Stone, originally from Robeson county, and now a guard at the prison farm near Raleigh, an appointed deputy executioner in accordance with the provisions of the act of the General Assembly of 1923, threw the switch, the hour being 10:31. The first shock lasted just 56 seconds, after which the body was examined by Warden J. H. Norman.

The second shock lasted for but half a minute, and again the prison physician examined the body. The examiner called for "more water," and the death cap was again wet with water. The switch was thrown for the third time, the shock lasting for 28 seconds. At 10:36, C. W. Stewart was pronounced dead, and prison attendants loosened the straps that bound the dead man in the chair and the body was removed to a waiting hearse that stood on a driveway near the death chamber.

Elmer Stewart, 23 years old, followed his father to the chair. Laying heavily on the arms of the two prison guards escorting him, he smiled bravely as he entered the room of "vanquished hopes" at 10:45 and took his seat in the death chair. As the prison attendants hurried to bind him in the chair he smiled again and said, "Take your time boys, I'm in no hurry."

While being bound in the chair he began to pray: "Dear Jesus, I am going now. I have forgiven them all. I hope to soon be in heaven with my dear old father who has just gone before me. Dear Jesus, have mercy on me."

The prayer became almost inaudible as the broad strap across the mouth and face was adjusted. "Be good, everybody," were the last audible words, for it was then that J. E. Thomas, the second executioner appointed by the warden,

STEPHENSON'S HOME BADLY DAMAGED BY FIRE DURING DAY

Fire Believed to Have Been of Incendiary Origin.—Stephenson Charged With Assaulting Woman.

KEROSENE FOUND IN BURNED HOME

This Fact Makes Officers Believe Fire Was Started on Purpose—Explosion Heard in the House.

(By the Associated Press) Indianapolis, Ind., April 17.—Fire, believed to have been of incendiary origin, early today partially destroyed the large home of E. O. Stephenson in Irvington, Stephenson yesterday pleaded not guilty when formally charged with attacking a young white woman, of Indianapolis, whose death subsequently occurred from self-administered poison.

The funeral of the young woman was held yesterday. Members of her family said Tuesday when she died that she had taken the poison because of the attack by Stephenson.

Stephenson was one time grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan in Indiana. Earl Gentry and Earl Kinok, two companions of Stephenson, yesterday also pleaded not guilty to a charge of conspiracy to kidnap the young woman.

Fireman today found two cans of gasoline and one of kerosene in the burned house at Irvington, and residents of the neighborhood said they heard an explosion just before the fire. The gas jets in the Stephenson home were all turned on said the firemen, adding to the incendiary theory.

There was no one living in the house at the time. Stephenson had been staying at a hotel in the city.

THE COTTON MARKET

Yesterday's Reaction Followed by Firm Tone at the Opening of the Market Today.

(By the Associated Press) New York, April 17.—Yesterday's reaction in the cotton market was followed by a firmer tone at the opening today. Liverpool did not fully meet yesterday's local decline, while no rain was reported in the southwest, and sentiment here appeared to be favorably influenced by the French franc.

First prices were firm at an advance of 3 to 14 points, and after some little irregularity active months showed net gains of 17 to 22 points. July advanced to 24.74 and October to 24.67 before the end of the first half hour. There was some Southern and local selling, the latter being promoted by reports of cloudy weather in the southwest, with hopes of showers, but offerings were readily absorbed by covering. Some trade buying also was reported.

Cotton futures opened firm, May 24.30, July 24.65, October 24.51, December 24.00, January 24.28.

GOVERNMENT SEEKING TO RECOVER FORTUNE

Wants From \$11,000,000 to \$15,000,000 From Bethlehem Steel Interests.

(By the Associated Press) Philadelphia, Pa., April 17.—Suit for the recovery by the government of from \$11,000,000 to \$15,000,000 from the Bethlehem Steel interests for alleged overpayments for construction work was entered today in the U. S. District Court.

The defendants named in the action by the government were the Bethlehem Steel Corporation, Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corporation, Limited, Bethlehem Steel Co., the Four Rivers Shipbuilding Corporation, and the Union Iron Works Co.

The R-33 Back Home. London, April 17. (By the Associated Press)—The British airship R-33, back from her erratic flight over the North Sea on the wings of a gale, was at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon on her hangar at Pulham, being maneuvered preliminary to getting her into the place of refuge. All on board were safe.

New Air Mail Service. (By the Associated Press) New Orleans, April 17.—The Chicago-New Orleans air mail test flight got under way this morning when Lieut. R. D. Knapp hopped off at 5:39 o'clock for Mobile, Ala., the first leg of the flight. He used a DeHavilland plane, equipped with a 420 horsepower Liberty motor.

Rev. Daniel Long to Leave the State. (By the Associated Press) Franklinton, N. C., April 17.—The Rev. Daniel Albright Long, one of the oldest ministers of the Christian denomination in North Carolina in point of service, has announced that he will hereafter make Florence, S. C., his home. He will remain here, however, until the conference meets. In Florence, he will live with his only son, Joseph Long.

threw the switch that sent the death dealing current through the body of the condemned man. The hour was 10:45 12, and one minute and four seconds later the body became limp as the switch was reversed.

The second shock lasted but for the brief space of 84 1-2 seconds, and after an examination by the prison warden and his assistant, Dr. J. H. Fitzgerald, Elmer Stewart was pronounced dead. Again prison attendants unstrapped the body. Four men waiting at the door carried the body to the waiting hearse, placed it alongside that of the father, and the gray car of death moved silently away.

FATE OF CONFESSED SLAYER OF CHILDREN IS NOT YET KNOWN

Arraignment of Mrs. Cunningham, Who Admitted That She Killed Children, Depends on Her Condition.

COLLAPSED WHEN HEARING STARTED

May Test Her Sanity Before Charging Her Formally With Murder, But This Has Not Been Decided.

(By the Associated Press) Crown Point, Ind., April 17.—Arraignment of Mrs. Anna Cunningham, 40-year-old Gary, Ind., widow, on a murder charge in connection with the confessed killing by poison of three of the five members of her family who died in six years, depended today on her condition.

Her hearing to answer a charge of poisoning her son Walter was postponed yesterday when she collapsed in her cell after her confession. She revived last night and after eating dropped into a sound sleep.

While Prosecutor August Bremier, assisted by Chicago prosecutors had not determined definitely whether to test her sanity, attorneys hired by May, her daughter, indicated insanity might be a defense plea. Whether three other bodies would be exhumed since chemical analysis of the two disinterred indicated the presence of poison, also was undetermined.

Prosecutor Bremier believed exhumation of David, Sr., her husband and the two children, is unnecessary, but Chicago authorities were told that Mrs. Amanda Arnold, Chicago, a sister of the husband, would insist that all the bodies be exhumed. Chicago and Indiana chemists said the bodies of Harry and Walter, sons, contained arsenic.

David the 22 year old son in a Chicago hospital, whose illness from poisoning caused the inquiry into the deaths, remained in a serious condition, physicians said.

PAYS RAILROAD FARE AFTER TWENTY YEARS

Man With Tender Conscience Could Not Stand Strain Any Longer Than That.

(By the Associated Press) Greensboro, April 16.—A man whose conscience has been aching for twenty years, had it easy today by paying here for two rides on freight trains. He used side-door Pullmans of the Southern Railway to travel from Greensboro to High Point in 1901 and from Raleigh to Norfolk in 1905.

But 20 years was as long as he could stand the inner gnawing, so he appeared in the uptown ticket office here and asked the fare from Norfolk to Raleigh.

L. A. Peacock, ticket agent, asked him when he wanted to make the trip and he said it had been made twenty years ago, and that he wanted to "make this right."

He paid for the Greensboro-High Point trip, too. Fares were cheaper then, he was told, and he was due a refund, but he asked the ticket agent to keep the excess for interest.

It was the first time in the agent's experience that anybody ever paid to save his conscience.

VOLE FOR UNIFICATION

Several Conferences Favor Unification of Two Methodist Churches.

(By the Associated Press) Scranton, Pa., April 17.—The Wyoming Methodist Episcopal Conference today voted in favor of the unification of the northern and southern branches of the church. The conference which embraces Northeast Pennsylvania and the Southern New York territory, also voted 72 to 51 to admit laymen to the conference.

Anderson, Ind., April 17.—Lay delegates attending the North Indiana conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church here voted today 130 to 0 in favor of the unification of the northern and southern branches of the church.

Favors Unification. Concord, N. H., April 17.—The New Hampshire conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church today voted 60 to 2 in favor of unification of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the North with the church of the South.

It was also voted to amend the constitution so as to allow laymen to attend the conference as members.

Will Furnish Money to Build Road. (By the Associated Press) Smithfield, April 17.—The State highway commission and the Johnston county highway commission have entered into a signed contract whereby the county agreed to loan the State \$500,000 for hard surfacing the highway along route 22 from the Harnett county line to the Wilson county line. The highway runs through Smithfield. The State highway commission agreed the work should be done as soon as practicable.

Mrs. Robertson Re-elected. (By the Associated Press) Charlotte, April 17.—Mrs. Lucy Robertson, instructor at the N. C. College for Women was today re-elected president of the Women's Missionary Society of the Western North Carolina Conference at the closing session of the convention here.

Sport annals can show few parallels to the case of Jay Gould with respect to long continued holding of a national championship. Gould first won the national amateur court tennis championship nineteen years ago.

Wins Paris Beauty Contest



Suzy Vernon won first prize in a beauty contest conducted by a French newspaper. She has appeared in moving pictures.

WOODMEN TO MEET IN CHARLOTTE NEXT

Officers Are Elected and Installed at Concluding Sessions at Wilmington.

Wilmington, April 16.—North Carolina Woodmen concluded their convention here this afternoon with the selection of officers for the next meeting place and the election of the following officers:

E. E. Henderson, Charlotte, consul; Gen. B. S. Royster, Oxford, adviser; J. W. Fleet, Wilmington, banker; W. L. Ross, Salisbury, clerk; J. A. Brewer, Kinston, escort; C. C. Corforth, Kings Mountain, watchman; J. F. Thomas, White Oak, entry; Charles W. Saunders, Kinston; J. E. Gilmore, Lumberton; W. B. Strickland, Scotland Neck; James H. Patterson, Charlotte, and R. S. Patterson, Kannapolis, advisers.

Sheriff George C. Jackson, of Wilmington, and Charles A. Hines, Greensboro, were selected as delegates to attend the annual sovereign encampment.

The circle, the ladies' auxiliary to the Modern Woodmen, elected the following officers to serve during the coming year: Bena Wilson, Goldsboro, past grand guardian; Nino Gay, Rock Mount, grand guardian; Hester Steppe, Old Fort, adviser; Maude Rodell, Charlotte, banker; Susan Rogus, Pineville, clerk; Jennie Ruth, Salisbury, Chaplain; Hattie Russell, Kannapolis, attendant; Lucile Randolph, Scotland Neck, assistant attendant; Bettie Myrick, Tarboro, inner sentinel, and Metta Sturges, Concord, outer sentinel.

The program for today included little beyond the election and installation of officers and the selection of the 1926 convention city. Announcements and committee reports were the first on the order of business, followed by the elections and installations. The session concluded in time for luncheon.

Senator Heflin to Visit Gastonia. Gastonia, April 17.—Senator Tom Heflin, of Alabama, will visit Gastonia the latter part of this month, at the invitation of the local Lions Club. Announcement that he had accepted the invitation was made by Congressman A. L. Bulwinkle.

Babe Ruth Undergoes Operation. (By the Associated Press) New York, April 17.—With the removal of an abscess from Babe Ruth's back this morning physicians hoped that the home run hitter's condition would improve more rapidly than it has since his return to New York last week.

The Babe was on the operating table for 20 minutes, a general anesthetic was administered. Removal of the abscess is expected to reduce the fever which has kept Ruth in bed.

Lukeman Ready to Begin His Work on Stone Mountain

Atlanta, April 16.—Augustus Lukeman, New York, whose appointment as sculptor to complete the Stone Mountain Confederate memorial was announced today, has agreed to begin work immediately on models to be used in the work.

A contract with Lukeman was confirmed by the directors of the Stone Mountain Monumental Association after they had voted against a motion to postpone consideration ten days.

The contract previously had been approved by the association's executive committee.

"Mr. Lukeman has agreed to go to work at once upon his model for the central group and his plans for the memorial hall, which when finished, will be submitted to the association for approval," said an announcement by the executive committee.

"Also he has given his assurance that he will devote himself to the Stone Mountain memorial until it is completed."

Selection of the New York sculptor, who formerly resided in Virginia, followed the dismissal of Gutzon Borglum as directing sculptor of the memorial several weeks ago. The executive committee charged that Borglum had not met the terms of his contract with the association. Borglum declared the executive committee had not met the contract provisions.

Borglum destroyed his models and fled from the state. Later, he was arrested on charges of malicious mischief and larceny from the house. He was held at Greensboro, N. C., but the state withdrew requisition papers which had been issued for him.

Many charges and countercharges were exchanged between the sculptor and the executive committee of the Stone Mountain association.

EARL COOPER PREDICTS FAST CHARLOTTE RACES

Would Not Be Surprised if Racers Made 135 Miles an Hour at Charlotte.

Charlotte, N. C., April 17.—Earl Cooper, who made such a fine impression upon race fans at Charlotte last October, predicts that on or before May 11, the next Charlotte race that some driver whizzing around the boards in a car equipped with a supercharger will do a speed of 135 miles an hour.

This prediction was contained in a telegram to Osmond L. Barringer from Cooper this week. There are two main reasons why this speed will be attained on the Charlotte oval, Cooper says.

First, the new speed chariots are equipped with superchargers, an arrangement for a freer flow of gasoline to the motors, meaning more power and greater speed.

Second, because of the familiarity of the drivers with the Charlotte track after their initial 250-mile grind upon it last October.

A speed of 135 miles an hour was attained recently on the new speedway at Culver City, Cal., and while that track has a higher banking than has the Charlotte oval, yet the turns on the Charlotte oval are not so abrupt, Cooper points out, and hence his prediction for new Charlotte speed marks.

During the practice spins here last October Benny Hill dashed around the track at the rate of 126.7 miles an hour, which stood as a world's record until this was shattered by Tommy Milton at Los Angeles.

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Engagement Ring Gift Not a Trust, City Judge Says.

San Francisco, April 16.—An engagement ring is a gift and not a trust, and if the fair recipient retains possession of it, she is not guilty of embezzlement, it was ruled here by a police judge.

Louis H. Peterson asked the court for a warrant for the arrest of his former fiancée, Miss Dorothy Howard, on a charge of embezzlement, asserting she had retained ownership of a diamond ring he had given her when Miss Howard promised to become his bride. He said they subsequently had abandoned their plans and that Miss Howard refused to return the ring.

MORE THAN HUNDRED PERISHED IN SOFIA CATHEDRAL THURSDAY

Deaths Were Caused by Infernal Machine Which Had Been Placed in Cathedral During Funeral Services.

200 BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN HURT

Explosion Followed Series of Crimes Including An Attempt to Kill King Boris During This Week.

Sofia, Bulgaria, April 17. (By the Associated Press)—Latest figures show that 140 persons, including twenty women and ten children, were killed in the explosion of an infernal machine in the cathedral of St. Kral during the funeral of Gen. Georgeff yesterday. Six generals and thirty other officers were among those killed.

Sofia today was in a state of ferment, the greatest excitement prevailing. Martial law has been proclaimed throughout the country where the military authorities have ordered a curfew established, the streets to be cleared at 7:30 p. m.

Although all government officials were present at the funeral, none were seriously injured. Premier Tsankoff was one of those injured, but was able to preside over the cabinet during its emergency session today.

General Georgeff, whose funeral was being held when the explosion occurred, was assassinated in the street here on Tuesday. The assassination closely followed an attempt on the life of King Boris as he was motoring near Sofia. The bomb apparently was detonated by a clockwork mechanism. It had been concealed under the roof in the southern part of the cathedral and spent most of its force upon the crowd in that part of the edifice.

In addition to the large number of fatalities, it is estimated that about 200 persons were wounded. Upon learning of the disaster the King immediately went to the scene.

HENRY FORD LOOKING FOR OUTLET TO OCEAN

Wants to Connect Tennessee Coal Fields With Atlantic Port, Says Simmons.

Wilmington, April 16.—Henry Ford's engineers are making a survey for a proposed railroad trunk line connecting the coal fields of Tennessee with an Atlantic ocean port or ports, possibly Wilmington, according to a statement made today by Senator F. M. Simmons, of New Bern, at a hearing before Major Oscar A. Kuentz, United States district engineer, for the purpose of substantiating Fayetteville's claim of the urgency of the United States government approval of money to build a third lock and dam on upper Cape Fear river, near Fayetteville.

Senator Simmons was very optimistic throughout his address, declaring that he believed that "within 25 years the South will be the richest part of the United States." He referred to the great possibilities for development in the South and particularly in eastern Carolina, declaring that he regarded the third lock and dam as "a part of a great national project," speaking of the upper Cape Fear river as part of the great Main-to-Florida intercoastal waterway.

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Detectives Sentenced to Prison. (By the Associated Press) Cincinnati, April 17.—James Hayes and Fred Bullerdek, Cincinnati detectives who were found guilty of conspiracy to violate the national prohibition act, were sentenced to serve eighteen months in the Atlanta penitentiary and to pay fines of \$2,000 each by Federal Judge Smith Hickenlooper today.

Robert Kinney, another city detective, was sentenced to serve a year and a day in Atlanta penitentiary and fine of \$1,000.

ENTIRELY NEW PLAN BEING CREATED NOW FOR STONE MOUNTAIN

Design Is Being Created in Studio of Augustus Lukeman, Sculptor Who Will Complete the Memorial.

BORGLUM DESIGN TO BE DISCARDED

New Design Will Include Not Only Figures of Generals But Also the Hall of Fame Beneath the Figures.

(By the Associated Press) New York, April 17.—An entirely new design for the Stone Mountain Confederate memorial near Atlanta, Ga., is being created here in the studio of Augustus Lukeman, who has succeeded Gutzon Borglum as sculptor in charge of the work, which will transform the granite mountain into a monument to the heroes of the South.

Mr. Lukeman announced last night on being informed of his appointment, that the work already done by his predecessor would be "eliminated."

The new design will be Mr. Lukeman's own, and will include not only the figures of Confederate generals on the mountain side, but also a hall of fame below.

"My first purpose," Mr. Lukeman said, "will be to make preliminary sketches, and after they have been approved, to go on with the working models which will be about one-half of the full size of the figures in the groups. By autumn I hope to have from 20 to 30 carvers on the mountain working on the central group of the long pageant."

DUKE IS REPORTED PLANNING BIG STADIUM

To Be Closely Allied With Duke University But Others Will Benefit by It.

Louis Graves in Greensboro News. Chapel Hill, April 16.—James B. Duke is said to be planning a great stadium, for the holding of athletic events, a mile or so this side of Durham beside the Chapel Hill-Durham highway. The report is that the masonry stands are to seat around 40,000 people.

This project is not to be paid for out of the fund which Mr. Duke recently created for the establishment of a state university. It will be an additional gift.

According to information that reaches here, he has obtained options upon a tract between 2,500 and 3,000 acres on the right side of the road as one comes from Durham, just about opposite the Wa-Wa-Landa land. This tract does not abut immediately upon the state highway but it is to be connected with it by one road, or perhaps two roads, broad and well-surfaced.

This stadium, while it will probably be closely allied with Duke university, is not intended to be solely for the benefit of that institution. The idea behind it is that, thus centrally located near the middle of North Carolina, the stadium will be an ideal place for the holding of athletic spectacles in which the whole state is interested.

It is thought that perhaps it may be offered for the Carolina-Virginia football game which is played at Chapel Hill every second year. The attendance at this game becomes steadily larger, and the university athletic authorities are hard put to it to take care of the crowd.

Wooden stands have to be erected to supplement the permanent concrete structure, and even then many of the spectators have to stand.

When the game comes to Chapel Hill it is impossible to give everybody a good view, and levitably there is a lot of complaining from alumni who don't obtain the kind of seats they think they are entitled to. After the match year before last there arose a cry for a new stadium here. George Stephens, W. N. Everett, Foy Roberson, W. Stumps Howard, and other prominent alumni wrote letters to the Chapel Hill Weekly urging that the alumni get together and build it. But it is a venture requiring hundreds of thousands of dollars, if it is to be put through properly, and the money for it is not in sight.

Of course the theory of the Carolina-Virginia games is that they are to be played upon the home grounds of the two institutions, and even then year by year. But, now in this day of hard-surface roads, if may be that a field part of the way between Chapel Hill and Durham—not more than 20 or 25 minutes from Chapel Hill, might be considered home grounds for Carolina; the more so, in that this match is a state and not simply a college event, and the convenience of the spectators is an important consideration. Institutions in some of the big cities of the country have athletic fields which are in no easier reach for the students, than this one would be from the university campus here.

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