

ATTORNEY GENERAL AND SEC. HOOVER SEE MR. COOLIDGE

Denied They Have Been Summoned to White Court to Discuss Action Contemplated in Coal Strike.

STILL QUESTION TO BE DISCUSSED

No Effort Made to Conceal Fact That President Will Discuss Matter With Cabinet Members.

(By the Associated Press) Swamscott, Mass., Aug. 7.—Attorney General Sargent arrived today to confer with President Coolidge and it was announced that Secretary Hoover would be here tomorrow for a brief stay.

The attorney general, coming from Washington on a night train, stopped at the summer white house on his way to his home at Ludlow, Vt. He planned to remain here until tomorrow morning, his visit affording the President opportunity to discuss with him the anthracite situation and other questions in which the Department of Justice has an interest.

While it was reiterated today that the President had not summoned either the attorney general nor the Commerce Department head here to discuss the hard coal wage controversy and that he was not disturbed over the threatened suspension of anthracite operations September 1st, it was admitted Mr. Coolidge was seeking information and would take advantage of the presence of both officials to talk over the situation and the policy to be pursued with regard to it.

Secretary Hoover, it was said, is coming to Swamscott primarily to invite the President to San Francisco in September for a jubilee celebration. Mr. Coolidge pins great dependence on his advice on such questions as the anthracite problem and it is regarded as certain they will canvass the situation thoroughly. He probably will be an overnight guest at White Court.

HOPE THAT COAL MINERS STRIKE MAY BE AVERTED

Every Consideration Demands That Suspension May Be Avoided, Says Warrent.

(By the Associated Press) Atlantic City, Aug. 7.—Hope has been revived that the anthracite coal negotiations may be resumed, and a suspension in the coal fields September 1st averted.

Samuel D. Warriner, chairman of the anthracite operators' conference, in a letter addressed to John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, and made public here last night, said:

"In spite of the terms of your letter and the breaking off of negotiations, I am hopeful means may be found to compose differences between us and avoid suspension of production. Every consideration demands that this be done."

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New York cream cheese, 33 cents a pound at the A. & P. stores. Many other specialties, too.

A. B. Pounds says: "Coal prices the coming winter, according to present predictions will be high enough to make the customers hot." See his ad.

The display of new bedroom suites at Bell & Harris is complete. All the popular designs.

The charming Nazimova and Lou Tellegen at the Concord Theatre today. This is a great picture, and one you should not fail to see.

The Yorke & Wadsworth Co. has just received another car load of genuine Oliver Chilled plows and points. Phone 30.

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BOY CONFESSES TO KILLING FATHER AT PARKERSBURG, IOWA

Seventeen Year Old Youth Shot and Killed Father and Also Shot and Wounded His Mother.

WAS ONLY SON OF HIS PARENTS

The Boy Will Give No Explanation of the Shooting. —Boy's Father Was Methodist Minister.

(By the Associated Press) Parkersburg, Iowa, Aug. 7.—Warren Vandervoort, 17, today confessed that he shot and killed his father, the Rev. R. J. Vandervoort, Methodist Episcopal minister, here last night, Marshal Mitchell announced today.

The youth also admitted, the marshal said, that he shot and wounded his mother, when she appeared in the doorway of the pastor's room, apparently to investigate the shot that killed her husband. Then he followed her into the bedroom and shot her again.

The boy gave no explanation for the shooting. A coroner's inquest is being held.

Warren is the only child. The family had been noted for the devotion of its members to each other, and the last few months had been given by all three to plans for the boy's college career.

Rev. Mr. Vandervoort was about 50 years of age, and his wife is a few years younger.

Refusing to give any reason for the shooting until he dictates a formal confession, young Vandervoort told officers how he had killed his father by placing a repeating rifle within 4 inches of the elder man's head, and then shot his mother as she rushed to the doorway.

He said he fired the second shot into his mother's head by placing the rifle against her temple as she lay on the floor.

Parkersburg, Iowa, Aug. 7.—The Rev. R. J. Vandervoort, Methodist Episcopal pastor of this place, was shot and killed last night and his wife was possibly fatally wounded. Mrs. Vandervoort accused her son Warren, 17, of the crime. The boy was arrested.

Mrs. Vandervoort's only words since she was found about 2:30 this morning in the bed to which she had dragged herself after the shooting in the hallway, have been a moaned "Warren, he did it; he did it."

Young Vandervoort was taken into custody at Reinbeck, Ia., about 2 a. m. after a physician had found him in the Vandervoort automobile which had gone off the slipper highway about two miles from town. The boy told the physician "someone" had shot his parents, and that the murderer than had forced him to take the family car and help the killer escape.

The physician immediately notified Sheriff James Mitchell of Parkersburg, Mitchell, accompanied by James Spain, mayor, went to the Vandervoort residence and found the body of the minister in the hallway before his bedroom door and the mother unconscious on the bed.

Residents said they believe the boy had given too much time to studying during the last year, and have added to the strain the past summer by study in preparation for college.

PRELIMINARY HEARING WAIVED

In the Case of Bennie L. Brooks, Who Thursday Killed Sam Bryson at Hendersonville.

(By the Associated Press) Hendersonville, Aug. 7.—Upon agreement between counsel for the defense, the solicitor and coroner, preliminary hearing was waived here this morning for Bennie L. Brooks, who late yesterday shot and killed Sam Y. Bryson, former mayor of Hendersonville, in a sensational revolver duel.

Brooks was remanded to jail charged with murder in the first degree and will be held without bail for Henderson County Superior Court.

His 12-year-old son, Murray Brooks, was under a \$3,000 bond charged with being an accessory to the murder. This bond was made by C. E. Brooks, vice president of the Citizens Bank, brother of Bennie Brooks.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed today for Sam Y. Bryson, victim of yesterday's tragic shooting.

An examination of the body today revealed that only one bullet had entered Bryson's body.

The slaying which culminated in a feud between the principals which had its inception on December 26, 1924, when Brooks surprised the then mayor in his home with Mrs. Brooks, took place at the Block Filling Station, opposite the Southern Railway station about 6 o'clock last night.

Bryson exhausted his pistol, having fired six shots from a .32 caliber revolver. By this time efforts were being made to stop the attacks. Clarence Edney, police officer, was standing outside of the Southern station when heard the first shots fired. He ran to the scene and endeavored to intervene.

An egg was fired on Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D. C., during the recent hot period, by an inquiring reporter who placed the egg on the asphalt at 12:42 o'clock. At 12:51 the egg was done to a turn.

The last of three banks which have been doing business in Hugo, Oklahoma, closed its door May 6 leaving the merchants of a town of 6,000 population with only the money in their cash registers on which to operate.

RUSSELL SCOTT WILL EXPIATE HIS CRIME IN INSANE ASYLUM

Erstwhile Canadian Financier Will Not Be Hanged for the Murder of Drug Clerk In Hold Up.

"CELL SHOCK" JURY'S VERDICT

Thus Ends a Fight Which Was Probably the Most Desperate in the Annals of Cook County, Illinois.

(By the Associated Press) Chicago, Aug. 7.—In an insane asylum instead of on the gallows, Russell Scott, erstwhile Canadian financier, will expiate the murder of a drug clerk in a hold up.

"Cell shock" insanity resulting from 15 months in jail and the orleasts of two narrow escapes from the noose, was the verdict of the jury last night in a canopy test which saved him.

The jury's finding and Scott's removal to Chester insane asylum today ended a fight for the life that was probably the most desperate in Cook County annals. Several ballots and three hours and forty minutes deliberation were necessary before the jury agreed.

Two times since Jos. Maurer was killed in a drug store opposite the city hall in April 1924 Scott has faced death. Within the last three weeks a few hours before the death march, Scott was saved by a week's reprieve, and again by a stay of execution issued at 2 o'clock in the morning by Judge Jos. David on a petition declaring him insane.

MISS EDERLE POSTPONES SWIM TILL AUGUST 17TH

Attempt of American Girl to Swim the English Channel Delayed.

(By the Associated Press) Boulogne, France, Aug. 7.—Announcement was made this morning that the attempt by Miss Gertrude Ederle, the American girl swimmer, to swim across the English Channel from the French to the English coast has been postponed to August 17th.

Although there was a change in the weather this morning making conditions for a channel swim none too suitable, Miss Lillian Harrison, the Argentine girl, may still start in accordance with her plans, tonight.

Arrangements have been made for Miss Ederle to start for the English coast tonight about 10:30 o'clock, about 20 minutes before Miss Harrison, but she became unexpectedly physically indisposed and her trainers and advisers recommended postponement until the next favorable tide, which is on August 17th.

UNCANNY MYSTERY

Surrounds Explosion and Fire in Pacific Cellulose Co., in Martinez Cal.

(By the Associated Press) Martinez, Cal., Aug. 7.—A mystery that is almost uncanny today continued to surround the explosion and fire which occurred more than a week ago at Pacific Cellulose Company, at which Chas. Henry Schwartz, heavily insured, chemist, disappeared immediately after the charred body of a unidentified man was found in the wrecked laboratory of the plant at Walnut Creek.

Today, as a week ago, new clues and new evidence were brought to light and were designed to lead to the same result, an abrupt ending, neither indicating the whereabouts of the missing chemist, nor the identification of the burned corpse.

THE EVOLUTION CASE REACHES SUPREME COURT.

Bill Filed Seeking to Test Constitutionality of Tennessee Act.

(By the Associated Press) Knoxville, Tenn., Aug. 7.—The Tennessee evolution case was brought to the Federal court this morning when Dr. John R. Neal, attorney representing Jas. Robert Wilson, a tax payer, filed a bill in Federal court seeking to test the constitutionality of the Tennessee act against the teaching of evolution in the public schools of the State.

Governor Austin Peay, attorney general Frank M. Thompson, and district attorney A. T. Stewart, of the Dayton district, are made defendants by the terms of the bill.

GENERAL METTS ACCEPTS BOWMAN'S RESIGNATION

No Reason Was Given by Bowman for Tendering His Resignation.

(By the Associated Press) Raleigh, Aug. 7.—Major General J. Van B. Metts has accepted the resignation of Major Wade V. Bowman, commander of the second squadron of the 100th cavalry of the North Carolina national guard. No reason was given by Major Bowman for tendering his resignation.

Major Bowman is being held for Superior Court on a bond of \$7,500 on a charge of making an attack on a twelve-year-old girl at Hickory on July 28th.

The Widenhouse Reunion.

The Widenhouse reunion will be August the 20th, the third Thursday, this year. We will meet at Center Grove Methodist Church, South just below Georville. A program will be announced later.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

GREATER MOVIE SEASON OPENS CONCORD THEATRE MONDAY.

SAMUEL Y. BRYSON, OF HENDERSONVILLE, KILLED

Bennie Brooks Fires Fatal Shot, Having Been Attacked First.

Hendersonville, Aug. 6.—As a sequel to the breaking up of a home last Christmas, Sam Y. Bryson, former mayor of this city, lies dead tonight and Bonnie L. Brooks and his thirteen-year-old son, Murray, are being held in the city jail charged with the killing. A regular pistol battle occurred about 5:15 this afternoon, in the street opposite the passenger station, some dozen or more shots being fired.

This was the first meeting of the two men since Bryson was caught in Brooks' home last December and forced to flee the city. Bryson was forced to leave the city by an infuriated populace, immediately following the escapade last December 26th, later resigning as mayor and then entering into a contract to remain away from Hendersonville for a period of two years.

The men had understood then that when they met only one would walk away. In violation of his pledge Bryson returned to his home here about a month ago and had been going freely about the city. Brooks had been advised by his friends to remain as closely as possible in his place of business and pay no attention to the taunting actions of his enemy. This afternoon Brooks and his son, Murray, were in an automobile going out Seventh Avenue. Just after passing the Southern Railway station, Brooks states, Bryson fired at him from behind a tank. He stopped and jumped out with a revolver in each hand and his son following with another gun.

After a fusillade, during which Bryson emptied his weapon, spectators with nerve attempted to separate the combatants and had succeeded in getting Bryson's pistol away from him and were coaxing him out of sight of Brooks. The latter threatened the crowd and forced the men to give way. He dashed up and fired several shots at Bryson at close range and he fell, just as spectators closed on Brooks from behind.

A direct struggle ensued before he could be disarmed, one spectator, Ed Garren, receiving a painful wound when Brooks snapped his pistol at him and the sharp point of the hammer caught his thumb. It took the combined strength of several men to subdue the man, who appeared a raving maniac, and deliver him to Policeman Clarence Edney, who came running upon hearing the initial shots. Brooks and son were taken to the city jail and it was understood no preliminary hearing will be held, but where effort will be made to secure bond pending trial in Superior Court in September, has not been decided.

Friends of Brooks state he has been brooding over the matter all the year and since the return of Bryson has remarked that the latter would get him if he could.

Brooks Claims Bryson Fired the First Shot.

Hendersonville, Aug. 6.—Both former Mayor Sam Y. Bryson and Bonnie L. Brooks, principals in the fatal shooting affair here today, are men of prominent families.

Agreed to Leave.

Bryson, who was forced to leave the city and to resign as mayor, last January, after being caught in Brooks' home with the latter's wife, had been in the city about a month. He had signed a contract to remain away for a period of two years, but violated it after a seven-month absence. It is understood that this was the first time the two had met.

Brooks states, it is understood, that Bryson fired the first shot at him as he and his son were proceeding down the street in their auto, the shot being fired from behind an oil tank. He jumped out and with a revolver in each hand made for Bryson, Murray Brooks following with another weapon.

Stories Vary.

Accurate details of the shooting are hard to obtain at nearly all the spectators vary in their report to some extent. It appears that after the first fusillade in which neither was hit, spectators attempted to separate the men and one group succeeded in taking Bryson's empty weapon, and was trying to get him away when Brooks and his son forced the crowd to make way and dashed up firing the fatal shots.

Bryson fought like a madman before yielding to arrest. It was said by spectators that Brooks instructed his son to fire again at Bryson after the former mayor had fallen. This report could not be verified and others said young Brooks had no part in the actual slaying.

Bryson, who has been back here for something like a month, has a wife and several children here and it is understood he had been staying at home.

Bessmer Baby Is Born With Two Teeth.

Bessmer City, Aug. 6.—A baby boy with two front teeth was born about a month ago to Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Capps. Dr. George Patrick, the family physician, vouches for the veracity of the statement. When the child was a few days old one of the teeth cut the baby's tongue, making it necessary for the doctor to extract it, leaving the other one. Yesterday the remaining tooth caused the tongue to become ulcerated and Dr. Patrick took it out. This tooth had quite a bit of root and caused the infant much pain. The baby is growing nicely, and is a fine boy.

This is the first case of this kind to occur here, so far as any record is known. Dr. Patrick suggests the child will not cut its first teeth in this space but he does not think it will interfere with the permanent set. Mrs. Capps was Miss Holland before her marriage, a daughter of Mr. Jim Holland. Mr. and Mrs. Capps have several other children.

Severe Earthquake 1,840 Miles From Chicago.

(By the Associated Press) Chicago, Aug. 7.—A rather severe earthquake of an indicated distance of 1,840 miles in a southerly direction from Chicago was recorded at 1:54 this morning on the United States weather bureau seismograph at the University of Chicago. The records showed a sharp movement at 1:55. The quake ended at 4 a. m.

THUG USES MOTHER OF FOUR CHILDREN FOR HUMAN SHIELD

Woman Was Killed in Fight Between the Thug and Police Officers Who Sought to Make Him Captive.

OFFICER BADLY HURT IN FIGHT

Fight Started When Officers Tried to Arrest Men Believed to Be On Their Way to Commit Robbery.

(By the Associated Press) New York, Aug. 7.—A mother of four children used as a human shield by a thug, fleeing in a hail of police bullets is dead, and a detective dying as a result of a spectacular gun fight near the Pennsylvania Railroad terminal.

Two youthful gangsters were captured police saving them from a crowd of 1,500 who threatened lynching. Two others escaped.

Detective Richard E. Hennesberry and a patrolman in a police car last night attempted to stop the automobile in which the four suspected were riding. The gang opened fire. Hennesberry fell a bullet severing an artery near the heart.

The men scattered as other policemen approached, Edward Hart, 18, the youngest, grabbed Mrs. Mary Connelly, 35, as she stepped from her doorway, held her in front of him, and returned the police fire. A moment later the woman was struck and Hart darted into the house.

Mrs. Connelly died in a hospital and Hennesberry is not expected to live. Police say Hart shot both the policeman and the woman. Coils of rope, the hat, the car was stolen, and other evidence convicted the authorities that the men were about to stage a robbery.

COMMISSIONER GRIST DEMANDS INVESTIGATION

Declares State Printers Have Been Treated With Equity.

Raleigh, Aug. 6.—Taking cognizance of charges by one state printer that he had been handing the lion's share of state work to another state printer, Frank Grist, commissioner of labor and printing, in a statement today announced that he had asked the governor to call on the state commission for "a thorough investigation" of the charges.

"I have distributed the state printing to the state printers strictly under the terms of the printing contract," Mr. Grist said. "If any state printer is not satisfied such is the case he should bring the matter to the attention of the state printing commission."

The charges against Commissions Grist were made yesterday by Charles Ruffin, manager of the Capitol Printing company of this city, and were to the effect that Edwards and Broughton Printing company, which was active in the support of Grist in last year's primary, was getting work in excess of the quota of sixty per cent of all state printing and that "distribution sheets" required under the contracts were not available so that each of the four state printers could determine if the work was being equitably distributed.

BROOKS AND SON HELD

Boy Detained for Alleged Participation in Killing of Bryson.

(By the Associated Press) Hendersonville, August 7.—Evidence gathered by the authorities on the scene and testimony of eye witnesses was to be presented at the inquest over the body of Sam Y. Bryson, former mayor of Hendersonville, this morning.

Dennie L. Brooks, barber of this city, and his twelve-year-old son, Murray Brooks, were held in county jail as a result of a gun battle that ensued yesterday when Brooks and Bryson met after a three weeks' interval. Bryson, who Brooks claims opened fire, was killed.

The boy was held for alleged participation in the exchange of pistol shots, as a result of his joining his father in the shooting after he was headed a revolver by the parents according to Brooks' story to the police.

Robbers Escape With \$100,000 Worth of Furs.

(By the Associated Press) New York, Aug. 7.—Robbers today held up the factory and store of Harry Belweiss Co., manufacturing furriers, herded six employees into the basement and ransacking sixteen pelts safes escaped with furs valued at \$100,000.

The robbers gained admittance by posing as union workers.

The employees were tied together in the basement and guarded by one of the men while the others ransacked the safes in full sight of the crowded streets.

The loot was thrown into a waiting automobile.

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Has Purchased the Stout Metal Airplane Company, to Be Operated as a Division of Ford Company.

ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE OFFICIALLY

The Millionaire Manufacturer of Automobiles Becomes Independent Manufacturer of Metal Airplanes.

(By the Associated Press) Detroit, Aug. 7.—Henry Ford, millionaire manufacturer of automobiles, today became an investor for the purpose of accelerating airplane development.

Official announcement was made last night at the Ford offices that the motor company had purchased the Stout Metal Airplane Co. at Detroit, which will be operated as the Stout Metal Airplane Division of the Ford Company.

The amount involved was not given out but it was estimated to approximate \$1,000,000 and credit for negotiating the transaction was given by Mr. Ford to his son, Edsel.

"Airplanes belong to another generation," Mr. Ford senior said when commenting on the sale. "I shall do everything possible in their development but there is too much to be done to permit of premature enthusiasm. We are interested in airplane development, and the best place to develop them is in our plant."

RUSSELL SCOTT ESCAPES DEATH ON INSANITY PLEA

If He Is Ever Adjusted to Be Same He Will Still Face Death Penalty.

(By the Associated Press) Chicago, Aug. 6.—Russell Scott today won his fight to escape the gallows. A jury in the court of Superior Judge Joseph B. David found him insane.

He will be committed at once to a state hospital.

The jury which took seven ballots, reaching its verdict after deliberating three hours and 40 minutes. Its first vote was 7-2 in favor of insanity, and thereafter the vote gradually swung to the insanity verdict.

Scott immediately was committed to the Chester Asylum for the insane.

Scott sat tensely in his chair while the jury filed into the box. He turned eagerly to the man when he announced to the court that a verdict was ready and as the bailiff passed the verdict to the clerk, Scott's eyes followed the slip of paper that might mean life or death.

When the verdict was read, Scott's mouth twitched nervously and he shifted his position in the chair. He sat motionless at the side of his attorneys while the court entered the judgment on the verdict, and then was hurried out of the room as the bailiff adjourned the session.

Mrs. Catherine Scott, the young wife of the prisoner, leaned forward in an attitude of prayer after the verdict was read. Scott's mother, at his side, wept and embraced Scott's wife while Thomas Scott, his aged and cripple father, received the verdict without show of emotion.

Scott, while going to the asylum as insane, still faces death on the gallows should he ever be found to have regained his sanity.

Scott, convicted of the murder of Joseph Maurer, a drug clerk, was saved from death three weeks ago, six hours before he was to have been hanged, by a week's reprieve from Governor Small.

Two weeks ago tonight, less than four hours before he was to walk on the death trap, he was again saved from the noose by a petition filed before Judge David at 2 o'clock in the morning declaring him to be insane.

The hearing which saved his life was the sanity trial concluded late today and which started Monday. Had Scott been found sane, he would have been sentenced to death once more, this time by the judge who presided at the sanity hearing.

THE COTTON MARKET

Was Very Quiet Early Today, Trade Waiting for Government Report Tomorrow.

(By the Associated Press) New York, Aug. 7.—The cotton market was very quiet again early today, the trade apparently waiting for tomorrow's government report. The opening was steady at unchanged prices with an advance of five points, with prices fluctuating between 24.20 and 24.25 for December contracts during the first hour.

Small offerings induced by private reports of rain at a few points in northern and northwest Texas were absorbed and covering by recent sellers gave the market a fairly steady undertone.

Another private report estimated condition of the crop 68.4 and indicated a yield at 14,150,000 bales.

Cotton futures opened steady. Oct. 24.03; Dec. 24.23; Jan. 23.72; March 23.98; May 24.31.

Big Bankruptcy Case.

(By the Associated Press) Pittsburgh, Pa., Aug. 7.—John A. Bell, president of the closed Carnegie Trust Company, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court today giving his assets as \$1,628,535.73 and his liabilities as \$8,969,097.81.

"BAREE, SON OF KAZAN," CONCORD THEATRE, MONDAY-TUESDAY.

Fair tonight and Saturday, except possibly local thunderstorms Saturday afternoon in extreme west portion.

CITY CAN OPERATE STREET CARS HERE AT NOMINAL PRICE

Will the City of Concord become the operator of the street car line here or will the line be discontinued?

VARIOUS MATTERS BEFORE ALDERMEN

No Decision Yet as to Play-ground or System for Collecting Garbage in the Residential Sections.

That is the most important question developed as a result of the August meeting of the board of aldermen at the city hall Thursday night, other questions presented to the board being overshadowed by the fate of the street car system.

Stable Linn, of Salisbury, representing North Carolina Public Service Co., appeared before the board with two propositions that the city operate the line or that the public service company be allowed to discontinue the service.

Mr. Linn pointed out to the aldermen that the cost of operating the line here is about \$19 a day, whereas the revenue averages about \$12 a day.

Alderman Wilkinson moved and the city attorney recommended that a committee be appointed to examine the property