

GIRL'S MOTHER SAYS TELL OFFICERS SHE IS 21 YEARS OF AGE

Visions of the Cinderella Wealth Mary Louise Spas Dim Under Searchlight of Investigation.

HER ADOPTION NULL AND VOID

Mary's Father Said He Never Wanted Her to Go Anyway. "I Want My Daughter Back," He Says.

(By the Associated Press) New York, Aug. 8.—Visions of the Cinderella wealth and happiness of Mary Louise Spas, the adopted daughter of Edward W. Browning, wealthy real estate operator, began to dim today as District Attorney Newcomb, of Queens county, investigating to learn the girl's age, was told by the mother that her daughter was 21 years old. This would make her adoption null and void under the law.

"Mary was 21 on July 31," Mrs. Mary Spas, mother of the girl, told the District Attorney.

"I want my daughter back," the girl's father said today. "Mary's place is right here in this house and I'm going to see that she comes back. I never wanted her to go."

Francis C. Dale, attorney for Mr. Browning, said the first thing would be to determine Mary's age.

"If she was 21 on July 31st, she was 21 on August 3 when the adoption papers were signed," he said. "In the event she was 21, legal proceedings were rendered null and void."

If the girl refuses to sign a disclaimer to the Browning fortune the case will probably have to go to court.

The Ellis Island authorities were asked to look up the records of the arrival of the Spas family from Bohemia, to establish definitely the girl's age. A cablegram from Prague already has announced that no birth record of the Spas girl could be found.

Girl Drank Poison. New York, Aug. 8.—Mary Louise Browning, newly adopted daughter of Edward W. Browning, wealthy real estate operator, admitted today that she drank poison this morning because of the nasty things which were said about Mr. Browning adopting her.

RESPONSIBILITY PLACED ON CREW FOR COLLISION

Investigation of the Collision at Ricochoc, La., Which Resulted in the Death of 13 and Injury to Many More.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, Aug. 8.—Investigation of the collision at Ricochoc, La., which resulted in the death of 13 persons and injury of 13 others on May 22, was concluded today by a report to the Interstate Commerce Commission which placed responsibility on the engine crew.

The two trains which collided were operating over the Louisiana & Texas Railway of the Southern Pacific lines, and eastbound passenger train No. 12 was brought squarely head on into collision with west bound train No. 100.

"The accident was caused by failure of train No. 12 to approach the home signal at Ricochoc under control as required by the rules; failure to wait at Ricochoc as directed by train orders, and failure to stop before passing the blue signal at the east end of the Ricochoc passing track," the commission's report said, "for which engine man Matthews is primarily responsible."

PHILLIP KNOX KNAPP WAS IN SYRACUSE TODAY.

Was Driving High Powered Automobile and Was Recognized by Policeman.

Syracuse, N. Y., Aug. 8.—Phillip K. Knapp of this city, sought for the murder of Louis Panella, Hempstead, L. I., taxi driver, was in Syracuse today, according to a report to police Cadis, by patrolman Frank J. Hill.

Patrolman Hill said he recognized Knapp driving a high powered open style automobile carrying a New York City license. The machine, he added, passed close to him while he was standing near a street light and he saw Knapp's face plainly.

Wolf commanded another automobile and began the chase. The driver of the touring car turned his head and Wolf said he became more positive than ever his quarry was Knapp.

The patrolman's machine was outdistanced after it had pursued the other car for several blocks.

Footloose



HER LAST RUNAWAY WAS DOWN THREE STORIES OF

Mary Hall, a 13-year-old Missouri girl, is the champion run-away of the whole country. She ran away from her parents' home near Kansas City 10 times, and then when they put her in a detention home she ran away five times more. The last time she risked her life to slide down a drain pipe three stories in the middle of the night.

TENNESSEE WON'T YIELD, SAYS PEAY

Governor Avers State Will Hire Counsel and Combat Every Issue on Evolution.

Battle Creek, Mich., Aug. 8.—Gov. Peay, in a statement he today announced that the State of Tennessee will employ counsel from this time forward and combat every question that can be raised on appeal of the Scopes case.

The Governor and Mrs. Peay left this morning for Nashville after a six-week rest here.

"What the effect of the evolution trial at Dayton will have in the long run is for the future," the Governor said. "Surely it will cause a more widespread investigation of the wane theory of evolution that will go a long way to clarify the atmosphere."

"The reckless teaching of a subject which has been carried on until now, and going uncorrected and undigested, has been steadily making agnostics and unbelievers among our youth in shocking numbers."

"A Christian Nation." "Ours from the beginning has been a Christian Nation. Its doom is sealed and its descent toward oblivion well begun whenever we embrace infidelity and agnosticism as a people."

"The story writers and sensation mongers, who crowded Dayton during the trial as if they were having a Roman holiday, made great sport of it, and some of them were bitterly unjust and unkind to the people whose hospitality they accepted and of whose noble qualities they knew little or nothing."

The fact is, they were among a clear seeking and thinking people, who have no superior in natural intelligence and excellent qualities in the world."

The people of Tennessee, Gov. Peay said, know that evolution is and in the very nature of things must remain a speculation and a theory. They believe the Bible is the revealed and inspired word of the Creator of All Things, and are unwilling for their children to be taught the contrary.

"No Federal Question. The Governor said that there is no Federal question in the Scopes case.

"Tennessee is a sovereign State and, except as forbidden by the Federal Constitution has absolute and exclusive authority to regulate its local concerns and to employ its police powers without any Federal interference," he said.

"Whether the law, when properly construed, prohibits in our schools the theory of evolution remains to be seen. It certainly prohibits its teaching as a fact. No State should permit that. If any event Tennessee would not presume to regulate the schools and methods of instruction in other states, and beyond treating with meddlers from elsewhere who undertake to tell her how to run her own schools, she will give them no attention."

FARMERS OF FRANKLIN AND NASH NEED HELP

Red Cross Disaster Expert Says \$20,000 Is Needed For Families in Stricken Areas.

Raleigh, Aug. 7.—Following a thorough investigation of conditions in Franklin and Nash counties, in which 110 cases of farmers actually needing outside aid on account of losses of crops in the hard storm, H. S. House, disaster expert from the national Red Cross headquarters in Washington, who has been in charge of the work, returned to headquarters Thursday night.

Instead of the \$10,000, which it was at first estimated would be needed for the relief of the families, \$20,000 is really needed, Mr. House said cash contributions received to date amount to only about \$1,700 and though a good bit more has been pledged the amount is far short of what is needed, Mr. House said.

There will be a reunion at D. H. McLarty's, in No. 10 township, August 21st. Everybody is invited to come and bring a well filled basket.

MRS. VANDERVOORT SHOT BY SON WILL PROBABLY RECOVER

Son Says He Was Led to the Shooting of His Father and Mother by Their Continued Quarreling.

NOT PERMITTED TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL

Mrs. Vandervoort Fully Conscious and Spent Comfortable Night.—Tragedy Not Discussed With Her.

(By the Associated Press) Parkersburg, Iowa, Aug. 8.—Mrs. J. R. Vandervoort, wife of the M. E. pastor shot to death Thursday night by their 17 year old son Warren, probably will recover from the two bullet wounds inflicted on her by the youth, physicians declared today.

According to physicians Mrs. Vandervoort was fully conscious and passed a comfortable night. The tragedy in which her husband met death has not been discussed with her since yesterday when she declared her son had shot her.

Funeral services will not be held for Rev. Mr. Vandervoort until instructions are received here from E. A. Vandervoort, of Sidney, N. Y., and J. H. Vandervoort, of Center, N. Y.

Warren, who signed a confession that he was led to shooting his parents by their continual quarreling, would not be permitted to attend the funeral services, Sheriff H. W. Burma said today.

WIFE BEATER SENT TO JAIL

Man Falls to Floor in Faint as Judge Imposes Six-Months Term.—Court Ignores Mate's Plea.

New York, Aug. 7.—For many years, Mrs. Eva Zabruchi toiled from early morning till late at night to care for her husband and seven children, and she stood for his abuse without word.

But the other night, when she asked for a little money to buy food for the children and herself, he hit her over the head with a plate and blackened her left eye with a punch.

So yesterday she went before Magistrate Silberman, in Essex Market Court, and begged him to compel her husband to support her and the youngsters and stop beating her so frequently.

"I do not want him sent to jail," she cried. "I want him to work and support us. It is very hard, you see, judge, we are living in two rooms, and we haven't anything."

The magistrate called Zabruchi—his first name is Nicholas—before the bar and scored him for his actions. He declared: "You are nothing more than a beast. Even an animal would do more for its young than you." Then he sentenced him to six months in jail.

Zabruchi, a tall man, fell to the floor in a faint when the magistrate imposed sentence. He had to be carried out of the court.

SCOTT REFUSES TO DO 'NUT ACT' AS ORDERED

Declares He Is Sane and Flatly Refuses to Plead As Being Otherwise.

Chicago, Aug. 7.—Russell Scott, who last night escaped the gallows when a jury decided he had become insane since his conviction for murder, today informed newspapermen that he is "as sane as you are."

"They want me to do the nut act," he said, "but I won't do it."

The former Canadian financier who was convicted of murder of a Chicago drug clerk in a holdup and who five times neared death on the gallows, will be taken to the Chester Asylum for the insane tomorrow morning.

He was to have gone today but the state's attorney objected to the form of commitment insisting it should specify that if Scott ever becomes sane, he be returned to the sheriff to pay for his crime on the gallows.

Transit Corporation Takes Avar Stage Line

Greensboro, Aug. 7.—Equipment of the United States Lines, big bus operating concern, has been taken over by the Southern Transit corporation, and John Johnston, of Hillsboro, is Greensboro manager of the corporation. He was formerly connected with the United States lines, which went through a series of heart breaking ups and downs before it expired and was sold by receivers.

G. F. Elliott, of Norfolk, Va., bus man, bought the line, upon recommendation of the receivers, A. D. Ward, of this city, and John W. Hester, of Oxford, and the line, under a new name, remains a big factor in bus transportation in the state, a competitor of other lines. It operates between Greensboro and Raleigh on half-hour schedules.

Weather for Next Week.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, Aug. 8.—The weather outlook for the week beginning Monday: South Atlantic and East Gulf States; Partly cloudy with occasional thunder showers.

Five Burned to Death.

(By the Associated Press) Central Valley, N. Y., Aug. 8.—Five members of a family of seven were burned to death early today in a fire which destroyed their home on a farm one mile from here.

JOHN TEMPLE GRAVES DEAD

Death of Famous Orator and Newspaper Man Occurred Today in Washington.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, Aug. 8.—John Temple Graves, a famous orator and newspaper man, died at his home in Washington today.

He had been ill here for several weeks of a complication of diseases, the most serious of which was hardening of the arteries. His condition took a turn for the worse several days ago, at which time his family was summoned.

During the last few days he had been unconscious a great part of the time, and no hope had been held out for him. John Temple Graves was a grandson of William Calhoun, the eldest brother of John C. Calhoun, and his father, James Porterfield Graves, was a general in the Confederate army. He was a distinguished member of the Southern literary group.

He was graduated from the University of Georgia in 1875, after winning a college reputation as a debater. His inclination for oratory continued and he became known throughout the nation as a speaker of the first rank, as a writer and as an editor.

BOY DISAPPEARS WITH HIS FATHERS SEDAN

Note Is Left, Evidently Intending to Leave Impression That He Had Been Kidnapped.

Winston-Salem, Aug. 7.—The 14-year-old son of U. C. Grubbs, who lives a few miles west of the city on the Country Club road, and Mr. Grubbs' Studebaker sedan disappeared from the home last night about 10 o'clock and a note was found, following an investigation, which evidently is intended to give the impression that his disappearance was the work of kidnapers.

The note read as follows: "Send \$500 to St. Louis, postoffice and will return your boy."

Bob McMillan, another youth, who lived in the community west of the city, is also missing and he is thought to be with the Grubbs youth.

The police have been notified of the incident and are now investigating the case. Notices to nearby cities have been sent out requesting the holding of the boys if they are seen, it being thought that they wrote the note themselves to make their parents and friends think that they had been kidnaped.

GROUND BROKEN FOR FIRST DUKE BUILDING

Miss Virginia Flowers Lifts First Shovel Full of Dirt—Brief Ceremony Is Held.

Durham, Aug. 7.—Miss Virginia Flowers, pretty bob-haired young daughter of Prof. R. L. Flowers, secretary-treasurer of Duke university, today lifted the first shovel full of earth in the beginning of the excavation preparatory to the erection of the university's new \$4,000,000 group of buildings. The ground was broken at the site of the new library building.

The brief ceremony took place at 5 o'clock this afternoon and was witnessed by a small group which included Horace Trumbauer, Philadelphia architect in charge of the work; Prof. R. L. Flowers and Dr. F. C. Brown, of Duke; J. O. Shumate, superintendent in charge of the work for Fuller Construction company; W. G. Distler, vice-president of the Fuller concern, and Nello Teer, local contractor in charge of excavations.

With Our Advertisers. Tom Mix and Tony, the wonder horse, at the Star Theatre Monday and Tuesday in "The Deadwood Coach." This is the cinematic climax of the season. Don't miss it.

Big lot of lace and silk dresses at the Charles Store, only \$2.98, values up to \$10. Sizes 32 to 50. Other big bargains, too. See ad.

Let E. B. Gray install a sanitary, non-leaky porcelain wash tub for you. See ad. in this paper.

The "Greater Movie Season" opens Monday with "Baree, Son of Kazan," with Anita Stewart and other stars with the famous wonder dog at the Concord Theatre.

Ambulance service at Wilkinson's Funeral Home, open day or night. Phone 9-1.

The Storrs-Schafer Co.'s new models will be on display at Richmond-Flowe Co.'s store August 12th and 13th. All the newest styles and fabrics for fall and winter will be on display.

Dr. Greever May Yet Accept Presidency Hickory, Aug. 7.—While Dr. W. H. Greever, of Columbia, S. C., has definitely refused to accept the presidency of Lenoir-Rhyne college in a letter written several days ago to Dr. P. E. Monroe, of this city, chairman of the committee to name a president following the resignation of Dr. J. C. Peery, a belief was expressed by Dr. Monroe today that the South Carolinian could be persuaded to reconsider his action and become head of the local institution.

Dr. Greever stated in his letter that his refusal to accept the presidency was prompted by obligation due his present position and not because of any conditions of Lenoir-Rhyne.

The Belgian Debt Settlement.

(By the Associated Press) New York, Aug. 8.—Lewis Strauss, 24-year old dean of the Belgian House of Deputies, who arrived today for an unofficial visit to this country, intimated that only an agreement between the United States government and the Belgian debt commission that was in keeping with the signed assurances of President Wilson during settlement following the armistice, would be accepted by the Belgian parliament.

New University to Be Established by the Methodists. (By the Associated Press) New York, Aug. 8.—A new university will be established at Kansas City, Mo., by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Episcopal Church, with the co-operation of the city Chamber of Commerce.

Curiosity is like electricity, helpful or harmful, according to how we utilize it, of these services.

FIRES DESTROY TWO COAL TIPPLES IN OHIO EARLY TODAY

Fires Occurred Within Ten Minutes of Each Other.—County Officials Say They Were of Incendiary Origin.

COMBINED LOSS WILL BE \$135,000

Special Deputies Are Scouring the Surrounding Hills With Bloodhounds, Looking for Culprit.

(By the Associated Press) Pomeroy, Ohio, Aug. 8.—Two of the biggest coal tipples in the Pomeroy district were destroyed by fire at 3 a. m. today in ten minutes of each other. The county officials said both fires were of incendiary origin.

The combined loss will be \$135,000. All county officers with special deputies are scouring the surrounding hills with bloodhounds in an effort to find those thought to be responsible for the blaze.

The first alarm came to the sheriff's office from the Blackstone Coal Company's office at Rutland, six miles north of here, and followed ten minutes later by another alarm from the Statter Essex mine on Thomas Fork, four miles from the other tipple.

The Rutland plant's loss was estimated at \$100,000. The mine was bought at a receivers' sale a few months ago from the Maynard Coal Company by eighty miners who have been operating it on a co-operative plan.

Near the Statter mine officials found a torch attached to a stick which was saturated with oil. It was said burned, they said.

TRUMBAUER CONFERS WITH DUKE OFFICIALS

Architect For New Buildings Says Arrangements Are Complete and Work May Proceed.

Durham, Aug. 7.—Horace Trumbauer, Philadelphia architect employed by the Duke Foundation created by the gift by James B. Duke of \$4,000,000 for educational and charitable institutions of the Carolina, arrived here today to confer with officials of Duke university regarding initial steps in the institution's building program.

The architect brought with him drawings of a unit of 11 buildings as they will appear when completed, and which will form the first step in the huge building program. He conferred at the same time with W. G. Distler, of Washington, D. C. representative of a large construction company, in regard to arrangements for carrying out the plans.

In a statement given out today, Mr. Trumbauer asserted the final arrangements are now complete and that actual work may proceed.

The buildings will be constructed about a large quadrangle, approximately 250 feet wide and 1,500 feet long, with an auditorium capable of seating 1,500 persons. At the closed end of the quadrangle there will be a library to accommodate approximately 100,000 books and 400 readers. The dining hall contemplated will have a capacity of 800, with faculty and student club rooms.

DEAD, HE'S ON TRIAL

If Vindicated in "Love Duel," Father Will Forgive.

El Centro, Cal., Aug. 7.—Dead in the potter's field at El Centro, with a plain wooden marker at the head of his grave, Henry Kendig Kirk, slain in a desert "love duel," is on trial.

His judge will be his own father—W. M. Kirk, of San Francisco.

For six months Kirk's body will lie there among the friendless, nameless dead, while efforts go on to answer the riddle of why and how he died and what share John Truden had in his death.

If, at the end of six months the name of Henry Kirk is cleared, his father will come to El Centro again and take his son home, to rest in a San Francisco cemetery.

But if the shadows grow darker over the memory of Henry Kirk and the story is one of disgrace, the dead man will be left in the potter's field—an outcast.

GASTONIA MAN FOUND DEAD IN HIS STORE

A Leslie Sprinkle Found With Bullet Hole Through His Head.

(By the Associated Press) Gastonia, Aug. 8.—A Leslie Sprinkle, 52 year old watch maker of this city, was found dead here early today in the jewelry establishment of Van Sleen. There was a bullet hole through his head. Sprinkle had returned here yesterday from Washington, D. C. where he went to undergo treatment for nervous disorders.

The only known relative surviving is a sister, Mrs. E. G. McDonald, of Drake, W. Va.

Will Tackle English Channel Sunday Night

(By the Associated Press) Boulogne, France, Aug. 8.—Miss Lillian Harrison, the Argentine swimmer, will not begin her attempt to swim the English Channel tonight, owing to the unsettled weather. She now plans to start Sunday night, probably about 11:30 o'clock.

St. James Lutheran

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Chief service at 11 a. m. Preaching by Dr. John B. Moore. Luther League at 7 p. m. All are cordially invited to all of these services.

Married



Carliotta Curwood, daughter of James Oliver Curwood, famous novelist, secretly married Anthony Jirus, Ohio State University student, but the news leaked out and her father called his congratulations from Europe. (Bride and groom live in Detroit.)

MISSOURI MOB HANGS NEGRO FOR ATTACK GIRL

False Fire Alarm Turned In Allowing Mob to Gain Entrance to Cell of Excelsior Springs, Mo., Aug. 7.—A mob of a thousand persons lynched Walter Mitchell, negro, here today for an alleged attack about midnight last night on a young white girl in the country.

The mob obtained entrance to the city hall, in which the jail is located, by the use of a false fire alarm and dragged the negro through the main streets, to a place about a mile south of the town where he was hanged to a tree.

The attack was alleged to have occurred while the girl was being taken to her country home by Leonard Utt. Several miles from town the negro jumped on the running board of their car, brandishing a flashlight with which he struck Utt in the face, knocking him temporarily unconscious. The negro then forced the girl into the Ford he had and attempted to attack her but was beaten off. Frightened by her cries, the negro ran towards Excelsior Springs.

The police traced the negro early today by his tracks. They found him asleep in a small house in which he lived. Nearby lay the flashlight. Utt identified him at once, as did the young woman later.

WOMAN GIVES POLICE LONG CHASE IN FORD

Had Drunken Man as Companion and Threw Some Liquor From the Car.

Newton, Aug. 7.—Chief of Police Tom Gabriel had a very exciting race this afternoon with a woman driving a new Ford coupe.

The woman, Beulah Martin, who has given the police here considerable trouble, with Gordon B. Berry, prominent railroad man of Connelly Springs, at her side, in a drunken condition, struck the chief into the Ford before he could stop it. Both cars were slightly damaged. The man and woman were arrested and brought to the Newton jail.

Charlotte Methodists to Build \$200,000 Church.

Charlotte, Aug. 8.—Ground has been broken and work will be pushed as fast as possible on the handsome church edifice being erected by the congregation of Dilworth Methodist Church, it was announced today. The building, equipment and furniture will cost slightly more than \$200,000, it was announced.

The structure is being erected on the north side of East Boulevard, a site for the building having been purchased several years ago and the cost of the property is not included in the \$200,000 estimate of the cost of the building.

The plan of the church is to resemble that of Westminster abbey, the famous old English house of worship in London. It will be built of grey stone and the main auditorium will accommodate about 1,000 persons. In addition to the main auditorium there are a number of Sunday school and other departmental rooms.

Rev. George D. Herman is pastor of the church, which was founded in 1895 with Rev. John F. Butt as its first pastor. The rolls of the church now contain the names of 600 members.

Nicaraguan Volcano in Eruption.

(By the Associated Press) Managua, Nicaragua, Aug. 8.—The double volcano Ometepe, on Ometepe Island in Lake Nicaragua, has burst into violent eruption from both of its peaks. Large quantities of dense smoke and ashes are being thrown out, spreading ruin to nearby plantations.

Halbert Webb, of Spindale, will spend the week-end with his parent, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Webb. He will have as his guests Paul Watson, of Spindale, and John Thompson, of Charlotte.

R. H. Graham, division passenger agent of the Southern Railway, was in the city a short while that morning, and was a pleasant caller at The Tribune office.

A COTTON CROP OF 13,566,000 BALES IS FORECAST TODAY

Department of Agriculture Sets These Figures—Based on the Condition of Crop on August 1st.

CONDITION THEN 65.6 PER CENT NORMAL

Ginnings This Year's Crop Totalled 159,373 Bales, Against 21,795 Bales Last Year.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, Aug. 8.—A total production of 13,566,000 equivalent 500-pound bales of cotton this year was forecast today by the Department of Agriculture.

The forecast was based on condition of the crop August 1st, which was 65.6 per cent. of a normal, indicating an average yield of 139.8 pounds.

Ginning of cotton of this year's crop prior to August 1st totalled 159,373 running bales, counting round as half bales, compared with 21,795 bales at that date in 1924; and 64,381 bales in 1923 the Census Bureau announced.

Today's forecast compared with 13,588,000 bales announced a fortnight ago, and the condition on July 16 which was 70.4 per cent. a normal, indicating an average yield of 140 pounds. Production last year was 13,627,936 bales, the final acre yield was 157.4 pounds, and a condition of the crop on August 1st was 67.4 per cent.

The condition of the crop on August 1st and the indicated acre yield by States follows:

Virginia, condition 75 per cent.; indicated yield 244 pounds.

North Carolina condition 75 per cent.; indicated yield 244 pounds.

South Carolina, condition 62 per cent.; indicated yield 155 pounds.

Crop Declined 22,000 Bales July 16th to August 1st.

Washington, Aug. 8.—This year's cotton crop declined to the extent of 22,000 bales between July 16th and August 1st, the department of agriculture August 1st forecast of the prospective production issued today, places the crop at 13,566,000 bales, compared with a forecast of 13,588,000 bales based on July 16th condition.

THE COTTON MARKET

Opened Today at a Decline of From 6 to 15 Points—One Estimate of Crop, 14,373,000 Bales.

(By the Associated Press) New York, Aug. 8.—The cotton market opened today at a decline of 6 to 15 points, under pre-bureau liquidation influenced by relatively