

MARSHALL SAYS HE DISMEMBERED BODY OF MISS DIETRICH

But Denied That He Had Killed Her.—Says She Took Poison Because She Was Jilted.

TOOK POISON IN HIS OFFICE

Says Marshall.—Confession Made in the Office of District Attorney Taylor, of Media, Pa.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 25.—(AP)—David L. Marshall, chiropractor, confessed early today that he dismembered the body of Anna May Dietrich, but sobbingly denied that he murdered the 35 years old Norwood milliner, because she was "jilted" by a wealthy New York man.

Half an hour before he broke down and confessed Marshall had been over and looked into the disfigured face of the woman in the Media morgue, and said:

"I wish she could speak; she would tell you I am a guiltless."

The confession was made in the office of District Attorney Wm. Taylor, of Media, and came tumbling incoherently after an examination of four hours.

He was taken to Media from his home in Bywood Heights, which overlooks the ravine where the young woman's head, lodged under a railroad trestle was found Saturday and where searchers came upon the remains of the clothing bought by her late Tuesday, the day before she disappeared to be worn at a dance the following night.

Marshall has glibly answered numerous questions in the district attorney's office, in his home, in his office and in the presence of the mutilated body in the morgue.

Marshall had been left alone with District Attorney Taylor.

"Mr. Taylor," he began after a ten minute's silence, "I want you to promise me one thing; that you will take care of my wife and child. Then there was another pause."

"I did it," he cried suddenly, "I don't know why I did it. I was frantic with grief."

"I was given the best story of the woman's death and the dismembering and disposition of the body."

"I met the girl Tuesday night outside my office on 17th street in Philadelphia," he began. "She said she did not feel very well. I proposed that she go up to my office. I told her the door was unlocked and she came in. I was going out to get something to eat."

"I was gone about an hour. When I came back I went to the office but did not see Miss Dietrich. She was in the bathroom."

"I sat down and read for ten or fifteen minutes. Then I knocked on the bathroom door and when I was not answered, I pushed in the door which was fastened with a catch."

"I found Miss Dietrich on the floor in a heap, unconscious. I picked her up and carried her to the operating table in the office. I tried to revive her but could not. I worked on her until she died."

"Then I was frightened, panicky. I did not know what to do. I have a wife and child and I feared I would be blamed for her death."

"I kept the body in the office all night."

"Early the next morning I came back and then cut off the head and legs with a hack saw and a knife."

"On Wednesday night I distributed the body. I forgot the head, having left it in my office, but took away the body and legs. I remembered it Thursday morning and took a paper that bore the date of September 11, 1924, and wrapped it up and took it and threw it under the trestle."

"I turned the rug Friday night. I took the rug and articles belonging to Miss Dietrich and disposed of them, burning these things Friday."

Paris Girls Bank on Shapeliness And Just Won't Lengthen Skirts

Paris, Jan. 25.—American women and girls may wear their skirts longer, but we will not, is the abrupt reply, the French to information from New York that evening dresses are being worn down to the ankle and other clothes will follow suit.

Wearers of skirts in Paris are unanimous in favor of keeping them short and are supported by the designers, but the latter are somewhat prejudiced by the indication that America would try to dictate women's fashions.

"This is another attempt," said the manager of a well known Rue de la Paix establishment, "to wrest the position of arbiter of what women ought to wear from Paris, but it will fall like the others which preceded it. Even now American buyers are on a lull en route to Paris. They will arrive in a day or two, see our models, and then there will be a race back to New York to see who will get there first; and I assure you the first to arrive will be showing models of skirts as short, if not shorter, than ever."

M. Clement, manager of Paquin's, says their robes are no longer, but that there is talk of shortening them further. The reason is evident, he adds, for there is nothing so graceful as a pretty leg.

A spokesman for Jenny's in the Champs Elysees, the trend is toward shorter dresses for evening as well as ordinary wear. Another designer said that when America shortened its dresses too far, Paris resisted, and it will be the same now.

"We do not dress women en masse," he said, "but singly, and we advise a shorter or longer robe according to the woman's figure, especially the shapeliness of her legs."

The only dissenting note came from Paul Poiret, who said dresses are too short, and that if an eighth of an inch more is cut off they will be hopelessly exaggerated.

Several midmettes who wear short skirts and also help make them, came right out for the abbreviated mode, one declaring, "American girls had as beautiful legs as we have, they would not want to hide them." Several, however, hoped the skirts would get no shorter, admitting they are already somewhat awkward to manipulate in tramways and omnibuses where the seats are rather high.

CHARLOTTE TO BID FOR REPUBLICAN CONCLAVE

Committee Will go to Durham in Effort to Secure the State Convention.

Charlotte, Jan. 24.—Mecklenburg county Republicans are planning a spirited fight to bring the state convention of the party here this spring, it was learned today.

A committee will be named at the county convention next Saturday to carry Charlotte's bid for the convention to Durham where the state executive committee meets February 10.

Charlotte's chances of being chosen as the convention city are bright, according to local Republican leaders, who point out that the ninth congressional district has been one of the close districts during the past few years and they feel that bringing the state convention here will have a beneficial effect in their effort to overcome the Democratic majority in the election next fall.

Greensboro, Raleigh and Winston-Salem also will bid for the convention, it was understood. However, local leaders feel that Charlotte's offer will stand a good chance of being accepted. The convention met in Greensboro in 1920 and in Winston-Salem in 1922 and Raleigh in 1924, so it is felt here that Charlotte has a real argument in presenting its bid to the committee at Durham.

The county convention at the courthouse next Saturday will name the committee to attend the executive committee meeting and also will name delegates to the state, congressional and senatorial conventions, Mrs. Mary Settle Sharpe, one of the outstanding women leaders of the Republican party in the state will be one of the speakers to address the county convention.

MECKLENBURG STAMP NOT PROBABLY SOON

Overman Informed That Lack of Funds Prevents Issue of Memorial Stamp.

Washington, Jan. 23.—No stamp can be issued by the Post Office Department to commemorate the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence on account of lack of funds, Senator Lee S. Overman was informed today by E. S. Regar, Third Assistant Postmaster General. Senator Overman urged that the stamp be issued at the request of Dr. Archibald Henderson of Chapel Hill.

"Knowing of the personal interest that you have taken in this matter," Mr. Regar wrote Senator Overman, "I had hoped that it would be possible to grant the request of Dr. Henderson and a final decision has been withheld to determine whether the appropriate funds available for stamp manufacture for the current year would allow for a Mecklenburg stamp. Since writing Dr. Henderson, it has become known that other new postage stamps, in addition to the 13-cent and 17-cent stamps recently issued, will be required. With these facts in mind and knowing that the Department may also be called upon to provide a set of commemorative stamps for the Sesqui-Centennial, I do not believe that favorable action can be taken on the Mecklenburg stamp."

Methodist Minister Owns a Bible Four Centuries Old. Centralia, Wash., Jan. 25.—(AP)—A Bible, printed in Germany in 1521, is owned by the Rev. J. M. Canine, pastor of the First Methodist church here.

The text is entirely in Latin and on the title page is the inscription "L. Costli Lactanti." Beneath it is a list of chapters. At the end of the volume is a notation, "Basileae, Apud Andream Crataundum, Mense Februario, Anno MDXXI."

The volume, still in good state of preservation, was in a consignment of books brought from two old Catholic monasteries in Europe and was purchased by Rev. Mr. Chase in Fort Wayne, Ind., twenty years ago.

\$215,000 Realty Deal in Asheville, Asheville, Jan. 22.—What is said to be a new record price for business property in Asheville was set this morning when S. I. Bloomberg sold to the Singer Realty Company the Bloomberg building on North Pack Square, for \$215,000, or \$8,000 a front foot.

After putting up a bluff a man is sure to stumble over it.

Fishing's Good in Texas

A party of anglers from Fort Worth, Tex., made what they believe a record catch of fish when they dropped their lines off the Sabine light in the Gulf of Mexico. They landed 19 "warms" fish, a variety of deep sea oases, weighing a total of 2300 pounds. Part of their haul is shown above.



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RANKIN PRAISES SIMMONS' WORK

Duke Hospital Fund Director Rejoices at Inheritance Tax Adjustment.

Charlotte, Jan. 25.—Dr. W. S. Rankin, director of the hospital and the orphan sections of the Duke Endowment, has written Senator Simmons expressing his gratification at the senator's effective efforts in behalf of a satisfactory adjustment of the inheritance taxes which carried without amendment have rested very heavily on the hospital funds of the Duke Endowment. Dr. Rankin calculates that the income from the million saved through the Duke Endowment together with supplementary income will mean 25,000 people provided annually with hospital care. His letter follows:

"As I wired you yesterday, I am elated and profoundly grateful for your interest and effective efforts in behalf of a satisfactory adjustment through the new tax bill for the heavy inheritance taxes which, under the law of 1924, would have rested distressingly heavily upon the hospital funds of the Duke Endowment."

"While human values, such as the avoidance of unnecessary grief and sorrow of parents for children and children for parents, relief from interest and zest in the ordinary tasks of life and increased happiness, are weighed in the scales of personal experience, the fact that the funds of the hospital, though falling far short of meeting the far-reaching effects of your successful efforts to amend the new tax bill in the way it has been agreed upon, vaguely indicate how large and fine a service you have gone far toward accomplishing."

"To save the sum of six or eight millions of dollars to hospitals will make available annually an income of \$400,000. It will cost about a thousand dollars a year to maintain completely equipped at all times a hospital bed, \$400,000 would then maintain four hundred hospital beds. Each bed during the course of the year will have a turn over of about twenty-five patients, so that the four hundred beds will provide treatment for ten thousand sick people, with the average general hospital stay of twelve to fourteen days each."

"In the way that the funds of the hospital section of the Duke Endowment will be spent, it is reasonable to expect that they will be supplemented by contributions from the communities in which they are spent, both from voluntary organizations, churches, city clubs and county and city officials. It is very probable that for every forty cents which the Duke Endowment spends in hospital care, the community will spend sixty cents. In this way the \$400,000 will stimulate and indirectly provide a hospital fund of a million dollars for the care of those who can not pay hospital bills. This means then, instead of 10,000 people treated annually, 25,000 provided with hospital care."

"I am sure that one who has served so faithfully and so greatly fully realizes that a good service is its own sufficient reward. Nevertheless, the satisfactions of life do not suffer through the consciousness that they are shared by our friends, and the purpose of this letter is to tell you how thoroughly we appreciate your services in this important matter."

THE COTTON MARKET

March Sold Up to 20.29.—Market Steady on Early Trading.

New York, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady today at an advance of 3 points to a decline of 2 points and was steady in early trading on steady showing of Liverpool combined with encouraging reports from the cotton goods markets.

March sold up to 20.29 and October to 18.30, net advances of about three to 10 points but there was some southern selling here as well as realizing, which carried prices off a few points before the end of the first hour.

General business was quiet, much of the trading representing switching between old and new crop positions.

Private cables said the steedlines in Liverpool was due to local and continued buying there, combined with a fair spot demand from spinners and exporters.

Cotton futures opened steady: March 20.23; May 19.07; July 19.04; October 18.25; December 18.08.

With Our Advertisers. C. H. Barrier & Co. will pay you 20 cents a pound for heavy hens delivered to them by noon Thursday, January 28th. Turkeys, 30 cents. Read their new ad today.

At the Star Theatre Monday and Tuesday, "The Lucky Horseshoes," including Tony, the wonder horse. Also Fox news. Wednesday and Thursday, "In Love With Love," with an all-star cast. Also Fox news. Friday and Saturday, Buck Jones in "The Desert Price." Also a good comedy, "House of Pickers."

Everything is reduced in the big January clearance sale at Parks-Bell Co.'s, except contract goods. The whole store is running over with bargains. Also winter hats half price. See new ad today on page two.

Four Grid Coaches in North Carolina. Greensboro, Jan. 23.—When the football season opens next fall four North Carolina universities and colleges will have teams in the field tutored by new coaches. The resignation of Coach Corby of Elon college, announced today, is the third to resign within a week, the other two being William K. Ferzer of the University of North Carolina and Henry "Bank" Garrity of Wake Forest college. Duke university already has a new mentor, Coach DeHart having gone there from Washington and Lee the first of the year, succeeding Coach Steiner.

DRASTIC CLOTURE RULE IS INVOKED BY SENATE TODAY

In Order to Limit Debate on the World Court.—Step Makes Certain Vote in a Few Days.

VOTE WAS 68 to 26 FOR CLOTURE

Which Was Five More Than Necessary Two-Thirds.—35 Republicans and 32 Democrats.

Washington, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The Senate invoked its drastic cloture rule today to limit debate on the world court.

The step makes certain a final vote on the court issue within a few days, with adoption of a resolution of American adhesion to the tribunal a foregone conclusion.

The vote for cloture was 68 to 26, or five more than the necessary two-thirds.

Thirty-six Republicans and 32 Democrats voted to invoke the rule with 18 Republicans and 7 Democrats and one former-labor opposing it.

No Agreement Reached.—Proponents of the World Court in the conference today decided to propose that limit of debate on the world court issue begin March 1st.

This is wholly unacceptable to opponents and a vote on cloture at 1 p. m. is regarded as inevitable.

LOST CHILD THEME OF NEW ORATORIO

"Guardian Angel" Is Title.—Deals With Colonial Days in North Carolina.

Lawrence, Kan., Jan. 25.—The legend of the child lost in the forest and protected from wild beasts as by a guardian angel is the theme of an oratorio, "The Guardian Angel," written by Prof. Charles Sanford Skilton of the University of Kansas.

Its premier production will come this spring at the meeting of the Kansas Federation of Music Clubs.

Into the oratorio is woven much of the religious spirit of the Moravian settlement of 1765 at Salem, N. C. Many quaint customs of the Moravians are brought out. Prof. Skilton learned the legend while teaching at the Women's College, Salem, soon after completing his musical education in Europe.

The Moravians had moved southward from their earlier settlement at Bethlehem, Pa., and had endeavored to make homes in the hills of North Carolina. It was their custom to divide church congregations into "choirs," one of which was composed entirely of children. At stated seasons of the year each choir held a love feast. The children observed the custom on Christmas Eve, when they sang a song beginning, "Jesus makes my heart rejoice."

This song furnishes the central thread for the oratorio, which is divided into three sections. In the first section a group of children seeks permission to play in a meadow where men are working, a near approach of one child with its mother, mother, demurs, but upon consulting the "text book" and finding the text for the day, "He shall give His angels charge concerning thee," consents to allow the child to go to the meadow out into the forest.

The child, however, is tempted by bright blossoms at the edge of the woods, and wanders away into the forest, becoming lost and falling to sleep.

In the second section, the child awakens, hears voices of its playmates and attempts to answer their calls but can not. The child is held down as if by a great hand, the lips sealed by the fingers of the hand. Gradually the voices die away and the child is able to make his way to the edge of the clearing where he is found. The searchers discover the tracks of a panther and their pious belief that an angel sent from heaven to prevent the child crying out, and thus attracting the animal.

The third section takes up the recovery of the child, and the music returns to the colonial simplicity of the opening chorus. The middle sections, however, are developed along modern musical lines.

The production calls for five solo voices, a children's chorus of 500, a mixed chorus of 300 voices and symphony orchestra. The libretto is by Abbie Earwell-Brown of Boston, written of children's stories and poems.

"The point of view of the oratorio," said Prof. Skilton, "is to reproduce the piety of the founders of America, both as represented in the New England colonies and in some parts of the South. It is truly American in its production and in its characters. The writing of American lyrics in their own way is, I believe, the only way to develop a real American music."

Government's Request Denied. St. Louis, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The government's application to advance the Teapot Dome oil lease rehearing was denied without prejudice today by the U. S. Court of Appeals here. The court said it would hear further government application if counsel were unable to agree before February 10 on the advancement.

Forty-four cities in the United States now have public golf courses.

Coming Over

Erlich Rademacher, Germany's famous breast stroke swimmer, has accepted an invitation to come to America to compete with the best this country has to offer. He is expected within the next few weeks. In Germany, they rate him one of the greatest paddlers that country ever produced.

FLORIDA LEADER DURING THE WEEK

Alabama Free From Traffic Deaths.—Six Killed and 32 Injured in This State During Week.

Atlanta, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The traffic toll in eleven southern states for the week ending last night was thirty-three persons killed and 257 injured, it was shown in a survey made by the Associated Press early today.

This shows a distinct falling off, especially in the number killed. Florida held the record for the week in the number killed and the number injured. There were eight deaths and 49 injuries in that state. Alabama reported no deaths from traffic causes.

South Carolina reported the fewest injuries, but five having been recorded in the Palmetto State. Virginia followed Florida a close second with 49 injuries.

There were no outstanding accidents during the week, the toll representing the general run of casualties. A tabulation by states includes: North Carolina, six deaths and 32 injuries; South Carolina, four deaths and five injuries.

COTTON WAS QUIET NEARLY ALL OF WEEK

One Burst of Activity Followed Publication of Ginning Report—Prices Lower.

New Orleans, Jan. 24.—The cotton market was quiet last week with the exception of the burst of activity which followed the publication of the census bureau report on ginnings to January 16 on Saturday. In anticipation of a total of about 16,000 bales or more the market had moved off from the slight advance with which the week opened, and March contracts had traded down to 19.47 on Friday, a loss from Monday's high point of 53 points. As soon as it was known that the official ginning total was only 15,488,230, the March position rallied 42 points, or to within five points of the week's high.

The advance to 20.00 for March on Monday was the culmination of an advance due to short covering in the near months owing to the strongly intrenched positions of those holding the long end of January and March. From that high point the market gradually eased off, largely because a good part of the spot interest had developed weakness although the impression which had been created by large private ginnings estimates had helped bring about an easier tone.

A contributing influence in bringing off in the spot demand and the lighter exports. Owing to the diminished export movement, the total exports for the season to date, which earlier in the fall had exceeded last year's exports by more than 400,000 bales, have now shrunk to an excess compared with last year of about 33,000 bales and even that small gain promises to disappear altogether early this week.

An advance of Saturday's advance following the ginning report was subsequently lost, owing to profit-taking, the week closed with a better tone prevailing, the market being held not only by the smaller ginnings than looked for but also by the improvement in the manufactured goods trade. Fall River sales of print-clothes for the week totaled 200,000 pieces, the largest turnover in a long while.

TRACE LOST OF BRITISH FREIGHTER ANTIOPE

Trace Lost by the President Roosevelt in Heavy Snow Squall.

New York, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The liner "President Roosevelt" wireless the U. S. line today that she had trace of the British freighter Antiope after answering an S. O. S. call from her yesterday in mid-Atlantic. The freighter Roosevelt was alongside the Antiope for several hours but trace was lost in a heavy snow squall.

All of the freighter's boats were gone, the message said, water was in the fireroom and her radio was put out of commission. The Antiope sailed from New York January 14th for Queenstown with a cargo of wheat.

The higher we soar the smaller we appear to those who cannot fly.

SAT'S BEAR SALES

Reducing Infant Mortality. Gastonia, N. C., Jan. 25.—(AP)—Reduction of the infant mortality in Gastonia from 90.4 per thousand in 1924 to 54.4 per thousand, in 1925, and of the number of cases of contagious diseases from 548 in 1923 to 67 in 1925, was attributed to the quality of the milk supplied by the dairies of the county by City Manager D. L. Struthers at the dairymen's annual banquet here.

"This fine record is due solely to the good quality of milk produced by these dairymen," declared the city manager, "and to the fine spirit of co-operation they have shown throughout the whole campaign for better milk in this county."

Rain tonight, Tuesday partly cloudy with rain in east portion; fresh northeast and east winds, shifting to northwest Tuesday.

Star Theatre Program For Week of January 25 to Feb 1 Week Monday-Tuesday TOM MIX in THE LUCKY HORSESHOE With Billie Dove, Ann Pennington, Malcolm White and J. Farrell MacDonald, and Tony, the wonder horse. Also Fox News No. 33. Wednesday-Thursday "IN LOVE WITH LOVE" With an all star cast. A Comedy drama. Also Fox News No. 33. Friday-Saturday BUCK JONES in "THE DESERT PRICE" Also a Good Comedy "House of Pickers" THIS FOX WEEK WITH 3 GOOD PICTURES

