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"JIMMIE" IS STILL MISSING AS SONNER FIGHTS TO RECOVER

Several Young Men Answering the Description Given in Braswell Case Are Released.

SONNER SEEMS LITTLE BETTER

Blood Transfusion Gave Him More Strength—Officers Think Sonner Fired Fatal Shots.

Tryon, N. C., July 10.—(AP)—While Q. C. Sonner, Jr., of Saluda, N. C., struggled desperately for his life in a local hospital, authorities today continued their search for the assassin who Wednesday night shot to death Jenn Braswell, 17 year old Tryon girl and left Sonner lying wounded on the Green Cove Road near here.

Improvement in Sonner's condition was noted by physicians following a blood transfusion.

"Jimmie did it," the 21 year old youth gaped out to rescuers attracted to the scene of the tragedy by pistol discharges.

Authorities, however, believe Sonner shot his girl companion and then turned the pistol on himself. Powder burns on his shirt and the direction of the two bullets which entered his breast caused authorities to doubt his statement that another youth killed the girl and then shot Sonner when the latter sought to defend himself.

Several young men answering the description of the assassin furnished by Sonner have been questioned by the police, but all established alibis.

SALISBURY DEATH RATE LOWEST IN THE STATE

Asheville Had Highest Death Rate With Raleigh Next in Line.

Raleigh, July 10.—Salisbury can lay claim to being one of the most healthful cities in the State, inasmuch as it led all the other cities in North Carolina with the lowest death rate in 1925, according to figures recently compiled by the statistical division of the Board of Health, made public today.

This rate was 11.1 deaths for each 1,000 of population, four points less than the average for the entire State, which is 15.5 per 1,000.

On the other hand, Asheville had the highest death rate, with 22.5 per 1,000 of population, while Raleigh was close on the heels of Asheville with a rate of 21.0.

No effort was made to assign a cause in either of these cities, although it is known that the rate in Asheville is increased materially because of the large number of people from other states who go there seeking health in the mountain climate, but who often times have delayed too long in going there to have it be of benefit.

The year 1925 was a good one from the viewpoint of the Board of Health. There was a reduction in the general death rate of the State from 12.2 per 1,000 to 11.5 per 1,000 and virtually all the cities showed material reductions in their death rates.

Increased knowledge of sanitation and hygiene and the practical application of that knowledge, is given by the Board for the better showing made during the last year in the reduction of the death rate.

Attention is called to the fact that North Carolina is one of the most healthful States in which a person can live, in that the climate is mild the year round, malaria has just about been eradicated, and owing to the educational work done by the Board of Health through the county health units, typhoid has been reduced to a minimum, as have other similar diseases.

It is also pointed out that through the work of the Maternity and Infancy Division of the Board, operating in part under the provisions of the Shepherd-Towner bill, infant mortality rate is being steadily reduced, thus causing a corresponding reduction in the total mortality rate.

So there is every reason why people living in North Carolina should live to a ripe old age, since the natural climatic conditions in the State are most conducive to good health. In addition it has the advantages of having two definite climates: the mountain climate in the west or the sea shore climate in the east.

With Our Advertisers.

A real July clearance sale of coats is now on at Fisher's. Coats \$8.74 to \$33.74, which sold for \$16.95 to \$35.

There will be a special program of song and story at the First Baptist Church tomorrow evening at 7:45 o'clock. Subject for morning sermon will be "The Indispensable Ingredient."

Prices have been reduced on Good-year tires and tubes at Yorks & Wadsworth Co's. Now is the time to get yours. Phone 30.

Robbers Get Diamonds

Limo, O., July 10.—(AP)—Forcing his automobile into the early morning gloom of a cemetery 2 1/2 miles south of Lima, three bandits today held up Jack M. West, a jewelry salesman of Dayton and robbed him of \$22,000 worth of diamonds.

Asheville Mystery Man Is Unable To Give Real Name or His Address

Asheville, July 10.—Asheville has a man of mystery. Intelligent, well dressed and apparently normal in every way he is unable to tell who he is, where he is from or why he is here.

The young man first caught the attention of local physicians when he wandered into one of the hospitals here a few weeks ago and seated himself. When questioned he was unable to give his name or explain his presence. He was kept that night and while efforts were being made the following day to identify him he wandered off as quietly as he had appeared. Nearly three weeks later he was found wandering on the streets by a man who conducted him to a local institution where an examination was made.

He gave his name first as W. H. Wilson but could not remember where his home had been. Finally he stated that he had a brother and sister living at Dunn, and declared they had placed him in the State hospital in Raleigh. Investigation showed that the hospital authorities had no record of such a case.

He has told those interested that he is a member of the W. O. W. lodge and a member of the Chalybeate Springs Baptist Church. He says that his wife is dead and that before her marriage she was Miss Mary Huffman, of Newberry, S. C. He says that his little girl is with her aunt, Mrs. T. W. Newborn, of Raleigh, R. F. D. Subsequently he has given his name as William Thomas Johnson, son of the late J. F. Johnson, of Goldsboro, and that he has a brother, Wallace Johnson, at W. H. H. C.

Telegrams sent to friend and acquaintances he has named by the authorities here have brought no reply nor have letters to the mayors of several North Carolina towns that he mentioned brought replies tending to clear up the mystery of his identity. The last name to which he has laid claim is Carl's Morefield, of South Boston, Va. Those who may know this man are requested to communicate with box 311, Asheville, the post office address of the organization that has taken his case in charge.

THE "LOST EVANGELIST" FACES GRAND JURY

Report That Mrs. McPherson and Mother Quarreled in New Angle in the Case.

Los Angeles, July 8.—With the Hall of Justice surrounded by a milling crowd that started to form shortly after daylight, Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson today began telling the county grand jury her version of the experience she claims to have had with kidnappers who held her prisoner more than a month in Mexico.

Simultaneously a new report was spread to the effect that a witness had been found who would testify that Mrs. McPherson had quarreled with her mother, Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, over the management of Angelus Temple. It is asserted the quarrel took place shortly before the evangelist's mysterious disappearance.

While the proceedings before the grand jury are secret, it was learned that Mrs. McPherson had told her story up to the time she struggled into Azua Prieta, Mexico, and made her identity known.

Mrs. McPherson arrived at the Hall of Justice at 10:15. Deputy sheriffs were struggling to control the crowds that jammed every available vantage point. As the evangelist, accompanied by a cordon of women temple workers, drove up to the entrance in a limousine all of the party, including the evangelist, wore in the regulation blue and white temple uniform.

Prior to Mrs. McPherson's arrival fifty singers from the Angelus Temple, all in uniform had formed a double line for the evangelist to pass between while going from the curb to the doorway. Mrs. McPherson smiled and waved to those of her flock as she entered the building.

Plan for Motor License Employees.

Raleigh, July 10.—After 38 rushing, brimful days in handing out automobile license numbers to motorists, the more than 200 employees of the automobile license division of the department of revenue were complimented for their good work during the sweltering days with picnic and watermelon feast tendered by C. W. Roberts, of Greensboro, vice president of the Carolina Motor Club, and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Squires, of Kalamazoo, Mich. The picnic was at Lake Myers, several miles north of Raleigh on route 90, and the young men and women of the license bureau were taken out to the lake in private cars and buses Friday afternoon when the office closed at 4:30.

These swimming and boating were enjoyed, following which came a tasty picnic supper, with ice cream everything, including more than 100 big, cold watermelons that had been on ice for several days in preparation for the occasion.

Commissioner R. A. Doughton of the department of revenue, and Mr. Roberts both thanked the young people for the excellent work they have been doing in supplying motor car owners over the state with license tags.

One More Case of Infantile Paralysis.

Raleigh, July 10.—Although one additional case of infantile paralysis has been reported, this one from Lee county, the State board of health still reports that there is no epidemic of this disease, and that the number of cases at this time of year is about normal. The disease is most prevalent through July and August, as it is distinctly a hot weather disease. The last case, from Lee county, was reported July 9th. One case was reported from Guilford county July 8th. To date thirteen cases have been reported in the state, eight of the thirteen being in Rowan county.

A Surgeon's Mistake.

Berlin, July 10.—An X-ray photograph of a patient at a Cologne hospital revealed a pair of scissors lodged in the wall of his stomach. The surprised surgeons, after questioning the patient, whom they had first suspected of attempting to commit suicide, were convinced that the instrument was left behind by a surgeon during an operation.

Large Crowd Enjoys "Y" Movies.

The largest crowd that has ever enjoyed the "Y" Friday night movie program was on hand for the pictures shown on the lawn there last night. Every available seat was taken and many people stood around and behind the benches.

More Fighting in China.

Peking, July 10.—(AP)—A general attack of the "allied" forces of the Koumichun, or peoples army, has been launched near here. Severe fighting is in progress, and the sound of gun fire is audible in Peking.

In the News of the World



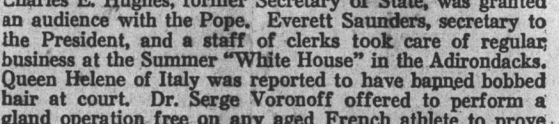
CHARLES E. HUGHES



EVERETT SANDERS



QUEEN HELENE OF ITALY



SERGE VORONOFF

Charles E. Hughes, former Secretary of State, was granted an audience with the Pope. Everett Saunders, secretary to the President, and a staff of clerks took care of regular business at the Summer "White House" in the Adirondacks. Queen Helene of Italy was reported to have banged bobbed hair at court. Dr. Serge Voronoff offered to perform a gland operation free on any aged French athlete to prove rejuvenation.

THE COTON MARKET

Recent Sharp Advance Followed by Reactions at the Opening Today.

New York, July 10.—(AP)—Recent sharp advances were followed by reactions in the cotton market at the opening today. Rather heavy selling was attributed to realizing that over the week end, and after opening easy at a decline of 12 to 19 points, active months showed net losses of 22 to 37 points, with July selling at 18.45 and December at 16.95 during the early trading. The selling here was promoted by relatively easy Liverpool cables, and included some liquidation for Liverpool accounts, but the bulk of the offerings were attributed to profit taking. Otherwise pressure was probably held in check by the fear of further showers in the belt, as private messages received here reported cloudy weather in the Mississippi Valley.

Cotton futures opened steady: July 18.68; October 17.05; December 17.00; January 16.97.

Methodist General Sunday School Board to Meet.

Lake Junaluska, N. C., July 10.—The general Sunday school board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will meet here July 14-15. It was announced here today. The purpose of the gathering, it was said, is to outline and adopt plans and policies for the Sunday school work of the denomination during 1926-1930, and to make appropriations for carrying on the work during the fiscal year. Membership on the board is composed of twelve clerical and twelve lay leaders in Sunday school work throughout the South.

Heavy Earthquake Recorded.

Washington, July 10.—(AP)—A very heavy earthquake was registered on the seismograph at Georgetown University today, beginning at 6:11 a. m., and lasting until 8:10. Director Tondorff placed it at 3,800 miles from Washington in a northwest direction.

A number of other shocks recorded were believed by the directors to have been in the Mediterranean area, although he did not attempt to locate them definitely.

Typhoid Vaccinations.

About 500 Kannapolis people received typhoid vaccinations last night at the Y. M. C. A. there, from the county health department. The health department will give vaccinations there each Friday night until further notice is given.

Cunningham Seized.

Washington, July 10.—(AP)—Thos. W. Cunningham, former treasurer of the Pennsylvania state republican committee, was subpoenaed today to appear before the Senate campaign funds investigating committee at Chicago, on July 30th.

Cunningham, who had been sought by subpoena servers of the committee for the past three weeks, announced yesterday that he would be at his Atlantic City home today, whereupon the subpoena to appear at Chicago was issued.

Funeral Today of R. B. White.

Charlotte, July 10.—(AP)—Funeral services will be held at Jonesboro, S. C., tomorrow at 11 a. m. for R. B. (Red) White, Associated Press operator here, who died last night following an extended illness. Mr. White, aged 29, died following two operations.

Special Sale Saturday and Monday

GRAY and BLONDE SHOES \$5.95 and \$4.95 Values Reduced to \$3.95

MERIT SHOE STORE 40 South Union Street

WANT EXPOSITION DOORS CLOSED ON SUNDAY HEREAFTER

Bishop Joseph F. Berry, of Methodist Church, Asks Members to Boycott the Exposition.

SENDING LETTERS TO MINISTERS

At a Mass Meeting in Philadelphia Action of Exposition Directors Was Denounced.

Philadelphia, July 10.—(AP)—A nationwide endeavor to have the Methodists of the United States boycott the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition because its gates are open on Sunday was underway today.

Headed by Bishop Joseph F. Berry, senior bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the plan calls for sending letters to 4,000 ministers in his denomination signed by himself and seven other bishops, urging the clergymen to advise their congregations never to go near the exposition as long as it remains open on Sundays.

Sending of the letters, the first of which the bishop said would be mailed today, was the latest plan to bring about a change in the minds of the officials of the exposition in regard to operating the project seven days a week, and was announced at a mass meeting here last night.

Bishop Berry declared that he represented 50,000,000 Christians "God-fearing people, who regard this iniquity as an insidious attack on the traditional American institution," the Holy Sabbath.

At the conclusion of the meeting, at which other clergyman, representatives of church organizations and several business men denounced the Sunday sequel idea, a resolution was adopted urging the directors to close the exposition on Sunday.

The speaker dealt largely with the problem of the unmarried mother, and gave the histories of several girls who had come to her notice through the State board of charities and public welfare.

"Who shall fare best before the final Judge of all," Mrs. Johnson continued, "the girl who is the victim of ignorance, lack of training, biological instinct, mental incapacity or instability, or the persons who refuse to give her a chance? Lack of morality is nearly always a condition of the mental defective psychopathic person or of the individual who is mentally normal, but hyper-sexual. Immorality is not 'original sin,' but psychological sickness."

"One of the greatest virtues in this world, one of the marks of the highest courage and intelligence," asserted the speaker, "is the ability to face facts. One of the most tragic things about our social life in the untold misery, and the warped and ruined lives which have resulted from lack of this ability on the part of parents to impart simple and scientific knowledge on sex."

Mrs. Johnson put only a part of the blame on the World War for the fact that a time of license and revolt exists.

"It is largely the result of our abnormal repressive attitude which throws obscurities of pretense, ignorance and hypocrisy around the matter."

The modern frankness is more conducive to morality than the feeling that sex is a kind of shameful mystery, the speaker declared, adding that decent reticences are commendable for they are the characteristics of the refined and cultured.

Drawing several comparisons between views of today and twenty-five years ago, Mrs. Johnson pointed out that strides have been made toward acquiring sane, constructive and satisfactory attitudes, methods and standards.

"If we are really concerned about the matter and willing to face the issues and problems at hand," she concluded, "we may gain a solution in that clean, clear, reverent attitude of mind which God intended us to have."

Safety in Submarines.

London, July 10.—(AP)—Apparatus to enable the crew of a sunken submarine to rise to the surface has been invented. A series of buoyant safety chambers, placed between the submarine's hull and superstructure, would be entered from below. Each chamber will accommodate fifty men. There is an apparatus in the chamber which sets it free from the submarine, allowing it to float to the surface. The device is said to work even when the sunken boat is flooded by the unrelenting water following a crash.

Fire at Macon, Ga.

Macon, Ga., July 10.—(AP)—The dry kilns of the Case Fowler Lumber Co. here were destroyed early today by a fire that threatened to consume the entire plant and large quantities of lumber in the yards. The damage was held at \$15,000 by the company officials.

The company opened for business this morning and will continue operations without interruption, according to officials. The kilns are to be replaced at once.

Duggan Off Again.

Rio Janeiro, Brazil, July 10.—(AP)—Bernardo Duggan, Argentine flier, is leaving it to the National Telegraph to have left Maranhao this morning in continuation of his flight from New York to Buenos Aires.

DURKIN MUST STAY IN PRISON FOR 35 YEARS FOR CRIME

Found Guilty of Murder Federal Agent Who Seeking to Arrest Him for Theft of Automobile

DREADS LIFE BEHIND BARS

"They Should Have Hanged Me Instead," Prisoner Said When Asked About Sentence.

Chicago, July 10.—(AP)—Martin Durkin, automobile thief and gunman, is guilty of murdering Edwin C. Shahan, federal agent. Thirty-five years in prison is the penalty recommended by the jury.

The youthful outlaw who fled to California and back with one sweet heart, later to return and marry another girl, was found to have shot the officer while the latter was attempting his arrest for automobile theft. The state had pleaded for hanging verdict, while the defense contended Durkin shot in self defense.

Durkin, who is 24 years old, showed no emotion when the verdict was read.

The jury had voted him guilty at 2 a. m., after retiring at 10:50 p. m. last night. Then for nearly six hours the jurors debated his punishment, whether gallows or prison, and finally before 8 a. m. reached an agreement.

The verdict ending a six weeks trial before Superior Judge H. B. Miller, was read at 8:45.

Although Durkin did not change his expression, he uttered a half suppressed exclamation when the sentence was read.

Later he was sulky but still compliant. "Oh, hollony," he said when approached by photographers, "I was tried for everything, but murder. It's a fine state of affairs when a man can use a revolver to protect himself."

He insisted he had not had a fair trial.

Durkin expressed a dread of prison life. "They should have hanged me instead," he told questioners when asked what he thought of 35 years behind the bars.

Motion for a new trial will be heard July 27th when sentence will be passed finally.

The state expressed itself as well satisfied with the verdict under the circumstances. Jurors said that Shahan being a Federal agent, weighed heavily with them in their decision.

Mrs. Hattie Durkin, the girl's mother, and his sisters, Lucile, 17, and Ann, 14, were stunned by the verdict, and they sobbed on the benches where they slept all night. The father was not in court.

WILKINSON DISCUSSES THE ROAD TO NEWTON

Says Highway No. 10 Will Be Built Where Court Said to Build It.

Charlotte, July 10.—(AP)—W. C. Wilkinson, state highway engineer for this district, today told the Associated Press that he would "build highway route No. 10 exactly where the Supreme Court said to build it."

"This has been my stand all along, and I am merely reiterating it," the highway engineer said when asked if he had anything "definite" to say relating to the route.

Mr. Wilkinson says that new surveys will have to be made, and that this would take considerable time.

"It will be at least thirty days before this is completed," he said.

The commissioner declared no contracts could be let pending the survey, and that it would be several weeks at least before they would be considered.

Scott Goes to Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, July 10.—(AP)—August Stop Everett Scott has been purchased by the Cincinnati Nationals from the Chicago White Sox, it was announced by August Hermann, president of the Cincinnati club, today.

Miss Sue Baker, of Charlotte, is the guest for the week-end of Miss Georgia Calloway.

THE WEATHER

Partly cloudy with scattered showers late this afternoon or tonight, cooler in the interior tonight. Sunday generally fair and somewhat cooler. Moderate to fresh southwest wind shifting to northwest winds.