

"RAZOR GIRL" GETS FREEDOM; JURY IN CASE DEBATED LONG

Verdict Was Returned at 10:21 This Morning Following Deliberation of 41 Hours.

SMALL CROWD HEARD VERDICT

Defendant Was Charged With Slaying Her Husband Several Weeks Ago at Charlotte.

Charlotte, July 21.—(AP)—Mrs. Nellie Freeman, admitted slayer of her youthful taxi driver husband, was found not guilty by a jury in Mecklenburg Superior Court today.

The verdict was heard at 10:21 a. m. today, forty-one hours and six minutes after the case was given to the jury.

There was no demonstration by the small crowd in the court room when the announcement of the jury finding was made.

The trial of Mrs. Freeman followed the death of her husband, Alvin, who died on the night of May 22nd. Mrs. Freeman told police at the time that she cut her husband's throat with a razor when he threatened to desert her.

Freeman died shortly after she had slashed his throat.

The defense introduced testimony to the effect that the girl was mentally abnormal.

Through With Men Forever. Charlotte, July 21.—(AP)—With a fixed gaze and no sign of emotion, Nellie Freeman today walked from the Mecklenburg County court room, acquitted of a charge of murder in connection with the slaying of her husband.

The crowd that heard the verdict "not guilty" in the hushed silence of the court room made no demonstration. Yet as she walked down from the aisle with a set face that appeared weary by the seven days of trial, many of the spectators put forward their hand in sympathy.

Thirty minutes after she had been freed the 29-year-old admitted razor slayer was in her father's embrace. "I am through with men forever," she said.

Talking to reporters she added she had no plans for the future but that she would "care for mother" as long as she lives.

Mrs. Freeman, who admitted that she killed her husband on the night of May 22, maintained that her action came when he threatened to desert her. Alvin, testified that the girl was "mentally unbalanced."

Crowds jammed the street as the girl came from the court room. With her attorneys she went to the offices of Jake F. Newell, chief counsel. Scores forced their way to them as they slowly made their way to the lawyer's office, many shaking hands.

When they came to Mr. Newell's office the crowd surged in. A number of men took crumpled currency from their pockets and forced it into the girl's hand. For two hours the telephone in the lawyer's office jangled with news of congratulations from every section of the city.

Before she left the court room, however, Mrs. Freeman went over to the bench and clasped Judge Michael Schenck's hand. She then hastily turned and left the room. She was clad in a simple white dress which matched her pale skin.

The deliberations of the jury were characterized by prayer. A. W. Smith, spokesman for the jury, said he had held the agreement case when one of the jurors arose during the morning and quoted.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." The three jurors who had held out on manslaughter then gave in, Mr. Smith said.

Report of Earthquake in State. Raleigh, N. C., July 21.—(AP)—Dr. Collier Cobb, head of the Department of Geology at State College, is in Toecane, Mitchell County, investigating reports of an earthquake there last week. Earthquake shocks are seldom felt in North Carolina, said Dr. J. L. Stuckey, state geologist in the department of conservation and development, who was first notified of the shock.

The area of intensity as reported to Dr. Stuckey was about one-half mile long by 300 yards wide and the greatest distance the shock was felt was said to be six miles. Reports were that several houses were moved on their foundations and damaged, while glassware was thrown to floor and broken. A water line serving some of the damaged houses was broken at two places.

Dr. Stuckey declared that according to reports, this is perhaps the most interesting earthquake shock taking place in North Carolina in a number of years. He at once notified the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey and discussed the reports with Dr. Cobb. The head of the Department of Geology was so interested in the quake that he has gone to the scene of the occurrence.

Dr. Cobb is a member of the Geological Society of America, the Helminthological Society and has studied earthquake phenomena in various parts of the world.

If the shock is as severe as reports indicated, Dr. Stuckey said, Dr. Cobb's findings will be of great value.

DR. CHAPPELL NOW IN ASHEVILLE FOR HIS REGULAR WORK

Having Been Acquitted of Charges of Immorality Minister Returns Home to Resume Duties.

CHURCH MEMBERS AWAITED VERDICT

More Than 70 Were in Statesville For Trial and They Returned to Asheville With Him.

Statesville, July 21.—(AP)—Acquitted last night of charges of immorality, untruthfulness, and attempted bribery, Rev. Ashley Chappell, D. D., returned to Asheville to assume his duties as pastor of the fashionable Central Methodist Church.

Accompanying him were 70 members of his congregation who had come here yesterday for the trial before a church court of the western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. They came to Statesville to demonstrate their loyalty to Dr. Chappell, while the court decided he was guilty and should be dismissed from the pastorate, or innocent and returned as his minister.

When Dr. F. J. Prettyman, of Gastonia, who presided at the trial, pronounced that the accused minister had not been found guilty, the members of his church who were present burst into cheers and gathered around their pastor and congratulated him upon his acquittal.

Then they sang "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

NO CONTROVERSY WITH DR. DELIN DIXON-CARROLL

Governor Commended for Failing to Dignify by Charges. Tribune Bureau, Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, July 21.—"I have nothing to say." This Governor A. W. McLean refused to enter into any controversy with Dr. Delia Dixon-Carroll with regard to her veracity, or the veracity of her associates, following Dr. Dixon-Carroll's charges that she and her associates frightened the Governor into ordering the survey of Women in Industry in the first place by agreeing not to "te" of his alleged plan to sue them if he would proceed with the survey.

This startling revelation of the Governor's meek submission to mandates of the club women of the state, who were about to raise the cry of "Insult, insult" on the floor of the Federation of Women's Clubs if he did not carry out their wishes, was made by Dr. Delia Dixon-Carroll in connection with a modest expression of her disappointment that the survey was not to be proceeded. This "modest" statement consisted of some 2,000 words or more, and in it she said:

"We have remain quite about this because we sent word to the Governor that the insult would not be reported on the floor of the convention of the Federation of Women's Clubs if the survey was granted. Within 48 hours the survey was granted and the report of the insult was not made to the federation that convened five days later."

The "insult" alleged by Dr. Dixon-Carroll was that the Governor had asked members of the women's committee waiting on him if she was in the employ of certain northern interests.

Those who know the Governor are not surprised that he should fail to dignify the charges made by Dr. Carroll with a reply, and point out that Governor McLean is of the old Southern gentleman who would not design to enter into a controversy with any woman, no matter what charges she might make reflecting on his integrity or veracity.

AGED CANON SAYS WOMEN NOT AS RELIGIOUS AS MEN

London, July 21.—(AP)—Canon Marquis of Normandy, the only marquis in holy order, says women are not as religious as men.

"Women have grown worse in the last fifty years, while the attitude of me toward religion has improved," declared the canon, who is still preaching although he is eighty years old. "I think many modern women have too material and artificial an outlook on life—perhaps it is the reaction from their greater freedom."

The venerable canon says the great need of the established church in England is more vigorous men in its pulpits and he urges the laity to assist the church in paying better salaries. He says parsons can not support families on \$1,000 a year.

Inconsistency. Memphis, Tenn., July 21.—(By International News Service).—A. D. Crick, taxi driver, made a speech on safe driving at a traffic meeting the other night and accepted a bonus of \$50.

The next afternoon Crick paid a \$50 fine in city court for speeding.

Nine Men Killed in Mine. Blockton, Ala., July 21.—(AP)—Nine men were killed in a gas explosion at the Dixie Mine of the Moffatt Coal Company at Moffatt today. The dead include three white miners and six negro workers. Seven of the bodies were removed soon after the explosion.

Franc Improving in Value. Paris, July 21.—(AP)—The French franc reacted favorably today, closing officially at 49.95 to the dollar, as against 49.22 yesterday.

King in Love?



King Boris, of Bulgaria, left cognito on a tour of Europe, giving rise to reports that he was seeking a royal wife, and other reports that he feared usurpation of his throne by Prince Cyril.

FIRST BOOM TOWN OF GOLD RUSH DEAD

Coloma, Where California Riches Were First Found, Only a Village Now.

Sacramento, Calif., July 21.—Hidden in the Eldorado county hills northeast of here lies the original boom town of the gold rush days—Coloma.

Marshall found the first flake of yellow metal that was the impetus for the greatest westward movement known to mining.

Once a city of 10,000 population, it has dwindled until the census taker must count carefully to register a total of 150.

In this village in which California's present-day prosperity was born there remain on its main street only a combination grocery store and lunch counter, a post office, an automobile service station and here and there the shell of a fire-gutted building or the weed-grown foundations of business blocks.

When the gold fever was at its height, stores of all kinds lined the streets of Coloma—there were four hotels, the inevitable Wells-Fargo express office and the usual saloons, gambling houses, a Chinese bank and even a sewing machine agent's office. There was a jail, an armory, four churches and three schools.

Fool's gold still glitters in the sand near the monument marking the site of Sutter's sawmill in the millrace, which Marshall made his discovery, but the yellow wealth of '48 went with the alleged kidnaping of Aimee Semple McPherson and finds there in the alleged kidnaping of Aimee Semple McPherson, evangelist, the county grand jury declared in a report to Superior Judge Keetch late today.

The report reads: "The grand jury has had presented to it for consideration the evidence in the alleged kidnaping of Aimee Semple McPherson and finds there is insufficient evidence to warrant an indictment."

When the case was submitted to the grand jury, District Attorney Asa L. Keyes instructed the jurors on the law and left them blank indictments against three persons, two men and a woman, alleged by the evangelist to have abducted her, one of them being known to her as "Steve," while the woman was called "Rosie."

With these indictments before them, the report of the jury was interpreted as failure to substantiate the story of Mrs. McPherson.

Does Not Identify the Greek. Pittsburgh, Pa., July 21.—(AP)—Henry C. deVillie, of Canton, Ohio, who resides near the home of Don R. Mellett, Canton publisher, failed in a standup of prisoners at the Allegheny County jail today to identify George Pallas, New Kensington, Pa., coffee house proprietor, as the man he saw running away from the Mellett home a short time after the Canton publisher was slain July 6th.

Thinks Money Was Squandered. Atlanta, Ga., July 21.—(AP)—The records of every bank "indicates that bank funds involving large amounts have been squandered by certain individuals in bucket shop speculation," solicitor general John A. Boykin said here today in connecting upon the investigation into the affairs of the Bankers Trust Company.

HERRIOT CABINET READY TO RESIGN IS PARIS REPORT

It Is Said New Cabinet Will State Its Position and Then Resign Without Waiting For Vote.

FINANCES STILL BIG QUESTION

Finance Minister Confers With Premier But Rumor of Resignation Persists Just the Same.

Paris, July 21.—(AP)—The semi-official Havas Agency understands that the Herriot cabinet will resign immediately after the reading of the ministerial declaration in Parliament this evening without awaiting the vote of the chamber.

Paris, July 21.—(AP)—Rumors that Anatole de Monzie, the new finance minister, has resigned were set at rest this morning by his appearance at the ministry where he was busily at work with collaborators until nearly noon, when he went to see Premier Herriot. His talk with the premier is understood to have been of a most serious nature, bearing on the essence of the government's financial program.

Notwithstanding vigorous denials from official sources, indications of dissensions within the cabinet persist, and M. de Monzie's call on M. Herriot is understood to have been connected with it.

The finance minister's plan for stabilization which has been ready for fifteen months, it was said at the ministry, will involve neither inflation nor a moratorium on short term bonds.

Five billion francs will be needed at the outset to put the plan into operation. The finance minister proposes to get half of this amount from the Bank of France, the advance to be guaranteed by new taxes, and the other half from increases in other taxes.

Silk Merchants Enter Protest. Lyons, France, July 21.—The union of silk merchants of Lyons, and the surrounding region have addressed a letter of protest to their mayor and Premier Herriot pointing out that the fall in value of the franc has restricted their international activities greatly. They say that it is "a dangerous illusion to count on national efforts alone for emerging from the present situation."

Says He Will Not Resign. Paris, July 21.—(AP)—After a cabinet meeting this afternoon Premier Herriot again announced he would appear before the Chamber this evening, and would accept immediate interpellations and discussion of his ministry's financial bill.

This is in contradiction to reports that his government would resign immediately after reading of the ministerial declaration.

MANY HAVE NOT PAID SPECIAL LICENSE TAXES

More Than 30,000 in Arrears—Become Delinquent After August 1st. Tribune Bureau, Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, July 21.—There are still something like 30,000 persons in the state who have not paid their special license tax as provided under schedule B, according to Commissioner R. A. Doughton, of the department of revenue. These license taxes, which must be paid by doctors, lawyers, merchants, salesmen, real estate men, etc., were due June 1st and become delinquent August 1st, after which time all those who have not paid their tax will become subject to penalty, which is 20 per cent of the tax.

"We believe sixty days is sufficient time for the payment of these taxes, so that after August 1st, the names of all those who have not paid their taxes will be placed in the hands of the district deputies for collection, with the added penalty of 20 per cent."

Attention was also called to the fact that a large number of corporations have not yet paid their franchise tax, which is assessed on the basis of one-tenth of one per cent on the face value of the capital stock. A penalty will also be attached to this tax if payment is not made before the time limit expires.

Pallas Is Released. Pittsburgh, Pa., July 21.—(AP)—George Pallas, New Kensington, Pa., coffee house proprietor held on a suspicious person charge in connection with the slaying of Don R. Mellett, Canton publisher, was ordered released by Common Pleas Judge James R. McFarlane at a habeas corpus hearing today.

The release of Pallas, known as "George the Greek," was ordered when counsel for the city of Pittsburgh informed the court in answer to a question, that it did not have sufficient evidence against Pallas on which to detain him any longer.

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CONFESSED ROBBER SAYS HE KNOWS OF IMPORTANT CRIMES

George Cohen, of Chicago, Arrested in Connection With Jewelry Robbery in New York Monday.

CHICAGO SCENE OF HIS CRIMES

And He Tells Officers in New York He Knows of Crimes That Will Interest Chicago Officials.

New York, July 21.—(AP)—George Cohen, of Chicago, arrested today as a suspect in a \$75,000 jewelry robbery here on Monday, admitted to the police that he had knowledge of crime conditions in Chicago that would be beneficial to the District Attorney there.

"Do you mean the murder of Assistant District Attorney McSwiggan?" he was asked by the police.

"Well, the Chicago District Attorney will know what I mean," was the reply.

Cohen, alias Mitchell and Simmons, gave his address at 4241 Roosevelt Road, Chicago, and confessed, according to the police, that he had taken part in the jewelry holdup of the wholesale store of Heymann & Faigin in the Maiden Lane diamond district.

He was arrested with Solomon Brozman of New York in an automobile on Broadway by four detectives who said they found loaded revolvers and a sawed off shot gun in the car.

The police say Cohen admitted he had knowledge of many "big crimes" in Chicago, that he came to New York on July 12th and mastered a gang of thieves with the intention of emulating the activities of the notorious Whittemore Gang.

"I want to talk to the District Attorney and when he hears my story he won't prosecute me here, but he'll send me back to Chicago where I came from, and I know the Chicago prosecutor is anxious to get me because I can give him some information about one of the officials that was shot and killed there that will be of interest to him."

Cohen also admitted, the police said, that he jumped a \$20,000 bail bond in Chicago after an assault with a battery.

Cohen also admitted, the police say, that he jumped a \$20,000 bail bond in Chicago after he had been indicted for felonious assault with attempt to kill in connection with the shooting of a policeman. In admitting this, Cohen is alleged to have said the shooting of the policeman resulted in a fight over alcohol.

"When I get in Chicago," Cohen said, "I can give valuable information about the bootleg ring there."

STILL LEADING

Active Spindle Hours For Textile Plants Lead All the Rest of the Country. Raleigh, N. C., July 21.—(AP)—North Carolina continued to lead other states in the number of active cotton spindle hours during June. This state led Massachusetts, until a few months ago the recognized leader in the industry, by more than a million and a half hours. This is shown by figures compiled by the Department of Commerce.

In North Carolina with 6,074,702 spindles in place as compared with 11,438,618 for Massachusetts, the industry had a total of 1,678,146,379 active spindle hours. The figures for the Bay State were 1,526,326,590. South Carolina stood third in the list, with 1,100,000 spindles in place and 2,383, as compared with 275 for North Carolina, and 200 for Alabama, which stood third in this particular.

Winter Weather in Puky. Bristol, Tenn., July 21.—(By International News Service).—Toppers were not only comfortable but necessary here a few days ago when a cold snap similar to February weather swept over this section.

Temperature went as low as 40 degrees and a couple days later was back at 85 and 90. This is the most unusual weather ever recorded in this section at this time of year.

For the past couple days unseasonable weather here has prevailed. Vacation camps in the nearby Appalachian mountains have suffered great loss due to this unique weather.

Huge Cherry Tree. Jonesville, Va., July 21.—(By International News Service).—Here's a cherry tree that George Washington, hatchet wielder and father of our country, didn't find, or history might have read differently.

There is a black heart cherry tree, located on the outskirts of town, three feet in diameter. It has branch spread of 75 feet, height 75 feet. In one day last week, 28 women picked 300 gallons of cherries off this tree.

Many persons from towns nearby have visited this spot just to see this unusually large tree.

It has been estimated that an adult man produces in twenty-four hours enough heat to boil five or six pints of water.

Advice can usually be had for nothing, and is worth less.

In the News Spotlight



WILLIAM A. OLDFIELD



QUEEN VICTORIA



CHARLES W. MORSE



OLIVER BALDWIN

Representative William Oldfield, Democratic Congressional campaign leader, announced farm relief would be his party's keynote in coming elections. Queen Victoria, of Sweden, is seriously ill. While his wife was dying, Charles G. Morse, ship magnate, was ordered to appear in New York to face charges of using mails to defraud. Solution of all its problems would come if England returned to Christ, Oliver Baldwin, Socialist son of the conservative British Premier, declared.

GETTING READY FOR THE PUSHMOBILE CONTEST

Youngsters Throughout State Constructing Home-Made Automobiles. Tribune Bureau, Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, July 21.—Youngsters throughout this and adjoining states are busy with hammers and saws constructing home-made automobiles in preparation for the first national pushmobile contest at the Charlotte speedway August 23rd, just prior to the world's sprint race classic.

Entries must be registered prior to August 7th and as the closing date draws near H. W. Park, national director, says that the degree and enthusiasm may be gauged by the formal applications on file. These include entries from each southern state and in addition applications have been made by California, Iowa, New Jersey, Ohio and West Virginia cities.

Entry blanks must be signed by an authorized recreation or play director, stating that the pushmobile was manufactured by the pilot and mechanic desiring to enter the machine. Boys under eighteen years of age are eligible to participate in the finals.

Local elimination contests are being arranged in many cities and the winners will go to Charlotte for the finals.

Three pushmobile events will be run off. Boys between the age of 15 and 18 years will compete in a 300-yard dash; youngsters 12 to 15 will go 200 yards and lads under 12 will race 100 yards. Gold watches will be awarded both drivers and mechanics who finish first in each class while gold medals will be presented second and third place teams in each event.

THE COTTON MARKET

Steadiness Without Much Activity Featured Market Early Today. New York, July 21.—(AP)—Steadiness without much activity featured the cotton market early today.

First prices were 5 points higher to 1 point lower, reflecting steady cables, and showers at a number of points in the southwest.

Continued support from mill interests, with pre-bureau covering and a little demand through commission houses later carried October contracts up to 17.30 and January to the same figure, the whole market showing net advances of 3 to 5 points.

The average indicated yield of the seven private reports thus far issued is 15,153,000 bales.

Cotton futures opened steady. Oct. 17.25; Dec. 17.25; Jan. 17.30; March 17.45; May 17.63.

Big Specials at Parks-Bell Co.'s at Certain Hours. You will find many big specials at certain hours Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Clark's spool cotton at 1 cents, silk hose 5 cents a pair, gingham 3 1/2 cents, J. & P. Coats' thread, 2 cents; salmon 10 cents a can; men's union suits, 25 cents; these are a few bargains which will show you the prices run. Read the half page ad. today.

Martin Andrey Widenhouse, of this city, was one of the successful applicants before the State Medical Board at its recent examination. As a result of his work there Mr. Widenhouse will soon receive his license to practice medicine in North Carolina.

SCHOOL LIBRARY FUND

Report of Mrs. Susan Fulghum, State Inspector of Elementary Schools. Tribune Bureau, Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, July 21.—Although library facilities in the schools of the state have been materially increased in the last three years as the result of the \$3,000 annual appropriation for school libraries, far more are applying for help than can be given with this limited amount and recommendation is made that the appropriation be increased from \$3,000 to \$10,000 yearly in the annual report of Miss Susan Fulghum, state inspector of elementary schools, under whose supervision this work falls. Her full report covering the past three years has just been submitted to A. T. Allen, state superintendent of public instruction.

For any school to benefit from this fund, which is distributed in units of \$50 to a school, the county and district must each give \$50, in order to secure the \$50 from the state, thus making \$150 in all spent for increased library facilities each time \$50 is allotted from this fund.

In the past three years 221 schools have received aid from this sum, making a total of \$33,150 expended in this period to increase the library facilities. The number of volumes in these 221 schools has been increased from 64,103 three years ago to 128,577 at present as a result of this aid. With a total enrollment of 62,139, there were 46,477 borrowers and 224,859 books have been loaned in the past year. Several schools have spent considerably more than the \$150 apiece allowed under the state aid plan, and 198 of the 221 schools report a total expenditure of \$68,709.50 spent for books in this three-year period.

The outstanding needs of this work, according to Miss Fulghum, are an increased appropriation, making the amount available annually \$10,000; that the State aid be given after the books have been purchased by the school; and that teachers be more adequately trained in library work and the use of books with children.

A better system of organization for handling the books and keeping of more complete records is also recommended.

New Building of Revenue Department

Raleigh, July 21.—It now looks as if the department of revenue may be able to get into its new building which was to have been ready in December last by September 1st, but the department is not getting all excited about it. It has had the date set too many times before, only to find that something wasn't ready yet.

The thing that is holding up things now is the apparent inability to get plasterers who can apply the certain kind of plaster that looks like some kind of Italian stone, being used on the interior. They hope to get into the trenches by Christmas, however, if not sooner.

No session of the recorder's court was held this afternoon. One case started Monday, charging abandonment, has been compromised so it is not necessary for the case to be heard further today. The defendant paid the costs in the case and left with his second wife.

CRAWFORD DEFENSE WEEKS TO OFF-SET TEETER TESTIMONY

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Teeter Said Carl Meadows Was Treated Cruelly by the Prison Boss.

FORMER GUARD DENIES ALL THIS

For First Time During the Trial There Were Few Vacant Seats in Court Room Today.

Albemarle, July 21.—(AP)—Testimony was offered today in the trial of Nevin C. Crawford, former Stanly County convict boss, to show that Carl Meadows, negro, was ill for some time before he died, and was not required to perform strenuous labor.

This refutes testimony of the State in which Mr. and Mrs. Dave Teeter told the jury that Meadows came to their home, broken in body and spirit, and died a few hours after they took him into their home.

J. L. Stoker, of Thomasville, automobile mechanic, and former guard under Crawford, was the witness to testify of Meadows' extended illness today.

He said that Crawford had made arrangements to send Meadows to his "people" in Wadesboro, and gave a guard money to buy the prisoner his railroad ticket.

For the first time since the trial began there were a few vacant seats when the trial got underway at 9:30 a. m.

With Our Advertisers. Meet your friends at the Concord & Kannapolis Gas Co. office at 3:30 p. m. Thursday and eat layer cake rolls served by the company. A 5-pound king ham will be given as an attendance prize.

You're always safe when you are using Goodyear tires. See new ad. of York & Wadsworth Co.

On Friday, July 20th, the Southern Railway will run an excursion to Richmond, Norfolk and Virginia Beach. Round trip fare as follows: Richmond, \$3.50; Norfolk, \$7.50; Virginia Beach, \$8.00. See ad.

All summer goods at the Concord Furniture Co. have been reduced from 25 to 50 per cent.

The very newest in felt hats in all the wanted shades arriving daily at Fisher's. Priced \$2.95, \$3.95 and on.

Either buy an electric fan or become a Hoover fan. Read the ad. of Hoover's, Inc., today.

See the new ad. of the Frigidite electric refrigerator. Sold by Standard Buick Co.

Pat Covington has another real interesting letter from Hop Song in this paper today.

York & Wadsworth Co. has just received