

CRANFORD WILL BE TRIED AGAIN SOON SOLICITOR STATES

Solicitor Don Phillips Says Former Convict Boss Will Go on Trial in September.

ASSAULT CHARGE READY FOR HIM

He Will Be Charged in the Stabby Court With Assault on Henry Wooten, Convict.

Raleigh, N. C., July 31.—(AP)—Newly in C. Cranford, former convict boss of Stabby County, acquitted this week on a double charge of murder, will be placed on trial at the September term of court in Stabby county on a charge of assault upon Henry Wooten, a convict.

This statement was made over long distance today to the Associated Press by Solicitor Don M. Phillips, at Rockingham. Mr. Phillips added that many persons were asking why had Cranford not been tried for other acts of cruelty which were alleged during the trial this week. He answered the question with the declaration that while the alleged attack upon Wooten which was in 1925 and the murder charges were felonies, the cruelty charges were misdemeanors and were barred by the statute of limitations.

Came as Surprise. Albenmarle, July 31.—(AP)—Surprise was expressed by R. L. Brown, one of the defense attorneys in the recent trial of N. C. Cranford when told today that Solicitor Phillips intended to press an assault charge against the former convict boss. Mr. Brown said it was the understanding of defense counsel when Mr. Phillips left Albenmarle that the charge of assault with a deadly weapon upon Henry Wooten, negro, would be dropped.

We will be ready, though, Mr. Brown declared. Governor discusses Cranford Case. Raleigh, July 31.—(AP)—Governor McLean deplores as "one of the most unfortunate results" of the Cranford trial "the effort made by a few people in the state and by some newspapers outside of the state to create the impression that the charges made by the convict as to wholesale killings by Cranford were not only true but typical of general conditions prevailing throughout the state under a system fostered by the state itself."

Serious damage has been done to the reputation of the state by these efforts, declared Mc. McLean.

MRS. HALL SAID TO BE AT HER HOME NOW Did Not Take Train For New York as Her Chauffeur Said.

New Brunswick, N. J., July 31.—(AP)—After a night of speculation as to the whereabouts of Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, reporters were today told she had not left her home after returning to it from Somerset County jail, from which she was released last night on bail.

Mrs. Hall was arrested Wednesday charged with the murder four years ago of her husband, Dr. E. W. Wheeler. Wheeler Hall, pastor of a New Brunswick church, and Mrs. Eleanor Mills, a choir singer, Supreme Court Justice Cummins had set her bail at \$15,000.

Doubt as to Mrs. Hall's whereabouts was caused by her chauffeur saying he had driven her to the railway station where she had entrained for New York. Today he admitted he had been mistaken, and that the woman he had driven to the station was a friend of Mrs. Hall's.

Sunday Baseball a "Nuisance." Hariman, Tenn., July 31.—(INS)—Despite rumors to the effect prevalent here all week that a fight would be in the interest of Sunday baseball, no test case of the city's action in declaring Sunday baseball a nuisance and stopping games of amateurs on the Sabbath will be made tomorrow.

Last Sunday two teams, representing the Knights of Columbus of Knoxville and Chattanooga, were playing an exhibition game which was stopped in the seventh inning by officers who raided the baseball park.

The Rev. Father J. E. Campbell, in charge of the encampment here, was in charge of the two teams. No further action was taken other than to warn the players that Sunday baseball was a "public nuisance" and further attempts to play would result in arrest and prosecution.

Has New Evidence. Los Angeles, July 31.—(AP)—District Attorney Asa Keyes announced today that he had discovered in a cottage at Carmel reputed by a man identified as Kenneth G. Ormiston by Carmel residents was so obviously that of Aimee Semple McPherson, evangelist, that he would submit it to the grand jury as evidence in the McPherson investigation without any reference to handwriting experts.

Vote of Confidence for Poincare. Paris, July 31.—(AP)—The Poincare government today got its first vote of confidence on its financial measures to rehabilitate French finances. The vote was 296 to 178 in favor of the first article raising the tax on transportation of wine.

Never run after street-cats or women. There are more coming behind.

Catholics Of Mexico Are Without Benefit Of Clergy Hereafter

PARTIAL INTERDICT INVOKED

Mexican Government Has Determined That Church and State Must Separate.

Mexico City, July 30.—The dramatic struggle between the Roman Catholic Church and the Mexican government enters its crucial phase tomorrow when the new government religious regulations, providing for the enforcement of the constitution of 1917, go into effect.

The government's stand is that the church and the state must be kept separated and that the church must stay out of politics; the church's stand is that it is being persecuted by a hostile government which is threatening religious freedom, and that it has not meddled in politics.

So far-reaching are the issues in controversy that Pope Pius has appealed to the faithful throughout the world to raise their voice in prayer for their Mexican co-religionists and will offer their own prayers for his Mexican flock.

The government regulations in brief are as follows: No foreign ministers of any religion may function in Mexico.

Church ownership of property is forbidden and all such property reverts to the state.

Religious instruction in school is forbidden.

Religious orders such as convents and monasteries are forbidden.

Tests and ministers are forbidden to participate in politics, or to hold political meetings.

To criticize the government or criticize and oppose the constitution, laws or acts of the government, or to incite others to do so.

Outdoor religious ceremonies and the wearing by priests of their religious robes outside of their churches or residences are forbidden.

Penalties of religious nature are forbidden to comment upon the government's acts or to print news concerning the actions of the government.

Punishments may range from a fine of 500 pesos, or fifteen days imprisonment, or additional punishment, as the court may care to impose. Trial by jury is not provided for.

MRS. HALL FREED IN \$15,000 BAIL

Faces Charges Involving Slaying of Her Husband and His Choir Singer.

New Brunswick, N. J., July 30.—Quitting her home through a back entrance, Mrs. Frances Hall, accompanied by her attorney, Timothy N. Pfeiffer, was spirited away tonight to the Pennsylvania railroad station here, where she boarded a train for New York City.

Reporters and crowds of curious persons waiting in front of the Hall home were unaware of her sudden departure.

Gives Bail. Somerville, N. J., July 30.—Mrs. Edward Wheeler Hall, of New Brunswick, regained her liberty tonight in \$15,000 bail after having spent forty hours in Somerset county jail, charged with the murder four years ago of her husband, church rector, and his alleged sweetheart, choir singer in his church.

The 48-year-old aristocratic matron was arrested last Wednesday night, after authorities said, a "mass of new evidence" pointing to her as the slayer of the rector of fashionable St. John's Episcopal Church, in New Brunswick, and Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills, choir singer, had been discovered in an investigation ordered by Governor Moore and State authorities.

She was released by order of Chief Justice Gamble, to whom defense attorneys appealed today at Point Pleasant.

South to Experiment With Banana Crop. (By International News Service) New York, July 31.—The Southern tier of states may lead the world soon in the production of bananas, according to Dr. T. J. Harris, agronomist, who introduced the first banana seeds into Florida.

Dr. Harris plant to put his seeds in Alabama, Georgia, Texas and Mississippi, later invading Tennessee, Kentucky and South Carolina.

The discovery of the banana seed by Dr. Harris represents seven years of agricultural experiments in Florida. It only need a temperate zone with six months of the year free from frost in order to plant these seeds successfully," Dr. Harris said. "One acre of bananas yields a greater food supply than twenty acres of wheat."

The agriculturist said that with southern planters having their cotton crops ruined by the boll weevil they might convert their lands into banana plantations. Dr. Harris said that banana flour is as good as wheat flour.

Junior arithmetic classes proved conclusively that little things count.

Toronto is derived from an Indian word, meaning a place of meeting.

About Ten Million Persons Affected by New Religious Regulations Which Are Now Effective.

SEVERAL WOUNDED DURING BATTLES

No Serious Disorders Were Reported as Government Agencies Took Over All Church Matters.

Mexico City, July 31.—(AP)—Ten million or more Catholics throughout Mexico today were without benefit of clergy.

The putting into effect of the government's new religious regulation was marked by isolated shooting affrays, the stoning of officials, and the turning of fire hose on crowds.

These occurrences started last night when officials began to take control of treasures and other articles in church buildings, other than the churches themselves.

Ten persons were wounded, in shootings in the capital.

Attorney General Ortega was among the officials stoned as they were closing the annexes of the St. Catherine's Church, once reputed among the wealthiest churches of Mexico, but which has lost the bulk of its wealth.

Disturbances also occurred in several other sections of the capital. Police and firemen were called to disperse crowds which had clashed with the police guarding churches.

The priests had been ordered by the episcopate to withdraw from the churches today as a protest against the regulations. Also effective today was an economic boycott of the national league for defense of religious liberty. Catholics are requested to cease spending money on anything except absolute necessities, the object being to bring about an economic crisis which will influence the government to modify its religious attitude.

Officials reiterated today that it was the intention of President Calles and government officials strictly to enforce the constitutional clauses with regard to religion which have been in effect since 1917.

With a view to preventing or putting down any disturbances the government dispatched troops to strategic points. They were ordered to maintain a state of constant readiness for any eventuality.

CONFEDERATE BONDS

Treasurer Lacy Wanted to See What They Looked Like.

Raleigh, July 31.—What do these old Confederate bonds, issued by the State of North Carolina, which people in England are now claiming should be paid to offset the payment of the British debt to the United States, really look like? This question got to worrying State Treasurer Ben R. Lacy today, so he went back to the vault in his office, scrounged away a few cobwebs, brought out four or five big bundles and opened them. These were some of the bonds which were not sold, but of the same issue as the ones that were sold. They are of \$1,000 denomination, and represent a "one-time" potential value of between one and two million dollars. One bundle contained at least 500 of the \$1,000 bonds.

These bonds, about 24 inches wide and 36 inches long, are printed on very thin and very cheap paper, and bear the signature of Governor Z. B. Vance and Johnathan Worth, who was then State Treasurer. The coupons all bear the signature of W. A. Dodd, assistant treasurer, who is later mayor of the city of Raleigh.

This batch of bonds was actually sent to England to be sold, but belong to the last issues near the end of the Confederacy, so that by the time they reached England the Confederacy had collapsed, and the bonds were worthless. They were brought back to North Carolina and have been deposited in the vault of the State Treasurer ever since.

An effort was made to persuade Mr. Lacy to count them and see exactly how much "once was" wealth reposed in the vault, but he would not consent to the counting of so much treasure. So they were put back in the vault to wait the curiosity of some one else before they are disturbed again.

KIWANIS MEETING

Members of Club Appoint Committee to Investigate Matter of Extending Boulevard Here.

Appointment of a committee to investigate the extension of the Wilkinson Boulevard from Charlotte to Concord was the most important matter before the Kiwanians at their regular meeting at the Hotel Concord Friday.

The committee appointed by the club was directed to confer with members of the county highway commission relative to the extension of the boulevard to Cabarrus county and to take any other action that seems best.

Dr. T. N. Spencer was named chairman of the committee, other members being J. P. Cook, Noel Reid, F. M. Youngblood and J. B. Sherrill.

Mr. Youngblood was chairman of the program committee for the day and he presented to the club young Driver, a student at the Jackson Training School, who recited in excellent fashion Hon. O. Max Gardner's speech at the recent State Democratic Convention.

Cummins Related to Mecklenburg People.

Washington, July 10.—Senator Albert Baird Cummins, of Iowa, who died today, often spoke of his kinspeople in North Carolina. He said he was related to the Flennikeus of Sharon township, Mecklenburg county. A Flenniken was very active in the formation of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

Death Was Planned.

Atlanta, Ga., July 31.—(AP)—The foundation for the plot in which gunmen aimed at the life of Bert Donaldson, special investigator for the solicitor general's office, was laid in long distance telephone calls to Donaldson from Chicago, Solicitor General John A. Boykin said today.

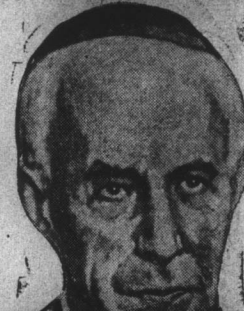
The solicitor general termed the crime "one of the most dastardly planned and executed crimes in history of the South, and probably the most daring in Atlanta's history."

Governor Going For Vacation.

Raleigh, July 31.—(AP)—Governor McLean will leave Raleigh either tonight or tomorrow night for two or three weeks' vacation at Lan-O-Lakes, Wis.

The executive will be accompanied by two of his children, Angus W. Jr., and Margaret. Mrs. McLean also will take a vacation with the youngest child, Hector, but her plans had not been completed.

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READY TO TAKE CASE TO COURT

If Solicitor Refuses Them Bail They Will Institute Habeas Corpus Proceedings at Once.

Jacksonville, N. C., July 31.—(AP)—Five youths held in the Onslow county jail here in connection with the death of Ellis Hollis, 17-year-old farm lad of Holly Ridge, this county, whose body was found in New River last Monday, were awaiting a decision today from Solicitor Powers as to allowing bond.

At a hearing of the coroner's jury yesterday, two of the seven who had been held for the slaying were released. These were Roy Hudson and Richard Koonce, the latter a Jacksonville negro. Hudson was a member of the party of six in which Hollis was included.

The verdict of the coroner's body was that Hollis came to his death at the hands of "parties unknown" to the jury, but recommended that Lounie, Arthur and Jady Howard, brothers, and Leon and Leonard Edens be held for further questioning. The Edens are also brothers.

Solicitor Powers who directed the hearings yesterday, advised the youths today whether he will oppose fixing bonds. Counsel for the boys indicated that if he did not, they would institute habeas corpus proceedings.

The body of Hollis was found in New River Monday by Dr. J. H. Rawlings, of Lynchburg, physician who was fishing there. Dr. Rawlings testified to the coroner's jury yesterday that the boy's throat was cut and that the jugular vein had been stabbed. He expressed the belief that the boy had been killed and then thrown into the river.

The six boys left their home Saturday to attend a country picnic. They are later alleged to have become intoxicated and to have separated. Companions of Hollis say they know nothing more of his actions after leaving them until his body was found.

Does Not Agree to Bond.

Jacksonville, N. C., July 31.—(AP)—Solicitor J. A. Powers, who yesterday directed the coroner's jury probe into the death of Ellis Hollis, Holly Ridge youth, was this afternoon on route to his home at Kingston, after refusing to agree to fixing bonds for the five youths ordered held yesterday.

Coroner G. W. Jones this morning announced that additional evidence had been secured during the night and that the investigation would probably be opened next week.

Attorneys for the boys held in jail started today that unless an agreement is reached early next week for bonds, they would seek to release the defendants under habeas corpus proceedings.

KANSAS VOTERS FACED WITH LISTLESS FIGHT

Primary on August Third Fails to Bring Out Interest That is Usually Aroused.

Topeka, Kans., July 31.—(AP)—Kansas voters face the most listless primary in a decade.

With no real opposition confronting United States Senator Charles Curtis or Governor Ben Paulen, both seeking the Republican renomination for their respective offices, voters went to the polls August 3rd with interest centered in some state offices in one or two congressional contests, and in red hot local fights where law enforcement issues have brought out flocks of candidates.

Statewide issues are lacking. Ringing in the ears of voters, however, is the appeal of two Republican candidates to look upon the primary as a referendum on the question whether the Knights of Ku Klux Klan of Georgia shall obtain a Kansas charter.

These candidates are William A. Smith, assistant attorney general who asked the nomination for attorney general, and Frank J. Ryan seeking renomination for secretary of state.

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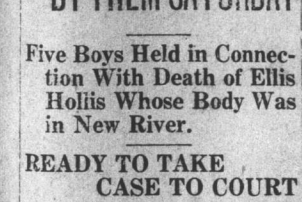
You can get your gas at 22 1-2 cents today at the York & Wadsworth Co.'s. See ad.

Take out some fire insurance and prove that you have real brains. See ad. of Fetzer & Yorke.

The H. A. Goodman Home Sold.

Grange Named in Her Suit

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ORDERS INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED CRUELITIES

Judge Oglesby Calls For Thorough Inquiry Into Reports in Forsyth.

Winston-Salem, July 30.—The Forsyth county grand jury was today in the midst of an investigation of alleged cruelties to convicts in the county.

Judge J. M. Oglesby, who is presiding over a term of superior court here, in charging the grand jury, ordered a thorough investigation of alleged attacks on prisoners by guards.

The investigation started Thursday afternoon and continued through most of today. The grand jury will make its report to the court some time next week.

The investigation follows charges made by local attorneys at the last term of court to the effect that a certain convict had been kicked by a guard without cause. Judge R. B. Redwine, who was presiding over court at this time, ordered that the next grand jury take such action as it might see fit.

Spider Bite Fatal to South Carolina Woman.

Chester, S. C., July 30.—Suffering with a violent case of erysipelas, which caused her temperature to mount as high as 105 degrees, Mrs. Joseph Lutz, of Lenoir, was brought to the Chester Sanatorium the early part of the week for treatment. She died after a few days treatment there. Mrs. Lutz and members of their family attributed the beginning of her trouble to a spider bite or some other insect. She was in her 37th year.

State House For Cummins' Funeral.

Des Moines, Ia., July 31.—(AP)—Use of the Iowa State house for a public funeral for Senator A. B. Cummins was offered to the senator's family today by Governor John Hammond in a telegram from Yellowstone Park, Wyoming.

Governor Hammond named Lieutenant Governor Clem W. Kimball, of Council Bluffs, to represent him officially at the funeral.

Raises Discount Rate.

Paris, July 31.—(AP)—The Bank of France today raised its discount rate from 6 per cent. to 7 1-2 per cent.

THE WEATHER

Mostly cloudy with local showers Sunday and in west and north central portions tonight. Gentle breeze from south and southwest winds.

TELEGRAMS TO AID REACH EVANGELIST

Several Persons Wire Mrs. Aimee Semple McPherson Offering Evidence in Kidnapping Case.

RYAN THEORY IS CAUSE OF WIVES

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DELINQUENTS TO HAVE TILL AUGUST 3 TO GET THEIR TAGS

Arrests Will Then Be Made of All Who Have Not Secured Them.

Raleigh, July 31.—Delinquent motor car owners who have not secured their licenses from the department of revenue by Tuesday, August 3rd, will be arrested and prosecuted to the limit of the law according to a formal announcement by R. A. Doughton, commissioner of revenue, who calls attention to the fact that most liberal extensions of time have been allowed for every automobile owner to secure his license, and that after August 3rd those who have not yet secured their license must pay the penalty.

He points out that where a car owner has made an effort to secure a license but has not yet received it, he will be protected until the delivery of the license.

The statement of Commissioner Doughton follows:

"Delinquent owners of motor vehicles taxed by the State must secure their licenses before August 3, 1926. Liberal extensions have been given all to obtain license, in order to give no excuses and in order to get all title records in the office of the department correct under the new system being used this year. After August 3rd all who use cars without the new licenses will find inspectors enforcing the provisions of the law and the penalties prescribed by statute for delinquents. If for any sufficient cause, any have been unable to obtain their licenses, after showing they have made reasonable effort to obtain them they will be protected until such time as the license can be secured."

All of those who have co-operated in the issuance of the nearly 400,000 license plates by the department were commended by the commissioner.

Since June 1st, a total of \$4,007.74 has been collected by the automobile license division through the sale of license plates.

ALL PLANS FOR DUKE SOON TO BE READY

To Be Given to Architects For Final Drafting September 1st.

Durham, N. C., July 31.—(INS)—All data on the Duke university plant, including plans for the medical school and hospital which are to cost in excess of \$20,000,000, will be placed in the hands of architects for final drafting September 1.

This announcement came from Dr. William Preston Few, president of the university, after working more than two years on plans for the new university.

With this preliminary work out of the way, declares Dr. Few, actual construction of the plant might be expected to begin in a comparatively short time.

Injured Men Carried to Port.

Lewes, Del., July 31.—(AP)—The coast guard station here was advised by radio this morning that patrol boat No. 217 of the Cape May coast guard station was proceeding to Lewes with three men who had been scalded on a steamship. Neither the name of the vessel nor any particulars of the accident were known at the local station, but it was reported the name of the ship was the Muncipen from New York to Cuba.

Cotton futures opened easy. Oct. 17.72; Dec. 17.70; Jan. 17.72; March 17.94; Mal 18.07.

Closed Steady. New York, July 31.—(AP)—Cotton futures closed steady, unchanged to 3 points down; Oct. 17.68; Dec. 17.65; Jan. 17.70; March 17.90; May 18.07.

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