

AGED HOTEL OWNER
KILLS GIRL, THEN
COMMITTS SUICIDE

Kelly C. Kirtly Shot Girl as She Lay in Bed After Quarrel About a Stone in a Ring.

GIRL HAD POSED
AS HIS NIECE

After Shooting Girl Kirtly Went to a Bathroom Adjoining Room Where He Took His Own Life.

Lexington, Ky., Sept. 3.—(AP)—Kelly C. Kirtly, 70, wealthy restaurant and hotel man, who formerly lived in Fayette County, killed himself shortly before 7 o'clock this morning in the bathroom adjoining room in a hotel here, after he had slain Miss Mildred McDaniel, 26, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

The girl, a pretty red-haired telephone operator of Brooklyn, who had accompanied Kirtly on a motor trip to Lexington, was shot while she was asleep in the same bed with Miss Alma Gregory, of the same address in Brooklyn.

The two young women had registered at the hotel Wednesday as Alma and Mildred Gregory, both of New York City. According to Alma Gregory, they posed as cousins, and Kirtly as their uncle.

The two had quarreled Thursday night over the size of a stone in a diamond ring which Kirtly had given Mildred, Alma declared.

Shortly after 7 o'clock this morning, Alma declared she was awakened by the sound of a pistol shot. She sprang up to see Kirtly standing beside the bed with a pistol in his hand, while Mildred lay beside her.

WATCH YOUR COTTON

This Is Advice Given by State Department of Agriculture.

Tribune Raleigh Bureau, Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Sept. 3.—Watch your cotton! This is the advice given to cotton growers all over the State by the State Department of Agriculture. For though cotton looks good now, and is better than it has been for some time, it is not so good as it can be, and no one can tell just what may happen in the next month or so.

The recent rains have brought on a fresh crop of weevils in some localities, according to the latest reports to the Crop Reporting Bureau, some sections reporting a damage of 20 per cent. to the crop in the last two weeks. In still other sections the cotton caterpillar or army worm has been found, and although no serious damage has been done by the caterpillar as yet, there is danger that it may develop in sufficient numbers to materially affect the crop. The caterpillar has caused very serious crop injury in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana, and while it is late for it to get a foothold in North Carolina, it is a pest to be reckoned with, and should be the stalks of all foliage and thus arrested development.

The cotton fly or hopper is still active in some sections. Recent reports that almost all of their young squires are dropping from the cotton plants because of inquiry by the cotton hopper. Although it is probable that many of these squires would not have time to produce bolls, still some of them might, and thus the potential yield is reduced.

So despite the fact that the North Carolina crop rating at present is given as 75 per cent. of normal, and conditions are still favorable for a crop, farmers are warned not to be too optimistic, as a number of things may still happen to reduce the estimate.

JUDGE SMITH'S DEATH
BEING INVESTIGATED

Elmore Grand Jury Starts Hearing to Determine Facts in Murder Case.

Metropolis, Ala., Sept. 3.—(AP)—Numerous witnesses appeared before the Elmore County grand jury which convened here today in special session to investigate the slaying of Judge Lamar Smith. Eighteen men were chosen from a venire of 25, and L. O. Venable was appointed foreman. Judge George F. Smoot charged the grand jury briefly.

Meanwhile Clyde Reese Bachelor, son-in-law of Judge Smith, and confessed instigator of the crime, paced his cell restlessly in Montgomery County jail, declaring he is sane, and expressing hope that his young wife may visit him. In the same jail is Hays Leonard, negro farm hand who wielded the shot gun which ended the life of Judge Smith.

There was no outward excitement as the grand jurors assembled. Townspeople spoke in lower tones and none would discuss details of the crime. There was little speculation among the townspeople.

Another Mine Explosion.

Tahone, Okla., Sept. 3.—(AP)—An explosion occurred at mine of the Superior Smokeless Coal Company here shortly before 10 o'clock this morning, affecting three entries. About 150 men are employed. It is not known whether any was killed or injured.

St. Louis has the largest pipe organ factory in the world.

Washington Silent As
Debate On Court Plan
Reservations Continue

There is no Attempt, However, to Conceal Interest Taken in Every Statement at Conference.

QUESTION MAY BE
REOPENED SOON

If Conference Makes Conditions to Reservations the Senate Must Act on the Matter Again.

Washington, Sept. 3.—(AP)—Washington officials are maintaining a severe silence while the representatives of the powers continue at Geneva their discussion of the American reservations to the world court.

But there is no attempt to conceal the interest taken in every utterance at the conference. The impression given is that the conference are deciding almost without appeal whether or not the United States is to become a member of the court at any time in the near future.

Should conditions be attached to acceptance of the reservations written by the Senate the action would be reported back to the Senate by the State department.

The administration fully recognizes, however, the hazards of reopening the question at the capital.

Two senators who voted for the court have announced they now oppose it, even on the terms laid down by the Senate itself, and should these terms be modified at the Geneva conference, the situation would be so changed that no one professes to know what might happen.

There always is the possibility that any position taken at Geneva might be overruled by the governments concerned, since the delegates to the conference have no power to make binding decisions. But the moral effect of any adverse action by the conference would be an important factor, and should even one of the smaller forty-eight court members be influenced to reject the American reservations to the whole plan for American membership would be wrecked.

TWELVE MINERS ARE
TRAPPED IN EXPLOSION

Were Caught in Coal Mine at Tahone, Oklahoma—Probably Will Be Rescued.

Tahone, Oklahoma, Sept. 3.—(AP)—Twelve miners were trapped in the Superior Smokeless Coal Company's mine here this morning following a gas explosion in which several men were hurt, none seriously.

It was expected that twelve men entombed would be reached soon.

The explosion occurred shortly after the men entered the mine for work this morning.

Two miners were brought out of the mine shortly after 11 o'clock, seriously injured. Rescue parties were organized, and physicians sent from Fort Smith, Ark., and other nearby towns.

Tahone is in LeFlore county, about ten miles from the Arkansas state line.

SENATOR MCKINLEY IS
REPORTED WEAKER NOW

Does Not Seem as Mentally Clear as on Previous Days, Attending Physician Reports.

Martinsville, Ind., Sept. 3.—(AP)—Senator William B. McKinley was a little weaker this morning and did not seem as mentally clear as on previous days, said a bulletin by Dr. R. H. Egbert, his attending physician.

The aged Illinois senator was more restless last night, and was delirious part of the time. He fell asleep about 6 o'clock this morning. His respiration early today was 28, temperature 90, and pulse 104.

With Our Advertisers.

The banks of the city will be closed on next Monday, Labor Day.

The Ritchie Hardware Co. has all the stable hardware and handy tools you need.

On sale Saturday at Fishers, golf shoes for only 45 cents; value 95 cents.

Always staple and fancy groceries, fresh vegetables and meats at the Sanitary Grocery Co. Phone 676 and 686.

The Shepherd Shoe Hospital will remake your shoes and save you money.

A large assortment of rugs is now on display at H. B. Wilkinson's.

See list of used cars at the Syler Motor Co. has for sale.

W. J. Hethcox will wire your house from cellar to garret.

The Parks-Bell Co. has a wonderful line of fall suits to interest the young men. Five special prices, \$25, \$29.50, \$35 and \$39.50. Everything worn by men.

Radner Under Arrest.

Martinsville, O., Sept. 3.—(AP)—Ben Radner, hardware merchant, was taken into custody here this morning by an officer of the Starke county court in connection with the inquiry into the murder of Don R. McLet, Canton publisher, on July 10th.

Lightning marriages are usually followed by storms.

ALL BOOK COMPANIES
WILL PROBABLY FOLLOW

Lead of Johnson Company, in Which Case Suits Will Be Dropped.

Tribune Raleigh Bureau, Sir Walter Hotel.

Raleigh, Sept. 3.—Although none of the four remaining text book publishers have as yet definitely announced that they would follow the lead of the Johnson Publishing Company of Richmond, Va., and make the retail price of their books in North Carolina the same as the retail price in Tennessee, it was indicated today that the outlook was most hopeful and that it was regarded only a matter of days until they would take this action.

In fact, it is readily admitted that the representatives of the other companies—Allyn & Bacon, The American Book Company, D. C. Heath & Co., and Silver Burdette & Co. are now only awaiting final instructions from their home offices to enter into similar agreements with the state.

If any company agrees to sell its books in North Carolina as in Tennessee, it is understood that all suits will be dropped and no claims for a refund from last year entered.

There would be really nothing for any of the book companies to gain, and much to lose, should any one hold out and refuse to put the lower prices into effect, as much costly and long-drawn out litigation would result if the state should bring suit, with the likelihood that such a firm would not be in the running when a new contract was made for school books.

The present contract is in effect only for the present year, and when the legislature meets in January it is probable that an entire new contract may be worked out.

In fact, it is being openly predicted by those close to the affairs of the state that the recent skirmish over book prices is but the forerunner of radical revisions that are to come in the method of book distribution. Many are confident that the question of state distribution and a state depository, from which books will be distributed on a "cost plus handling" basis, will figure large in the next session of the general assembly.

It is also pointed out that the present contract has several features, apparently not generally known, which make it of unusual advantage to the state, one of which is that whatever a county or city so desires it may buy its books direct from the publisher at wholesale prices, without having to buy through the depository, and then sell the books so purchased direct to the school children at whatever price it sees fit, so long as it does not exceed the 20 per cent. limit fixed by law.

There are at present five counties in the state that employ this method, many of them selling the books at less than the fixed retail price when handled through the depository. Consequently it is now possible for any counties that so desire to set up their own distributing agencies and sell the books at but little more than the wholesale prices.

Attention is also called to the fact that the law requires all school boards to furnish books to children who are unable to buy them, without charge. The policy in the state has been steadfastly against free text books for all the children, on the grounds that those children who are able should buy and possess their own books, at the same time maintaining that no child should be deprived of attending school because he or she could not afford to buy school books.

Some ten or twelve cities, however, have the rental book system, whereby the pupils pay a nominal rent for the use of the books. Only one county has adopted the free text book system, and that county is New Hanover.

Prices on School Books Till September 14th.

Raleigh, Sept. 3.—School children in North Carolina may purchase their school books at the same prices charged the school children of Tennessee until September 14th, according to a mandatory injunction that has been issued by Judge W. M. Bond, and which is not made returnable until September 14th, when argument will be heard as to why the terms of the injunction shall not be made permanent.

Three of the four publishing companies who have not yet voluntarily agreed to make the Tennessee prices effective in this state at once are affected by the order. Allyn & Bacon, the only firm against which suit was not brought and not included in the injunction, is understood to be in the process of executing a voluntary agreement.

Although suits have been filed against the American Book Company, D. C. Heath & Company and Silver Burdette & Company—Johnson Publishing Company of Richmond already having signed a voluntary agreement—it is thought likely that some if not all of the three companies will agree on a compromise plan before September 14th. In virtually each case where suit was brought, damages sufficient to cover the overcharge on the books sold last year is asked, but in cases where the agreement has been reached, the state has not asked for any damages.

In the suit against the American Book Company damages amounting to \$8,500 are asked, and smaller sums against the other companies. The N. C. book depository made joint defendant in the suits.

It is pointed out by members of the board of education that the majority of the schools in the state are opening this week and most of them will be open by September 14th, so that the great majority of the school children in the state will be able to secure their text books at the lower prices, and thus save a good sum on the total cost of their books.

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THE TRIBUNE TO BE DELIVERED
IN KANNAPOLIS ROAD
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The Tribune will at once establish a route on the Kannapolis road and subscribers on both sides of the railroad will have their paper delivered at their homes fresh from the press. The route will include Midway, Bergerberg, Tin Cup, Center View and all intervening territory, going up on the right side of the main highway and returning on the other side over the old road to Peck's filling station.

Next week five delivery routes will be established in the city of Kannapolis, and The Tribune will be delivered to its Kannapolis readers as early as it is delivered to Concord subscribers. We are sure the Kannapolis people will appreciate this, as The Tribune has always been popular in Kannapolis.

REVENUE COLLECTIONS

Collections for August Exceeded Those for Same Month of 1925 by \$224,366.

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Raleigh, Sept. 3.—Although revenue collections for August this year exceeded collections for August, 1925, by \$224,366, a total of \$879,407.91 having been collected by the State department of revenue during the month just past as compared with \$655,041.91 in August, 1925, the combined collections for July and August this year are not up to the combined collections for July and August a year ago. Combined collections for July and August of this year amount to \$1,174,933.35 as compared with collections a year ago for the corresponding months of \$1,882,917.70, which gives a difference of \$707,984.35.

However, indications on the whole are for large collections all along the line this year than last, the excess in July collections last year being caused by an unusually heavy inheritance tax collection such as would occur perhaps but once in ten years, said R. A. Doughton, commissioner of revenue, in discussing the showing made so far this year. He called attention to the fact that the collection in July of this year was \$397,994.27 as compared with \$355,068.91 in August a year ago.

Income tax collections for the month just past were \$120,078.06 as compared with but \$32,859.06 a year ago. The inheritance tax fell below last year's collections just a little, \$34,234.92 having been collected last month as compared with collections of \$35,740.73 in August of last year. The revenue from the sale of licenses under schedule B was also slightly off last month, when collections were \$144,076.26 as compared with \$183,608.55 a year ago. However, collections under schedule C last month were far in excess of last year, amounting to \$158,454.24 as compared with but \$32,297.83 last August.

Bus taxes collected in August this year were but \$2,093.16 as compared with collections of \$14,881 a year ago. A slight increase in the amount of insurance taxes collected is noted, the collections for the month just ended being \$397,994.27 as compared with \$355,068.91 in August a year ago.

THE COTTON MARKET

March 1 Points Higher But Other Months Unchanged to 3 Points Lower.

New York, Sept. 3.—(AP)—The cotton market opened steady at advance of 1 point on March but generally unchanged to 3 points lower. Active months sold 3 to 5 points lower during the first few minutes under realizing or liquidation.

The relatively easy ruling of October was accompanied by revived rumors that cotton was to be shipped here from the South for delivery. This combined with a favorable view of early weather news and the relatively easy ruling of Liverpool cables probably accounted for some selling on the decline to 17.70 for December.

Liverpool rallied after the local opening, however, while offerings here were light and prices held fairly steady within a point or two of yesterday's closing figures at the end of the first hour.

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SEVERAL TRAINMEN
KILLED IN HEADON
COLLISION TODAY

Deaths Followed Crash Between Freight and Passenger Trains.—Disregarded Signals.

FREIGHT FAILED
TO TAKE SIGNAL

Only One Passenger Was Seriously Injured, According to Reports Received by Officials.

Connelisville, Pa., Sept. 3.—(AP)—The engineer and fireman of Baltimore & Ohio passenger train No. 7, westbound from New York to Chicago, were killed, and two other trainmen and one passenger were injured early today in a head-on collision with an eastbound freight train at Foley, Pa., about seventy miles from here.

Engineer Wilkie W. Collins, of Cumberland, Md., and Fireman R. E. Albright, of Hyndman, Pa., engine crew of the first of two locomotives drawing the passenger train, the crack New York-Chicago limited, were killed.

Signals Disregarded.

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 3.—(AP)—Disregard of signals by the crew of the locomotive of an eastbound freight train was responsible for the accident on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad early today in which four trainmen were killed and several other persons injured near Foley, Pa. It was stated by executive officials of the railroad here today.

Passenger train No. 7, New York and Chicago express, was standing on the siding waiting for the approaching freight to clear the main track to allow it to proceed. The freight instead of stopping, according to reports here, dashed through the switch and into the passenger train, wrecking its two engines and derailing two cars containing baggage and express matter.

Engineer W. W. Collins, of Cumberland, and Fireman R. E. Albright, of Hyndman, Pa., were killed outright. Fireman W. C. Reynolds of the passenger train succumbed to his injuries today.

Tom Whitman, of Cumberland, fireman of the second passenger locomotive, and a passenger, Mrs. Edith Wins, of Toledo, O., also were injured.

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Dirigible Safe After
Fighting Storm Which
Raged Most Of Night

J. B. VICKERS SUCCEUMS TO THE BULLET WOUND

Deputy Sheriff Rev. Geo. Wood Under Arrest—Is Charged With Murder.

Raleigh, Sept. 2.—J. B. Vickers, apprised this afternoon that he had only a few hours to live, declared that he was not guilty of the murder for which he was doing 10 years in the state's prison when Rev. George Wood, of Kingston, shot and so badly injured him that he died today.

The guilt of Vickers was assumed from the first, but his denial today that he committed murder explains his bitterness, if he told the truth.

Raleigh, Sept. 2.—J. B. Vickers, state prisoner, wounded Tuesday in an escape attempt, died early tonight in the state's prison hospital as a result of the bullet wound in his abdomen, which was inflicted by Rev. George Wood, of Kingston, pastor of the Universal church there and a deputy sheriff of Lenoir county.

The direct cause of Vickers' death was given out as peritonitis superinduced by gunshot wounds. The prisoner was 33 years old and was serving a ten year sentence for second degree murder, received in Mecklenburg Superior court. He leaves a wife and child, both of whom are residents of Mecklenburg county.

Upon notification of Vickers' death, Magistrate L. M. Waring had Wood arrested on a warrant sworn out before him on a charge of murder. Later, over Magistrate Waring's protest, Wood was re-arrested by deputy sheriffs on a warrant sworn out by Solicitor W. F. Evans before Roy Banks, another magistrate.

Eye-witnesses of the shooting declared that the preacher-deputy shot Vickers while the prisoner was in the act of surrendering after having been cornered in the yard of a private residence following a break for liberty and a subsequent chase. Vickers was being escorted to the prison by Wood at the time of his ill-fated break.

Says Shooting Was Accidental.

He had escaped about a week before in Charlotte and had been apprehended in Spartanburg, S. C. On account of a shortage of prison deputies available, Wood, who has done warfare work among the prisoners, was sent to bring the escaped man back.

Wood denied shooting the prisoner intentionally. He said that he thought Vickers was about to seize his gun as he was attempting to handcuff him and that in the excitement he accidentally pulled the trigger.

Before his death Vickers told two versions of the shooting. In one, he said that Wood shot him in a fit of anger, snarling "you dirty rascal." In another he absolved Wood from blame of the shooting and stated that he thought it was accidental.

The bullet penetrated the prisoner's intestines and in a delicate operation performed on the night of the shooting 15 inches of intestines were removed. Vickers seemed to rally and for dinner today ate a large piece of watermelon. Later in the day, however, his condition became critical and he died early in the night.

VALENTINO ROYALTIES GROW

\$30,000 Per Day Guaranteed Heirs From Rudolph's Last Picture, "The Son of the Sheik."

New York, Sept. 3.—The late Rudolph Valentino's figure still makes \$30,000 a day as royalties for his heirs.

Interest aroused by his death sent booming the box office receipts from his last picture, "The Son of the Sheik."

George Ulman, who was Valentino's manager, today estimated that royalties of approximately \$300,000 have been earned by this picture alone since his death.

The royalties will go to Valentino's brother Alberto and sister, Marie Juglielmi and to Edward S. Gilbert, a friend, of Los Angeles, named as heirs in his will.

After the actor's death the brother and sister were informed that their brother's estate, while solvent, contained no surplus for the heirs. They have been altered by the post-mortem earnings of the actor.

Alberto will arrive here tomorrow from Italy and it will be decided then whether the body shall be buried in Hollywood or taken to Italy.

All of the nineteen trucks to be used by the county schools this winter in the consolidation program have arrived from Concord where the bodies were constructed. Sixteen of them are Chevrolet and three are Graham Brothers. They are on display at the White Auto Co.

HOLIDAY NOTICE

Monday, September 6, 1926

Labor Day

Being a legal holiday in the State of North Carolina, the banks of Concord will not be open for business.

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CABARRUS SAVINGS BANK
CITIZENS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY

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Agree to Peace Terms Approved by Union Leaders and Manufacturers—1800 Workers Affected.

TERMS OF PEACE
NOT MADE KNOWN

Non-Union Workers Will Be Cared For at Jobs Separated From Striking Members of Union.

Manville, R. I., Sept. 3.—(AP)—The strike of 1,800 textile workers of the Manville-Jencks Company here ended today when the strikers ratified peace terms agreed upon yesterday by labor leaders and the manufacturers.

The strike was called August 18th in protest over the employment of non-union loom-fixers. Company officials yesterday agreed to place the non-union labor elsewhere in the plant providing the workers met several conditions not made public by strike leaders.

The terms met with the unanimous approval of the strikers. It was expected that settlement of the strike in Manville would automatically bring about the return to work of 1,300 employees of