

DETECTIVES PROBING STATEMENTS OF MRS. BERYL WARD TO JURY

Wife Of Accused Man Is Reluctant Witness Before Grand Jury.

FIXES HOUR OF ARRIVAL

Cunningham Witness Has Received Threatening Notes While In Jail.

(By The Associated Press.)

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., June 7.—Detectives for District Attorney Weeks were busy today investigating the statements made before the grand jury yesterday by Mrs. Beryl Ward, wife of Walter S. Ward, confessed slayer of Clarence Peters.

Mrs. Ward finally fixed the arrival home of her husband on the morning of the shooting at about 4:30. This is a point in Ward's favor as he said the fight, which resulted in the death of Peters, started on the Kenzie reservoir road about 3:55 and that he went home immediately after the killing.

Both the maid and the nurse in the Ward home, also gave the time of Ward's arrival there as 4:30 a. m.

Through the bank books and checks of Ward, Mr. Weeks hopes to trace the payments Ward says he made of \$30,000 to blackmailers which he demanded the additional \$75,000 which resulted in the death battle with Peters.

Mr. Weeks refused to say if George S. Ward, father of young Ward, would be called tomorrow when the grand jury reconvenes.

Counsel for James J. Cunningham, whose story of a battle in the Ward home and the death of Peters and the wounding of another man there, caused his arrest as a material witness, has not been able to raise the \$5,000 bail fixed for his release.

Cunningham seems to desire to retain his cell in the jail here and not over anxious to get his freedom since it was reported that he had been threatened in notes sent him since his arrest.

LAST OF WAR DEAD ARE HOME FROM FRANCE

NEW YORK, June 7.—Sixty-four flag-drawn caskets bearing the last of America's war dead to be brought home from France by request, were lifted over the side of the transport Somme today and placed upon an army pier in Brooklyn.

Services will be held on Sunday, and then the bodies will be sent to relatives for final burial. All of the other thousands of American dead overseas will remain there.

The Somme also brought home 376 of the officers and men who have been stationed along the Rhine. Fifty wives of officers were aboard and 84 members of enlisted men's families.

HARDING TO GET DOCTOR'S DEGREE FROM PRINCETON

WASHINGTON, June 7.—President Harding will leave Washington tomorrow morning for Princeton, N. J., the home of Senator Frelinghuysen, and on Friday will attend two ceremonies at Princeton, the unveiling of the commencement exercises and the conferring of a doctor's degree by the university, and is expected to make two addresses. He will return to Washington Friday evening.

FAVORED HEAVY DUTY ON LONG STAPLE COTTON

PROVIDENCE, R. I., June 7.—Former Senator Henry F. Lippitt, of Rhode Island, in answer to the attack made in the senate yesterday by Senator Ashurst, of Arizona, declared today that although a democrat, the Arizona senator recently expressed to him in the course of a conference in Washington his interest in having a very heavy duty placed on long staple cotton.

Asked if he had been present at secret sessions of the committee, Mr. Lippitt replied: "That was a matter for the committee to determine. I had no power to go there unless the committee was willing." He added that he did not remember that he had attended such meetings.

TO SELL BONDS.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—The Virginian and Western Railroad applied to the Interstate Commerce Commission today for authority to issue and sell \$1,500,000 in five per cent bonds and the Virginian Railway which owns the Virginian and Western asked authority to guarantee payment of the bonds and principal of the railroad treasury accounts which have been expended in the construction of a new line in West Virginia.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 7.—Peggy Marie Beal, who shot and killed Frank Warren Anderson, department store welfare director, last Saturday, was reported early today to be recovering steadily from her self-inflicted wound.

She continued to withhold personal information. No charge had been filed against her early today.

Anderson's body still was unclaimed late last night.

BISHOP KILGO REPORTED IN "VERY SERIOUS" CONDITION

MEMPHIS, TENN., June 7.—Bishop John C. Kilgo, of Charlotte, N. C., was reported by attending physicians early today as being in a "very serious" condition. Bishop Kilgo spent a restless night, they stated, and was gradually losing strength.

Bishop Kilgo was stricken with heart trouble on a train enroute home from the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Hot Springs, Ark., and was taken to a hospital here. His physicians said the heart trouble is much improved, but that an old stomach ailment, for which he underwent an operation, several months ago, has returned and has made it difficult for him to retain food of medicine.

THE COMMUNITY SERVICE PARK AND PLAYGROUND IS OPENED TO THE PUBLIC

Big Crowd Of Children and Grown People Attend the Opening Exercises.

FILLS LONG FELT WANT

City Officials As Quoted Are Heartily In Sympathy With Institution.

The Gastonia Community Service park and play grounds opened Tuesday night with several hundred people in attendance.

Automobiles lined both streets, South and Second, in every direction bringing people and their children for the opening.

Despite the threatening weather, the folks thronged the park's grounds and a regular get-together meeting was held.

The K. of P. band, under the leadership of Prof. F. C. Todd, rendered a splendid musical program that helped greatly in putting the cause of Community Service before the people.

Captain Wm. L. Balthis, president of the Gastonia Community Service, was in charge of the affair and everything went off well.

Several community workers led the small tots in games, while the band played. No special program was carried out; no long winded speeches were discussed the needs of such a park.

Everyone present knew what to do; everybody was in a happy mood and each was well informed as to the needs of a public park and playground.

It was good enough, and well enough was left alone. The people were invited by Community Service to be its guests.

This the people did and they were offered entertainment fit for a king. The speeches were left out; the people came to enjoy an evening of recreation and they brought their children. They came to be informed; they came to see and hear, which they did.

It is the beginning of public parks and playgrounds for Gastonia. The city council, the educational board and the populace have been shown. They now believe because they have seen. The children took to the boards, swings, seesaws, etc., like ducklings take to the ponds.

The little tots were spending, and are now spending the happiest moments of their young lives, all because the officers of the Community Service have given to the "combed yarn center of the south" something that no one has ever attempted to put over before.

Long mass meetings have been held and all present were enthused to the highest pitch, but that is as far as public parks and grounds got. Now, through the untiring efforts of an organization, the children are out, the people are out, and the city fathers have been shown what the children and the people need.

Several business men were interviewed this morning by a representative of The Daily Gazette and they seemed to fully appreciate the effects of Community Service in opening Community Service Park, Mr. B. H. Parker, member of the city council, remarked: "It is a fine addition to the city. The children are taking to the park well. With the proper supervision of the play by the authorities in charge, everything will go off in fine fashion."

Mr. A. G. Myers, chairman of the school board, and local banker, was a hearty backer of the cause. "The opening of the park is in my opinion one of the finest things that has happened to the city recently. It is a miniature demonstration of what the city should do for its childhood. Public parks are just as essential as our schools are. I hope to see the city vote bonds and buy portions of land in other parts of Gastonia and open playgrounds."

Judge R. C. Patrick, secretary of the school board, was in favor of the movement wholeheartedly. "It is a place where both young and old may get daily recreation. I think the citizens as well as the children should take advantage of the park and enjoy themselves."

Mr. Ed Rankin, also a member of the city educational board, gave Community Service Park a good boost. "It looks as if it is a good starter for the people to get a vision of public parks for the children. If the people take to the park, I feel sure that the city will take steps toward parks in the near future."

At the city council meeting last night, it was voted that the city should buy and give the park 36 benches, suitable for seating the visitors.

Anderson



Frank Warren Anderson, 37, former army aviator who was shot to death in a hotel at Kansas City, Mo. Miss Marie L. Beal, nurse, of Springfield, Ill. is charged with his death.

REV. GEO. R. GILLESPIE TO VISIT THE NEAR EAST

Gastonia Man Selected As North Carolina Representative On U. S. Commission To Visit Armenia and Near East This Summer.

Rev. G. R. Gillespie, assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian church, pastor in charge of the Armstrong Memorial church, county chairman of the Near East Relief Campaign the past winter, leaves Friday for New York from which point he sails Monday with the U. S. Commission on the Near East as the representative from North Carolina on the commission.

The delegation from the United States goes to study conditions as they exist in the famine-stricken sections of the East. The party will visit Armenia, Russia, Syria and Assyria on their mission. The itinerary will doubtless include other points of interest. The party lands at Constantinople. The tour lasts two months.

Mr. Gillespie, at Davidson College attending Synod's conference for young people when news reached him from Raleigh and Richmond that he had been selected as the state representative on the U. S. Commission. He returned to Gastonia today to make preparations for the trip.

SAYS ALL HISTORIES USED IN SCHOOLS SHOULD BE BURNED

LINCOLN, Ill., June 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—Former United States Senator Lawrence Y. Sherman told students in a address today that all school histories ought to be burned.

"It is safer," he said, "to find the exceptions to this rule, if there are any, than to oppose the rule. They would shed more light on a disordered world in a bonfire than in the school-room."

"New ideals," he declared, "must be taught and practiced or civilization will be quenched in a world's dark age. The ancient and medieval history taught the pupils in a narrow setting the mind of a child. Principally it is an approving recital of crime by the whole, mitigated by individual virtue at long intervals."

"Under the tutelage of such history, this generation knows more about Belshazzar's last royal drunk and Alexander's butcheries said to have carried Greek culture through Asia, than human justice. Julius Caesar and Attila, the Hun, are more familiar spirits than Aristotle and the Apostles."

"Battlefields are depicted as scenes of human progress. One must conclude the best way to develop a people is to kill most of them."

"Washington and Wilberforce are derided or ignored. One is openly stigmatized as an antique and silence denotes the other as forgotten. Karl Marx in effect is preached more than Christ."

RICKENBACKER TO FLY OVER EVERY STATE IN THE UNION

MINEOLA, N. Y., June 7.—Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, leading American war ace, took off from Mitchell field today for Detroit on the first leg of every state in the union.

In the cabin with Rickenbacker when the all-metal plane left the ground at 11:15 a. m. was Eddie Stinson, who last winter set a new record for continuous hours in the air, and for continuous hours in the air, and for continuous hours in the air, and for continuous hours in the air.

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FLORIDA RETURNS ITS PRESENT CONGRESSMEN

(By The Associated Press.) JACKSONVILLE, Fla., June 7.—All members of Congress from Florida seeking re-nomination in yesterday's democratic primary apparently defeated their opponents by large majorities, according to latest returns received early today by the Florida Times-Union.

Nomination in the primary usually is equivalent to election. Senator Park rammell was leading former Governor Albert W. Gilchrist for the senatorial seat by more than three to one.

In Volusia county, where one faction charged that certain candidates seeking seats in the legislature and various county offices were put forward by the Ku Klux Klan, the so-called Klan ticket made virtually a clean sweep, according to returns received by the Daytona Journal and Deland News. Candidates on this ticket for the one seat in the state senate, two in the lower house, county judge, and other minor offices, were nominated. Supporters of the ticket declared they were attempting to break the power of an alleged political ring which they charged had ruled the county for some years.

One of the two women candidates for the legislature apparently was defeated while the fate of the other still was in doubt.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET

Strict to Good Middling 20.00 Cotton 20.00

LEE DAVIS IS TAKEN TO PENITENTIARY AT RALEIGH BY OFFICER

Negro Is Identified By Miss Reddick As Man Who Attacked Her.

FOUND IN SMALL STORE

Was Making His Way Toward Winston When Arrested Tuesday Afternoon.

GREENSBORO, June 7.—Will Davis, thought to be the negro who attempted to assault Miss Florence Reddick near her home in Randolph county a few miles from High Point Monday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock, was arrested near Winston-Salem yesterday afternoon a few minutes after 12 o'clock, taken to the home of Miss Reddick where, according to officers, Miss Reddick declared she was certain he was her assailant, brought to Greensboro and kept in the Guilford county jail for about two hours and then taken to Raleigh by Sheriff Brady, of Randolph county, the sheriff and his prisoner leaving the city on No. 22 at 4:05 o'clock.

A. S. Mason and Leo Stetson, of High Point, and J. A. Mills and R. D. Beavan, of Jamestown, were the four men who apprehended Davis. They found him in a small grocery store near Winston-Salem. He was evidently headed toward the Twin City. When they entered the store he tried to escape, according to their statement, and it was necessary to hit him a couple of times before he surrendered.

Bit of Quick Work. The four men who captured the negro were with a Rowan county officer who had charge of the bloodhounds used to follow the trail left by the young girl's assailant. The dogs had become confused shortly before the store was reached and were bawling. The four men decided to go up the road and look what could be learned. They got in a machine and drove up the road for a few hundred yards to the store where the negro was found. The Rowan county officer followed and reached the store just after the negro was placed under arrest.

Some rather quick work was done by the party inasmuch as they feared that the many people composing the posse searching for the negro would hear of the negro's apprehension and that mob violence would likely occur.

Davis was placed in the car and hurried to Miss Reddick's home where the identification was made. In addition to her identification of the negro, Mr. Beanan, one of the captors of the negro, stated that he was near the place of the attack Monday afternoon only a few minutes before it happened and that he saw Davis only a few hundred yards from the stretch of woods where the attack occurred. A young brother of Miss Reddick stated that he had seen the negro pass his home a few minutes before the attack was made. Taking all this into consideration of officers feel certain that Davis is the right man.

Davis Brought to Greensboro. Immediately after the identification of the negro he was rushed to Greensboro. Several cars fell in behind the machine and it was thought that an attempt would be made to overtake the car by members of the posse. Sheriff D. B. Stafford was notified that the car was on its way to the city with the negro and he went to meet the machine, meeting it only a short distance from Greensboro.

Davis was placed in the jail in the courthouse, but it was thought advisable to move him to Raleigh. There was no indication of trouble but a number of people thought to have been members of the posse, were seen in the city, the rumor having been spread that the negro was in the Guilford jail, and officers decided that the safest thing to do was to take him to Raleigh.

Sheriff Brady, of Ashboro, was notified and he came to Greensboro. The negro was shipped out of the courthouse and taken to the station where he and Sheriff Brady boarded the train. Very few people had ever been in the city until after the train had left.

ALIMONY FOR HUSBAND IS UNHEARD OF THING

OLYMPIA, WASH., June 7.—Legally, alimony for a husband is an unheard of thing, according to the Washington Supreme Court.

The wife cannot be held liable for "temporary support money," "temporary attorneys' fees," and "temporary maintenance," as husbands can when conditions are reversed, said the court.

The Supreme Court even went to the length of declaring that under common law no husband has a right to alimony.

The court yesterday upset and set aside the decision of Superior Judge Joseph B. Lindsey, of Spokane county, which made Mrs. Agnes Jacobsen liable for temporary support money, temporary attorneys' fees and temporary maintenance for her husband, John Jacobsen.

THE WEATHER

North Carolina, partly cloudy tonight, Thursday local showers.

Gowan Declares Millsaps Has Made Conflicting Statements As To Continuation of The Work

County Agent Produces Statement Signed By Farmers Stating That In February Millsaps Promised That Gowan's Work Would Continue Without Interruption—Claims Four Of Six County Commissioners Are Backing Him.

ARMY OFFICERS HOLD SECRET INVESTIGATIONS

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., June 7.—Secret investigation of the slaying here on the night of April 4, of Lieut. Col. Paul Ward Beck, upon which will be based a report to the War Department, was continued today by a special army board of five officers. Board members would not reveal their exact program.

STRIKE BALLOTS SENT TO EMPLOYEES AFFECTED BY WAGE REDUCTIONS

Vote Will Be Taken By Individual Unions Whose Men Are Affected.

RETURNABLE ON JUNE 30

Paralysis Of Nation's Railroads Looms As Possibility On July 1.

CHICAGO, June 7.—Strike ballots returnable June 30 went out today to railway employees affected by wage reductions ordered by the United States Railroad Labor Board.

The vote will be taken by individual unions whose 1,200,000 members are affected in orders either issued or pending.

Paralysis of the Nation's railroads July 1 loomed as a possibility as a result of the reductions which have already slashed \$110,000,000 from the wages of the workers. The wage cut is effective July 1.

Meanwhile the board is preparing to hear disputes this month between shopcrafts employees and some of the railroads over alleged unauthorized wage reductions and piece work. B. M. Jewell, head of the railway employees department of the American Federation of Labor, who is leading the fight against the board's orders, was informed that the first of the hearings will be held tomorrow. Twenty-one railroads are cited for alleged unauthorized wage reductions for the hearing.

Furthermore, Mr. Gowan declares that the board is not equally divided in its allegiance to him. He states that four members of the board are in favor of him.

It had been Mr. Gowan's intention, he said, following the beginning of this trouble last summer to resign July 1, 1922, but that the action of Mr. Millsaps had rendered it impossible for him to do so gracefully. In support of his contention that personal jealousies are behind the movement to oust him, Mr. Gowan points to the increased interest in the club work of the county. This year there are 16 clubs organized as against 10 last year, with a membership of over 300 boys and girls as against 170 last year. He also adds the following report of his work for the first five months of the year:

Days in the office 2212; days in the field 8312; letters received 1249; letters written 1087; circular letters written 14; copies mailed 3212; consultations relative to agricultural problems 1086; miles traveled on official duty 3296; farm visits 84; meetings held 93; attendance at meetings 10,966; average attendance at meetings 112; bulletins distributed 10; home orchard demonstrations 10; motion pictures shown 8; illustrated lectures 3; general addresses outside of regular work 23; Community Fairs organized 3; corn and Legume shows organized 1; home-stead beautification demonstrator 44; sweet potato demonstrators 6; gardening demonstrators 44; cotton demonstrators 112; corn demonstrators 18; organized boys and girls agricultural clubs 16; members in clubs 352.

BROOKHART DEFEATS OLD GUARD FOR SENATE

DES MOINES, IOWA, June 7.—Non-committal acceptance at Washington by Senators Cummins and Rawson of Iowa, of the news of the Smith W. Brookhart landslide for United States Senator, announced yesterday in Old Guard circles here today as to how Brookhart would fit into the Republican party machinery.

Returns from 225 Iowa precincts out of 2348 for the Republican Senatorial nomination emphasized the progressive victory giving Brookhart 41.1 per cent of the vote and sent Clifford Thorne, another progressive, into second place above Charles E. Platt, the Old Guard Republican candidate.

The fact that Cummins defeated Brookhart for Senator two years ago after a campaign in which the latter attacked Cummins' railroad legislation record, will not tend to bring harmony into the Iowa Senatorial delegation, politicians pointed out.

Despite refusal by many old guard Republicans to accept Brookhart's decisive victory over such stand-pat wheel horses as Platt, as an old guard reversal, a silence reigned today concerning the plans of the Republican organization for the ensuing campaign against Clyde L. Yerling, the Democratic nominee.

Senator Rawson, who was considered a compromise possibility in the event the nomination had gone to the state convention, is still head of the State Republican organization.

RED CROSS WANTS AID IN LOCATING FORMER SOLDIER

The co-operation of the citizens of Gastonia and vicinity is requested by the local chapter of the American Red Cross in endeavoring to locate or discover the whereabouts of one John Manis.

The home secretary, Mrs. J. W. C. Johnson, has received a letter from a South Carolina Red Cross office asking aid in finding the man. The letter carries the following:

John Frank Manis, 25 years of age. He has black hair, which he parts on one side, and has brown eyes. Weighs about 165 pounds, and stands five feet, eight inches in height. Also has a gold eye tooth and he stutters. The man's occupation is a doffer in a cotton mill; he usually wears a dark blue suit. It is believed that his parents live near Rogersville, Tenn.

Any information concerning the whereabouts of the above will be greatly appreciated by the local chapter. The office is located at 108 West Franklin Avenue, one block east of the Gastonia County Court House.

RECENT EVENTS SHOW CHINA IN DANGER OF WORSE SPLIT THAN EVER

Government Had Seemed Up To Few Days Ago On The Verge Of Unification.

CIVIL WAR IS IMMINENT

Peking Government Has Been In Hands Of Citizens Committee.

PEKING, June 7.—Developments of the last 24 hours indicated early today that China, which a few days ago seemed on the verge of a unified government located here, was in grave danger of a worse split than ever, with the north and south drifting only toward civil war.

Wu Pei Fu's plan for Li Yuan-Hung to resume the presidency of a centralized government in Peking was feared to have shattered itself against a rock of opposition in the form of Sun Yat Sen, who, according to advices received here yesterday, declared he would refuse to relinquish the presidency of his south China republic at Canton. He had won the support of about 300 members of the old national parliament, now assembled at Tsientsin, and they had urged ex-President Li to take back the executive office from which he was ousted by the militarists in 1917. Li, however, withheld his acceptance, pending certain conditions, one of which was the dissolution of the south China republic. Thus everything depended upon Li Yuan-Hung. If he accepted there seemed no obstacle in the way of the scheme General Wu and his supporters suggested after he had conquered Chang Tso-lin in battle and driven him back into Manchuria.

Since the resignation of Hsu Shih-Chang as president, the Peking Government—the only government which has been recognized by the foreign powers—has been in the hands of a citizens' committee.

In the last ten days Wu has said that unless Sun resigned, the Chihli forces of Wu would invade the south China territory.

Reports yesterday also stated that Sun had persuaded many members of the old parliament—still in Canton—to rally around his standard. This, according to the Canton advices, was enlarging daily the scope of the opposing camp.

Further word from Canton was awaited today with tense anxiety.

CURB MARKET HAD FINE BEGINNING TODAY

Much Produce Brought In From Country—Most Of It Was Sold Out Half An Hour After Market Opened.

With the weather as clear as a dairy-maid's eyes, the city's most economical housewives ventured forth this morning to Gastonia's newest produce market.

The city curb market opened for business at the Willow school, corner Second and Marietta streets, and needless to say, every article was immediately bought at prices that would leave several pennies in the week's pay envelope when mother returned with a basket of vegetables. Everything from the lowly onion to a squawking spring chicken was offered for sale. The market opened at eight o'clock, Gastonia time, and all produce that was brought in was sold out by nine. The late comers were sadly disappointed when they discovered that all choice garden products had been bought before their arrival.

Forks from the farms lined up in front of the school, filled with berries, eggs, butter, hams, leeks, squash, cabbage, radishes, greens, onions and chickens at the most reasonable prices. A few minutes later cars belonging to the city folks began to pull up with empty baskets for filling. Soon the whole block from South to Marietta lined the curbs, and the crowd rushed the farmers' wares for produce that had been spread out on tables for sale. The chickens attracted many buyers and several would-be eaters of spring chicken a la mode were denied the raw material. Cabbages seemed to be plentiful and they too sold fast.

Through the untiring efforts of Mrs. G. W. Ragan, Mrs. J. F. Thomson, president of the Woman's Club, Miss Nell Pickens, county home demonstration agent, and Mrs. C. P. Robinson, the long needed curb market for Gastonia has made its appearance. It is hoped that Gastonia buyers will realize that they support the above in keeping the curb market idea alive and before the public, so that such an excellent innovation will not perish. The market will be opened for business on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. The farmers have agreed to bring in their garden produce, poultry and eggs, so everything from the supply end is assured. Saturday will be the next market day. The market opens at eight o'clock and early comers are favored.

Mr. J. M. Shuford, manager of the S. & W. Cigarettes of Winston-Salem, and his family are spending a few days in the city.

Tomorrow's weekly Rotary luncheon will be at the County Club at 12:30 p. m.