

RICHMOND REAL ESTATE DEALER IS CHARGED WITH KILLING STENOGRAPHER

Thomas Pollard Arraigned For Murder Mrs. Thelma Richardson.

POLICE SEEK MOTIVE

Alleged That Woman Was Infatuated With Her Employer.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 12.—With the formal arraignment in police court today of Thomas Pollard, real estate man, on a charge of murder in connection with the killing at his home last night of Mrs. Thelma Richardson, his stenographer, the police hope to establish a motive for the killing and clear up certain phases of the case, which failed of solution during the investigation which lasted throughout the night.

Early today detectives working on the case said they had virtually established that the girl was killed with a pistol which she carried with her on the trip to the Pollard home and that the shooting followed a brief struggle in front of the house. Mrs. Richardson had gone to the Pollard home, the officers assert, with J. Mosby West, presumably for "an understanding" with Pollard. After a few minutes conversation, the authorities said, Pollard and the girl engaged in a struggle. A shot followed and the woman crumpled to the floor with a bullet in her head.

Detectives investigating the case said they have information which indicates an infatuation on the part of the girl for her employer. They said they expect this alleged infatuation to furnish the motive for the killing.

Mrs. Richardson, it is said had been employed by Pollard about two weeks. She was divorced about three weeks ago from her husband, Herbert E. Richardson, who lives within a few blocks of the Pollard residence.

The Richardsons formerly lived in Atlanta. Pollard has been separated from his wife about a month. The woman's father said.

Pollard refuses to discuss the case. He is under \$10,000 bail for his appearance today.

West also declined to make a statement or to answer questions concerning the shooting aside from the sworn statement which the police said he made to them when taken to headquarters. This statement, while not made public was said by officers to contain nothing that will throw any light on the case. "West did not go into details about the shooting," said Lieutenant Bayard, who has charge of the investigation. West was released in \$500 bond.

Witness who saw the killing of Mrs. Richardson could tell little of the affair. They said they saw a struggle and heard a shot but they could not say who fired the shot.

Pollard was arrested in his home by officers who were sent to investigate a report that a man had shot himself in that vicinity. A search of the house, it was said, revealed that Pollard's pistol was not the weapon which caused Mrs. Richardson's death. The officers found his pistol in a room on the second floor of the home and they said it had not been fired recently.

R. G. CHERRY HEADS THE DOKIES AS ROYAL VIZIER

Grand Chancellor Knights of Pythias Is Also Head of Suez Temple, D. O. K. K.—Delegates to Portland.

CHARLOTTE, Dec. 12.—R. G. Cherry of Gastonia, grand chancellor of North Carolina Knights of Pythias, is the new Royal Vizier of Suez Temple, No. 74, Dramatic Order of Knights of Krollias, son, having been elected at the annual business meeting here last night to succeed Frank H. Kennedy of Charlotte.

Other officers and representatives to the imperial palace meeting to be held next August in Portland, Oregon, also were chosen as follows: the Rev. R. B. Owen, Charlotte, grand elder; George E. Lovell, Kings Mountain, clerk; W. C. Davis, Charlotte, melodeon; Hunter J. Marshall, Jr., Charlotte, elected secretary; J. Arthur Eagle, Charlotte, elected treasurer; W. M. Ruffin, Salisbury, salarist, and representatives for the Portland meeting, Frank H. Kennedy, Nat C. White, L. L. Caudle and J. Arthur Eagle, with Edgar W. Pharr, A. J. Hartsell, of Concord, John F. Yorke and James F. Kelly as alternates.

Seven royal princes also were elected last night, increasing the number to 28. The newly chosen ones are W. G. Erwin, W. M. Lyles, James F. Kelly, George E. Lovell, J. D. Woodside, Hunter J. Marshall, Jr., and W. C. Davis.

STORM WARNINGS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—North-west storm warnings were ordered displayed on the Atlantic coast this morning from Cape Hatteras to Edgemoor, N. C. The Weather Bureau, in its warning, said strong northwest winds and probably gales were looked for this afternoon and tonight.

ELECTED TO OFFICE, BUT DID NOT WANT IT

NICKERSON, Kas., Dec. 12.—Declaring she won in the recent election because club women jokingly wrote her name on the ballot, Miss Clara Arnold, 19 years old, protested yesterday when asked to qualify for the office of justice of the peace and police judge.

"It's a joke," she said. "I don't want to be called Judge Arnold."

Informed she must qualify or be subject to prosecution, she said: "I will qualify but I don't want the job."

Friends declare Miss Arnold is the youngest if not the only woman police judge in Kansas.

THIS MAN FORD VOWS IT IS SINGLE BLESSEDNESS FOR HIM HENCEFORTH

Chances Are That the Man Will Have to Pay Attorney.

MARRIED LIFE BAD

Women and Death Have Been Synonymous Terms to Him.

DETROIT, Dec. 12.—Ney J. Ford, wealthy Wayne county farmer, today faced the prospect that he would be required to pay for the defense of his wife, May B. Ford, who is charged with an attempt to hire a gunman to kill him.

Attorneys for Mrs. Ford planned to enter a motion in circuit court that Ford advance \$1,000 for preliminary attorneys' fees and \$5,000 for the expense of the defense should Mrs. Ford be held for trial at her examination Friday. Another motion contemplated was that the Ford's divorce hearing be held immediately.

Financial support of the defense, the attorneys contend, is a husband's legal obligation, regardless of the unusual situation in the present case.

Ford's first public statement relating to his domestic affairs was made public today.

"Women and death have been synonymous in my two marriage ventures," he said. "When my first wife became angry, she threatened to take her own life and I was kept busy restraining her. My second wife threatened my life. I don't know which is worse. At any rate I'll be a single man from now on."

Hearing in Mrs. Ford's case was advanced on the court docket yesterday after she elected to remain in jail rather than attempt to gain her freedom on a reduced bond.

"I was safe here, but outside I don't know what might be plotted against me," she was quoted.

Mrs. Ford is alleged to have attempted to hire a detective, posing as a "woman," to kill her husband that she might gain possession of his estate. She declares the charge is a "frame up" to affect the result of a pending divorce action.

WOMAN BELIEVED TO BE MRS. PHILLIPS ARRESTED

Motorcycle Policemen at Casper, Wyo., Arrest Woman Who Fills Description of Mrs. Phillips.

CASPER, Wyo., Dec. 12.—A woman who was said by the police to answer nearly every detail of the official description of Mrs. Clara Phillips, convicted escaped Los Angeles hammer andress, accepted a job at the Casper jail today awaiting identification, she refused to assist the police in any way in solving the puzzle of her identification.

Arrested within two blocks of the railroad station, where she had entered a taxi cab immediately after getting off a train that had just arrived from Billings, Mont., she betrayed no surprise at being taken into custody, according to the arresting officers. She asked few questions concerning her arrest and answered none. She was held for investigation.

A man who accompanied her from the train entered another taxi cab which followed a different route from that taken by the woman's car. He had not been located early today.

When the woman was taken to the police station, the police were unable to find anyone by which to identify her. They could not find any portion of her railroad ticket to learn where she had boarded the train.

Among the few requests made by the woman after her arrest were that she be put in a dark cell and that no one be permitted to visit her. She was put in one of the strongest cells.

The arrest was made by two motorcycle policemen who had been detailed to meet trains from Billings every night since Mrs. Phillips was reported to have been seen in Idaho Falls, Idaho, recently.

They said they noticed her resemblance to Mrs. Phillips' description, and their suspicions were further aroused by the fact she pulled down the taxi cab curtains as soon as she entered. They followed the car and arrested her two blocks from the railroad station.

Mrs. Phillips escaped two weeks ago by sawing bars across a window of her cell.

GASTONIA INVITES THE STATE BAPTISTS TO HOLD NEXT CONVENTION HERE

Delegation to Winston-Salem Carries Many Offers From City.

BACKED BY CHURCHES

Evolution at Wake Forest Promises to Be Big Subject Discussed.

Armed with invitations from Gastonia ministers, Rotary, Kivauis, and Civitan clubs, Chamber of commerce and backed by the united support of all the churches, delegates from this city to the State Baptist Convention in Winston-Salem, will invite that body to hold its next meeting in Gastonia. The new Baptist church will have been completed by that time. This session of the state convention promises to be one of the most interesting held in several years.

The question of evolution looms up as one of the big questions to be considered by the convention. Dr. William Louis Potat, president of Wake Forest college, has been the center around whom the agitation in certain Baptist associations has revolved. Delegates opposed to evolution are expected to take the convention floor and insist that the teaching of evolution be forever barred from Wake Forest college, the educational institution under the control of the State convention.

However, it is not expected that opponents of evolution will go so far as to initiate a movement for the ousting of Dr. Potat.

Fraternities at Wake Forest are also expected to come in for a share of discussion, following the action of the college trustees in reinstating them after a ban of several years.

The question of removal of Meredith college, Baptist woman's college from Raleigh, will also be considered, it is said.

Evolution, if discussed in convention, will come up in connection with consideration of Wake Forest college, Wednesday evening. It has been suggested that in revising the program the discussion of educational matters be advanced to Tuesday evening. This, however, has not been determined upon as yet.

It is believed that Wake Forest supporters in the convention are in the majority, these defending both the college and Dr. Potat with the statement that during the 30 or 40 years of his connection with the institution it has turned out more ministers of the Gospel than any other Baptist institution, and orthodox of these graduates from Wake Forest has never been questioned at the theological seminaries or in their ministry following.

It is expected that several delegates will come with resolutions, presenting the question in its various phases. Whatever happens, it seems likely the matter will resolve itself into a declaration by the convention on the matter of evolution, and that Dr. Potat's career as a minister will be ended.

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COLD WAVE HEADED TOWARD THE SOUTH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The cold wave that has gripped the north west, moved to the middle west today and within the next 24 hours will make its appearance in the Ohio valley, Tennessee, the east gulf states, and the greater portion of the Atlantic states from northern Georgia and southern South Carolina northward, the weather bureau announced this morning.

In the northwest the lowest temperature reported this morning was 34 degrees below zero at Havre, Montana. Throughout the cold wave section reports indicate a high wind intensified by cold.

Weather in Illinois today generally forecast as receding to zero, was expected to play an important part in the voting on a proposed new constitution for the state.

Duluth, Minn., reported zero temperatures and a blizzard with a 68 mile wind driving on Lake Superior.

NORFOLK POLICEMAN GOT MONEY FROM BANKER

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 12.—Charles W. Browne, 45, former Norfolk Policeman, is in jail here today on a federal charge growing out of an alleged attempt to demand money by threatening letters from two of this city's leading bankers.

The indictment charge against him is that he devised a scheme to defraud and mailed letters in furtherance of his plan.

W. A. Godwin, president of the Norfolk National Bank and president of the Clearing House Association, and J. B. Moss, president of the Seaboard National Bank, were the two subjects of the alleged letter-writing attempts.

A letter to Mr. Godwin on September 27 declared that the writer had been prosecuted and sentenced years ago through Mr. Godwin's efforts and demanded \$5,000 in cash when the writer called. It warned Mr. Godwin to be constantly prepared.

A letter to Mr. Moss on December 7 demanded that he leave \$25,000 at his home to be delivered to a boy calling for a package. It said his house would be burned if the demand was not complied with. Both letters bore a red dagger and a cross as signatures.

The letter to Mr. Moss furnished the clue which led to Browne's arrest.

"Yes" by Radio



The Day's News At A Glance

British official circles are optimistic over apparent collapse of Allied reparations conference in London.

Irish insurgents capture and burn free state barracks in Tipperary town.

Allied powers look to United States as last hope of averting actual break in the entente over German reparations.

Russia clings to hope of convincing Lausanne conference that her stand on the closing of the Dardanelles is right.

Serious riots with loss of life mark inauguration of new president of Poland.

Lloyd George reporting to be checking at failure of Bonar Law to bring the French into line on reparations settlement.

Colonel Huston, of New York Yankees, is negotiating for the sale of his half interest in baseball club.

Frank Chance signs contract to club for 1923.

Negro held for reported attack on young woman shot and killed by mob at Streetman, Texas.

Governor Russell, of Mississippi, wins verdict in \$100,000 damage suit brought by young woman stenographer.

Johanna Ghadski abandons attempt to sing in Los Angeles because of charges of Pro-German activities during war.

Arrest of woman police believe to be Clara Phillips, of Los Angeles, is reported at Casper, Wyo.

George Walsh, motion picture actor is granted divorce at Los Angeles from Seeno Owen, film actress.

Two midshipmen ordered dismissed from United States Naval Academy, President Harding approved court-martial sentences in hazing cases.

Secretary of Labor Davis declares for expansion of Federal government's conciliation machinery to enable the handling of nationwide labor disputes.

EXENIDINE WILL NOT RETURN TO GEORGETOWN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Albert Exenidine, head football coach at Georgetown university for the last seven years, has declined an offer of the university to continue as football director.

Exenidine said he was unable to accept because of the recent faculty decision that all athletic coaches shall be engaged on an all-year basis and shall be members of the faculty. He was invited to join the law faculty in combination, but said business interests prevented his acceptance on an all-year basis.

Exenidine, who has been considered a successful coach at Georgetown, has been in communication with both Columbia university, New York, and the University of Alabama, and is expected to coach next fall at one of the two.

CENTRE COLLEGE BOOKS BOTH SEWANEE AND AUBURN

DANVILLE, Ky., Dec. 12.—The Centre college football team will play Sewanee at Memphis, in 1923, and also will meet Georgia, the latter game probably at Athens, Thanksgiving Day, according to an announcement by athletic officials here. Both southern teams will come here in 1924.

Requests for games next year have received during the past week from Michigan college, Alabama, Georgia Tech and Georgia. All requests that Centre played away from home, however.

A game with Auburn at Birmingham is practically assured. One game to be played in the east next year, with University of Pennsylvania, Penn State, tents, probability, guinnifmoyetoi Army or Colgate, as possible opponents, probably at the Polo grounds, New York, is being considered by the Centre officials.

TO SOUND THE ATTITUDE OF UNITED STATES TOWARD HER EUROPEAN DEBTORS

So Says Diplomatic Expert of the London Daily Telegraph.

SITUATION IS DELICATE

Conference Adjourned to Prevent Franco-British Rupture.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—The belief that Great Britain intends to sound out the American government's willingness to take some action in reference to allied debts as the possible cancellation of the French debt, is asserted by the Daily Telegraph's diplomatic expert.

The French delegation to the adjourned premiers' conference was represented last night as holding that the British might approach the United States before the January 2 meeting of the premiers to ascertain whether America would be willing to consider either cancellation of the French debt or participation in a conference for consideration of such a step.

In this connection the Telegraph's correspondent says: "It is the intention of the British government, pending resumption of the inter-allied conference, to make discreet inquiries in Washington, either through Ambassador Harvey or Ambassador Gooch, respecting the attitude which the American treasury would be inclined to take towards its European debtors other than ourselves, if an offer Great Britain had a definitely decided to remit the French and Italian debts to this country."

The writer, however, quotes French sources as indicating the unlikelihood of such action and refers to the fact that Premier Poincare, in stressing the words "European debts" in his communique last evening, implied that European intended to settle her own debts without soliciting aid from the other side of the Atlantic.

With the exception of this isolated statement, the London newspapers this morning, as if by common consent, refrained from any comment and speculation covering the possibility of American's becoming a participant in the settlement of Europe's monetary troubles.

Comment on the adjournment of the conference is rather doubtful. While the newspapers try to build hope on the fact that the conversations are to be resumed, they do not conceal a fear that the impossibility of harmonizing the allied views will again be manifested in Paris.

The hope is generally expressed that the utmost will be done during the interval to prevent a complete collapse of the entente. All commentators make it clear that whatever happens, Great Britain will have no share in occupying the Ruhr.

NO NEWS OF SUCH HAS REACHED WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—No proposal for American participation in the reparations discussion by the allied premiers has reached the Washington government. On the contrary, even routine reports of an official character as to yesterday's developments in London have been delayed and the government still is dependent upon press advices for information as to the present status of the discussions.

Pending examination of the suggestion that the United States cancel the French war debt to this government as part of a general European settlement, officials are not inclined to make any comment. It is revealed, however, that authorized spokesmen for the United States government have held that the whole question of allied war debts to the United States has passed out of the hands of the executive branch of the government, Congress having canceled the debt pending commission with the negotiation of all refunding agreements. This commission, moreover, is specifically described in the act creating it as a refunding commission, which in the opinion of some officials precludes it from considering any question of cancellation.

It has been said on the highest authority, therefore, that the president has no power to negotiate cancellation agreements even if that war his desire.

UNDECIDED AS TO APPEAL FOR MISS FRANCES BIRKHEAD

OXFORD, Miss., Dec. 12.—Counsel for Miss Frances C. Birkhead were undecided early today whether an appeal would be taken in her suit for \$100,000 against Lee M. Russell, governor of Mississippi. A jury in the federal district court here late yesterday returned a verdict in favor of the defendant after only 28 minutes of deliberation.

C. M. McNeel, chief counsel for Miss Birkhead, would make no statement as to future action.

Miss Birkhead, former stenographer for Governor Russell, sought damages—\$50,000 each on two counts—on the grounds of seduction and the other impairment of health as the result of an alleged operation which she declared the governor had committed at.

Thirty-four witnesses were examined during the seven days trial of the case. Because of his failure to respond to summons by counsel for the plaintiff, a citation has been issued for Theo. A. Bibbs, former governor, and it is expected he will be required to appear before Judge E. R. Holmes, who presided over the case just closed, at the April term.

Novel Scheme Used to Liberate Hubby

STUEBENVILLE, Ohio, Dec. 11.—Mrs. John Borram, of Tiltonville, Ohio, obtained the release of her husband from jail on a bootlegging charge in a unique manner.

Saturday she appealed to Sheriff Edward Lucas for her husband's release, declaring she needed his help in supporting her five children.

When Sheriff Lucas refused to release the man, Mrs. Borram left her five children in his care and disappeared.

County officials announced today that Borram would be released tomorrow and sent home to care for the five youngsters. Mrs. Borram has not yet been found.

OF GASTONIA'S NATIVE POPULATION, 11,198 BORN IN NORTH CAROLINA

Figures Show That There Are 1,141 South Carolinians Living Here—Virginia Comes Next With 171 and Tennessee Third With 92.

Of the 12,804 officially reported native-born population of Gastonia for 1920, the number born in North Carolina was 11,198, compared with 5,008 in 1910, according to estimates just made for the Gazette, following issuance by the United States Bureau of the Census of its final bulletin on "States of Birth of the Native Population."

Of natives of other states living in Gastonia those of South Carolina led with 1,141.

Table showing population figures for various states in 1920 and 1910. Includes New England, Maine, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Middle Atlantic, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, E. N. Central, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, W. N. Central, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, South Atlantic, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, E. S. Central, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, W. S. Central, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, Mountain, Idaho, Colorado, Pacific, California, All other states, Not reported, Total native pop., and Note: These detailed figures of the states are estimates based on the officially reported total native population of the city.

SOLDIERS LOOKING FOR STOLEN AUTOMOBILES

ADILL, Okla., Dec. 12.—An Oklahoma National Guard detachment comprising two officers and ten enlisted men went out today here today with instructions to afford protection to a group of state officers who have been investigating the discovery of more than a score of stolen automobiles in Marshall county.

The guardsmen were ordered to Marshall from Ardmore by Adjutant General Charles E. Barrett last night, after R. E. Lee, assistant attorney general, one of the state investigators, had advised Barrett that threats had been made against the officers seeking to recover stolen automobiles.

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The assistant attorney general reported to Oklahoma City yesterday that he was not obtaining proper cooperation from county authorities.

No charges have been filed here in connection with the finding of the stolen cars.

One man is accused by the state officials of having sold a number of stolen cars in Adill, according to Sheriff Glenn. He declared the persons now in possession of the cars were dealing with the state authorities in a lawful manner.

The state investigators declared evidence uncovered indicated Adill had been the base of a gang of automobile thieves operating in Oklahoma and northern Texas.

HI-Y CLUB PLANS CITY-WIDE GATHERING OF BOYS

Will Entertain Former Hi-Y Boys During Christmas Holidays—Plan Father-and-Son Banquet.

Practically every member of the Hi-Y club was present at the weekly meeting Monday night at the home of J. J. Over the get-together Christmas week when the present Hi-Y members will invite last year's Hi-Y members to a big feed. The idea of this meeting is to cement the fellowship and comradeship of these college and high school students, and to hear from those college students as to what the Hi-Y club has meant to them.

At the suggestion of J. Y. Todd, it was decided to have a city-wide boys' meeting sometime in January when every boy in Gastonia over 12 years of age would be invited. Speakers of national reputation will be secured, and every detail of the meeting will be carefully worked out.

Five new members will be received into the membership of the Hi-Y club at its next meeting. The members enjoyed delightful refreshments served by Mrs. Glenn. A hearty vote of thanks for the splendid meeting was voted Bill Glen.

JOHN WANAMAKER, FAMOUS MERCHANT PRINCE, DIED TODAY AT AGE OF 84 YEARS

Was Organizer of Department Store System in United States.

WAS POSTMASTER-GEN'L

Was Teacher of Largest Sunday School Class in World.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.—John Wanamaker died at his home here at 8 a. m.

The world famous merchant and former postmaster general passed away at his town home, 2012 Walnut street. He had been confined here since early in November, when a heavy cold contracted at his country estate, "Lyndenhurst" at Jenkintown, near here. He was 84 years old.

Mr. Wanamaker was active in his business affairs up to the time he was stricken. He spent much of last winter in Florida, and was in this city all summer hard at work with the exception of occasional surrende from the duties of his office for a day at the seashore. He was always an early riser and was usually in his remarkable establishment before his doors were opened.

Mr. Wanamaker is survived by his son, Rodman, a resident of New York city, and two daughters, Mary B. wife of Bursley H. Warburton, and Elizabeth, wife of Norman MacLeod, both of Philadelphia.

John Wanamaker led in the creation of the department store as an institution in American life. At the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861 when he began business for himself in a humble way in Philadelphia, retail merchandising in this country was in a disorganized state, and, in the opinion of the far-sighted young merchant, it was suffering a rapid decline through practices that were then general. Aside from his ambition to make money, "my paramount purpose," said Mr. Wanamaker, "was to help save the mercantile profession from lowering its flag before other professions and occupations." There was in those days no fixed selling price for goods. Business then demanded a thirteen-hour day from all its employees. Customers spent hours price-haggling with salesmen. Mr. Wanamaker was impressed with this waste of time and to eliminate it he became a pioneer in fixing a selling price for goods. It was one of the beginnings of mercantile reforms which today are so generally followed that the present generation can scarcely find anywhere a trace of the old practices.

Mr. Wanamaker was 24 years old (Continued on page 5.)

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COTTON MARKET

GASTONIA COTTON. Receipts today 27 bales Price 25 cents

William Halenzollers, in securing the suppression of a play about himself, lost at least \$250 something to profit the stage—Boston Transcript.

What will you give your wife for Christmas? Let us suggest a box of the kind of cigars you smoke.