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O. C. Bray Shot By Bandit Lies In Critical Condition

Local Insurance Man Was Victim Of Gunman In Factory District Of City Friday Night — Leroy White, Negro Bandit, Is Still At Large

O. C. Bray, 44 years old, a local insurance man, is in critical condition at the Community Hospital as a result of a bullet wound in hip and abdomen received Friday night as Mr. Bray turned to run when Leroy White, colored, attempted to hold the white man up shortly after 9 o'clock in the factory district of this city.

The negro is still at large.

Mr. Bray was semi-conscious Saturday afternoon, and his condition was described by attending physicians as quite critical.

The negro fired as his victim turned in flight and while the white man's body was bent forward. The bullet entered the right hip but was deflected upward into the abdomen, where it punctured the small intestine in four places and lodged just under the skin to the right of the navel.

Mr. Bray continued running after the negro fired and walked or ran all the way to his home at 22 West Burgess street. When he reached home his physician, Dr. Claude Williams, was summoned, and Dr. Williams, on arrival, after the briefest examination, hurried his patient to the Community Hospital, where he was put upon the operating table.

There the bullet was extracted and the punctures in the intestine were sewed up by Dr. John Saliba, assisted by Dr. Williams and Dr. Fleming. Mr. Bray is described as having a chance to recover, but the shock of the hold-up and the bullet wound, together with the strain of the long walk and run home and the waiting for the arrival of a physician, left him in a weakened condition when he reached the hospital and the operation was the more serious on that account.

Mr. Bray is a large man carrying considerable flesh, and a wound of this sort is usually more serious for a man of his build than for a man of less weight, physicians say.

The hold-up, which was the third in a series staged by Leroy White, generally known as Sap, Friday night, occurred on Factory street where Mr. Bray was making night calls on policy holders or prospective policy holders of his company. He was not out collecting, as has been reported, and probably had very little money on his person when the hold-up was staged.

"Throw up your hands," commanded Sap, leveling a big, blued-steel ".45" against the white man's breast. Mr. Bray, startled, obeyed the first impulse and turned to run. As he turned, the negro pivoted him.

Prior or subsequent to that time, in the same evening, Sap is charged with having pulled off three other holdups in various parts of the city, the result of four, probably, netting him less than \$10. At about 6:30 he held up Floyd Winslow, 18 year old son of a Southern avenue grocer, while the father, R. C. Winslow, was out of the store, and compelled the boy to fork over \$2.50.

F. B. Gibson, Skinner avenue grocer with whom Sap was accustomed to trade, was next on Sap's list, and the negro found Mr. Gibson alone in the store and about to lock up for the night.

"Mrs. Gibson and my son Peter," says Mr. Gibson, "had just gone out to feed the cows leaving me to lock up shortly after 8:30. I had just put the money in the safe, preparatory to locking up, when Sap came in. He said he wanted some ham, and I told him we had none, but that he might look in the meat box and see if there was anything he wanted. Sap did so and on his way out, just as he came opposite me in the door of my office, he poked his gun in my breast and said:

"Give me money or I'll kill you."

"I knocked the weapon aside and sprang at the negro, but he eluded me and ran off across the railroad track. That's the last I saw of him."

Maddened probably by the failure to rob Gibson, Sap fired when Mr. Bray, who was his next victim, started to run. The negro may have thought to halt the white man by a shot at close quarters in the leg, but if so, his aim was high and the position of Mr. Bray's body puts the man in line to be most severely dealt with if he is ever brought into court to answer for his offense.

The fourth holdup occurred in the same section of the city about 15 minutes after the wounding of Mr. Bray. John P. Overman on Ferras street was the victim in this instance

GENERAL CALLES AIDING OBREGON

Renounces Candidacy for Presidency and Takes Stand Against Insurgents, Whose Number Is Growing.

(By The Associated Press.)
 Mexico City, Dec. 8.—General Plutarco Calles today renounced his candidacy for president and offered his services to Obregon against the insurgents.

Twenty-eight thousand Federal troops are said to be converging in the Vera Cruz revolutionary zone.

General Enrique Estrada, chief of military operations, has joined the revolt and is said to have 1,000 followers.

Juarez, Mexico, Dec. 8.—Control of communications by Obregon has stopped the flow of news on the De La Huerta revolt in Southern Mexico.

Obregon says the revolt will be stamped out. Sanchez and not Huerta is declared to be the leader of the rebellion.

New York, Dec. 8.—The Mexican government today stopped all code telegraphic messages to and from Mexico via Galveston and imposed a censorship on plain language messages of the Western Union and cables.

DUTCH SCHOONER IS SEIZED WITH LIQUOR

New York, Dec. 8.—The Dutch Schooner Zechond, was seized off Fire Island by a Coast Guard cutter today.

The captain and crew are held for violation of the prohibition law. Twenty-five hundred cases of champagne and other liquors valued at \$200,000 were found in the hold.

WILL BE THIRD COLLEGE

Wake Forest, Dec. 8.—Should Wake Forest be admitted to the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, it will be the third North Carolina College to join the body. At present State College and the University of North Carolina belong and State is sponsoring the petition for admission of Wake Forest. The matter will be decided at the annual meeting of the conference this week at the University of Maryland.

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Mercer, Pa., Dec. 8.—Mrs. Ollie Swigger, aged 60, was probably fatally wounded today when a shot gun was discharged through the window of her home.

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Not a Man!



Photo copyright, Harris & Ewing
 The chef at the White House is not a man. Mrs. Martha Mulvey came to the White House during President Taft's administration and has been there since, preparing meals for the chief executive.

PAGE WOULD HAVE BEEN PRESIDENT

Declares Governor Morrison in Receiving Portrait of Late Walter Hines Page for the State.

Raleigh, Dec. 8.—The portrait of Walter Hines Page, the late ambassador to Great Britain, a native of North Carolina, was received for the State by Governor Cameron Morrison at the final session of the annual meeting of the North Carolina Historical Society last night.

"If he were now living, I am sure he would be made President of this republic," said the Governor.

"Here was a man who did his work as he was impelled to do it, and who followed the bent of his own genius," said Dr. Albert Shaw, editor of the Review of Reviews, in making the principal address of the evening.

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COMMITTEES

Seventeen thousand men work despite advice from their union leaders—20,000 others may walk out.

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RUM RUNNERS HAD SUCCESSFUL NIGHT

Atlantic City, Dec. 8.—The Coast Guard today reported that during the night rum runners from Atlantic City vicinity completed one of the most successful landings from the mainland ever made south of the Highlands, hitherto the center of smuggling operations.

A steamboat and four sailing vessels, believed to be part of the Highlands fleet are anchored off Atlantic City.

ANOTHER BREAK IN THE COTTON MARKET

New York, Dec. 8.—Cotton broke \$4 a bale on the local market today upon publication of the Government report and sold from \$15 to \$16 a bale below the season's high point.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Cotton slipped prior to December the first amounting to 9,243,917 bales, the Census Bureau announced today.

Ginners in North Carolina amounted to 929,616 bales.

FREIGHT ON COAL IS HIGHER TO BEST CITY

Elizabeth City's freight rate on coal is 15 cents a ton in excess of that enjoyed by Washington and New Bern, according to Secretary Job of the Chamber of Commerce, although coal for both these cities must pass through Elizabeth City to reach its destination.

Mr. Job took this matter up with the proper authorities while in Washington to attend the Rivers and Harbors Congress this week and hopes that steps have been set in motion for relief from this discrimination against this city. He quotes E. R. Conger, prominent coal dealer, as saying that if the relief is obtained the Elizabeth City consumer will get the benefit of it.

Fifteen cents a ton does not seem to be a great deal, but Mr. Job has it all figured out that the excess means an increase of \$3,000 in the wholesale cost of one year's supply of coal for this city.

THE OWLS AND EAGLES WERE INTERCHANGED

By error, in Friday's advertisement of the Savings Bank & Trust Company's Christmas Savings Club, the names of the two teams were interchanged.

The Owls and Eagles are the two teams at the bank competing for the greatest number of Christmas Savings Club members for 1924.

The Owls are: Geneva Roane, Valeria Scott, A. P. Midsett.

The Eagles are: Aurilla Strahl, W. R. Stowe, W. W. Woodley, Jr.

IMPATIENT MAN SHOOT UP CAFE

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Henry Ring, waiter, and Leopold Gath, steward, were shot and killed, and a detective was wounded by a man identified as John Sheehy, who became impatient when his order for cracked ice at a cafe here last night was delayed.

Sheehy himself was probably fatally wounded by a companion of the detective. A hundred diners and dancers were thrown into panic. The police reserves were summoned when excited patrons started the exit.

LAUNCH ON WAYS

The launch 2642-T is on Wilby's ways for painting and caulking. A new keel has also been installed.

DEPARTS WITHOUT CARGO

The Schooner Ella Myrtle having from W-475, Virginia, arrived in Elizabeth City light on Saturday but departed without taking cargo for Norfolk by the Dismal Swamp Canal.

REMEMBER

All Eversharp Pens and Pencils purchased from your Jeweler Since 1882 engraved free, by our expert engraver.

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BALDWIN EXPECTED TO RESIGN MONDAY

London, Dec. 8.—The Evening Standard says that Baldwin will resign Monday and likely recommend as his successor J. Ramsay MacDonald who as head of the labor party is leader of the opposition in the house of commons.

There is no indication, however, of the authority of the statement.

HEADLESS BODY OF WOMAN IS FOUND

Milwaukee, Dec. 8.—The headless nude body of Mrs. Belle Tompkins, wife of a real estate dealer and former instructor in Milwaukee Normal School, was found today in a wooded ravine 11 miles from Milwaukee.

NEW OFFICERS ELECTED FOR THE ODD FELLOWS

At the L. O. O. F. lodge meeting Friday evening which was held on the corner of Road and Fearing streets, election of officers for the coming year was held and the following men elected: Hersey Lamb, N. G.; C. R. Fuleher, V. G.; J. W. Johnson, R. S.; M. P. Jennings, P. C.; William Bundy, treasurer; W. T. Love, Jr., sitting P. G.

WAKE FOREST TURNS OUT CHURCH OFFICERS

Wake Forest, Dec. 8.—If graduates of Wake Forest College continue to go the way that alumni living in Asheville have gone, Baptists in North Carolina need not fear for church officials. Also a few of the graduates can be loaned as officials for other denominations. At an alumni-meeting in the Mountain City residence, Alumni Secretary J. A. McMillan found that of 18 men present 16 were officers in the Baptist church and 2 were officers in other churches. The nineteenth man was just out of college and another year will find him with official church connections, Mr. McMillan said.

Among the 19 men present 15 were deacons, 1 was a pastor, 1 was a presbyterian elder, and 1 an Episcopalian vestryman. Six of the number, in addition to their other church offices, were teaching Sunday school classes, while 2 were Sunday school superintendents.

"The case of the Asheville alumni is typical of the entire body of graduates and former students," states Mr. McMillan.

The Asheville men mentioned above are leading in preparations for the greatest Wake Forest gathering ever staged at Asheville on December 18, Alumni from the Western part of the State and from Eastern Tennessee will attend the meeting, which is expected to set a new record for Wake Forest alumni meetings. Alumni Secretary McMillan will be present and Coach Garrity will be the guest of honor at the occasion.

STY BREAKS DOWN

The Steamer Ray broke down Saturday morning and was towed by the Commodore, from South Mills. The Steamer Emma K. is now in running shape and steam was up on Saturday. Both vessels are operated by the Matthews Boat Line.

IRON WORKS' CUTTER SINKS

The "Cutter" operated by the Elizabeth City Iron Works and Saturday morning near the railway bridge. It is thought she has a hole in the side. Efforts were being made Saturday to raise her.

TO RAISE WATER LEVEL

Friedrichshafen, Germany, Dec. 7.—Lake Constance, famed as the building place of German Zeppelins, is destined ultimately to become a reservoir to give the Rhine a steady flow of water so that even in summer the steam will be navigable.

The lake is an enclosed valley, and the Rhine passes through it. Forty miles long and eight miles wide, offers an excellent opportunity for the storage of water from the surrounding mountains which could be fed out, as the dry summer season advances, to maintain a serviceable level on the river.

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