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Sap Remanded To Jail After Trial Wednesday

Henry Divers, White Man, Incriminated by Sap's Evidence —Most Serious Charge Against Bandit Not Yet Brought Against Him, Awaiting Outcome Bray's Wounds

Placing guilty of two charges of larceny and incriminating Henry Divers, young white man, as a confederate, held for probable cause, under each of four warrants charging highway robbery, and given sentence of 12 months on the roads for carrying concealed weapons and six for larceny, LeRoy White, negro, was remanded to jail to await trial at the March term of Superior Court following a preliminary hearing in foreman's court Wednesday morning.

Nine warrants in all have been issued against Sap and more are yet to follow.

Divers is in jail also, and has been there since Monday night on a warrant charging house breaking, though the warrant was not made public until Wednesday, as the police were afraid Sap would not tell the same story on the stand as he had already told Police Officers Roughton and Winslow in his cell here. With Sap's evidence as a beginning, the police are trying to build up a strong case against Divers, preliminary hearing of whom is being continued until there is time to run down a number of leads on which police are now at work.

The shooting of O. C. Bray, local insurance man whose life hangs by a thread, the most serious charge against Sap, was not preferred until the morning of Wednesday following the outcome of Mr. Bray's wound and the possibility of having him testify for the State in this case. Neither did the holdup of J. T. Thompson, hosiery mill operative, appear in any of the four warrants charging highway robbery. Mr. Thompson not being able to identify the negro positively and Sap declaring that he was in Edenton Sunday when this holdup occurred. However, Mr. Thompson declares that the man who held him up had very much the same general appearance as Sap. The defendant was positively identified by young Lloyd Winslow, by C. A. Long, by J. L. Roughton, and by E. B. Gibson as having robbed them of money or merchandise.

John P. Overman, the last man held up on the night O. C. Bray was shot, could not be absolutely positive in his identification; but he testified that the negro who held him up was of the same build and general appearance as Sap and that he wore a light top-coat and gray cap similar to the light raincoat and gray cap which Sap admits he wore on the night of the holdup.

The Southern Hotel and the residence of John Albertson on Parsonage street are the two places which Sap admits that he broke into, the negro also testifying that on each of these occasions Henry Divers was with him. Sap admitted that the coat he wore into court and the suitcase that the police found at his lodging place at Edenton were part of the loot taken in the Southern hotel burglary. He says that he also got a suit of clothes and a ladies' coat from the Albertson residence.

One of the first witnesses to take the stand was Lloyd Winslow, employee at W. S. White's, who testified that on last Friday between 6 and 7 o'clock, while he was keeping his father's grocery store on Southern avenue while his father R. C. Winslow was at supper, Sap entered the store and held him up for between two and three dollars.

"I was making a charge on the books at the time," he testified, "and paid no particular attention when the negro entered. When I looked over from the book, he had his gun across the showcase pointing at me and ordered me to hand over all the money. I did so without stopping to count it, and think I gave him about \$2.50. He then told me to put up my hands and turn my back toward him. I did so and he backed out."

Young Winslow said he had seen Sap a number of times before the holdup and he identified him positively.

C. A. Long, Parsonage street merchant, testified that on the 8th of last May Sap came into his store to buy a pair of socks. The price was 15 cents and Sap threw a quarter on the counter, according to the witness. Mr. Long had just opened up the store and had not had opportunity to put any change in the cash drawer, and when he drew his wallet from his pocket to make change, Sap snatched the purse, the socks, and the quarter and beat it. Mr. Long, who is elderly and was in poor health at the time, was unable to give chase for more than a block, and the feet-footed negro escaped. This was another case in which Sap entered a plea of guilty, so far as catching the purse is concerned, but he claims that it contained only 21 cents. Mr. Long admitted that he did not know the exact amount.

J. L. Roughton, Richardson street merchant, testified that Sap went out of his store one Saturday last May with two bags of flour under his coat. This was the charge on which Trial Justice Spence gave the de-

TAX REDUCTION TO BE CONSIDERED PROMPTLY

Washington, Dec. 12.—Definite assurance that tax reduction legislation will be considered promptly by the House ways and means committee was given today by Representative Green of Iowa, prospective chairman, after conferring with the Republican members of the committee.

CAUSE MILLIONS LOSS

Washington, Dec. 12.—Tree-killing insects do damage estimated at \$100,000,000 annually in the United States, and damage forest products to the extent of an additional \$45,000,000 each year according to experts of the bureau of entomology. Much of this damage can be prevented by the control methods recommended by the bureau, Department of Agricultural officials declare.

Defendant six months on the roads.

F. B. Gibson said Sap had been to his store a number of times and that he had come to know him well, because things had a way of turning up missing after the negro left. On last Friday night, he said, the negro came into his store, corner of Shirley street and Skinner avenue, and with his gun partially concealed in his coat, pointed it at Mr. Gibson and demanded money. Mr. Gibson, who is an elderly and apparently not a vicious man, says that he was standing in the door of the little office in his store at the time, somewhat above the negro, who is below average height, and "I sort of fell over on him and smothered him and the weapon," the merchant testified. This was at 8:30, within a half hour of the time and hardly a two minutes' walk from where O. C. Bray was shot on the same night.

Henry Williams, Parsonage street merchant, testified to hearing the alarm bell on his cash drawer ring one day as he sat on the sidewalk in front of his store; and when he ran in, he said, Sap was getting out by a back door. The charge in this case was forcible trespass.

J. P. Overman, local insurance man who was with O. C. Bray on the night the latter was shot, prior to the shooting, testified that as he was on his way home and was on Perse street at the foot of Fearing a negro of the same description as Sap stuck the muzzle of a gun into his stomach and said:

"Give me your money!"

"I shoved the gun aside the first time," Mr. Overman testified, "but when he thrust it against my body a second time and in a menacing tone ordered me to put up my hands I did so. I had about three dollars in the side pocket of my trousers and he got all of it, and walked off sideways."

Mr. Overman's home is at 102 Perse street, and he was within less than a block of it when he was held up. Sap knew him when Mr. Overman visited the negro's cell, as the insurance man had collected insurance on a number of occasions from the negro's mother; but Mr. Overman had never noticed Sap.

That Police Officers Roughton and Twiddy were close on Sap's heels twice on the night of the shooting was developed from testimony of the negro, who took the stand in his own behalf when he was not satisfied with the story told by witnesses for the State. Once in the factory district shortly after Bray was shot about 9 o'clock, he saw Officer Roughton approaching him and highballed. The other time was when from an automobile Officer Twiddy caught sight of the negro on Main street near Dr. Kendrick's residence. Sap was headed for the one o'clock freight, but he eluded Twiddy by heading across vacant lots back toward Cherry street. He didn't catch the freight that night but it seems to have been his regular dependence in getting from Elizabeth City to Edenton.

Sap did not present the appearance of the mentally defective negro that many had pictured him by reason of the nickname, short for Sap head, which he has acquired in Elizabeth City. He was not represented by counsel and displayed rather more than average acumen both in testifying and in questioning witnesses.

"You don't think I got your flour, do you?" he questioned J. L. Roughton.

"Ain't you jes saying that because you've heard Sap's in a lot of trouble?" the negro pressed the witness when the latter had answered the foregoing question in the affirmative.

Sap denies that he has participated in any of the holdups that have terrorized the city recently and even denies that he has had any run whatever. However, both Lloyd Winslow and John P. Overman testified that the man Sap is alleged to have pawned at Edenton and which lay on the table before County Prosecutor Sawyer resembled the weapon that was drawn on them last Friday night.

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"I'm a Tough Guy!"



"Don't get gay with me," this pug, mascot for the U. S. Marines, probably is saying. The dog appeared at all football games played this season by the "devil dogs."

PROVIDES FOOD FOR THE ANIMALS

New York City Pays Heavy Board Bill for Beasts, Birds and Fishes in Zoos and in Aquarium.

New York, December 12.—New York's board bills for the beasts, birds, and fishes in the city houses in the Bronx and Central Park zoos and the Aquarium in Battery Park exceeds \$500,000 a year. The upkeep of some of the captives from remote corners of the globe is especially high because of the epicurean tastes they bring from their native haunts.

The board bill for the habitation of the Bronx zoo last year was \$32,928.74, not including certain food commodities grown on the zoo farm in the park. Menus for the inhabitants of the Central Park zoo cost \$12,250 and the board bill of the denizens of the Aquarium totals \$3,999 annually, not including sea food gathered direct from nearby waters for the more finicky guests.

Leading all other captives in the cost of his board is the big African elephant in the Bronx zoo. His daily entree of 299 pounds of hay, with desert of vegetables, fruit and bread, costs between \$7 and \$8 daily. His fellow countryman, the pigmy elephant, eats only half as much.

These "heavy boarders" contrast sharply with the deer which are fed on 50c a day, or even less. But since there is a herd of 129, their upkeep is far from a negligible item. The meat bills of each of the five pens in Bronx zoo average about 99 cents daily. The tigers eat about the same amount, while the leopards eat about one-third less. All these jungle beasts are now fed beef. They once were fed horse flesh, but this diet proved too rich for them.

Of all the temperamental eaters, the big python, which measures 23 feet holds the record. His board bill is only \$8.99 a month, but he has his own ideas as to how his monthly meal should be served. He insists on a live pig, but the keepers play a trick on him. Each month they take a pig to his cage, kill it outside, then placing it at once in the cage, move it about with sticks. The python thinks the pig is alive and gulps it down with relish.

The eagle is the heaviest eater among the birds, with a daily bill of about 40 cents. He usually is satisfied with meat, although a stray rat is now and then fed to him. At the Aquarium the sea lion, Buster, now 21 years old, is the heaviest eater, his diet of herring and cod costing \$500 a year. The sea horses are the only Aquarium boarders that demand live food. The surrounding waters are scoured for sea lettuce, which is always swarming with minute shrimps, worms, tiny crabs and baby muscels, which the sea horse bolts down avidly. Sea horses have a weakness for guppies, a small fish from the tropics, but it would cost \$15 daily to feed each sea horse on these delicacies.

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BASEBALL RULES BEING DISCUSSED

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Seventeen proposed amendments to the baseball rules and other matters of importance, some of which affect the powers of the commissioner, are before the joint session of the National and American leagues with Landis today.

McADOO BEGINS WAR AGAINST COOLIDGE

Los Angeles, December 12.—Coolidge's message to Congress was called the "counsel of dormancy," and his opposition to the soldier bonus was characterized as a "summary dismissal of just claims for consideration" in an address of McAdoo today before the Democratic Club and the Woman's Democratic League.

He derided the President's proposal for voluntary consolidation of the transportation system as the "seven year itch for reduced freight and passenger rates with no assurance of relief."

BAPTIST CONVENTION BEGINS ITS SESSIONS

Gastonia, Dec. 12.—The ninety-third annual North Carolina Baptist Convention got under way here last night with the "Greater Meredith" movement and the ways and means of bringing to a close the \$75,000,000 campaign in North Carolina by making up a deficit of \$800,000 in the last year's collections on a quota of \$1,200,000 as the principal convention themes.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA BY FIRST BAPTISTS

The beautiful Christmas Cantata, "Christ Child," will be sung by the choir of the First Baptist church at vespers service, the Sunday before Christmas, December 23.

The choir will be assisted by Mrs. J. P. Greenleaf, Mrs. W. P. Duff, Miss Emerald Sykes, L. E. Skinner and S. S. Burgess.

The organ, played by Mrs. I. M. Meekins, will be accompanied by four violins played by Miss Minnie Nash, Miss Ethel Jones, Bobby Fearing, and Joseph Kramer, and a harp played by Mrs. J. N. Keelin.

The rehearsals have been most satisfactory and Mrs. Meekins promises a finished performance.

MRS. HOUTZ MOTHER DIES

Mrs. A. B. Houtz left Sunday night for New York where she was called on account of the sudden death of her mother, Mrs. Lawler.

SMITH ONE SHORT OF CHAIRMANSHIP

Washington, December 12.—Although there was a break in the ranks of LaFollette today, the Senate remained deadlocked on the first and second ballots for the election of a chairman of the Interstate Commerce committee. On the first ballot Cummins and Smith received 40 votes each and LaFollette, 37. On the second, Smith received 41, Cummins 39, and LaFollette 21, making Smith one short of election.

ON DUCKING TRIP

P. G. Sawyer left Wednesday morning for a ducking trip to Jarvisburg where he will join some friends for a few days shooting.

AMERICAN AID WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE

Washington, December 12.—Only a few finalities remain before American governmental aid becomes available to European allies in new efforts at reparations settlement. The allied governments, through the reparations commission, are expected to designate American experts to sit on the two committees and inquire into the state of Germany's finances. The impression here is that the consummation of the plans is a matter of days.

MASONS HOLDING EXCELLENT MEET

Negro Leaders of State Declare North Carolina the Best in Union in Regard to Both Races.

The opening session of Masonic Grand Lodge of Negro Masons was one of great benefit to the craft.

Grand Master Shepard delivered a masterful annual address. His review of the year's work was enlightening. The recommendations are being considered by the different committees to which they were referred. He reported 700 and more lodges in this jurisdiction. There are the three great negro organizations: the Masons, Odd Fellows and Pythians that select their leaders having an idea to the sanity of the same.

The report of the R. W. Grand Secretary Dr. C. S. Brown of Winston, N. C., the recognized successor in leadership to the late Col. James H. Young, showed efficiency, pains taking and care. He reported receipts for the jurisdiction for the general fund of \$11,764.16; balance on hand from last year \$987.21 and borrowed \$2,500. His recommendations are for the sealing of expenses. Dr. W. H. Moore of Wilmington, the grand treasurer, gave an exhibit of receipts and expenditures.

Grand Endowment Department.—The endowment department is the most important annex to the fraternity. It must have necessarily the very best prepared man to manage the same. Dr. W. G. Pearson, who has for 22 years served as principal of the Durham graded school for negro children, is the man with such a man as General Carr as chairman of its board of trustees. He is at the head of the largest negro insurance company and one of the State's largest property holders among negroes. His report showed receipts of \$112,550.82; disbursed for death claims, \$102,500. This has no connection with the bonds and collateral deposited with the State. The fiscal year ends November 30. He has on hand \$20,204.35. His job is the most difficult one of the grand lodge. He will, without doubt, manage the finances for another year. The reception of the grand lodge by the Mayor was made through his representative, R. E. Jones, who pleased his audience.

The organization in session here when it speaks on economic and inter-racial matters are never more happy when in Eastern Carolina.

No Danger Of Migration.—North Carolina will not be disturbed with migration. Today thousands of Georgians have flocked to North Carolina because of its great program for inter-racial betterment. Dr. Geo. D. Carnes, Wilmington, last night in responding to the different addresses, struck the keynote when he explained that North Carolina is the greatest and best State in the Union, with the best of each race co-operating. The days of the hot heads are over among negro leaders.

On Wednesday the election of officers took place and the present officers were re-elected. They are as follows: Dr. James E. Shepard, grand master; E. W. Miller, grand S. W.; Henry B. Kennedy, grand J. W.; Dr. C. S. Brown, grand secretary; Dr. W. H. Moore, grand treasurer.

The session in this city is one among the best ever held in the State. The courtesy and hospitality of the negro and white citizens will not soon be forgotten, and as the delegates leave the inspiration to go home and urge the negro people of State to stand firm for the building up of everything that will bring the two race closer together is taken with them.

DIAMOND BROTHERS AND PAL INDICTED

New York, December 12.—Morris Barlow Diamond, his brother, Joseph, and Anthony Pantano, were indicted today by the King county grand jury on the charge of first degree murder in connection with the slaying and robbery of the two bank messengers in Brooklyn on November 14.

TOTAL PRODUCTION REPORT ON YEAR'S COTTON CROP

The total production, according to today's Government estimates, of the year's cotton crop, is 10,981,000 bales or 4,821,335,000 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kramer and Warren Pinner who motored to Norfolk returned Tuesday.

SITUATION GETS MORE MENACING

Three Separate Forces of Insurrectionists in Mexico Reported as Marching on Capital.

San Antonio, Tex., Dec. 12.—The Mexican situation is taking on a more menacing aspect, according to reports received here.

Three separate forces of the insurrectionists were reported yesterday as marching on Mexico City.

Obregon Energetic.—El Paso, Dec. 12.—President Obregon has been granted full power to put down the revolution and the situation is being "effectively and energetically handled," according to advices received by the consular general here from the Mexican government's department of interior.

Defeat Loyal Troops.—Vera Cruz December 12.—Revolutionary headquarters announced today that rebel forces have defeated the dispersed loyal troops defending Cuautlan on the border. The state government at Coahuila has been overthrown and all troops of Sonora and Sinaloa have joined the revolution.

State Will Rest Case in Garrett Trial Today

Cumberland Courthouse, Va., December 12.—The prosecution today rested and the defense was ready to begin when court recessed for dinner in the trial of Larkin Garrett. Attorneys expressed the hope that the case would go to the jury tomorrow night or Friday morning.

Cumberland Courthouse, December 12.—More than half the prosecution's witnesses having been heard yesterday, indications this morning were that the state would rest its case some time today in the second trial of Larkin Garrett charged with the murder of Rev. E. S. Pierce.

Mary Pierce, daughter of the dead man, J. Tucker Doyno, undertaker, and J. M. Shepard, superintendent of schools, eye witnesses testified this morning. Doyno described the wounds. Shepard told of the political meeting when the suggestion was made to kill Robert Garrett and vetoed. The jury visited the scene of the tragedy.

REPUBLICANS WILL GO TO CLEVELAND

Washington, December 12.—Cleveland, Ohio, was today formally selected for the 1924 convention by the Republican National Committee.

The date was fixed for June 10, Cleveland received 39 votes, San Francisco 10, and Des Moines 1. On motion of Crocker of California it was made unanimous.

WOMEN FACTORS IN SKYSCRAPERS PLANS

Chicago, Dec. 12.—The increasing influence of women in public and political affairs has become a factor in the planning of skyscrapers. A report of the building planning service of the National Association of Building Owners and Managers discloses that women must be accorded as much consideration as that given the slaking of calluses.

Building managers have found, according to the report, that if the project is to be successful it must have the good will of women, who may be either employees or visitors. This consideration is reflected chiefly in planning for adequate and attractive rest rooms which, the report says, no longer can be classed as luxuries in office buildings.

The report covers a variety of "human frailties," including the habits of messenger boys penciling corridors and jumping down the stairs. The pencil habit has given rise to the term "pencil line" for the height of marble wainscoting in corridors, which is raised to such a level that the pencil line may be easily cleaned from the walls. Landing places at the turn of stairs, the managers report, have become landing places in fact for messenger boys, whose duties have compelled the installation of specially constructed slabs to withstand the impact of their jumps.

GATES OPEN TO CHINESE

Peking, China, Dec. 12.—China is overstocked with officials, and 10,000 such employees of the government are slated for dismissal under the new regime, according to the Asiatic News Agency. Many men of inferior qualifications today hold governmental positions, and as a result competent employees are not getting their salaries.

COTTON MARKET

New York, December 12.—Spot cotton closed steady today, advancing 185 points. Milling 36.35. Futures closed as follows: Decem-

ber 35.80; January 34.90; March 35.10; May 35.50; July 34.30; October 29.20

New York, December 12.—At two o'clock this afternoon cotton futures were quoted at the following levels: December 34.05; January 33.45; March 33.75; May 33.98; July 33.15; October 27.75.