

## New Thrill Is Near For Dickie And Babe at Last

### When Their Trial Is Over They Will Go to Cells to Wait While One Man Weighs Evidence and Decides Issue of Life or Death for Them

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Chicago, Aug. 27.—Dickie Loeb and "Babe" Leopold this week will get a new thrill, the experience of waiting while one man—Judge John R. Caverly—moves up his mind whether they shall live, or die at the end of a rope, for the murder of young Robert Franks.

When these two millionaire thrill-killers retire from the clamor of the half million dollar trial they have provoked, to the dreary monotony of cell life while awaiting judgment, they will have witnessed the full spectacle of American justice working at top speed.

There has been almost unexampled progress from the time of the murder, with the machinery of justice working evenly at every turn. Yet the killers are unrepentant after three months.

This shining example of the ways of justice in the modern age of new-fangled mental theories had its inception on May 21. Nearly 100 days ago, the two dapper prodigies, Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb, with 19 years of life and university education back of them, equipped themselves with a pair of field glasses and a cold chisel and started forth to find a victim for the thrill murder they had plotted carefully for six months.

They were sons of millionaires, fed up on all the various "kicks" in life that money could buy. But they felt that one more thrill was needed to round out their lives. This, they decided, they could obtain by kidnapping and killing one of the neighborhood boys. Through their field glasses they spotted Robert Franks, 14 year old son of Jacob Franks, a millionaire pawn broker. Loeb, who had played tennis with young Franks the day before, enticed him into the automobile they had hired for the occasion. Leopold drove off and Loeb smashed the boy's head with the cold chisel. This done, the youths put into effect their plot to obtain ransom from the father by a clever letter ruse. Two oximes carrying with them the death penalty were thus committed—kidnapping for ransom and murder.

At this time this consideration did not bother the killers. They took the body to the unfrequented flats south of Chicago and hid it in a culvert satisfied that the "perfect crime" had been committed and covered in every detail. A chance passer, however, discovered the murdered boy, and set under way one of the most interesting pieces of detective work.

Once the body was identified, all the forces of Chicago's police department were set in motion to find the killers. There instructors at the exclusive Harvard school which young Franks had attended were subjected to the most severe of third degree examinations. They were practically accused of the crime, when a pair of glasses dropped by Leopold after showing the murder victim into the culvert, were traced, and their ownership established.

Leopold and Loeb had been taking an active part in the hunt for the murderer. Now they were subjected to examination and after a thorough grilling by State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe, finally admitted their crime on the night of May 30. The boys, parading their intellectual accomplishments, were thrown into jail where they remained until July 21 when their trial got under way.

In all this time not a hitch was thrown in the way of speedy justice. Pleas of guilty were entered on July 21, further cutting through the maze of usual court procedure. But then a new element in murder trials was injected by Clarence Darrow, defense attorney—a plea of mental irresponsibility as cause for mitigation of punishment. The solid mough of court battle has centered around this hitherto unused claim for leniency.

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## EASON SHOOTING STILL MYSTERY

### Efforts of Police and Sheriff to Elicit Details of Shooting in Providence Altogether Fruitless.

The mystery deepens. When it was learned here Tuesday afternoon that O. A. McPherson, Pasquotank farmer of Providence township, had been shot through jaw and neck by his neighbor, Hiram Eason, it was confidently expected that some details of the affair would leak out within the next 24 hours.

But the 24-hour period has more than passed and not a circumstance connected with it has been developed, though city and county authorities have been at work on the case. Despite the fact that he talked like a man whose tongue has been loosed by something stronger than is sold at the south fountain, McPherson was evidently in command of all his discretion. Not a man with whom he talked, and he talked with dozens—can say a word about the how, where or when of the shooting.

No question that McPherson was shot. The physician's examination showed that the bullet had entered the left jaw to the left of the mouth, the bullet had struck the lower jawbone, and then, following the line of this bone, had plowed its way to a point one inch beyond the angle of the jaw and lodged in the neck just below the lobe of the left ear. And Dr. R. L. Kendrick has the bullet which he removed from the tissues of McPherson's neck.

Armed with the warrant which had been put into his hands by charging Eason with assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill, Chief of Police Charles A. Gregory went out to Eason's home in Providence Tuesday afternoon where he was met at the door by Eason's wife.

"Hiram told me that if anybody came after him to say he'd hit back as soon as he could find a bondsmen," she told the chief. But Hiram has not yet been heard from and it is supposed that he is still looking for a bondsmen somewhere in the Dismal Swamp or else in the bushes somewhere on his own place.

On the way back to town Chief Gregory met Sheriff Reid, armed with a warrant identical with that in the hands of the chief of police, bent on the same mission as that from which the chief was just returning. On this chance that Eason had slipped back home after the first visit, the sheriff continued on to Eason's home and received the same message.

"If he gets a bondsmen, he'll come back, just as he says he will, too," declared the sheriff.

Hiram Eason lives something less than a mile back of Berea Baptist Church, which is situated on the Newland brick road four miles from Elizabeth City. Neither Chief Gregory nor Sheriff Reid was able to obtain any details of the shooting in Eason's neighborhood. In fact, had it not been for the statement attributed to Marshall Jennings that the shooting was done by Hiram Eason, the warrants issued against him might almost be said to have been sworn out on hearsay.

## WAR REPORTED IN CHINESE PROVINCES

(By The Associated Press)  
Shanghai, Aug. 27.—Shun Pao, the leading vernacular newspaper, today received a dispatch reporting the outbreak of warfare between forces of Chi Shih Yuan, military governor of Kiangsu province, and General Lu Yang Hsian Tsuchan of Chaktan Province.

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## PASSENGERS HURT ON LINER ARABIC

New York, Aug. 27.—Several passengers on the White Star Arabic bound from Hamburg to New York were injured last night when the ship ran into a hurricane, a message to the steamship company's headquarters today said.

They and give them their lives—otherwise, mental theories or no mental theories their days are numbered.

Justice, though, will have come only after 30-days of court procedure with every technicality eliminated. With the crime record settled down to a murder a day in Chicago alone, the public can now understand how burdened is the machinery of the law.

## STUNNED BY TRUCK BOY WILL RECOVER

Stunned when struck by the Winecream truck on North Road street Tuesday afternoon and unconscious through most of the night, Preston Eason of Perquimans County, regained consciousness early Wednesday morning and was reported resting quietly and apparently on the road to recovery Wednesday afternoon.

The boy's collar bone was broken and he suffered many bruises on head and body, some of the former of which were feared in the beginning to be serious. But these fears have now been dismissed and the little fellow will get well without permanent injury unless there are unforeseen developments.

Preston was on a visit from his home in the New Hope section of Durants Neck, Perquimans County, to Roger and Archie Shann, nonhouse, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shannhouse, 109 North Road street, and was to have returned home Wednesday. He was riding a bicycle when the accident occurred and was apparently struck from behind, as the rear wheel of the bicycle was smashed.

Mr. and Mrs. Eason were promptly informed of the accident, and both arrived here Wednesday evening, spending the night at their little boy's bedside.

## GIANT DIRIGIBLE TAKES SHORT TRIP

(By The Associated Press)  
Frederickshafen, Germany, Aug. 27.—The giant dirigible Zs R-3, built here for the United States, left this afternoon for a short flight of several hours over Lake Constance.

## UNABLE THROW LIGHT ON MURDER OF FRIEND

Raleigh, Aug. 27.—Miss Roselle Griffin of Knightdale, friend of Charles A. Raas, New York cabinet maker was today unable to throw any light on the murder of Aaron Graff in New York.

## SEEK ESTABLISH MANY BUS LINES

Richmond, Aug. 27.—A petition to establish passenger bus lines to connect Richmond with every section of the state as well as with Raleigh and Durham, North Carolina, and Washington, D. C., was today filed with the state corporation commission by the Virginia Transportation Company. The proposed routes include Fredericksburg, Staunton, and Charlottesville. Several railroads and bus companies are opposing the application. The hearing will be held late in September.

## ATLANTA MAN HEADS LAFOLLETTE CAMPAIGN

Washington, Aug. 27.—R. L. Corley of Atlanta has been selected to direct the LaFollette-Wheeler campaign in the South.

## CROWE CONTAINS HIS ATTACK ON DEFENSE

Chicago, Aug. 27.—State's Attorney Crowe today continued his attack on the defense's plea for mercy for Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb.

## CLASS C BASEBALL LEAGUE FOR EASTERN CAROLINA

Washington, N. C., Aug. 27.—It looks as if there will be a class "C" baseball league composed of towns in Eastern North Carolina next year.

It is proposed to have a six club circuit made up from the following cities: Wilmington, Kinston, Goldsboro, New Bern, Greenville, and Washington.

According to Mr. Vandenberg, the salary limit would be \$2,000, each team to get gate receipts at its home games. It is proposed to open the season on May 15 and close September 1.

## SECURE OPTION ON ADDITIONAL FOREST

Asheville, Aug. 27.—Option on an additional 7,000 acres of land to be added to the Pisgah Forest has just been announced at the office of Verne Rhodes, supervisor of the Forest. This last option makes 17,000 acres of land now held under option by the Forest officials, 10,000 acres having been recently secured under option.

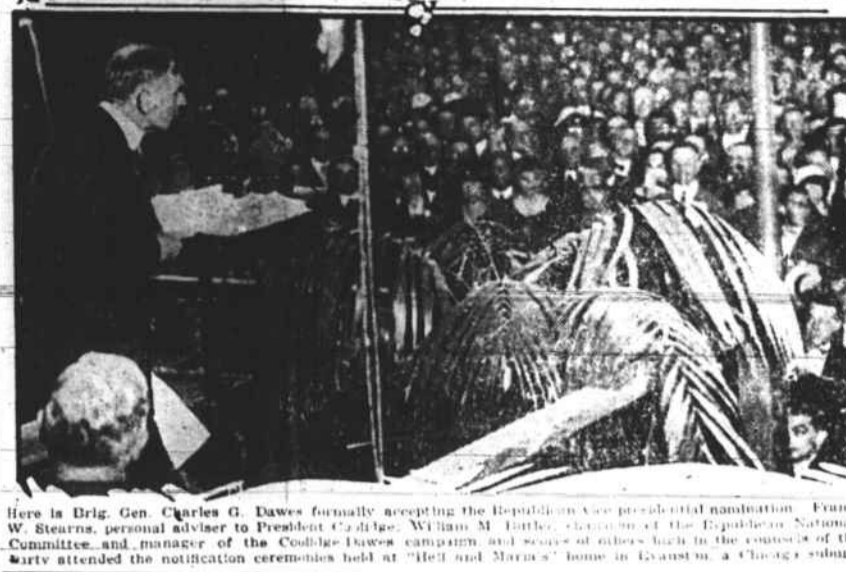
The 7,000 acres are located in Burke County and are the property of Mrs. Marie S. Gibbs. They are in the Boone division of the Forest on the water shed of the Upper Creek, east of Linville.

When the titles of the lands held at option are examined are found good, the complete transfer will be made and the Pisgah Forest will again be enlarged. The eventual amount to be added to Pisgah Forest it was said, will be 50,000 acres.

The option lands are all cut over lands and will be reforested, Mr. Rhodes stated.

Dr. H. D. Walker returned home from Nags Head Wednesday morning after spending a few days there.

## Dawes Formally Accepts Republican Nomination



Here is Brig. Gen. Charles G. Dawes formally accepting the Republican vice-presidential nomination. Frank W. Stearns, personal adviser to President Coolidge, William M. Butler, chairman of the Republican National Committee, and manager of the Coolidge-Dawes campaign, and scores of others took part in the ceremony. Party members attended the notification ceremony held at "Hell and Martin's" home in Evanston, a Chicago suburb.

## GERMANY TO SIGN LONDON AGREEMENT

Berlin, Aug. 27.—The German government will sign the London agreement whether or not the reischtag approves. It was officially announced today. If the reischtag rejects the pact on the Dawes reparations plan the legislative body will be dissolved, according to the announcement.

## QUINN COMPANY TO HAVE EDENTON STORE

Edenton, Aug. 27.—The Herrick-Itaker property occupying the space between T. W. Elliott's store and that of C. E. Hyrum Bros Grocery, was transferred Monday by William S. White to Twiford and Wilkins, owners of the Quinn Furniture Company, upon which, will be erected at cost of approximately some \$25,000.

During the last few years the Quinn Furniture Company of Elizabeth City has been building up a business in Edenton, until now it has become apparent, according to a statement by Mr. Twiford, that a stock of goods must be kept here for the accommodation of the people of Chowan, Bertie, Gates, Perquimans and Washington counties, all of whom will be served from this store.

## PRAYER SERVICE TONIGHT

Dr. S. H. Templeman will conduct the prayer services at the First Baptist church tonight, returning to Richmond Thursday following an engagement there on Sunday. Dr. Templeman will come back to the city the first of next week to take up his work again with his congregation of the First Baptist church.

## TO RATHY MERGER

New York Aug. 27.—Formal ratification of the Nickel Plate railroad merger engineered by Van Swerigen interests will be voted tomorrow by directors of the Pere Marquette Railroad Company, the last of the five roads which will enter the new system to signify approval of the plan.

## CREW INJURED OFF CAROLINA COAST

Jacksonville, Fla., Aug. 27.—The steamer Moorish Prince of British registration is headed for this port with eight members of the crew who were badly injured in the storm off the Carolina coast, according to a wireless message, asking for doctors to be ready.

## POSTAL INSPECTOR WAS MASTER MIND

Chicago, Aug. 27.—William Fahy, ace of the postal inspectors' squad, was yesterday arrested as master mind in the \$2,000,000 mail robbery of some months ago.

## Devastated France Is Being Rapidly Rebuilt

Walter Wood, back from Trip Abroad With His Brother, Capt. John E. Wood, Tells Briefly of Some of the Interesting Sights They Saw

Walter Wood, back from a trip through Europe in the company of his brother, Captain John E. Wood, of Washington, says he saw so much that to tell it all he would have to begin at the beginning and devote several hours to the task. Even then there are a number of things he has forgotten.

Captain Wood is in Elizabeth City on a visit of a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Q. A. Wood.

The devastated area in France is being rapidly rebuilt up, according to Walter Wood. He saw a number of overturned tanks and barbed wire entanglements which were left for the benefit of tourists but many fields which were torn by shells have been freed from dangerous fuses and are now under cultivation. He saw the self-propelled tractors with plows at a distance from the machines which are used to dig up shells. These are exploded at safe places.

The brothers visited Rheims, Soissons, Chateau Thierry and other points of interest in France. Captain Wood had been in the same territory during the war.

"The buildings now being erected in France are for the most part similar to mid-Western American architecture," said Walter Wood Wednesday. "They are making a big mistake in failing to reproduce the old styles of architecture and it has the effect of destroying the landscape."

French people are not courteous, he found. He was very much surprised to find a majority of Frenchmen actually discourteous.

"They seem to have the feeling that America has all the money in the world. And it is no wonder when they see the way some rich Americans spend their money around."

Drinking in France and Spain is restricted to wines, beer and coffee, according to the Elizabeth City globe trotter.

"I saw no one in Southern Europe drinking whiskey. Some men of Anglo Saxon blood were drunk but the people of France and Spain sit about in cafes and drink light intoxicants. An unusual number of them drink coffee instead of wine," he said.

England was found to be in some difficulties brought about by unemployment and heavy taxes. The people, however, are carrying on wonderfully and seem to have dismissed the war from their thoughts.

The brothers also visited Belgium and Holland, where they were impressed with the beauty of the scenery.

## DAWES CELEBRATES HIS FIFTY-NINTH

Evanston, Ill., Aug. 27.—Charles G. Dawes, Republican Vice Presidential candidate, spent today, his fifty ninth birthday, at his home here working on an address he will make Friday night at Lincoln, Nebraska.

## CURRITUCK COUNTY SUFFERS IN STORM

Barco, Aug. 27.—Great damage was done in this section Monday night by the storm which struck here about noon Monday. Huge shade trees were blown down, corn crops were blown nearly flat to the ground, fruit was blown from the trees, and considerable damage was done to practically all crops. Houses rocked during the night and many people got up around midnight to take refuge with some neighbor who was in safe quarters. The pillars were blown from the kitchen of T. F. Miller and a huge umbrella tree that has for ten years shaded the home of Ben Wilkins was blown to the ground.

Rain was needed in the section around Monday and Tuesday was too heavy for most crops after a long drought.

## WOULD BE JAIL BREAKERS NOW ON HERTFORD ROADS

Eight negro prisoners sentenced to varying terms on the roads were taken from the Pasquotank jail Tuesday morning and left here immediately for Hertford County where they will serve out the time. The prisoners were:

Lucius Holly, sentenced to 12 months for violation of the Turlington Act; Wheeler Smith and Irving Whitehurst, both given two years for house-breaking; Daniel Riddick and Allen Woodhouse, given two years each for an attack on a negro girl under the age of 16; Pruden Banks, sentenced to two months for reckless driving and drunkenness; Malachi Costen, sent to the roads for four years for housebreaking and Bishop Baker, who must serve four months for wifebeating.

Malachi Costen seems to have been the leader of the attempted jail delivery during the storm Tuesday night. All the other prisoners mentioned in the foregoing paragraph were in the same cell except Pruden Banks. Thus seven prisoners, and not six as reported Tuesday, would have been free to make their escape had not the vigilance of Jailer Albertson frustrated the attempted jail delivery. In Tuesday's report the name of Allen Woodhouse was omitted by oversight.

One of the prisoners in the cell, Bishop Baker, claims to have had no part in the effort to escape.

## SECOND PRIMARY FOR BLEASE AND BYRNES

Columbia, S. C., Aug. 27.—Former Governor Cole Blease, leading Congressman Byrnes for nomination as Senator while Senator Dial appears defeated.

A second race between Blease and Byrnes is necessary. Governor McLeod appears overwhelmingly re-elected.

## STORM MAY HINDER THE WORLD FLIERS

St. Johns, Newfoundland, Aug. 27.—The American fliers may be prevented from hopping off to visit Greenland, for Indian Harbor, Labrador, tomorrow if the severe storm which is sweeping over Newfoundland extends toward the north, according to marine experts who declared today that the storm area seemed to be moving toward Labrador. The storm appears to be the one which swept the Atlantic coast yesterday.

## FUNERAL WEDNESDAY OF CHILD KILLED MONDAY

The funeral of little four-year-old Marion Whitehurst, who was instantly killed Monday of this week when a log 12 feet long and about seven inches in diameter rolled down from a lumber pile upon her, breaking her neck and crushing her skull, was conducted at the home by Rev. R. F. Hall at 1 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and interment was made by the Martin-Pritchard burning ground, near Carter's blacksmith shop.

The child is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Whitehurst, by one sister, Eloise, and by her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Carter. The accident occurred at about 11 o'clock Monday at a lumber shop, at the intersection of the Forks and the Old Jackson road a little more than a mile from the city, but, owing to the rain and storm Monday, news of the accident did not become generally known here until Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Whitehurst and her children had gone for a visit to her parents while Mr. Whitehurst had left Monday to spend a few days at Ocean City. He was reached by wire en route, however, and returned home Tuesday night.

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## COTTON MARKET

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## With Prince

Mrs. Richard Norton, London society leader, is a prominent member of the prince's entourage.



## PLANNING MAKE WOODMEN HAPPY

### Elizabeth City Merchants to Give Visiting Delegates Ride Down the River Thursday.

Arrangements have been made through the cooperation of Elizabeth City merchants to give the visiting delegates to the district meeting of the Woodmen of the World "T" ride down the river to the sound on the Steamer Vancouver of the North River Line, starting at 1 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Delegates are expected to begin arriving Wednesday evening from the most distant points. The majority will probably arrive Thursday morning by automobile over the Coastal Highway.

The Elizabeth City camp, Eyergreen No. 778, was one of the first camps organized in this district and as its old number was 33 it is believed that it is the oldest in the district.

The opening session will be held at 11 a. m. on Thursday in the Alkrama theater. A program of entertainment and business has been arranged. This will include a luncheon to be held after the morning session adjourns and before the business session is called to order at 2:30 in the afternoon.

May W. I. Goodwin of Elizabeth City will deliver the address of welcome on behalf of the city and Secretary R. C. Job on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. Dr. T. S. McMullan, mayor of this city and W. G. W. physician will make the response. C. R. Pugh of Elizabeth City will deliver the oration at the opening session.

The invocation will be made by Reverend R. F. Hall and the benediction will be by Reverend E. F. Naylor. Robert R. Fearing, Jr., will play the violin and L. R. Forman, Jr., the saxophone, while the Boys' Band of the city will furnish the orchestration.

The session at the Alkrama is open to the public and the people of Elizabeth City and of its section are cordially invited to attend.

Delegates are expected from camps in the following counties: Currituck, Pasquotank, Halifax, Tyrrell, Dare, Hertford, Perquimans, Camden, Wake, Beaufort, Hyde, Green, Pender, Currituck, Bertie, Edgecombe, Northampton, and Gates.

An important part of the business session at 2:30 Thursday afternoon at the W. O. W. Hall will be the election of officers for the coming year. The president and vice-president are usually elected annually, while other officers remain for a period of several years.

T. T. Turner of Elizabeth City is district president. Other district officers are: Mrs. Bernard Allbrook, Scotland Neck, vice-president; Bernard Allbrook, Scotland Neck, secretary-treasurer; and A. O. Kuff, Ahoskie, and W. G. Woodard, Rocky Mount, district managers.

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