

## Bob Haired Bandit Steps Into Stellar Role When Takes Stand Own Behalf

### Expected Provide the Dramatics in Trial Growing Out Robbery Blind Merchant Mary Is "There"

#### TWO PLEAD GUILTY

### So Only Mary and One of Her Male Companions on Trial for Attempted Robbery of Blind Merchant

By RALPH POOL.  
Hertford, Nov. 5.—With the testimony of Mary Howard, or Viola Harrington, North-eastern Carolina's first feminine defendant on a bandit charge before the jury this morning and with argument by Solicitor Small and counsel for defense this afternoon, the case in which this young woman is co-defendant with Ernest Wade, Harris H. Lewis Powell and Sara Lougee, as a result of an attempt to rob the home of a blind Proprietors County merchant, appears likely to go to the jury late this afternoon and a verdict may be forthcoming by nightfall. Evidence was concluded this morning at 12:15.

Formerly on the stand, according to her own statement, and rather looking the part, Mary Howard was expected to provide the dramatics of the trial, and she did not disappoint the audience that packed every nook and cranny of the Proprietors County court room. At one point in her testimony she gave way to tears, and for ten minutes Judge, jury, counsel and audience waited patiently for the witness to regain her composure.

The witness's breakdown came when Solicitor Small asked her if she had a son. When she had dried her tears she admitted that she had, though never married.

"I left the child at a lady's home in Norfolk," she testified, "and I paid his board until I got in this mess."

### Mary Expected Go Free

Actually, only Mary Howard and Ernest Wade Hartsell, driver of the Hudson speedster, which figured in the sensational episode in the Piney Grove section on that memorable night of July 29, were on trial. Sara Lougee and Lewis Powell, their companions that night, pleaded guilty at the opening of the case yesterday afternoon, and thus, in a way, stepped quietly out of the limelight.

Second degree burglary carries a maximum penalty of life imprisonment. Due to the youth of the defendants, however, and certain other extenuating circumstances, it is believed here that none of the defendants will receive long terms. Acquittal for the woman and Hartsell was freely predicted this afternoon.

Three young women, all undeniably pretty, were within the bar yesterday afternoon, for the jury to gaze upon and remember later when they went out to decide the case. They were Hartsell's wife, his sister, Miss Mera Frances Hartsell, and the girl with whom he left Norfolk on the afternoon preceding the alleged robbery of Townsend Chappelle's home. Mary Howard, before the bar as his co-defendant. There are also Hartsell's little son, Wade Junior, a bright youngster of five summers, and Hartsell's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Grady. All came from their home in Durham to be present at the trial. Hartsell's parents are deaf mutes.

### Two Youngsters

Nobody was present to comfort and reassure the two youths upon whom the brunt of the State's retribution for the Chappelle robbery must fall, nor were any of Mary Howard's kin in attendance. Mary was powdered and rouged and had her abundant black bobbed tresses carefully curled when she came into Chappelle's home. She watched proceedings and listened to the testimony with tense interest. Powell and Lougee, obvious young eastaways on life's turbulent stream, looked on with apparent unconcern.

From the opening of the case taking of testimony proceeded steadily. At adjournment, Judge Thomas H. Covert announced there would be a night session opening at 7:30, and held to his decision despite strenuous objection on the part of Solicitor Small.

The night session continued until 10:20 o'clock, and at its close the State had concluded its case and the defense had only Sara Lougee, Lewis Powell and Mary Howard still to present the stand. Mary Howard's testimony today was expected to provide the dramatics of the trial.

### Mary Absolved of Blame

Mary Howard's plea of no guilty knowledge of the crime was continued on page 4.

### SPEAKS ON ENOCH WALKING WITH GOD

Rev. J. C. Griffin is Evangelist at Free Will Baptist Church

The revival service at the Free Will Baptist Church was well attended Wednesday night and there is a growing interest in the spirituality of the meeting. Services are being held each night at 7:30 and afternoon at 3 o'clock. Also a short service will be held each day at 12:30 at one of the mills in that part of the city.

Rev. J. C. Griffin, the evangelist, preached last night on "Walking With God."

He said in part: "Enoch walked with God because he had faith, unflinching and that would take no denial. He had to submit unto God and his will had to be adjusted with the will of God. Two cannot walk together unless they are agreed. God took Enoch. This was a type of those who will be changed in a moment. To walk with God means that one has not only been reformed but transformed and; not only belonging to the organic body—but the organism. If you ask me about my Savior I am not afraid to be ashamed to tell you. If you walk with God it will give you invincible joy because He will lead you by the still water and you will be as pleasant on Monday as you are on Sunday. It will make one shout. Shouting is alright, if it shouts itself, but if you have to twist it out you had better cork it up. Walking with God tells what kind of a husband you are; it makes real husbands and real wives. There are many homes in this city without the actual necessities of life because the father or mother or both walk with sin and Satan."

### FRENCH FRANC AT A NEW LOW LEVEL

Paris, Nov. 5.—The French political situation caused heavy selling of the franc this morning and the rate which has been gradually sliding during the last few days touched a new low record to a pound sterling today.

### NAMED HIS DONKEY FOR M. HERRIOT

Paris, Nov. 5.—A donkey whose owner christened him "Herriot" is the central figure of a trial at Blois, where the owner has been summoned before a local court on the charge of defamation.

The peasant owner pleads that he meant no harm, that his donkey is a good beast and a willing worker, and that he and his four-legged friend have the greatest respect for the former premier and present president of the chamber of deputies. But the Blois authorities, loyal radical-socialists for the most part, see in this christening a facetious dig at the leader of their party.

All the excitement over the case naturally is causing great glee in conservative camps. One member has even gone so far as to express the opinion that "giving the name of the negotiator of the London agreements of 1924 to an inoffensive quadruped certainly entitles the donkey to sue his master for libel."

### PLAYS IN ENGLISH POPULAR IN BERLIN

Berlin, Nov. 5.—A second season of plays in the English language has been started in Berlin. Encouraged by the success of last year's experiments, the "English theater," an aggregation composed mostly of German actors who know English, has started the Autumn season with Alfred Sutra's comedy, "The Laughing Lady," under the stage direction of Dr. Philip Manning.

The audiences at these performances is made up largely of members of the English and American colonies in Berlin, of students of the English seminary or the University of Berlin and of men and women interested in foreign affairs and trade.

On the whole, the Berlin press receives the "English theater's" productions with warm praise. The critic of the Berliner Zeitung, for instance, asks: "In what other city of Europe could native actors and actresses perform a foreign play with such perfect retention of the foreign peculiarities?"

### CHILE HAS ACCEPTED PERSHING'S MOTION

Santiago, Nov. 5.—An official communication issued at the foreign office says Chile accepted the motion by General John Pershing regarding guarantees for holding a plebiscite on President Coolidge's Tacnarrica Award. The object of the guarantee is to insure a fair plebiscite.

## COURT MARTIAL LONG SUFFERING ABOUT COLONEL

### Army and Navy Officers Amazed at Way Precedent Has Been Thrown to the Winds

#### SHAKES TRADITION

### True or False Army and Navy in the Past Have Not Brooked the Slightest Disrespect

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Washington, Nov. 5.—Army and Navy officers stationed in Washington have been amazed at the liberality and tolerance of the court martial which is trying Colonel William Mitchell, of the air service. They say the court is setting extraordinary precedents for the future conduct of military cases.

Ordinarily in military law there would be no inquiry whatsoever into the truth or falsity of the statements made by Colonel Mitchell. The only question would have been as to whether or not his conduct and attitude were insubordinate and his language disrespectful to higher officers and officials of the Government. That the court should permit the defense at this time to go far afield and virtually to "try" the War and Navy Departments, as well as the Department of Agriculture and the postal service, has shaken military tradition in the capital to the very foundations.

True or false, the Army and Navy in the past have brooked neither disrespectful conduct nor language. That a military court now should permit an accused officer to go at great length into the question as to whether or not the United States Government has been in "treasonable" hands is pronounced by higher officers of the Army as against all stated military practice. The Mitchell court they say is leaning so far back that it may yet fall on the "nap" of its neck.

There is no question but that the Mitchell court has been long suffering, and General "Bob" Howze, the president, has stated it is prepared to stand still more.

Representative Frank Reid, civilian counsel for Colonel Mitchell, has taken liberties with the court which have caused old military men in the ramshackle courtroom to stiffen in their places, ready for the flare-back. But the court has not retaliated in kind. Mr. Reid has made statement after statement which in language and in tone have conveyed his contempt for the entire proceedings.

In the past courts martial have been quick to resent even the suggestion of a slur upon its dignity.

Of course the proceedings are being held in the shadow of the dome of the capitol and Mr. Reid is a member of Congress. Military officers have been so roughly handled at times by Congressional committees that perhaps they have come to expect that sort of thing even when a member of the national legislature merely is acting as attorney for an accused officer.

No word of resentment has come from the court over the obstructive tactics which already have prolonged the trial and which promise to carry it well into the winter.

At the War Department today it was said that the effort to create a "sensation" out of the fact that President Coolidge has been held up as both accuser and final judge in the Mitchell case must fall of its own weight because normally the President in all court martial cases and also the reviewing authority in every case involving punishment or lack of punishment; Presidents repeatedly have chided courts martial for returning verdicts of not guilty when it has seemed to them a case was truly made against the defendant.

Every important act in the Army, the Navy and the Marine corps is done by direction of authority of the President. No general court martial is called without his consideration and sanction. The Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy are merely the "hands" of the President. They express his authority. Slurs cast upon the conduct of the Army and Navy therefore, are in effect, slurs upon the President.

### NOMINATED CANDIDATES FOR RHODES SCHOLARSHIP

University Virginia, Nov. 5.—Eight students here have been nominated candidates for appointment as Rhodes scholars. Among them is T. A. McEachern of Asheville, North Carolina.

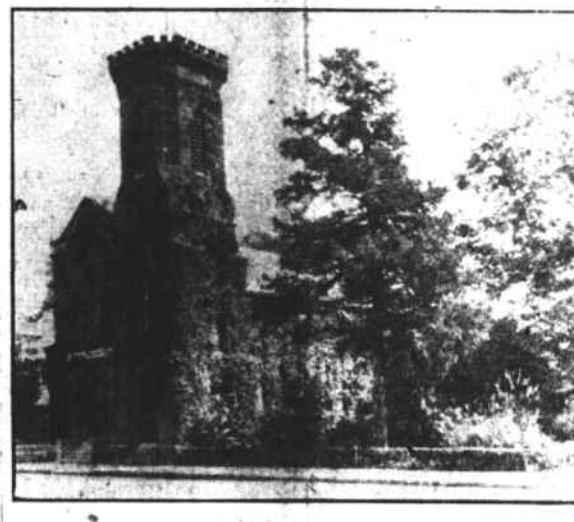
### COTTON MARKET

New York, Nov. 5.—Spot cotton closed steady, middling 21.00, an advance of 55 points. Futures, closing bid: Dec. 20.48, Jan. 19.83, March 20.04, May 20.12, July 19.55, Aug. 19.52.

New York, Nov. 5.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: Dec. 20.10, Jan. 19.44, March 19.70, May 19.84, July 19.34.

## Historic Church and Rector

To the right is shown a likeness of Rev. Geo. F. Hill, rector of Christ Church, while below is shown a reproduction of a photograph of his historic church edifice, standing since 1856 and now undergoing extensive repairs. In addition to remodeling its interior for worship, Christ Church, under Mr. Hill's leadership, is carrying out a building program involving an expenditure of \$50,000.



## Copy Of Today's Issue Daily Advance Sealed In Wall Christ Church

### And Question of How Elizabeth City's Associated Press Newspaper Will Look to Eyes of Another Generation Leads to Retrospect and Speculation

What will a copy of The Daily Advance of today look like on November 5, 1962?

That question is suggested by the recent discovery in the east wall of Christ Church of a well-mottled bottle imbedded in the masonry containing the copies of two Elizabeth City newspapers of 1856, the Democratic Pioneer and the Carolina Native Sentinel.

Judged by these two newspapers, politics was the grand passion of 59 years ago as business is today.

What will be engaging the chief attention of the leaders in Elizabeth City of 1926?

Space in The Advance today is sold by the column inch, and the rate charged is 35 cents an inch. There is no discount for subsequent insertions. But in 1856 space in the Democratic Pioneer was sold by the "square" of 16 lines, and the price of the first insertion was \$1.00 as compared with 25 cents a square for subsequent insertions.

Again, the subscription price of The Daily Advance is \$4.00 a year daily except Sunday. The subscription price of the Democratic Pioneer was \$2.50 a year, though the paper was but a four page weekly and nine tenths of what went into the news columns was what today we should call propaganda, as distinct from news.

The foregoing suggestions are given more than an academic interest by the fact that another bottle was sealed into the new east wall of Christ Church today by the Rev. G. F. Hill, the present rector. This bottle contained a copy of this issue of The Advance.

How long it will be before that copy again sees the light of day and before human eyes rest once again on its printed pages, who can say?

Christ Church has the distinction now of having the oldest church building in Elizabeth City, the present structure dating back to 1856. Of solid and substantial construction in the first place, the building is being given a new lease of life by the extensive remodeling process now under way and drawing toward completion.

In the first place the walls have been strengthened with great buttresses of masonry, and the old east end wall has been completely torn out and the church extended so as to lengthen the chancel and provide ample room for both choir and sanctuary. The interior walls are being replastered, with sand finish, the tower remodeled, a new lighting system installed, with wrought iron lights, and brackets and sets outside wiring in an underground conduit. All windows in the church will be thoroughly repaired and two large new gothic

memorial windows will adorn the new sanctuary. Also a new heating system will be installed with radiators under windows and behind grills of gothic design. The pews will be enlarged, newly varnished and rubbed, the altar will be placed on a three step raised dais and the front of the chancel will be changed to begin directly beneath the arch with gothic designed front and baluster. The vestry room will be changed into a vestry, while the wood floor of the vestibule will be changed to English red tile. A new door having a large gothic memorial art glass top is to be installed between the sacristy and the church.

This work was begun on June 15 with the expectations of having it completed by this time, but there have been unforeseen delays and the church edifice is not yet expected to be ready for use until well before Christmas.

The remodeling of the church edifice is but a small part of the ambitious building scheme now being pressed to conclusion by Christ Church. On the corner of Fearing and McMoran streets, where last May the rectory stood, is being erected a modern parish house at an estimated cost, including furnishings, of more than \$40,000. Then back of the church, on Polk street, foundations have been laid for brick stores to be erected at a total cost of approximately \$29,000.

The history of Christ Church as an organization goes back to 1825. Prior to that time rectors from Edenton came here to administer the ordinance of baptism and to officiate at weddings.

Among the old records of the church are included the baptism and marriage of slaves. Among the negro marriages, chronicled one finds record of the union of "Edward to Venus." The deed conveying title to the church site is believed to date back to July 15, 1790, when a deed from John and Elizabeth Cartwright conveyed title to a certain site of one "acre" in extent as ground for an "Episcopal" church edifice. The deed expressly set forth that no "dissever" was desired in the conveyance.

Rev. Geo. F. Hill, under whose leadership the ambitious building program outlined in the foregoing paragraphs is being carried out, has been rector of Christ Church for six years. Among names prominent in earliest records of the church are prominent in Elizabeth City today are Ehrigman, Albertson, Pool, Creevy, Griffin, Jenkins and Jacobs.

## McMullan Burial Rites Are Simple

### Music Omitted, but Friends Many, and Flowers in Profusion

A simple burial service without music and with a great concourse of people expressing their grief and sympathy by their presence and by a profusion of floral tributes that covered the grave and trails a border of flowers about it marked the interment in Holywood Thursday morning of the body of Mrs. T. S. McMullan, Jr., who died at the home of her parents, 212 West Main street, Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The service was conducted by Dr. Samuel H. Templeman, pastor of the First Baptist Church, assisted by the Rev. Geo. F. Hill, rector of Christ Church. Pall bearers were T. S. McMullan, Jr., William Meekins, of Hendersonville, Charles Meekins of Washington, N. C., Joseph Tucker of Hertford, Vernon A. Wood of Rocky Mount, Joseph Patton and William McMullan of this city.

Members of the family from out of the city here for the service included Mrs. Mary J. McMullan, Mrs. J. E. Meekins, Washington, N. C., Mrs. and Mr. William C. Meekins, Hendersonville, N. C., and Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Washington, and Mr. C. J. Sawyer of Windsor, J. C. Meekins of Norfolk, Mrs. R. C. Barnes and Miss Elsie Young of Edenton.

Friends of the country telegrams and letters of sympathy and condolence have been reaching the bereaved home, while a continual stream of flowers about the grave and the doors of the Meekins residence to express their sympathy in person.

Attending the funeral also were two of the family servants, Lucinda Patten and Webster Jones. Besides her parents, Judge and Mrs. M. Meekins, Mrs. McMullan is survived by her husband, T. S. McMullan, Jr., a baby daughter, seven weeks old, her brother, William C. Meekins, of Hendersonville, and two sisters, Misses Isabel and Mary Meekins of this city.

## BOYS' BAND ATTENDS SERVICE IN A BODY

On Wednesday night the Boys' Band attended the revival at the First Methodist Church in a body, and the evangelist, Miss Daisy Dwyer, preached an especially fine and solemn service, urging the young people to live clean, straight, consistent, Christian lives.

"A change of place," she said, "is not essential to happiness, but it is necessary that one have the mastering of one's life right."

## DUTCH ANDERSON MYSTERY IS TOLD

Rocky Hill, N. Y., Nov. 5.—The old mystery that has surrounded the real identity of "Dutch" Anderson, a bank robber and desperado whose career was ended by a bullet from a gun in Muskegon, Michigan, last Sunday, was solved today.

In a copyrighted story the Rochester Journal and Post Express relates his life history as given by William J. Baker, attorney at law.

The attorney says Anderson was born Dahl Vontdorff, son of Madame Vontdorff, representative of a noble Danish family.

## TENTATIVE LIMIT FOR TAX REDUCTION

Washington, Nov. 5.—A tentative limit of \$200,000,000 as the total amount for the coming tax reduction was determined on today by the House ways and means committee. This is the figure set by Secretary Mellon.

## TORONTO AND CLIMATE HELP ATTAIN AGE OF 100

Edmonton, Cal., Nov. 5.—Pill chroniclers taken and California climatic were given as the explanation of healthy old age by "Aunt Fanny," a Hoopa, Indiana, 106 years old. "Aunt Fanny" has chewed tobacco for a century and found it an aid to digestion.

## INSTANTLY KILLED BY SOUTHERN TRAIN

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## NEGRO TO DIE ON THIRTEENTH

### Alvin Mansel's Trial for Assault Ends and Preston Neeley's Begins

Asheville, Nov. 5.—Alvin Mansel, 17-year-old negro, was found guilty of criminal attack on a white woman by a jury of Superior Court this morning and sentenced by Judge A. M. Stack to be electrocuted at the State prison at Raleigh, January 12, 1926.

"I hope to meet you all in heaven," said the negro when asked by the court if he had anything to say before the sentence was pronounced. "If the jury have said I am guilty I have nothing more to say."

The verdict was read in open court at 9:40 this morning. The case was given to the jury last night. Upon completing his charge Judge Stack said he did not want to receive the verdict before morning as he deemed it more expeditious not to take the verdict of night.

The local guard troop was reinforced at court today by a detachment from Morriston. The motion for a new trial was overruled by Judge Stack, and notice of an appeal to Supreme Court was given.

Preston Neeley, second negro arrested for alleged criminal attack on a white woman, went to trial this morning.

Thirty-two men are expected to go on trial here next week, charged with participation in a riot and mob violence.

The charges grew out of the storming of the Buncombe County jail by a mob on September 19. The jail was stormed in an effort to secure Alvin Mansel. The officers spirited the prisoner away, eluding the members of the mob.

In addition to the 22 who will go on trial next week, true bills have been returned against others not yet apprehended. Because these additional persons have not yet been arrested, their names have not been made public. Most of the matters participating in the disorder, however, have been apprehended, Solicitor J. E. Swain states.

The cases have been set by the solicitor for trial Monday, November 9; this, however, is subject to change by Judge Stack.

## BUREAU AERONAUTICS IS RECOMMENDED

Washington, Nov. 5.—Creation of a bureau of civil aeronautics, Department of Commerce, with powers to regulate and promote all civil and commercial flying in the United States forms the central recommendation of the committee on civil aviation appointed by the Department and the American Engineering Council last June to make an exhaustive study of the question.

## NEW ZEALAND VOTES TO REMAIN WET

Wellington, Nov. 5.—New Zealand has decided to remain wet, according to incomplete returns from the election.

## PLANNED DEATH OF PREMIER MUSSOLINI

Rome, Nov. 5.—It was scientifically announced here today that former Socialist Deputy Zanolini is under arrest, charged with preparing to attempt to kill Premier Mussolini.

On several occasions recently the police heard that an attempt was being formed against the premier. A few days ago they obtained confirmation of the reports.

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### NO DRIVE FOR MONEY

Local Chapter Will Appeal for Funds, but National Headquarters Asking Only for Enrollment

Chairman John H. Hall is busy perfecting his plans to make possible a prompt and liberal response from Passapatan when on November 11, Armistice Day, the American National Red Cross will begin its annual Membership Roll Call.

The Roll Call is not a canvass for money, although many chapters throughout the country will make a local appeal for funds which to carry on work in their own communities. The Roll Call is a nation-wide enrollment of the members of the Red Cross who, by the payment of one dollar or more, become members of the organization for the ensuing year. It is in this way that the voluntary organization, fundamental to all Red Cross societies throughout the world, is continued.

It is a little hard to define just what the American Red Cross is, because it is at least three things in one. It is an international, a national and a local organization.

Internationally, the American Red Cross is part of a League made up of the Red Cross societies of fifty-three nations banded together for the purpose of coordinating, standardizing and administering international relief. As the American Red Cross was largely instrumental in the organization of that League, it must stand ready to take the lead in ministering in the name of common humanity to necessity, wherever it exists in the world. There is no question of international politics or foreign entanglements about it; it arises out of the logic of events.

Providence has made us strong and rich and self-sufficient. We owe it to ourselves to be ready to extend help and succor to those who are caught in the grip of catastrophe, and in that world-wide demand, wherever necessity demands, by the Red Cross represents the sympathy and the aid of the Government and of the people of the United States.

The American Red Cross is a national agency. Under the terms of the Treaty of Geneva its Congressional Charter defines its duties. Its fundamental obligation is to furnish volunteer aid and comfort to the disabled service men of our armies and navies. Certain lines of service are assigned to it by the Government, and for the performance of these it is directly responsible.

Since 1917 the Red Cross has spent nearly two hundred million dollars for the relief of our service men and their families. There are thousands of disabled men still in veterans' hospitals and institutions—many of them physically disabled. So long as this work remains to be done, the American Red Cross stands by.

Under the terms of its charter, the Red Cross goes with the Army, the Navy and the Marine Corps wherever they go, providing a type of helpful service to which the men have grown accustomed and which they are unwilling should cease. As a consequence, the Government calls upon it to continue to go with the men wherever duty sends them, and as a Government agency the Red Cross cannot but obey.

The Red Cross stands particularly for the work of disaster relief. Since its organization in 1862, more than forty-six million dollars have been expended for the relief of the victims caused by catastrophe. Both the Government and the people have come to look upon the Red Cross as instantly associated with disaster. Wherever calamity strikes they expect, and rightly too, that the Red Cross will be on the ground prepared for immediate service and expeditious relief.

Locally, the Red Cross finds innumerable lines of activity. In the public and private schools of the country it is teaching and training more than five million American children along lines of unselfish service and useful activity; it is teaching first aid and life saving; it is instructing thousands of girls and women in home hygiene and care of the sick; it is trying to contribute to the work of making our American life stronger, better and more capable.

Because you are all interested in these things you should feel a common responsibility for the doing of them, and because of this common obligation to the common good, the Red Cross asks you to enroll your name in its membership and give to its work your sympathy and aid.