

## CLOSE CALL FOR BESS CITY MAN SATURDAY NIGHT

Attacked by Burly Negro in Own Home P. C. Cohoon Escapes by Quick Wit Without a Scratch

### INTRUDER GETS AWAY

Carried Screen Door With Him and Left Cap as He Went Out Front But Was Never Caught

Leaping from a dark corner as P. C. Cohoon pulled on a light in his dining room Saturday night shortly after 9 o'clock a burly negro, thus far unknown and unapprehended, attacked the white man with a club and but for quick action and quick thinking on the part of Mr. Cohoon, would in all probability have robbed the home and left its owner dead or unconscious on the dining room floor.

As it was, Mr. Cohoon, seized a chair and springing behind the dining room table as the negro lunged toward and struck at him, was able to catch the blow on the chair and to keep the negro from getting within striking distance.

Seeing himself thwarted in his plan to strike down Mr. Cohoon, the negro then turned into the bedroom adjoining the dining room, by which he had gained admittance through a window, and threw himself with all possible force against a door opening on the back porch but which, never used, was locked. Thrice he repeated an effort to break through the door, fearing evidently that to attempt to escape through the small window by which he had entered would expose him to attack in a disadvantageous position, but the door, though one panel cracked and split, held firm.

Watching the negro's efforts to break through the door and noting his powerful physique, Mr. Cohoon, who by this time had recovered from the surprise and shock of the attack, decided that it would be the better course for him to go upstairs and get a weapon than to mix it on even terms with the negro in the cramped quarters of the rather small bedroom. He therefore rushed up the stairway.

Then it was that the negro, seeing the way to the front door open, rushed through it, tearing the screen door from its hinges in so doing and leaving his cap in disengaging his head from the wire of the screen door's upper panel through which he crashed in his haste to make his getaway. Gun in hand, Mr. Cohoon reached the porch close upon the fugitive's heels but not in time to be successful in his attempt to wing him. The negro escaped, though shot at one time before he disappeared in the darkness.

The matter was promptly reported to the police, but their efforts to pick up the intruder's trail were fruitless. The fact that the negro had left his cap, however, suggested that here was a case in which bloodhounds should be effective and these were brought here from Suffolk, arriving about 2 o'clock in the morning. Permitted to nose over the cap and then taken to the window by which the negro entered the kitchen, the hounds bounded through the screen to the front door and followed the trail in full cry to the Norfolk Southern passenger station. There, it is believed, the negro escaped while the police ran fruitless circles about the Cohoon residence.

The P. C. Cohoon residence is on E. Chatham street extended, and is without near neighbors. It is occupied by Mr. Cohoon and his sisters, Mrs. A. K. Kramer, and Miss Nellie Cohoon. Mrs. Kramer and Miss Cohoon had gone to spend the evening with Mrs. Kramer's son, Ray Kramer, and Mr. Cohoon was down town when the negro forced entrance into the house. Subsequent examination disclosed that he had entered the kitchen through a window by removing the screen, that from the kitchen he had passed to the back porch which is enclosed, and that from the back porch he had entered the bedroom to which he fled after his unsuccessful attack upon Mr. Cohoon.

There is evidence that robbery was not the negro's only motive. Mr. Cohoon, returning home at 9 o'clock, did not go immediately into the dining room, but switching on the hall light and one in his living room, sat down by his radio and for about 20 minutes tried to pick up some program on the air that evening. Getting nothing but static and thinking that he heard some noise in the dining room, he entered the dining room and switched on the light nearest him. That it chanced was a shaded one, intended for use as a night lamp in sickness, and did not illuminate the raised platform at the foot of the stairway. Walking

## Should Be Alert In Shipping Peas

Estimated That About Nine Cars Will Be Shipped by Tuesday

The general crop of May peas is not up to standard this year, according to one of the large shippers of May peas.

"While this is true," this commission man went on to say, "there are some very fine patches which will give exceptionally fine yields. The crop this year is going to be very large on account of an exceptionally heavy acreage. If the weather continues warm and moist a grand rush to the market is likely to develop by the first of next week.

"Growers should be on the alert to keep their peas picked and shipped just as fast as they become ripe." Both the New York and Philadelphia markets dropped this morning, local commission men say, the market running from \$3.00 to \$4.00. Pea shippers explain, however, that a break is to be expected on Monday and that prospects are good for higher prices later in the week.

The New York and Philadelphia markets were very nearly the same this morning with New York a shade better.

Nine carloads have been placed for loading, by the Norfolk Southern railroad and probably just about this number of cars will leave here Tuesday.

### SHAN SENTENCED ON TO FIVE YEARS

Hartford, Conn., May 17.—Walter E. Shan of Springfield, Massachusetts, partner in crime of Gerald Chapman, recently executed for murdering a policeman during the New Britain robbery Oct. 13, 1924, was sentenced today to the state prison for one to five years. Shan pleaded guilty to charges of carrying concealed weapons and with being accessory to statutory burglary.

### ATTENDING CONVENTION CONFEDERATE VETERANS

B. F. Spence of this city left Sunday for Raleigh where he spent the night, leaving Monday for Birmingham, Alabama, to attend the National Reunion of the United Confederate Veterans, which takes place there this week. Mr. Spence is the only veteran from the W. F. Martin Camp No. 1590 who was physically able to take the trip, though there were several others here anxious to go.

### TRANNIE CRANK DOESN'T WANT THE HORNED BABY

Trannie Crank, well known local shoe repairman, declares he is decidedly not as keen about adopting a colored baby—and a baby with horns on it, at that—as readers of The Daily Advance would gather from a little article on the subject in this newspaper Saturday.

"We were talking about the strange baby," Mr. Crank explained, "and somebody said, 'There's a chance for you, Trannie.' What I said was that I'd be glad to adopt half a dozen, but didn't want one with horns on him."

Meanwhile, although the mysterious horned infant has been discussed widely, nothing definite has come to light here as to whether such a baby actually has been born in this part of the country. A similar rumor was current in Washington, N. C., last week, but apparently it, too, remains unverified.

### DENTIST NOT-GUILTY

Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, May 17.—Dr. A. L. Wooten, state school dentist in the employ of the State Board of Health, who has been in the limelight in connection with charges of simple assault brought against him by three school girls at the school at Plymouth, Washington county, has been fully exonerated of the charges, according to an announcement today from the State Board of Health.

around the table and passing within a few feet of where the negro lay in wait. Mr. Cohoon then switched on another light. It was this light that disclosed the negro at the foot of the stairway, crouching and ready to spring. Had the negro desired only robbery there was a purse on the bed and there were trinkets on the dresser of the room through which he had passed. The way out by the kitchen window was clear as Mr. Cohoon turned the knobs of his radio. But the negro waited.

Again, on Sunday morning when Mrs. Kramer went to the front door for the milk she found stuck under a flower pot a piece of paper apparently torn from a bag such as is used by grocery stores as a container on which were written in an almost illegible scrawl the words "I get you."

Several clues as to the identity of Mr. Cohoon's assailant have led to searches of negro homes in the vicinity of Pasquotank and to one arrest at Hertford. The negro held at Hertford turned out to be the wrong man, however, and thus far all other clues have run off into the sand.

## STABILIZING OF DOLLAR IS NEXT GOAL OF BANKER

Statistician Figures in Certain 10 Year Period Fluctuation Meant Loss Interest and Part Principal

### A DIFFICULT PROBLEM

Many Frankly Skeptical of Any Practicable Solution, But Others Believe One Will Be Worked Out

By DAVID LAWRENCE (Copyright, 1926, by The Advance)

White Sulphur Springs, W. Va., May 17.—Legislation passed and pending in Congress was analyzed at the fifty-sixth meeting of the Board of Governors of the Investment Bankers Association of America held here.

Listening to some of the reports of the various committees, the observer is impressed with the intimate interest that has developed on the part of the investment bankers of the country in the activities of the Federal Government. This comes about, of course, to some extent through the fact that anything which the Government does to affect the value of securities offered or about to be offered touches vitally the business of the investment banker.

There was, therefore, more than passing attention given the analysis by Joseph R. Swain, vice president of the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, who reviewed what Congress and the Interstate Commerce Commission had done with reference to railroad financing and the transportation industry in general. Discussion of the various plans for consolidation of railroads, revealed for instance, that the subject is engaging the continued interest of investment bankers, though, indeed, there is little prospect that any legislation of this kind will be passed at the present session of Congress. Satisfaction is expressed here that the railroads and their employees have gotten together on the Watson-Parker bill which is about to become law for this step is hailed as the beginning of an era of industrial peace on the railroads.

Although most of the committees were concerned here with reports on various types of securities such as municipal, real estate mortgage, power and public utilities, foreign bonds and commercial credits, the writer found the report by Lawrence Chamberlain of J. G. White & Company, New York, of absorbing interest in that it brought to the attention of the bankers something with which committees of Congress have been wrestling this season; namely, the stabilization of the dollar.

There is no doubt that discussion such as was heard here coupled with the testimony that has been given at Washington by leading economists of the country indicates a rebirth of interest in a subject which for generations has been a puzzle in investment economics. It has been brought out, for instance, that by using the index numbers of the bureau of labor statistics of the Labor Department and taking weighted averages of about 400 commodities, the value of the dollar today is between 60 and 70 cents in purchasing power compared with a dollar taken at par value in 1913. The same dollar was worth 40 cents in 1920 and two dollars and a half in 1896 and 44 cents in 1865.

These fluctuations would not attract much attention if they came gradually and over a long period of time but it is pointed out that fluctuations since 1913 have vitally affected the income yield from securities within a single generation.

How can the dollar be stabilized? No plans were advanced or endorsed here as the subject is still being considered from the standpoint of effects and as concrete scheme has been endorsed. Some economists think that ultimately the solution will be found through the co-operation of the leading governments of the world or regulating the gold supply. It is a reform that will meet, in fact is meeting, with considerable skepticism, but just as the change in the nation's banking system accomplished through the Federal Reserve Board was an evidence of the belief on the part of economists that the evolution of commerce and trade required vital changes in past methods of doing business, so also is the stabilization of the dollar being regarded as requiring specific treatment.

Some one with a bent for statistics has figured out for instance that in a certain ten year period in recent years the interest income of an individual with \$1,000 was entirely wiped out as well as nearly \$200 of principal because of the fluctuations of the dollar's purchasing power.

Indications are that the subject will be even more thoroughly canvassed at the annual meeting of the Investment Bankers' Association to be held at Quebec in October.

You can have everything your children need by not having any children.

## H. M. Rex of Muttodom



Here is nobody else but "Rex," the funniest looking mongrel in all New York, with his owner, Frank Hughes, swelling proudly over his triumph. The dog won first prize in the Mutt Parade of the American Woman's Association, his royal robes being Frank's dad's old vest and his crown bearing the inscription, "Hot Dog."

## Stock Company Advocated To Back Baseball Outfit

Investors in Summer Pastime Would Receive Share for Each \$10 Put Into Guarantee Fund; Hertford Would Pool Gate Receipts

With June only a matter of two weeks off, interest in summer baseball at last is being manifested on a scale which portends at least a reasonable possibility that a college player nine may be formed here, as one of the units in a four-team league.

A suggestion that a baseball stock company be formed, to finance and direct such a team, is advanced by Robert Cotter, one of the younger fans here. Mr. Cotter suggests that each contributor of \$10 to a prospective baseball guarantee fund be issued one share of stock, a contributor of \$20 to receive two shares, and so on.

Under this plan, the stockholders would meet and elect a board of directors to manage the team. Nobody else would have anything to do with it; and self-constituted critics on the outside would find themselves more or less out of luck, to the immense advantage of the team itself.

Preliminary negotiations are being carried on by Mr. Cotter and Dr. H. E. Nixon, local dentist, with a view to interesting Suffolk and South Norfolk in entering the proposed league, but nothing definite has been learned yet. It is hoped that, with Hertford, Edenton and Elizabeth City as potential entrants also, a four-team league could be organized, assuring a better schedule than is possible with only three teams.

With Suffolk only three hours distant from Elizabeth City by automobile, and with Elizabeth City, Hertford and Edenton linked by a concrete highway, it is felt that the handicap of distance is too slight to militate against the formation of such a league.

Assurance has been received from Hertford that that town is ready to organize for summer baseball, but on the condition that the gate receipts be pooled and divided equally among the teams in the prospective league. Being the smallest of the towns in the league, Hertford obviously would experience difficulty in financing a team alone, and hence the fans there are inclined to demand that the other towns come to her support.

This phase of the situation finds little favor here. Those in Elizabeth City who are interested in the formation of a baseball team express the opinion that this city can finance its team, under the usual arrangement, but are doubtful of the outcome if receipts are pooled.

With an increasingly encouraging prospect that a team similar to last year's will be organized, Pratt Fearing's suggestion that the old Twilight League be revived apparently is headed for the discard. Many express the opinion that, since Elizabeth City folks have become accustomed to a better brand of baseball than could be expected of purely local talent, or lack of it, there would be little interest in such a league. They point to the discouragingly small attendance at high school baseball games here this season as evidence to back up their viewpoint.

BELIEVED SUICIDE Greensboro, May 17.—Miss Ida Marie Eidsburg, aged 39, died here today following a supposed self-inflicted pistol wound through the heart. No motive is known.

## STRAWBERRIES HAVE MADE ONE DESERT BLOOM

Growers in Columbus County Plans to Double Acreage Another Year in Order Supply Demand

### FESTIVAL IS HELD

Is Illuminating Example of What Trucking Has Meant to One Corner of Old North State

Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, May 17.—Strawberry growers in Columbus county and other counties in the Strawberry belt plan to double their acreage next year in order to meet the growing demand for North Carolina berries, according to Frank D. Grist, Commissioner of Labor, who has just returned from the strawberry trip of several days in the strawberry belt. He attended the Strawberry Festival in Chadbourn in the course of the trip and sees a most prosperous future for the growers of that section as the industry develops. And this year the crop is estimated to be worth at least \$1,000,000.

To date approximately 800 carloads of strawberries have been shipped from the berry section, with the possibility that the total shipments for the season will reach 1,200 cars, while the market would easily have absorbed 3,000 carloads, according to Mr. Grist, without affecting the prices. From one half to two-thirds of all the berries shipped in the entire United States the past two weeks have come from North Carolina, as the crop here come right after the Florida crop, and just before the Virginia and Maryland crop becomes available.

"Up until this year the growers have planted what they thought was their maximum crop—that is, all they thought they could harvest with the local labor supply. However, since the Department of Labor has become active in the district, this year furnishing additional labor in the required quantities in whatever districts it was needed, the growers are planning on big increases of acreage, as they have learned that they are not dependent on the local labor supply," Mr. Grist said.

This section is beginning to enjoy real prosperity for the first time in years, since before turning to trucking and berry growing, it relied almost entirely on cotton. Now no cotton at all is being grown in this area and the farmers are making more money than ever.

The Strawberry Festival held in Chadbourn the past week most illuminating example of what the culture of this fruit has meant to the section, Mr. Grist said, and he related many interesting incidents of his visit there. Chadbourn is a thriving, up-and-coming town of some 1,000 to 1,200 inhabitants and is the berry shipping center for the entire county. During the Festival there were numerous displays of the various types of berries produced with exhibits showing how they are packed for shipment. Other exhibits showed the most approved methods for canning and preserving.

However, the most interesting feature is the strawberry market, where the growers bring their berries for sale. It is not unlike the old tobacco marketing system that formerly was so familiar.

The growers, some days hundreds of them, bring their berries, crated for shipment, piled high on wagons, on motor trucks and often tied to the running boards of their automobiles, to the market place, at Chadbourn consisting of a big shed near the railway tracks. Here the various buyers open a crate, and from the looks of this one crate, bid on the entire load which the farmer has, be it only two or three crates or a dozen or more. The highest bidder gets the consignment and the farmer is told to which car he must deliver his consignment. After the cars are unloaded and stacked in the refrigerated car, he is given a slip by the man in the car, showing the number of crates and the price, which he then takes to the bank and receives cash or credit.

During the shipping season the gross business done in a day totals from \$20,000 to \$50,000 a day, bank officials told Mr. Grist.

On the day of the Festival, but 20 cars were loaded at Chadbourn and one of the buyers remarked that he had orders from one house in New York that would have taken the entire 20 cars could he have secured them. New York alone at this time of year can absorb 80 cars daily.

COTTON MARKET New York, May 17.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: July 18.24, October 17.41, December 17.46, January 17.38, March 17.51. New York, May 17.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 18.70, a decline of 15 points. Futures, closing bid: July 18.16, Oct. 17.45, Dec. 17.43, Jan. 17.53, March 17.48.

## SAW OPEN WATER AT NORTH POLE AND ROCKY ISLES

Lincoln Ellsworth of Polar Expedition Tells Associated Press About Trip Over on the Norge

### ANSWERS QUESTION

Geographers and Explorers Have Wondered Many Years and Former Expeditions Failed to Find Out

Nome, Alaska, May 17.—Lincoln Ellsworth of the Amundsen-Ellsworth trans-polar expedition told the Associated Press here today that they saw much open water at the North Pole when he and his 17 companions passed over it Tuesday night in the Dirigible Norge.

This statement by Ellsworth provided the answer to the question that has puzzled geographers and explorers for many years and which was not completely settled with visits of Commander Peary and Lieutenant Byrd in their trips to the Pole because of the limited amount of area reviewed by them.

Mr. Ellsworth said that rocky islands were seen by his party at the pole but these could hardly be considered land.

The Norge is being dismantled at Teller, 75 miles northwest of here, where it landed Thursday night.

Colonel Umberto Nobile of Italy, designer and builder of the blimp, is supervising the dismantling. The big airship was in the air about 72 hours. Considerable time was spent at the North Pole making observations, the Norge having descended to within 600 feet of the ice, and rose to an altitude of 4,900 feet. Over Point Barrow, on the Arctic Coast, 560 miles northwest of here, ice formed on the whirling propellers of the ship and then broke off, cutting the big gas bag. Loss of hydrogen gas made the Norge extremely heavy.

A fair wind aided it on the voyage from Barrow to Teller. The crew of 18 arrived at Teller very tired but in excellent physical condition.

### NEED A LARGE SUM TO BALANCE BUDGET

Charlotte, May 17.—The general assembly of the Presbyterian church to meet at Pensacola, Florida, Thursday will be told that the North Carolina Synod needs \$200,000 to balance its benevolent budget for the year. This is the announcement today of J. H. Spillman, secretary of the stewardship committee of the State, which is to meet at Greensboro tomorrow to consider plans of balancing budget.

### REFERENDUM TO BE HELD MAY TWENTIETH

Berlin, May 17.—Cabinet has decided that a national referendum on the question of confiscation without indemnification of property of the former German ruling house will be held on June 20.

### NEGROES HAD DAY IN POLICE COURT MONDAY

It was colored folks' day in the recorder's court Monday morning, with not a single white person among the defendants who faced County Judge P. G. Sawyer.

Willie Smith and Lizzie Price, for being drunk and disorderly at a Shepard street restaurant, run by Frank Harney, about midnight Saturday, were fined the former \$5 and the latter \$10 and costs. Total costs and fines amounted to more than \$25.

Susie Allen, 29 Poplar street, for violation of the compulsory school law, was let off with costs.

Jack Johnson paid a fine of \$5 and costs for crap shooting. One Theodore Hudson was reported missing when his name was called, and the case was continued and a police officer was directed to locate Theodore, charged with entering a pool room though under legal age, and put him under bond for appearance at the next session of court.

### MRS. TILLET DEAD

Mrs. Nancy Tillet, age 73, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. G. F. Hudgins, 405 East Burgess street, Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock, after being in failing health for a long time. Her body was taken on a Coast Guard boat to Manns Harbor Monday morning, leaving Elizabeth City at 5 o'clock, for burial in the family burying ground with services conducted by Rev. J. R. Beasley, pastor of the Methodist Church.

Mrs. Tillet is survived by two daughters, Mrs. G. F. Hudgins of this city and Mrs. Sarah Mann of Manns Harbor; two sons, C. T. Tillet of Elizabeth City and W. C. Tillet of Manns Harbor; and by two brothers, Ed Mann of Hyde County and Dan Mann of Hatteras.

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