

SCOUR WOODS FOR ALLEGED MURDERER

KNOTTS ISLAND SCENE KILLING TUESDAY NIGHT

Seventeen-Year-Old Orphan Girl Victim of Shooting and Her Sweetheart in Hospital Wounded

WATERFIELD SOUGHT Story Told by Man in Norfolk Hospital Results in Capital Charge Against Knotts Islander

Currituck, July 14. — A posse, headed by Sheriff J. B. Flora, is scouring the woods of Knotts Island, Currituck County, for George Waterfield, charged with the shooting and killing of Bertha Ansell, aged 17, and with shooting and seriously wounding William M. Tatem, 25 years old, the Ansell girl's sweetheart, today. No news from the posse had been received here up to two o'clock this afternoon.

The story of the shooting, as told by William Tatem, who is at a Norfolk hospital suffering severe pain but apparently not mortally wounded, is to the effect that the shooting occurred shortly before 7 o'clock last night. Tatem said he had left work only a short time before the tragedy. He met the girl and they walked up the road together. When they came to the Waterfield home, the girl stopped and they talked with Waterfield.

There had been some talk about the girl, Tatem declared, and he said he asked Waterfield not to talk any more about her. "A poor orphan girl." Then, Tatem told the detective, Waterfield reached behind the fence upon which he was leaning and shot the girl, who died without a struggle. Then the gun was turned upon Tatem and he was brought to earth with a load of No. 6 shot in his left shoulder. As he fell another load lodged in the back of his neck.

The surgeon who dressed Tatem's wounds at the Norfolk hospital to which he was taken said that while they were serious they were not likely to prove fatal. A wedding from the 13-gauge shell lodged in the wound and prevented great loss of blood.

The dead girl was the daughter of Charles Ansell. Her mother was dead. All of the principals lived within short distances of each other on Knotts Island in Currituck County, off the mainland in Currituck Sound and Back Bay. George Waterfield is 40 years old, married, and has one child, about a year old. His wife is about 32 years of age. The slain girl, Bertha Ansell, lived with the family of Jesse Capps, about a quarter of a mile from the Waterfield home, and that of William Tatem. Neither Waterfield nor Tatem is given a very good name by neighbors.

Bertha Ansell, on the other hand, is given an excellent reputation. "She was a fine girl, and everybody liked her," declared E. D. Bowden, member-at-large of the Currituck County Board of Education. Reports at Currituck Court-house today were that Waterfield yesterday was at the court-house looking for Bertha Ansell's father, and had been threatening to kill him for some time. Unable to find the girl's father, according to reports current here, he accused her and Tatem as they passed his home. Nobody else heard the conversation, and apparently Waterfield had no objection to shoot except his animosity against the girl's father, and the fact that Tatem defended her. Waterfield is reported to have told Fred Wilkins, a neighbor, shortly after the shooting, that he had killed two, and was going to get one more and then kill himself; that he would never be taken alive.

Seriously Injured While Riding On Electric Fan

Raleigh, July 14.—As the result of his craving for excitement and thrill, Mr. S. Parrow Hawk, whose official quarters are in the State Museum here, was seriously injured here today when, perched upon an oscillating electric fan, his foot slipped and the blades did the rest. Immediate medical attention was given by H. C. Davis of the Museum staff and the injured member encased in tooth-pick splints. But the excitement may prove too much.

S. Parrow Hawk, otherwise merely a young sparrow hawk that has been raised from a mere fledgling by the museum staff, and which has become a great pet, derived great delight from riding on the electric fan. Perched upon the brass guard just outside the blades, as it oscillated and fro, he would ride on it for hours at a time, loudly screaming his delight. But today the thrill must have had too big a kick for his foot slipped, and when he pulled it out, it had been pretty badly mangled by the blades.

But that is not the worst of it. Since young Mr. Hawk is a flesh eater, and requires the use of both feet, or claws, in the process of tearing up his food and eating it, it is feared that he may have some difficulty in deriving enough sustenance while his injured talon is in splints. However, the Museum staff members are going to do everything possible to see that he gets enough to eat and is restored to robust life again.

NEW DEBT PACT SHOULD SATISFY But Financier Says Juggling Is Futile for Bankrupt Nations

(Copyright, 1926, by The Advance) London, July 14.—Finance Minister Callaux of France left London today with a fresh debt agreement which should satisfy the most exacting Frenchmen. Not only have the first yearly instalments been reduced from sixty-five to twenty-five million dollars a year until 1931, when France starts paying sixty-five million, but Winston Churchill, the British chancellor of the exchequer, agreed again to examine the question in case Germany defaults on paying the Dawes plan indemnities.

Furthermore, the French government is given the option of repurchasing at a certain rate which would be disclosed later, \$179,000,000 in gold held at present by the Bank of England as security. Although the most clauses of the agreement still are kept secret, British bankers and business men are convinced Mr. Churchill made wide concessions to France in the shape of a transfer clause, operative in case French exchange suffers by handling too large sums to England.

The British exchequer also has promised support for the floating of a loan in the London market. Henry Goldman, former member of the firm of the Goldman Sachs Company, who has spent several weeks in Europe investigating the financial situation seems to think all this financial juggling is futile. In a special interview he told the writer:

"All these politico-financial combinations are not much good. The disease of Europe is fiscal bankruptcy of all the nations which took part in the great war and perhaps one or two of the neutrals. Immense sums were wasted during the war and these were borrowed from the tax payers. In order to pay the huge interest, crushing taxes are being imposed upon the citizens of each country, with the consequence that the consumption power of the citizens is much reduced. Foreign and local markets have thus been lost to the industrial countries."

"On the one hand, they are crushed by taxes and super-taxes. On the other hand they have been unable to find buyers for the goods they have produced. The net result was business depression and fiscal bankruptcy. "So far, only Germany has been forced by events to recognize and has gone through bankruptcy. The other nations, moved by pride, tradition and other sentimental reasons, still refuse to face facts and are putting up a hopeless fight against the inevitable. Only when they realize that this is useless and make up their minds to go into bankruptcy, can they be saved." he went to the home of C. E. Jones, about a quarter of a mile from the scene of the shooting. Waterfield's home is about 40 feet from the road, and it is believed here that his wife and mother were both in the house when it occurred.

WEEKS GAVE UP BUSINESS WHEN WENT POLITICS

Former Secretary of War Lived Convictions That Man Should Not be Influenced by Business

MODEST AND BRAVE

Many of His Courageous and Generous Deeds Have Never Been Made Public; Won Affection Army Men

By DAVID LAWRENCE (Copyright, 1926, by The Advance) Washington, July 14.—Few men have ever made the sacrifice of material wealth to enter the public service which the late John W. Weeks voluntarily made when he entered the United States Senate.

The true story of the extreme to which Mr. Weeks went to sever all business relationships so that he might vote with a free conscience in the American Senate is probably unparalleled in history. Mr. Weeks had established one of the most successful firms in the investment business under the name of Hornblower and Weeks.

His faith in the men who helped him build it up was such that when the time came for his entry into the Senate he did not follow the natural course, namely to sell his business but he actually gave it to his partners. It is estimated that the actual and potential value of Mr. Weeks' partnership at that time was several millions of dollars. There was no announcement about it. Mr. Weeks simply gave notice that he had retired. It was an act of philanthropy, however, which was characteristic of Mr. Weeks. In a year shortly after his retirement when business was not very good due to an industrial depression, the usual Christmas check was not forthcoming but from his retirement Mr. Weeks sent \$10,000 to be divided among the employees.

Talking with the late Secretary of War a few months ago the writer was discussing the importance of financial independence to men who enter public life. Mr. Weeks was a strong believer in the theory that a man who was not dependent on his salary thought less about the dangers of defeat for re-election than the man whose personal plans would be vitally influenced by a sudden retirement from office after many years of service. He believed that inadvertently some men do not because they are afraid of defeat. Mr. Weeks was never afraid of defeat. He possessed a rare courage which made him one of the outstanding members of the Senate even though his service there was brief.

Facing his Republican colleagues, practically all of whom had decided to vote against the Federal Reserve Act which created the banking system which has since its establishment in 1914 received such widespread commendation from all parties, Mr. Weeks announced that there was so much good in the measure and so little that was bad he would unhesitatingly vote for the proposal. And he did. The record shows that hardly any Republicans at the time abandoned their partisanship to vote for the Federal Reserve Act.

There were other instances of the same independence on the part of Mr. Weeks. He regarded the public service as the highest possible trust. Not only did he retire from business when he entered the Senate, but he resigned from every directorate and sold every share of stock which might even remotely be affected by pending legislation.

As a Secretary of War, Mr. Weeks quickly won the affection of the men in the army. This was usual either. As a matter of fact few civilian secretaries are able to harmonize their views with those of the officers who grow up in the service. Mr. Weeks found by tact and thorough study of existing problems that there could be harmony.

There was a time when Mr. Weeks was considered for the Secretaryship of the Treasury. If the Pennsylvania Senators had not brought the name of Andrew W. Mellon to Mr. Harding the chances are Mr. Weeks would have been Secretary of the Treasury. It was a post he would have enjoyed as he was a thorough student of fiscal affairs.

Stories of Mr. Weeks' generosity and particularly his efforts to save the late Senator Brandegee's tangled finances which led to suicide are well known among his friends but he was not the kind who let his deeds in this direction become known. He was one of the most modest men in public life and also one of the most efficient in the present generation of public men.

She's the Elk's Prize Beauty



Miss Jean Murie, of Chicago, who smiles so gracefully on the back of this amiable elk, has reason to smile. She has just won the beauty contest at the Elk's convention in Chicago, has been given the title of "Miss Idelity," and will get a trophy in the movies.

"Tell the World" Party Will Advertise on Way

Bus Carrying Elizabeth City, Edenton and Hertford Artists to Richmond Will Do a Little Broadcasting of Its Own While En Route, by Aid of Bank

The bus that will bear North-eastern Carolina's "tell the world" expedition to Richmond tomorrow, to broadcast from the WRVA, will herald the purpose of the trip to the countryside through which it passes. A huge banner will be fastened around the luggage carrier which top the bus, and will bear an invitation to everybody to listen in on the program. The banner was donated by the First & Citizens National Bank.

Arrangements for the broadcasting program at WRVA tomorrow night were effected by the Chamber of Commerce here after a similar program had been given there by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce. Those who will take part in it are counted among the premier artists of the section. The detailed program follows: 8:45 p. m.—Waldorf's Orchestra. 9:00 p. m.—L. W. Anderson of Hertford, baritone, "Can't You Hear Me Callin' Caroline." Arthur Padgett, "You Made Me Cry," and "Sometime."

Mrs. J. W. Foreman, soprano, "Love's Garden of Roses"; "Smiling Through." Edenton Male Quartet, "Swing Beneath the Old Oak Tree." H. C. Foreman, tenor, "The Lord Is My Light"; "Keep on Hopin'." Mrs. H. A. Thorson of Edenton, contralto, "At Dawning" (Cadmian). Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce Male Quartet, selected.

Bobby Fearing, violin, "Rondo Movement (Concerto No. 1); C. H. de Beriot (Opera No. 104). J. C. B. Ehringhaus, lecture, "Arthur Padgett, 'Remember.'" Mrs. H. A. Thorson, contralto, "Old Kentucky Home." H. C. Foreman, tenor, "Goin' Home"; "Homing." Edenton Male Quartet, "Jerusalem Morning." Mrs. J. W. Foreman, soprano, "Song of the Robin"; "Sorter Miss Yo'."

L. W. Anderson, baritone, "Land of My Sunset Dreams." Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce Male Quartet, selected. Bobby Fearing, violin, "Pale Moon." Mrs. J. W. Foreman, soprano, "Mrs. Rose"; "Pirate's Dream." Orchestra, selected.

ONE BALOON PASSES OVER HERRIN EARLY

Herrin, Ill., July 14.—One of the four balloons which left Chicago late yesterday in the national race sponsored by the Elk's lodge passed over Herrin at 7:15 o'clock today traveling in a Southwesterly direction. The bag was about 1,000 feet high and was making good speed. The name of the balloon was not distinguished.

JUNE COTTON REPORT

Washington, July 14.—Cotton consumed during June totaled 518,594 bales of lint and 45,043 bales of linters as compared with 516,758 of lint and 55,784 of linters in May this year.

PLANNING BOARD DOES NOT FAVOR GASOLINE TANKS

Commission Goes on Record As Against Standard Oil Company's Riverside Avenue Project

ZONING DISCUSSED

City Manager Ferebee Asked to Draft and Submit Ordinance Covering Future Needs of City

Disapproval of the proposal of the Standard Oil Company to erect large storage tanks on Riverside avenue, forwarding of a request to City Manager Ferebee to submit for ratification a tentative zoning ordinance to cover Elizabeth City's future needs, as far as these needs can be foreseen, resulted at a meeting of the City Planning Commission in the offices of City Manager Ferebee yesterday afternoon.

The Standard Oil Company presented a request to the City Council at its regular meeting Monday night, July 5, for the repeal on an ordinance prohibiting the erection of gasoline storage tanks within the city limits. The company represented that other cities in this State, as well as in Virginia and elsewhere, did not bar the erection of such tanks, not regarding them as in any wise a menace to life and property. The company represented further that, as bearing out its contention that such tanks were not dangerous, there would be no increase in insurance rates, either in the territory immediately adjacent to them, or in the city as a whole.

It was stated also that the Standard Oil interests proposed to erect handsome tanks which would render less desirable for residential purposes the adjacent property. The Council deferred action on the request until its August meeting, asking that the City Planning Commission investigate and report.

In a recent speech before the Woman's Club, City Manager Ferebee expressed decided disapproval of the standard's project. In the same address, he also emphasized the need for systematic zoning regulations here, to assure the growth of the city along the most advantageous lines.

Having asked that a zoning ordinance be passed, of sufficient scope to take care of the situation, City Manager Ferebee now is giving an invitation to prepare such an ordinance. He has studied conditions here from many angles, and in the past frequently has stressed the advisability of directing the city's growth so as best to meet the exigencies of the future. Hence it was that the City Planning Commission asked him for further recommendations. The members of the commission are Marshall H. Jones, W. Ben Goodwin, Frank Kramer, and G. F. Seyffert. Mayor McCabe is an ex-officio member.

GOMEZ DA COSTA GOES TO AZORES

By AUDREY BELL (Copyright, 1926, by The Advance) Lisbon, July 14.—Portugal has undergone her second bloodless revolution.

General Gomez da Costa, the recently elevated dictator, has boarded a warship and is reported to be bound for the Azores following his overthrow by members of his cabinet who opposed his determination to dismiss three of his ministers.

The new turn of events produced a great sensation as General da Costa's prestige was high with a considerable portion of the army and the populace and the country had hoped that stabilization had been reached under him.

When he found his cabinet was against him, General da Costa left the palace and personally ordered the artillery to advance against Lisbon. The artillery refused and General da Costa returned to the palace, where he was placed under arrest. The deposed dictator refused a proposal of the new government, headed by General Carmona, that he accept the presidency, without power of appointing minister and he refused to sign a decree appointing a new ministry under General Carmona. General Carmona strongly desires any thought of restoring the monarchy, but the army wishes the program of the May revolution to be more effectively executed. Recent discussions apparently do not affect the army as a whole, and no symptoms of civil war are apparent.

Chamber Of Commerce Directors Favor Wait In Courthouse Matter

STATE IS FIRST AGAIN; AND IT'S IRISH POTATOES

Last Year North Carolina Came Second, With Florida Leading, But This Year It's Different Story

SEASON UNFINISHED

Bestsity Has Shipped 1,239 Carloads and Number Expected to Reach 1,300 Before Season Ends

Sir Walter Hotel, July 14.—North Carolina first again! And this time it is King Irish Spud! Last year this State ranked in the United States as a shipper of Irish potatoes, shipping 4,040 carloads, which was exceeded only by Florida with 5,141 carloads. But both of these records have been broken during the past season, during which North Carolina has already shipped 5,436 carloads, 1,239 of which, or nearly 25 per cent, were shipped from Elizabeth City. With the season still unfinished, indications are that totals will reach 1,300 cars for Elizabeth City and 6,000 cars for the State.

This has taken place, too, despite the fact that this season was much poorer than last year. But a 20 per cent increase in acreage, netting an average production of 75 bushels to the acre, brought the crop up so that the yield this year will amount to more than 5,000,000 bushels from approximately 70,000 acres.

North Carolina potatoes are bringing better prices this year because they are of better and more uniform quality and commission merchants are willing to pay a better price for them as a result. The State also ranks second in the production of cucumbers, being exceeded only by Florida, and last year shipped 1,562 cars of cucumbers with Florida shipping only 400 cars more. Owing to the fact that the crop is late this year, only about 500 cars have been shipped to date, but indications are that the State may take first place this year in cucumber growing.

This State also ranks first in strawberry production, shipping 1,634 carloads last year, with Missouri second with 1,497 cars. Although reports are not complete for this season, indications are that last year's figures would be surpassed, and this State still be first, as up to June 24, 1,236 carload of berries had been shipped, with more than one-fourth of the crop still to be harvested.

NAGS HEAD HOPES TO HAVE CONSTABLE

Nags Head, July 14.—A committee of prominent local summer residents composed of W. H. Zoelner, S. J. Twine, J. H. LeRoy, Sr., J. W. Dawson and Horatio Culpepper made a special trip to Manteo Monday morning to lay before the Board of County Commissioners of Dare County a petition for the funds to pay the salary of a constable to be engaged during the summer months.

In the absence of the chairman of the board, the committee brought the matter before Onslow Jones, one of the members, who will bring the petition before the board when it meets in its regular session on Tuesday.

Ben Emmett is considered a favorable candidate for the office and it is only the lack of funds that is withholding the date. He takes charge as constable.

U. S. FLAGS ABSENT ON FRENCH HOLIDAY

Paris, July 14.—France's national holiday was marked today by the greatest Bastille Day parade in recent years with the Spanish dictator, Primo Derivera, and the sultan of Morocco, Mulai Youssef, as guests of honor. American flags were noticeably absent from the decorations as were British flags.

LOUIS LANE DEAD

Winnfall, July 14.—Louis Lane, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Lane, died Tuesday morning at 2:30 at the age of 17 years and four months. He was operated on for appendicitis three weeks ago and never recovered. Funeral services will be conducted at the home in Winnfall Thursday afternoon at 2:30.

Board Goes on Record as Preferring Completion of Present Projects Before Increasing Debt

ROADS DISCUSSED

Steps Taken for Conference With Highway Commissioner Kugler on Chowan Bridge Approaches

Going on record as favoring a not too hasty course on the part of the Board of County Commissioners in the matter of erecting a new courthouse here, the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce, in session Wednesday afternoon, passed a resolution suggesting the advisability of deferring action on the matter until improvements now under way and in immediate prospect have been completed.

The motion was passed by the directors without a dissenting vote. Members of the board stated that Pasquotank already had the best courthouse in the Albemarle District, and that, although it might not be large enough to house all the county officers and departments, it would do for the present, until a recapitulation of the county's finances could be made, and necessary improvements taken care of.

It was recalled also that Judge Henry A. Grady, of Superior Court, whose emphatic reminder to the County Commissioners of several years ago, recommending for a new courthouse had been ignored, had been transferred from this district, and that therefore the commissioners need fear no further admonitions from him.

The Chamber of Commerce directors made it clear that they did not oppose the idea of erecting a new courthouse, when it was feasible to do so, but that they felt that the present was an inopportune time to saddle the county with the expenditure it would require.

The board also passed a motion authorizing negotiations with Frank Kugler, of Washington, N. C., member of the State Highway Commission from this district, for a conference with him on the feasibility of early grading of the approaches to the Chowan Bridge, and other improvements along the route of the South Atlantic Coastal Highway through this part of the State.

The directors voted to ask the Board of Graded School trustees to permit the use of the baseball park for automobile parking by visiting tourists en route to the Virginia Dare celebration on Roanoke Island next August 18, and to request police protection for the park from City Manager Ferebee. Secretary Job reported during the meeting that progress had been made in arrangements for a white way in the business district, and that indications were that it would be installed in the early future.

ASSEMBLY PLANT TO BE HELD BY CHURCH

Lake Junaluska, July 14.—The Southern assembly, plant of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, may be turned over to the church within the next few weeks with the request that it be operated by the church board of commissioners of the Southern assembly. It was announced today. It has been necessary for the property to be held by an independent corporation until the Southern Assembly could be well established and its work set on foot, according to President John Pepper of the board of commissioners. For the future Mr. Pepper said its usefulness will be increased if it is managed by a board of the church.

BACK IN OFFICE

Dr. H. D. Walker is back again in his office after having returned from Nags Head.

COTTON MARKET

New York, July 14.—Cotton futures opened today at the following levels: July 17.48, Oct. 17.54, Dec. 17.49. Jan. 17.54, March 17.65. New York, July 13.—Spot cotton closed steady, middling 15.55, an advance of 1/8 points. Futures closing bid: July 17.35, October 17.29, December 17.34, January 17.55, March 17.65.