

YOUNG NEGRO WILL NOT DIE IN CHAIR TODAY

17-YEAR OLD GIRL SHOT TO DEATH AT TRYON; YOUTH ALSO SHOT

Governor Commutes Sentence Of Mansell Life In State Prison

Issues a 3,500-Word Statement in Which He States His Decision

Raleigh, July 8.—Alvin Mansell must die in the electric chair this morning at 10:30 o'clock unless Governor A. W. McLean decides between now and Friday to commute his sentence or grant a pardon. Governor McLean today declined to discuss the matter other than to hint that he might extend the present reprieve, if he was unable to complete his investigation of the case by Friday. Mansell was convicted of rape by a jury in Asheville following an attack on a white woman there. New facts have come to light, his attorneys claim, which show that he was not guilty of the attack.

Governor Commutes Sentence Raleigh, July 8.—Alvin Mansell will not die tomorrow for an attack on a Rutherford county white woman, Governor McLean early tonight commuted the seventeen-year-old negro's sentence from death to life in prison. Mansell was slated to give his life in the electric chair tomorrow morning after the Governor had reprieved his sentence from June 15 to July 5. The little black had the death sentence passed upon him by the November 1925 term of Superior Court, and recently affirmed by the Supreme Court when an appeal was taken to that body. His only hope for escape from the death penalty was that held out by the Chief Executive of North Carolina.

Governor McLean had reached his decision tonight after he had Pardon Commissioner H. Hoyle Sink had conferred throughout the day, and after carefully studying the entire stenographical notes of evidence in trial, and considering the new evidence which had recently been presented. The Governor issued a 3,500 word statement in which he stated his decision.

"I do not believe that the cause of justice would be promoted, or that a crime such as the one in this case would be prevented by the infliction of the death penalty; therefore I have determined to commute the sentence from death to life imprisonment."

After reaching his decision early tonight, Governor McLean visited the state prison and talked with Mansell. Before going to the cell he had signed the statement although he did not tell Mansell of it while talking with him. "I left more convinced than ever that I had reached the right conclusion in the case," he later said.

TO ESTABLISH HEADQUARTERS IN THIS CITY

Carolina Beach Corporation Will Have Offices in Hotel

Mrs. E. P. Wray, of Raleigh arrived in the city yesterday for the purpose of establishing headquarters for a sales force for the Carolina Beach Corporation. She will be established at the Hotel Goldsboro. Mrs. Wray talked very enthusiastically about the investment possibilities of Carolina Beach, among other things she stated that it was the only beach on Eastern Carolina soil that could be reached by auto, and over hard surfaced roads at that. "During low tide" she stated there is eight miles of the most beautiful speedway for autoists along the beach that can be found anywhere. Mrs. Wray said that this city will be associated with Mrs. Wray in the sales department of this corporation.

SUBMARINE DOCKED AT NAVY YARD

Curious Crowd Listens as Charge Against Florida Realtor Is Cut



These photos from St. Petersburg, Fla., show (below) overflow crowd of folk who peered into the courtroom as E. M. Elliott, real estate operator, was given a preliminary hearing in connection with the death of his wife in their home. The charge against Elliott was reduced from murder to manslaughter at the hearing. His trial will be begun in the fall. Below, the accused man at right, with X-ray specialist. Mrs. Elliott's death followed a fall down stairs under mysterious circumstances.

VAST FORTUNE MORE MYSTERY ARRIVES SAFE IN PHILADELPHIA SURROUNDS THE WM. DECKER CASE

Guarded By Five Men Only With Daggers—Worth One Million

Chicago, Ill., July 8.—(AP)—Guarded by five men armed only with daggers, a vast pocket fortune of nearly one million in jewels passed through Chicago and safely reached the Sequelental exposition at Philadelphia. The feat pocket which was a depository for the gems on their eight thousand mile journey which took them across two oceans and one continent was that of Janesh Lall, who passed through here today. One of the worlds historic emeralds weighing 92 karats and valued at \$250,000 was a gem that once was one of the crown jewels of the favorite wife of the Emperor of India. Included in this collection were a number of other gems of great value, said to be the largest sapphire in existence. The bearer's body guards was made up of five servants armed with small daggers sheathed in their sashes.

Was Bound To a Log and Thrown Into the Missouri River

Sioux City, Iowa, July 8.—(AP)—A warning letter that had been mailed to a row boat today was added to the mystery that has surrounded the attack of Wm. Decker, 25 year-old farmer of this section, and a former pilot in the German Army. He was bound to a log and thrown into the Missouri river. The deputy sheriff of this county discovered that the letter mailed to the row boat had been received a week ago, and that a staff correspondent of the Sioux City Journal and Walthill, Neb., said that he had found the letter. The letter which was mailed to the row boat in which the correspondent had crossed the river from the Iowa side warned him that if he returned to the Missouri river he would get his.

HIG LINER FORCED BACK TO NEW YORK WITH 1,000 ABOARD

New York, July 8.—The French liner de Grasse, which sailed from New York yesterday with 1,000 passengers is returning to New York on account of engine trouble said a wireless message to the line today. The port engine had broken down, the message said. The de Grasse was about 350 miles out when the trouble developed and Captain Marius Aubert, the commander, decided to bring his vessel back. She is expected to reach here tonight.

DROWNED HER ENTHUSIASM

Sacramento, Cal., July 8.—It's all right to throw cold water on your wife providing you don't get literal about it. Mrs. Clara A. Reed got along with her husband despite his adverse comment until he began dousing her with chilly water to awaken her on a morning. Then she sued, also charging that he tossed condensed milk cans at her on occasion.

ONLY 12 BODIES FOUND IN S-15

13 Bodies Still Missing Out Of the Crew of Thirty-six men

New York, July 8.—Divers who entered the battered hulk of the United States submarine S-51 today reported that there were about twelve bodies beside the ship. One body was seen wedged behind machinery in the engine room and others were reported in the torpedo rooms. Washed From Hulk The divers estimate is correct it means that the bodies of thirteen sailors were washed from the hulk by the waves while it lay on the open bed off Block Island after being sunk by the steamer Cky of Rome last September and will probably never be recovered.

Thirty-six Were On Board When the collision occurred there were thirty-six men on the S-51. Three were saved and eight bodies later were recovered. It had been hoped that the remaining twenty-five bodies had stayed in the submarine and could be reclaimed by the bereaved families.

New York, July 8.—(AP)—The dead of the S-51 still sleep beneath the waters tonight. The submarine that rested on the floor of the ocean off Block Island for more than nine months was warped into dry dock at Brooklyn navy yards today.

A touching ceremony marked the end of the 135 mile journey. A new flag was hoisted to the top of the mast that had been fitted to her battered bridge. Lt. Commander Edwards Ellsberg, who directed the salvaging of the submarine stood at attention on a pootoon while the ceremony was going on. All ranks stood at attention. Relatives of the dead mingled with a smel' crowd that had been permitted to enter the yards. At a signal the flag was lowered to half mast.

Immediately after the ceremony was over the divers went below into the 34 feet of water in the dock, and adjusted blocks and derricks and lifted the submarine to an even keel. Great pumps were set to pumping out the water of the dock. At five o'clock this afternoon Rear Admiral Plunkett, commander of the yard ordered all work stopped at which time the gun of the S-51 was out of the water, although five of the pontoons were still below the surface. "No divers have entered the S-51 since her hatches were sealed while she lay at the bottom, off the island about a month ago, Commander Ellsberg said.

NO 12 MILE LIMIT FOR U. S. SHIPS

Circuit Court of Appeals Reverses Decision of the Lower Court

New York, July 8.—There is no "twelve-mile limit" preventing seizure of foreign ships by the United States, according to a decision of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals made public today. The decision reversed a finding in the United States District Court of the District of Connecticut which has sustained exceptions to a government libel filed against the American runner "Underwriter." The "Underwriter" was seized beyond the twelve-mile limit a fact upon which one of the exceptions was based. "An American ship on the high seas retains her allegiance to the United States," the decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals recorded. "It is quite well recognized that every nation has the right to bind its own subjects to its own laws in every place."

Jean Braswell, 17, Is Shot To Death And Her Escort Wounded

Court Affirms Death Sentence Of Bandit King

Annapolis, Md., July 8.—(AP)—The Maryland court of appeals today affirmed the conviction and death sentence of Richard Reese Whittemore, bandit king, and admitted slayer of a Maryland Penitentiary guard. He must hang on a date to be set by Governor Ritchie for the murder of Robt. Holtman in February 1925. Whittemore was convicted of first degree murder in Baltimore on May 21st. He had pleaded self defense. The death penalty was imposed by Judge O'Boone.

TUCSON MAN IS SURE THAT HE SAW HER BEFORE

Claims That He Saw Evangelist in Agave Prieta Five Days Before Others

Los Angeles, July 8.—(AP)—Facts in the Almee Semple McPherson kidnaping case gathered by federal operatives during the three weeks investigation will be presented informally to the federal grand jury. Assistant United States District Attorney Channesian announced. A county grand jury began its investigation yesterday. Los Angeles, July 8.—(AP)—The claim of C. A. Pape, of Tucson, that he saw Almee Semple McPherson, pastor of Angelus Temple, at Agua Prieta, Mexico, five days before she publicly appeared there, commanded the attention of investigators here today. It was indicated by Joe Ryan, who has been representing the district attorney's office in the inquiry into the evangelist's alleged abduction by two men and a woman that an effort would be made to obtain Pape as a witness by the county grand jury which yesterday took its first step in a sweeping investigation of the pastor's strange case. Pape is understood to be en route to San Francisco. Despite the official attention the Tucson man's statement is receiving "his identification" of Mrs. McPherson at the border town received only a chuckle from the evangelist herself. "Isn't it ridiculous that anybody should say they had seen me coming out of a road house," she explained. "There have been so many of these reports of my having been seen in various places that it seems almost useless to deny them—I have no way of positively disproving them."

Z. C. Sonner, 17, Probably Fatally Injured, In Tryon Tragedy, Says Youth Named "Jimmie" Did Shooting

Tryon, July 8.—(AP)—No inquest will be held into the mysterious slaying of Miss Jean Braswell, 17, Tryon society girl, and the serious injury of Z. C. Sonner, son of a prominent Saluda merchant, last night, Sheriff McFarland announced today. Another development of the day was the discovery of powder burns on the shirt worn by Sonner, indicating that the two bullets which seriously injured him were fired at close range.

Every person known as "Jimmie" has been questioned by Polk county authorities as a result of the destruction of Sonner that the shooting was done by a young man known to him by that name. As a result of the statement, Jimmy Wilkes, member of a prominent family, was arrested and held until today, when he supplied an alibi. Tryon, July 8.—A youth named "Jimmie" was being sought by officers today for the alleged murder of Miss Jean Braswell, 17, of Tryon, and the serious injury of Z. C. Sonner, 15, son of a Saluda merchant. Sonner said by physicians to be in a serious condition at a Tryon hospital today attempted to give authorities a more positive clue to the identity of the man who he said fired a bullet into Miss Braswell's head and turned the gun upon him after a quarrel. Known Only As "Jimmie" Sonner said he and Miss Braswell were riding late yesterday when they picked up the young man whom he knew only as "Jimmie." Reaching a point where they had a good view of Green river cove, Sonner said he stopped the machine. While viewing the valley, a quarrel arose, he said, and "Jimmie" suddenly seized Sonner's revolver from his seat and started for the other he was met by two bullets, fired in quick succession, he asserted, and when he regained consciousness, the assailant had disappeared. Neighbors Heard Shots Neighbors attracted to the scene by the sound of the shots, brought the couple to Tryon. Sonner's revolver was found a short distance from the scene of the shooting early today. Sonner described "Jimmie" as being above average height with dark complexion and black hair. Girl Prominent Miss Braswell was the daughter of Mrs. Flo Braswell, a widow, who moved to Tryon from Charlotte about a year ago. In addition to her mother she has a sister, Miss Nan Braswell, who is now at Greystone camp at Lake Summit, and by a brother, Dah, about 18 years old. Miss Braswell was the grand daughter of C. W. Johnson, prominent textile manufacturer who is president of fifteen cotton mills in and near Charlotte. Sonner Did It, Says Sheriff Sheriff McFarland, however, today threw another angle on the case when he advanced the opinion that the shooting was the result of a lover's quarrel between Sonner and the girl. The sheriff said he was convinced that Sonner shot and killed his sweetheart and then attempted suicide. An inquest into the death of Miss Braswell was to be conducted here this afternoon.