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RUSSELL SCOTT MURDERER, TWICE SENTENCED TO HANG, IS DECLARED INSANE BY JURY

Family Impoverished but Overjoyed at Successful Fight to Save Him—Father of Victim Finds No Consolation—Prosecutor Declares Verdict Shame and Disgrace.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—In an insane asylum instead of on the gallows, Russell Scott, erstwhile Canadian financier, will expiate the murder of a drug clerk in a holdup.

Scott Once Millionaire. CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—Russell T. Scott, 30, was head of a \$10,000,000 Canadian corporation organized to build a \$28,000,000 international bridge between Detroit, Michigan and Windsor, Ontario.

The jury's finding and Scott's removal to the Chester asylum today ended a fight for life that probably was the most desperate in Cook county criminal annals.

In jail awaiting the hanging, Scott devoted much of his time to writing books on how to succeed. Before his difficulties overwhelmed him, he produced a dozen books on business problems and commercial ethics.

Seven ballots and three hours and forty minutes deliberation were necessary before the jury agreed.

With some 80 branch offices of the bridge corporation in operation throughout Canada, Scott's first descent came when disagreements developed among associates over his business methods.

Five times since Joseph Maurer was killed in a drug store opposite the city hall in April, 1924, Scott has faced death. Within the last three weeks, a few hours before the death march, Scott was saved once by a week's reprieve and again by a stay of execution issued at two o'clock in the morning by Judge Joseph David on a petition declaring him insane.

On April 2, 1924, he was arrested for the murder of Joseph Maurer, 19-year old clerk in the City Hall pharmacy, opposite the Chicago City Hall.

State witnesses refuted the story, declaring Scott and a second man, presumably his brother, held up the store and herded the employees and patrons in the basement. After being sentenced to hang on a plea of guilty, Scott petitioned for a new trial, changed his plea, and was again sentenced to the gallows.

"I'm Not Insane"—Scott. CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—Russell Scott, verdict from the jury finding him insane, today in his cell declared he was sane.

Commissioner Corey Ridicules S. P. Pretensions in Klamath and Praises Oregon Trunk's Project

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Aug. 7.—"All of the surveys for projected branch lines of the Southern Pacific in Klamath county are nothing more than logging railroads temporary affairs at best. They will play no part in the permanent development of Klamath county. The real development, founded on far-sighted permanency is that projected by the Oregon Trunk, which proposes to tap the agricultural centers as well as the timber resources."

Scopes Case is Carried Up To Federal Court

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 7.—The Tennessee evolution case was brought to federal court today when John R. Neal, attorney representing James Robert Wilson, a taxpayer, filed a bill in federal court seeking to test the constitutionality of the Tennessee act against the teaching of evolution in the public schools in the state.

POLICE ARE SENT TOO LATE TO SAVE NEGRO FROM MOB

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo., Aug. 7.—Miller Mitchell, a negro, held in jail here for an alleged assault last night on a white girl, was lynched by a mob of about 500 persons late today. The mob took Mitchell from the jail to a ravine about a quarter of a mile from town where he was hanged to a tree.

Two unsuccessful efforts were made by authorities to remove the negro to an adjoining county, but each time the mob forced the officers back into the jail.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Aug. 7.—Thirty-seven policemen armed with riot guns were dispatched here today for Excelsior Springs, where a menacing crowd was reported to have gathered outside the jail in which Miller Mitchell, a negro, was confined, for an alleged attempt at assault on a young girl.

AMERICAN INDIAN FIRST CHEMIST ON THIS CONTINENT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) LOS ANGELES, Aug. 7.—James A. Brangan, of Philadelphia, put the Indian on a pedestal of science at the American Chemical Society's sessions here today with the declaration that the American aborigine was the first chemist on this continent.

PARENT WANTS GIRL ADOPTED SIX YEARS AGO

Millionaire Browning May Have to Give Up 9-Year Dorothy Sunshine.

INQUIRY IS STARTED Also Stated Still Another Girl to Be "Daughter"—Mother Announces Negotiations.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—Mrs. Anna St. John of Rye, N. Y., foster mother of Dorothy Sunshine Browning, wealthy real estate operator, today took steps looking to the cancellation of the adoption.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—The story of 12-year-old Sylvia Muller that Edward W. Browning, wealthy realtor, had promised to adopt her, was denied by Browning today. He also denied the girl's account of a party last night with him and his newly adopted daughter, Mary Louise.

"There was no party last night," Browning said. "I retired early and the last time I saw the Muller girl was in my office yesterday."

Mr. Browning made me very happy," said Sylvia. "He said that in just two weeks he is going to adopt me. Then I, too, will be a sure enough Cinderella."

BABE KILLED, THREE INJURED IN AUTO SMASH NEAR SALEM

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 7.—Nathan Staley, of Santa Cruz, Cal., was seriously injured, his wife, Emily, and suffering from shock, their infant killed outright and another small son sustained scalp wounds, the other escaping unharmed in an auto crash three miles south of Salem on the Pacific highway shortly after noon today. In passing a truck, his trailer struck a concrete parapet of a bridge and swung the auto against it.

\$600,000 VOTED BY BEND FOR BETTER DRINKING WATER

BEND, Ore., Aug. 7.—By a majority of 120 votes, the citizens of Bend yesterday voted for the \$600,000 Tualum water project, an effort to better the drinking water of the city. The election polled more than 1600 votes, considered a large total for the city the population of which is estimated at 8,999.

FOREST FIRE SITUATION MUCH IMPROVED TODAY

The forest fire situation was reported greatly improved today. Five fires were being patrolled today, but all were under control. The fire on Middle Creek assumed serious proportions last night, and a large crew was sent out from the city, and they succeeded in trenching the fire so that it was effectively halted.

Fires on Nick's mountain, Brush Creek and Middle Creek are being patrolled, but further spread is anticipated.

JUNCTION CITY IS SCENE OF HOLD-UP; LOOT TOTAL \$127

EUGENE, Ore., Aug. 7.—Hildup men operated in Junction City early this morning, robbing a man of \$96, a restaurant of \$25 and a pool hall of \$6.

The robbery was committed in the Monogram restaurant, operated in connection with Ben's smoke house and pool room, at 4 o'clock a. m.

The night clerk at the all-night restaurant, reported the holdup, saying that three men entered the place, ordered coffee, and paid for it. After drinking the coffee, the strangers bought two cartons of cigarettes. The cook, who is in charge of the cigar counter at night, made change on the other side, turned, and found two of the men pointing loaded revolvers at him.

LIGHTED LANTERN AND FUMES FROM GAS PLAY HAVOC

BEND, Ore., Aug. 7.—In an attempt to keep his hand over the open vent of an automobile gas tank, while enveloped in flames, to save the car and building, Kurd Hirsch, rancher living 12 miles from Milligan, was badly burned from finger tips to shoulder of his left arm early last evening. Herbert Moore, neighbor rancher, in attempting to extinguish flames enveloping Hirsch, was burned in the same manner on his right arm.

AUTO PLUNGE PUTS STAR IN HOSPITAL

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., Aug. 7.—Zean Pitts, moving picture actress and Walter McGowan, Aptos beach real estate broker, were injured in an auto accident on the Santa Cruz highway, seven miles from here, late yesterday. The auto, in which they were riding, plunged over a steep embankment on one of the many curves of the mountain road. The actress was taken to the Santa Cruz hospital, where she was treated for a dislocated shoulder and bruises. McGowan escaped with minor injuries.

TWENTY FIVE CARS OF GREEN PRUNES TO MOVE

Distributing Firm Establishes Agency Here to Handle Crop.

FIRST CAR TUESDAY Picking Will Start Monday of Next Week, According to Present Plans.

The first carload of green prunes to be shipped from the county, will leave Tuesday, it was announced today by M. P. Shearer of Yakima, local representative of Scobell and Day, of New York, well known fruit distributors. The Scobell and Day agency is located in the old Oregon Growers' warehouse, which has been leased by them for the year, and Mr. Shearer states that apples and pears will also be handled during the present year.

Equipment for packing and loading has been provided at the warehouse, and the task of getting materials in readiness for the rush season is now being undertaken.

The fruit is picked from the trees and brought to the local packing house, where "suitcase" boxes are filled and shipped in carload lots to the east. The cars are being sold by the distributors, F. O. H. Roseburg, and returns are made to the growers on the basis of the price paid less the distributor's commission.

METHODIST MINISTER IS SLAIN BY 17-YEAR-OLD SON; CONFESSION DOES NOT EXPLAIN; OVER-STUDY BLAMED

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) PARKERSBURG, Iowa, Aug. 7.—Warren Vandervoort, 17, today confessed he shot and killed his father, Rev. R. J. Vandervoort, Methodist Episcopal minister, here last night. James Mitchell, the Parkersburg marshal, said today.

Warren is the only child. The family has been noted for the devotion of its members to one another and the last few months has been given by all three to plans for the boy's college career. He was to have entered Cornell college this fall and purchase of his trunk was the first matter to engage his parents' attention when the three returned a few weeks ago from a vacation in Minnesota.

Refusing to give any reason for the shooting until he dictates a formal confession, young Vandervoort, in conversation with officers this morning told how he had killed his father by placing his repeating rifle within four inches of the older man's head and then shot his mother as she rushed to the doorway. He said he fired the second shot into his mother's head by placing the rifle against her temple as she lay on the floor.

Movie Unreels 2 Hours; Lone Patron Snoozes

The hour was late. Only one patron still watched the film flickering on the screen of a local moving picture house. Pity the poor operator who, after a continuous nine-hour run, was forced to work perspiring over his machines for the benefit of that one patron.

GANGSTER HOLDS WOMAN AS SHIELD FROM LEADEN HAIL

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—A mother of four children used as a human shield by a robber fleeing in a hall of police bullets, is dead, and a detective dying, as a result of a spectacular gun fight under the Pennsylvania railroad terminal.

Two youthful gangsters were captured, police saving them from a crowd of 1,500 persons who threatened lynching. Two others escaped.

Detective Richard E. Henneberry and a patrolman in a police car last night attempted to stop the automobile in which the four suspects were riding. The gang opened fire, Henneberry fell, a bullet severing an artery near the heart.

The men scattered as other police approached. Edward Hart, 18, the youngest, grabbed Mrs. Mary Connelly, 35, as she stepped from her doorway, held her in front of him, and returned the police fire. A moment later the woman was struck and Hart darted into the house. Mrs. Connelly died at a hospital and Henneberry is not expected to live.

Alma Johnson, a 17-year-old girl clerk, was later arrested in a Brooklyn rooming house as an accomplice of the gunmen. Michael Guidice, a chauffeur, was arrested with her and charged with suspicion of homicide and grand larceny.

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PRUNE GROWERS AGREE TO FORM ASSOCIATION

Articles Drawn Up and Signed at Meeting Held in City Yesterday.

Organization Will Pack and Market Prunes of Members Under Terms Decided Upon.

At a meeting of prune growers of the Roseburg district in this city yesterday, articles of incorporation were prepared and signed, and definite steps taken to assure a cooperative organization to handle the prune crop of its members. It is quite probable that there will be little done by the association this year, other than to possibly form a pool, but it is the plan to have the organization well perfected by harvest season next year, and to have plans underway for the cooperative packing and marketing of the crop.

The action taken yesterday is the outgrowth of the meetings initiated by the Portland and Roseburg Chambers of Commerce, this being the second organization formed, the first being at Oakland.

The purposes for which this association is formed, the articles of incorporation, are: "To promote, foster, and encourage the business of producing prunes and marketing them cooperatively; to develop the prune industry in the Pacific northwest; to increase the efficiency and lessen the cost of marketing prunes by centralizing such activities; to establish uniform grades and standards; and to improve the prunes placed on the market by rigid inspection; and to extend the markets for prunes produced in the northwest in the interests of the producers and the public."

"To engage in any activity in connection with the marketing, buying, selling, harvesting, drying, packing, storing, handling or utilization of prunes produced or delivered to it by its members; or the manufacturing or marketing of the by-products thereof; of the financing of any such activities specified in this section. The association, however, shall not handle the prunes of any non-member."

Other articles give the association the right to assume indebtedness, and to act as the representatives and agent of its members, and to exercise and possess all powers, rights and privileges necessary or incidental to the purposes for which the association is organized, or to the activities in which it is engaged.

Roseburg is designated as the (Continued on page three).