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BOY KILLS FATHER; MOTHER WOUNDED

Minister is Murdered by Son, 17; Boy Is Thought to Be Insane

CONFESSION IS MADE

Police Unable to Account for Strange Story; Boy Now Charged with Murder in First Degree

ALLISON, Iowa, Aug. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—The strange story of a youth, who while "not fully awake," last night shot and killed his father, the Rev. R. V. Vandervoort, Methodist Episcopal pastor at Parkersburg and wounded his mother was told here late today by the slayer, Warren Vandervoort, 17 years old.

In a written statement to Henry W. Burma, sheriff of Butler county, Vandervoort recited details of constant family quarrels, the purchase of a 22 caliber rifle, the shooting of first his father and then his mother, when she appeared at the doorway of her bedroom to learn the cause of the first shot, his sudden "awakening" and his attempt at a getaway.

He was formally charged with first degree manslaughter here today and will be lodged in the county jail until the October term of court opens.

Vandervoort said in his confession that he believed his mother's mind was diseased, which was the reason she quarreled with her husband and son. He insisted that he and his father had been good friends. He was graduated from the Parkersburg high school last spring, was considered one of the brightest boys in the class and had planned to enter Cornell college this fall.

Yesterday afternoon Vandervoort said he purchased a rifle at the store and hid it in the home. A violent quarrel at the supper table ensued when the mother "suspected something" and during the course of the bickering she declared that she wished she were dead. A few minutes later Rev. Vandervoort made the same statement.

After the family had retired the boy, who sleeps in a tent on the lawn, crept upstairs armed with the rifle which he had purchased late that afternoon. He shot and killed his father who was in the hallway and when his mother appeared at the doorway of the bedroom shot her in the temple.

"I was not fully awake," he insists in his written confession, "to know what I was doing, although I know that is no excuse.

"When I had done it I woke up and my first thought was to get away from those awful figures on the floor," he said.

When arrested this morning he said that another man had done the shooting and that he had been forced to accompany the murderer, but said he gave up this story when advised to "make a clean breast of it."

Warren is an only child and members of the family have been

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CRIMINALS ARE WARNED

ATTACK MADE AGAINST CRIME BY USING ADVERTISING

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—Chicago today decided to attack crime through advertising. Morgan A. Collins, chief of police, announced that warnings to criminals and to those contemplating crime are to be printed in poster form and will be placed in street cars, elevated trains and other public conveyances.

One poster captioned "You Can't Win," shows a condemned man being led to the gibbet. Another says that "7,000 police are sworn to get you, dead or alive," and "You'll have to get all the breaks. One little slip means Joliet."

"Advertisement as a weapon against crime is an innovation," Chief Collins said, "but I believe it will do much good. Even if it fails to deter the crooks, it assuredly will awaken the public to an appreciation of the police department."

PIONEER IS DEAD

SPOKANE, Aug. 7.—Word was received here today of the death of Clement B. King, one of the earliest Spokane pioneers, at Alhambra, Cal., yesterday. Mr. King came to Washington territory in 1868 and ran a stage line from Colfax to Spokane Falls and Colville.

SALEM SWELTERS WHEN THERMOMETER HITS 93

UNOFFICIAL REPORTS SAY 88 EARLY LAST NIGHT

Cool Places Are Crowded and Water Resorts Popular During Hottest Hours

Heat that for its continuance until late last night fails to break records only because records are not kept of temperatures of the late afternoon and evening, yesterday sent local citizens scattering to swimming resorts and every other place where relief was available, when an official report of 93 degrees was made for the day.

Forest fires that have increased the humidity in the valley to an unusually high point made activity unusually uncomfortable although the mercury soared only to the 96 degree point in the downtown district.

The slowness with which the mercury moved on its famed nightly descent was the cause of most of the protests yesterday. Downtown thermometers at 7 o'clock registered 91 degrees and the column had fallen only three degrees by 8:30 o'clock.

Traffic on roads leading in every direction was congested last night as car owners sought to temper their discomfort! One of the largest crowds of the season packed Willson park at the band concert last night. The temperature evidently had an effect upon the temperament of those present for police reported more difficulty than usual in keeping the crowd orderly and one arrest was made.

Weather records show that J. Pluv has ignored this district for 55 days, it being that length of time since the last rain here.

MUST SUPPORT CHILDREN

MONEY MUST BE PRODUCED OR TERM IN JAIL LOOMS

Declaring that John Olson must either pay for the support of his children, now in the custody of his divorced wife, or go to jail, Judge L. H. McMahan walked out of the court room yesterday while testimony was being taken.

"I already know enough about this case, Olson has been ordered by the court to pay \$25 a month for the support of his children, and he has not done so. He has married again. I've heard enough. I know the facts of the case, and that's all I want to know. This fellow will pay for the support of his children or he will go to jail."

John Olson, a farmer of Polk county, was divorced by his wife 14 months ago. The court then ordered him to pay \$25 a month for the support of his two children.

He is said not to have done this, and when cited to appear before the court to explain why he did not, he refused to appear. A warrant was issued for his arrest, charging contempt of court.

It is said that his father has agreed to pay money that is past due, rather than have his son go to jail.

ARBITRATION IS SCORED

COAL MINERS SAY MATTER ONE OF LIFE AND DEATH

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 7.—(By The Associated Press.)—Outsiders never will be permitted by miners to serve as arbitrators in the hard coal fields, John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America said in a radio address broadcast from the Hotel Ambassador tonight.

"Anthracite operators," Mr. Lewis said, with reference to the wage negotiations which were broken off last Tuesday, "ask the miners to arbitrate the question involved in the negotiations of a wage an dworking agreement. Arbitrate what? Is it possible that we are asked to arbitrate the matter of life or death?"

"Are we to arbitrate the question whether a miner shall be permitted to earn a decent American living for himself and his family? Are we to arbitrate the earning capacity of the miner? Are we to arbitrate the amount we may spend for food, for clothing, for shelter, for education of his children and his status as a citizen?"

"Some questions are not subjects of arbitration and the United Mine Workers of America will never agree that his personal and family matters are to be determined by outsiders."

K. C. CONVENTION ENDS

DULUTH, Minn., Aug. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—Seven hundred Knights of Columbus, wearing from traveling 175 miles by special train and automobile over the iron ranges today, left Duluth for their homes in various parts of the United States and American possessions, Mexico and Canada tonight, with the impression that Philadelphia will see the 1926 convention.

DEATH HOAX VICTIM IS DECLARED KNOWN

Police Say Body Found in Schwartz Laboratory Explosion Identified

CHEMIST BEING SOUGHT

Former Employer of G. W. Barbe Declares Identification of Man Is Made Beyond Any Doubt

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—The murder victim whose charred body was found in the laboratory of the Pacific Cellulose company at Walnut Creek following a mysterious explosion, was positively identified tonight as G. W. Barbe, itinerant laborer. Identification was made by Cecil Barker, Placerville undertaker, an acquaintance of Barbe, after minutely viewing the body in the San Francisco morgue.

Barker was brought to San Francisco to view the corpse, which was at first believed to be Charles Henry Schwartz, heavily insured chemist of the Cellulose company, after he had identified articles found near the body as belonging to Barbe.

The hand writing appearing in letters discovered in the partially wrecked laboratory was declared by experts to be identical with that of letters and papers in the possession of the Placerville undertaker, which were written by Barbe.

MARTINEZ, Cal., Aug. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—Identification of the body found in the Walnut creek plant of the Pacific Cellulose company under conditions that prompted the belief that Charles Henry Schwartz, chemist, had met death in an explosion, as G. W. Barbe was made by a former employer of Barbe late today.

Cecil Barker, an undertaker of

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STOCK DISEASE SPREADS

FRESH CASES OF HOOF AND MOUTH DISEASE FOUND

HOUSTON, Texas, Aug. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—Four fresh cases of foot and mouth disease in two contiguous spots were found near south Houston today by scouts for Dr. Marion Imes, federal expert in charge of disease eradicating work in the area south of Houston. Today's cases were found on the open range. Approximately 119 infected animals were immediately destroyed. Meanwhile plans for extension of the quarantine zone and to cope with the possibility that approximately 1,000 or more contact cattle may have to be destroyed, were going forward.

HERE'S A DISTRESSING TRAFFIC PROBLEM

CONGESTION OF TRAFFIC IN CITY CENTER

UNPLEASANT SITUATION IN BUSINESS DISTRICT

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WOUNDED MAN BELIEVED THUG WANTED IN SALEM

BANDIT WHO ATTACKED AGED FARMER THOUGHT HELD

Walter Bingham, 30, Said to Be Near Death in Portland Hospital

Declaring that there is no doubt but that Walter Bingham, 30, now in a Portland hospital suffering from serious gunshot wounds, is one of the men who attacked Henry Stauffer of Donald Thursday, Sheriff O. D. Bower returned from Portland yesterday after checking up on the suspect. One bullet fired by Stauffer, when two men attacked him, pierced Bingham's lungs and another lodged in his abdomen. He has a chance for recovery.

Stauffer was attacked Thursday afternoon when he started to enter his barn. As he opened the door two men jumped out at him and hammered him on the head with clubs. Dazed, the farmer managed to draw a revolver from his pocket. He fired at the men until the gun was empty. One of the men fell, rolled over, but later escaped. The other is believed to have been unharmed.

The attack was reported to the sheriff immediately, and he notified police in Portland and other cities. A short time later a wire was received here stating that a man answering the description of the bandit had applied for entrance in a Portland hospital, suffering from bullet wounds. He was ordered held, and Sheriff Bower left for Portland yesterday morning.

The cause of the attack on the Donald farmer is a mystery. No theories, except that of robbery, are offered by the authorities, and this seems insufficient as Stauffer did not possess any considerable amount of money. He declares

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LOOK COSTS 20 DAYS

ANKLE-GAZING BANNED BY REDDING POLICE

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 7.—The prevailing style of women's dress brought grief today to John Sweeney of Redding. He was arrested on charges of disturbing the peace and sentenced to 20 days in jail after two women complained he had looked too attentively at their ankles.

"What chance has a man got nowadays?" Sweeney said as he was taken to jail. "Dresses are up to the knees, and I get 20 days just for looking."

FRENCH CASUALTIES LISTED

JERUSALEM, Aug. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—French casualties in the recent fighting at Suediah against Syrian rebels aggregate 200 killed and 600 wounded, say reports reaching here from the affected region. Much French equipment was captured by the Druse tribesmen during the fighting.

NEGRO LYNCHED BY MOB OF OVER ONE THOUSAND

JAIL WRECKED BY HUGE MOB, POLICE OVERPOWERED

Prisoner, Declared Guilty of Attack on White Girl, Is Hanged to Tree

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo., Aug. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—A mob of 1,000 persons lynched Walter Mitchell, negro, here today for an alleged attack about midnight last night on a young white girl in the country several miles from here. The mob obtained entrance to the city hall in which the jail is located by the ruse of a false fire alarm, and dragged the negro through the main street, past the fashionable Elms hotel, to a place about a mile south of the town where he was hanged to an oak tree.

Mitchell was arrested this morning in the local jail spread, a crowd began to form. There were threats but no violence as the crowd was without a leader. Chief of Police J. E. Craven and eight or ten deputies guarded Mitchell.

An attempt by the officers to remove the prisoner by way of a basement door proved futile, for part of the mob was guarding that exit.

Not until a false fire alarm was turned in was there any attempt on the part of the mob to storm the building. When the large outside door of the fire department room was opened for the truck the mob poured in. A man with a sledge hammer battered down the door leading to the cell room and smashed the lock from the cell.

The negro, already in handcuffs, was dragged from the building and down the main street past the Elm hotel, where guests crowded the way and upon arrival at an oak tree about a mile from town a man tossed the rope over a limb and five other men pulled the negro into the air.

The hanging was witnessed by passengers on a stub train that runs between Excelsior Springs and Excelsior Springs Junction.

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CONVICT FINISHES BOOK

JACK LAIRD WRITES "PROOF OF IMMORTALITY"

Jack Laird, life term at the state prison, yesterday completed his work on a book in which he professes to give irrefutable proof of life after death. The volume is entitled "Proof of Immortality." Laird has been working on the book since he was received at the institution several years ago.

Laird was sentenced for killing a deputy sheriff in the course of an attempted robbery of the gate-keeper on the interstate bridge near Portland. Prior to this time he single-handed, records show, held up and robbed a mail train near Seattle. The latter crime was not connected with him until after his arrest and trial on the murder charge.

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LITTER OF SEALS FOUND

THRIVING YOUNGSTERS DISCOVERED IN CEDAR LOG

TACOMA, Aug. 7.—Securely cached in a half hollow cedar log, which was towed down from above, Everett with a raft of logs this morning, was found an old mother seal with a thriving litter of young seals which she had evidently given birth to after crawling into the cedar log. The apparently happy family was discovered as one of its members stuck its head out of the end of the log and then disappeared into the waters of the sound, off one of the local docks.

AUTO BUILDER DIES

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—J. J. Cole, president and general manager of the Cole Motor Car company, died at the Claypool hotel here shortly before midnight tonight.

ADOPTED GIRL MAY BE RETURNED HOME

Browning's Secretary Declares "Cinderella Girl" Will Go to Parents

TRANSACTION IS FLAYED

Adoption Said "Demoralizing to Young Girls of Community"; Millionaire Denies Report

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—(By The Associated Press.)—A statement issued tonight by the personal secretary of Edward W. Browning, real estate man who adopted Mary Louise Spas and purporting to have been authorized by him, announced that the girl would be sent back to her parents tomorrow and that he was willing to invalidate the adoption.

The statement was later repudiated by Browning who denied that any statement had been issued with his approval.

The secretary said that Mr. Browning's decision as expressed in the statement was based on the attitude of Bird S. Coler, commissioner of public welfare, who charged at a hearing by the district attorney on the adoption that the transaction was "highly demoralizing to the young girls of the community."

The contents of the statement were to a certain extent confirmed by the newly adopted Cinderella herself during a conference at Kew Gardens, in which the real estate operator's attorney was a participant. In tears, she admitted that she was 17 years old instead of 16, as she had maintained before. She cried that she was ready to return to her parents and the impression was given that the homegoing would take place tomorrow.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—(By The Associated Press.)—A new element entered today into the tangled situation involving the adoption of Mary Louise Spas by Edward W. Browning, wealthy real estate operator.

Mrs. Anne St. John of Rye, N. Y., foster mother of Dorothy Sunshine Browning, sought advice as to the cancellation of that adoption which occurred six years ago.

Asserting that many statements made to her when Dorothy was adopted since have been proven false, Mrs. St. John asked Bird S. Coler, commissioner of public welfare, if there was not some way to revoke the adoption.

"I cannot believe that Mr. Browning is fit to be her guardian," she wrote to the commissioner, "and now this disgusting

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ACCOUNT IN GENESIS IS DECLARED TO BE FALSE

PETITION FILED ATTACKING ANTI-EVOLUTION BILL

Author of Attack Declares Teaching Bible Account to Be Condemned

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—Tennessee's anti-evolution statute was directly attacked today in a bill filed in the United States district court by James Robert Wilson, a taxpayer, on the ground that the law is in violation of the first section of the 14th amendment of the constitution of the United States. Governor Austin Peay, State Attorney General Frank M. Thompson and A. T. Stewart, attorney general for Rhea county, are named as the defendants in the bill.

The bill, whose filing has been expected for several days, as a part of the general attack against the anti-evolution law, was signed by John R. Neal, Clarence Darrow of Chicago, Bainbridge Colby of New York and Frank B. McElwee of Rockwood, as solicitors for the complainant.

The bill is in no way involved with the Scopes' trial held recently at Dayton and in fact depends entirely on the position taken by attorneys for Scopes in that noted trial, in that it flatly declares that the story of the creation as taught in the Bible is contradicted by the theories of evolution.

The petitioner, Wilson, who avers that he is the owner of \$50,000 worth of real estate, and is the head of a family consisting of his wife and five children from six to 18 years of age, also states that he does not believe that the theory of the creation as given in the Bible is true and that he objects to it being taught to his children.

This part of the petition is as follows: "Your petitioner further avers that he is not a believer in the story of the creation of man as given in the Bible and does not accept creation as a true story of evolution; that he does not desire to have his children taught the story of creation of man as given in the Bible and if said statute is enforced he and all other citizens of the state of Tennessee who believe in the theory of evolution rather than in the theory of creation of man as given in the Bible will be compelled to withdraw their children from the public schools of said state and such children will be deprived of the opportunity to obtain an education to the great and irreparable damage of your petitioner and other citizens of the state of Tennessee in the same situation and thereby your petitioner will be deprived of his liberty and property without due process of law and will be denied the equal protection of the law."

The bill was filed in the office of Clerk Lee A. Beeler today about 11 o'clock by Dr. John R. Neal, senior counsel in the Scopes trial at Dayton. Since the petition prays for an injunction, temporarily restraining the state officers from enforcing the evolution law, and for a final decree and judgment declaring the statute void and unconstitutional and as such must be heard by two district judges and judge of the United States circuit court of appeals or justice of the supreme court.

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CAT MASCOT MISSING

"FLYING PUSSY" GETS OFF AT WRONG AIR STATION

CLEVELAND, Aug. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—Ike, cat mascot at the United States air field here, disappeared. She next was seen at Hadley field, New Brunswick, N. J., eastern terminus of the transcontinental air mail route. Then she turned up at Bellefonte, Penn., the half way station between Cleveland and New York. There she was picked up by Pilot Paul Collins who flew her back to Cleveland.

TIMBERMAN KILLED

HOQUIAM, Wash., Aug. 7.—A Wickman, 36, head faller at Northwestern Lumber company camp No. 4, about 15 miles west of Hoquiam, was instantly killed when struck by a falling snag about two minutes before quitting time this afternoon. He has no relatives save in Finland, so far as is known here.

TWO ARE KILLED IN WRECK ON HIGHWAY

Nathan Starkey, 37, of Santa Cruz, and Infant Daughter Are Dead

TRAILER CAUSES CRASH

Two-Wheeled Vehicle Slips From Pavement and Causes Machine to Turn Over in Deep Ditch

Nathan Starkey, 37, and his infant daughter, Leona Belle, seven months, are dead as a result of an automobile accident eight miles south on the Pacific highway near the Miller Lumber company, shortly after noon Friday. The baby was killed instantly and Mr. Starkey died at the Salem hospital about 4 o'clock. His chest was badly crushed and his back injured. Jess Willard Starkey, 10, was severely injured and is at the Salem hospital. Other members of the party, taken to the Deaconess hospital, were not seriously injured, though Mrs. Starkey was hysterical for some time following the accident.

With Mr. and Mrs. Starkey was Mrs. Leona Boye, Mr. Starkey's aunt, Edith Ethelmae, 8, Millie Louise, 5, and Bessie Jane, 3, and the surviving baby, Theresa Lillian, a twin sister of the dead child. All of the children were born in India.

The Starkeys returned to this country early in the spring and have