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LEOPOLD AND LOEB PLEAD GUILTY TO KILLING OF ROBERT FRANKS

Chicago Youths Change Plea Through Counsel—Surprise is Occasioned by Action — Their Fate, Now in Hands of Court-mentality Test Wednesday

Chicago, July 21.—(A. P.)—The fate of Nathan Leopold, Jr., and Richard Loeb, indicted for the kidnaping and murder of 14-year-old Robert Franks, rested today "in the mercy of the court", when a plea of "guilty" was made in court by Clarence S. Darrow, chief counsel for the boys, and affirmed by them after they had been warned by the court of the consequences of such a plea.

The decree of punishment, which may vary from an indeterminate prison sentence, a life sentence, incarceration in an asylum or death, will be determined after the hearing as to the boys' mentality, which is to start on Wednesday. The changing of the plea of not guilty to guilty was a great surprise to the court.

Chicago, July 21.—(I. N. S.)—The shocking details of the crime, one of the most sensational in history, began unfolding on the afternoon of May 21 last, when a workman, crossing an obscure road on the outskirts of Chicago's South Side, found the body of Robert Franks, 14-year-old schoolboy, plunged into a muddy culvert. Disappearance of the boy had become known, but his parents, having received a letter demanding \$10,000 ransom, with full instructions as to how it should be delivered, declined to believe the body that of their son, and it was not until late in the afternoon that it finally became known that Robert Franks had been brutally slain.

The sensation the discovery of the body caused was heightened when two instructors at Harvard School for boys, an exclusive Chicago institution, where Robert Franks was a pupil, were taken into custody within a short time and subjected to the most rigorous questioning, during which they steadfastly maintained utter ignorance of the boy's movements the afternoon he disappeared.

Authorities have agreed that only for the fact that in Nathan Leopold's haste to deposit the body of young Franks and return to the rented automobile which was used to convey it, he dropped a pair of horn-rimmed glasses the crime probably would have entered the list of unsolved mysteries. These spectacles were traced to the shop from which they were sold, and the buyer was identified by members of the optical firm as Nathan F. Leopold, Jr.

On May 29 Leopold was taken into custody on the strength of this fact. Richard Loeb was arrested quite by accident. He was known to have been an intimate of Leopold's and police wanted to know what he could tell of Leopold's movements on the day the crime was committed.

Suave, smiling, intelligent, both Loeb and Leopold amazed their questioners with the extent of their knowledge. Their ready replies to questions and the accurate dovetailing of their statements had almost freed them until the alibi was reached. Then the super-intellects with which the boys have been credited reached the cracking point.

They had denied that the glasses found near young Franks' body belonged to Leopold. The youth admitted he had worn such a pair, but insisted they were at his home and he had abandoned their use.

They denied that either of them owned a portable typewriter of the kind used by the kidnaper when he wrote Jacob Franks and signed his name as "George Johnson," in demanding \$10,000 ransom.

They said that on the afternoon in question they had been riding in one of the Leopold automobiles. At night they "picked up" two girls, later leaving them and then driving to the Leopold home, because Dickie Loeb was the worse for wear as the result of too much gin.

And then the fabric began to crack. Sven Englund, chauffeur for the Leopold family, read these statements in the morning newspaper delivered at the Leopold home and went immediately to the office of States Attorney Crowe, where he reluctantly told officers that Leopold was not telling the truth.

"The car he said he used was in the garage and undergoing repairs on the afternoon of May 21," he said. Confronted with this statement, Richard Loeb, picked by questioners as the weaker of the two, leaped to his feet. His face turned pale and he was tense as he shouted: "Did that — say that?" Then with a little more questioning, the words came tumbling from the frightened youth. He confessed the plot which, starting in the mind

CHRONOLOGY OF FRANKS MURDER

May 20—Robert Franks, 14, disappeared while on the way home from school.
May 21—Young Franks' nude body discovered stuffed into a muddy culvert on Chicago's south side.
May 29—Nathan F. Leopold and Richard Loeb arrested.
May 30—Loeb and Leopold confessed to the kidnaping and ransom of Robert Franks.
June 2—Loeb and Leopold arraigned before Justice Caverly in criminal court and pleaded not guilty to charges of murder. Bound over to grand jury. Bail denied.
June 5—Indictments charging kidnaping for ransom and murder returned against Loeb and Leopold.
June 27—Coroner's jury held the youths responsible for kidnaping and slaying Robert Franks.
July 21—Youths enter pleas of guilty to charge.

FARM BUREAU GETS OFFER

Grain Companies Offer to Sell Their Entire Holdings

Minneapolis, July 21.—(A. P.)—Thirty-six grain companies of the northwest today offered to sell their entire holdings, including 1062 county elevators in Minnesota, North and South Dakota and Montana, to the American Farm Bureau federation.

CAVEMAN PICNIC SUCCESSFUL

Saturday Night and Sunday Provide Big Time for Members

Members of the Cavemen will never go on a picnic again to rest, for the member that came back from Cave camp last night feeling fresh and pepful missed out somewhere. It simply was not a day for rest. The first annual picnic went over big with fully 100 people present. There was something doing every minute from the time the first cars got there on Saturday afternoon until the last cars returned this morning.

The chicken dinner served by the organization yesterday was undoubtedly the high light of the picnic. Chickens—50 of them—had been purchased and these were fried in halves in a huge kettle of boiling grease. In addition, there was ice cream and cake and everything else which would be needed to make a meal complete.

The campfire on Saturday night was a most enjoyable event. The Cavemen's quartet swung into action and Ole Hanson got his radio to working, with the result that the best orchestras on the Pacific coast were enjoyed. Very little sleep was secured on that night.

The next day there was little life around camp until late. When the other Cavemen began arriving from town, a horseshoe pitching tournament was held, with several claiming the championship. Sam Baker and Clarence Winetrot provided a little excitement by staging a wrestling match in the irrigation canal at the camp. Honors went to Clarence and his two assistants.

LIQUOR HEARINGS ARE HELD

Gene Reed and Alan MacCauley Are Arrested Today

Hearings were being held this afternoon for Gene Reed, of Grave Creek, and Alan MacCauley, of Fruitdale, on charges growing out of alleged liquor traffic. Reed is charged with the sale of intoxicating liquor, the officers having been working on the case for a long time. MacCauley is up on two charges, the possession of a still and the sale of intoxicating liquor. The officers raided MacCauley's place some time ago and located a still but were unable to locate the owner of the place until this afternoon.



RICHARD LOEB

DEMPSEY'S RIGHT ARM IS OUT OF COMMISSION

Los Angeles, July 21.—(A. P.)—Jack Dempsey's right arm is out of commission as a result of an auto accident, when his car was hit by another going in the opposite direction. His right elbow was dislocated, the neck ligaments were strained, and abrasions were suffered on the right knee and his scalp was cut.

WITS AND BRAKES ONLY RULES FOR MOTOR TRAFFIC IN PARIS

Paris, July 21.—(A. P.)—The Prefect of Police of Paris is now issuing permits to drive motor cars at the rate of 4,000 a month. The police department is considering a new regulation of traffic that will relegate all cars driven into Paris for mere pleasure to the less congested parts of the town. At present all regulations are disregarded. The chauffeurs say that otherwise there would be no possibility of moving about in Paris. The drivers depend entirely on their wits and their brakes. Speed regulations were forgotten long ago, but it is said they will come into use again when the new code of rules has been completed.

CHEMISTS SEEK SUBSTITUTE FOR ALCOHOL IN FLAVORINGS

Madison, Wis., July 21.—(A. P.)—Tests are under way at the University of Wisconsin in an effort to discover a substitute for grain alcohol in flavoring extracts, according to Prof. H. A. Schuette of the university chemistry department. Research work on the project has been in progress several months.

The problem on which the university is working is to find some solvent for various oils used in flavoring extract. Alcohol is declared to be the most satisfactory substance thus far discovered because oils of lemon, orange, peppermint, spearmint, almond, wintergreen and other popular oils used in extracts are not soluble in water.

BANK MESSENGER ROBBED

Four Bandits Rob Employee of Kenton Bank Near Portland

Portland, July 21.—(A. P.)—Four armed men today held up the messenger of the Bank of Kenton in an outlying Portland business district, and escaped in an automobile with \$2000. They forced the messenger's car to the curb with their car and forced him to hold up his hands, taking the money which he had collected from the bank's customers. The hold up was four blocks from the bank. The robbers escaped in an automobile bearing a Washington license.

ATTACK MADE ON OFFICER

Discharged Employee Returns—Shoots Self After Battle

Vancouver, B. C., July 21.—(A. P.)—E. C. Cordingley, accountant, discharged two weeks ago by the Pacific Great Eastern railway, today visited the office, attacked Robert Wilson, the assistant general manager, and after a running battle with the officers of the company, shot and killed himself.

VESSEL SINKS AND TAKES 57 JAPS TO DEATH

STEAMER FOUNDERS OFF GOTO ISLAND ON JULY 11—NEWS JUST IN

ONE MEMBER OF CREW SAFE

Fireman Picked Up by Trawler and Taken into Port—Ship Carried No Wireless—Overdue

Tokio, July 21.—(A. P.)—Fifty-seven persons were drowned on July 11 when the Nippon Yusen Kaisha freighter Matsuyama Maru foundered off Goto Island. The liner was several days overdue. Today's report was the first news of the fate of the vessel, as she carried no wireless. The ship carried down all her officers and crew except one fireman who was picked up by a trawler and brought to Kobe.

PIERCE FIGHTS PACIFISM

Governor to Try to Make Mobilization Day Big Success

Salem, Or., July 21.—(Special)—Governor Pierce, despite a large number of pacifist protests received at his department during the last few days, has announced that he would do everything in his power to make National Defense day, September 12, a great success. "I am in no sense a militarist," said Governor Pierce, "but I do believe in being prepared for defensive war. Danger of attack cannot be allayed by the methods of the pacifist."

Plans for National Defense day are being formulated under the supervision of a general committee named by Governor Pierce. Dr. W. J. Kerr, president of Oregon Agricultural college, is president of the committee. Each county in the state will join in the movement, which is sponsored by the war department.

On National Defense day all land forces will be called to the colors to test their ability to mobilize. The American Legion, Grand Army of the Republic and other veteran and patriotic organizations will be requested to participate in ceremonies to be held in connection with the mobilization programme.

SITS ON DYNAMITE AND IS AMAZED AT SYMPATHY

Visalia, Cal., July 21.—(I. N. S.)—Earl Wortman, who has been fighting forest fires around these parts, can't understand some people.

Only the other day a few sticks of dynamite—just fifteen or so—chanced to explode while he was sitting on them and gave him quite a little ride in the air.

People were quite solicitous when he landed, expecting to see a hospital—or—morgue—case. "The dynamite didn't hurt me, but the hard ground where I landed kinda knocked me out," Wortman said, much to the surprise of his would-be mourners.

BOND SALES WILL BE PROBED

Governor Takes Action in Promotion of Worthless Stocks

Salem, July 21.—Declaring that it has come to his attention that millions of dollars in practically worthless stocks and bond have been sold in Oregon, that men in high positions have lent their influence to the sale of such securities, and that there are reports of officials having received commissions on such sales, Governor Pierce appointed a special committee to investigate.

He declares that any persons found guilty will be prosecuted. The members of the committee are Oswald West, chairman, L. J. Liljeqvist, and George Black, all of Portland. Small investors, says the governor's statement, are declared to have been victimized.



RICHARD CONNER

RICHARD CONNER SAYS HE IS FRAMEUP VICTIM

Vancouver, Wash., July 21.—Richard Conner, held in jail here for the Tacoma authorities, declared today he is a victim of a frameup and that he knew nothing of the death of his wife, whose body was found Sunday in an abandoned well near Greendale on the Roy road.

GROWING GRASS IN MAN'S EYE REVEALED BY DOCTOR'S KNIFE

Gloucester, England, July 21.—(A. P.)—Instead of allowing the grass to grow under his feet, a farm laborer here allowed it to grow in one of his eyes. While working in the fields the laborer got something in his eye, which he was unable to remove and as the result of increasing pain, visited a hospital. After examination of the eye the surgeons decided to make an incision and discovered a green blade of grass an inch and a half long lying between the tissues.

The grass had grown from a seed which was also removed from the eye. The operation was declared successful in every particular.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ernst returned today from a trip to Portland and Vancouver. They were accompanied north by Mary Durham, who will visit Portland relatives. On the return Mr. and Mrs. Ernst were accompanied by Mrs. Harry Clapp and daughter, Harriet, who will visit Mrs. Clapp's mother, Mrs. Benjamin.

RUMANIAN OPPOSITION PARTIES GET TOGETHER IN COMMON PROGRAM AFTER LONG NEGOTIATIONS

Bucharest, July 21.—(A. P.)—Premier Bratianu has recently announced that the government has no intention of resigning, but the best informed opinion seems to be that there will be grave risks of internal disorders if the government attempts to hold on for many months more. The best guess at present seems to be that the Liberals will stay until the autumn session of parliament, and that they will then attempt, with the approval of the king to have General Averescu, a former Premier, and Commander-in-Chief of the Rumanian army during the World War, form a stopgap government in order to try to keep out the Transylvanians and the Peasants.

The program of the new National Peasants party has been skillfully drawn up so as to make a strong appeal for foreign support, not only political, but financial. This program, while maintaining completely intact the present constitutional system, favors a federalized form of government, similar to Switzerland, as against the present centralized form in which the new territories are dominated by the Old Kingdom. Complete freedom, not only in theory, but in practice, is to be granted to all racial minorities, regardless of creed or religion; the term of military service would be reduced; and the financial and economic status of the country would be drastically reorganized so that the foreign capital necessary for Rumania's economic development would be attracted to the country on a just and safe basis.

AMERICANS AT COLOMBES WIN TENNIS TITLE

RICHARDS AND HUNTER DEFEAT FRENCHMEN IN OLYMPIC CONTEST

U. S. GETS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Boxing and Swimming Excelled in by Americans—Williams and Mrs. Wightman Win Doubles

Olympic Stadium, Colombes, France, July 21.—(A. P.)—Vincent Richards and Francis T. Hunter of the United States today won the Olympic men's doubles tennis title, defeating Henri Cochet and Jacques Brugnon of France. The United States yesterday won the boxing and swimming championships.

R. Norris Williams and Mrs. George Wightman of the United States today won the Olympic mixed doubles, defeating Vincent Richards and Mrs. Marion E. Jessup, also of the United States.

The two young American tennis stars, Miss Helen Wills and Vincent Richards, captured the Olympic singles crown Sunday and clinched another brilliant international team triumph for the United States.

Miss Wills, playing with the calm and steady assurance which marked her victorious progress all week, decisively vanquished Mlle. Emilienne Vlasto, a French girl of Greek parentage, in the women's final, 6-2, 6-2 but Richards was forced to battle through a hard five-set match under a broiling sun to take the measure of his young French rival, Henri Cochet, 6-4, 6-4, 5-7, 4-6, 6-2, for the men's title.

Les Tourelles, France, July 21.—(A. P.)—The United States has won the Olympic swimming crown. The Americans scored more points than ever fell to any country at any Olympic meet in the history of the games.

The women and men swimmers and divers from the United States totaled 217 points. The Swedes were their nearest competitors with 58. The men and women of America accounted for 13 first places out of 17 events in which they competed, finishing one, two, three in four of them.