

## GIRL KILLED BY FISH WHILE SWIMMING BONDING ELECTION FOR ROADS AGREE

### BARRACUDA ATTACKS A BATHER AT PETERSBURG

Towed Half Mile by a Companion, She Dies on Beach

### WAS MILE OUT IN BAY Wound Inflicted in Leg Causes Girl to Bleed to Death

(By Associated Press) St. Petersburg, June 17.—Miss Dorothy McClatchie, a high school swimming star of this city, was bitten to death by a barracuda while swimming a mile off the municipal pier this afternoon.

Miss Marie Buhner, also a high school swimming star, towed the injured girl for more than a half mile before her cries for help were heard. A boat was sent out and both girls were brought into the pier, but Miss McClatchie bled to death before she could be gotten to land.

"Miss me, Marie, my leg is gone, and I am gone," Miss Buhner said the McClatchie girl told her when the fish attacked her. On coming ashore, Miss Buhner collapsed and is under the care of a physician.

It is the first time on record that a bather has been attacked with fatal results in local waters, and old-timers here have known a fish of this species to attack a human. The barracuda is a long slender fish, known to be voracious in extreme southern waters, but has never been regarded here as being dangerous, or even supposed to make an attack. It has a very keen jaw, and it is believed that Miss McClatchie was bitten on an artery, which caused a rapid loss of blood, which she was unable to stay while swimming.

### Ship Subsidy to Come Ahead of Any Bonus Bills

(By Associated Press) Washington, June 17.—Under a compromise plan suggested today to President Harding by house republicans leaders, and which, it was said, did not meet his approval—the house will take up the ship subsidy bill immediately after the senate has passed the tariff bill.

While the question will be considered further at the white house conference next week Chairman Campbell, of the rules committee, who outlined the situation to the president, declared tonight it was "morally certain no action will be taken on the subsidy bill by the house until the senate has concluded consideration of the tariff."

Meanwhile party leaders professed to be relieved that a solution of an admittedly vexatious problem had been reached. It meant, they said, that the president's insistence that the bill be put to a vote prior to adjournment would be met and opposition on the part of some republicans to a hasty action withdrawn.

### SON FOR FAILURE TO GIVE HIM SUPPORT

Newport News, June 17.—S. Rubin, who brought suit in the domestic relations court at Norfolk asking for his son, H. J. Rubin, a merchant in this city, be compelled to support

### Minister, Father of Nine, Elopers With Young Girl

(By Associated Press) Xenia, Ohio, June 17.—A warrant for his arrest on a desertion charge was filed today against the Rev. W. W. Culp, 35, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Spring Valley, near here, who early Wednesday eloped with Miss Esther Hughes, an 18-year-old music teacher, who was boarding at his home. Mrs. Culp, with their nine children, the youngest six months old twins, signed the warrant last night.

### DID M'CORMICK HAVE GLANDS OF MONKEY GRAFTED

Head of Harvester Co. Tells Reporters to "Ask at Desk"

### WANTED LONGER LIFE Operation Admitted at Last, But Nature Is Denied

(By Associated Press) Chicago, June 17.—Mystery tonight veiled the exact nature of an operation performed on Harold F. McCormick, chairman of the executive committee of the International Harvester company, Monday night, the news of which became public tonight.

At the Wesley Memorial hospital it was first denied that Mr. McCormick had been a patient, although it later was admitted that he occupied an entire wing which had been walled off from the rest of the institution to insure privacy.

The operation was performed by Dr. Victor D. Lospinasse, widely known surgeon, who issued the following statement: "Harold F. McCormick is a patient in the Wesley Memorial hospital under my care. He has been in the hospital some time and has undergone a minor operation. He was here principally for rest, both mental and physical."

Dr. Lospinasse, members of the hospital staff and members of the McCormick family refused to discuss widely-published statements that Mr. McCormick had been the subject of a transplantation of glands with the objection of an extension of years of his youth.

Late today Mr. McCormick was visited by his eldest daughter, Mariel, and later by his youngest daughter, aMhilde, and Howard Colby, a close friend of the family. When Mr. Colby was leaving the hospital he was asked by a newspaper reporter if Mr. McCormick had undergone a gland transplantation operation.

"You had better ask him; he is smoking cigarettes and feeling fine," he declared. "You might inquire at regarding the nature of the operation at the desk."

### Campbell Appears to Have Won Out as Commissioner

Tallahassee, June 17.—With only three counties missing and on the face of unofficial and incomplete returns from these counties A. D. Campbell of Chipley has apparently won the primary nomination to succeed himself as a member of the state

### NO ADJOURNMENT UNTIL BONUS IS FINALLY A LAW

McCumber Assures His Conferees of This Question

### WILL FOLLOW TARIFF INDICATIONS POINT TO A PARTY VICTORY ON THE TARIFF

(By Associated Press) Washington, June 17.—The soldier bonus fight broke unexpectedly in the senate today when democratic senators attacked the reported compromise agreement of republican leaders not to call up the measure next Monday, but to have it follow the tariff bill. For two hours the party leaders clashed, but with no effect except for additional indications that the republican plan would prevail. Open declarations, however, were made that an effort would be made in any event to call up the bill next week and the situation was further complicated by failure of the senate today to dispose of the naval bill, which went over until Monday, largely because of today's protracted discussion of the bonus.

The senate fray followed conferences between President Harding and republican leaders at which the president was assured that Monday's conference of the republican senators would result in holding the tariff before the senate, but with a declaration that the bonus should be passed before congress adjourns.

McCumber Assures Passage. That the president would sign the bill if passed and that it undoubtedly would be passed before adjournment was stated during the senate debate by Chairman McCumber, of the senate finance committee in charge of both the tariff and bonus measures.

Mr. McCumber was asked point-blank by Senator Ashurst whether he intended to carry out his plan to call up the bonus bill and lay aside temporarily the tariff measure within ten days or so. Interruptions of other senators prevented Senator McCumber from replying immediately, but later he read in a lengthy statement in behalf of the bonus which said he would be content if the republican conference Monday would renew definitely what he said was the pledge of the party in power to pass the bill before adjournment.

"We'll understand Monday, and definitely," said Senator McCumber, "whether we're going to keep faith. I believe that we will. It is my duty to put the tariff bill through. It is also my duty to see that this other bill (the bonus) goes through, and I intend to see to it that they do go through and there will be no adjournment of this session until they do go through."

Official tabulations made in the office of the secretary of state from 58 counties and including both first and second choice votes give Mr. Campbell a margin of 543 votes over his nearest opponent, R. L. Eaton, of Monticello.

The missing counties are Monroe, Dade and Okechobee, where on the face of unofficial and incomplete returns Eaton and Campbell made a neck race. It was considered extremely unlikely that the official vote and the count for the second choice ballots in these three counties would materially affect the result.

### LAKE WALES MAN KILLED

Lakeland, June 17.—George Cram, 44, well-known contractor and builder of Lake Wales, received injuries from which he died later tonight when a Ford truck which he was

### 16-YEAR-OLD-BOY CONFESSES THAT HE SHOT FIREMAN

Says Smith Attacked Him In an Effort to Get His Money

### HAD JUST REACHED JAX Got Lost and Strayed to Railroad Yards and Met Smith

(By Associated Press) Jacksonville, June 17.—George C. Smith, member of the city fire department, whose body with a bullet wound above the heart, was found in the railroad yards Wednesday morning, met his death when he attempted to take advantage of a youngster just arrived in the city, according to a story told by Homer Rawls, 16, of Columbus, Ga., who surrendered to the authorities today.

The youngster was held pending an investigation while authorities asserted they were strongly inclined to believe him. The boy's attorney said he would institute habeas corpus proceedings Monday if he were not released. Smith had apparently been dead before that time.

Several hours when his body was found near the Union depot by a railroad switching crew early Wednesday morning. Young Rawls was accompanied by his relatives and his attorney when he surrendered this afternoon, said he was employed by the Central of Georgia railroad at Columbus. He came here Tuesday morning to visit his uncle, G. B. McElroy, foreman in the boiler department of the Seaboard Air Line shops. His mother followed the next day.

Smith Attacked Boy. Tuesday night, the boy said, he decided to come up town. When he started to return he lost his way and found himself near the Union station. In this predicament he was accosted by Smith, who asked the location of a certain hotel. The boy said that he was accosted by Smith, who asked the location of a certain hotel. The boy said that he was a stranger and himself needed information. Smith offered to start him in the right direction to his uncle's home, and to do so they set about to cross the railroad yards as a means of saving time. When deeply in the yards Smith confronted him with a pistol and ordered that the boy give up his money. The lad, much smaller in stature than Smith, grappled with him. Subsequently Smith was tripped and fell to the ground the boy coming from the struggle with his assailant's pistol. He fired one time and ran home.

For two days, he says, he kept his secret, brooding all the while at the turn the official investigation into Smith's death was taking. Two men and a woman had been arrested. Thursday the boy confessed to his uncle and mother. At first not believing him, they were brought around to the full realization and then other members of the family were summoned to determine the course of action. This course today led to an attorney who suggested that the boy immediately surrender.

Of the three arrests in connection with the case, vagrancy charges were placed against R. L. Hunt and F. A. Williams, while authorities indicated they would release Mrs. Estelle Gilder, a waitress. Hunt is said to have been at raveling salesman. Mrs. Gilder's arrest came about in the belief that she knew something of the man's death.

Smith was married and had two children.

### FIVE MASSACRED AT BESS BROOK IN IRISH ATTACK

Believed Reprisal for the Shooting of Two Men Wednesday

### PUNISH ARSON BY DEATH Be Made When Parliament Assembles

(By Associated Press) Belfast, June 17.—Four men and one woman were shot dead and two men were wounded today in the vicinity of Bess Brook, known as County Armagh's model village. The houses of three loyalists were burned.

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meeting of the special road committee made up of representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary club and the Kiwanis club was held Friday afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce.

Those present at the meeting were F. J. Fearnside, chairman; Dr. H. A. Johnson, W. P. Merriam, J. F. Blake, E. E. Vickery, C. E. Currie and C. C. Hudson. The vote on all of the propositions was unanimous and the opinion of every member was that the people wanted roads if it is possible to build them under present conditions of the various districts.

The elimination of the Florahome district was found necessary since the commissioners have ordered the issuance of the bonds voted for last year for the purpose of beginning road construction. While the committee felt that the general program would have been vastly benefited by having Florahome dissolve its issue and come in on the general scheme, several leading citizens in that section, on being consulted, said that they believed such a proposal too late.

The program calls for the construction of fifty-three and one-half miles of road and an adequate number of bridges. Of this mileage thirty miles will be of brick, nineteen and a half Interlachen gravel and four miles of shell, the apportionment being made in accord with the volume of traffic and importance of the road to be constructed to the general scheme. It was also necessary, from an economic standpoint, to use gravel and shell on some of the less important divisions.

It was decided to prepare the petitions immediately and have them circulated among the freeholders so that they can be presented to the county commissioners at the next meeting.

**Bridge to Pay for Itself.**

It was shown that the bridge, costing \$300,000, will not require the levying of a fraction of a mill for paying off the interest and sinking fund, even if the present revenue is not increased by a new structure, to say nothing of the increase that will be incident to the building of the new roads. The average monthly revenue on the bridge now is something over \$2,000 per month, and with a better bridge hundreds of motorists are sure to drive over it every day in addition to the regular traffic.

On the present valuation it is figured that the bond issue can be handled with approximately six mills tax levy, and that a very large portion of this can be made up by the saving of the present system of upkeep.

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